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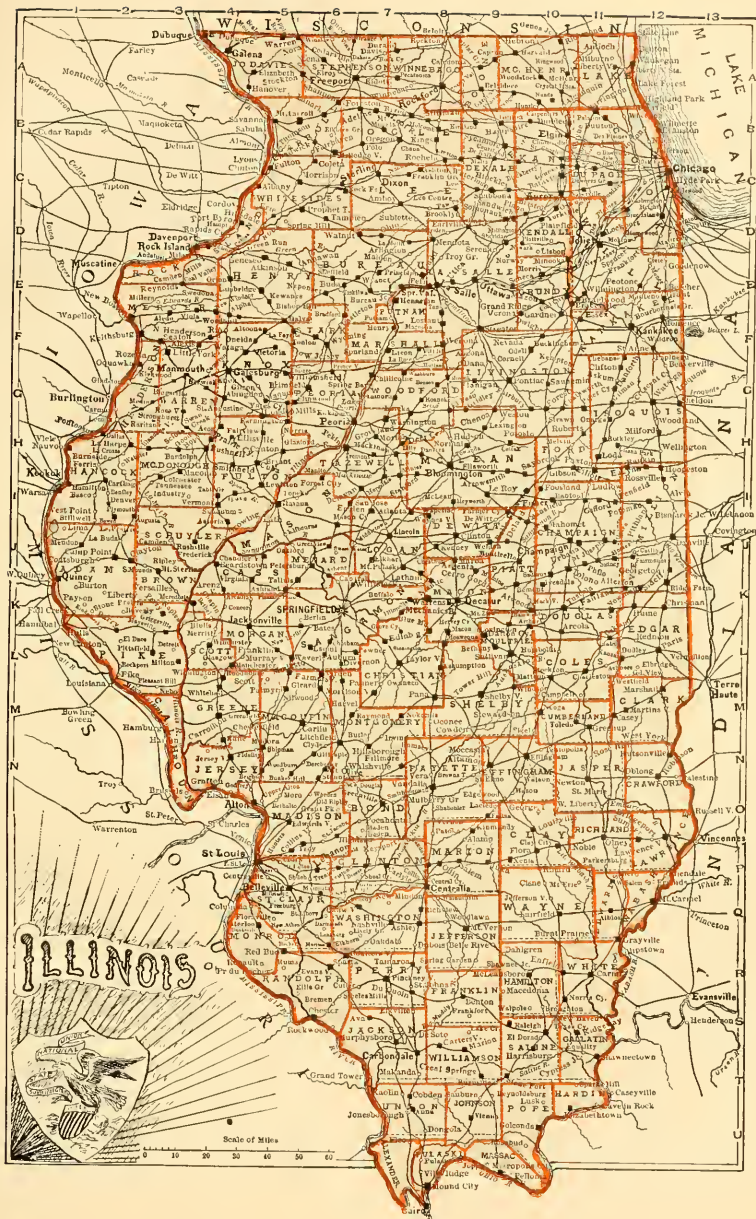
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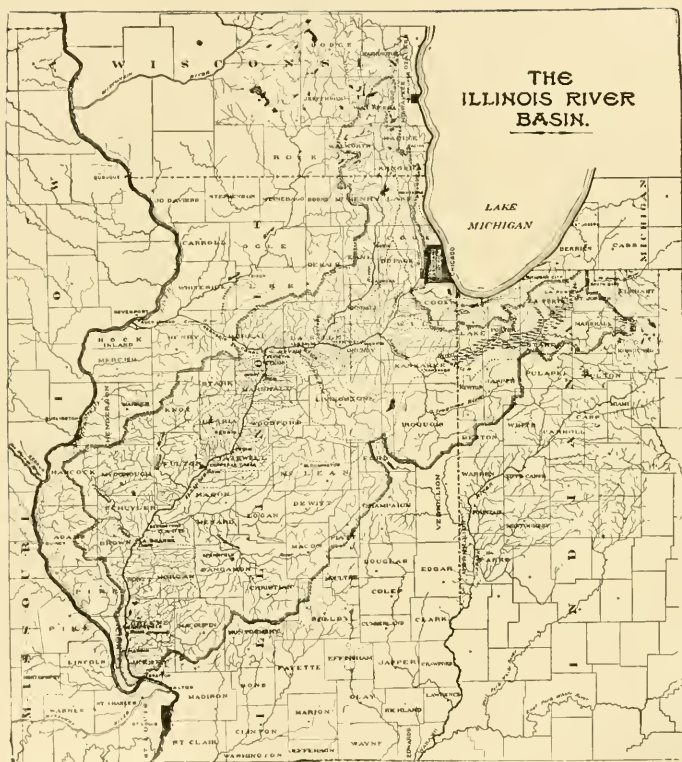
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## PREFACE.

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Why publish this book? There should be many and strong reasons to warrant such an undertaking. Are there such reasons? What considerations are weighty enough to have induced the publishers to make this venture? and what special claims has Illinois to such a distinction? These are reasonable and inevitable inquiries, and it is fitting they should receive attention.

In the first place, good State Histories are of great importance and value, and there is abundant and cheering evidence of an increasing popular interest in them. This is true of all such works, whatever States may be their subjects; and it is conspicuously true of Illinois, for the following, among many other reasons: Because of its great prominence in the early history of the West as the seat of the first settlements of Europeans northwest of the Ohio River—the unique character of its early civilization, due to or resulting from its early French population brought in contact with the aborigines—its political, military, and educational prominence—its steadfast loyalty and patriotism—the marvelous development of its vast resources—the number of distinguished statesmen, generals, and jurists whom it has furnished to the Government, and its grand record in the exciting and perilous conflicts on the Slavery question.

This is the magnificent Commonwealth, the setting forth of whose history, in all of its essential departments and features, seemed to warrant the bringing out of another volume devoted to that end. Its material has been gathered from every available source, and most carefully examined and sifted before acceptance. Especial care has been taken in collecting material of a biographical character; facts and incidents in the personal history of men identified with the life of the State in its Territorial and later periods. This material has been gathered from a great variety of sources widely scattered, and much of it quite inaccessible to the ordinary inquirer. The encyclopedic form of the work favors conciseness and compactness, and was adopted with a view to condensing the largest amount of information within the smallest practicable space.

And so the Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois was conceived and planned in the belief that it was *needed*; that no other book filled the place it was designed to occupy, or furnished the amount, variety and scope of information touching the infancy and later life of Illinois, that would be found in its pages. In that belief, and in furtherance of those ends, the book has been constructed and its topics selected and written. Simplicity, perspicuity, conciseness and accuracy have been the dominant aims and rules of its editors and writers. The supreme mission of the book is to record, fairly and truthfully, historical facts; facts of the earlier and later history of the State, and drawn from the almost innumerable sources connected with that history; facts of interest to the great body of our people, as well as to scholars, officials, and other special classes; a book convenient for reference in the school, the office, and the home. Hence, no attempt at fine writing, no labored, irrelevant and

long-drawn accounts of matters, persons or things, which really need but a few plain words for their adequate elucidation, will be found in its pages. On the other hand, perspicuity and fitting development are never intentionally sacrificed to mere conciseness and brevity. Whenever a subject, from its nature, demands a more elaborate treatment—and there are many of this character—it is handled accordingly.

As a rule, the method pursued is the separate and topical, rather than the chronological, as being more satisfactory and convenient for reference. That is, each topic is considered separately and exhaustively, instead of being blended, chronologically, with others. To pass from subject to subject, in the mere arbitrary order of time, is to sacrifice simplicity and order to complexity and confusion.

Absolute freedom from error or defect in all cases, in handling so many thousands of items, is not claimed, and could not reasonably be expected of any finite intelligence; since, in complicated cases, some element may possibly elude its sharpest scrutiny. But every statement of fact, made herein without qualification, is believed to be strictly correct, and the statistics of the volume, as a whole, are submitted to its readers with entire confidence.

Considerable space is also devoted to biographical sketches of persons deemed worthy of mention, for their close relations to the State in some of its varied interests, political, governmental, financial, social, religious, educational, industrial, commercial, economical, military, judicial or otherwise; or for their supposed personal deservings in other respects. It is believed that the extensive recognition of such individuals, by the publishers, will not be disapproved or regretted by the public; that personal biography has an honored, useful and legitimate place in such a history of Illinois as this volume aims to be, and that the omission of such a department would seriously detract from the completeness and value of the book. Perhaps no more delicate and difficult task has confronted the editors and publishers than the selection of names for this part of the work.

While it is believed that no unworthy name has a place in the list, it is freely admitted that there may be many others, equally or possibly even more worthy, whose names do not appear, partly for lack of definite and adequate information, and partly because it was not deemed best to materially increase the space devoted to this class of topics.

And so, with cordial thanks to the publishers for the risks they have so cheerfully assumed in this enterprise, for their business energy, integrity, and determination, and their uniform kindness and courtesy; to the many who have so generously and helpfully promoted the success of the work, by their contributions of valuable information, interesting reminiscences, and rare incidents; to Mr. Paul Selby, the very able associate editor, to whom especial honor and credit are due for his most efficient, intelligent and scholarly services; to Hon. Harvey B. Hurd, Walter B. Wines, and to all others who have, by word or act, encouraged us in this enterprise—with grateful recognition of all these friends and helpers, the Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois, with its thousands of topics and many thousands of details, items and incidents, is now respectfully submitted to the good people of the State, for whom it has been prepared, in the earnest hope and confident belief that it will be found instructive, convenient and useful for the purposes for which it was designed.

*Newton Bateman,*  
*Editor-in-chief.*





*Paul Selby*

## PREFATORY STATEMENT.

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Since the bulk of the matter contained in this volume was practically completed and ready for the press, Dr. Newton Bateman, who occupied the relation to it of editor-in-chief, has passed beyond the sphere of mortal existence. In placing the work before the public, it therefore devolves upon the undersigned to make this last prefatory statement.

As explained by Dr. Bateman in his preface, the object had in view in the preparation of a "Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois" has been to present, in compact and concise form, the leading facts of Territorial and State history, from the arrival of the earliest French explorers in Illinois to the present time. This has included an outline history of the State, under the title, "Illinois," supplemented by special articles relating to various crises and eras in State history; changes in form of government and administration; the history of Constitutional Conventions and Legislative Assemblies; the various wars in which Illinoisans have taken part, with a summary of the principal events in the history of individual military organizations engaged in the Civil War of 1861-65, and the War of 1898 with Spain; lists of State officers, United States Senators and Members of Congress, with the terms of each; the organization and development of political divisions; the establishment of charitable and educational institutions; the growth of public improvements and other enterprises which have marked the progress of the State; natural features and resources; the history of early newspapers, and the growth of religious denominations, together with general statistical information and unusual or extraordinary occurrences of a local or general State character—all arranged under topical heads, and convenient for ready reference by all seeking information on these subjects, whether in the family, in the office of the professional or business man, in the teacher's study and the school-room, or in the public library.

While individual or collected biographies of the public men of Illinois have not been wholly lacking or few in number—and those already in existence have a present and constantly increasing value—they have been limited, for the most part, to special localities and particular periods or classes. Rich as the annals of Illinois are in the records and character of its distinguished citizens who, by their services in the public councils, upon the judicial bench and in the executive chair, in the forum and in the field, have reflected honor upon the State and the Nation, there has been hitherto no comprehensive attempt to gather together, in one volume, sketches of those who have been conspicuous in the creation and upbuilding of the State. The collection of material of this sort has been a task requiring patient and laborious research; and, while all may not have been achieved in this direction that was desirable, owing to the insufficiency or total absence of data relating to the lives of many men most prominent in public affairs during the period to which they belonged, it is still believed that what has been accomplished will be found of permanent value and be appreciated by those most deeply interested in this phase of State history.

The large number of topics treated has made brevity and conciseness an indispensable feature of the work; consequently there has been no attempt to indulge in graces of style or



elaboration of narrative. The object has been to present, in simple language and concise form, facts of history of interest or value to those who may choose to consult its pages. Absolute inerrancy is not claimed for every detail of the work, but no pains has been spared, and every available authority consulted, to arrive at complete accuracy of statement.

In view of the important bearing which railroad enterprises have had upon the extraordinary development of the State within the past fifty years, considerable space has been given to this department, especially with reference to the older lines of railroad whose history has been intimately interwoven with that of the State, and its progress in wealth and population.

In addition to the acknowledgments made by Dr. Bateman, it is but proper that I should express my personal obligations to the late Prof. Samuel M. Inglis, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and his assistant, Prof. J. H. Freeman; to ex-Senator John M. Palmer, of Springfield; to the late Hon. Joseph Medill, editor of "The Chicago Tribune"; to the Hon. James B. Bradwell, of "The Chicago Legal News"; to Gen. Green B. Raum, Dr. Samuel Willard, and Dr. Garrett Newkirk, of Chicago (the latter as author of the principal portions of the article on the "Underground Railroad"); to the Librarians of the State Historical Library, the Chicago Historical Library, and the Chicago Public Library, for special and valuable aid rendered, as well as to a large circle of correspondents in different parts of the State who have courteously responded to requests for information on special topics, and have thereby materially aided in securing whatever success may have been attained in the work.

In conclusion, I cannot omit to pay this final tribute to the memory of my friend and associate, Dr. Bateman, whose death, at his home in Galesburg, elsewhere recorded, was deplored, not only by his associates in the Faculty of Knox College, his former pupils and immediate neighbors, but by a large circle of friends in all parts of the State.

Although his labors as editor of this volume had been substantially finished at the time of his death (and they included the reading and revision of every line of copy at that time prepared, comprising the larger proportion of the volume as it now goes into the hands of the public), the enthusiasm, zeal and kindly appreciation of the labor of others which he brought to the discharge of his duties, have been sadly missed in the last stages of preparation of the work for the press. In the estimation of many who have held his scholarship and his splendid endowments of mind and character in the highest admiration, his connection with the work will be its strongest commendation and the surest evidence of its merit.

With myself, the most substantial satisfaction I have in dismissing the volume from my hands and submitting it to the judgment of the public, exists in the fact that, in its preparation, I have been associated with such a co-laborer—one whose abilities commanded universal respect, and whose genial, scholarly character and noble qualities of mind and heart won the love and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and whom it had been my privilege to count as a friend from an early period in his long and useful career.

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## PREFACE

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As the title of this volume, "Illinois (Historical), Effingham County (Biographical)," implies, the Effingham County department thereof is quite largely devoted to a record of the lives and deeds of many whose efforts, in the past, have resulted in the splendid conditions now prevailing in the commonwealth. The history of Effingham County has also been given reasonable space in the publication, prepared from available sources of information and ably supplemented by special contributions from the pens of Hon. William B. Wright, Mr. W. H. Engbring, Frank W. Goodell, M. D., Mr. Joseph B. Jones, Prof. J. H. Probst, Mr. David L. Wright, Mr. George M. LeCrone, Mr. H. H. Bailey, Dr. Thomas J. Dunn, Mr. G. W. Tipswood, Mr. B. F. Kagay, Henry B. Kepley and A. F. Jansen, while valued facts have been furnished and co-operation has been extended by other friends of the work.

Occupying a situation in the central part of Southern Illinois, and adjacent to the second State Capital, the history of Effingham County is closely identified with that of the early settlements of that section of the State, and in the development of which its population have borne an important part. Its genial climate, varied surface and fertile soil have attracted to it an enterprising class of citizens, especially in agricultural lines, and its progress in the more than three-quarters of a century of its existence as an independent political organization, gives evidence of the industry and thrift of its people and the prosperity which has rewarded their efforts. It is fitting that a record of these conditions and events, and of the personal history of its citizens, through whose energy and enterprise these results have been achieved, should be preserved for the benefit of a future generation, and to this end it is believed this work will render a valuable service.

THE PUBLISHERS.



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**ABBOTT, (Lieut.-Gov.) Edward**, a British officer, who was commandant at Post Vincennes (called by the British, Fort Sackville) at the time Col. George Rogers Clark captured Kaskaskia in 1778. Abbott's jurisdiction extended, at least nominally, over a part of the "Illinois Country." Ten days after the occupation of Kaskaskia, Colonel Clark, having learned that Abbott had gone to the British headquarters at Detroit, leaving the Post without any guard except that furnished by the inhabitants of the village, took advantage of his absence to send Pierre Gibault, the Catholic Vicar-General of Illinois, to win over the people to the American cause, which he did so successfully that they at once took the oath of allegiance, and the American flag was run up over the fort. Although Fort Sackville afterwards fell into the hands of the British for a time, the manner of its occupation was as much of a surprise to the British as that of Kaskaskia itself, and contributed to the completeness of Clark's triumph. (See *Clark, Col. George Rogers*, also, *Gibault, Pierre*.) Governor Abbott seems to have been of a more humane character than the mass of British officers of his day, as he wrote a letter to General Carleton about this time, protesting strongly against the employment of Indians in carrying on warfare against the colonists on the frontier, on the ground of humanity, claiming that it was a detriment to the British cause, although he was overruled by his superior officer, Colonel Hamilton, in the steps soon after taken to recapture Vincennes.

**ABINGDON**, second city in size in Knox County, at the junction of the Iowa Central and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroads; 10 miles south of Galesburg, with which it is connected by electric car line; has city waterworks, electric light plant, wagon works, brick and tile works, sash, blind and swing factories, two banks,

three weekly papers, public library, fine high school building and two ward schools. Hedding College, a flourishing institution, under auspices of the M. E. Church, is located here. Population (1900), 2,022; (est. 1904), 3,000.

**ACCAULT, Michael (Ak-ko)**, French explorer and companion of La Salle, who came to the "Illinois Country" in 1780, and accompanied Hennepin when the latter descended the Illinois River to its mouth and then ascended the Mississippi to the vicinity of the present city of St. Paul, where they were captured by Sioux. They were rescued by Greysolon Dulhut (for whom the city of Duluth was named), and having discovered the Falls of St. Anthony, returned to Green Bay. (See *Hennepin*.)

**ACKERMAN, William K.**, Railway President and financier, was born in New York City, Jan. 29, 1832, of Knickerbocker and Revolutionary ancestry, his grandfather, Abraham D. Ackerman, having served as Captain of a company of the famous "Jersey Blues," participating with "Mad" Anthony Wayne in the storming of Stony Point during the Revolutionary War, while his father served as Lieutenant of Artillery in the War of 1812. After receiving a high school education in New York, Mr. Ackerman engaged in mercantile business, but in 1852 became a clerk in the financial department of the Illinois Central Railroad. Coming to Chicago in the service of the Company in 1860, he successively filled the positions of Secretary, Auditor and Treasurer, until July, 1876, when he was elected Vice-President and a year later promoted to the Presidency, voluntarily retiring from this position in August, 1883, though serving some time longer in the capacity of Vice-President. During the progress of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago (1892-93) Mr. Ackerman served as Auditor of the Exposition, and was City Comptroller of Chicago under the administration of Mayor Hopkins

(1893-95). He is an active member of the Chicago Historical Society, and has rendered valuable service to railroad history by the issue of two brochures on the "Early History of Illinois Railroads," and a "Historical Sketch of the Illinois Central Railroad."

**ADAMS, John, LL.D.**, educator and philanthropist, was born at Canterbury, Conn., Sept. 18, 1772; graduated at Yale College in 1795; taught for several years in his native place, in Plainfield, N. J., and at Colchester, Conn. In 1810 he became Principal of Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass., remaining there twenty-three years. In addition to his educational duties he participated in the organization of several great charitable associations which attained national importance. On retiring from Phillips Academy in 1833, he removed to Jacksonville, Ill., where, four years afterward, he became the third Principal of Jacksonville Female Academy, remaining six years. He then became Agent of the American Sunday School Union, in the course of the next few years founding several hundred Sunday Schools in different parts of the State. He received the degree of LL.D. from Yale College in 1854. Died in Jacksonville, April 24, 1863. The subject of this sketch was father of Dr. William Adams, for forty years a prominent Presbyterian clergyman of New York and for seven years (1873-80) President of Union Theological Seminary.

**ADAMS, John McGregor**, manufacturer, was born at Londonderry, N. H., March 11, 1834, the son of Rev. John R. Adams, who served as Chaplain of the Fifth Maine and One Hundred and Twenty-first New York Volunteers during the Civil War. Mr. Adams was educated at Gorham, Me., and Andover, Mass., after which, going to New York City, he engaged as clerk in a dry-goods house at \$150 a year. He next entered the office of Clark & Jessup, hardware manufacturers, and in 1858 came to Chicago to represent the house of Morris K. Jessup & Co. He thus became associated with the late John Crerar, the firm of Jessup & Co. being finally merged into that of Crerar, Adams & Co., which, with the Adams & Westlake Co., have done a large business in the manufacture of railway supplies. Since the death of Mr. Crerar, Mr. Adams has been principal manager of the concern's vast manufacturing business.

**ADAMS, (Dr.) Samuel**, physician and educator, was born at Brunswick, Me., Dec. 19, 1806, and educated at Bowdoin College, where he graduated in both the departments of literature and of medicine. Then, having practiced as a

physician several years, in 1838 he assumed the chair of Natural Philosophy, Chemistry and Natural History in Illinois College at Jacksonville, Ill. From 1843 to 1845 he was also Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the Medical Department of the same institution, and, during his connection with the College, gave instruction at different times in nearly every branch embraced in the college curriculum, including the French and German languages. Of uncompromising firmness and invincible courage in his adherence to principle, he was a man of singular modesty, refinement and amiability in private life, winning the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact, especially the students who came under his instruction. A profound and thorough scholar, he possessed a refined and exalted literary taste, which was illustrated in occasional contributions to scientific and literary periodicals. Among productions of his pen on philosophic topics may be enumerated articles on "The Natural History of Man in his Scriptural Relations," contributions to the "Biblical Repository" (1844); "Auguste Comte and Positivism" ("New Englander," 1873), and "Herbert Spencer's Proposed Reconciliation between Religion and Science" ("New Englander," 1875). His connection with Illinois College continued until his death, April, 1877—a period of more than thirty-eight years. A monument to his memory has been erected through the grateful donations of his former pupils.

**ADAMS, George Everett**, lawyer and ex-Congressman, born at Keene, N. H., June 18, 1840; was educated at Harvard College, and at Dane Law School, Cambridge, Mass., graduating at the former in 1860. Early in life he settled in Chicago, where, after some time spent as a teacher in the Chicago High School, he engaged in the practice of his profession. His first post of public responsibility was that of State Senator, to which he was elected in 1880. In 1882 he was chosen, as a Republican, to represent the Fourth Illinois District in Congress, and re-elected in 1884, '86 and '88. In 1890 he was again a candidate, but was defeated by Walter C. Newberry. He is one of the Trustees of the Newberry Library.

**ADAMS, James**, pioneer lawyer, was born in Hartford, Conn., Jan. 26, 1803; taken to Oswego County, N. Y., in 1809, and, in 1821, removed to Springfield, Ill., being the first lawyer to locate in the future State capital. He enjoyed an extensive practice for the time; in 1823 was elected a Justice of the Peace, took part in the Winne-

bago and Black Hawk wars, was elected Probate Judge in 1841, and died in office, August 11, 1843.

**ADAMS COUNTY**, an extreme westerly county of the State, situated about midway between its northern and southern extremities, and bounded on the west by the Mississippi River. It was organized in 1825 and named in honor of John Quincy Adams, the name of Quincy being given to the county seat. The United States Census of 1890 places its area at 830 sq. m. and its population at 61,888. The soil of the county is fertile and well watered, the surface diversified and hilly, especially along the Mississippi bluffs, and its climate equable. The wealth of the county is largely derived from agriculture, although a large amount of manufacturing is carried on in Quincy. Population (1900), 67,058.

**ADDAMS, John Huy**, legislator, was born at Sinking Springs, Berks County, Pa., July 12, 1822; educated at Trappe and Upper Dublin, Pa., and learned the trade of a miller in his youth, which he followed in later life. In 1844, Mr. Addams came to Illinois, settling at Cedarville, Stephenson County, purchased a tract of land and built a saw and grist mill on Cedar Creek. In 1854 he was elected to the State Senate from Stephenson County, serving continuously in that body by successive re-elections until 1870—first as a Whig and afterwards as a Republican. In 1865 he established the Second National Bank of Freeport, of which he continued to be the president until his death, August 17, 1881.—Miss Jane (Addams), philanthropist, the founder of the "Hull House," Chicago, is a daughter of Mr. Addams.

**ADDISON**, village, Du Page County; seat of Evangelical Lutheran College, Normal School and Orphan Asylum; has State Bank, stores and public school. Pop. (1900), 591; (1904), 614.

**ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.** The office of Adjutant-General for the State of Illinois was first created by Act of the Legislature, Feb. 2, 1865. Previous to the War of the Rebellion the position was rather honorary than otherwise, its duties (except during the Black Hawk War) and its emoluments being alike unimportant. The incumbent was simply the Chief of the Governor's Staff. In 1861, the post became one of no small importance. Those who held the office during the Territorial period were: Elias Rector, Robert Morrison, Benjamin Stephenson and Wm. Alexander. After the admission of Illinois as a State up to the beginning of the Civil War, the duties (which were almost wholly nominal) were discharged by Wm. Alexander, 1819-21; Elijah C. Berry, 1821-23; James W. Berry, 1823-39; Moses

K. Anderson, 1839-57; Thomas S. Mather, 1858-61. In November, 1861, Col. T. S. Mather, who had held the position for three years previous, resigned to enter active service, and Judge Allen C. Fuller was appointed, remaining in office until January 1, 1865. The first appointee, under the act of 1865, was Isham N. Haynie, who held office until his death in 1869. The Legislature of 1869, taking into consideration that all the Illinois volunteers had been mustered out, and that the duties of the Adjutant-General had been materially lessened, reduced the proportions of the department and curtailed the appropriation for its support. Since the adoption of the military code of 1877, the Adjutant-General's office has occupied a more important and conspicuous position among the departments of the State government. The following is a list of those who have held office since General Haynie, with the date and duration of their respective terms of office: Hubert Dilger, 1869-73; Edwin L. Higgins, 1873-75; Hiram Hilliard, 1875-81; Isaac H. Elliot, 1881-84; Joseph W. Vance, 1884-93; Albert Orendorff, 1893-96; C. C. Hilton, 1896-97; Jasper N. Reece, 1897—.

**AGRICULTURE.** Illinois ranks high as an agricultural State. A large area in the eastern portion of the State, because of the absence of timber, was called by the early settlers "the Grand Prairie." Upon and along a low ridge beginning in Jackson County and running across the State is the prolific fruit-growing district of Southern Illinois. The bottom lands extending from Cairo to the mouth of the Illinois River are of a fertility seemingly inexhaustible. The central portion of the State is best adapted to corn, and the southern and southwestern to the cultivation of winter wheat. Nearly three-fourths of the entire State—some 42,000 square miles—is upland prairie, well suited to the raising of cereals. In the value of its oat crop Illinois leads all the States, that for 1891 being \$31,106,674, with 3,068,930 acres under cultivation. In the production of corn it ranks next to Iowa, the last census (1890) showing 7,014,336 acres under cultivation, and the value of the crop being estimated at \$86,905,510. In wheat-raising it ranked seventh, although the annual average value of the crop from 1880 to 1890 was a little less than \$29,000,000. As a live-stock State it leads in the value of horses (\$83,000,000), ranks second in the production of swine (\$30,000,000), third in cattle-growing (\$32,000,000), and fourth in dairy products, the value of milch cows being estimated at \$24,000,000. (See also *Farmers' Institute*.)



**AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF.** A department of the State administration which grew out of the organization of the Illinois Agricultural Society, incorporated by Act of the Legislature in 1853. The first appropriation from the State treasury for its maintenance was \$1,000 per annum, "to be expended in the promotion of mechanical and agricultural arts." The first President was James N. Brown, of Sangamon County. Simeon Francis, also of Sangamon, was the first Recording Secretary; John A. Kennicott of Cook, first Corresponding Secretary; and John Williams of Sangamon, first Treasurer. Some thirty volumes of reports have been issued, covering a variety of topics of vital interest to agriculturists. The department has well equipped offices in the State House, and is charged with the conduct of State Fairs and the management of annual exhibitions of fat stock, besides the collection and dissemination of statistical and other information relative to the State's agricultural interests. It receives annual reports from all County Agricultural Societies. The State Board consists of three general officers (President, Secretary and Treasurer) and one representative from each Congressional district. The State appropriates some \$20,000 annually for the prosecution of its work, besides which there is a considerable income from receipts at State Fairs and fat stock shows. Between \$20,000 and \$25,000 per annum is disbursed in premiums to competing exhibitors at the State Fairs, and some \$10,000 divided among County Agricultural Societies holding fairs.

**AKERS, Peter, D. D.,** Methodist Episcopal clergyman, born of Presbyterian parentage, in Campbell County, Va., Sept. 1, 1790; was educated in the common schools, and, at the age of 16, began teaching, later pursuing a classical course in institutions of Virginia and North Carolina. Having removed to Kentucky, after a brief season spent in teaching at Mount Sterling in that State, he began the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1817. Two years later he began the publication of a paper called "The Star," which was continued for a short time. In 1821 he was converted and joined the Methodist church, and a few months later began preaching. In 1832 he removed to Illinois, and, after a year spent in work as an evangelist, he assumed the Presidency of McKendree College at Lebanon, remaining during 1833-34; then established a "manual labor school" near Jacksonville, which he maintained for a few years. From 1837 to 1852 was spent as stationed minister or Presiding

Elder at Springfield, Quincy and Jacksonville. In the latter year he was again appointed to the Presidency of McKendree College, where he remained five years. He was then (1857) transferred to the Minnesota Conference, but a year later was compelled by declining health to assume a superannuated relation. Returning to Illinois about 1865, he served as Presiding Elder of the Jacksonville and Pleasant Plains Districts, but was again compelled to accept a superannuated relation, making Jacksonville his home, where he died, Feb. 21, 1886. While President of McKendree College, he published his work on "Biblical Chronology," to which he had devoted many previous years of his life, and which gave evidence of great learning and vast research. Dr. Akers was a man of profound convictions, extensive learning and great eloquence. As a pulpit orator and logician he probably had no superior in the State during the time of his most active service in the denomination to which he belonged.

**AKIN, Edward C.,** lawyer and Attorney-General, was born in Will County, Ill., in 1852, and educated in the public schools of Joliet and at Ann Arbor, Mich. For four years he was paying and receiving teller in the First National Bank of Joliet, but was admitted to the bar in 1878 and has continued in active practice since. In 1887 he entered upon his political career as the Republican candidate for City Attorney of Joliet, and was elected by a majority of over 700 votes, although the city was usually Democratic. The following year he was the candidate of his party for State's Attorney of Will County, and was again elected, leading the State and county ticket by 800 votes—being re-elected to the same office in 1892. In 1895 he was the Republican nominee for Mayor of Joliet, and, although opposed by a citizen's ticket headed by a Republican, was elected over his Democratic competitor by a decisive majority. His greatest popular triumph was in 1896, when he was elected Attorney-General on the Republican State ticket by a plurality over his Democratic opponent of 132,248 and a majority over all competitors of 111,255. His legal abilities are recognized as of a very high order, while his personal popularity is indicated by his uniform success as a candidate, in the face, at times, of strong political majorities.

**ALBANY,** a village of Whiteside County, located on the Mississippi River and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway (Rock Island branch). Population (1890), 611; (1900), 621.

**ALBION,** county-seat of Edwards County, on Southern Railway, midway between St. Louis



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and Louisville; seat of Southern Collegiate Institute; has plant for manufacture of vitrified shale paving brick, two newspapers, creamery, flouring mills, and is important shipping point for live stock; is in a rich fruit-growing district; has five churches and splendid public schools. Population (1900), 1,162; (est. 1904), 1,500.

**ALCORN, James Lusk**, was born near Golconda, Ill., Nov. 4, 1816; early went South and held various offices in Kentucky and Mississippi, including member of the Legislature in each; was a member of the Mississippi State Conventions of 1851 and 1861, and by the latter appointed a Brigadier-General in the Confederate service, but refused a commission by Jefferson Davis because his fidelity to the rebel cause was doubted. At the close of the war he was one of the first to accept the reconstruction policy; was elected United States Senator from Mississippi in 1865, but not admitted to his seat. In 1869 he was chosen Governor as a Republican, and two years later elected United States Senator, serving until 1877. Died, Dec. 20, 1894.

**ALDRICH, J. Frank**, Congressman, was born at Two Rivers, Wis., April 6, 1853, the son of William Aldrich, who afterwards became Congressman from Chicago; was brought to Chicago in 1861, attended the public schools and the Chicago University, and graduated from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., in 1877, receiving the degree of Civil Engineer. Later he engaged in the linseed oil business in Chicago. Becoming interested in politics, he was elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Cook County, serving as President of that body during the reform period of 1887; was also a member of the County Board of Education and Chairman of the Chicago Citizens' Committee, appointed from the various clubs and commercial organizations of the city, to promote the formation of the Chicago Sanitary District. From May 1, 1891, to Jan. 1, 1893, he was Commissioner of Public Works for Chicago, when he resigned his office, having been elected (Nov., 1892) a member of the Fifty-third Congress, on the Republican ticket, from the First Congressional District; was re-elected in 1894, retiring at the close of the Fifty-fourth Congress. In 1898 he was appointed to a position in connection with the office of Comptroller of the Currency at Washington.

**ALDRICH, William**, merchant and Congressman, was born at Greenfield, N. Y., Jan. 20, 1820. His early common school training was supplemented by private tuition in higher branches of

mathematics and in surveying, and by a term in an academy. Until he had reached the age of 26 years he was engaged in farming and teaching, but, in 1846, turned his attention to mercantile pursuits. In 1851 he removed to Wisconsin, where, in addition to merchandising, he engaged in the manufacture of furniture and woodenware, and where he also held several important offices, being Superintendent of Schools for three years, Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors one year, besides serving one term in the Legislature. In 1860 he removed to Chicago, where he embarked in the wholesale grocery business. In 1875 he was elected to the City Council, and, in 1876, chosen to represent his district (the First) in Congress, as a Republican, being re-elected in 1878, and again in 1880. Died in Fond du Lac, Wis., Dec. 3, 1885.

**ALEDO**, county-seat of Mercer County; is in the midst of a rich farming and bituminous coal region; fruit-growing and stock-raising are also extensively carried on, and large quantities of these commodities are shipped here; has two newspapers and ample school facilities. Population (1890), 1,601; (1900), 2,081.

**ALEXANDER, John T.**, agriculturist and stock-grower, was born in Western Virginia, Sept. 15, 1820; removed with his father, at six years of age, to Ohio, and to Illinois in 1848. Here he bought a tract of several thousand acres of land on the Wabash Railroad, 10 miles east of Jacksonville, which finally developed into one of the richest stock-farms in the State. After the war he became the owner of the celebrated "Sullivant farm," comprising some 20,000 acres on the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad in Champaign County, to which he transferred his stock interests, and although overtaken by reverses, left a large estate. Died, August 22, 1876.

**ALEXANDER, Milton K.**, pioneer, was born in Elbert County, Ga., Jan. 23, 1796; emigrated with his father, in 1804, to Tennessee, and, while still a boy, enlisted as a soldier in the War of 1812, serving under the command of General Jackson until the capture of Pensacola, when he entered upon the campaign against the Seminoles in Florida. In 1823 he removed to Edgar County, Ill., and engaged in mercantile and agricultural pursuits at Paris; serving also as Postmaster there some twenty-five years, and as Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court from 1826 to '37. In 1826 he was commissioned by Governor Coles, Colonel of the Nineteenth Regiment, Illinois State Militia; in 1830 was Aide-de-Camp to Governor Reynolds, and, in 1832, took part in the Black

Hawk War as Brigadier-General of the Second Brigade, Illinois Volunteers. On the inception of the internal improvement scheme in 1837 he was elected by the Legislature a member of the first Board of Commissioners of Public Works, serving until the Board was abolished. Died, July 7, 1856.

**ALEXANDER, (Dr.) William M.**, pioneer, came to Southern Illinois previous to the organization of Union County (1818), and for some time, while practicing his profession as a physician, acted as agent of the proprietors of the town of America, which was located on the Ohio River, on the first high ground above its junction with the Mississippi. It became the first county-seat of Alexander County, which was organized in 1819, and named in his honor. In 1820 we find him a Representative in the Second General Assembly from Pope County, and two years later Representative from Alexander County, when he became Speaker of the House during the session of the Third General Assembly. Later, he removed to Kaskaskia, but finally went South, where he died, though the date and place of his death are unknown.

**ALEXANDER COUNTY**, the extreme southern county of the State, being bounded on the west by the Mississippi, and south and east by the Ohio and Cache rivers. Its area is about 230 square miles and its population, in 1890, was 16,563. The first American settlers were Tennesseans named Bird, who occupied the delta and gave it the name of Bird's Point, which, at the date of the Civil War (1861-65), had been transferred to the Missouri shore opposite the mouth of the Ohio. Other early settlers were Clark, Kennedy and Philips (at Mounds), Conyer and Terrel (at America), and Humphreys (near Caledonia). In 1818 Shadrach Bond (afterwards Governor), John G. Conyges and others entered a claim for 1800 acres in the central and northern part of the county, and incorporated the "City and Bank of Cairo." The history of this enterprise is interesting. In 1818 (on Conyges' death) the land reverted to the Government; but in 1835 Sidney Breesee, David J. Baker and Miles A. Gilbert re-entered the forfeited bank tract and the title thereto became vested in the "Cairo City and Canal Company," which was chartered in 1837, and, by purchase, extended its holdings to 10,000 acres. The county was organized in 1819; the first county-seat being America, which was incorporated in 1820. Population (1900), 19,384.

**ALEXIAN BROTHERS' HOSPITAL**, located at Chicago; established in 1860, and under the management of the Alexian Brothers, a monastic

order of the Roman Catholic Church. It was originally opened in a small frame building, but a better edifice was erected in 1868, only to be destroyed in the great fire of 1871. The following year, through the aid of private benefactions and an appropriation of \$18,000 from the Chicago Relief and Aid Society, a larger and better hospital was built. In 1888 an addition was made, increasing the accommodation to 150 beds. Only poor male patients are admitted, and these are received without reference to nationality or religion, and absolutely without charge. The present medical staff (1896) comprises fourteen physicians and surgeons. In 1895 the close approach of an intramural transit line having rendered the building unfit for hospital purposes, a street railway company purchased the site and buildings for \$250,000 and a new location has been selected.

**ALEXIS**, a village of Warren County, on the Rock Island & St. Louis Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, 12 miles east of north from Monmouth. It has manufactures of brick, drain-tile, pottery and agricultural implements; is also noted for its Clydesdale horses. Population (1880), 398; (1890), 562; (1900), 915.

**ALGONQUINS**, a group of Indian tribes. Originally their territory extended from about latitude 37° to 53° north, and from longitude 25° east to 15° west of the meridian of Washington. Branches of the stock were found by Cartier in Canada, by Smith in Virginia, by the Puritans in New England and by Catholic missionaries in the great basin of the Mississippi. One of the principal of their five confederacies embraced the Illinois Indians, who were found within the State by the French when the latter discovered the country in 1673. They were hereditary foes of the warlike Iroquois, by whom their territory was repeatedly invaded. Besides the Illinois, other tribes of the Algonquin family who originally dwelt within the present limits of Illinois, were the Foxes, Kickapoos, Miamis, Menominees, and Sacs. Although nomadic in their mode of life, and subsisting largely on the spoils of the chase, the Algonquins were to some extent tillers of the soil and cultivated large tracts of maize. Various dialects of their language have been reduced to grammatical rules, and Eliot's Indian Bible is published in their tongue. The entire Algonquin stock extant is estimated at about 95,000, of whom some 35,000 are within the United States.

**ALEX, William Joshua**, jurist, was born June 9, 1829, in Wilson County, Tenn.; of Virginia ancestry of Scotch-Irish descent. In early

infancy he was brought by his parents to Southern Illinois, where his father, Willis Allen, became a Judge and member of Congress. After reading law with his father and at the Louisville Law School, young Allen was admitted to the bar, settling at Metropolis and afterward (1853) at his old home, Marion, in Williamson County. In 1855 he was appointed United States District Attorney for Illinois, but resigned in 1859 and resumed private practice as partner of John A. Logan. The same year he was elected Circuit Judge to succeed his father, who had died, but he declined a re-election. He was a member of the Constitutional Conventions of 1862 and 1869, serving in both bodies on the Judicial Committee and as Chairman of the Committee on the Bill of Rights. From 1864 to 1888 he was a delegate to every National Democratic Convention, being chairman of the Illinois delegation in 1876. He has been four times a candidate for Congress, and twice elected, serving from 1862 to 1865. During this period he was an ardent opponent of the war policy of the Government. In 1874-75, at the solicitation of Governor Beveridge, he undertook the prosecution of the leaders of a bloody "vendetta" which had broken out among his former neighbors in Williamson County, and, by his fearless and impartial efforts, brought the offenders to justice and assisted in restoring order. In 1886, Judge Allen removed to Springfield, and in 1887 was appointed by President Cleveland to succeed Judge Samuel H. Treat (deceased) as Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois. Died Jan. 26, 1901.

**ALLEN, Willis**, a native of Tennessee, who removed to Williamson County, Ill., in 1829 and engaged in farming. In 1834 he was chosen Sheriff of Franklin County, in 1838 elected Representative in the Eleventh General Assembly, and, in 1844, became State Senator. In 1841, although not yet a licensed lawyer, he was chosen Prosecuting Attorney for the old Third District, and was shortly afterward admitted to the bar. He was chosen Presidential Elector in 1844, a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1847, and served two terms in Congress (1851-55). On March 2, 1859, he was commissioned Judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial Circuit, but died three months later. His son, William Joshua, succeeded him in the latter office.

**ALLERTON, Samuel Waters**, stock-dealer and capitalist, was born of Pilgrim ancestry in Dutchess County, N. Y., May 26, 1829. His youth was spent with his father on a farm in Yates County, N. Y., but about 1852 he engaged

in the live-stock business in Central and Western New York. In 1856 he transferred his operations to Illinois, shipping stock from various points to New York City, finally locating in Chicago. He was one of the earliest projectors of the Chicago Stock-Yards, later securing control of the Pittsburg Stock-Yards, also becoming interested in yards at Baltimore, Philadelphia, Jersey City and Omaha. Mr. Allerton is one of the founders and a Director of the First National Bank of Chicago, a Director and stockholder of the Chicago City Railway (the first cable line in that city), the owner of an extensive area of highly improved farming lands in Central Illinois, as also of large tracts in Nebraska and Wyoming, and of valuable and productive mining properties in the Black Hills. A zealous Republican in politics, he is a liberal supporter of the measures of that party, and, in 1893, was the unsuccessful Republican candidate for Mayor of Chicago in opposition to Carter H. Harrison.

**ALLOUEZ, Claude Jean**, sometimes called "The Apostle of the West," a Jesuit priest, was born in France in 1620. He reached Quebec in 1658, and later explored the country around Lakes Superior and Michigan, establishing the mission of La Pointe, near where Ashland, Wis., now stands, in 1665, and St. Xavier, near Green Bay, in 1669. He learned from the Indians the existence and direction of the upper Mississippi, and was the first to communicate the information to the authorities at Montreal, which report was the primary cause of Joliet's expedition. He succeeded Marquette in charge of the mission at Kaskaskia, on the Illinois, in 1677, where he preached to eight tribes. From that date to 1690 he labored among the aborigines of Illinois and Wisconsin. Died at Fort St. Joseph, in 1690.

**ALLYN, (Rev.) Robert**, clergyman and educator, was born at Ledyard, New London County, Conn., Jan. 25, 1817, being a direct descendant in the eighth generation of Captain Robert Allyn, who was one of the first settlers of New London. He grew up on a farm, receiving his early education in a country school, supplemented by access to a small public library, from which he acquired a good degree of familiarity with standard English writers. In 1837 he entered the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn., where he distinguished himself as a mathematician and took a high rank as a linguist and rhetorician, graduating in 1841. He immediately engaged as a teacher of mathematics in the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Mass., and, in 1846, was elected principal of the school,

meanwhile (1843) becoming a licentiate of the Providence Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. From 1848 to 1854 he served as Principal of the Providence Conference Seminary at East Greenwich, R. I., when he was appointed Commissioner of Public Schools of Rhode Island—also serving the same year as a Visitor to West Point Military Academy. Between 1857 and 1859 he filled the chair of Ancient Languages in the State University at Athens, Ohio, when he accepted the Presidency of the Wesleyan Female College at Cincinnati, four years later (1863) becoming President of McKendree College at Lebanon, Ill., where he remained until 1874. That position he resigned to accept the Presidency of the Southern Illinois Normal University at Carbondale, whence he retired in 1892. Died at Carbondale, Jan. 7, 1894.

**ALTAMONT**, Effingham County, is intersecting point of the Vandalia, Chicago & Eastern Illinois, Baltimore & Ohio S. W., and Wabash Railroads, being midway and highest point between St. Louis and Terre Haute, Ind.; was laid out in 1870. The town is in the center of a grain, fruit-growing and stock-raising district; has a hank, two grain elevators, flouring mill, tile works, a large creamery, wagon, furniture and other factories, besides churches and good schools. Population (1890), 1,044; (1900), 1,335.

**ALTGELD, John Peter**, ex-Judge and ex-Governor, was born in Prussia in 1848, and in boyhood accompanied his parents to America, the family settling in Ohio. At the age of 16 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Ohio Infantry, serving until the close of the war. His legal education was acquired at St. Louis and Savannah, Mo., and from 1874 to '78 he was Prosecuting Attorney for Andrew County in that State. In 1878 he removed to Chicago, where he devoted himself to professional work. In 1884 he led the Democratic forlorn hope as candidate for Congress in a strong Republican Congressional district, and in 1886 was elected to the bench of the Superior Court of Cook County, but resigned in August, 1891. The Democratic State convention of 1892 nominated him for Governor, and he was elected the following November, being the first foreign-born citizen to hold that office in the history of the State, and the first Democrat elected since 1852. In 1896 he was a prominent factor in the Democratic National Convention which nominated William J. Bryan for President, and was also a candidate for re-election to the office of Governor, but was defeated by John R. Tanner, the Republican nominee.

**ALTON**, principal city in Madison County and important commercial and manufacturing point on Mississippi River, 25 miles north of St. Louis; site was first occupied as a French trading-post about 1807, the town proper being laid out by Col. Rufus Easton in 1817; principal business houses are located in the valley along the river, while the residence portion occupies the bluffs overlooking the river, sometimes rising to the height of nearly 250 feet. The city has extensive glass works employ'ng (1903) 4,000 hands, flouring mills, iron foundries, manufactories of agricultural implements, coal cars, miners' tools, shoes, tobacco, lime, etc., besides several banks, numerous churches, schools, and four newspapers, three of them daily. A monument to the memory of Elijah P. Lovejoy, who fell while defending his press against a pro-slavery mob in 1837, was erected in Alton Cemetery, 1896-7, at a cost of \$30,000, contributed by the State and citizens of Alton. Population (1890), 10,294; (1900), 14,210.

**ALTON PENITENTIARY**. The earliest punishments imposed upon public offenders in Illinois were by public flogging or imprisonment for a short time in jails rudely constructed of logs, from which escape was not difficult for a prisoner of nerve, strength and mental resource. The inadequacy of such places of confinement was soon perceived, but popular antipathy to any increase of taxation prevented the adoption of any other policy until 1827. A grant of 40,000 acres of saline lands was made to the State by Congress, and a considerable portion of the money received from their sale was appropriated to the establishment of a State penitentiary at Alton. The sum set apart proved insufficient, and, in 1831, an additional appropriation of \$10,000 was made from the State treasury. In 1833 the prison was ready to receive its first inmates. It was built of stone and had but twenty-four cells. Additions were made from time to time, but by 1857 the State determined upon building a new penitentiary, which was located at Joliet (see *Northern Penitentiary*), and, in 1860, the last convicts were transferred thither from Alton. The Alton prison was conducted on what is known as "the Auburn plan"—associated labor in silence by day and separate confinement by night. The management was in the hands of a "lessee," who furnished supplies, employed guards and exercised the general powers of a warden under the supervision of a Commissioner appointed by the State, and who handled all the products of convict labor.



**ALTON RIOTS.** (See *Lovejoy, Elijah Parish.*)

**ALTONA**, town of Knox County, on C., B. & Q. R. R., 16 miles northeast of Galesburg; has an endowed public library, electric light system, cement sidewalks, four churches and good school system. Population (1900), 633.

**ALTON & SANGAMON RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago & Alton Railroad.*)

**AMBOY**, city in Lee County on Green River, at junction of Illinois Central and C., B. & Q. Railroads, 95 miles south by west from Chicago; has artesian water with waterworks and fire protection, city park, two telephone systems, electric lights, railroad repair shops, two banks, two newspapers, seven churches, graded and high schools; is on line of Northern Illinois Electric Ry. from De Kalb to Dixon; extensive bridge and iron works located here. Pop. (1900), 1,826.

**AMES, Edward Raymond**, Methodist Episcopal Bishop, born at Amesville, Athens County, Ohio, May 30, 1806; was educated at the Ohio State University, where he joined the M. E. Church. In 1828 he left college and became Principal of the Seminary at Lebanon, Ill., which afterwards became McKendree College. While there he received a license to preach, and, after holding various charges and positions in the church, including membership in the General Conference of 1840, '44 and '52, in the latter year was elected Bishop, serving until his death, which occurred in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.

**ANDERSON, Galusha**, clergyman and educator, was born at Bergen, N. Y., March 7, 1832; graduated at Rochester University in 1854 and at the Theological Seminary there in 1856; spent ten years in Baptist pastoral work at Janesville, Wis., and at St. Louis, and seven as Professor in Newton Theological Institute, Mass. From 1873 to '80 he preached in Brooklyn and Chicago; was then chosen President of the old Chicago University, remaining eight years, when he again became a pastor at Salem, Mass., but soon after assumed the Presidency of Denison University, Ohio. On the organization of the new Chicago University, he accepted the chair of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, which he now holds.

**ANDERSON, George A.**, lawyer and Congressman, was born in Botetourt County, Va., March 11, 1853. When two years old he was brought by his parents to Hancock County, Ill. He received a collegiate education, and, after studying law at Lincoln, Neb., and at Sedalia, Mo., settled at Quincy, Ill., where he began practice in 1880. In 1884 he was elected City Attorney on the

Democratic ticket, and re-elected in 1885 without opposition. The following year he was the successful candidate of his party for Congress, which was his last public service. Died at Quincy, Jan. 31, 1896.

**ANDERSON, James C.**, legislator, was born in Henderson County, Ill., August 1, 1845; raised on a farm, and after receiving a common-school education, entered Monmouth College, but left early in the Civil War to enlist in the Twentieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he attained the rank of Second Lieutenant. After the war he served ten years as Sheriff of Henderson County, was elected Representative in the General Assembly in 1888, '90, '92 and '96, and served on the Republican "steering committee" during the session of 1893. He also served as Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate for the session of 1895, and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1896. His home is at Decorra.

**ANDERSON, Stinson H.**, Lieutenant-Governor, was born in Sumner County, Tenn., in 1800; came to Jefferson County, Ill., in his youth, and, at an early age, began to devote his attention to breeding fine stock; served in the Black Hawk War as a Lieutenant in 1832, and the same year was elected to the lower branch of the Eighth General Assembly, being re-elected in 1834. In 1838 he was chosen Lieutenant-Governor on the ticket with Gov. Thomas Carlin, and soon after the close of his term entered the United States Army as Captain of Dragoons, in this capacity taking part in the Seminole War in Florida. Still later he served under President Polk as United States Marshal for Illinois, and also held the position of Warden of the State Penitentiary at Alton for several years. Died, September, 1857.—**William B.** (Anderson), son of the preceding, was born at Mount Vernon, Ill., April 30, 1830; attended the common schools and later studied surveying, being elected Surveyor of Jefferson County, in 1851. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1853, but never practiced, preferring the more quiet life of a farmer. In 1856 he was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly and re-elected in 1858. In 1861 he entered the volunteer service as a private, was promoted through the grades of Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel to a Colonelcy, and, at the close of the war, was brevetted Brigadier-General. In 1868 he was a candidate for Presidential Elector on the Democratic ticket, was a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1869-70, and, in 1871, was elected to the State Senate, to fill a vacancy. In 1874 he was elected to the Forty-

fourth Congress on the Democratic ticket. In 1893 General Anderson was appointed by President Cleveland Pension Agent for Illinois, continuing in that position four years, when he retired to private life.

**ANDRUS, Rev. Reuben**, clergyman and educator, was born at Rutland, Jefferson County, N. Y., Jan. 29, 1824; early came to Fulton County, Ill., and spent three years (1844-47) as a student at Illinois College, Jacksonville, but graduated at McKendree College, Lebanon, in 1849; taught for a time at Greenfield, entered the Methodist ministry, and, in 1850, founded the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, of which he became a Professor; later re-entered the ministry and held charges at Beardstown, Decatur, Quincy, Springfield and Bloomington, meanwhile for a time being President of Illinois Conference Female College at Jacksonville, and temporary President of Quincy College. In 1867 he was transferred to the Indiana Conference and stationed at Evansville and Indianapolis; from 1872 to '75 was President of Indiana Asbury University at Greencastle. Died at Indianapolis, Jan. 17, 1887.

**ANNA**, a city in Union County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 36 miles from Cairo; is center of extensive fruit and vegetable-growing district, and largest shipping-point for these commodities on the Illinois Central Railroad. It has an ice plant, pottery and lime manufactories, two banks and two newspapers. The Southern (Ill.) Hospital for the Insane is located here. Population (1890), 2,295; (1900), 2,618; (est. 1904), 3,000.

**ANTHONY, Elliott**, jurist, was born of New England Quaker ancestry at Spafford, Onondaga County, N. Y., June 10, 1827; was related on the maternal side to the Chases and Phelps (distinguished lawyers) of Vermont. His early years were spent in labor on a farm, but after a course of preparatory study at Cortland Academy, in 1847 he entered the sophomore class in Hamilton College at Clinton, graduating with honors in 1850. The next year he began the study of law, at the same time giving instruction in an Academy at Clinton, where he had President Cleveland as one of his pupils. After admission to the bar at Oswego, in 1851, he removed West, stopping for a time at Sterling, Ill., but the following year located in Chicago. Here he compiled "A Digest of Illinois Reports"; in 1855 was elected City Attorney, and, in 1863, became solicitor of the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad (now the Chicago & Northwestern). Judge Anthony served in two State Constitutional Conventions—

those of 1862 and 1869-70—being chairman of the Committee on Executive Department and member of the Committee on Judiciary in the latter. He was delegate to the National Republican Convention of 1880, and was the same year elected a Judge of the Superior Court of Chicago, and was re-elected in 1886, retiring in 1892, after which he resumed the practice of his profession, being chiefly employed as consulting counsel. Judge Anthony was one of the founders and incorporators of the Chicago Law Institute and a member of the first Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library; also served as President of the State Bar Association (1894-95), and delivered several important historical addresses before that body. His other most important productions are volumes on "The Constitutional History of Illinois," "The Story of the Empire State" and "Sanitation and Navigation." Near the close of his last term upon the bench, he spent several months in an extended tour through the principal countries of Europe. His death occurred, after a protracted illness, at his home at Evanston, Feb. 24, 1898.

**ANTI-NEBRASKA EDITORIAL CONVENTION**, a political body, which convened at Decatur, Feb. 22, 1856, pursuant to the suggestion of "The Morgan Journal," then a weekly paper published at Jacksonville, for the purpose of formulating a policy in opposition to the principles of the Kansas-Nebraska bill. Twelve editors were in attendance, as follows: Charles H. Ray of "The Chicago Tribune"; V. Y. Ralston of "The Quincy Whig"; O. P. Wharton of "The Rock Island Advertiser"; T. J. Pickett of "The Peoria Republican"; George Schneider of "The Chicago Staats Zeitung"; Charles Faxon of "The Princeton Post"; A. N. Ford of "The Lacon Gazette"; B. F. Shaw of "The Dixon Telegraph"; E. C. Daugherty of "The Rockford Register"; E. W. Blaisdell of "The Rockford Gazette"; W. J. Usrey of "The Decatur Chronicle"; and Paul Selby of "The Jacksonville Journal." Paul Selby was chosen Chairman and W. J. Usrey, Secretary. The convention adopted a platform and recommended the calling of a State convention at Bloomington on May 29, following, appointing the following State Central Committee to take the matter in charge: W. B. Ogden, Chicago; S. M. Church, Rockford; G. D. A. Parks, Joliet; T. J. Pickett, Peoria; E. A. Dudley, Quincy; William H. Herndon, Springfield; R. J. Oglesby, Decatur; Joseph Gillespie, Edwardsville; D. L. Phillips, Jonesboro; and Ira O. Wilkinson and Gustavus Koerner for the State-at-large. Abra-

nam Lincoln was present and participated in the consultations of the committees. All of these served except Messrs. Ogden, Oglesby and Koerner, the two former declining on account of absence from the State. Ogden was succeeded by the late Dr. John Evans, afterwards Territorial Governor of Colorado, and Oglesby by Col. Isaac C. Pugh of Decatur. (See *Bloomington Convention of 1856.*)

**APPLE RIVER**, a village of Jo Daviess County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 21 miles east-northeast from Galena. Population (1880), 626; (1890), 572; (1900), 576.

**APPLINGTON**, (Maj.) Zenas, soldier, was born in Broome County, N. Y., Dec. 24, 1815; in 1837 emigrated to Ogle County, Ill., where he followed successively the occupations of farmer, blacksmith, carpenter and merchant, finally becoming the founder of the town of Polo. Here he became wealthy, but lost much of his property in the financial revulsion of 1857. In 1858 he was elected to the State Senate, and, during the session of 1859, was one of the members of that body appointed to investigate the "canal scrip fraud" (which see), and two years later was one of the earnest supporters of the Government in its preparation for the War of the Rebellion. The latter year he assisted in organizing the Seventh Illinois Cavalry, of which he was commissioned Major, being some time in command at Bird's Point, and later rendering important service to General Pope at New Madrid and Island No. 10. He was killed at Corinth, Miss., May 8, 1862, while obeying an order to charge upon a band of rebels concealed in a wood.

**APPORTIONMENT**, a mode of distribution of the counties of the State into Districts for the election of members of the General Assembly and of Congress, which will be treated under separate heads:

**LEGISLATIVE.**—The first legislative apportionment was provided for by the Constitution of 1818. That instrument vested the Legislature with power to divide the State as follows: To create districts for the election of Representatives not less than twenty-seven nor more than thirty-six in number, until the population of the State should amount to 100,000; and to create senatorial districts, in number not less than one-third nor more than one-half of the representative districts at the time of organization.

The schedule appended to the first Constitution contained the first legal apportionment of Senators and Representatives. The first fifteen counties were allowed fourteen Senators and

twenty-nine Representatives. Each county formed a distinct legislative district for representation in the lower house, with the number of members for each varying from one to three; while Johnson and Franklin were combined in one Senatorial district, the other counties being entitled to one Senator each. Later apportionments were made in 1821, '26, '31, '36, '41 and '47. Before an election was held under the last, however, the Constitution of 1848 went into effect, and considerable changes were effected in this regard. The number of Senators was fixed at twenty-five and of Representatives at seventy-five, until the entire population should equal 1,000,000, when five members of the House were added and five additional members for each 500,000 increase in population until the whole number of Representatives reached 100. Thereafter the number was neither increased nor diminished, but apportioned among the several counties according to the number of white inhabitants. Should it be found necessary, a single district might be formed out of two or more counties.

The Constitution of 1848 established fifty-four Representative and twenty-five Senatorial districts. By the apportionment law of 1854, the number of the former was increased to fifty-eight, and, in 1861, to sixty-one. The number of Senatorial districts remained unchanged, but their geographical limits varied under each act, while the number of members from Representative districts varied according to population.

The Constitution of 1870 provided for an immediate reapportionment (subsequent to its adoption) by the Governor and Secretary of State upon the basis of the United States Census of 1870. Under the apportionment thus made, as prescribed by the schedule, the State was divided into twenty-five Senatorial districts (each electing two Senators) and ninety-seven Representative districts, with an aggregate of 177 members varying from one to ten for the several districts, according to population. This arrangement continued in force for only one Legislature—that chosen in 1870.

In 1872 this Legislature proceeded to reapportion the State in accordance with the principle of "minority representation," which had been submitted as an independent section of the Constitution and adopted on a separate vote. This provided for apportioning the State into fifty-one districts, each being entitled to one Senator and three Representatives. The ratio of representation in the lower house was ascertained by divid-

ing the entire population by 153 and each county to be allowed one Representative, provided its population reached three-fifths of the ratio; counties having a population equivalent to one and three-fifths times the ratio were entitled to two Representatives; while each county with a larger population was entitled to one additional Representative for each time the full ratio was repeated in the number of inhabitants. Apportionments were made on this principle in 1872, '82 and '93. Members of the lower house are elected biennially; Senators for four years, those in odd and even districts being chosen at each alternate legislative election. The election of Senators for the even (numbered) districts takes place at the same time with that of Governor and other State officers, and that for the odd districts at the intermediate periods.

CONGRESSIONAL.—For the first fourteen years of the State's history, Illinois constituted but one Congressional district. The census of 1830 showing sufficient population, the Legislature of 1831 (by act, approved Feb. 13) divided the State into three districts, the first election under this law being held on the first Monday in August, 1832. At that time Illinois comprised fifty-five counties, which were apportioned among the districts as follows: First—Gallatin, Pope, Johnson, Alexander, Union, Jackson, Franklin, Perry, Randolph, Monroe, Washington, St. Clair, Clinton, Bond, Madison, Macoupin; Second—White, Hamilton, Jefferson, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash, Clay, Marion, Lawrence, Fayette, Montgomery, Shelby, Vermilion, Edgar, Coles, Clark, Crawford; Third—Greene, Morgan, Sangamon, Macon, Tazewell, McLean, Cook, Henry, La Salle, Putnam, Peoria, Knox, Jo Daviess, Mercer, McDonough, Warren, Fulton, Hancock, Pike, Schuyler, Adams, Calhoun.

The reapportionment following the census of 1840 was made by Act of March 1, 1843, and the first election of Representatives thereunder occurred on the first Monday of the following August. Forty-one new counties had been created (making ninety-six in all) and the number of districts was increased to seven as follows: First—Alexander, Union, Jackson, Monroe, Perry, Randolph, St. Clair, Bond, Washington, Madison; Second—Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Williamson, Gallatin, Franklin, White, Wayne, Hamilton, Wabash, Massac, Jefferson, Edwards, Marion; Third—Lawrence, Richland, Jasper, Fayette, Crawford, Effingham, Christian, Montgomery, Shelby, Moultrie, Coles, Clark, Clay, Edgar, Piatt, Macon, De Witt; Fourth—Lake,

McHenry, Boone, Cook, Kane, De Kalb, Du Page, Kendall, Will, Grundy, La Salle, Iroquois, Livingston, Champaign, Vermilion, McLean, Bureau; Fifth—Greene, Jersey, Calhoun, Pike, Adams, Marquette (a part of Adams never fully organized), Brown, Schuyler, Fulton, Peoria, Macoupin; Sixth—Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Carroll, Ogle, Whiteside, Henry, Lee, Rock Island, Stark, Mercer, Henderson, Warren, Knox, McDonough, Hancock; Seventh—Putnam, Marshall, Woodford, Cass, Tazewell, Mason, Menard, Scott, Morgan, Logan, Sangamon.

The next Congressional apportionment (August 22, 1852) divided the State into nine districts, as follows—the first election under it being held the following November: First—Lake, McHenry, Boone, Winnebago, Stephenson, Jo Daviess, Carroll, Ogle; Second—Cook, Du Page, Kane, De Kalb, Lee, Whiteside, Rock Island; Third—Will, Kendall, Grundy, Livingston, La Salle, Putnam, Bureau, Vermilion, Iroquois, Champaign, McLean, De Witt; Fourth—Fulton, Peoria, Knox, Henry, Stark, Warren, Mercer, Marshall, Mason, Woodford, Tazewell; Fifth—Adams, Calhoun, Brown, Schuyler, Pike, McDonough, Hancock, Henderson; Sixth—Morgan, Scott, Sangamon, Greene, Macoupin, Montgomery, Shelby, Christian, Cass, Menard, Jersey; Seventh—Logan, Macon, Piatt, Coles, Edgar, Moultrie, Cumberland, Crawford, Clark, Effingham, Jasper, Clay, Lawrence, Richland, Fayette; Eighth—Randolph, Monroe, St. Clair, Bond, Madison, Clinton, Washington, Jefferson, Marion; Ninth—Alexander, Pulaski, Massac, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Gallatin, Saline, Jackson, Perry, Franklin, Williamson, Hamilton, Edwards, White, Wayne, Wabash.

The census of 1860 showed that Illinois was entitled to fourteen Representatives, but through an error the apportionment law of April 24, 1861, created only thirteen districts. This was compensated for by providing for the election of one Congressman for the State-at-large. The districts were as follows: First—Cook, Lake; Second—McHenry, Boone, Winnebago, De Kalb, and Kane; Third—Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Whiteside, Carroll, Ogle, Lee; Fourth—Adams, Hancock, Warren, Mercer, Henderson, Rock Island; Fifth—Peoria, Knox, Stark, Marshall, Putnam, Bureau, Henry; Sixth—La Salle, Grundy, Kendall, Du Page, Will, Kankakee; Seventh—Macon, Piatt, Champaign, Douglas, Moultrie, Cumberland, Vermilion, Coles, Edgar, Iroquois, Ford; Eighth—Sangamon, Logan, De Witt, McLean, Tazewell, Woodford, Livingston; Ninth—



Fulton, Mason, Menard, Cass, Pike, McDonough, Schuyler, Brown; Tenth—Bond, Morgan, Calhoun, Macoupin, Scott, Jersey, Greene, Christian, Montgomery, Shelby; Eleventh—Marion, Fayette, Richland, Jasper, Clay, Clark, Crawford, Franklin, Lawrence, Hamilton, Effingham, Wayne, Jefferson; Twelfth—St. Clair, Madison, Clinton, Monroe, Washington, Randolph; Thirteenth—Alexander, Pulaski, Union, Perry, Johnson, Williamson, Jackson, Massac, Pope, Hardin, Gallatin, Saline, White, Edwards, Wabash.

The next reapportionment was made July 1, 1872. The Act created nineteen districts, as follows: First—The first seven wards in Chicago and thirteen towns in Cook County, with the county of Du Page; Second—Wards Eighth to Fifteenth (inclusive) in Chicago; Third—Wards Sixteenth to Twentieth in Chicago, the remainder of Cook County, and Lake County; Fourth—Kane, De Kalb, McHenry, Boone, and Winnebago; Fifth—Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll, Ogle, Whiteside; Sixth—Henry, Rock Island, Putnam, Bureau, Lee; Seventh—La Salle, Kendall, Grundy, Will; Eighth—Kankakee, Iroquois, Ford, Marshall, Livingston, Woodford; Ninth—Stark, Peoria, Knox, Fulton; Tenth—Mercer, Henderson, Warren, McDonough, Hancock, Schuyler; Eleventh—Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Pike, Jersey; Twelfth—Scott, Morgan, Menard, Sangamon, Cass, Christian; Thirteenth—Mason, Tazewell, McLean, Logan, De Witt; Fourteenth—Macon, Piatt, Champaign, Douglas, Coles, Vermilion; Fifteenth—Edgar, Clark, Cumberland, Shelby, Moultrie, Effingham, Lawrence, Jasper, Crawford; Sixteenth—Montgomery, Fayette, Washington, Bond, Clinton, Marion, Clay; Seventeenth—Macoupin, Madison, St. Clair, Monroe; Eighteenth—Randolph, Perry, Jackson, Union, Johnson, Williamson, Alexander, Pope, Massac, Pulaski; Nineteenth—Richland, Wayne, Edwards, White, Wabash, Saline, Gallatin, Hardin, Jefferson, Franklin, Hamilton.

In 1882 (by Act of April 29) the number of districts was increased to twenty, and the boundaries determined as follows: First—Wards First to Fourth (inclusive) in Chicago and thirteen towns in Cook County; Second—Wards 5th to 7th and part of 8th in Chicago; Third—Wards 9th to 14th and part of 8th in Chicago; Fourth—The remainder of the City of Chicago and of the county of Cook; Fifth—Lake, McHenry, Boone, Kane, and De Kalb; Sixth—Winnebago, Stephenson, Jo Daviess, Ogle, and Carroll;

Seventh—Lee, Whiteside, Henry, Bureau, Putnam; Eighth—La Salle, Kendall, Grundy, Du Page, and Will; Ninth—Kankakee, Iroquois, Ford, Livingston, Woodford, Marshall; Tenth—Peoria, Knox, Stark, Fulton; Eleventh—Rock Island, Mercer, Henderson, Warren, Hancock, McDonough, Schuyler; Twelfth—Cass, Brown, Adams, Pike, Scott, Greene, Calhoun, Jersey; Thirteenth—Tazewell, Mason, Menard, Sangamon, Morgan, Christian; Fourteenth—McLean, De Witt, Piatt, Macon, Logan; Fifteenth—Coles, Edgar, Douglas, Vermilion, Champaign; Sixteenth—Cumberland, Clark, Jasper, Clay, Crawford, Richland, Lawrence, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash; Seventeenth—Macoupin, Montgomery, Moultrie, Shelby, Effingham, Fayette; Eighteenth—Bond, Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Washington; Nineteenth—Marion, Clinton, Jefferson, Saline, Franklin, Hamilton, White, Gallatin, Hardin; Twentieth—Perry, Randolph, Jackson, Union, Williamson, Johnson, Alexander, Pope, Pulaski, Massac.

The census of 1890 showed the State to be entitled to twenty-two Representatives. No reapportionment, however, was made until June, 1893, two members from the State-at-large being elected in 1892. The existing twenty-two Congressional districts are as follows: The first seven districts comprise the counties of Cook and Lake, the latter lying wholly in the Seventh district; Eighth—McHenry, De Kalb, Kane, Du Page, Kendall, Grundy; Ninth—Boone, Winnebago, Stephenson, Jo Daviess, Carroll, Ogle, Lee; Tenth—Whiteside, Rock Island, Mercer, Henry, Stark, Knox; Eleventh—Bureau, La Salle, Livingston, Woodford; Twelfth—Will, Kankakee, Iroquois, Vermilion; Thirteenth—Ford, McLean, De Witt, Piatt, Champaign, Douglas; Fourteenth—Putnam, Marshall, Peoria, Fulton, Tazewell, Mason; Fifteenth—Henderson, Warren, Hancock, McDonough, Adams, Brown, Schuyler; Sixteenth—Cass, Morgan, Scott, Pike, Greene, Macoupin, Calhoun, Jersey; Seventeenth—Menard, Logan, Sangamon, Macon, Christian; Eighteenth—Madison, Montgomery, Bond, Fayette, Shelby, Moultrie; Nineteenth—Coles, Edgar, Clark, Cumberland, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford, Richland, Lawrence; Twentieth—Clay, Jefferson, Wayne, Hamilton, Edwards, Wabash, Franklin, White, Gallatin, Hardin; Twenty-first—Marion, Clinton, Washington, St. Clair, Monroe, Randolph, Perry; Twenty-second—Jackson, Union, Alexander, Pulaski, Johnson, Williamson, Saline, Pope, Massac. (See also *Representatives in Congress*.)

**ARCHER, William B.**, pioneer, was born in Warren County, Ohio, in 1792, and taken to Kentucky at an early day, where he remained until 1817, when his family removed to Illinois, finally settling in what is now Clark County. Although pursuing the avocation of a farmer, he became one of the most prominent and influential men in that part of the State. On the organization of Clark County in 1819, he was appointed the first County and Circuit Clerk, resigning the former office in 1820 and the latter in 1822. In 1824 he was elected to the lower branch of the General Assembly, and two years later to the State Senate, serving continuously in the latter eight years. He was thus a Senator on the breaking out of the Black Hawk War (1832), in which he served as a Captain of militia. In 1834 he was an unsuccessful candidate for Lieutenant Governor; was appointed by Governor Duncan, in 1835, a member of the first Board of Commissioners of the Illinois & Michigan Canal; in 1838 was returned a second time to the House of Representatives and re-elected in 1840 and '46 to the same body. Two years later (1848) he was again elected Circuit Clerk, remaining until 1852, and in 1854 was an Anti-Nebraska Whig candidate for Congress in opposition to James C. Allen. Although Allen received the certificate of election, Archer contested his right to the seat, with the result that Congress declared the seat vacant and referred the question back to the people. In a new election held in August, 1856, Archer was defeated and Allen elected. He held no public office of importance after this date, but in 1856 was a delegate to the first Republican National Convention at Philadelphia, and in that body was an enthusiastic supporter of Abraham Lincoln, whose zealous friend and admirer he was, for the office of Vice-President. He was also one of the active promoters of various railroad enterprises in that section of the State, especially the old Chicago & Vincennes Road, the first projected southward from the City of Chicago. His connection with the Illinois & Michigan Canal was the means of giving his name to Archer Avenue, a somewhat famous thoroughfare in Chicago. He was of tall stature and great energy of character, with a tendency to enthusiasm that communicated itself to others. A local history has said of him that "he did more for Clark County than any man in his day or since," although "no consideration, pecuniary or otherwise, was ever given him for his services." Colonel Archer was one of the founders of Marshall, the county-seat of Clark County, Governor Duncan being associ-

ated with him in the ownership of the land on which the town was laid out. His death occurred in Clark County, August 9, 1870, at the age of 78 years.

**ARCOLA**, incorporated city in Douglas County, 158 miles south of Chicago, at junction of Illinois Central and Terre Haute branch Vandalia Railroad; is center of largest broom-corn producing region in the world; has city waterworks, with efficient volunteer fire department, electric lights, telephone system, grain elevators and broom-corn warehouses, two banks, three newspapers, nine churches, library building and excellent free school system. Pop. (1890), 1,793; (1900), 1,995.

**ARENZ, Francis A.**, pioneer, was born at Blankenberg, in the Province of the Rhein, Prussia, Oct. 31, 1800; obtained a good education and, while a young man, engaged in mercantile business in his native country. In 1827 he came to the United States and, after spending two years in Kentucky, in 1829 went to Galena, where he was engaged for a short time in the lead trade. He took an early opportunity to become naturalized, and coming to Beardstown a few months later, went into merchandising and real estate; also became a contractor for furnishing supplies to the State troops during the Black Hawk War, Beardstown being at the time a rendezvous and shipping point. In 1834 he began the publication of "The Beardstown Chronicle and Illinois Bounty Land Register," and was the projector of the Beardstown & Sangamon Canal, extending from the Illinois River at Beardstown to Miller's Ferry on the Sangamon, for which he secured a special charter from the Legislature in 1836. He had a survey of the line made, but the hard times prevented the beginning of the work and it was finally abandoned. Retiring from the mercantile business in 1835, he located on a farm six miles southeast of Beardstown, but in 1839 removed to a tract of land near the Morgan County line which he had bought in 1833, and on which the present village of Arenzville now stands. This became the center of a thrifty agricultural community composed largely of Germans, among whom he exercised a large influence. Resuming the mercantile business here, he continued it until about 1853, when he sold out a considerable part of his possessions. An ardent Whig, he was elected as such to the lower branch of the Fourteenth General Assembly (1844) from Morgan County, and during the following session succeeded in securing the passage of an act by which a strip of territory three miles wide in the northern part of Morgan County, including the village

of Arenzville, and which had been in dispute, was transferred by vote of the citizens to Cass County. In 1852 Mr. Arenz visited his native land, by appointment of President Fillmore, as bearer of dispatches to the American legations at Berlin and Vienna. He was one of the founders of the Illinois State Agricultural Society of 1853, and served as the Vice-President for his district until his death, and was also the founder and President of the Cass County Agricultural Society. Died, April 2, 1856.

**ARLINGTON**, a village of Bureau County, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 92 miles west of Chicago. Population (1880), 447; (1890), 436; (1900), 400.

**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS** (formerly Dunton), a village of Cook County, on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, 22 miles northwest of Chicago; is in a dairying district and has several cheese factories, besides a sewing machine factory, hotels and churches, a graded school, a bank and one newspaper. Population (1880), 995; (1890), 1,424; (1900), 1,380.

**ARMOUR, Philip Danforth**, packer, Board of Trade operator and capitalist, was born at Stockbridge, Madison County, N. Y., May 16, 1832. After receiving the benefits of such education as the village academy afforded, in 1852 he set out across the Plains to California, where he remained four years, achieving only moderate success as a miner. Returning east in 1856, he soon after embarked in the commission business in Milwaukee, continuing until 1863, when he formed a partnership with Mr. John Plankinton in the meat-packing business. Later, in conjunction with his brothers—H. O. Armour having already built up an extensive grain commission trade in Chicago—he organized the extensive packing and commission firm of Armour & Co., with branches in New York, Kansas City and Chicago, their headquarters being removed to the latter place from Milwaukee in 1875. Mr. Armour is a most industrious and methodical business man, giving as many hours to the superintendence of business details as the most industrious day-laborer, the result being seen in the creation of one of the most extensive and prosperous firms in the country. Mr. Armour's practical benevolence has been demonstrated in a munificent manner by his establishment and endowment of the Armour Institute (a manual training school) in Chicago, at a cost of over \$2,250,000, as an offshoot of the Armour Mission founded on the bequest of his deceased brother, Joseph F. Armour. Died Jan. 6, 1901.

**ARMSTRONG, John Strawn**, pioneer, born in Somerset County, Pa., May 29, 1810, the oldest of a family of nine sons; was taken by his parents in 1811 to Licking County, Ohio, where he spent his childhood and early youth. His father was a native of Ireland and his mother a sister of Jacob Strawn, afterwards a wealthy stock-grower and dealer in Morgan County. In 1829, John S. came to Tazewell County, Ill., but two years later joined the rest of his family in Putnam (now Marshall) County, all finally removing to La Salle County, where they were among the earliest settlers. Here he settled on a farm in 1834, where he continued to reside over fifty years, when he located in the village of Sheridan, but early in 1897 went to reside with a daughter in Ottawa. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk War, has been a prominent and influential farmer, and, in the later years of his life, has been a leader in "Granger" politics, being Master of his local "Grange," and also serving as Treasurer of the State Grange.—**George Washington** (Armstrong), brother of the preceding, was born upon the farm of his parents, Joseph and Elsie (Strawn) Armstrong, in Licking County, Ohio, Dec. 9, 1812; learned the trade of a weaver with his father (who was a woollen manufacturer), and at the age of 18 was in charge of the factory. Early in 1831 he came with his mother's family to Illinois, locating a few months later in La Salle County. In 1832 he served with his older brother as a soldier in the Black Hawk War, was identified with the early steps for the construction of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, finally becoming a contractor upon the section at Utica, where he resided several years. He then returned to the farm near the present village of Seneca, where he had located in 1833, and where (with the exception of his residence at Utica) he has resided continuously over sixty-five years. In 1844 Mr. Armstrong was elected to the lower branch of the Fourteenth General Assembly, also served in the Constitutional Convention of 1847 and, in 1858, was the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Congress in opposition to Owen Lovejoy. Re-entering the Legislature in 1860 as Representative from La Salle County, he served in that body by successive re-elections until 1868, proving one of its ablest and most influential members, as well as an accomplished parliamentarian. Mr. Armstrong was one of the original promoters of the Kankakee & Seneca Railroad.—**William E. (Armstrong)**, third brother of this family, was born in Licking County, Ohio, Oct. 25, 1814; came to Illinois with the rest of the

family in 1831, and resided in La Salle County until 1841, meanwhile serving two or three terms as Sheriff of the county. The latter year he was appointed one of the Commissioners to locate the county-seat of the newly-organized county of Grundy, finally becoming one of the founders and the first permanent settler of the town of Grundy—later called Morris, in honor of Hon. I. N. Morris, of Quincy, Ill. at that time one of the Commissioners of the Illinois & Michigan Canal. Here Mr. Armstrong was again elected to the office of Sheriff, serving several terms. So extensive was his influence in Grundy County, that he was popularly known as "The Emperor of Grundy." Died, Nov. 1, 1850.—**Joel W. (Armstrong)**, a fourth brother, was born in Licking County, Ohio, Jan. 6, 1817; emigrated in boyhood to La Salle County, Ill.; served one term as County Recorder, was member of the Board of Supervisors for a number of years and the first Postmaster of his town. Died, Dec. 3, 1871.—

**Perry A. (Armstrong)**, the seventh brother of this historic family, was born near Newark, Licking County, Ohio, April 15, 1823, and came to La Salle County, Ill., in 1831. His opportunities for acquiring an education in a new country were limited, but between work on the farm and service as a clerk of his brother George, aided by a short term in an academy and as a teacher in Kendall County, he managed to prepare himself for college, entering Illinois College at Jacksonville in 1843. Owing to failure of health, he was compelled to abandon his plan of obtaining a collegiate education and returned home at the end of his Freshman year, but continued his studies, meanwhile teaching district schools in the winter and working on his mother's farm during the crop season, until 1845, when he located in Morris, Grundy County, opened a general store and was appointed Postmaster. He has been in public position of some sort ever since he reached his majority, including the offices of School Trustee, Postmaster, Justice of the Peace, Supervisor, County Clerk (two terms), Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1862, and two terms as Representative in the General Assembly (1862-64 and 1872-74). During his last session in the General Assembly he took a conspicuous part in the revision of the statutes under the Constitution of 1870, framing some of the most important laws on the statute book, while participating in the preparation of others. At an earlier date it fell to his lot to draw up the original charters of the Chicago & Rock Island, the Illinois Central, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroads. He

has also been prominent in Odd Fellow and Masonic circles, having been Grand Master of the first named order in the State and being the oldest 32d degree Mason in Illinois; was admitted to the State bar in 1864 and to that of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1868, and has been Master in Chancery for over twenty consecutive years. Mr. Armstrong has also found time to do some literary work, as shown by his history of "The Sauks and Black Hawk War," and a number of poems. He takes much pleasure in relating reminiscences of pioneer life in Illinois, one of which is the story of his first trip from Ottawa to Chicago, in December, 1831, when he accompanied his oldest brother (William E. Armstrong) to Chicago with a sled and ox-team for salt to cure their mast-fed pork, the trip requiring ten days. His recollection is, that there were but three white families in Chicago at that time, but a large number of Indians mixed with half-breeds of French and Indian origin.

**ARNOLD, Isaac N.**, lawyer and Congressman, was born near Cooperstown, N. Y., Nov. 30, 1813, being descended from one of the companions of Roger Williams. Thrown upon his own resources at an early age, he was largely "self-made." He read law at Cooperstown, and was admitted to the bar in 1835. The next year he removed to Chicago, was elected the first City Clerk in 1837, but resigned before the close of the year and was admitted to the bar of Illinois in 1841. He soon established a reputation as a lawyer, and served for three terms (the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Twentieth) in the lower house of the Legislature. In 1844 he was a Presidential Elector on the Polk ticket, but the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, with the legislation regarding Kansas and Nebraska, logically forced him, as a free-soiler, into the ranks of the Republican party, by which he was sent to Congress from 1861 to 1865. While in Congress he prepared and delivered an exhaustive argument in support of the right of confiscation by the General Government. After the expiration of his last Congressional term, Mr. Arnold returned to Chicago, where he resided until his death, April 24, 1884. He was of scholarly instincts, fond of literature and an author of repute. Among his best known works are his "Life of Abraham Lincoln" and his "Life of Benedict Arnold."

**ARRINGTON, Alfred W.**, clergyman, lawyer and author, was born in Iredell County, N. C., September, 1810, being the son of a Whig member of Congress from that State. In 1829 he was



received on trial as a Methodist preacher and became a circuit-rider in Indiana; during 1832-33 served as an itinerant in Missouri, gaining much celebrity by his eloquence. In 1834 he began the study of law, and having been admitted to the bar, practiced for several years in Arkansas, where he was sent to the Legislature, and, in 1844, was the Whig candidate for Presidential Elector. Later he removed to Texas, where he served as Judge for six years. In 1856 he removed to Madison, Wis., but a year later came to Chicago, where he attained distinction as a lawyer, dying in that city Dec. 31, 1867. He was an accomplished scholar and gifted writer, having written much for "The Democratic Review" and "The Southern Literary Messenger," over the signature of "Charles Summerfield," and was author of an "Apostrophe to Water," which he put in the mouth of an itinerant Methodist preacher, and which John B. Gough was accustomed to quote with great effect. A volume of his poems with a memoir was published in Chicago in 1869.

**ARROWSMITH**, a village of McLean County, on the Lake Erie & Western Railway, 20 miles east of Bloomington; is in an agricultural and stock region; has one newspaper. Population (1890), 420; (1900), 317.

**ARTHUR**, village in Moultrie and Douglas Counties, at junction of Chicago & Eastern Illinois and Terre Haute & Peoria Division Vandalia Line; is center of broom-corn belt; has two banks, a weekly newspaper. Population (1900), 858; (est. 1904), 1,000.

**ASAY, Edward G.**, lawyer, was born in Philadelphia, Sept. 17, 1825; was educated in private schools and entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church; later spent some time in the South, but in 1853 retired from the ministry and began the study of law, meantime devoting a part of his time to mercantile business in New York City. He was admitted to the bar in 1856, removing the same year to Chicago, where he built up a lucrative practice. He was a brilliant speaker and became eminent, especially as a criminal lawyer. Politically he was a zealous Democrat and was the chief attorney of Buckner S. Morris and others during their trial for conspiracy in connection with the Camp Douglas affair of November, 1864. During 1871-72 he made an extended trip to Europe, occupying some eighteen months, making a second visit in 1882. His later years were spent chiefly on a farm in Ogle County. Died in Chicago, Nov. 24, 1898.

**ASBURY, Henry**, lawyer, was born in Harrison (now Robertson) County, Ky., August 10,

1810; came to Illinois in 1834, making the journey on horseback and finally locating in Quincy, where he soon after began the study of law with the Hon. O. H. Brovning; was admitted to the bar in 1837, being for a time the partner of Col. Edward D. Baker, afterwards United States Senator from Oregon and finally killed at Ball's Bluff in 1862. In 1849 Mr. Asbury was appointed by President Taylor Register of the Quincy Land Office, and, in 1864-65, served by appointment of President Lincoln (who was his close personal friend) as Provost-Marshal of the Quincy district, thereby obtaining the title of "Captain," by which he was widely known among his friends. Later he served for several years as Registrar in Bankruptcy at Quincy, which was his last official position. Originally a Kentucky Whig, Captain Asbury was one of the founders of the Republican party in Illinois, acting in co-operation with Abram Jonas, Archibald Williams, Nehemiah Bushnell, O. H. Browning and others of his immediate neighbors, and with Abraham Lincoln, with whom he was a frequent correspondent at that period. Messrs. Nicolay and Hay, in their Life of Lincoln, award him the credit of having suggested one of the famous questions propounded by Lincoln to Douglas which gave the latter so much trouble during the memorable debates of 1858. In 1886 Captain Asbury removed to Chicago, where he continued to reside until his death, Nov. 19, 1896.

**ASHLAND**, a town in Cass County, at the intersection of the Chicago & Alton and the Baltimore & Ohio South-Western Railroad, 21 miles west-northwest of Springfield and 200 miles southwest of Chicago. It is in the midst of a rich agricultural region, and is an important shipping point for grain and stock. It has a bank, three churches and a weekly newspaper. Coal is mined in the vicinity. Population (1890), 609; (1890), 1,045; (1900), 1,201.

**ASHLEY**, a city of Washington County, at intersection of Illinois Central and Louisville & Nashville Railways, 62 miles east by southeast of St. Louis; is in an agricultural and fruit-growing region; has some manufactures, electric light plant and excellent granitoid sidewalks. Population (1890), 1,035; (1900), 953.

**ASHMORE**, a village of Coles County, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, 9 miles east of Charleston; has a newspaper and considerable local trade. Population (1890), 446; (1900), 487; (1903), 520.

**ASHTON**, a village of Lee County, on the Chicago & North-Western Railroad, 84 miles west of

Chicago; has one newspaper. Population (1880), 646; (1890), 680; (1900), 776.

**ASPINWALL**, Homer F., farmer and legislator, was born in Stephenson County, Ill., Nov. 15, 1846, educated in the Freeport high school, and, in early life, spent two years in a wholesale notion store, later resuming the occupation of a farmer. After holding various local offices, including that of member of the Board of Supervisors of Stephenson County, in 1892 Mr. Aspinwall was elected to the State Senate and re-elected in 1896. Soon after the beginning of the Spanish-American War in 1898, he was appointed by President McKinley Captain and Assistant Quartermaster in the Volunteer Army, but before being assigned to duty accepted the Lieutenant-Colonelcy of the Twelfth Illinois Provisional Regiment. When it became evident that the regiment would not be called into the service, he was assigned to the command of the "Manitola," a large transport steamer, which carried some 12,000 soldiers to Cuba and Porto Rico without a single accident. In view of the approaching session of the Forty-first General Assembly, it being apparent that the war was over, Mr. Aspinwall applied for a discharge, which was refused, a 20-days' leave of absence being granted instead. A discharge was finally granted about the middle of February, when he resumed his seat in the Senate. Mr. Aspinwall owns and operates a large farm near Freeport.

**ASSUMPTION**, a town in Christian County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 23 miles south by west from Decatur and 9 miles north of Pana. It is situated in a rich agricultural and coal mining district, and has two banks, five churches, a public school, two weekly papers and coal mines. Population (1880), 706; (1890), 1,076; (1900), 1,702.

**ASTORIA**, town in Fulton County, on Rock Island & St. Louis Division C., B. & Q. R. R.; has city waterworks, electric light plant, telephone exchange, three large grain elevators, pressed brick works; six churches, two banks, two weekly papers, city hall and park, and good schools; is in a coal region; business portion is built of brick. Pop. (1890), 1,357; (1900), 1,684.

**ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FÉ RAILWAY COMPANY.** This Company operates three subsidiary lines in Illinois—the Chicago, Santa Fé & California, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé in Chicago, and the Mississippi River Railroad & Toll Bridge, which are operated as a through line between Chicago and Kansas City, with a branch from Ancona to Pekin, Ill., having an aggregate operated mileage of 515 miles, of

which 295 are in Illinois. The total earnings and income for the year ending June 30, 1895, were \$1,298,600, while the operating expenses and fixed charges amounted to \$2,360,706. The accumulated deficit on the whole line amounted, June 30, 1894, to more than \$4,500,000. The total capitalization of the whole line in 1895 was \$52,775,251. The parent road was chartered in 1859 under the name of the Atchison & Topeka Railroad; but in 1863 was changed to the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad. The construction of the main line was begun in 1859 and completed in 1873. The largest number of miles operated was in 1893, being 7,481.65. January 1, 1896, the road was reorganized under the name of The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railway Company (its present name), which succeeded by purchase under foreclosure (Dec. 10, 1895) to the property and franchises of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad Company. Its mileage, in 1895, was 6,481.65 miles. The executive and general officers of the system (1898) are:

Aldace F. Walker, Chairman of the Board, New York; E. P. Ripley, President, Chicago; C. M. Higginson, Ass't to the President, Chicago; E. D. Kenna, 1st Vice-President and General Solicitor, Chicago; Paul Morton, 2d Vice-President, Chicago; E. Wilder, Secretary and Treasurer, Topeka; L. C. Deming, Assistant Secretary, New York; H. W. Gardner, Assistant Treasurer, New York; Victor Morawetz, General Counsel, New York; Jno. P. Whitehead, Comptroller, New York; H. C. Whitehead, General Auditor, Chicago; W. B. Biddle, Freight Traffic Manager, Chicago; J. J. Frey, General Manager, Topeka; H. W. Mudge, General Superintendent, Topeka; W. A. Bissell, Assistant Freight Traffic Manager, Chicago; W. F. White, Passenger Traffic Manager, Chicago; Geo. T. Nicholson, Assistant Passenger Traffic Manager, Chicago; W. E. Hodges, General Purchasing Agent, Chicago; James A. Davis, Industrial Commissioner, Chicago; James Dun, Chief Engineer, Topeka, Kan.; John Player, Superintendent of Machinery, Topeka, Kan.; C. W. Kouns, Superintendent Car Service, Topeka, Kan.; J. S. Hobson, Signal Engineer, Topeka; C. G. Sholes, Superintendent of Telegraph, Topeka, Kan.; C. W. Ryus, General Claim Agent, Topeka; F. C. Gay, General Freight Agent, Topeka; C. R. Hudson, Assistant General Freight Agent, Topeka; W. J. Black, General Passenger Agent, Chicago; P. Walsh, General Baggage Agent, Chicago.

**ATHENS**, an incorporated city and coal-mining town in Menard County, on the Chicago, Peoria

& St. Louis R. R., north by northwest of Springfield. It is also the center of a prosperous agricultural and stock-raising district, and large numbers of cattle are shipped there for the Chicago market. The place has an electric lighting plant, brickyards, two machine shops, two grain elevators, five churches, one newspaper, and good schools. Athens is one of the oldest towns in Central Illinois. Pop. (1890), 944; (1900), 1,535.

**ATKINS, Smith D.**, soldier and journalist, was born near Elmira, N. Y., June 9, 1836; came with his father to Illinois in 1846, and lived on a farm till 1850; was educated at Rock River Seminary, Mount Morris, meanwhile learning the printer's trade, and afterwards established "The Savanna Register" in Carroll County. In 1854 he began the study of law, and in 1860, while practicing at Freeport, was elected Prosecuting Attorney, but resigned in 1861, being the first man to enlist as a private soldier in Stephenson County. He served as a Captain of the Eleventh Illinois Volunteers (three-months' men), re-enlisted with the same rank for three years and took part in the capture of Fort Donelson and the battle of Shiloh, serving at the latter on the staff of General Hurlbut. Forced to retire temporarily on account of his health, he next engaged in raising volunteers in Northern Illinois, was finally commissioned Colonel of the Ninety-second Illinois, and, in June, 1863, was assigned to command of a brigade in the Army of Kentucky, later serving in the Army of the Cumberland. On the organization of Sherman's great "March to the Sea," he efficiently coöperated in it, was brevetted Brigadier-General for gallantry at Savannah, and at the close of the war, by special order of President Lincoln, was brevetted Major-General. Since the war, General Atkins' chief occupation has been that of editor of "The Freeport Journal," though, for nearly twenty-four years, he served as Postmaster of that city. He took a prominent part in the erection of the Stephenson County Soldiers' Monument at Freeport, has been President of the Freeport Public Library since its organization, member of the Board of Education, and since 1895, by appointment of the Governor of Illinois, one of the Illinois Commissioners of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga Military Park.

**ATKINSON**, village of Henry County, on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, 39 miles east of Rock Island; has an electric light plant, a bank and a newspaper. Pop. (1890), 534; (1900), 762.

**ATLANTA**, a city of Logan County, on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, 20 miles southwest of Bloomington. It stands on a high, fertile prairie

and the surrounding region is rich in coal, as well as a productive agricultural and stock-raising district. It has a water-works system, electric light plant, five churches, a graded school, a weekly paper, two banks, a flouring mill, and is the headquarters of the Union Agricultural Society established in 1860. Population (1900), 1,270.

**ATLAS**, a hamlet in the southwestern part of Pike County, 10 miles southwest of Pittsfield and three miles from Rockport, the nearest station on the Quincy & Louisiana Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Atlas has an interesting history. It was settled by Col. William Ross and four brothers, who came here from Pittsfield, Mass., in the latter part of 1819, or early in 1820, making there the first settlement within the present limits of Pike County. The town was laid out by the Rosses in 1823, and the next year the county-seat was removed thither from Coles Grove—now in Calhoun County—but which had been the first county-seat of Pike County, when it comprised all the territory lying north and west of the Illinois River to the Mississippi River and the Wisconsin State line. Atlas remained the county-seat until 1833, when the seat of justice was removed to Pittsfield. During a part of that time it was one of the most important points in the western part of the State, and was, for a time, a rival of Quincy. It now has only a postoffice and general store. The population, according to the census of 1890, was 52.

**ATTORNEYS-GENERAL.** The following is a list of the Attorneys-General of Illinois under the Territorial and State Governments, down to the present time (1899), with the date and duration of the term of each incumbent:

**TERRITORIAL**—Benjamin H. Doyle, July to December, 1809; John J. Crittenden, Dec. 30 to April, 1810; Thomas T. Crittenden, April to October, 1810; Benj. M. Piatt, October, 1810-13; William Mears, 1813-18.

**STATE**—Daniel Pope Cook, March 5 to Dec. 14, 1819; William Mears, 1819-21; Samuel D. Lockwood, 1821-23; James Turney, 1823-29; George Forquer, 1829-33; James Semple, 1833-34; Ninian W. Edwards, 1834-35; Jesse B. Thomas, Jr., 1835-36; Walter B. Scates, 1836-37; Usher F. Linder, 1837-38; George W. Olney, 1838-39; Wickliffe Kitchell, 1839-40; Josiah Lamborn, 1840-43; James Allen McDougal, 1843-46; David B. Campbell, 1846-48.

The Constitution of 1848 made no provision for the continuance of the office, and for nineteen years it remained vacant. It was re-created,



however, by legislative enactment in 1867, and on Feb. 28 of that year Governor Oglesby appointed Robert G. Ingersoll, of Peoria, to discharge the duties of the position, which he continued to do until 1869. Subsequent incumbents of the office have been: Washington Bushnell, 1869-73; James K. Edsall, 1873-81; James McCartney, 1881-85; George Hunt, 1885-93; M. T. Moloney, 1893-97; Edward C. Akin, 1897 —. Under the first Constitution (1818) the office of Attorney-General was filled by appointment by the Legislature; under the Constitution of 1848, as already stated, it ceased to exist until created by act of the Legislature of 1867, but, in 1870, it was made a constitutional office to be filled by popular election for a term of four years.

**ATWOOD**, a village lying partly in Piatt and partly in Douglas County, on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton R. R., 27 miles east of Decatur. The region is agricultural and fruit-growing; the town has two banks, an excellent school and a newspaper. Pop. (1890), 530; (1900), 698.

**ATWOOD, Charles B.**, architect, was born at Millbury, Mass., May 18, 1849; at 17 began a full course in architecture at Harvard Scientific School, and, after graduation, received prizes for public buildings at San Francisco, Hartford and a number of other cities, besides furnishing designs for some of the finest private residences in the country. He was associated with D. H. Burnham in preparing plans for the Columbian Exposition buildings, at Chicago, for the World's Fair of 1893, and distinguished himself by producing plans for the "Art Building," the "Peristyle," the "Terminal Station" and other prominent structures. Died, in the midst of his highest successes as an architect, at Chicago, Dec. 19, 1895.

**AUBURN**, a village, of Sangamon County, on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, 15 miles south of Springfield; has some manufactories of flour and farm implements, besides tile and brick works, two coal mines, electric light plant, two banks, several churches, a graded school and a weekly newspaper. Pop. (1890), 874; (1900), 1,281.

**AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.** The Auditors of Public Accounts under the Territorial Government were H. H. Maxwell, 1812-16; Daniel P. Cook, 1816-17; Robert Blackwell, (April to August), 1817; Elijah C. Berry, 1817-18. Under the Constitution of 1818 the Auditor of Public Accounts was made appointive by the legislature, without limitation of term; but by the Constitutions of 1848 and 1870 the office was made elective by the people for a term of four years.

The following is a list of the State Auditors from the date of the admission of the State into the Union down to the present time (1899), with the date and duration of the term of each: Elijah C. Berry, 1818-31; James T. B. Stapp, 1831-35; Levi Davis, 1835-41; James Shields, 1841-43; William Lee D. Ewing, 1843-46; Thomas H. Campbell, 1846-57; Jesse K. Dubois, 1857-64; Orlin H. Miner, 1864-69; Charles E. Lippincott, 1869-77; Thomas B. Needles, 1877-81; Charles P. Swigert, 1881-89; C. W. Pavey, 1889-93; David Gore, 1893-97; James S. McCullough, 1897 —.

**AUGUSTA**, a village in Augusta township, Hancock County, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 36 miles northeast of Quincy. Wagons and brick are the principal manufactures. The town has one newspaper, two banks, three churches and a graded school. The surrounding country is a fertile agricultural region and abounds in a good quality of bituminous coal. Fine qualities of potter's clay and mineral paint are obtained here. Population (1890), 1,077; (1900), 1,149.

**AUGUSTANA COLLEGE**, an educational institution controlled by the Evangelical Lutheran denomination, located at Rock Island and founded in 1863. Besides preparatory and collegiate departments, a theological school is connected with the institution. To the two first named, young women are admitted on an equality with men. More than 500 students were reported in attendance in 1896, about one-fourth being women. A majority of the latter were in the preparatory (or academic) department. The college is not endowed, but owns property (real and personal) to the value of \$250,000. It has a library of 12,000 volumes.

**AURORA**, a city and important railroad center, Kane County, on Fox River, 39 miles southwest of Chicago; is location of principal shops of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R., has fine water-power and many successful manufactories, including extensive boiler works, iron foundries, cotton and woolen mills, flour mills, silver-plating works, corset, sash and door and carriage factories, stove and smelting works, establishments for turning out road-scrappers, buggy tops, and wood-working machinery. The city owns water-works and electric light plant; has six banks, four daily and several weekly papers, some twenty-five churches, excellent schools and handsome public library building; is connected by interurban electric lines with the principal towns and villages in the Fox River valley. Population (1890), 19,688; (1900), 24,147.

**AUSTIN**, a suburb of Chicago, in Cook County. It is accessible from that city by either the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, or by street railway lines. A weekly newspaper is issued, a graded school is supported (including a high school department) and there are numerous churches, representing the various religious denominations. Population (1880), 1,359; (1890), 4,031. Annexed to City of Chicago, 1899.

**AUSTIN COLLEGE**, a mixed school at Effingham, Ill., founded in 1890. It has eleven teachers and reports a total of 312 pupils for 1897-98—162 males and 150 females. It has a library of 2,000 volumes and reports property valued at \$37,000.

**AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**, a form of ballot for popular elections, thus named because it was first brought into use in Australia. It was adopted by act of the Legislature of Illinois in 1891, and is applicable to the election of all public officers except Trustees of Schools, School Directors, members of Boards of Education and officers of road districts in counties not under township organization. Under it, all ballots for the election of officers (except those just enumerated) are required to be printed and distributed to the election officers for use on the day of election, at public cost. These ballots contain the names, on the same sheet, of all candidates to be voted for at such election, such names having been formally certified previously to the Secretary of State (in the case of candidates for offices to be voted for by electors of the entire State or any district greater than a single county) or to the County Clerk (as to all others), by the presiding officer and secretary of the convention or caucus making such nominations, when the party represented cast at least two per cent of the aggregate vote of the State or district at the preceding general election. Other names may be added to the ballot on the petition of a specified number of the legal voters under certain prescribed conditions named in the act. The duly registered voter, on presenting himself at the poll, is given a copy of the official ticket by one of the judges of election, upon which he proceeds to indicate his preference in a temporary booth or closet set apart for his use, by making a cross at the head of the column of candidates for whom he wishes to vote, if he desires to vote for all of the candidates of the same party, or by a similar mark before the name of each individual for whom he wishes to vote, in case he desires to distribute his support among the candidates of different parties. The object of the law is to secure for the voter secrecy of the ballot, with independence and freedom from dic-

tation or interference by others in the exercise of his right of suffrage.

**AVA**, a town in Jackson County (incorporated as a city, 1901), on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad (Cairo & St. Louis Division), 75 miles south-southeast from St. Louis. It has two banks and two newspapers. Pop. (1890), 807; (1900), 984.

**AVON**, village of Fulton County, on C., B & Q. R. R., 20 miles south of Galesburg; has drain-pipe works, two factories for manufacture of steam- and hot-water heaters, two banks and two newspapers; agricultural fair held here annually. Population (1900), 809; (1904, est.), 1,000.

**AYER**, Benjamin F., lawyer, was born in Kingston, N. H., April 22, 1825, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1846, studied law at Dane Law School (Harvard University), was admitted to the bar and began practice at Manchester, N. H. After serving one term in the New Hampshire Legislature, and as Prosecuting Attorney for Hillsborough County, in 1857 he came to Chicago, soon advancing to the front rank of lawyers then in practice there; became Corporation Counsel in 1861, and, two years later, drafted the revised city charter. After the close of his official career, he was a member for eight years of the law firm of Beckwith, Ayer & Kales, and afterwards of the firm of Ayer & Kales, until, retiring from general practice, Mr. Ayer became Solicitor of the Illinois Central Railroad, then a Director of the Company, and is at present its General Counsel and a potent factor in its management.

**AYERS**, Marshall Paul, banker, Jacksonville, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 27, 1823; came to Jacksonville, Ill., with his parents, in 1830, and was educated there, graduating from Illinois College, in 1843, as the classmate of Dr. Newton Bateman, afterwards President of Knox College at Galesburg, and Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, now of Elmira, N. Y. After leaving college he became the partner of his father (David B. Ayers) as agent of Mr. John Grigg, of Philadelphia, who was the owner of a large body of Illinois lands. His father dying in 1850, Mr. Ayers succeeded to the management of the business, about 75,000 acres of Mr. Grigg's unsold lands coming under his charge. In December, 1852, with the assistance of Messrs. Page & Bacon, bankers, of St. Louis, he opened the first bank in Jacksonville, for the sale of exchange, but which finally grew into a bank of deposit and has been continued ever since, being recognized as one of the most solid institutions in Central Illinois. In 1870-71, aided by Philadelphia and New York capitalists, he built the "Illinois Farmers' Rail-

road" between Jacksonville and Waverly, afterwards extended to Virden and finally to Centralia and Mount Vernon. This was the nucleus of the Jacksonville Southeastern Railway, though Mr. Ayers has had no connection with it for several years. Other business enterprises with which he has been connected are the Jacksonville Gas Company (now including an electric light and power plant), of which he has been President for forty years; the "Home Woolen Mills" (early wiped out by fire), sugar and paper-barrel manufacture, coal-mining, etc. About 1877 he purchased a body of 23,600 acres of land in Champaign County, known as "Broadlands," from John T. Alexander, an extensive cattle-dealer, who had become heavily involved during the years of financial revulsion. As a result of this transaction, Mr. Alexander's debts, which aggregated \$1,000,000, were discharged within the next two years. Mr. Ayers has been an earnest Republican since the organization of that party and, during the war, rendered valuable service in assisting to raise funds for the support of the operations of the Christian Commission in the field. He has also been active in Sunday School, benevolent and educational work, having been, for twenty years, a Trustee of Illinois College, of which he has been an ardent friend. In 1846 he was married to Miss Laura Allen, daughter of Rev. John Allen, D. D., of Huntsville, Ala., and is the father of four sons and four daughters, all living.

**BABCOCK, Amos C.**, was born at Penn Yan, N. Y., Jan. 20, 1828, the son of a member of Congress from that State; at the age of 18, having lost his father by death, came West, and soon after engaged in mercantile business in partnership with a brother at Canton, Ill. In 1854 he was elected by a majority of one vote, as an Anti-Nebraska Whig, to the lower branch of the Nineteenth General Assembly, and, in the following session, took part in the election of United States Senator which resulted in the choice of Lyman Trumbull. Although a personal and political friend of Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Babcock, as a matter of policy, cast his vote for his townsman, William Kellogg, afterwards Congressman from that district, until it was apparent that a concentration of the Anti-Nebraska vote on Trumbull was necessary to defeat the election of a Democrat. In 1862 he was appointed by President Lincoln the first Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Fourth District, and, in 1863, was commissioned by Governor Yates Colonel of the One Hundred and Third Illinois Volunteers, but soon resigned. Colonel Babcock served as Delegate-at-large in

the Republican National Convention of 1868, which nominated General Grant for the Presidency, and the same year was made Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, also conducting the campaign two years later. He identified himself with the Greeley movement in 1872, but, in 1876, was again in line with his party and restored to his old position on the State Central Committee, serving until 1878. Among business enterprises with which he was connected was the extension, about 1854, of the Buda branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad from Yates City to Canton, and the erection of the State Capitol at Austin, Tex., which was undertaken, in conjunction with Abner Taylor and J. V. and C. B. Farwell, about 1881 and completed in 1888, for which the firm received over 3,000,000 acres of State lands in the "Pan Handle" portion of Texas. In 1889 Colonel Babcock took up his residence in Chicago, which continued to be his home until his death from apoplexy, Feb. 25, 1899.

**BABCOCK, Andrew J.**, soldier, was born at Dorchester, Norfolk County, Mass., July 19, 1830; began life as a coppersmith at Lowell; in 1851 went to Concord, N. H., and, in 1856, removed to Springfield, Ill., where, in 1859, he joined a military company called the Springfield Greys, commanded by Capt. (afterwards Gen.) John Cook, of which he was First Lieutenant. This company became the nucleus of Company I, Seventh Illinois Volunteers, which enlisted on Mr. Lincoln's first call for troops in April, 1861. Captain Cook having been elected Colonel, Babcock succeeded him as Captain, on the re-enlistment of the regiment in July following becoming Lieutenant-Colonel, and, in March, 1862, being promoted to the Colonelcy "for gallant and meritorious service rendered at Fort Donelson." A year later he was compelled to resign on account of impaired health. His home is at Springfield.

**BACON, George E.**, lawyer and legislator, born at Madison, Ind., Feb. 4, 1851; was brought to Illinois by his parents at three years of age, and, in 1876, located at Paris, Edgar County; in 1879 was admitted to the bar and held various minor offices, including one term as State's Attorney. In 1886 he was elected as a Republican to the State Senate and re-elected four years later, but finally removed to Aurora, where he died, July 6, 1896. Mr. Bacon was a man of recognized ability, as shown by the fact that, after the death of Senator John A. Logan, he was selected by his colleagues of the Senate to pronounce the eulogy on the deceased statesman.

**BAGBY, John C.**, jurist and Congressman, was born at Glasgow, Ky., Jan. 24, 1819. After passing through the common schools of Barren County, Ky., he studied civil engineering at Bacon College, graduating in 1840. Later he read law and was admitted to the bar in 1845. In 1846 he commenced practice at Rushville, Ill., confining himself exclusively to professional work until nominated and elected to Congress in 1874, by the Democrats of the (old) Tenth District. In 1885 he was elected to the Circuit Bench for the Sixth Circuit. Died, April 4, 1896.

**BAILEY, Joseph Mead**, legislator and jurist, was born at Middlebury, Wyoming County, N. Y., June 23, 1833, graduated from Rochester (N. Y.) University in 1854, and was admitted to the bar in that city in 1855. In August, 1856, he removed to Freeport, Ill., where he soon built up a profitable practice. In 1866 he was elected a Representative in the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, being re-elected in 1868. Here he was especially prominent in securing restrictive legislation concerning railroads. In 1876 he was chosen a Presidential Elector for his district on the Republican ticket. In 1877 he was elected a Judge of the Thirteenth judicial district, and re-elected in 1879 and in 1885. In January, 1878, and again in June, 1879, he was assigned to the bench of the Appellate Court, being presiding Justice from June, 1879, to June, 1880, and from June, 1881, to June, 1882. In 1879 he received the degree of LL.D. from the Universities of Rochester and Chicago. In 1888 he was elected to the bench of the Supreme Court. Died in office, Oct. 16, 1895.

**BAILHACHE, John**, pioneer journalist, was born in the Island of Jersey, May 8, 1787; after gaining the rudiments of an education in his mother tongue (the French), he acquired a knowledge of English and some proficiency in Greek and Latin in an academy near his paternal home, when he spent five years as a printer's apprentice. In 1810 he came to the United States, first locating at Cambridge, Ohio, but, in 1812, purchased a half interest in "The Fredonian" at Chillicothe (then the State Capital), soon after becoming sole owner. In 1815 he purchased "The Scioto Gazette" and consolidated the two papers under the name of "The Scioto Gazette and Fredonian Chronicle." Here he remained until 1828, meantime engaging temporarily in the banking business, also serving one term in the Legislature (1820), and being elected Associate Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for Ross County. In 1828 he removed to Columbus, assuming charge

of "The Ohio State Journal," served one term as Mayor of the city, and for three consecutive years was State Printer. Selling out "The Journal" in 1836, he came west, the next year becoming part owner, and finally sole proprietor, of "The Telegraph" at Alton, Ill., which he conducted alone or in association with various partners until 1854, when he retired, giving his attention to the book and job branch of the business. He served as Representative from Madison County in the Thirteenth General Assembly (1842-44). As a man and a journalist Judge Bailhache commanded the highest respect, and did much to elevate the standard of journalism in Illinois, "The Telegraph," during the period of his connection with it, being one of the leading papers of the State. His death occurred at Alton, Sept. 3, 1857, as the result of injuries received the day previous, by being thrown from a carriage in which he was riding.—**Maj. William Henry** (Bailhache), son of the preceding, was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, August 14, 1826, removed with his father to Alton, Ill., in 1836, was educated at Shurtleff College, and learned the printing trade in the office of "The Telegraph," under the direction of his father, afterwards being associated with the business department. In 1855, in partnership with Edward L. Baker, he became one of the proprietors and business manager of "The State Journal" at Springfield. During the Civil War he received from President Lincoln the appointment of Captain and Assistant Quartermaster, serving to its close and receiving the brevet rank of Major. After the war he returned to journalism and was associated at different times with "The State Journal" and "The Quincy Whig," as business manager of each, but retired in 1873; in 1881 was appointed by President Arthur, Receiver of Public Moneys at Santa Fe, N. M., remaining four years. He is now (1899) a resident of San Diego, Cal., where he has been engaged in newspaper work, and, under the administration of President McKinley, has been a Special Agent of the Treasury Department.—**Preston Heath** (Bailhache), another son, was born in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 21, 1835, served as a Surgeon during the Civil War, later became a Surgeon in the regular army and has held positions in marine hospitals at Baltimore, Washington and New York, and has visited Europe in the interest of sanitary and hospital service. At present (1899) he occupies a prominent position at the headquarters of the United States Marine Hospital Service in Washington.—**Arthur Lee** (Bailhache), a third son, born at Alton, Ill., April



12, 1839; at the beginning of the Civil War was employed in the State commissary service at Camp Yates and Cairo, became Adjutant of the Thirty-eighth Illinois Volunteers, and died at Pilot Knob, Mo., Jan. 9, 1862, as the result of disease and exposure in the service.

**BAKER, David Jewett**, lawyer and United States Senator, was born at East Haddam, Conn., Sept. 7, 1792. His family removed to New York in 1800, where he worked on a farm during boyhood, but graduated from Hamilton College in 1816, and three years later was admitted to the bar. In 1819 he came to Illinois and began practice at Kaskaskia, where he attained prominence in his profession and was made Probate Judge of Randolph County. His opposition to the introduction of slavery into the State was so aggressive that his life was frequently threatened. In 1830 Governor Edwards appointed him United States Senator, to fill the unexpired term of Senator McLean, but he served only one month when he was succeeded by John M. Robinson, who was elected by the Legislature. He was United States District Attorney from 1833 to 1841 (the State then constituting but one district), and thereafter resumed private practice. Died at Alton, August 6, 1869.

—**Henry Southard** (Baker), son of the preceding, was born at Kaskaskia, Ill., Nov. 10, 1824, received his preparatory education at Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, and, in 1843, entered Brown University, R. I., graduating therefrom in 1847; was admitted to the bar in 1849, beginning practice at Alton, the home of his father, Hon. David J. Baker. In 1854 he was elected as an Anti-Nebraska candidate to the lower branch of the Nineteenth General Assembly, and, at the subsequent session of the General Assembly, was one of the five Anti-Nebraska members whose uncompromising fidelity to Hon. Lyman Trumbull resulted in the election of the latter to the United States Senate for the first time—the others being his colleague, Dr. George T. Allen of the House, and Hon. John M. Palmer, afterwards United States Senator, Burton C. Cook and Norman B. Judd in the Senate. He served as one of the Secretaries of the Republican State Convention held at Bloomington in May, 1856, was a Republican Presidential Elector in 1864, and, in 1865, became Judge of the Alton City Court, serving until 1881. In 1876 he presided over the Republican State Convention, served as delegate to the Republican National Convention of the same year and was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in opposition to William R. Morrison.

Judge Baker was the orator selected to deliver the address on occasion of the unveiling of the statue of Lieut.-Gov. Pierre Menard, on the capitol grounds at Springfield, in January, 1888. About 1888 he retired from practice, dying at Alton, March 5, 1897. — **Edward L. (Baker)**, second son of David Jewett Baker, was born at Kaskaskia, Ill., June 3, 1829; graduated at Shurtleff College in 1847; read law with his father two years, after which he entered Harvard Law School and was admitted to the bar at Springfield in 1855. Previous to this date Mr. Baker had become associated with William H. Bailhache, in the management of "The Alton Daily Telegraph," and, in July, 1855, they purchased "The Illinois State Journal," at Springfield, of which Mr. Baker assumed the editorship, remaining until 1874. In 1869 he was appointed United States Assessor for the Eighth District, serving until the abolition of the office. In 1873 he received the appointment from President Grant of Consul to Buenos Ayres, South America, and, assuming the duties of the office in 1874, remained there for twenty-three years, proving himself one of the most capable and efficient officers in the consular service. On the evening of the 20th of June, 1897, when Mr. Baker was about to enter a railway train already in motion at the station in the city of Buenos Ayres, he fell under the cars, receiving injuries which necessitated the amputation of his right arm, finally resulting in his death in the hospital at Buenos Ayres, July 8, following. His remains were brought home at the Government expense and interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery, at Springfield, where a monument has since been erected in his honor, bearing a tablet contributed by citizens of Buenos Ayres and foreign representatives in that city expressive of their respect for his memory. — **David Jewett (Baker), Jr.**, a third son of David Jewett Baker, Sr., was born at Kaskaskia, Nov. 20, 1834; graduated from Shurtleff College in 1854, and was admitted to the bar in 1856. In November of that year he removed to Cairo and began practice. He was Mayor of that city in 1864-65, and, in 1869, was elected to the bench of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. The Legislature of 1873 (by Act of March 28) having divided the State into twenty-six circuits, he was elected Judge of the Twenty-sixth, on June 2, 1873. In August, 1878, he resigned to accept an appointment on the Supreme Bench as successor to Judge Breese, deceased, but at the close of his term on the Supreme Bench (1879), was re-elected Circuit Judge, and again in 1885. During this period he

served for several years on the Appellate Bench. In 1888 he retired from the Circuit Bench by resignation and was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court for a term of nine years. Again, in 1897, he was a candidate for re-election, but was defeated by Carroll C. Boggs. Soon after retiring from the Supreme Bench he removed to Chicago and engaged in general practice, in partnership with his son, John W. Baker. He fell dead almost instantly in his office, March 13, 1899. In all, Judge Baker had spent some thirty years almost continuously on the bench, and had attained eminent distinction both as a lawyer and a jurist.

**BAKER, Edward Dickinson**, soldier and United States Senator, was born in London, Eng., Feb. 24, 1811; emigrated to Illinois while yet in his minority, first locating at Belleville, afterwards removing to Carrollton and finally to Sangamon County, the last of which he represented in the lower house of the Tenth General Assembly, and as State Senator in the Twelfth and Thirteenth. He was elected to Congress as a Whig from the Springfield District, but resigned in December, 1846, to accept the colonelcy of the Fourth Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, in the Mexican War, and succeeded General Shields in command of the brigade, when the latter was wounded at Cerro Gordo. In 1848 he was elected to Congress from the Galena District; was also identified with the construction of the Panama Railroad; went to San Francisco in 1852, but later removed to Oregon, where he was elected to the United States Senate in 1860. In 1861 he resigned the Senatorship to enter the Union army, commanding a brigade at the battle of Ball's Bluff, where he was killed, October 21, 1861.

**BAKER, Jehn**, lawyer and Congressman, was born in Fayette County, Ky., Nov. 4, 1822. At an early age he removed to Illinois, making his home in Belleville, St. Clair County. He received his early education in the common schools and at McKendree College. Although he did not graduate from the latter institution, he received therefrom the honorary degree of A. M. in 1858, and that of LL. D. in 1882. For a time he studied medicine, but abandoned it for the study of law. From 1861 to 1865 he was Master in Chancery for St. Clair County. From 1865 to 1869 he represented the Belleville District as a Republican in Congress. From 1876 to 1881 and from 1882 to 1885 he was Minister Resident in Venezuela, during the latter portion of his term of service acting also as Consul-General. Returning home, he was again elected to Congress (1886)

from the Eighteenth District, but was defeated for re-election, in 1888, by William S. Forman, Democrat. Again, in 1896, having identified himself with the Free Silver Democracy and People's Party, he was elected to Congress from the Twentieth District over Everett J. Murphy, the Republican nominee, serving until March 3, 1899. He is the author of an annotated edition of Montesquieu's "Grandeur and Decadence of the Romans."

**BALDWIN, Elmer**, agriculturist and legislator, was born in Litchfield County, Conn., March 8, 1806; at 16 years of age began teaching a country school, continuing this occupation for several years during the winter months, while working on his father's farm in the summer. He then started a store at New Milford, which he managed for three years, when he sold out on account of his health and began farming. In 1833 he came west and purchased a considerable tract of Government land in La Salle County, where the village of Farm Ridge is now situated, removing thither with his family the following year. He served as Justice of the Peace for fourteen consecutive terms, as Postmaster twenty years and as a member of the Board of Supervisors of La Salle County six years. In 1856 he was elected as a Republican to the House of Representatives, was re-elected to the same office in 1866, and to the State Senate in 1872, serving two years. He was also appointed, in 1869, a member of the first Board of Public Charities, serving as President of the Board. Mr. Baldwin is author of a "History of La Salle County," which contains much local and biographical history. Died, Nov. 18, 1895.

**BALDWIN, Theron**, clergyman and educator, was born in Goshen, Conn., July 21, 1801; graduated at Yale College in 1827; after two years' study in the theological school there, was ordained a home missionary in 1829, becoming one of the celebrated "Yale College Band," or "Western College Society," of which he was Corresponding Secretary during most of his life. He was settled as a Congregationalist minister at Vandalia for two years, and was active in procuring the charter of Illinois College at Jacksonville, of which he was a Trustee from its organization to his death. He served for a number of years, from 1831, as Agent of the Home Missionary Society for Illinois, and, in 1838, became the first Principal of Monticello Female Seminary, near Alton, which he conducted five years. Died at Orange, N. J., April 10, 1870.

**BALLARD**, Addison, merchant, was born of Quaker parentage in Warren County, Ohio, November, 1822. He located at La Porte, Ind., about 1841, where he learned and pursued the carpenter's trade; in 1849 went to California, remaining two years, when he returned to La Porte; in 1853 removed to Chicago and embarked in the lumber trade, which he prosecuted until 1887, retiring with a competency. Mr. Ballard served several years as one of the Commissioners of Cook County, and, from 1876 to 1882, as Alderman of the City of Chicago, and again in the latter office, 1894-96.

**BALTES**, Peter Joseph, Roman Catholic Bishop of Alton, was born at Ennheim, Rhenish Bavaria, April 7, 1827; was educated at the colleges of the Holy Cross, at Worcester, Mass., and of St. Ignatius, at Chicago, and at Laval University, Montreal, and was ordained a priest in 1853, and consecrated Bishop in 1870. His diocesan administration was successful, but regarded by his priests as somewhat arbitrary. He wrote numerous pastoral letters and brochures for the guidance of clergy and laity. His most important literary work was entitled "Pastoral Instruction," first edition, N. Y., 1875; second edition (revised and enlarged), 1880. Died at Alton, Feb. 15, 1886.

**BALTIMORE & OHIO SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY.** This road (constituting a part of the Baltimore & Ohio system) is made up of two principal divisions, the first extending across the State from East St. Louis to Belpre, Ohio, and the second (known as the Springfield Division) extending from Beardstown to Shawneetown. The total mileage of the former (or main line) is 537 miles, of which 147½ are in Illinois, and of the latter (wholly within Illinois) 238 miles. The main line (originally known as the Ohio & Mississippi Railway) was chartered in Indiana in 1848, in Ohio in 1849, and in Illinois in 1851. It was constructed by two companies, the section from Cincinnati to the Indiana and Illinois State line being known as the Eastern Division, and that in Illinois as the Western Division, the gauge, as originally built, being six feet, but reduced in 1871 to standard. The banking firm of Page & Bacon, of St. Louis and San Francisco, were the principal financial backers of the enterprise. The line was completed and opened for traffic, May 1, 1857. The following year the road became financially embarrassed; the Eastern Division was placed in the hands of a receiver in 1860, while the Western Division was sold under foreclosure, in 1862, and reorganized as the Ohio & Mississippi Railway under act of the Illinois

Legislature passed in February, 1861. The Eastern Division was sold in January, 1867; and, in November of the same year, the two divisions were consolidated under the title of the Ohio & Mississippi Railway.—The Springfield Division was the result of the consolidation, in December, 1869, of the Pana, Springfield & Northwestern and the Illinois & Southeastern Railroad—each having been chartered in 1867—the new corporation taking the name of the Springfield & Illinois Southeastern Railroad, under which name the road was built and opened in March, 1871. In 1873, it was placed in the hands of receivers; in 1874 was sold under foreclosure, and, on March 1, 1875, passed into the hands of the Ohio & Mississippi Railway Company. In November, 1876, the road was again placed in the hands of a receiver, but was restored to the Company in 1884.—In November, 1893, the Ohio & Mississippi was consolidated with the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, which was the successor of the Cincinnati, Washington & Baltimore Railroad, the reorganized Company taking the name of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway Company. The total capitalization of the road, as organized in 1898, was \$84,770,531. Several branches of the main line in Indiana and Ohio go to increase the aggregate mileage, but being wholly outside of Illinois are not taken into account in this statement.

**BALTIMORE & OHIO & CHICAGO RAILROAD**, part of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad System, of which only 8.21 out of 265 miles are in Illinois. The principal object of the company's incorporation was to secure entrance for the Baltimore & Ohio into Chicago. The capital stock outstanding exceeds \$1,500,000. The total capital (including stock, funded and floating debt) is \$20,329,166 or \$76,728 per mile. The gross earnings for the year ending June 30, 1898, were \$3,383,016 and the operating expenses \$2,493,452. The income and earnings for the portion of the line in Illinois for the same period were \$209,208 and the expenses \$208,096.

**BANGS**, Mark, lawyer, was born in Franklin County, Mass., Jan. 9, 1822; spent his boyhood on a farm in Western New York, and, after a year in an institution at Rochester, came to Chicago in 1844, later spending two years in farm work and teaching in Central Illinois. Returning east in 1847, he engaged in teaching for two years at Springfield, Mass., then spent a year in a dry goods store at Lacon, Ill., meanwhile prosecuting his legal studies. In 1851 he began practice, was elected a Judge



of the Circuit Court in 1859; served one session as State Senator (1870-72); in 1873 was appointed Circuit Judge to fill the unexpired term of Judge Richmond, deceased, and, in 1875, was appointed by President Grant United States District Attorney for the Northern District, remaining in office four years. Judge Bangs was also a member of the first Anti-Nebraska State Convention of Illinois, held at Springfield in 1854; in 1862 presided over the Congressional Convention which nominated Owen Lovejoy for Congress for the first time; was one of the charter members of the "Union League of America," serving as its President, and, in 1868, was a delegate to the National Convention which nominated General Grant for President for the first time. After retiring from the office of District Attorney in 1879, he removed to Chicago, where he is still (1898) engaged in the practice of his profession.

**BANKSON, Andrew**, pioneer and early legislator, a native of Tennessee, settled on Silver Creek, in St. Clair County, Ill., four miles south of Lebanon, about 1808 or 1810, and subsequently removed to Washington County. He was a Colonel of "Rangers" during the War of 1812, and a Captain in the Black Hawk War of 1832. In 1822 he was elected to the State Senate from Washington County, serving four years, and at the session of 1822-23 was one of those who voted against the Convention resolution which had for its object to make Illinois a slave State. He subsequently removed to Iowa Territory, but died, in 1853, while visiting a son-in-law in Wisconsin.

**BAPTISTS.** The first Baptist minister to settle in Illinois was Elder James Smith, who located at New Design, in 1787. He was followed, about 1796-97, by Revs. David Badgley and Joseph Chance, who organized the first Baptist church within the limits of the State. Five churches, having four ministers and 111 members, formed an association in 1807. Several causes, among them a difference of views on the slavery question, resulted in the division of the denomination into factions. Of these perhaps the most numerous was the Regular (or Missionary) Baptists, at the head of which was Rev. John M. Peck, a resident of the State from 1822 until his death (1858). By 1835 the sect had grown, until it had some 250 churches, with about 7,500 members. These were under the ecclesiastical care of twenty-two Associations. Rev. Isaac McCoy, a Baptist Indian missionary, preached at Fort Dearborn on Oct. 9, 1825, and, eight years later, Rev. Allen B. Freeman organized the first Baptist society in what was then an infant set-

tlement. By 1890 the number of Associations had grown to forty, with 1010 churches 891 ministers and 88,884 members. A Baptist Theological Seminary was for some time supported at Morgan Park, but, in 1895, was absorbed by the University of Chicago, becoming the divinity school of that institution. The chief organ of the denomination in Illinois is "The Standard," published at Chicago.

**BARBER, Hiram**, was born in Warren County, N. Y., March 24, 1835. At 11 years of age he accompanied his family to Wisconsin, of which State he was a resident until 1866. After graduating at the State University of Wisconsin, at Madison, he studied law at the Albany Law School, and was admitted to practice. After serving one term as District Attorney of his county in Wisconsin (1861-62), and Assistant Attorney-General of the State for 1865-66, in the latter year he came to Chicago and, in 1878, was elected to Congress by the Republicans of the old Second Illinois District. His home is in Chicago, where he holds the position of Master in Chancery of the Superior Court of Cook County.

**BARDOLPH**, a village of McDonough County, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 7 miles northeast of Macomb; has a local paper. Population (1880), 409; (1890), 447; (1900), 357.

**BARNESBACK, George F.** —**Erick Julius**, pioneer, was born in Germany, July 25, 1781; came to Philadelphia in 1797, and soon after to Kentucky, where he became an overseer; two or three years later visited his native country, suffering shipwreck en route in the English Channel; returned to Kentucky in 1802, remaining until 1809, when he removed to what is now Madison (then a part of St. Clair) County, Ill.; served in the War of 1812, farmed and raised stock until 1824, when, after a second visit to Germany, he bought a plantation in St. Francois County, Mo. Subsequently becoming disgusted with slavery, he manumitted his slaves and returned to Illinois, locating on a farm near Edwardsville, where he resided until his death in 1869. Mr. Barnesback served as Representative in the Fourteenth General Assembly (1844-46) and, after returning from Springfield, distributed his salary among the poor of Madison County. —**Julius A. (Barnesback)**, his son, was born in St. Francois County, Mo., May 14, 1826; in 1846 became a merchant at Troy, Madison County; was elected Sheriff in 1860; in 1864 entered the service as Captain of a Company in the One Hundred and Fortieth Illinois Volunteers (100-days' men); also served as a member of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly (1865).

**BARNUM, William H.**, lawyer and ex-Judge, was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1840. When he was but two years old his family removed to St. Clair County, Ill., where he passed his boyhood and youth. His preliminary education was obtained at Belleville, Ill., Ypsilanti, Mich., and at the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor. After leaving the institution last named at the end of the sophomore year, he taught school at Belleville, still pursuing his classical studies. In 1862 he was admitted to the bar at Belleville, and soon afterward opened an office at Chester, where, for a time, he held the office of Master in Chancery. He removed to Chicago in 1867, and, in 1879, was elevated to the bench of the Cook County Circuit Court. At the expiration of his term he resumed private practice.

**BARRERE, Granville**, was born in Highland County, Ohio. After attending the common schools, he acquired a higher education at Augusta, Ky., and Marietta, Ohio. He was admitted to the bar in his native State, but began the practice of law in Fulton County, Ill., in 1856. In 1872 he received the Republican nomination for Congress and was elected, representing his district from 1873 to 1875, at the conclusion of his term retiring to private life. Died at Canton, Ill., Jan. 13, 1889.

**BARRINGTON**, a village located on the northern border of Cook County, and partly in Lake, at the intersection of the Chicago & Northwestern and the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway, 32 miles northwest of Chicago. It has banks, a local paper, and several cheese factories, being in a dairying district. Population (1890), 848; (1900), 1,162.

**BARROWS, John Henry, D. D.**, clergyman and educator, was born at Medina, Mich., July 11, 1847; graduated at Mount Olivet College in 1867, and studied theology at Yale, Union and Andover Seminaries. In 1869 he went to Kansas, where he spent two and a half years in missionary and educational work. He then (in 1872) accepted a call to the First Congregational Church at Springfield, Ill., where he remained a year, after which he gave a year to foreign travel, visiting Europe, Egypt and Palestine, during a part of the time supplying the American chapel in Paris. On his return to the United States he spent six years in pastoral work at Lawrence and East Boston, Mass., when (in November, 1881) he assumed the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago. Dr. Barrows achieved a world-wide celebrity by his services as Chairman of the "Parliament of Religions," a branch of the "World's Congress Auxiliary," held during the

World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. Later, he was appointed Professorial Lecturer on Comparative Religions, under lectureships in connection with the University of Chicago endowed by Mrs. Caroline E. Haskell. One of these, established in Dr. Barrows' name, contemplated a series of lectures in India, to be delivered on alternate years with a similar course at the University. Courses were delivered at the University in 1895-96, and, in order to carry out the purposes of the foreign lectureship, Dr. Barrows found it necessary to resign his pastorate, which he did in the spring of 1896. After spending the summer in Germany, the regular itinerary of the round-the-world tour began at London in the latter part of November, 1896, ending with his return to the United States by way of San Francisco in May, 1897. Dr. Barrows was accompanied by a party of personal friends from Chicago and elsewhere, the tour embracing visits to the principal cities of Southern Europe, Egypt, Palestine, China and Japan, with a somewhat protracted stay in India during the winter of 1896-97. After his return to the United States he lectured at the University of Chicago and in many of the principal cities of the country, on the moral and religious condition of Oriental nations, but, in 1898, was offered the Presidency of Oberlin College, Ohio, which he accepted, entering upon his duties early in 1899.

**BARRY**, a city in Pike County, founded in 1836, on the Wabash Railroad, 18 miles east of Hannibal, Mo., and 30 miles southeast of Quincy. The surrounding country is agricultural. The city contains flouring mills, porkpacking and poultry establishments, etc. It has two local papers, two banks, three churches and a high school, besides schools of lower grade. Population (1880), 1,392; (1890), 1,354; (1900), 1,643.

**BARTLETT, Adolphus Clay**, merchant, was born of Revolutionary ancestry at Stratford, Fulton County, N. Y., June 22, 1844; was educated in the common schools and at Danville Academy and Clinton Liberal Institute, N. Y., and, coming to Chicago in 1863, entered into the employment of the hardware firm of Tuttle, Hibbard & Co., now Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co., of which, a few years later, he became a partner, and later Vice-President of the Company. Mr. Bartlett has also been a Trustee of Beloit College, President of the Chicago Home for the Friendless and a Director of the Chicago & Alton Railroad and the Metropolitan National Bank, besides being identified with various other business and benevolent associations.

**BASCOM, (Rev.) Flavel, D. D.,** clergyman, was born at Lebanon, Conn., June 8, 1804; spent his boyhood on a farm until 17 years of age, meanwhile attending the common schools; prepared for college under a private tutor, and, in 1824, entered Yale College, graduating in 1828. After a year as Principal of the Academy at New Canaan, Conn., he entered upon the study of theology at Yale, was licensed to preach in 1831 and, for the next two years, served as a tutor in the literary department of the college. Then coming to Illinois (1833), he cast his lot with the "Yale Band," organized at Yale College a few years previous; spent five years in missionary work in Tazewell County and two years in Northern Illinois as Agent of the Home Missionary Society, exploring new settlements, founding churches and introducing missionaries to new fields of labor. In 1839 he became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, remaining until 1849, when he assumed the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church at Galesburg, this relation continuing until 1856. Then, after a year's service as the Agent of the American Missionary Association of the Congregational Church, he accepted a call to the Congregational Church at Princeton, where he remained until 1869, when he took charge of the Congregational Church at Hinsdale. From 1878 he served for a considerable period as a member of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Home Missionary Society; was also prominent in educational work, being one of the founders and, for over twenty-five years, an officer of the Chicago Theological Seminary, a Trustee of Knox College and one of the founders and a Trustee of Beloit College, Wis., from which he received the degree of D. D. in 1869. Dr. Bascom died at Princeton, Ill., August 8, 1890.

**BATAVIA,** a city in Kane County, on Fox River and branch lines of the Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroads, 35 miles west of Chicago; has water power and several prosperous manufacturing establishments employing over 1,000 operatives. The city has fine water-works supplied from an artesian well, electric lighting plant, electric street car lines with interurban connections, two weekly papers, eight churches, two public schools, and private hospital for insane women. Population (1900), 3,871; (1903, est.), 4,400.

**BATEMAN, Newton, A. M., LL.D.,** educator and Editor-in-Chief of the "Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois," was born at Fairfield, N. J., July 27, 1822, of mixed English and Scotch an-

cestry; was brought by his parents to Illinois in 1833; in his youth enjoyed only limited educational advantages, but graduated from Illinois College at Jacksonville in 1843, supporting himself during his college course wholly by his own labor. Having contemplated entering the Christian ministry, he spent the following year at Lane Theological Seminary, but was compelled to withdraw on account of failing health, when he gave a year to travel. He then entered upon his life-work as a teacher by engaging as Principal of an English and Classical School in St. Louis, remaining there two years, when he accepted the Professorship of Mathematics in St. Charles College, at St. Charles, Mo., continuing in that position four years (1847-51). Returning to Jacksonville, Ill., in the latter year, he assumed the principalship of the main public school of that city. Here he remained seven years, during four of them discharging the duties of County Superintendent of Schools for Morgan County. In the fall of 1857 he became Principal of Jacksonville Female Academy, but the following year was elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction, having been nominated for the office by the Republican State Convention of 1858, which put Abraham Lincoln in nomination for the United States Senate. By successive re-elections he continued in this office fourteen years, serving continuously from 1859 to 1875, except two years (1863-65), as the result of his defeat for re-election in 1862. He was also endorsed for the same office by the State Teachers' Association in 1856, but was not formally nominated by a State Convention. During his incumbency the Illinois common school system was developed and brought to the state of efficiency which it has so well maintained. He also prepared some seven volumes of biennial reports, portions of which have been republished in five different languages of Europe, besides a volume of "Common School Decisions," originally published by authority of the General Assembly, and of which several editions have since been issued. This volume has been recognized by the courts, and is still regarded as authoritative on the subjects to which it relates. In addition to his official duties during a part of this period, for three years he served as editor of "The Illinois Teacher," and was one of a committee of three which prepared the bill adopted by Congress creating the National Bureau of Education. Occupying a room in the old State Capitol at Springfield adjoining that used as an office by Abraham Lincoln during the first candidacy of the latter for the Presidency, in 1860, a

close intimacy sprang up between the two men, which enabled the "School-master," as Mr. Lincoln playfully called the Doctor, to acquire an insight into the character of the future emancipator of a race, enjoyed by few men of that time, and of which he gave evidence by his lectures full of interesting reminiscence and eloquent appreciation of the high character of the "Martyr President." A few months after his retirement from the State Superintendency (1875), Dr. Bateman was offered and accepted the Presidency of Knox College at Galesburg, remaining until 1893, when he voluntarily tendered his resignation. This, after having been repeatedly urged upon the Board, was finally accepted; but that body immediately, and by unanimous vote, appointed him President *Emeritus* and Professor of Mental and Moral Science, under which he continued to discharge his duties as a special lecturer as his health enabled him to do so. During his incumbency as President of Knox College, he twice received a tender of the Presidency of Iowa State University and the Chancellorship of two other important State institutions. He also served, by appointment of successive Governors between 1877 and 1891, as a member of the State Board of Health, for four years of this period being President of the Board. In February, 1878, Dr. Bateman, unexpectedly and without solicitation on his part, received from President Hayes an appointment as "Assay Commissioner" to examine and test the fineness and weight of United States coins, in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 22, 1874, and discharged the duties assigned at the mint in Philadelphia. Never of a very strong physique, which was rather weakened by his privations while a student and his many years of close confinement to mental labor, towards the close of his life Dr. Bateman suffered much from a chest trouble which finally developed into "angina pectoris," or heart disease, from which, as the result of a most painful attack, he died at his home in Galesburg, Oct. 21, 1897. The event produced the most profound sorrow, not only among his associates in the Faculty and among the students of Knox College, but a large number of friends throughout the State, who had known him officially or personally, and had learned to admire his many noble and beautiful traits of character. His funeral, which occurred at Galesburg on Oct. 25, called out an immense concourse of sorrowing friends. Almost the last labors performed by Dr. Bateman were in the revision of matter for this volume, in which he manifested

the deepest interest from the time of his assumption of the duties of its Editor-in-Chief. At the time of his death he had the satisfaction of knowing that his work in this field was practically complete. Dr. Bateman had been twice married, first in 1850 to Miss Sarah Dayton of Jacksonville, who died in 1857, and a second time in October, 1859, to Miss Annie N. Tyler, of Massachusetts (but for some time a teacher in Jacksonville Female Academy), who died, May 28, 1878.—**Clifford Rush** (Bateman), a son of Dr. Bateman by his first marriage, was born at Jacksonville, March 7, 1854, graduated at Amherst College and later from the law department of Columbia College, New York, afterwards prosecuting his studies at Berlin, Heidelberg and Paris, finally becoming Professor of Administrative Law and Government in Columbia College—a position especially created for him. He had filled this position a little over one year when his career—which was one of great promise—was cut short by death, Feb. 6, 1883. Three daughters of Dr. Bateman survive—all the wives of clergymen.—P. S.

**BATES, Clara Doty**, author, was born at Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 22, 1838; published her first book in 1868; the next year married Morgan Bates, a Chicago publisher; wrote much for juvenile periodicals, besides stories and poems, some of the most popular among the latter being "Blind Jakey" (1868) and "Æsop's Fables" in verse (1873). She was the collector of a model library for children, for the World's Columbian Exposition, 1893. Died in Chicago, Oct. 14, 1895.

**BATES, Erastus Newton**, soldier and State Treasurer, was born at Plainfield, Mass., Feb. 29, 1828, being descended from Pilgrims of the Mayflower. When 8 years of age he was brought by his father to Ohio, where the latter soon afterward died. For several years he lived with an uncle, preparing himself for college and earning money by teaching and manual labor. He graduated from Williams College, Mass., in 1853, and commenced the study of law in New York City, but later removed to Minnesota, where he served as a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1856 and was elected to the State Senate in 1857. In 1859 he removed to Centralia, Ill., and commenced practice there in August, 1862; was commissioned Major of the Eightieth Illinois Volunteers, being successively promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel, and finally brevetted Brigadier-General. For fifteen months he was a prisoner of war, escaping from Libby Prison only to be recaptured and later exposed to the fire of the Union batteries at Mor-



ris Island, Charleston harbor. In 1866 he was elected to the Legislature, and, in 1868, State Treasurer, being re-elected to the latter office under the new Constitution of 1870, and serving until January, 1873. Died at Minneapolis, Minn., May 29, 1898, and was buried at Springfield.

**BATES, George C.**, lawyer and politician, was born in Canandaigua, N. Y., and removed to Michigan in 1834; in 1849 was appointed United States District Attorney for that State, but removed to California in 1850, where he became a member of the celebrated "Vigilance Committee" at San Francisco, and, in 1856, delivered the first Republican speech there. From 1861 to 1871, he practiced law in Chicago; the latter year was appointed District Attorney for Utah, serving two years, in 1878 removing to Denver, Colo., where he died, Feb. 11, 1886. Mr. Bates was an orator of much reputation, and was selected to express the thanks of the citizens of Chicago to Gen. B. J. Sweet, commandant of Camp Douglas, after the detection and defeat of the Camp Douglas conspiracy in November, 1864—a duty which he performed in an address of great eloquence. At an early day he married the widow of Dr. Alexander Wolcott, for a number of years previous to 1830 Indian Agent at Chicago, his wife being a daughter of John Kinzie, the first white settler of Chicago.

**BATH**, a village of Mason County, on the Jacksonville branch of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railway, 8 miles south of Havana. Population (1880), 439; (1890), 384; (1900), 330.

**BAYLIS**, a corporate village of Pike County, on the main line of the Wabash Railway, 40 miles southeast of Quincy; has one newspaper. Population (1890), 368; (1900), 340.

**BAYLISS, Alfred**, Superintendent of Public Instruction, was born about 1846, served as a private in the First Michigan Cavalry the last two years of the Civil War, and graduated from Hillsdale College (Mich.); in 1870, supporting himself during his college course by work upon a farm and teaching. After serving three years as County Superintendent of Schools in La Grange County, Ind., in 1874 he came to Illinois and entered upon the vocation of a teacher in the northern part of the State. He served for some time as Superintendent of Schools for the city of Sterling, afterwards becoming Principal of the Township High School at Streator, where he was, in 1898, when he received the nomination for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to which he was elected in November follow-

ing by a plurality over his Democratic opponent of nearly 70,000 votes.

**BEARD, Thomas**, pioneer and founder of the city of Beardstown, Ill., was born in Granville, Washington County, N. Y., in 1795, taken to Northeastern Ohio in 1800, and, in 1818, removed to Illinois, living for a time about Edwardsville and Alton. In 1820 he went to the locality of the present city of Beardstown, and later established there the first ferry across the Illinois River. In 1827, in conjunction with Enoch March of Morgan County, he entered the land on which Beardstown was platted in 1829. Died, at Beardstown, in November, 1849.

**BEARDSTOWN**, a city in Cass County, on the Illinois River, being the intersecting point for the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railways, and the northwestern terminus of the former. It is 111 miles north of St. Louis and 90 miles south of Peoria. Thomas Beard, for whom the town was named, settled here about 1820 and soon afterwards established the first ferry across the Illinois River. In 1827 the land was patented by Beard and Enoch March, and the town platted, and, during the Black Hawk War of 1832, it became a principal base of supplies for the Illinois volunteers. The city has six churches and three schools (including a high school), two banks and two daily newspapers. Several branches of manufacturing are carried on here—flouring and saw mills, cooperage works, an axe-handle factory, two button factories, two stove factories, one shoe factory, large machine shops, and others of less importance. The river is spanned here by a fine railroad bridge, costing some \$300,000. Population (1890), 4,226; (1900), 4,827.

**BEAUBIEN, Jean Baptiste**, the second permanent settler on the site of Chicago, was born at Detroit in 1780, became clerk of a fur-trader on Grand River, married an Ottawa woman for his first wife, and, in 1800, had a trading-post at Milwaukee, which he maintained until 1818. He visited Chicago as early as 1804, bought a cabin there soon after the Fort Dearborn massacre of 1812, married the daughter of Francis La Framboise, a French trader, and, in 1818, became agent of the American Fur Company, having charge of trading posts at Mackinac and elsewhere. After 1823 he occupied the building known as "the factory," just outside of Fort Dearborn, which had belonged to the Government, but removed to a farm on the Des Plaines in 1840. Out of the ownership of this building grew his claim to the right, in 1835, to enter seventy-five

acres of land belonging to the Fort Dearborn reservation. The claim was allowed by the Land Office officials and sustained by the State courts, but disallowed by the Supreme Court of the United States after long litigation. An attempt was made to revive this claim in Congress in 1878, but it was reported upon adversely by a Senate Committee of which the late Senator Thomas F. Bayard was chairman. Mr. Beaubien was evidently a man of no little prominence in his day. He led a company of Chicago citizens to the Black Hawk War in 1832, was appointed by the Governor the first Colonel of Militia for Cook County, and, in 1850, was commissioned Brigadier-General. In 1858 he removed to Nashville, Tenn., and died there, Jan. 5, 1863.—**Mark** (Beaubien), a younger brother of Gen. Beaubien, was born in Detroit in 1800, came to Chicago in 1826, and bought a log house of James Kinzie, in which he kept a hotel for some time. Later, he erected the first frame building in Chicago, which was known as the "Sauganash," and in which he kept a hotel until 1834. He also engaged in merchandising, but was not successful, ran the first ferry across the South Branch of the Chicago River, and served for many years as lighthouse keeper at Chicago. About 1834 the Indians transferred to him a reservation of 640 acres of land on the Calumet, for which, some forty years afterwards, he received a patent which had been signed by Martin Van Buren—he having previously been ignorant of its existence. He was married twice and had a family of twenty-two children. Died, at Kankakee, Ill., April 16, 1881.—**Madore B.** (Beaubien), the second son of General Beaubien by his Indian wife, was born on Grand River in Michigan, July 15, 1809, joined his father in Chicago, was educated in a Baptist Mission School where Niles, Mich., now stands; was licensed as a merchant in Chicago in 1831, but failed as a business man; served as Second Lieutenant of the Naperville Company in the Black Hawk War, and later was First Lieutenant of a Chicago Company. His first wife was a white woman, from whom he separated, afterwards marrying an Indian woman. He left Illinois with the Pottawatomies in 1840, resided at Council Bluffs and, later, in Kansas, being for many years the official interpreter of the tribe and, for some time, one of six Commissioners employed by the Indians to look after their affairs with the United States Government.—**Alexander** (Beaubien), son of General Beaubien by his white wife, was born in one of the buildings belonging to Fort Dearborn, Jan. 28,

1832. In 1840 he accompanied his father to his farm on the Des Plaines, but returned to Chicago in 1862, and for years past has been employed on the Chicago police force.

**BEBB, William**, Governor of Ohio, was born in Hamilton County in that State in 1802; taught school at North Bend, the home of William Henry Harrison, studied law and practiced at Hamilton; served as Governor of Ohio, 1846-48; later led a Welsh colony to Tennessee, but left at the outbreak of the Civil War, removing to Winnebago County, Ill., where he had purchased a large body of land. He was a man of uncompromising loyalty and high principle; served as Examiner of Pensions by appointment of President Lincoln and, in 1868, took a prominent part in the campaign which resulted in Grant's first election to the Presidency. Died at Rockford, Oct. 23, 1873. A daughter of Governor Bebb married Hon. John P. Reynolds, for many years the Secretary of the Illinois State Agricultural Society, and, during the World's Columbian Exposition, Director-in-Chief of the Illinois Board of World's Fair Commissioners.

**BECKER, Charles St. N.**, ex-State Treasurer, was born in Germany, June 14, 1840, and brought to this country by his parents at the age of 11 years, the family settling in St. Clair County, Ill. Early in the Civil War he enlisted in the Twelfth Missouri regiment, and, at the battle of Pea Ridge, was so severely wounded that it was found necessary to amputate one of his legs. In 1866 he was elected Sheriff of St. Clair County, and, from 1872 to 1880, he served as clerk of the St. Clair Circuit Court. He also served several terms as a City Councilman of Belleville. In 1888 he was elected State Treasurer on the Republican ticket, serving from Jan. 14, 1889, to Jan. 12, 1891.

**BECKWITH, Corydon**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Vermont in 1823, and educated at Providence, R. I., and Wrentham, Mass. He read law and was admitted to the bar in St. Albans, Vt., where he practiced for two years. In 1853 he removed to Chicago, and, in January, 1864, was appointed by Governor Yates a Justice of the Supreme Court, to fill the five remaining months of the unexpired term of Judge Caton, who had resigned. On retiring from the bench he resumed private practice. Died, August 18, 1890.

**BECKWITH, Hiram Williams**, lawyer and author, was born at Danville, Ill., March 5, 1833. Mr. Beckwith's father, Dan W. Beckwith, a pioneer settler of Eastern Illinois and one of the founders of the city of Danville, was a native of Wyalusing, Pa., where he was born about 1789,

his mother being, in her girlhood, Hannah York, one of the survivors of the famous Wyoming massacre of 1778. In 1817, the senior Beckwith, in company with his brother George, descended the Ohio River, afterwards ascending the Wabash to where Terre Haute now stands, but finally locating in what is now a part of Edgar County, Ill. A year later he moved to the vicinity of the present site of the city of Danville. Having been employed for a time in a surveyor's corps, he finally became a surveyor himself, and, on the organization of Vermilion County, served for a time as County Surveyor by appointment of the Governor, and was also employed by the General Government in surveying lands in the eastern part of the State, some of the Indian reservations in that section of the State being set off by him. In connection with Guy W. Smith, then Receiver of Public Moneys in the Land Office at Palestine, Ill., he donated the ground on which the county-seat of Vermilion County was located, and it took the name of Danville from his first name—"Dan." In 1830 he was elected Representative in the State Legislature for the District composed of Clark, Edgar, and Vermilion Counties, then including all that section of the State between Crawford County and the Kankakee River. He died in 1835. **Hiram**, the subject of this sketch, thus left fatherless at less than three years of age, received only such education as was afforded in the common schools of that period. Nevertheless, he began the study of law in the Danville office of Lincoln & Lamon, and was admitted to practice in 1854, about the time of reaching his majority. He continued in their office and, on the removal of Lamon to Bloomington in 1859, he succeeded to the business of the firm at Danville. Mr. Lamon—who, on Mr. Lincoln's accession to the Presidency in 1861, became Marshal of the District of Columbia—was distantly related to Mr. Beckwith by a second marriage of the mother of the latter. While engaged in the practice of his profession, Mr. Beckwith has been over thirty years a zealous collector of records and other material bearing upon the early history of Illinois and the Northwest, and is probably now the owner of one of the most complete and valuable collections of Americana in Illinois. He is also the author of several monographs on historic themes, including "The Winnebago War," "The Illinois and Indiana Indians," and "Historic Notes of the Northwest," published in the "Fergus Series," besides having edited an edition of "Reynolds' History of Illinois" (published by the

same firm), which he has enriched by the addition of valuable notes. During 1895-96 he contributed a series of valuable articles to "The Chicago Tribune" on various features of early Illinois and Northwest history. In 1890 he was appointed by Governor Fifer a member of the first Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library, serving until the expiration of his term in 1894, and was re-appointed to the same position by Governor Tanner in 1897, in each case being chosen President of the Board.

**BEECHER, Charles A.**, attorney and railway solicitor, was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., August 27, 1829, but, in 1836, removed with his family to Licking County, Ohio, where he lived upon a farm until he reached the age of 18 years. Having taken a course in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, in 1854 he moved to Illinois, locating at Fairfield, Wayne County, and began the study of law in the office of his brother, Edwin Beecher, being admitted to practice in 1855. In 1867 he united with others in the organization of the Illinois Southeastern Railroad projected from Shawneetown to Edgewood on the Illinois Central in Effingham County. This enterprise was consolidated, a year or two later, with the Pana, Springfield & Northwestern, taking the name of the Springfield & Illinois Southeastern, under which name it was constructed and opened for traffic in 1871. (This line—which Mr. Beecher served for some time as Vice-President—now constitutes the Beardstown & Shawneetown Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern.) The Springfield & Illinois Southeastern Company having fallen into financial difficulty in 1873, Mr. Beecher was appointed receiver of the road, and, for a time, had control of its operation as agent for the bondholders. In 1875 the line was conveyed to the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad (now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio), when Mr. Beecher became General Counsel of the controlling corporation, so remaining until 1888. Since that date he has been one of the assistant counsel of the Baltimore & Ohio system. His present home is in Cincinnati, although for over a quarter of a century he has been prominently identified with one of the most important railway enterprises in Southern Illinois. In politics Mr. Beecher has always been a Republican, and was one of the few in Wayne County who voted for Fremont in 1856, and for Lincoln in 1860. He was also a member of the Republican State Central Committee of Illinois from 1860 for a period of ten or twelve years.



**BEECHER, Edward, D. D.**, clergyman and educator, was born at East Hampton, L. I., August 27, 1803—the son of Rev. Lyman Beecher and the elder brother of Henry Ward; graduated at Yale College in 1822, taught for over a year at Hartford, Conn., studied theology, and after a year's service as tutor in Yale College, in 1826 was ordained pastor of the Park Street Congregational Church in Boston. In 1830 he became President of Illinois College at Jacksonville, remaining until 1844, when he resigned and returned to Boston, serving as pastor of the Salem Street Church in that city until 1856, also acting as senior editor of "The Congregationalist" for four years. In 1856 he returned to Illinois as pastor of the First Congregational Church at Galesburg, continuing until 1871, when he removed to Brooklyn, where he resided without pastoral charge, except 1885-89, when he was pastor of the Parkville Congregational Church. While President of Illinois College, that institution was exposed to much hostile criticism on account of his outspoken opposition to slavery, as shown by his participation in founding the first Illinois State Anti-Slavery Society and his eloquent denunciation of the murder of Elijah P. Lovejoy. Next to his brother Henry Ward, he was probably the most powerful orator belonging to that gifted family, and, in connection with his able associates in the faculty of the Illinois College, assisted to give that institution a wide reputation as a nursery of independent thought. Up to a short time before his death, he was a prolific writer, his productions (besides editorials, reviews and contributions on a variety of subjects) including nine or ten volumes, of which the most important are: "Statement of Anti-Slavery Principles and Address to the People of Illinois" (1837); "A Plea for Illinois College"; "History of the Alton Riots" (1838); "The Concord of Ages" (1853); "The Conflict of Ages" (1854); "Papal Conspiracy Exposed" (1854), besides a number of others invariably on religious or anti-slavery topics. Died in Brooklyn, July 28, 1895.

**BEECHER, William H.**, clergyman—oldest son of Rev. Lyman Beecher and brother of Edward and Henry Ward—was born at East Hampton, N. Y., educated at home and at Andover, became a Congregationalist clergyman, occupying pulpits at Newport, R. I., Batavia, N. Y., and Cleveland, Ohio; came to Chicago in his later years, dying at the home of his daughters in that city, June 23, 1889.

**BEGGS, (Rev.) Stephen R.**, pioneer Methodist

Episcopal preacher, was born in Buckingham County, Va., March 30, 1801. His father, who was opposed to slavery, moved to Kentucky in 1805, but remained there only two years, when he removed to Clark County, Ind. The son enjoyed but poor educational advantages here, obtaining his education chiefly by his own efforts in what he called "Brush College." At the age of 21 he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, during the next ten years traveling different circuits in Indiana. In 1831 he was appointed to Chicago, but the Black Hawk War coming on immediately thereafter, he retired to Plainfield. Later he traveled various circuits in Illinois, until 1868, when he was superannuated, occupying his time thereafter in writing reminiscences of his early history. A volume of this character published by him, was entitled "Pages from the Early History of the West and Northwest." He died at Plainfield, Ill., Sept. 9, 1895, in the 95th year of his age.

**BEIDLER, Henry**, early settler, was born of German extraction in Bucks County, Pa., Nov. 27, 1812; came to Illinois in 1843, settling first at Springfield, where he carried on the grocery business for five years, then removed to Chicago and engaged in the lumber trade in connection with a brother, afterwards carrying on a large lumber manufacturing business at Muskegon, Mich., which proved very profitable. In 1871 Mr. Beidler retired from the lumber trade, investing largely in west side real estate in the city of Chicago, which appreciated rapidly in value, making him one of the most wealthy real estate owners in Chicago. Died, March 16, 1893.—**Jacob** (Beidler), brother of the preceding, was born in Bucks County, Penn., in 1815; came west in 1842, first began working as a carpenter, but later engaged in the grocery business with his brother at Springfield, Ill.; in 1844 removed to Chicago, where he was joined by his brother four years later, when they engaged largely in the lumber trade. Mr. Beidler retired from business in 1891, devoting his attention to large real estate investments. He was a liberal contributor to religious, educational and benevolent institutions. Died in Chicago, March 15, 1898.

**BELFIELD, Henry Holmes**, educator, was born in Philadelphia, Nov. 17, 1837; was educated at an Iowa College, and for a time was tutor in the same; during the War of the Rebellion served in the army of the Cumberland, first as Lieutenant and afterwards as Adjutant of the Eighth Iowa Cavalry, still later being upon the staff of Gen. E. M. McCook, and taking part in the

Atlanta and Nashville campaigns. While a prisoner in the hands of the rebels he was placed under fire of the Union batteries at Charleston. Coming to Chicago in 1866, he served as Principal in various public schools, including the North Division High School. He was one of the earliest advocates of manual training, and, on the establishment of the Chicago Manual Training School in 1884, was appointed its Director—a position which he has continued to occupy. During 1891-92 he made a trip to Europe by appointment of the Government, to investigate the school systems in European countries.

**BELKNAP, Hugh Reid**, ex-Member of Congress, was born in Keokuk, Iowa, Sept. 1, 1860, being the son of W. W. Belknap, for some time Secretary of War under President Grant. After attending the public schools of his native city, he took a course at Adams Academy, Quincy, Mass., and at Phillips Academy, Andover, when he entered the service of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, where he remained twelve years in various departments, finally becoming Chief Clerk of the General Manager. In 1892 he retired from this position to become Superintendent of the South Side Elevated Railroad of Chicago. He never held any political position until nominated (1894) as a Republican for the Fifty-fourth Congress, in the strongly Democratic Third District of Chicago. Although the returns showed a plurality of thirty-one votes for his Democratic opponent (Lawrence McGann), a recount proved him elected, when, Mr. McGann having voluntarily withdrawn, Mr. Belknap was unanimously awarded the seat. In 1896 he was re-elected from a District usually strongly Democratic, receiving a plurality of 590 votes, but was defeated by his Democratic opponent in 1898, retiring from Congress, March 3, 1899, when he received an appointment as Paymaster in the Army from President McKinley, with the rank of Major.

**BELL, Robert**, lawyer, was born in Lawrence County, Ill., in 1829, educated at Mount Carmel and Indiana State University at Bloomington, graduating from the law department of the latter in 1855; while yet in his minority edited "The Mount Carmel Register," during 1851-52 becoming joint owner and editor of the same with his brother, Victor D. Bell. After graduation he opened an office at Fairfield, Wayne County, but, in 1857, returned to Mount Carmel and from 1864 was the partner of Judge E. B. Green, until the appointment of the latter Chief Justice of Oklahoma by President Harrison in 1890. In 1869 Mr. Bell was appointed County

Judge of Lawrence County, being elected to the same office in 1894. He was also President of the Illinois Southern Railroad Company until it was merged into the Cairo & Vincennes Road in 1867; later became President of the St. Louis & Mt. Carmel Railroad, now a part of the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis line, and secured the construction of the division from Princeton, Ind., to Albion, Ill. In 1876 he visited California as Special Agent of the Treasury Department to investigate alleged frauds in the Revenue Districts on the Pacific Coast; in 1878 was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket in the strong Democratic Nineteenth District; was appointed, the same year, a member of the Republican State Central Committee for the State-at-large, and, in 1881, officiated by appointment of President Garfield, as Commissioner to examine a section of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad in New Mexico. Judge Bell is a gifted stump-speaker and is known in the southeastern part of the State as the "Silver-tongued Orator of the Wabash."

**BELLEVILLE**, the county-seat of St. Clair County, a city and railroad center, 14 miles south of east from St. Louis. It is one of the oldest towns in the State, having been selected as the county-seat in 1814 and platted in 1815. It lies in the center of a rich agricultural and coal-bearing district and contains numerous factories of various descriptions, including flouring mills, a nail mill, glass works and shoe factories. It has five newspaper establishments, two being German, which issue daily editions. Its commercial and educational facilities are exceptionally good. Its population is largely of German descent. Population (1890), 15,361; (1900), 17,484.

**BELLEVILLE, CENTRALIA & EASTERN RAILROAD.** (See *Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis (Consolidated) Railroad.*)

**BELLEVILLE & CARONDELET RAILROAD.** a short line of road extending from Belleville to East Carondelet, Ill., 17.3 miles. It was chartered Feb. 20, 1881, and leased to the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad Company, June 1, 1883. The annual rental is \$30,000, a sum equivalent to the interest on the bonded debt. The capital stock (1895) is \$500,000 and the bonded debt \$485,000. In addition to these sums the floating debt swells the entire capitalization to \$995,054 or \$57,317 per mile.

**BELLEVILLE & ELDORADO RAILROAD**, a road 50.4 miles in length running from Belleville to Duquoin, Ill. It was chartered Feb. 22, 1861, and completed Oct. 31, 1871. On July 1,

1880, it was leased to the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad Company for 486 years, and has since been operated by that corporation in connection with its Belleville branch, from East St. Louis to Belleville. At Eldorado the road intersects the Cairo & Vincennes Railroad and the Shawneetown branch of the St. Louis & Southeastern Railroad, operated by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company. Its capital stock (1895) is \$1,000,000 and its bonded debt \$550,000. The corporate office is at Belleville.

**BELLEVILLE & ILLINOISTOWN RAILROAD.** (See *St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad.*)

**BELLEVILLE & SOUTHERN ILLINOIS RAILROAD**, a road (laid with steel rails) running from Belleville to Duquoin, Ill., 56.4 miles in length. It was chartered Feb. 15, 1857, and completed Dec. 15, 1873. At Duquoin it connects with the Illinois Central and forms a short line between St. Louis and Cairo. Oct. 1, 1866, it was leased to the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad Company for 999 years. The capital stock is \$1,692,000 and the bonded debt \$1,000,000. The corporate office is at Belleville.

**BELLMONT**, a village of Wabash County, on the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Railway, 9 miles west of Mount Carmel. Population (1880), 350; (1890), 487; (1900), 624.

**BELT RAILWAY COMPANY OF CHICAGO, THE**, a corporation chartered, Nov. 23, 1882, and the lessee of the Belt Division of the Chicago & Western Indiana Railroad (which see). Its total trackage (all of standard gauge and laid with 66-pound steel rails) is 93.26 miles, distributed as follows: Auburn Junction to Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Junction, 15.9 miles; branches from Pullman Junction to Irondale, Ill., etc., 5.41 miles; second track, 14.1 miles; sidings, 57.85 miles. The cost of construction has been \$524,549; capital stock, \$1,200,000. It has no funded debt. The earnings for the year ending June 30, 1895, were \$556,847, the operating expenses \$378,012, and the taxes \$51,000.

**BELVIDERE**, an incorporated city, the county-seat of Boone County, situated on the Kishwaukee River, and on two divisions of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, 78 miles west-northwest of Chicago and 14 miles east of Rockford; is connected with the latter city by electric railroad. The city has twelve churches, five graded schools, and three banks (two national). Two daily and two semi-weekly papers are published here. Belvidere also has very considerable manufacturing interests, including manufactories of sewing machines, bicycles, automobiles, besides a large

milk-condensing factory and two creameries. Population (1890), 3,867; (1900), 6,937.

**BEMENT**, a village in Piatt County, at intersection of main line and Chicago Division of Wabash Railroad, 20 miles east of Decatur and 166 miles south-southwest of Chicago; in agricultural and stock-raising district; has three grain elevators, broom factory, water-works, electric-light plant, four churches, two banks and weekly paper. Pop. (1890), 1,129; (1900), 1,484.

**BENJAMIN, Reuben Moore**, lawyer, born at Chatham Centre, Columbia County, N. Y., June 29, 1833; was educated at Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.; spent one year in the law department of Harvard, another as tutor at Amherst and, in 1856, came to Bloomington, Ill., where, on an examination certificate furnished by Abraham Lincoln, he was licensed to practice. The first public office held by Mr. Benjamin was that of Delegate to the State Constitutional Convention of 1869-70, in which he took a prominent part in shaping the provisions of the new Constitution relating to corporations. In 1873 he was chosen County Judge of McLean County, by repeated re-elections holding the position until 1886, when he resumed private practice. For more than twenty years he has been connected with the law department of Wesleyan University at Bloomington, a part of the time being Dean of the Faculty; is also the author of several volumes of legal text-books.

**BENNETT MEDICAL COLLEGE**, an Eclectic Medical School of Chicago, incorporated by special charter and opened in the autumn of 1868. Its first sessions were held in two large rooms; its faculty consisted of seven professors, and there were thirty matriculates. More commodious quarters were secured the following year, and a still better home after the fire of 1871, in which all the college property was destroyed. Another change of location was made in 1874. In 1890 the property then owned was sold and a new college building, in connection with a hospital, erected in a more quiet quarter of the city. A free dispensary is conducted by the college. The teaching faculty (1896) consists of nineteen professors, with four assistants and demonstrators. Women are admitted as pupils on equal terms with men.

**BENT, Charles**, journalist, was born in Chicago, Dec. 8, 1844, but removed with his family, in 1856, to Morrison, Whiteside County, where, two years later, he became an apprentice to the printing business in the office of "The Whiteside Sentinel." In June, 1864, he enlisted as a soldier

in the One Hundred and Fortieth Illinois (100-days' regiment) and, on the expiration of his term of service, re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-seventh Illinois, being mustered out at Savannah, Ga., in January, 1866, with the rank of Second Lieutenant. Then resuming his vocation as a printer, in July, 1867, he purchased the office of "The Whiteside Sentinel," in which he learned his trade, and has since been the editor of that paper, except during 1877-79 while engaged in writing a "History of Whiteside County." He is a charter member of the local Grand Army Post and served on the staff of the Department Commander; was Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue during 1870-73, and, in 1878, was elected as a Republican to the State Senate for Whiteside and Carroll Counties, serving four years. Other positions held by him include the office of City Alderman, member of the State Board of Canal Commissioners (1883-85) and Commissioner of the Joliet Penitentiary (1889-93). He has also been a member of the Republican State Central Committee and served as its Chairman 1886-88.

**BENTON**, county-seat of Franklin County, on Ill. Cent. and Chi. & E. Ill. Railroads; has electric-light plant, water-works, saddle and harness factory, two banks, two flouring mills, shale brick and tile works (projected), four churches and three weekly papers. Pop. (1890), 939; (1900), 1,341.

**BERDAN**, James, lawyer and County Judge, was born in New York City, July 4, 1805, and educated at Columbia and Yale Colleges, graduating from the latter in the class of 1824. His father, James Berdan, Sr., came west in the fall of 1819 as one of the agents of a New York Emigration Society, and, in January, 1820, visited the vicinity of the present site of Jacksonville, Ill., but died soon after his return, in part from exposure incurred during his long and arduous winter journey. Thirteen years later (1832) his son, the subject of this sketch, came to the same region, and Jacksonville became his home for the remainder of his life. Mr. Berdan was a well-read lawyer, as well as a man of high principle and sound culture, with pure literary and social tastes. Although possessing unusual capabilities, his refinement of character and dislike of ostentation made him seek rather the association and esteem of friends than public office. In 1849 he was elected County Judge of Morgan County, serving by a second election until 1857. Later he was Secretary for several years of the Tonica & Petersburg Railroad (at that time in course of construction), serving until it was merged into the St. Louis, Jacksonville & Chicago Railroad,

now constituting a part of the Jacksonville division of the Chicago & Alton Railroad; also served for many years as a Trustee of Illinois College. In the latter years of his life he was, for a considerable period, the law partner of ex-Governor and ex-Senator Richard Yates. Judge Berdan was the ardent political friend and admirer of Abraham Lincoln, as well as an intimate friend and frequent correspondent of the poet Longfellow, besides being the correspondent, during a long period of his life, of a number of other prominent literary men. Pierre Irving, the nephew and biographer of Washington Irving, was his brother-in-law through the marriage of a favorite sister. Judge Berdan died at Jacksonville, August 24, 1884.

**BERGEN**, (Rev.) John G., pioneer clergyman, was born at Hightstown, N. J., Nov. 27, 1790; studied theology, and, after two years' service as tutor at Princeton and sixteen years as pastor of a Presbyterian church at Madison, N. J., in 1828 came to Springfield, Ill., and assisted in the erection of the first Protestant church in the central part of the State, of which he remained pastor until 1848. Died, at Springfield, Jan. 17, 1872.

**BERGGREN**, Augustus W., legislator, born in Sweden, August 17, 1840; came to the United States at 16 years of age and located at Oneida, Knox County, Ill., afterwards removing to Galesburg; held various offices, including that of Sheriff of Knox County (1873-81), State Senator (1881-89)—serving as President *pro tem.* of the Senate 1887-89, and was Warden of the State penitentiary at Joliet, 1888-91. He was for many years the very able and efficient President of the Covenant Mutual Life Association of Illinois, and is now its Treasurer.

**BERGIER**, (Rev.) J., a secular priest, born in France, and an early missionary in Illinois. He labored among the Tamaras, being in charge of the mission at Cahokia from 1700 to his death in 1710.

**BERRY**, Orville F., lawyer and legislator, was born in McDonough County, Ill., Feb. 16, 1852; early left an orphan and, after working for some time on a farm, removed to Carthage, Hancock County, where he read law and was admitted to the bar in 1877; in 1883 was elected Mayor of Carthage and twice re-elected; was elected to the State Senate in 1888 and '92, and, in 1891, took a prominent part in securing the enactment of the compulsory education clause in the common school law. Mr. Berry presided over the Republican State Convention of 1896, the same year was a candidate for re-election to the State Senate.



but the certificate was awarded to his Democratic competitor, who was declared elected by 164 plurality. On a contest before the Senate at the first session of the Fortieth General Assembly, the seat was awarded to Mr. Berry on the ground of illegality in the rulings of the Secretary of State affecting the vote of his opponent.

**BERRY, (Col.) William W.**, lawyer and soldier, was born in Kentucky, Feb. 22, 1834, and educated at Oxford, Ohio. His home being then in Covington, he studied law in Cincinnati, and, at the age of 23, began practice at Louisville, Ky., being married two years later to Miss Georgie Hewitt of Frankfort. Early in 1861 he entered the Civil War on the Union side as Major of the Louisville Legion, and subsequently served in the Army of the Cumberland, marching to the sea with Sherman and, during the period of his service, receiving four wounds. After the close of the war he was offered the position of Governor of one of the Territories, but, determining not to go further west than Illinois, declined. For three years he was located and in practice at Winchester, Ill., but removed to Quincy in 1874, where he afterwards resided. He always took a warm interest in politics and, in local affairs, was a leader of his party. He was an organizer of the G. A. R. Post at Quincy and its first Commander, and, in 1884-85, served as Commander of the State Department of the G. A. R. He organized a Young Men's Republican Club, as he believed that the young minds should take an active part in politics. He was one of the committee of seven appointed by the Governor to locate the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home for Illinois, and, after spending six months inspecting various sites offered, the institution was finally located at Quincy; was also Trustee of Knox College, at Galesburg, for several years. He was frequently urged by his party friends to run for public office, but it was so much against his nature to ask for even one vote, that he would not consent. He died at his home in Quincy, much regretted, May 6, 1895.

**BESTOR, George C.**, legislator, born in Washington City, April 11, 1811; was assistant document clerk in the House of Representatives eight years; came to Illinois in 1835 and engaged in real-estate business at Peoria; was twice appointed Postmaster of that city (1842 and 1861) and three times elected Mayor; served as financial agent of the Peoria & Oklawka (now Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad), and a Director of the Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw; a delegate to the Whig National Convention of 1852; a State

Senator (1858-62), and an ardent friend of Abraham Lincoln. Died, in Washington, May 14, 1872, while prosecuting a claim against the Government for the construction of gunboats during the war.

**BETHALTO**, a village of Madison County, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, 25 miles north of St. Louis. Population (1880), 628; (1890), 879; (1900), 477.

**BETHANY**, a village of Moultrie County, on Peoria Division Ill. Cent. Railroad, 18 miles southeast of Decatur; in farming district; has one newspaper and four churches. Pop., mostly American born, (1890), 688; (1900), 873; (1903, est.), 900.

**BETTIE STUART INSTITUTE**, an institution for young ladies at Springfield, Ill., founded in 1868 by Mrs. Mary McKee Homes, who conducted it for some twenty years, until her death. Its report for 1898 shows a faculty of ten instructors and 125 pupils. Its property is valued at \$23,500. Its course of instruction embraces the preparatory and classical branches, together with music, oratory and fine arts.

**BEVERIDGE, James H.**, State Treasurer, was born in Washington County, N. Y., in 1828; served as State Treasurer, 1865-67, later acted as Secretary of the Commission which built the State Capitol. His later years were spent in superintending a large dairy farm near Sandwich, De Kalb County, where he died in January, 1896.

**BEVERIDGE, John L.**, ex-Governor, was born in Greenwich, N. Y., July 6, 1824; came to Illinois, 1842, and, after spending some two years in Granville Academy and Rock River Seminary, went to Tennessee, where he engaged in teaching while studying law. Having been admitted to the bar, he returned to Illinois in 1851, first locating at Sycamore, but three years later established himself in Chicago. During the first year of the war he assisted to raise the Eighth Regiment Illinois Cavalry, and was commissioned first as Captain and still later Major; two years later became Colonel of the Seventeenth Cavalry, which he commanded to the close of the war, being mustered out, February, 1866, with the rank of brevet Brigadier-General. After the war he held the office of Sheriff of Cook County four years; in 1870 was elected to the State Senate, and, in the following year, Congressman-at-large to succeed General Logan, elected to the United States Senate; resigned this office in January, 1873, having been elected Lieutenant Governor, and a few weeks later succeeded to the governorship by the election of Governor Oglesby to the United States Senate. In 1881 he was appointed.



by President Arthur, Assistant United States Treasurer for Chicago, serving until after Cleveland's first election. His present home (1898), is near Los Angeles, Cal.

**BIENVILLE, Jean Baptiste le Moyne, Sieur de**, was born at Montreal, Canada, Feb. 23, 1680, and was the French Governor of Louisiana at the time the Illinois country was included in that province. He had several brothers, a number of whom played important parts in the early history of the province. Bienville first visited Louisiana, in company with his brother Iberville, in 1698, their object being to establish a French colony near the mouth of the Mississippi. The first settlement was made at Biloxi, Dec. 6, 1699, and Sanvolle, another brother, was placed in charge. The latter was afterward made Governor of Louisiana, and, at his death (1701), he was succeeded by Bienville, who transferred the seat of government to Mobile. In 1704 he was joined by his brother Chateaugay, who brought seventeen settlers from Canada. Soon afterwards Iberville died, and Bienville was recalled to France in 1707, but was reinstated the following year. Finding the Indians worthless as tillers of the soil, he seriously suggested to the home government the expediency of trading off the copper-colored aborigines for negroes from the West Indies, three Indians to be reckoned as equivalent to two blacks. In 1713 Cadillac was sent out as Governor, Bienville being made Lieutenant-Governor. The two quarreled. Cadillac was superseded by Epinay in 1717, and, in 1718, Law's first expedition arrived (see *Company of the West*), and brought a Governor's commission for Bienville. The latter soon after founded New Orleans, which became the seat of government for the province (which then included Illinois), in 1723. In January, 1724, he was again summoned to France to answer charges; was removed in disgrace in 1726, but reinstated in 1733 and given the rank of Lieutenant-General. Failing in various expeditions against the Chickasaw Indians, he was again superseded in 1743, returning to France, where he died in 1768.

**BIGGS, William**, pioneer, Judge and legislator, was born in Maryland in 1753, enlisted in the Revolutionary army, and served as an officer under Colonel George Rogers Clark in the expedition for the capture of Illinois from the British in 1778. He settled in Bellefontaine (now Monroe County) soon after the close of the war. He was Sheriff of St. Clair County for many years, and later Justice of the Peace and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He also represented his

county in the Territorial Legislatures of Indiana and Illinois. Died, in St. Clair County, in 1827.

**BIGGSVILLE**, a village of Henderson County, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 15 miles northeast of Burlington; has a bank and two newspapers; considerable grain and livestock are shipped here. Population (1880), 353; (1890), 487; (1900), 417.

**BIG MUDDY RIVER**, a stream formed by the union of two branches which rise in Jefferson County. It runs south and southwest through Franklin and Jackson Counties, and enters the Mississippi about five miles below Grand Tower. Its length is estimated at 140 miles.

**BILLINGS, Albert Merritt**, capitalist, was born in New Hampshire, April 19, 1814, educated in the common schools of his native State and Vermont, and, at the age of 22, became Sheriff of Windsor County, Vt. Later he was proprietor for a time of the mail stage-coach line between Concord, N. H., and Boston, but, having sold out, invested his means in the securities of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and became identified with the business interests of Chicago. In the '50's he became associated with Cornelius K. Garrison in the People's Gas Company of Chicago, of which he served as President from 1859 to 1888. In 1890 Mr. Billings became extensively interested in the street railway enterprises of Mr. C. B. Holmes, resulting in his becoming the proprietor of the street railway system at Memphis, Tenn., valued, in 1897, at \$3,000,000. In early life he had been associated with Commodore Vanderbilt in the operation of the Hudson River steamboat lines of the latter. In addition to his other business enterprises, he was principal owner and, during the last twenty-five years of his life, President of the Home National and Home Savings Banks of Chicago. Died, Feb. 7, 1897, leaving an estate valued at several millions of dollars.

**BILLINGS, Henry W.**, was born at Conway, Mass., July 11, 1814, graduated at Amherst College at twenty years of age, and began the study of law with Judge Foote, of Cleveland, Ohio, was admitted to the bar two years later and practiced there some two years longer. He then removed to St. Louis, Mo., later resided for a time at Waterloo and Cairo, Ill., but, in 1845, settled at Alton; was elected Mayor of that city in 1851, and the first Judge of the newly organized City Court, in 1859, serving in this position six years. In 1869 he was elected a Delegate from Madison County to the State Constitutional Convention of

1869-70, but died before the expiration of the session, on April 19, 1870.

**BIRKBECK, Morris**, early colonist, was born in England about 1762 or 1763, emigrated to America in 1817, and settled in Edwards County, Ill. He purchased a large tract of land and induced a large colony of English artisans, laborers and farmers to settle upon the same, founding the town of New Albion. He was an active, uncompromising opponent of slavery, and was an important factor in defeating the scheme to make Illinois a slave State. He was appointed Secretary of State by Governor Coles in October, 1824, but resigned at the end of three months, a hostile Legislature having refused to confirm him. A strong writer and a frequent contributor to the press, his letters and published works attracted attention both in this country and in Europe. Principal among the latter were: "Notes on a Journey Through France" (1815); "Notes on a Journey Through America" (1818), and "Letters from Illinois" (1818). Died from drowning in 1825, aged about 63 years. (See *Slavery and Slave Laws*.)

**BISSELL, William H.**, first Republican Governor of Illinois, was born near Cooperstown, N. Y., on April 25, 1811, graduated in medicine at Philadelphia in 1835, and, after practicing a short time in Steuben County, N. Y., removed to Monroe County, Ill. In 1840 he was elected a Representative in the General Assembly, where he soon attained high rank as a debater. He studied law and practiced in Belleville, St. Clair County, becoming Prosecuting Attorney for that county in 1844. He served as Colonel of the Second Illinois Volunteers during the Mexican War, and achieved distinction at Buena Vista. He represented Illinois in Congress from 1849 to 1855, being first elected as an Independent Democrat. On the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, he left the Democratic party and, in 1856, was elected Governor on the Republican ticket. While in Congress he was challenged by Jefferson Davis after an interchange of heated words respecting the relative courage of Northern and Southern soldiers, spoken in debate. Bissell accepted the challenge, naming muskets at thirty paces. Mr. Davis's friends objected, and the duel never occurred. Died in office, at Springfield, Ill., March 18, 1860.

**BLACK, John Charles**, lawyer and soldier, born at Lexington, Miss., Jan. 29, 1839, at eight years of age came with his widowed mother to Illinois; while a student at Wabash College, Ind., in April, 1861, enlisted in the Union army, serving gallantly and with distinction until Aug. 15,

1865, when, as Colonel of the 37th Ill. Vol. Inf., he retired with the rank of Brevet Brigadier-General; was admitted to the bar in 1857, and after practicing at Danville, Champaign and Urbana, in 1885 was appointed Commissioner of Pensions, serving until 1889, when he removed to Chicago; served as Congressman-at-large (1893-95), and U. S. District Attorney (1895-99); Commander of the Loyal Legion and of the G. A. R. (Department of Illinois); was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army at the Grand Encampment, 1903. Gen. Black received the honorary degree of A.M. from his Alma Mater and that of LL. D. from Knox College; in January, 1904, was appointed by President Roosevelt member of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, and chosen its President.

**BLACKBURN UNIVERSITY**, located at Carlinville, Macoupin County. It owes its origin to the efforts of Dr. Gideon Blackburn, who, having induced friends in the East to unite with him in the purchase of Illinois lands at Government price, in 1837 conveyed 16,656 acres of these lands, situated in ten different counties, in trust for the founding of an institution of learning, intended particularly "to qualify young men for the gospel ministry." The citizens of Carlinville donated funds wherewith to purchase eighty acres of land, near that city, as a site, which was included in the deed of trust. The enterprise lay dormant for many years, and it was not until 1857 that the institution was formally incorporated, and ten years later it was little more than a high school, giving one course of instruction considered particularly adapted to prospective students of theology. At present (1898) there are about 110 students in attendance, a faculty of twelve instructors, and a theological, as well as preparatory and collegiate departments. The institution owns property valued at \$110,000, of which \$50,000 is represented by real estate and \$40,000 by endowment funds.

**BLACK HAWK**, a Chief of the Sac tribe of Indians, reputed to have been born at Kaskaskia in 1767. (It is also claimed that he was born on Rock River, as well as within the present limits of Hancock County.) Conceiving that his people had been wrongfully despoiled of lands belonging to them, in 1832 he inaugurated what is commonly known as the Black Hawk War. His Indian name was Makabaimishkeiakia, signifying Black Sparrow Hawk. He was ambitious, but susceptible to flattery, and while having many of the qualities of leadership, was lacking in moral force. He was always attached to British interests, and unquestionably received British aid of a

substantial sort. After his defeat he was made the ward of Keokuk, another Chief, which humiliation of his pride broke his heart. He died on a reservation set apart for him in Iowa, in 1838, aged 71. His body is said to have been exhumed nine months after death, and his articulated skeleton is alleged to have been preserved in the rooms of the Burlington (Ia.) Historical Society until 1855, when it was destroyed by fire. (See also *Black Hawk War: Appendix.*)

**BLACKSTONE, Timothy B.**, Railway President, was born at Branford, Conn., March 28, 1829. After receiving a common school education, supplemented by a course in a neighboring academy, at 18 he began the practical study of engineering in a corps employed by the New York & New Hampshire Railway Company, and the same year became assistant engineer on the Stockbridge & Pittsfield Railway. While thus employed he applied himself diligently to the study of the theoretical science of engineering, and, on coming to Illinois in 1851, was qualified to accept and fill the position of division engineer (from Bloomington to Dixon) on the Illinois Central Railway. On the completion of the main line of that road in 1855, he was appointed Chief Engineer of the Joliet & Chicago Railroad, later becoming financially interested therein, and being chosen President of the corporation on the completion of the line. In January, 1864, the Chicago & Joliet was leased in perpetuity to the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company. Mr. Blackstone then became a Director in the latter organization and, in April following, was chosen its President. This office he filled uninterruptedly until April 1, 1899, when the road passed into the hands of a syndicate of other lines. He was also one of the original incorporators of the Union Stock Yards Company, and was its President from 1864 to 1868. His career as a railroad man was conspicuous for its long service, the uninterrupted success of his management of the enterprises entrusted to his hands and his studious regard for the interests of stockholders. This was illustrated by the fact that, for some thirty years, the Chicago & Alton Railroad paid dividends on its preferred and common stock, ranging from 6 to 8½ per cent per annum, and, on disposing of his stock consequent on the transfer of the line to a new corporation in 1899, Mr. Blackstone rejected offers for his stock—aggregating nearly one-third of the whole—which would have netted him \$1,000,000 in excess of the amount received, because he was unwilling to use his position to reap an advantage over smaller stockholders. Died, May 26, 1900.

**BLACKWELL, Robert S.**, lawyer, was born at Belleville, Ill., in 1823. He belonged to a prominent family in the early history of the State, his father, David Blackwell, who was also a lawyer and settled in Belleville about 1819, having been a member of the Second General Assembly (1830) from St. Clair County, and also of the Fourth and Fifth. In April, 1823, he was appointed by Governor Coles Secretary of State, succeeding Judge Samuel D. Lockwood, afterwards a Justice of the Supreme Court, who had just received from President Monroe the appointment of Receiver of Public Moneys at the Edwardsville Land Office. Mr. Blackwell served in the Secretary's office to October, 1824, during a part of the time acting as editor of "The Illinois Intelligencer," which had been removed from Kaskaskia to Vandalia, and in which he strongly opposed the policy of making Illinois a slave State. He finally died in Belleville. Robert Blackwell, a brother of David and the uncle of the subject of this sketch, was joint owner with Daniel P. Cook, of "The Illinois Herald"—afterwards "The Intelligencer"—at Kaskaskia, in 1816, and in April, 1817, succeeded Cook in the office of Territorial Auditor of Public Accounts, being himself succeeded by Elijah C. Berry, who had become his partner on "The Intelligencer," and served as Auditor until the organization of the State Government in 1818. Blackwell & Berry were chosen State Printers after the removal of the State capital to Vandalia in 1820, serving in this capacity for some years. Robert Blackwell located at Vandalia and served as a member of the House from Fayette County in the Eighth and Ninth General Assemblies (1832-36) and in the Senate, 1840-42. Robert S.—the son of David, and the younger member of this somewhat famous and historic family—whose name stands at the head of this paragraph, attended the common schools at Belleville in his boyhood, but in early manhood removed to Galena, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits. He later studied law with Hon. O. H. Browning at Quincy, beginning practice at Rushville, where he was associated for a time with Judge Minshall. In 1852 he removed to Chicago, having for his first partner Corydon Beckwith, afterwards of the Supreme Court, still later being associated with a number of prominent lawyers of that day. He is described by his biographers as "an able lawyer, an eloquent advocate and a brilliant scholar." "Blackwell on Tax Titles," from his pen, has been accepted by the profession as a high authority on that branch of law. He also published a revision

of the Statutes in 1858, and began an "Abstract of Decisions of the Supreme Court," which had reached the third or fourth volume at his death, May 16, 1863.

**BLAIR, William**, merchant, was born at Homer, Cortland County, N. Y., May 20, 1818, being descended through five generations of New England ancestors. After attending school in the town of Cortland, which became his father's residence, at the age of 14 he obtained employment in a stove and hardware store, four years later (1836) coming to Joliet, Ill., to take charge of a branch store which the firm had established there. The next year he purchased the stock and continued the business on his own account. In August, 1842, he removed to Chicago, where he established the earliest and one of the most extensive wholesale hardware concerns in that city, with which he remained connected nearly fifty years. During this period he was associated with various partners, including C. B. Nelson, E. G. Hall, O. W. Belden, James H. Horton and others, besides, at times, conducting the business alone. He suffered by the fire of 1871 in common with other business men of Chicago, but promptly resumed business and, within the next two or three years, had erected business blocks, successively, on Lake and Randolph Streets, but retired from business in 1888. He was a Director of the Merchants' National Bank of Chicago from its organization in 1865, as also for a time of the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company and the Chicago Gaslight & Coke Company, a Trustee of Lake Forest University, one of the Managers of the Presbyterian Hospital and a member of the Chicago Historical Society. Died in Chicago, May 10, 1899.

**BLAKELY, David**, journalist, was born in Franklin County, Vt., in 1834; learned the printer's trade and graduated from the University of Vermont in 1857. He was a member of a musical family which, under the name of "The Blakely Family," made several successful tours of the West. He engaged in journalism at Rochester, Minn., and, in 1862, was elected Secretary of State and ex-officio Superintendent of Schools, serving until 1865, when he resigned and, in partnership with a brother, bought "The Chicago Evening Post," with which he was connected at the time of the great fire and for some time afterward. Later, he returned to Minnesota and became one of the proprietors and a member of the editorial staff of "The St. Paul Pioneer-Press." In his later years Mr. Blakely was President of the Blakely Printing Company, of Chicago, also

conducting a large printing business in New York, which was his residence. He was manager for several years of the celebrated Gilmore Band of musicians, and also instrumental in organizing the celebrated Sousa's Band, of which he was manager up to the time of his decease in New York, Nov. 7, 1896.

**BLAKEMAN, Curtiss**, sea-captain, and pioneer settler, came from New England to Madison County, Ill., in 1819, and settled in what was afterwards known as the "Marine Settlement," of which he was one of the founders. This settlement, of which the present town of Marine (first called Madison) was the outcome, took its name from the fact that several of the early settlers, like Captain Blakeman, were sea-faring men. Captain Blakeman became a prominent citizen and represented Madison County in the lower branch of the Third and Fourth General Assemblies (1822 and 1824), in the former being one of the opponents of the pro-slavery amendment of the Constitution. A son of his, of the same name, was a Representative in the Thirteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth General Assemblies from Madison County.

**BLANCHARD, Jonathan**, clergyman and educator, was born in Rockingham, Vt., Jan. 19, 1811; graduated at Middlebury College in 1832; then, after teaching some time, spent two years in Andover Theological Seminary, finally graduating in theology at Lane Seminary, Cincinnati, in 1838, where he remained nine years as pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian Church of that city. Before this time he had become interested in various reforms, and, in 1843, was sent as a delegate to the second World's Anti-Slavery Convention in London, serving as the American Vice-President of that body. In 1846 he assumed the Presidency of Knox College at Galesburg, remaining until 1858, during his connection with that institution doing much to increase its capacity and resources. After two years spent in pastoral work, he accepted (1860) the Presidency of Wheaton College, which he continued to fill until 1882, when he was chosen President Emeritus, remaining in this position until his death, May 14, 1892.

**BLANDINSVILLE**, a town in McDonough County, on the Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw Railroad, 26 miles southeast of Burlington, Iowa, and 64 miles west by south from Peoria. It is a shipping point for the grain grown in the surrounding country, and has a grain elevator and steam flour and saw mills. It also has banks, two weekly newspapers and several churches. Population (1900) 877; (1900), 995.



**BLANEY, Jerome Van Zandt**, early physician, born at Newcastle, Del., May 1, 1820; was educated at Princeton and graduated in medicine at Philadelphia when too young to receive his diploma; in 1842 came west and joined Dr. Daniel Brainard in founding Rush Medical College at Chicago, for a time filling three chairs in that institution; also, for a time, occupied the chair of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy in Northwestern University. In 1861 he was appointed Surgeon, and afterwards Medical Director, in the army, and was Surgeon-in-Chief on the staff of General Sheridan at the time of the battle of Winchester; after the war was delegated by the Government to pay off medical officers in the Northwest, in this capacity disbursing over \$600,000; finally retiring with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Died, Dec. 11, 1874.

**BLATCHFORD, Eliphalet Wickes, LL.D.**, son of Dr. John Blatchford, was born at Stillwater, N. Y., May 31, 1826; being a grandson of Samuel Blatchford, D.D., who came to New York from England, in 1795. He prepared for college at Lansingburg Academy, New York, and at Marion College, Mo., finally graduating at Illinois College, Jacksonville, in the class of 1845. After graduating, he was employed for several years in the law offices of his uncles, R. M. and E. H. Blatchford, New York. For considerations of health he returned to the West, and, in 1850, engaged in business for himself as a lead manufacturer in St. Louis, Mo., afterwards associating with him the late Morris Collins, under the firm name of Blatchford & Collins. In 1854 a branch was established in Chicago, known as Collins & Blatchford. After a few years the firm was dissolved, Mr. Blatchford taking the Chicago business, which has continued as E. W. Blatchford & Co. to the present time. While Mr. Blatchford has invariably declined political offices, he has been recognized as a staunch Republican, and the services of few men have been in more frequent request for positions of trust in connection with educational and benevolent enterprises. Among the numerous positions of this character which he has been called to fill are those of Treasurer of the Northwestern Branch of the United States Sanitary Commission, during the Civil War, to which he devoted a large part of his time; Trustee of Illinois College (1866-75); President of the Chicago Academy of Sciences; a member, and for seventeen years President, of the Board of Trustees of the Chicago Eye and Ear Infirmary; Trustee of the Chicago Art Institute; Executor and Trustee of the late Walter L. Newberry, and, since its

incorporation, President of the Board of Trustees of The Newberry Library; Trustee of the John Crerar Library; one of the founders and President of the Board of Trustees of the Chicago Manual Training School; life member of the Chicago Historical Society; for nearly forty years President of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Theological Seminary; during his residence in Chicago an officer of the New England Congregational Church; a corporate member of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and for fourteen years its Vice-President; a charter member of the City Missionary Society, and of the Congregational Club of Chicago; a member of the Chicago Union League, the University, the Literary and the Commercial Clubs, of which latter he has been President. Oct. 7, 1858, Mr. Blatchford was married to Miss Mary Emily Williams, daughter of John C. Williams, of Chicago. Seven children—four sons and three daughters—have blessed this union, the eldest son, Paul, being to-day one of Chicago's valued business men. Mr. Blatchford's life has been one of ceaseless and successful activity in business, and to him Chicago owes much of its prosperity. In the giving of time and money for Christian, educational and benevolent enterprises, he has been conspicuous for his generosity, and noted for his valuable counsel and executive ability in carrying these enterprises to success.

**BLATCHFORD, John, D.D.**, was born at Newfield (now Bridgeport), Conn., May 24, 1799; removed in childhood to Lansingburg, N. Y., and was educated at Cambridge Academy and Union College in that State, graduating in 1820. He finished his theological course at Princeton, N. J., in 1823, after which he ministered successively to Presbyterian churches at Pittstown and Stillwater, N. Y., in 1830 accepting the pastorate of the First Congregational Church of Bridgeport, Conn. In 1836 he came to the West, spending the following winter at Jacksonville, Ill., and, in 1837, was installed the first pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, where he remained until compelled by failing health to resign and return to the East. In 1841 he accepted the chair of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy at Marion College, Mo., subsequently assuming the Presidency. The institution having been purchased by the Free Masons, in 1844, he removed to West Ely, Mo., and thence, in 1847, to Quincy, Ill., where he resided during the remainder of his life. His death occurred in St. Louis, April 8, 1855. The churches he served



testified strongly to Dr. Blatchford's faithful, acceptable and successful performance of his ministerial duties. He was married in 1825 to Frances Wickes, daughter of Eliphalet Wickes, Esq., of Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.

**BLED SOE, Albert Taylor**, teacher and lawyer, was born in Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 9, 1809; graduated at West Point Military Academy in 1830, and, after two years' service at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, retired from the army in 1832. During 1833-34 he was Adjunct Professor of Mathematics and teacher of French at Kenyon College, Ohio, and, in 1835-36, Professor of Mathematics at Miami University. Then, having studied theology, he served for several years as rector of Episcopal churches in Ohio. In 1838 he settled at Springfield, Ill., and began the practice of law, remaining several years, when he removed to Washington, D. C. Later he became Professor of Mathematics, first (1848-54) in the University of Mississippi, and (1854-61) in the University of Virginia. He then entered the Confederate service with the rank of Colonel, but soon became Acting Assistant Secretary of War; in 1863 visited England to collect material for a work on the Constitution, which was published in 1866, when he settled at Baltimore, where he began the publication of "The Southern Review," which became the recognized organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Later he became a minister of the Methodist Church. He gained considerable reputation for eloquence during his residence in Illinois, and was the author of a number of works on religious and political subjects, the latter maintaining the right of secession; was a man of recognized ability, but lacked stability of character. Died at Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8, 1877.

**BLODGETT, Henry Williams**, jurist, was born at Amherst, Mass., in 1821. At the age of 10 years he removed with his parents to Illinois, where he attended the district schools, later returning to Amherst to spend a year at the Academy. Returning home, he spent the years 1839-42 in teaching and surveying. In 1842 he began the study of law at Chicago, being admitted to the bar in 1845, and beginning practice at Waukegan, Ill., where he has continued to reside. In 1852 he was elected to the lower house of the Legislature from Lake County, as an anti-slavery candidate, and, in 1858, to the State Senate, in the latter serving four years. He gained distinction as a railroad solicitor, being employed at different times by the Chicago & Northwestern, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St.

Paul, the Michigan Southern and the Pittsburg & Fort Wayne Companies. Of the second named road he was one of the projectors, procuring its charter, and being identified with it in the several capacities of Attorney, Director and President. In 1870 President Grant appointed him Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. This position he continued to occupy for twenty-two years, resigning it in 1892 to accept an appointment by President Cleveland as one of the counsel for the United States before the Behring Sea Arbitrators at Paris, which was his last official service.

**BLOOMINGDALE**, a village of Du Page County, 30 miles west by north from Chicago. Population (1880), 236; (1890), 463; (1900), 235.

**BLOOMINGTON**, the county-seat of McLean County, a flourishing city and railroad center, 59 miles northeast of Springfield; is in a rich agricultural and coal-mining district. Besides car shops and repair works employing some 2,000 hands, there are manufactories of stoves, furnaces, plows, flour, etc. Nurseries are numerous in the vicinity and horse breeding receives much attention. The city is the seat of Illinois Wesleyan University, has fine public schools, several newspapers (two published daily), besides educational and other publications. The business section suffered a disastrous fire in 1900, but has been rebuilt more substantially than before. The principal streets are paved and electric street cars connect with Normal (two miles distant), the site of the "State Normal University" and "Soldiers' Orphans' Home." Pop. (1890), 20,284; (1900), 23,286.

**BLOOMINGTON CONVENTION OF 1856**. Although not formally called as such, this was the first Republican State Convention held in Illinois, out of which grew a permanent Republican organization in the State. A mass convention of those opposed to the repeal of the Missouri Compromise (known as an "Anti-Nebraska Convention") was held at Springfield during the week of the State Fair of 1854 (on Oct. 4 and 5), and, although it adopted a platform in harmony with the principles which afterwards became the foundation of the Republican party, and appointed a State Central Committee, besides putting in nomination a candidate for State Treasurer—the only State officer elected that year—the organization was not perpetuated, the State Central Committee failing to organize. The Bloomington Convention of 1856 met in accordance with a call issued by a State Central Committee appointed by the Convention of Anti-Nebraska editors held at Decatur on February 22, 1856. (See *Anti-Neb-*

*raska Editorial Convention.*) The call did not even contain the word "Republican," but was addressed to those opposed to the principles of the Nebraska Bill and the policy of the existing Democratic administration. The Convention met on May 29, 1856, the date designated by the Editorial Convention at Decatur, but was rather in the nature of a mass than a delegate convention, as party organizations existed in few counties of the State at that time. Consequently representation was very unequal and followed no systematic rule. Out of one hundred counties into which the State was then divided, only seventy were represented by delegates, ranging from one to twenty-five each, leaving thirty counties (embracing nearly the whole of the southern part of the State) entirely unrepresented. Lee County had the largest representation (twenty-five), Morgan County (the home of Richard Yates) coming next with twenty delegates, while Cook County had seventeen and Sangamon had five. The whole number of delegates, as shown by the contemporaneous record, was 269. Among the leading spirits in the Convention were Abraham Lincoln, Archibald Williams, O. H. Browning, Richard Yates, John M. Palmer, Owen Lovejoy, Norman B. Judd, Burton C. Cook and others who afterwards became prominent in State politics. The delegation from Cook County included the names of John Wentworth, Grant Goodrich, George Schneider, Mark Skinner, Charles H. Ray and Charles L. Wilson. The temporary organization was effected with Archibald Williams of Adams County in the chair, followed by the election of John M. Palmer of Macoupin, as Permanent President. The other officers were: Vice-Presidents—John A. Davis of Stephenson; William Ross of Pike; James McKee of Cook; John H. Bryant of Bureau; A. C. Harding of Warren; Richard Yates of Morgan; Dr. H. C. Johns of Macon; D. L. Phillips of Union; George Smith of Madison; Thomas A. Marshall of Coles; J. M. Ruggles of Mason; G. D. A. Parks of Will, and John Clark of Schuyler. Secretaries—Henry S. Baker of Madison; Charles L. Wilson of Cook; John Tillson of Adams; Washington Bushnell of La Salle, and B. J. F. Hanna of Randolph. A State ticket was put in nomination consisting of William H. Bissell for Governor (by acclamation); Francis A. Hoffman of Du Page County, for Lieutenant-Governor; Ozias M. Hatch of Pike, for Secretary of State; Jesse K. Dubois of Lawrence, for Auditor; James Miller of McLean, for Treasurer, and William H. Powell of Peoria,

for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Hoffman, having been found ineligible by lack of residence after the date of naturalization, withdrew, and his place was subsequently filled by the nomination of John Wood of Quincy. The platform adopted was outspoken in its pledges of unswerving loyalty to the Union and opposition to the extension of slavery into new territory. A delegation was appointed to the National Convention to be held in Philadelphia on June 17, following, and a State Central Committee was named to conduct the State campaign, consisting of James C. Conkling of Sangamon County; Asahel Gridley of McLean; Burton C. Cook of La Salle, and Charles H. Ray and Norman B. Judd of Cook. The principal speakers of the occasion, before the convention or in popular meetings held while the members were present in Bloomington, included the names of O. H. Browning, Owen Lovejoy, Abraham Lincoln, Burton C. Cook, Richard Yates, the venerable John Dixon, founder of the city bearing his name, and Governor Reeder of Pennsylvania, who had been Territorial Governor of Kansas by appointment of President Pierce, but had refused to carry out the policy of the administration for making Kansas a slave State. None of the speeches were fully reported, but that of Mr. Lincoln has been universally regarded by those who heard it as the gem of the occasion and the most brilliant of his life, foreshadowing his celebrated "house-divided-against-itself" speech of June 17, 1858. John L. Scripps, editor of "The Chicago Democratic Press," writing of it, at the time, to his paper, said: "Never has it been our fortune to listen to a more eloquent and masterly presentation of a subject. . . . For an hour and a half he (Mr. Lincoln) held the assemblage spellbound by the power of his argument, the intense irony of his invective, and the deep earnestness and fervid brilliancy of his eloquence. When he concluded, the audience sprang to their feet and cheer after cheer told how deeply their hearts had been touched and their souls warmed up to a generous enthusiasm." At the election, in November following, although the Democratic candidate for President carried the State by a plurality of over 9,000 votes, the entire State ticket put in nomination at Bloomington was successful by majorities ranging from 3,000 to 20,000 for the several candidates.

**BLUE ISLAND**, a village of Cook County, on the Calumet River and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, the Chicago & Grand Trunk and the Illinois Central Railways. 15 miles south of

Chicago. It has a high school, churches and two newspapers, besides brick, smelting and oil works. Population (1890), 2,521; (1900), 6,114.

**BLUE ISLAND RAILROAD**, a short line 3.96 miles in length, lying wholly within Illinois; capital stock \$25,000; operated by the Illinois Central Railroad Company. Its funded debt (1895) was \$100,000 and its floating debt, \$3,779.

**BLUE MOUND**, a town of Macon County, on the Wabash Railway, 14 miles southeast of Decatur; in rich grain and live-stock region; has three grain elevators, two banks, tile factory and one newspaper. Pop. (1890), 696; (1900), 714.

**BLUFFS**, a village of Scott County, at the junction of the Quincy and Hannibal branches of the Wabash Railway, 52 miles west of Springfield; has a bank and a newspaper. Population (1880), 162; (1890), 421; (1900), 539.

**BOAL, Robert, M.D.**, physician and legislator, born near Harrisburg, Pa., in 1806; was brought by his parents to Ohio when five years old and educated at Cincinnati, graduating from the Ohio Medical College in 1828; settled at Lacon, Ill., in 1836, practicing there until 1862, when, having been appointed Surgeon of the Board of Enrollment for that District, he removed to Peoria. Other public positions held by Dr. Boal have been those of Senator in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth General Assemblies (1844-48), Representative in the Nineteenth and Twentieth (1854-58), and Trustee of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Jacksonville, remaining in the latter position seventeen years under the successive administrations of Governors Bissell, Yates, Oglesby, Palmer and Beveridge—the last five years of his service being President of the Board. He was also President of the State Medical Board in 1882. Dr. Boal continued to practice at Peoria until about 1890, when he retired, and, in 1893, returned to Lacon to reside with his daughter, the widow of the late Colonel Greenbury L. Fort, for eight years Representative in Congress from the Eighth District.

**BOARD OF ARBITRATION**, a Bureau of the State Government, created by an act of the Legislature, approved August 2, 1895. It is appointed by the Executive and is composed of three members (not more than two of whom can belong to the same political party), one of whom must be an employer of labor and one a member of some labor organization. The term of office for the members first named was fixed at two years; after March 1, 1897, it is to be three years, one member retiring annually. A compensation of

\$1,500 per annum is allowed to each member of the Board, while the Secretary, who must also be a stenographer, receives a salary of \$1,200 per annum. When a controversy arises between an individual, firm or corporation employing not less than twenty-five persons, and his or its employes, application may be made by the aggrieved party to the Board for an inquiry into the nature of the disagreement, or both parties may unite in the submission of a case. The Board is required to visit the locality, carefully investigate the cause of the dispute and render a decision as soon as practicable, the same to be at once made public. If the application be filed by the employer, it must be accompanied by a stipulation to continue in business, and order no lock-out for the space of three weeks after its date. In like manner, complaining employes must promise to continue peacefully at work, under existing conditions, for a like period. The Board is granted power to send for persons and papers and to administer oaths to witnesses. Its decisions are binding upon applicants for six months after rendition, or until either party shall have given the other sixty days' notice in writing of his or their intention not to be bound thereby. In case the Board shall learn that a disagreement exists between employes and an employer having less than twenty-five persons in his employ, and that a strike or lock-out is seriously threatened, it is made the duty of the body to put itself into communication with both employer and employes and endeavor to effect an amicable settlement between them by mediation. The absence of any provision in the law prescribing penalties for its violation leaves the observance of the law, in its present form, dependent upon the voluntary action of the parties interested.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**, a body organized under act of the General Assembly, approved March 8, 1867. It first consisted of twenty-five members, one from each Senatorial District. The first Board was appointed by the Governor, holding office two years, afterwards becoming elective for a term of four years. In 1872 the law was amended, reducing the number of members to one for each Congressional District, the whole number at that time becoming nineteen, with the Auditor as a member ex officio, who usually presides. From 1884 to 1897 it consisted of twenty elective members, but, in 1897, it was increased to twenty-two. The Board meets annually on the second Tuesday of August. The abstracts of the property assessed for taxation in the several counties of the State are laid before

it for examination and equalization, but it may not reduce the aggregate valuation nor increase it more than one per cent. Its powers over the returns of the assessors do not extend beyond equalization of assessments between counties. The Board is required to consider the various classes of property separately, and determine such rates of addition to or deduction from the listed, or assessed, valuation of each class as it may deem equitable and just. The statutes prescribe rules for determining the value of all the classes of property enumerated—personal, real, railroad, telegraph, etc. The valuation of the capital stock of railroads, telegraph and other corporations (except newspapers) is fixed by the Board. Its consideration having been completed, the Board is required to summarize the results of its labors in a comparative table, which must be again examined, compared and perfected. Reports of each annual meeting, with the results reached, are printed at the expense of the State and distributed as are other public documents. The present Board (1897-1901) consists by districts of (1) George F. McKnight, (2) John J. McKenna, (3) Solomon Simon, (4) Andrew McAnsh, (5) Albert Oberndorf, (6) Henry Severin, (7) Edward S. Taylor, (8) Theodore S. Rogers, (9) Charles A. Works, (10) Thomas P. Pierce, (11) Samuel M. Barnes, (12) Frank P. Martin, (13) Frank K. Robeson, (14) W. O. Cadwallader, (15) J. S. Cruttenden, (16) H. D. Hirshheimer, (17) Thomas N. Leavitt, (18) Joseph F. Long, (19) Richard Cadle, (20) Charles Emerson, (21) John W. Larimer, (22) William A. Wall, besides the Auditor of Public Accounts as ex-officio member—the District members being divided politically in the proportion of eighteen Republicans to four Democrats.

**BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES**, a State Bureau, created by act of the Legislature in 1869, upon the recommendation of Governor Oglesby. The act creating the Board gives the Commissioners supervisory oversight of the financial and administrative conduct of all the charitable and correctional institutions of the State, with the exception of the penitentiaries, and they are especially charged with looking after and caring for the condition of the paupers and the insane. As originally constituted the Board consisted of five male members who employed a Secretary. Later provision was made for the appointment of a female Commissioner. The office is not elective. The Board has always carefully scrutinized the accounts of the various State charitable institutions, and, under its man-

agement, no charge of peculation against any official connected with the same has ever been substantiated; there have been no scandals, and only one or two isolated charges of cruelty to inmates. Its supervision of the county jails and almshouses has been careful and conscientious, and has resulted in benefit alike to the tax-payers and the inmates. The Board, at the close of the year 1898, consisted of the following five members, their terms ending as indicated in parenthesis: J. C. Corbus (1898), R. D. Lawrence (1899), Julia C. Lathrop (1900), William J. Calhoun (1901), Ephraim Banning (1902). J. C. Corbus was President and Frederick H. Wines, Secretary.

**BOGARDUS, Charles**, legislator, was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., March 28, 1841, and left an orphan at six years of age; was educated in the common schools, began working in a store at 12, and, in 1862, enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-first New York Infantry, being elected First Lieutenant, and retiring from the service as Lieutenant-Colonel "for gallant and meritorious service" before Petersburg. While in the service he participated in some of the most important battles in Virginia, and was once wounded and once captured. In 1872 he located in Ford County, Ill., where he has been a successful operator in real estate. He has been twice elected to the House of Representatives (1884 and '86) and three times to the State Senate (1888, '92 and '96), and has served on the most important committees in each house, and has proved himself one of the most useful members. At the session of 1895 he was chosen President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

**BOGGS, Carroll C.** Justice of the Supreme Court, was born in Fairfield, Wayne County, Ill., Oct. 19, 1844, and still resides in his native town; has held the offices of State's Attorney, County Judge of Wayne County, and Judge of the Circuit Court for the Second Judicial Circuit, being assigned also to Appellate Court duty. In June, 1897, Judge Boggs was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court to succeed Judge David J. Baker, his term to continue until 1906.

**BOLTWOOD, Henry L.**, the son of William and Electa (Stetson) Boltwood, was born at Amherst, Mass., Jan. 17, 1831; fitted for college at Amherst Academy and graduated from Amherst College in 1853. While in college he taught school every winter, commencing on a salary of \$4 per week and "boarding round" among the scholars. After graduating he taught in academies at Limerick, Me., and at Pembroke and



Derry, N. H., and in the high school at Lawrence, Mass.; also served as School Commissioner for Rockingham County, N. H. In 1864 he went into the service of the Sanitary Commission in the Department of the Gulf, remaining until the close of the war; was also ordained Chaplain of a colored regiment, but was not regularly mustered in. After the close of the war he was employed as Superintendent of Schools at Griggsville, Ill., for two years, and, while there, in 1867, organized the first township high school ever organized in the State, where he remained eleven years. He afterwards organized the township high school at Ottawa, remaining there five years, after which, in 1883, he organized and took charge of the township high school at Evanston, where he has since been employed in his profession as a teacher. Professor Boltwood has been a member of the State Board of Education and has served as President of the State Teachers' Association. As a teacher he has given special attention to English language and literature, and to history, being the author of an English Grammar, a High School Speller and "Topical Outlines of General History," besides many contributions to educational journals. He has done a great deal of institute work, both in Illinois and Iowa, and has been known somewhat as a tariff reformer.

**BOND, Lester L.**, lawyer, was born at Ravenna, Ohio, Oct. 27, 1829; educated in the common schools and at an academy, meanwhile laboring in local factories; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1853, the following year coming to Chicago, where he has given his attention chiefly to practice in connection with patent laws. Mr. Bond served several terms in the Chicago City Council, was Republican Presidential Elector in 1868, and served two terms in the General Assembly—1866-70.

**BOND, Shadrach**, first Territorial Delegate in Congress from Illinois and first Governor of the State, was born in Maryland, and, after being liberally educated, removed to Kaskaskia while Illinois was a part of the Northwest Territory. He served as a member of the first Territorial Legislature (of Indiana Territory) and was the first Delegate from the Territory of Illinois in Congress, serving from 1812 to 1814. In the latter year he was appointed Receiver of Public Moneys; he also held a commission as Captain in the War of 1812. On the admission of the State, in 1818, he was elected Governor, and occupied the executive chair until 1822. Died at Kaskaskia, April 13, 1832.—**Shadrach Bond, Sr.**, an uncle of the preceding, came to Illinois in 1781 and was

elected Delegate from St. Clair County (then comprehending all Illinois) to the Territorial Legislature of Northwest Territory, in 1799, and, in 1804, to the Legislative Council of the newly organized Territory of Indiana.

**BOND COUNTY**, a small county lying northeast from St. Louis, having an area of 380 square miles and a population (1900) of 16,078. The first American settlers located here in 1807, coming from the South, and building Hill's and Jones's forts for protection from the Indians. Settlement was slow, in 1816 there being scarcely twenty-five log cabins in the county. The county-seat is Greenville, where the first cabin was erected in 1815 by George Davidson. The county was organized in 1818, and named in honor of Gov. Shadrach Bond. Its original limits included the present counties of Clinton, Fayette and Montgomery. The first court was held at Perryville, and, in May, 1817, Judge Jesse B. Thomas presided over the first Circuit Court at Hill's Station. The first court house was erected at Greenville in 1822. The county contains good timber and farming lands, and at some points, coal is found near the surface.

**BONNEY, Charles Carroll**, lawyer and reformer, was born in Hamilton, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1831; educated at Hamilton Academy and settled in Peoria, Ill., in 1850, where he pursued the avocation of a teacher while studying law; was admitted to the bar in 1852, but removed to Chicago in 1860, where he has since been engaged in practice; served as President of the National Law and Order League in New York in 1885, being repeatedly re-elected, and has also been President of the Illinois State Bar Association, as well as a member of the American Bar Association. Among the reforms which he has advocated are constitutional prohibition of special legislation; an extension of equity practice to bankruptcy and other law proceedings; civil service pensions; State Boards of labor and capital, etc. He has also published some treatises in book form, chiefly on legal questions, besides editing a volume of "Poems by Alfred W. Arrington, with a sketch of his Character" (1869.) As President of the World's Congresses Auxiliary, in 1893, Mr. Bonney contributed largely to the success of that very interesting and important feature of the great Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

**BOONE, Levi D., M. D.**, early physician, was born near Lexington, Ky., December, 1808—a descendant of the celebrated Daniel Boone; received the degree of M. D. from Transylvania University and came to Edwardsville, Ill., at an



early day, afterwards locating at Hillsboro and taking part in the Black Hawk War as Captain of a cavalry company; came to Chicago in 1836 and engaged in the insurance business, later resuming the practice of his profession; served several terms as Alderman and was elected Mayor in 1855 by a combination of temperance men and Know-Nothings; acquired a large property by operations in real estate. Died, February, 1882.

**BOONE COUNTY**, the smallest of the "north-tier" of counties, having an area of only 290 square miles, and a population (1900) of 15,791. Its surface is chiefly rolling prairie, and the principal products are oats and corn. The earliest settlers came from New York and New England, and among them were included Medkiff, Dunham, Caswell, Cline, Townner, Doty and Whitney. Later (after the Pottawatomies had evacuated the country), came the Shattuck brothers, Maria Hollenbeck and Mrs. Bullard, Oliver Hale, Nathaniel Crosby, Dr. Whiting, H. C. Walker, and the Neeley and Mahoney families. Boone County was cut off from Winnebago, and organized in 1837, being named in honor of Kentucky's pioneer. The first frame house in the county was erected by S. F. Doty and stood for fifty years in the village of Belvidere on the north side of the Kishwaukee River. The county-seat (Belvidere) was platted in 1837, and an academy built soon after. The first Protestant church was a Baptist society under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. King.

**BOURBONNAIS**, a village of Kankakee County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 5 miles north of Kankakee. Population (1890), 510; (1900), 595.

**BOUTELL, Henry Sherman**, lawyer and Congressman, was born in Boston, Mass., March 14, 1856, graduated from the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., in 1874, and from Harvard in 1876; was admitted to the bar in Illinois in 1879, and to that of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1885. In 1884 Mr. Boutell was elected to the lower branch of the Thirty-fourth General Assembly and was one of the "103" who, in the long struggle during the following session, participated in the election of Gen. John A. Logan to the United States Senate for the last time. At a special election held in the Sixth Illinois District in November, 1897, he was elected Representative in Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the sudden death of his predecessor, Congressman Edward D. Cooke, and at the regular election of 1898 was re-elected to the same position, receiving a plurality of 1,116 over

his Democratic competitor and a majority of 719 over all.

**BOUTON, Nathaniel S.**, manufacturer, was born in Concord, N. H., May 14, 1828; in his youth farmed and taught school in Connecticut, but in 1852 came to Chicago and was employed in a foundry firm, of which he soon afterwards became a partner, in the manufacture of car-wheels and railway castings. Later he became associated with the American Bridge Company's works, which was sold to the Illinois Central Railroad Company in 1857, when he bought the Union Car Works, which he operated until 1863. He then became the head of the Union Foundry Works, which having been consolidated with the Pullman Car Works in 1886, he retired, organizing the Bouton Foundry Company. Mr. Bouton is a Republican, was Commissioner of Public Works for the city of Chicago two terms before the Civil War, and served as Assistant Quartermaster in the Eighty-eighth Illinois Infantry (Second Board of Trade Regiment) from 1862 until after the battle of Chickamauga.

**BOYD, Thomas A.**, was born in Adams County, Pa., June 25, 1830, and graduated at Marshall College, Mercersburg, Pa., at the age of 18; studied law at Chambersburg and was admitted to the bar at Bedford in his native State, where he practiced until 1856, when he removed to Illinois. In 1861 he abandoned his practice to enlist in the Seventeenth Illinois Infantry, in which he held the position of Captain. At the close of the war he returned to his home at Lewistown, and, in 1866, was elected State Senator and re-elected at the expiration of his term in 1870, serving in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh General Assemblies. He was also a Republican Representative from his District in the Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth Congresses (1877-81). Died, at Lewistown, May 28, 1897.

**BRACEVILLE**, a town in Grundy County, 61 miles by rail southwest of Chicago. Coal mining is the principal industry. The town has two banks, two churches and good public schools. Population (1890), 2,150; (1900), 1,669.

**BRADFORD**, village of Stark County, on Buda and Rushville branch Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway; is in excellent farming region and has large grain and live-stock trade, excellent high school building, fine churches, good hotels and one newspaper. Pop. (1900), 773.

**BRADSBY, William H.**, pioneer and Judge, was born in Bedford County, Va., July 12, 1787. He removed to Illinois early in life, and was the first postmaster in Washington County (at Cov-

ington), the first school-teacher and the first Circuit and County Clerk and Recorder. At the time of his death he was Probate and County Judge. Besides being Clerk of all the courts, he was virtually County Treasurer, as he had custody of all the county's money. For several years he was also Deputy United States Surveyor, and in that capacity surveyed much of the south part of the State, as far east as Wayne and Clay Counties. Died at Nashville, Ill., August 21, 1839.

**BRADWELL, James Bolesworth**, lawyer and editor, was born at Loughborough, England, April 16, 1828, and brought to America in infancy, his parents locating in 1829 or '30 at Utica, N. Y. In 1833 they emigrated to Jacksonville, Ill., but the following year removed to Wheeling, Cook County, settling on a farm, where the younger Bradwell received his first lessons in breaking prairie, splitting rails and tilling the soil. His first schooling was obtained in a country log-school-house, but, later, he attended the Wilson Academy in Chicago, where he had Judge Lorenzo Sawyer for an instructor. He also took a course in Knox College at Galesburg, then a manual-labor school, supporting himself by working in a wagon and plow shop, sawing wood, etc. In May, 1852, he was married to Miss Myra Colby, a teacher, with whom he went to Memphis, Tenn., the same year, where they engaged in teaching a select school, the subject of this sketch meanwhile devoting some attention to reading law. He was admitted to the bar there, but after a stay of less than two years in Memphis, returned to Chicago and began practice. In 1861 he was elected County Judge of Cook County, and re-elected four years later, but declined a re-election in 1869. The first half of his term occurring during the progress of the Civil War, he had the opportunity of rendering some vigorous decisions which won for him the reputation of a man of courage and inflexible independence, as well as an incorruptible champion of justice. In 1872 he was elected to the lower branch of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly from Cook County, and re-elected in 1874. He was again a candidate in 1882, and by many believed to have been honestly elected, though his opponent received the certificate. He made a contest for the seat, and the majority of the Committee on Elections reported in his favor; but he was defeated through the treachery and suspected corruption of a professed political friend. He is the author of the law making women eligible to school offices in Illinois and

allowing them to become Notaries Public, and has always been a champion for equal rights for women in the professions and as citizens. He was a Second Lieutenant of the One Hundred and Fifth Regiment, Illinois Militia, in 1848; presided over the American Woman's Suffrage Association at its organization in Cleveland; has been President of the Chicago Press Club, of the Chicago Bar Association, and, for a number of years, the Historian of the latter; one of the founders and President of the Union League Club, besides being associated with many other social and business organizations. At present (1899) he is editor of "The Chicago Legal News," founded by his wife thirty years ago, and with which he has been identified in a business capacity from its establishment.—**Myra Colby** (Bradwell), the wife of Judge Bradwell, was born at Manchester, Vt., Feb. 12, 1831—being descended on her mother's side from the Chase family to which Bishop Philander Chase and Salmon P. Chase, the latter Secretary of the Treasury and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court by appointment of Abraham Lincoln, belonged. In infancy she was brought to Portage, N. Y., where she remained until she was twelve years of age, when her family removed west. She attended school in Kenosha, Wis., and a seminary at Elgin, afterwards being engaged in teaching. On May 18, 1852, she was married to Judge Bradwell, almost immediately going to Memphis, Tenn., where, with the assistance of her husband, she conducted a select school for some time, also teaching in the public schools, when they returned to Chicago. In the early part of the Civil War she took a deep interest in the welfare of the soldiers in the field and their families at home, becoming President of the Soldiers' Aid Society, and was a leading spirit in the Sanitary Fairs held in Chicago in 1863 and in 1865. After the war she commenced the study of law and, in 1868, began the publication of "The Chicago Legal News," with which she remained identified until her death—also publishing biennially an edition of the session laws after each session of the General Assembly. After passing a most creditable examination, application was made for her admission to the bar in 1871, but denied in an elaborate decision rendered by Judge C. B. Lawrence of the Supreme Court of the State, on the sole ground of sex, as was also done by the Supreme Court of the United States in 1873, on the latter occasion Chief Justice Chase dissenting. She was finally admitted to the bar on March 28, 1892, and was the first lady member of the State Bar Associ-

ation. Other organizations with which she was identified embraced the Illinois State Press Association, the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home (in war time), the "Illinois Industrial School for Girls" at Evanston, the Washingtonian Home, the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Columbian Exposition, and Chairman of the Woman's Committee on Jurisprudence of the World's Congress Auxiliary of 1893. Although much before the public during the latter years of her life, she never lost the refinement and graces which belong to a true woman. Died, at her home in Chicago, Feb. 14, 1894.

**BRAIDWOOD**, a city in Will County, incorporated in 1860; is 58 miles from Chicago, on the Chicago & Alton Railroad; an important coal-mining point, and in the heart of a rich agricultural region. It has a bank and a weekly newspaper. Population (1890), 4,641; (1900), 3,279.

**BRANSON**, Nathaniel W., lawyer, was born in Jacksonville, Ill., May 29, 1837; was educated in the private and public schools of that city and at Illinois College, graduating from the latter in 1857; studied law with David A. Smith, a prominent and able lawyer of Jacksonville, and was admitted to the bar in January, 1860, soon after establishing himself in practice at Petersburg, Menard County, where he has ever since resided. In 1867 Mr. Branson was appointed Register in Bankruptcy for the Springfield District—a position which he held thirteen years. He was also elected Representative in the General Assembly in 1872, by re-election in 1874 serving four years in the stormy Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies; was a Delegate from Illinois to the National Republican Convention of 1876, and served for several years most efficiently as a Trustee of the State Institution for the Blind at Jacksonville, part of the time as President of the Board. Politically a conservative Republican, and in no sense an office-seeker, the official positions which he has occupied have come to him unsought and in recognition of his fitness and capacity for the proper discharge of their duties.

**BRAYMAN**, Mason, lawyer and soldier, was born in Buffalo, N. Y., May 23, 1813; brought up as a farmer, became a printer and edited "The Buffalo Bulletin," 1834-35; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1836; removed west in 1837, was City Attorney of Monroe, Mich., in 1838 and became editor of "The Louisviller Advertiser" in 1841. In 1842 he opened a law office in Springfield, Ill., and the following year was appointed by Governor Ford a commissioner to adjust the Mormon troubles, in which capacity

he rendered valuable service. In 1844-45 he was appointed to revise the statutes of the State. Later he devoted much attention to railroad enterprises, being attorney of the Illinois Central Railroad, 1851-55; then projected the construction of a railroad from Bird's Point, opposite Cairo, into Arkansas, which was partially completed before the war, and almost wholly destroyed during that period. In 1861 he entered the service as Major of the Twenty-ninth Illinois Volunteers, taking part in a number of the early battles, including Fort Donelson and Shiloh; was promoted to a colonelcy for meritorious conduct at the latter, and for a time served as Adjutant-General on the staff of General McClelland; was promoted Brigadier-General in September, 1862, at the close of the war receiving the brevet rank of Major-General. After the close of the war he devoted considerable attention to reviving his railroad enterprises in the South; edited "The Illinois State Journal," 1872-73; removed to Wisconsin and was appointed Governor of Idaho in 1876, serving four years, after which he returned to Ripon, Wis. Died, in Kansas City, Feb. 27, 1895.

**BREESE**, a village in Clinton County, on Baltimore & Ohio S. W. Railway, 39 miles east of St. Louis; has coal mines, water system, bank and weekly newspaper. Pop. (1890), 808, (1900), 1,571.

**BREESE**, Sidney, statesman and jurist, was born at Whitesboro, N. Y., (according to the generally accepted authority) July 15, 1800. Owing to a certain sensitiveness about his age in his later years, it has been exceedingly difficult to secure authentic data on the subject; but his arrival at Kaskaskia in 1818, after graduating at Union College, and his admission to the bar in 1820, have induced many to believe that the date of his birth should be placed somewhat earlier. He was related to some of the most prominent families in New York, including the Livingstons and the Morses, and, after his arrival at Kaskaskia, began the study of law with his friend Elias Kent Kane, afterwards United States Senator. Meanwhile, having served as Postmaster at Kaskaskia, he became Assistant Secretary of State, and, in December, 1820, superintended the removal of the archives of that office to Vandalia, the new State capital. Later he was appointed Prosecuting Attorney, serving in that position from 1822 till 1827, when he became United States District Attorney for Illinois. He was the first official reporter of the Supreme Court, issuing its first volume of decisions; served as Lieutenant-Colonel of volunteers during the

**Black Hawk War (1832);** in 1833 was elected to the circuit bench, and, in 1841, was advanced to the Supreme bench, serving less than two years, when he resigned to accept a seat in the United States Senate, to which he was elected in 1843 as the successor of Richard M. Young, defeating Stephen A. Douglas in the first race of the latter for the office. While in the Senate (1843-49) he served as Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, and was one of the first to suggest the construction of a transcontinental railway to the Pacific. He was also one of the originators and active promoters in Congress of the Illinois Central Railroad enterprise. He was Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives in 1851, again became Circuit Judge in 1855 and returned to the Supreme bench in 1857 and served more than one term as Chief Justice, the last being in 1873-74. His home during most of his public life in Illinois was at Carlyle. His death occurred at Pinckneyville, June 28, 1878.

**BRENTANO, Lorenzo,** was born at Mannheim, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, Nov. 14, 1813; was educated at the Universities of Heidelberg and Freiburg, receiving the degree of LL.D., and attaining high honors, both professional and political. He was successively a member of the Baden Chamber of Deputies and of the Frankfurt Parliament, and always a leader of the revolutionist party. In 1849 he became President of the Provisional Republican Government of Baden, but was, before long, forced to find an asylum in the United States. He first settled in Kalamazoo County, Mich., as a farmer, but, in 1859, removed to Chicago, where he was admitted to the Illinois bar, but soon entered the field of journalism, becoming editor and part proprietor of "The Illinois Staats Zeitung." He held various public offices, being elected to the Legislature in 1862, serving five years as President of the Chicago Board of Education, was a Republican Presidential Elector in 1868, and United States Consul at Dresden in 1872 (a general amnesty having been granted to the participants in the revolution of 1848), and Representative in Congress from 1877 to 1879. Died, in Chicago, Sept. 17, 1891.

**BRIDGEPORT,** a town of Lawrence County, on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, 14 miles west of Vincennes, Ind. It has a bank and one weekly paper. Population (1900), 487.

**BRIDGEPORT,** a former suburb (now a part of the city) of Chicago, located at the junction of the Illinois & Michigan Canal with the South Branch of the Chicago River. It is now the

center of the large slaughtering and packing industry.

**BRIDGEPORT & SOUTH CHICAGO RAILWAY.** (See *Chicago & Northern Pacific Railroad*.)

**BRIGHTON,** a village of Macoupin County, at the intersection of the Chicago & Alton and the Rock Island and St. Louis branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railways; coal is mined here; has a newspaper. Population (1880), 691; (1890), 697; (1900), 660.

**BRIMFIELD,** a town of Peoria County, on the Buda and Rushville branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, 38 miles south of Buda; coal-mining and farming are the chief industries. It has one weekly paper and a bank. Population (1880), 832; (1890), 719; (1900), 677.

**BRISTOL, Frank Milton,** clergyman, was born in Orleans County, N. Y., Jan. 4, 1851; came to Kankakee, Ill., in boyhood, and having lost his father at 12 years of age, spent the following years in various manual occupations until about nineteen years of age, when, having been converted, he determined to devote his life to the ministry. Through the aid of a benevolent lady, he was enabled to get two years' (1870-72) instruction at the Northwestern University, at Evanston, afterwards supporting himself by preaching at various points, meanwhile continuing his studies at the University until 1877. After completing his course he served as pastor of some of the most prominent Methodist churches in Chicago, his last charge in the State being at Evanston. In 1897 he was transferred to Washington City, becoming pastor of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, attended by President McKinley. Dr. Bristol is an author of some repute and an orator of recognized ability.

**BROADWELL, Norman M.,** lawyer, was born in Morgan County, Ill., August 1, 1825; was educated in the common schools and at McKendree and Illinois Colleges, but compelled by failing health to leave college without graduating; spent some time in the book business, then began the study of medicine with a view to benefiting his own health, but finally abandoned this and, about 1850, commenced the study of law in the office of Lincoln & Herndon at Springfield. Having been admitted to the bar, he practiced for a time at Pekin, but, in 1854, returned to Springfield, where he spent the remainder of his life. In 1860 he was elected as a Democrat to the House of Representatives from Sangamon County, serving in the Twenty-second General Assembly. Other offices held by him included those of County Judge (1863-65) and Mayor of the city of Spring-



field, to which last position he was twice elected (1867 and again in 1869). Judge Broadwell was one of the most genial of men, popular, high-minded and honorable in all his dealings. Died, in Springfield, Feb. 28, 1893.

**BROOKS, John Flavel**, educator, was born in Oneida County, New York, Dec. 3, 1801; graduated at Hamilton College, 1828; studied three years in the theological department of Yale College; was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry in 1831, and came to Illinois in the service of the American Home Missionary Society. After preaching at Colliusville, Belleville and other points, Mr. Brooks, who was a member of the celebrated "Yale Band," in 1837 assumed the principalship of a Teachers' Seminary at Waverly, Morgan County, but three years later removed to Springfield, where he established an academy for both sexes. Although finally compelled to abandon this, he continued teaching with some interruptions to within a few years of his death, which occurred in 1886. He was one of the Trustees of Illinois College from its foundation up to his death.

**BROSS, William**, journalist, was born in Sussex County, N. J., Nov. 14, 1813, and graduated with honors from Williams College in 1838, having previously developed his physical strength by much hard work upon the Delaware and Hudson Canal, and in the lumbering trade. For five years after graduating he was a teacher, and settled in Chicago in 1848. There he first engaged in bookselling, but later embarked in journalism. His first publication was "The Prairie Herald," a religious paper, which was discontinued after two years. In 1852, in connection with John L. Scripps, he founded "The Democratic Press," which was consolidated with "The Tribune" in 1858, Mr. Bross retaining his connection with the new concern. He was always an ardent free-soiler, and a firm believer in the great future of Chicago and the Northwest. He was an enthusiastic Republican, and, in 1856 and 1860, served as an effective campaign orator. In 1864 he was the successful nominee of his party for Lieutenant-Governor. This was his only official position outside of a membership in the Chicago Common Council in 1855. As a presiding officer, he was dignified yet affable, and his impartiality was shown by the fact that no appeals were taken from his decisions. After quitting public life he devoted much time to literary pursuits, delivering lectures in various parts of the country. Among his best known works are a brief "History of Chicago," "History of Camp Douglas,"

and "Tom Quick." Died, in Chicago, Jan. 27, 1890.

**BROWN, Henry**, lawyer and historian, was born at Hebron, Tolland County, Conn., May 13, 1789—the son of a commissary in the army of General Greene of Revolutionary fame; graduated at Yale College, and, when of age, removed to New York, later studying law at Albany, Canandaigua and Batavia, and being admitted to the bar about 1813, when he settled down in practice at Cooperstown; in 1816 was appointed Judge of Herkimer County, remaining on the bench until about 1824. He then resumed practice at Cooperstown, continuing until 1836, when he removed to Chicago. The following year he was elected a Justice of the Peace, serving two years, and, in 1842, became Prosecuting Attorney of Cook County. During this period he was engaged in writing a "History of Illinois," which was published in New York in 1844. This was regarded at the time as the most voluminous and best digested work on Illinois history that had as yet been published. In 1846, on assuming the Presidency of the Chicago Lyceum, he delivered an inaugural entitled "Chicago, Present and Future," which is still preserved as a striking prediction of Chicago's future greatness. Originally a Democrat, he became a Free-soiler in 1848. Died of cholera, in Chicago, May 16, 1849.

**BROWN, James B.**, journalist, was born in Gilmanton, Belknap County, N. H., Sept. 1, 1833—his father being a member of the Legislature and Selectman for his town. The son was educated at Gilmanton Academy, after which he studied medicine for a time, but did not graduate. In 1857 he removed West, first settling at Dunleith, Jo Daviess County, Ill., where he became Principal of the public schools; in 1861 was elected County Superintendent of Schools for Jo Daviess County, removing to Galena two years later and assuming the editorship of "The Gazette" of that city. Mr. Brown also served as Postmaster of Galena for several years. Died, Feb. 13, 1896.

**BROWN, James N.**, agriculturist and stockman, was born in Fayette County, Ky., Oct. 1, 1806; came to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1833, locating at Island Grove, where he engaged extensively in farming and stock-raising. He served as Representative in the General Assemblies of 1840, '42, '46, and '52, and in the last was instrumental in securing the incorporation of the Illinois State Agricultural Society, of which he was chosen the first President, being re-elected in 1854. He was one of the most enterprising grow-



ers of blooded cattle in the State and did much to introduce them in Central Illinois; was also an earnest and influential advocate of scientific education for the agricultural classes and an efficient collaborer with Prof. J. B. Turner, of Jacksonville, in securing the enactment by Congress, in 1862, of the law granting lands for the endowment of Industrial Colleges, out of which grew the Illinois State University and institutions of like character in other States. Died, Nov. 16, 1868.

**BROWN, William**, lawyer and jurist, was born June 1, 1819, in Cumberland, England, his parents emigrating to this country when he was eight years old, and settling in Western New York. He was admitted to the bar at Rochester, in October, 1845, and at once removed to Rockford, Ill., where he commenced practice. In 1852 he was elected State's Attorney for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, and, in 1857, was chosen Mayor of Rockford. In 1870 he was elected to the bench of the Circuit Court as successor to Judge Sheldon, later was promoted to the Supreme Court, and was re-elected successively in 1873, in '79 and '85. Died, at Rockford, Jan. 15, 1891.

**BROWN, William H.**, lawyer and financier, was born in Connecticut, Dec. 20, 1796; spent his boyhood at Auburn, N. Y., studied law, and, in 1818, came to Illinois with Samuel D. Lockwood (afterwards a Justice of the State Supreme Court), descending the Ohio River to Shawneetown in a flat-boat. Mr. Brown visited Kaskaskia and was soon after appointed Clerk of the United States District Court by Judge Nathaniel Pope, removing, in 1820, to Vandalia, the new State capital, where he remained until 1835. He then removed to Chicago to accept the position of Cashier of the Chicago branch of the State Bank of Illinois, which he continued to fill for many years. He served the city as School Agent for thirteen years (1840-53), managing the city's school fund through a critical period with great discretion and success. He was one of the group of early patriots who successfully resisted the attempt to plant slavery in Illinois in 1823-24; was also one of the projectors of the Chicago & Galena Union Railroad, was President of the Chicago Historical Society for seven years and connected with many other local enterprises. He was an ardent personal friend of President Lincoln and served as Representative in the Twenty-second General Assembly (1860-62). While making a tour of Europe he died of paralysis at Amsterdam, June 17, 1867.

**BROWN COUNTY**, situated in the western part of the State, with an area of 300 square miles, and a population (1890) of 11,951; was cut off from Schuyler and made a separate county in May, 1839, being named in honor of Gen. Jacob Brown. Among the pioneer settlers were the Vandeventers and Hambaughs, John and David Six, William McDaniel, Jeremiah Walker, Willis O'Neil, Harry Lester, John Ausmus and Robert H. Curry. The county-seat is Mount Sterling, a town of no little attractiveness. Other prosperous villages are Mound Station and Ripley. The chief occupation of the people is farming, although there is some manufacturing of lumber and a few potteries along the Illinois River. Population (1900), 11,557.

**BROWNE, Francis Fisher**, editor and author, was born in South Halifax, Vt., Dec. 1; 1843, the son of William Goldsmith Browne, who was a teacher, editor and author of the song "A Hundred Years to Come." In childhood he was brought by his parents to Western Massachusetts, where he attended the public schools and learned the printing trade in his father's newspaper office at Chicopee, Mass. Leaving school in 1862, he enlisted in the Forty-sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, in which he served one year, chiefly in North Carolina and in the Army of the Potomac. On the discharge of his regiment he engaged in the study of law at Rochester, N. Y., entering the law department of the University of Michigan in 1866, but abandoning his intention of entering the legal profession, removed to Chicago in 1867, where he engaged in journalistic and literary pursuits. Between 1869 and '74 he was editor of "The Lakeside Monthly," when he became literary editor of "The Alliance," but, in 1880, he established and assumed the editorship of "The Dial," a purely literary publication which has gained a high reputation, and of which he has remained in control continuously ever since, meanwhile serving as the literary adviser, for many years, of the well-known publishing house of McClurg & Co. Besides his journalistic work, Mr. Browne has contributed to the magazines and literary anthologies a number of short lyrics, and is the author of "The Everyday Life of Abraham Lincoln" (1886), and a volume of poems entitled, "Volunteer Grain" (1893). He also compiled and edited "Golden Poems by British and American Authors" (1881); "The Golden Treasury of Poetry and Prose" (1886), and the "Laurel Crowned" series of standard poetry (1891-92). Mr. Browne was Chairman of the Committee of the Congress of Authors in

the World's Congress Auxiliary held in connection with The Columbian Exposition in 1893.

**BROWNE, Thomas C.**, early jurist, was born in Kentucky, studied law there and, coming to Shawneetown in 1812, served in the lower branch of the Second Territorial Legislature (1814-16) and in the Council (1816-18), being the first lawyer to enter that body. In 1815 he was appointed Prosecuting Attorney and, on the admission of Illinois as a State, was promoted to the Supreme bench, being re-elected by joint ballot of the Legislature in 1825, and serving continuously until the reorganization of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of 1848, a period of over thirty years. Judge Browne's judicial character and abilities have been differently estimated. Though lacking in industry as a student, he is represented by the late Judge John D. Caton, who knew him personally, as a close thinker and a good judge of men. While seldom, if ever, accustomed to argue questions in the conference room or write out his opinions, he had a capacity for expressing himself in short, pungent sentences, which indicated that he was a man of considerable ability and had clear and distinct views of his own. An attempt was made to impeach him before the Legislature of 1843 "for want of capacity to discharge the duties of his office," but it failed by an almost unanimous vote. He was a Whig in politics, but had some strong supporters among Democrats. In 1822 Judge Browne was one of the four candidates for Governor—in the final returns standing third on the list and, by dividing the vote of the advocates of a pro-slavery clause in the State Constitution, contributing to the election of Governor Coles and the defeat of the pro-slavery party. (See *Coles, Edward*, and *Slavery and Slave Laws*.) In the latter part of his official term Judge Browne resided at Galena, but, in 1853, removed with his son-in-law, ex-Congressman Joseph P. Hoge, to San Francisco, Cal., where he died a few years later—probably about 1856 or 1858.

**BROWNING, Orville Hickman**, lawyer, United States Senator and Attorney-General, was born in Harrison County, Ky., in 1810. After receiving a classical education at Augusta in his native State, he removed to Quincy, Ill., and was admitted to the bar in 1831. In 1832 he served in the Black Hawk War, and from 1836 to 1843, was a member of the Legislature, serving in both houses. A personal friend and political adherent of Abraham Lincoln, he aided in the organization of the Republican party at the memorable

Bloomington Convention of 1856. As a delegate to the Chicago Convention, in 1860, he aided in securing Mr. Lincoln's nomination, and was a conspicuous supporter of the Government in the Civil War. In 1861 he was appointed by Governor Yates United States Senator to fill Senator Douglas' unexpired term, serving until 1863. In 1866 he became Secretary of the Interior by appointment of President Johnson, also for a time discharging the duties of Attorney-General. Returning to Illinois, he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1869-70, which was his last participation in public affairs, his time thereafter being devoted to his profession. He died at his home in Quincy, Ill., August 10, 1881.

**BRYAN, Silas Lillard**, legislator and jurist, born in Culpepper County, Va., Nov. 4, 1822; was left an orphan at an early age, and came west in 1840, living for a time with a brother near Troy, Mo. The following year he came to Marion County, Ill., where he attended school and worked on a farm; in 1845 entered McKendree College, graduating in 1849, and two years later was admitted to the bar, supporting himself meanwhile by teaching. He settled at Salem, Ill., and, in 1852, was elected as a Democrat to the State Senate, in which body he served for eight years, being re-elected in 1856. In 1861 he was elected to the bench of the Second Judicial Circuit, and again chosen in 1867, his second term expiring in 1873. While serving as Judge, he was also elected a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1869-70. He was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress on the Greeley ticket in 1872. Died at Salem, March 30, 1880.—**William Jennings** (Bryan), son of the preceding, was born at Salem, Ill., March 19, 1860. The early life of young Bryan was spent on his father's farm, but at the age of ten years he began to attend the public school in town; later spent two years in Whipple Academy, the preparatory department of Illinois College at Jacksonville, and, in 1881, graduated from the college proper as the valedictorian of his class. Then he devoted two years to the study of law in the Union Law School at Chicago, meanwhile acting as clerk and studying in the law office of ex-Senator Lyman Trumbull. Having graduated in law in 1883, he soon entered upon the practice of his profession at Jacksonville as the partner of Judge E. P. Kirby, a well-known lawyer and prominent Republican of that city. Four years later (1887) found him a citizen of Lincoln, Neb., which has since been his home. He took a prominent part

in the politics of Nebraska, stumping the State for the Democratic nominees in 1888 and '89, and in 1890 received the Democratic nomination for Congress in a district which had been regarded as strongly Republican, and was elected by a large majority. Again, in 1892, he was elected by a reduced majority, but two years later declined a renomination, though proclaiming himself a free-silver candidate for the United States Senate, meanwhile officiating as editor of "The Omaha World-Herald." In July, 1896, he received the nomination for President from the Democratic National Convention at Chicago, on a platform declaring for the "free and unlimited coinage of silver" at the ratio of sixteen of silver (in weight) to one of gold, and a few weeks later was nominated by the "Populists" at St. Louis for the same office—being the youngest man ever put in nomination for the Presidency in the history of the Government. He conducted an active personal campaign, speaking in nearly every Northern and Middle Western State, but was defeated by his Republican opponent, Maj. William McKinley. Mr. Bryan is an easy and fluent speaker, possessing a voice of unusual compass and power, and is recognized, even by his political opponents, as a man of pure personal character.

**BRYAN, Thomas Barbour**, lawyer and real estate operator, was born at Alexandria, Va., Dec. 22, 1828, being descended on the maternal side from the noted Barbour family of that State; graduated in law at Harvard, and, at the age of twenty-one, settled in Cincinnati. In 1852 he came to Chicago, where he acquired extensive real estate interests and built Bryan Hall, which became a popular place for entertainments. Being a gifted speaker, as well as a zealous Unionist, Mr. Bryan was chosen to deliver the address of welcome to Senator Douglas, when that statesman returned to Chicago a few weeks before his death in 1861. During the progress of the war he devoted his time and his means most generously to fitting out soldiers for the field and caring for the sick and wounded. His services as President of the great Sanitary Fair in Chicago (1865), where some \$300,000 were cleared for disabled soldiers, were especially conspicuous. At this time he became the purchaser (at \$3,000) of the original copy of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which had been donated to the cause. He also rendered valuable service after the fire of 1874, though a heavy sufferer from that event, and was a leading factor in securing the location of the

World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1890, later becoming Vice-President of the Board of Directors and making a visit to Europe in the interest of the Fair. After the war Mr. Bryan resided in Washington for some time, and, by appointment of President Hayes, served as Commissioner of the District of Columbia. Possessing refined literary and artistic tastes, he has done much for the encouragement of literature and art in Chicago. His home is in the suburban village of Elmhurst.—**Charles Page** (Bryan), son of the preceding, lawyer and foreign minister, was born in Chicago, Oct. 2, 1855, and educated at the University of Virginia and Columbia Law School; was admitted to practice in 1878, and the following year removed to Colorado, where he remained four years, while there serving in both Houses of the State Legislature. In 1883 he returned to Chicago and became a member of the First Regiment of the Illinois National Guard, serving upon the staff of both Governor Oglesby and Governor Fifer; in 1890, was elected to the State Legislature from Cook County, being re-elected in 1892, and in 1894; was also the first Commissioner to visit Europe in the interest of the World's Columbian Exposition, on his return serving as Secretary of the Exposition Commissioners in 1894-92. In the latter part of 1897 he was appointed by President McKinley Minister to China, but before being confirmed, early in 1898, was assigned to the United States mission to the Republic of Brazil, where he now is, Hon. E. H. Conger of Iowa, who had previously been appointed to the Brazilian mission, being transferred to Peking.

**BRYANT, John Howard**, pioneer, brother of William Cullen Bryant, the poet, was born in Cummington, Mass., July 22, 1807, educated at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N. Y.; removed to Illinois in 1831, and held various offices in Bureau County, including that of Representative in the General Assembly, to which he was elected in 1842, and again in 1858. A practical and enterprising farmer, he was identified with the Illinois State Agricultural Society in its early history, as also with the movement which resulted in the establishment of industrial colleges in the various States. He was one of the founders of the Republican party and a warm personal friend of President Lincoln, being a member of the first Republican State Convention at Bloomington in 1856, and serving as Collector of Internal Revenue by appointment of Mr. Lincoln in 1862-64. In 1872 Mr. Bryant joined in the Liberal Republican movement at Cincinnati, two

years later was identified with the "Independent Reform" party, but has since coöperated with the Democratic party. He has produced two volumes of poems, published, respectively, in 1855 and 1885, besides a number of public addresses. His home is at Princeton, Bureau County.

**BUCK, Hiram**, clergyman, was born in Steuben County, N. Y., in 1818; joined the Illinois Methodist Episcopal Conference in 1843, and continued in its service for nearly fifty years, being much of the time a Presiding Elder. At his death he bequeathed a considerable sum to the endowment funds of the Wesleyan University at Bloomington and the Illinois Conference College at Jacksonville. Died at Decatur, Ill., August 22, 1892.

**BUDA**, a village in Bureau County, at the junction of the main line with the Buda and Rushville branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and the Sterling and Peoria branch of the Chicago & Northwestern, 12 miles southwest of Princeton and 117 miles west-southwest of Chicago; has excellent water-works, electric-light plant, brick and tile factory, fine churches, graded school, a bank and one newspaper. Dairying is carried on quite extensively and a good-sized creamery is located here. Population (1890), 990; (1900), 873.

**BUFORD, Napoleon Bonaparte**, banker and soldier, was born in Woodford County, Ky., Jan. 13, 1807; graduated at West Point Military Academy, 1827, and served for some time as Lieutenant of Artillery; entered Harvard Law School in 1831, served as Assistant Professor of Natural and Experimental Philosophy there (1834-35), then resigned his commission, and, after some service as an engineer upon public works in Kentucky, established himself as an iron-founder and banker at Rock Island, Ill., in 1857 becoming President of the Rock Island & Peoria Railroad. In 1861 he entered the volunteer service, as Colonel of the Twenty-seventh Illinois, serving at various points in Western Kentucky and Tennessee, as also in the siege of Vicksburg, and at Helena, Ark., where he was in command from September, 1863, to March, 1865. In the meantime, by promotion, he attained to the rank of Major-General by brevet, being mustered out in August, 1865. He subsequently held the post of Special United States Commissioner of Indian Affairs (1868), and that of Inspector of the Union Pacific Railroad (1867-69). Died, March 28, 1883.

**BULKLEY, (Rev.) Justus**, educator, was born at Leicester, Livingston County, N. Y., July 23, 1819, taken to Allegany County, N. Y., at 3

years of age, where he remained until 17, attending school in a log school-house in the winter and working on a farm in the summer. His family then removed to Illinois, finally locating at Barry, Pike County. In 1842 he entered the preparatory department of Shurtleff College at Upper Alton, graduating there in 1847. He was immediately made Principal of the preparatory department, remaining two years, when he was ordained to the Baptist ministry and became pastor of a church at Jerseyville. Four years later he was appointed Professor of Mathematics in Shurtleff College, but remained only two years, when he accepted the pastorate of a church at Carrollton, which he continued to fill nine years, when, in 1864, he was called to a church at Upper Alton. At the expiration of one year he was again called to a professorship in Shurtleff College, this time taking the chair of Church History and Church Polity, which he continued to fill for a period of thirty-four years; also serving for a time as Acting President during a vacancy in that office. During this period he was frequently called upon to preside as Moderator at General Associations of the Baptist Church, and he became widely known, not only in that denomination, but elsewhere. Died at Upper Alton, Jan. 16, 1899.

**BULL, Lorenzo**, banker, Quincy, Ill., was born in Hartford, Conn., March 21, 1819, being the eldest son of Lorenzo and Elizabeth Goodwin Bull. His ancestors on both sides were of the party who, under Thomas Hooker, moved from the vicinity of Boston and settled Hartford in 1634. Leaving Hartford in the spring of 1833, he arrived at Quincy, Ill., entirely without means, but soon after secured a position with Judge Henry H. Snow, who then held most of the county offices, being Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Recorder, Judge of Probate, Notary Public and Justice of the Peace. Here the young clerk made himself acquainted with the people of the county (at that time few in number), with the land-system of the country and with the legal forms and methods of procedure in the courts. He remained with Judge Snow over two years, receiving for his services, the first year, six dollars per month, and, for the second, ten dollars per month, besides his board in Judge Snow's family. He next accepted a situation with Messrs. Holmes, Brown & Co., then one of the most prominent mercantile houses of the city, remaining through various changes of the firm until 1844, when he formed a partnership with



his brother under the firm name of L. & C. H. Bull, and opened a store for the sale of hardware and crockery, which was the first attempt made in Quincy to separate the mercantile business into different departments. Disposing of their business in 1861, the firm of L. & C. H. Bull embarked in the private banking business, which they continued in one location for about thirty years, when they organized the State Savings Loan & Trust Company, in which he held the position of President until 1898, when he retired. Mr. Bull has always been active in promoting the improvement and growth of the city; was one of the five persons who built most of the horse railroads in Quincy, and was, for about twenty years, President of the Company. The Quincy water-works are now (1898) owned entirely by himself and his son. He has never sought or held political office, but at one time was the active President of five distinct business corporations. He was also for some five years one of the Trustees of Illinois College at Jacksonville. He was married in 1844 to Miss Margaret H. Benedict, daughter of Dr. Wm. M. Benedict, of Milbury, Mass., and they have five children now living. In politics he is a Republican, and his religious associations are with the Congregational Church. — **Charles Henry** (Bull), brother of the preceding, was born in Hartford, Conn., Dec. 16, 1822, and removed to Quincy, Ill., in June, 1837. He commenced business as a clerk in a general store, where he remained for seven years, when he entered into partnership with his brother, Lorenzo Bull, in the hardware and crockery business, to which was subsequently added dealing in agricultural implements. This business was continued until the year 1861, when it was sold out, and the brothers established themselves as private bankers under the same firm name. A few years later they organized the Merchants' and Farmers' National Bank, which was mainly owned and altogether managed by them. Five or six years later this bank was wound up, when they returned to private banking, continuing in this business until 1891, when it was merged in the State Savings Loan & Trust Company, organized under the laws of Illinois with a capital of \$300,000, held equally by Lorenzo Bull, Charles H. Bull and Edward J. Parker, respectively, as President, Vice-President and Cashier. Near the close of 1898 the First National Bank of Quincy was merged into the State Savings Loan & Trust Company with J. H. Warfield, the President of the former, as President of the consolidated concern. Mr. Bull

was one of the parties who originally organized the Quincy, Missouri & Pacific Railroad Company in 1869—a road intended to be built from Quincy, Ill., across the State of Missouri to Brownsville, Neb., and of which he is now (1898) the President, the name having been changed to the Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City Railway. He was also identified with the construction of the system of street railways in Quincy, and continued active in their management for about twenty years. He has been active in various other public and private enterprises, and has done much to advance the growth and prosperity of the city.

**BUNKER HILL**, a city of Macoupin County, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, 37 miles northeast of St. Louis; has electric-lighting plant, telephone service, coal mine, flouring mill, wagon and various other manufactories, two banks, two newspapers, opera house, numerous churches, public library, a military academy and fine public schools, and many handsome residences; is situated on high ground in a rich agricultural and dairying region and an important shipping-point. Pop. (1900), 1,279.

**BUNN, Jacob**, banker and manufacturer, was born in Hunterdon County, N. J., in 1814; came to Springfield in 1836, and, four years later, began business as a grocer, to which he afterwards added that of private banking, continuing until 1878. During a part of this time his bank was one of the best known and widely regarded as one of the most solid institutions of its kind in the State. Though crippled by the financial revulsion of 1873-74 and forced investments in depreciated real estate, he paid dollar for dollar. After retiring from banking in 1878, he assumed charge of the Springfield Watch Factory, in which he was a large stockholder, and of which he became the President. Mr. Bunn was, between 1866 and 1870, a principal stockholder in "The Chicago Republican" (the predecessor of "The Inter-Ocean"), and was one of the bankers who came to the aid of the State Government with financial assistance at the beginning of the Civil War. Died at Springfield, Oct. 16, 1897. — **John W.** (Bunn), brother of the preceding and successor to the grocery business of J. & J. W. Bunn, has been a prominent business man of Springfield, and served as Treasurer of the State Agricultural Board from 1858 to 1898, and of the Illinois University from its establishment to 1893.

**BUNSEN, George**, German patriot and educator, was born at Frankfort-on-the-Maine, Germany, Feb. 18, 1794, and educated in his native



city and at Berlin University; while still a student took part in the Peninsular War which resulted in the downfall of Napoleon, but resuming his studies in 1816, graduated three years later. He then founded a boys' school at Frankfort, which he maintained fourteen years, when, having been implicated in the republican revolution of 1833, he was forced to leave the country, locating the following year on a farm in St. Clair County, Ill. Here he finally became a teacher in the public schools, served in the State Constitutional Convention of 1847, was elected School Commissioner of St. Clair County, and, having removed to Belleville in 1855, there conducted a private school for the instruction of teachers while discharging the duties of his office; later was appointed a member of the first State School Board, serving until 1860, and taking part in the establishment of the Illinois State Normal University, of which he was a zealous advocate. He was also a contributor to "The Illinois Teacher," and, for several years prior to his death, served as Superintendent of Schools at Belleville without compensation. Died, November, 1872.

**BURCHARD, Horatio C.**, ex-Congressman, was born at Marshall, Oneida County, N. Y., Sept. 22, 1825; graduated at Hamilton College, N. Y., in 1850, and later removed to Stephenson County, Ill., making his home at Freeport. By profession he is a lawyer, but he has been also largely interested in mercantile pursuits. From 1857 to 1860 he was School Commissioner of Stephenson County; from 1863 to 1866 a member of the State Legislature, and from 1869 to 1879 a Representative in Congress, being each time elected as a Republican, for the first time as the successor of E. B. Washburne. After retiring from Congress, he served for six years (1879-85) as Director of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, with marked ability. During the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago (1893), Mr. Burchard was in charge of the Bureau of Awards in connection with the Mining Department, afterwards resuming the practice of his profession at Freeport.

**BURDETTE, Robert Jones**, journalist and humorist, was born in Greensborough, Pa., July 30, 1844, and taken to Peoria, Ill., in early life, where he was educated in the public schools. In 1862 he enlisted as a private in the Forty-seventh Illinois Volunteers and served to the end of the war; adopted journalism in 1869, being employed upon "The Peoria Transcript" and other papers of that city. Later he became associated with "The Burlington (Iowa) Hawkeye," upon which he gained a wide reputation as a genial humor-

ist. Several volumes of his sketches have been published, but in recent years he has devoted his attention chiefly to lecturing, with occasional contributions to the literary press.

**BUREAU COUNTY**, set off from Putnam County in 1837, near the center of the northern half of the State, Princeton being made the county-seat. Coal had been discovered in 1834, there being considerable quantities mined at Mineral and Selby. Sheffield also has an important coal trade. Public lands were offered for sale as early as 1835, and by 1844 had been nearly all sold. Princeton was platted in 1832, and, in 1890, contained a population of 3,396. The county has an area of 870 square miles, and, according to the census of 1900, a population of 41,112. The pioneer settler was Henry Thomas, who erected the first cabin, in Bureau township, in 1828. He was soon followed by the Ament brothers (Edward, Justus and John L.), and for a time settlers came in rapid succession, among the earliest being Amos Leonard, Daniel Dimmick, John Hall, William Hoskins, Timothy Perkins, Leonard Roth, — Bulbona and John Dixon. Serious Indian disturbances in 1831 caused a begonia of the settlers, some of whom never returned. In 1833 a fort was erected for the protection of the whites, and, in 1836, there began a new and large influx of immigrants. Among other early settlers were John H. and Arthur Bryant, brothers of the poet, William Cullen Bryant.

**BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS**, established in 1879, being an outgrowth of the agitation and discontent among the laboring classes, which culminated in 1877-78. The Board consists of five Commissioners, who serve for a nominal compensation, their term of office being two years. They are nominated by the Executive and confirmed by the Senate. The law requires that three of them shall be manual laborers and two employers of manual labor. The Bureau is charged with the collection, compilation and tabulation of statistics relative to labor in Illinois, particularly in its relation to the commercial, industrial, social, educational and sanitary conditions of the working classes. The Commission is required to submit biennial reports. Those already published contain much information of value concerning coal and lead mines, convict labor, manufactures, strikes and lock-outs, wages, rent, cost of living, mortgage indebtedness, and kindred topics.

**BURGESS, Alexander**, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of the diocese of Quincy, was born at Providence, R. I., Oct. 31, 1819. He graduated

from Brown University in 1838 and from the General Theological Seminary (New York) in 1841. He was made a Deacon, Nov. 3, 1842, and ordained a priest, Nov. 1, 1843. Prior to his elevation to the episcopate he was rector of various parishes in Maine, at Brooklyn, N. Y., and at Springfield, Mass. He represented the dioceses of Maine, Long Island and Massachusetts in the General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Church from 1844 to 1877, and, in the latter year, was President of the House of Deputies. Upon the death of his brother George, Bishop of Maine, he was chosen by the clergy of the diocese to succeed him but declined. When the diocese of Quincy Ill. was created, he was elected its first Bishop, and consecrated at Christ Church, Springfield, Mass. on May 15, 1878. Besides publishing a memoir of his brother, Bishop Burgess is the author of several Sunday-school question books, carols and hymns, and has been a contributor to periodical church literature. His residence is at Peoria.

**BURLEY, Arthur Gilman**, merchant, was born at Exeter, N. H., Oct. 4, 1812, received his education in the local schools, and, in 1835, came West, locating in Chicago. For some two years he served as clerk in the boot, shoe and clothing store of John Holbrook, after which he accepted a position with his half-brother, Stephen F. Gale, the proprietor of the first book and stationery store in Chicago. In 1838 he invested his savings in a bankrupt stock of crockery, purchased from the old State Bank, and entered upon a business career which was continued uninterruptedly for nearly sixty years. In that time Mr. Burley built up a business which, for its extent and success, was unsurpassed in its time in the West. His brother-in-law, Mr. John Tyrrell, became a member of the firm in 1852, the business thereafter being conducted under the name of Burley & Tyrrell, with Mr. Burley as President of the Company until his death, which occurred, August 27, 1897.—**Augustus Harris (Burley)**, brother of the preceding, was born at Exeter, N. H., March 28, 1819; was educated in the schools of his native State, and, in his youth, was employed for a time as a clerk in Boston. In 1837 he came to Chicago and took a position as clerk or salesman in the book and stationery store of his half-brother, Stephen F. Gale, subsequently became a partner, and, on the retirement of Mr. Gale a few years later, succeeded to the control of the business. In 1857 he disposed of his book and stationery business, and about the same time became one of the founders of the Merchants'

Loan and Trust Company, with which he has been connected as a Director ever since. Mr. Burley was a member of the volunteer fire department organized in Chicago in 1841. Among the numerous public positions held by him may be mentioned, member of the Board of Public Works (1867-70), the first Superintendent of Lincoln Park (1869), Representative from Cook County in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly (1870-72), City Comptroller during the administration of Mayor Medill (1873-73), and again under Mayor Roche (1887), and member of the City Council (1881-82). Politically, Mr. Burley has been a zealous Republican and served on the Chicago Union Defense Committee in the first year of the Civil War, and was a delegate from the State-at-large to the National Republican Convention at Baltimore in 1864, which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency a second time.

**BURNHAM, Daniel Hudson**, architect, was born at Henderson, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1846; came to Chicago at 9 years of age; attended private schools and the Chicago High School, after which he spent two years at Waltham, Mass., receiving special instruction; returning to Chicago in 1867, he was afterwards associated with various firms. About 1873 he formed a business connection with J. W. Root, architect, which extended to the death of the latter in 1891. The firm of Burnham & Root furnished the plans of a large number of the most conspicuous business buildings in Chicago, but won their greatest distinction in connection with the construction of buildings for the World's Columbian Exposition, of which Mr. Root was Supervising Architect previous to his death, while Mr. Burnham was made Chief of Construction and, later, Director of Works. In this capacity his authority was almost absolute, but was used with a discretion that contributed greatly to the success of the enterprise.

**BURR, Albert G.**, former Congressman, was born in Genesee County, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1829; came to Illinois about 1832 with his widowed mother, who settled in Springfield. In early life he became a citizen of Winchester, where he read law and was admitted to the bar, also, for a time, following the occupation of a printer. Here he was twice elected to the lower house of the General Assembly (1860 and 1862), meanwhile serving as a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1862. Having removed to Carrollton, Greene County, he was elected as a Democrat to the Fortieth and Forty-first Congresses (1866 and 1868), serving until March 4, 1871. In August, 1877, he was elected Circuit Judge to fill a

vacancy and was re-elected for the regular term in June, 1879, but died in office, June 10, 1882.

**BURRELL, Orlando**, member of Congress, was born in Bradford County, Pa.; removed with his parents to White County, Ill., in 1834, growing up on a farm near Carni; received a common school education; in 1850 went to California, driving an ox-team across the plains. Soon after the beginning of the Civil War (1861) he raised a company of cavalry, of which he was elected Captain, and which became a part of the First Regiment Illinois Cavalry; served as County Judge from 1873 to 1881, and was elected Sheriff in 1886. In 1894 he was elected Representative in Congress as a Republican from the Twentieth District, composed of counties which formerly constituted a large part of the old Nineteenth District, and which had uniformly been represented by a Democrat. He suffered defeat as a candidate for re-election in 1896.

**BURROUGHS, John Curtis**, clergyman and educator, was born in Stamford, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1818; graduated at Yale College in 1842, and Madison Theological Seminary in 1846. After five years spent as pastor of Baptist churches at Waterford and West Troy, N. Y., in 1852 he assumed the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Chicago; about 1856 was elected to the presidency of the Chicago University, then just established, having previously declined the presidency of Shurtleff College at Upper Alton. Resigning his position in 1874, he soon after became a member of the Chicago Board of Education, and, in 1884, was elected Assistant Superintendent of Public Schools of that city, serving until his death, April 21, 1892.

**BUSEY, Samuel T.**, banker and ex-Congressman, was born at Greencastle, Ind., Nov. 16, 1835; in infancy was brought by his parents to Urbana, Ill., where he was educated and has since resided. From 1857 to 1859 he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, but during 1860-61 attended a commercial college and read law. In 1862 he was chosen Town Collector, but resigned to enter the Union Army, being commissioned Second Lieutenant by Governor Yates, and assigned to recruiting service. Having aided in the organization of the Seventy-sixth Illinois Volunteers, he was commissioned its Lieutenant-Colonel, August 12, 1862; was afterward promoted to the colonelcy, and mustered out of service at Chicago, August 6, 1865, with the rank of Brevet Brigadier-General. In 1866 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the General Assembly on the Democratic ticket, and for Trustee of the State

University in 1888. From 1880 to 1889 he was Mayor and President of the Board of Education of Urbana. In 1867 he opened a private bank, which he conducted for twenty-one years. In 1890 he was elected to Congress from the Fifteenth Illinois District, defeating Joseph G. Cannon, Republican, by whom he was in turn defeated for the same office in 1892.

**BUSHNELL**, a flourishing city and manufacturing center in McDonough County, 11 miles northeast of Macomb, at the junction or two branches of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy with the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroads; has numerous manufactories, including wooden pumps, flour, agricultural implements, wagons and carriages, tank and fence-work, rural mail-boxes, mattresses, brick, besides egg and poultry packing houses; also has water-works and electric lights, grain elevators, three banks, several churches, graded public and high schools, two newspapers and a public library. Pop. (1900), 2,490.

**BUSHNELL, Nehemiah**, lawyer, was born in the town of Westbrook, Conn., Oct. 9, 1813; graduated at Yale College in 1835, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1837, coming in December of the same year to Quincy, Ill., where, for a time, he assisted in editing "The Whig" of that city, later forming a partnership with O. H. Browning, which was never fully broken until his death. In his practice he gave much attention to land titles in the "Military Tract"; in 1851 was President of the portion of the Northern Cross Railroad between Quincy and Galesburg (now a part of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy), and later of the Quincy Bridge Company and the Quincy & Palmyra (Mo.) Railroad. In 1872 he was elected by the Republicans the "minority" Representative from Adams County in the Twenty-eighth General Assembly, but died during the succeeding session, Jan. 31, 1873. He was able, high-minded and honorable in public and private life.

**BUSHNELL, Washington**, lawyer and Attorney-General, was born in Madison County, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1825; in 1837 came with his father to Lisbon, Kendall County, Ill., where he worked on a farm and taught at times; studied law at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was admitted to the bar and established himself in practice at Ottawa, Ill. The public positions held by him were those of State Senator for La Salle County (1861-69) and Attorney-General (1869-73); was also a member of the Republican National Convention of 1864, besides being identified with various business enterprises at Ottawa. Died, June 30, 1885.

**BUTLER, William**, State Treasurer, was born in Adair County, Ky., Dec. 15, 1797; during the war of 1812, at the age of 16 years, served as the messenger of the Governor of Kentucky, carrying dispatches to Gen. William Henry Harrison in the field; removed to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1823, and, in 1836, was appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court by Judge Stephen T. Logan. In 1859 he served as foreman of the Grand Jury which investigated the "canal scrip frauds" charged against ex-Governor Matteson, and it was largely through his influence that the proceedings of that body were subsequently published in an official form. During the same year Governor Bissell appointed him State Treasurer to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of James Miller, and he was elected to the same office in 1860. Mr. Butler was an ardent supporter of Abraham Lincoln, whom he efficiently befriended in the early struggles of the latter in Springfield. He died in Springfield, Jan. 11, 1876.

**BUTTERFIELD, Justin**, early lawyer, was born at Keene, N. H., in 1790. He studied at Williams College, and was admitted to the bar at Watertown, N. Y., in 1812. After some years devoted to practice at Adams and at Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., he removed to New Orleans, where he attained a high rank at the bar. In 1835 he settled in Chicago and soon became a leader in his profession there also. In 1841 he was appointed by President Harrison United States District Attorney for the District of Illinois, and, in 1849, by President Taylor Commissioner of the General Land Office, one of his chief competitors for the latter place being Abraham Lincoln. This distinction he probably owed to the personal influence of Daniel Webster, then Secretary of State, of whom Mr. Butterfield was a personal friend and warm admirer. While Commissioner, he rendered valuable service to the State in securing the canal land grant. As a lawyer he was logical and resourceful, as well as witty and quick at repartee, yet his chief strength lay before the Court rather than the jury. Numerous stories are told of his brilliant sallies at the bar and elsewhere. One of the former relates to his address before Judge Nathaniel Pope, of the United States Court at Springfield, in a habeas-corpus case to secure the release of Joseph Smith, the Mormon prophet, who was under arrest under the charge of complicity in an attempt to assassinate Governor Boggs of Missouri. Rising to begin his argument, Mr. Butterfield said: "I am to address the Pope" (bowing to the Court), "sur-

rounded by angels" (bowing still lower to a party of ladies in the audience). "in the presence of the holy apostles, in behalf of the prophet of the Lord." On another occasion, being asked if he was opposed to the war with Mexico, he replied, "I opposed one war"—meaning his opposition as a Federalist to the War of 1812—"but learned the folly of it. Henceforth I am for war, pestilence and famine." He died, Oct. 25, 1855.

**BYFORD, William H.**, physician and author, was born at Eaton, Ohio, March 20, 1817; in 1830 came with his widowed mother to Crawford County, Ill., and began learning the tailor's trade at Palestine; later studied medicine at Vincennes and practiced at different points in Indiana. Meanwhile, having graduated at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, in 1850, he assumed a professorship in a Medical College at Evansville, Ind., also editing a medical journal. In 1857 he removed to Chicago, where he accepted a chair in Rush Medical College, but two years later became one of the founders of the Chicago Medical College, where he remained twenty years. He then (1879) returned to Rush, assuming the chair of Gynecology. In 1870 he assisted in founding the Woman's Medical College of Chicago, remaining President of the Faculty and Board of Trustees until his death, May 21, 1890. He published a number of medical works which are regarded as standard by the profession, besides acting as associate of Dr. N. S. Davis in the editorship of "The Chicago Medical Journal" and as editor-in-chief of "The Medical Journal and Examiner," the successor of the former. Dr. Byford was held in the highest esteem as a physician and a man, both by the general public and his professional associates.

**BYRON**, a village of Ogle County, in a picturesque region on Rock River, at junction of the Chicago Great Western and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railways, 83 miles west-northwest from Chicago; is in rich farming and dairying district; has two banks and two weekly papers. Population (1890), 698; (1900), 1,015.

**CABLE**, a town in Mercer County, on the Rock Island & Peoria Railroad, 26 miles south by east from Rock Island. Coal-mining is the principal industry, but there are also tile works, a good quality of clay for manufacturing purposes being found in abundance. Population (1890), 572; (1890), 1,276; (1900), 697.

**CABLE, Benjamin T.**, capitalist and politician, was born in Georgetown, Scott County, Ky.



August 11, 1853. When he was three years old his father's family removed to Rock Island, Ill., where he has since resided. After passing through the Rock Island public schools, he matriculated at the University of Michigan, graduating in June, 1876. He owns extensive ranch and manufacturing property, and is reputed wealthy; is also an active Democratic politician, and influential in his party, having been a member of both the National and State Central Committees. In 1890 he was elected to Congress from the Eleventh Illinois District, but since 1893 has held no public office.

**CABLE, Ransom R.**, railway manager, was born in Athens County, Ohio, Sept. 23, 1834. His early training was mainly of the practical sort, and by the time he was 17 years old he was actively employed as a lumberman. In 1857 he removed to Illinois, first devoting his attention to coal mining in the neighborhood of Rock Island. Later he became interested in the projection and management of railroads, being in turn Superintendent, Vice-President and President of the Rock Island & Peoria Railroad. His next position was that of General Manager of the Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis Railroad. His experience in these positions rendered him familiar with both the scope and the details of railroad management, while his success brought him to the favorable notice of those who controlled railway interests all over the country. In 1876 he was elected a Director of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway. In connection with this company he has held, successively, the offices of Vice-President, Assistant to the President, General Manager and President, being chief executive officer since 1880. (See *Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway*.)

**CAHOKIA**, the first permanent white settlement in Illinois, and, in French colonial times, one of its principal towns. French Jesuit missionaries established the mission of the Tamaroas here in 1700, to which they gave the name of "Sainte Famille de Caouias," antedating the settlement at Kaskaskia of the same year by a few months. Cahokia and Kaskaskia were jointly made the county-seats of St. Clair County, when that county was organized by Governor St. Clair in 1790. Five years later, when Randolph County was set off from St. Clair, Cahokia was continued as the county-seat of the parent county, so remaining until the removal of the seat of justice to Belleville in 1814. Like its early rival, Kaskaskia, it has dwindled in importance until, in 1890, its population was estimated

at 100. Descendants of the early French settlers make up a considerable portion of the present population. The site of the old town is on the line of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, about four miles from East St. Louis. Some of the most remarkable Indian mounds in the Mississippi Valley, known as "the Cahokia Mounds," are located in the vicinity. (See *Mound-Builders, Works of the*.)

**CAIRNES, Abraham**, a native of Kentucky, in 1816 settled in that part of Crawford County, Ill., which was embraced in Lawrence County on the organization of the latter in 1821. Mr. Cairnes was a member of the House for Crawford County in the Second General Assembly (1820-22), and for Lawrence County in the Third (1822-24), in the latter voting against the pro-slavery Convention scheme. He removed from Lawrence County to some point on the Mississippi River in 1826, but further details of his history are unknown.

**CAIRO**, the county-seat of Alexander County, and the most important river point between St. Louis and Memphis. Its first charter was obtained from the Territorial Legislature by Shadrach Bond (afterwards Governor of Illinois), John G. Comyges and others, who incorporated the "City and Bank of Cairo." The company entered about 1,800 acres, but upon the death of Mr. Comyges, the land reverted to the Government. The forfeited tract was re-entered in 1835 by Sidney Breese and others, who later transferred it to the "Cairo City and Canal Company," a corporation chartered in 1837, which, by purchase, increased its holdings to 10,000 acres. Peter Stapleton is said to have erected the first house, and John Hawley the second, within the town limits. In consideration of certain privileges, the Illinois Central Railroad has erected around the water front a substantial levee, eighty feet wide. During the Civil War Cairo was an important base for military operations. Its population, according to the census of 1900, was 12,566. (See also *Alexander County*.)

**CAIRO BRIDGE, THE**, one of the triumphs of modern engineering, erected by the Illinois Central Railroad Company across the Ohio River, opposite the city of Cairo. It is the longest metallic bridge across a river in the world, being thirty-three feet longer than the Tay Bridge, in Scotland. The work of construction was begun, July 1, 1887, and uninterruptedly prosecuted for twenty-seven months, being completed, Oct. 29, 1889. The first train to cross it was made up of ten locomotives coupled together. The ap-



proaches from both the Illinois and Kentucky shores consist of iron viaducts and well-braced timber trestles. The Illinois viaduct approach consists of seventeen spans of 150 feet each, and one span of 106¼ feet. All these rest on cylinder piers filled with concrete, and are additionally supported by piles driven within the cylinders. The viaduct on the Kentucky shore is of similar general construction. The total number of spans is twenty-two—twenty-one being of 150 feet each, and one of 106¼ feet. The total length of the metal work, from end to end, is 10,650 feet, including that of the bridge proper, which is 4,644 feet. The latter consists of nine through spans and three deck spans. The through spans rest on ten first-class masonry piers on pneumatic foundations. The total length of the bridge, including the timber trestles, is 20,461 feet—about 3¾ miles. Four-fifths of the Illinois trestle work has been filled in with earth, while that on the southern shore has been virtually replaced by an embankment since the completion of the bridge. The bridge proper stands 104.42 feet in the clear above low water, and from the deepest foundation to the top of the highest iron work is 248.94 feet. The total cost of the work, including the filling and embankment of the trestles, has been (1895) between \$3,250,000 and \$3,500,000.

**CAIRO, VINCENNES & CHICAGO RAILROAD**, a division of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, extending from Danville to Cairo (261 miles), with a branch nine miles in length from St. Francisville, Ill., to Vincennes, Ind. It was chartered as the Cairo & Vincennes Railroad in 1867, completed in 1872, placed in the hands of a receiver in 1874, sold under foreclosure in January, 1880, and for some time operated as the Cairo Division of the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway. In 1889, having been surrendered by the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway, it was united with the Danville & Southwestern Railroad, reorganized as the Cairo, Vincennes & Chicago Railroad, and, in 1890, leased to the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, of which it is known as the "Cairo Division." (See *Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway*.)

**CAIRO & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD.** (See *St. Louis & Cairo Railroad* and *Mobile & Ohio Railway*.)

**CAIRO & VINCENNES RAILROAD.** (See *Cairo, Vincennes & Chicago Railroad*.)

**CALDWELL, (Dr.) George**, early physician and legislator (the name is spelled both Cadwell and Caldwell in the early records), was born at

Wethersfield, Conn., Feb. 21, 1773, and received his literary education at Hartford, and his professional at Rutland, Vt. He married a daughter of Hon. Matthew Lyon, who was a native of Ireland, and who served two terms in Congress from Vermont, four from Kentucky (1803-11), and was elected the first Delegate in Congress from Arkansas Territory, but died before taking his seat in August, 1822. Lyon was also a resident for a time of St. Louis, and was a candidate for Delegate to Congress from Missouri Territory, but defeated by Edward Hempstead (see *Hempstead, Edward*). Dr. Caldwell descended the Ohio River in 1799 in company with Lyon's family and his brother-in-law, John Messinger (see *Messinger, John*), who afterwards became a prominent citizen of St. Clair County, the party locating at Eddyville, Ky. In 1802, Caldwell and Messinger removed to Illinois, landing near old Fort Chartres, and remained some time in the American Bottom. The former finally located on the banks of the Mississippi a few miles above St. Louis, where he practiced his profession and held various public offices, including those of Justice of the Peace and County Judge for St. Clair County, as also for Madison County after the organization of the latter. He served as State Senator from Madison County in the First and Second General Assemblies (1818-23), and, having removed in 1830 within the limits of what is now Morgan County (but still earlier embraced in Greene), in 1822 was elected to the Senate for Greene and Pike Counties—the latter at that time embracing all the northern and northwestern part of the State, including the county of Cook. During the following session of the Legislature he was a sturdy opponent of the scheme to make Illinois a slave State. His home in Morgan County was in a locality known as "Swinerton's Point," a few miles west of Jacksonville, where he died, August 1, 1826. (See *Slavery and Slave Laws*.) Dr. Caldwell (or Cadwell, as he was widely known) commanded a high degree of respect among early residents of Illinois. Governor Reynolds, in his "Pioneer History of Illinois," says of him: "He was moral and correct in his public and private life. . . . was a respectable physician, and always maintained an unblemished character."

**CALHOUN, John**, pioneer printer and editor, was born at Watertown, N. Y., April 14, 1808; learned the printing trade and practiced it in his native town, also working in a type-foundry in Albany and as a compositor in Troy. In the fall of 1833 he came to Chicago, bringing with him

an outfit for the publication of a weekly paper, and, on Nov. 26, began the issue of "The Chicago Democrat"—the first paper ever published in that city. Mr. Calhoun retained the management of the paper three years, transferring it in November, 1836, to John Wentworth, who conducted it until its absorption by "The Tribune" in July, 1861. Mr. Calhoun afterwards served as County Treasurer, still later as Collector, and, finally, as agent of the Illinois Central Railroad in procuring right of way for the construction of its lines. Died in Chicago, Feb. 20, 1859.

**CALHOUN, John**, surveyor and politician, was born in Boston, Mass., Oct. 14, 1806; removed to Springfield, Ill., in 1830, served in the Black Hawk War and was soon after appointed County Surveyor. It was under Mr. Calhoun, and by his appointment, that Abraham Lincoln served for some time as Deputy Surveyor of Sangamon County. In 1838 Calhoun was chosen Representative in the General Assembly, but was defeated in 1840, though elected Clerk of the House at the following session. He was a Democratic Presidential Elector in 1844, was an unsuccessful candidate for the nomination for Governor in 1846, and, for three terms (1849, '50 and '51), served as Mayor of the city of Springfield. In 1852 he was defeated by Richard Yates (afterwards Governor and United States Senator), as a candidate for Congress, but two years later was appointed by President Pierce Surveyor-General of Kansas, where he became discreditably conspicuous by his zeal in attempting to carry out the policy of the Buchanan administration for making Kansas a slave State—especially in connection with the Leecompton Constitutional Convention, with the election of which he had much to do, and over which he presided. Died at St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 25, 1859.

**CALHOUN, William J.**, lawyer, was born in Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 5, 1847. After residing at various points in that State, his family removed to Ohio, where he worked on a farm until 1864, when he enlisted as a private in the Nineteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving to the end of the war. He participated in a number of severe battles while with Sherman on the march against Atlanta, returning with General Thomas to Nashville, Tenn. During the last few months of the war he served in Texas, being mustered out at San Antonio in that State, though receiving his final discharge at Columbus, Ohio. After the war he entered the Poland Union Seminary, where he became the intimate personal friend of Maj. William McKinley, who was elected to the

Presidency in 1896. Having graduated at the seminary, he came to Arcola, Douglas County, Ill., and began the study of law, later taking a course in a law school in Chicago, after which he was admitted to the bar (1875) and established himself in practice at Danville as the partner of the Hon. Joseph B. Mann. In 1882 Mr. Calhoun was elected as a Republican to the lower branch of the Thirty-third General Assembly and, during the following session, proved himself one of the ablest members of that body. In May, 1897, Mr. Calhoun was appointed by President McKinley a special envoy to investigate the circumstances attending the death of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, a naturalized citizen of the United States who had died while a prisoner in the hands of the Spaniards during the rebellion then in progress in Cuba. In 1898 he was appointed a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission to succeed William R. Morrison, whose term had expired.

**CALHOUN COUNTY**, situated between the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers, just above their junction. It has an area of 260 square miles, with a population (1900) of 8,917; was organized in 1825 and named for John C. Calhoun. Originally, the county was well timbered and the early settlers were largely engaged in lumbering, which tended to give the population more or less of a migratory character. Much of the timber has been cleared off, and the principal business in later years has been agriculture, although coal is found and mined in paying quantities along Silver Creek. Tradition has it that the aborigines found the precious metals in the bed of this stream. It was originally included within the limits of the Military Tract set apart for the veterans of the War of 1812. The physical conformation of the county's surface exhibits some peculiarities. Limestone bluffs, rising sometimes to the height of 200 feet, skirt the banks of both rivers, while through the center of the county runs a ridge dividing the two watersheds. The side valleys and the top of the central ridge are alike fertile. The bottom lands are very rich, but are liable to inundation. The county-seat and principal town is Hardin, with a population (1890) of 311.

**CALLAHAN, Ethelbert**, lawyer and legislator, was born near Newark, Ohio, Dec. 17, 1829; came to Crawford County, Ill., in 1849, where he farmed, taught school and edited, at different times, "The Wabash Sentinel" and "The Marshall Telegraph." He early identified himself with the Republican party, and, in 1864, was the Republican candidate for Congress in his dis-

trict; became a member of the first State Board of Equalization by appointment of Governor Oglesby in 1867; served in the lower house of the General Assembly during the sessions of 1875, '91, '93 and '95, and, in 1893-95, on a Joint Committee to revise the State Revenue Laws. He was also Presidential Elector in 1880, and again in 1888. Mr. Callahan was admitted to the bar when past 30 years of age, and was President of the State Bar Association in 1889. His home is at Robinson.

**CALUMET RIVER**, a short stream the main body of which is formed by the union of two branches which come together at the southern boundary of the city of Chicago, and which flows into Lake Michigan a short distance north of the Indiana State line. The eastern branch, known as the Grand Calumet, flows in a westerly direction from Northwestern Indiana and unites with the Little Calumet from the west,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the mouth of the main stream. From the southern limit of Chicago the general course of the stream is north between Lake Calumet and Wolf Lake, which it serves to drain. At its mouth, Calumet Harbor has been constructed, which admits of the entrance of vessels of heavy draught, and is a shipping and receiving point of importance for heavy freight for the Illinois Steel Works, the Pullman Palace Car Works and other manufacturing establishments in that vicinity. The river is regarded as a navigable stream, and has been dredged by the General Government to a depth of twenty feet and 200 feet wide for a distance of two miles, with a depth of sixteen feet for the remainder of the distance to the forks. The Calumet feeder for the Illinois and Michigan Canal extends from the west branch (or Little Calumet) to the canal in the vicinity of Willow Springs. The stream was known to the early French explorers as "the Calinic," and was sometimes confounded by them with the Chicago River.

**CALUMET RIVER RAILROAD**, a short line, 4.43 miles in length, lying wholly within Cook County. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is the lessee, but the line is not operated at present (1898). Its outstanding capital stock is \$68,700. It has no funded debt, but has a floating debt of \$116,357, making a total capitalization of \$185,057. This road extends from One Hundredth Street in Chicago to Hegewisch, and was chartered in 1883. (See *Pennsylvania Railroad*.)

**CAMBRIDGE**, the county-seat of Henry County, about 160 miles southwest of Chicago, on the Rock Island & Peoria Railroad. It is situated in a fertile region chiefly devoted to

agriculture and stock-raising. The city is a considerable grain market and has some manufacturing. Some coal is also mined. It has a public library, two newspapers, three banks, good schools, and handsome public (county) buildings. Population (1880), 1,203; (1890), United States census report, 940; (1900), 1,345.

**CAMERON, James**, Cumberland Presbyterian minister and pioneer, was born in Kentucky in 1791, came to Illinois in 1815, and, in 1818, settled in Sangamon County. In 1829 he is said to have located where the town of New Salem (afterwards associated with the early history of Abraham Lincoln) was built, and of which he and James Rutledge were the founders. He is also said to have officiated at the funeral of Ann Rutledge, with whose memory Mr. Lincoln's name has been tenderly associated by his biographers. Mr. Cameron subsequently removed successively to Fulton County, Ill., to Iowa and to California, dying at a ripe old age, in the latter State, about 1878.

**CAMP DOUGLAS**, a Federal military camp established at Chicago early in the War of the Rebellion, located between Thirty-first Street and College Place, and Cottage Grove and Forest Avenues. It was originally designed and solely used as a camp of instruction for new recruits. Afterwards it was utilized as a place of confinement for Confederate prisoners of war. (For plot to liberate the latter, together with other similar prisoners in Illinois, see *Camp Douglas Conspiracy*.)

**CAMP DOUGLAS CONSPIRACY**, a plot formed in 1864 for the liberation of the Confederate prisoners of war at Chicago (in Camp Douglas), Rock Island, Alton and Springfield. It was to be but a preliminary step in the execution of a design long cherished by the Confederate Government, viz., the seizing of the organized governments of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and the formation of a Northwestern Confederacy, through the coöperation of the "Sons of Liberty." (See *Secret Treasonable Societies*.) Three peace commissioners (Jacob Thompson, C. C. Clay and J. P. Holcomb), who had been sent from Richmond to Canada, held frequent conferences with leaders of the treasonable organizations in the North, including Clement L. Vallandigham, Bowles, of Indiana, and one Charles Walsh, who was head of the movement in Chicago, with a large number of allies in that city and scattered throughout the States. The general management of the affair was entrusted to Capt. Thomas H. Hines, who had been second

in command to the rebel Gen. John Morgan during his raid north of the Ohio River, while Col. Vincent Marmaduke, of Missouri, and G. St. Leger Grenfell (an Englishman) were selected to carry out the military program. Hines followed out his instructions with great zeal and labored indefatigably. Thompson's duty was to disseminate incendiary treasonable literature, and strengthen the timorous "Sons of Liberty" by the use of argument and money, both he and his agents being lavishly supplied with the latter. There was to be a draft in July, 1864, and it was determined to arm the "Sons of Liberty" for resistance, the date of uprising being fixed for July 20. This part of the scheme, however, was finally abandoned. Captain Hines located himself at Chicago, and personally attended to the distribution of funds and the purchase of arms. The date finally fixed for the attempt to liberate the Southern prisoners was August 29, 1864, when the National Democratic Convention was to assemble at Chicago. On that date it was expected the city would be so crowded that the presence of the promised force of "Sons" would not excite comment. The program also included an attack on the city by water, for which purpose reliance was placed upon a horde of Canadian refugees, under Capt. John B. Castleman. There were some 26,500 Southern prisoners in the State at this time, of whom about 8,000 were at Chicago, 6,000 at Rock Island, 7,500 at Springfield, and 5,000 at Alton. It was estimated that there were 4,000 "Sons of Liberty" in Chicago, who would be largely reinforced. With these and the Canadian refugees the prisoners at Camp Douglas were to be liberated, and the army thus formed was to march upon Rock Island, Springfield and Alton. But suspicions were aroused, and the Camp was reinforced by a regiment of infantry and a battery. The organization of the proposed assailing force was very imperfect, and the great majority of those who were to compose it were lacking in courage. Not enough of the latter reported for service to justify an attack, and the project was postponed. In the meantime a preliminary part of the plot, at least indirectly connected with the Camp Douglas conspiracy, and which contemplated the release of the rebel officers confined on Johnson's Island in Lake Erie, had been "hipped in the bud" by the arrest of Capt. C. H. Cole, a Confederate officer in disguise, on the 19th of September, just as he was on the point of putting in execution a scheme for seizing the United States steamer Michigan at Sandusky, and putting on board of it a Confeder-

ate crew. November 8 was the date next selected to carry out the Chicago scheme—the day of President Lincoln's second election. The same preliminaries were arranged, except that no water attack was to be made. But Chicago was to be burned and flooded, and its banks pillaged. Detachments were designated to apply the torch, to open fire plugs, to levy arms, and to attack banks. But representatives of the United States Secret Service had been initiated into the "Sons of Liberty," and the plans of Captain Hines and his associates were well known to the authorities. An efficient body of detectives was put upon their track by Gen. B. J. Sweet, the commandant at Camp Douglas, although some of the most valuable service in running down the conspiracy and capturing its agents, was rendered by Dr. T. Winslow Ayer of Chicago, a Colonel Langhorne (an ex-Confederate who had taken the oath of allegiance without the knowledge of some of the parties to the plot), and Col. J. T. Shanks, a Confederate prisoner who was known as "The Texan." Both Langhorne and Shanks were appalled at the horrible nature of the plot as it was unfolded to them, and entered with zeal into the effort to defeat it. Shanks was permitted to escape from Camp Douglas, thereby getting in communication with the leaders of the plot who assisted to conceal him, while he faithfully apprised General Sweet of their plans. On the night of Nov. 6—or rather after midnight on the morning of the 7th—General Sweet caused simultaneous arrests of the leaders to be made at their hiding-places. Captain Hines was not captured, but the following conspirators were taken into custody: Captains Cantrill and Traverser; Charles Walsh, the Brigadier-General of the "Sons of Liberty," who was sheltering them, and in whose barn and house was found a large quantity of arms and military stores; Col. St. Leger Grenfell, W. R. Anderson and J. T. Shanks; R. T. Semmes, Vincent Marmaduke, Charles T. Daniel and Buckner S. Morris, the Treasurer of the order. They were tried by Military Commission at Cincinnati for conspiracy. Marmaduke and Morris were acquitted; Anderson committed suicide during the trial; Walsh, Semmes and Daniels were sentenced to the penitentiary, and Grenfell was sentenced to be hung, although his sentence was afterward commuted to life imprisonment at the Dry Tortugas, where he mysteriously disappeared some years afterward, but whether he escaped or was drowned in the attempt to do so has never been known. The British Government had made



repeated attempts to secure his release, a brother of his being a General in the British Army. Daniels managed to escape, and was never recaptured, while Walsh and Semmes, after undergoing brief terms of imprisonment, were pardoned by President Johnson. The subsequent history of Shanks, who played so prominent a part in defeating the scheme of wholesale arson, pillage and assassination, is interesting. While in prison he had been detailed for service as a clerk in one of the offices under the direction of General Sweet, and, while thus employed, made the acquaintance of a young lady member of a loyal family, whom he afterwards married. After the exposure of the contemplated uprising, the rebel agents in Canada offered a reward of \$1,000 in gold for the taking of his life, and he was bitterly persecuted. The attention of President Lincoln was called to the service rendered by him, and sometime during 1865 he received a commission as Captain and engaged in fighting the Indians upon the Plains. The efficiency shown by Colonel Sweet in ferreting out the conspiracy and defeating its consummation won for him the gratitude of the people of Chicago and the whole nation, and was recognized by the Government in awarding him a commission as Brigadier-General. (See *Benjamin J. Sweet, Camp Douglas and Secret Treasonable Societies.*)

**CAMPBELL, Alexander**, legislator and Congressman, was born at Concord, Pa., Oct. 4, 1814. After obtaining a limited education in the common schools, at an early age he secured employment as a clerk in an iron manufactory. He soon rose to the position of superintendent, managing iron-works in Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Missouri, until 1850, when he removed to Illinois, settling at La Salle. He was twice (1852 and 1853) elected Mayor of that city, and represented his county in the Twenty-first General Assembly (1859). He was also a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1862, and served one term (1875-77) as Representative in Congress, being elected as an Independent, but, in 1878, was defeated for re-election by Philip C. Hayes, Republican. Mr. Campbell was a zealous friend of Abraham Lincoln, and, in 1858, contributed liberally to the expenses of the latter in making the tour of the State during the debate with Douglas. He broke with the Republican party in 1874 on the greenback issue, which won for him the title of "Father of the Greenback." His death occurred at La Salle, August 9, 1898.

**CAMPBELL, Antrim**, early lawyer, was born in New Jersey in 1814; came to Springfield, Ill.,

in 1838; was appointed Master in Chancery for Sangamon County in 1849, and, in 1861, to a similar position by the United States District Court for that district. Died, August 11, 1868.

**CAMPBELL, James R.**, Congressman and soldier, was born in Hamilton County, Ill., May 4, 1853, his ancestors being among the first settlers in that section of the State; was educated at Notre Dame University, Ind., read law and was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court in 1877; in 1878 purchased "The McLeansboro Times," which he has since conducted; was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly in 1884, and again in '86, advanced to the Senate in 1888, and re-elected in '92. During his twelve years' experience in the Legislature he participated, as a Democrat, in the celebrated Logan-Morrison contest for the United States Senate, in 1885, and assisted in the election of Gen. John M. Palmer to the Senate in 1891. At the close of his last term in the Senate (1896) he was elected to Congress from the Twentieth District, receiving a plurality of 2,851 over Orlando Burrell, Republican, who had been elected in 1894. On the second call for troops issued by the President during the Spanish-American War, Mr. Campbell organized a regiment which was mustered in as the Ninth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, of which he was commissioned Colonel and assigned to the corps of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee at Jacksonville, Fla. Although his regiment saw no active service during the war, it was held in readiness for that purpose, and, on the occupation of Cuba in December, 1898, it became a part of the army of occupation. As Colonel Campbell remained with his regiment, he took no part in the proceedings of the last term of the Fifty-fifth Congress, and was not a candidate for re-election in 1898.

**CAMPBELL, Thompson**, Secretary of State and Congressman, was born in Chester County, Pa., in 1811; removed in childhood to the western part of the State and was educated at Jefferson College, afterwards reading law at Pittsburg. Soon after being admitted to the bar he removed to Galena, Ill., where he had acquired some mining interests, and, in 1843, was appointed Secretary of State by Governor Ford, but resigned in 1846, and became a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1847; in 1850 was elected as a Democrat to Congress from the Galena District, but defeated for re-election in 1852 by E. B. Washburne. He was then appointed by President Pierce Commissioner to look after certain land grants by the Mexican Government in California,



removing to that State in 1853, but resigned this position about 1855 to engage in general practice. In 1859 he made an extended visit to Europe with his family, and, on his return, located in Chicago, the following year becoming a candidate for Presidential Elector-at-large on the Breckinridge ticket; in 1861 returned to California, and, on the breaking out of the Civil War, became a zealous champion of the Union cause, by his speeches exerting a powerful influence upon the destiny of the State. He also served in the California Legislature during the war, and, in 1864, was a member of the Baltimore Convention which nominated Mr. Lincoln for the Presidency a second time, assisting most ably in the subsequent campaign to carry the State for the Republican ticket. Died in San Francisco, Dec. 6, 1868.

**CAMPBELL, William J.**, lawyer and politician, was born in Philadelphia in 1850. When he was two years old his father removed to Illinois, settling in Cook County. After passing through the Chicago public schools, Mr. Campbell attended the University of Pennsylvania, for two years, after which he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1875. From that date he was in active practice and attained prominence at the Chicago bar. In 1878 he was elected State Senator, and was re-elected in 1882, serving in all eight years. At the sessions of 1881, '83 and '85 he was chosen President pro tempore of the Senate, and, on Feb. 6, 1883, he became Lieutenant-Governor upon the accession of Lieutenant-Governor Hamilton to the executive office to succeed Shelby M. Cullom, who had been elected United States Senator. In 1888 he represented the First Illinois District in the National Republican Convention, and was the same year chosen a member of the Republican National Committee for Illinois and was re-elected in 1892. Died in Chicago, March 4, 1896. For several years immediately preceding his death, Mr. Campbell was the chief attorney of the Armour Packing Company of Chicago.

**CAMP POINT**, a village in Adams County, at the intersection of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Wabash Railroads, 22 miles east-northeast of Quincy. It is a grain center, has one flour mill, two feed mills, one elevator, a pressed brick plant, two banks, four churches, a high school, and one newspaper. Population (1890), 1,150; (1900), 1,260.

**CANAL SCRIP FRAUD.** During the session of the Illinois General Assembly of 1859, Gen. Jacob Fry, who, as Commissioner or Trustee, had been associated with the construction of the

Illinois & Michigan Canal from 1837 to 1845, had his attention called to a check purporting to have been issued by the Commissioners in 1839, which, upon investigation, he became convinced was counterfeit, or had been fraudulently issued. Having communicated his conclusions to Hon. Jesse K. Dubois, the State Auditor, in charge of the work of refunding the State indebtedness, an inquiry was instituted in the office of the Fund Commissioner—a position attached to the Governor's office, but in the charge of a secretary—which developed the fact that a large amount of these evidences of indebtedness had been taken up through that office and bonds issued therefor by the State Auditor under the laws for funding the State debt. A subsequent investigation by the Finance Committee of the State Senate, ordered by vote of that body, resulted in the discovery that, in May and August, 1859, two series of canal "scrip" (or checks) had been issued by the Canal Board, to meet temporary demands in the work of construction—the sum aggregating \$269,059—of which all but \$316 had been redeemed within a few years at the Chicago branch of the Illinois State Bank. The bank officers testified that this scrip (or a large part of it) had, after redemption, been held by them in the bank vaults without cancellation until settlement was had with the Canal Board, when it was packed in boxes and turned over to the Board. After having lain in the canal office for several years in this condition, and a new "Trustee" (as the officer in charge was now called) having come into the canal office in 1853, this scrip, with other papers, was repacked in a shoe-box and a trunk and placed in charge of Joel A. Matteson, then Governor, to be taken by him to Springfield and deposited there. Nothing further was known of these papers until October, 1854, when \$900 of the scrip was presented to the Secretary of the Fund Commissioner by a Springfield banker, and bond issued thereon. This was followed in 1856 and 1857 by larger sums, until, at the time the legislative investigation was instituted, it was found that bonds to the amount of \$223,182.66 had been issued on account of principal and interest. With the exception of the \$900 first presented, it was shown that all the scrip so funded had been presented by Governor Matteson, either while in office or subsequent to his retirement, and the bonds issued therefor delivered to him—although none of the persons in whose names the issue was made were known or ever afterward discovered. The developments made by the Senate Finance Committee led to an offer from Matteson to

indemnify the State, in which he stated that he had "unconsciously and innocently been made the instrument through whom a gross fraud upon the State had been attempted." He therefore gave to the State mortgages and an indemnifying bond for the sum shown to have been funded by him of this class of indebtedness, upon which the State, on foreclosure a few years later, secured judgment for \$255,000, although the property on being sold realized only \$238,000. A further investigation by the Legislature, in 1861, revealed the fact that additional issues of bonds for similar scrip had been made amounting to \$165,346, for which the State never received any compensation. A search through the State House for the trunk and box placed in the hands of Governor Matteson in 1853, while the official investigation was in progress, resulted in the discovery of the trunk in a condition showing it had been opened, but the box was never found. The fraud was made the subject of a protracted investigation by the Grand Jury of Sangamon County in May, 1859, and, although the jury twice voted to indict Governor Matteson for larceny, it as often voted to reconsider, and, on a third ballot, voted to "ignore the bill."

**CANBY, Richard Sprigg**, jurist, was born in Green County, Ohio, Sept. 30, 1808; was educated at Miami University and admitted to the bar, afterwards serving as Prosecuting Attorney, member of the Legislature and one term (1847-49) in Congress. In 1863 he removed to Illinois, locating at Olney, was elected Judge of the Twenty-fifth Judicial Circuit in 1867, resuming practice at the expiration of his term in 1873. Died in Richland County, July 27, 1895. Judge Canby was a relative of Gen. Edward Richard Spriggs Canby, who was treacherously killed by the Modocs in California in 1873.

**CANNON, Joseph G.**, Congressman, was born at Guilford, N. C., May 7, 1836, and removed to Illinois in early youth, locating at Danville, Vermilion County. By profession he is a lawyer, and served as State's Attorney of Vermilion County for two terms (1861-68). Incidentally, he is conducting a large banking business at Danville. In 1872 he was elected as a Republican to the Forty-third Congress for the Fifteenth District, and has been re-elected biennially ever since, except in 1890, when he was defeated for the Fifty-second Congress by Samuel T. Busey, his Democratic opponent. He is now (1898) serving his twelfth term as the Representative for the Twelfth Congressional District, and has been re-elected for a thirteenth term in the Fifty-

sixth Congress (1899-1901). Mr. Cannon has been an influential factor in State and National politics, as shown by the fact that he has been Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations during the important sessions of the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses.

**CANTON**, a flourishing city in Fulton County, 12 miles from the Illinois River, and 28 miles southwest of Peoria. It is the commercial metropolis of one of the largest and richest counties in the "corn belt"; also has abundant supplies of timber and clay for manufacturing purposes. There are coal mines within the municipal limits, and various manufacturing establishments. Among the principal outputs are agricultural implements, flour, brick and tile, cigars, cigar boxes, foundry and machine-shop products, firearms, brooms, and marble. The city is lighted by gas and electricity, has water-works, fire department, a public library, six ward schools and one high school, and three newspapers. Population (1890), 5,604; (1900), 6,564.

**CAPPS, Jahez**, pioneer, was born in London, England, Sept. 9, 1796; came to the United States in 1817, and to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1819. For a time he taught school in what is now called Round Prairie, in the present County of Sangamon, and later in Calhoun (the original name of a part of the city of Springfield), having among his pupils a number of those who afterwards became prominent citizens of Central Illinois. In 1836, in conjunction with two partners, he laid out the town of Mount Pulaski, the original county-seat of Logan County, where he continued to live for the remainder of his life, and where, during its later period, he served as Postmaster some fifteen years. He also served as Recorder of Logan County four years. Died, April 1, 1896, in the 100th year of his age.

**CARBONDALE**, a city in Jackson County, founded in 1852, 57 miles north of Cairo, and 91 miles from St. Louis. Three lines of railway center here. The chief industries are coal-mining, farming, stock-raising, fruit-growing and lumbering. It has two preserving plants, eight churches, two weekly papers, and four public schools, and is the seat of the Southern Illinois Normal University. Pop. (1890), 2,382; (1900), 3,318.

**CARBONDALE & SHAWNEETOWN RAILROAD**, a short line 17½ miles in length, extending from Marion to Carbondale, and operated by the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad Company, as lessee. It was incorporated as the Murphysboro & Shawneetown Railroad in 1867; its name changed in 1869 to The Carbondale &

Shawneetown, was opened for business, Dec. 31, 1871, and leased in 1886 for 980 years to the St. Louis Southern, through which it passed into the hands of the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad, and by lease from the latter, in 1896, became a part of the Illinois Central System (which see).

**CAREY, William**, lawyer, was born in the town of Turner, Maine, Dec. 29, 1826; studied law with General Fessenden and at Yale Law School, was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Maine in 1856, the Supreme Court of Illinois in 1857, and the Supreme Court of the United States, on motion of Hon. Lyman Trumbull, in 1873. Judge Carey was a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1869-70 from Jo Daviess County, and the choice of the Republicans in that body for temporary presiding officer; was elected to the next General Assembly (the Twenty-seventh), serving as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee through its four sessions; from 1873 to 1876 was United States District Attorney for Utah, still later occupying various offices at Deadwood, Dakota, and in Reno County, Kan. The first office held by Judge Carey in Illinois (that of Superintendent of Schools for the city of Galena) was conferred upon him through the influence of John A. Rawlins, afterwards General Grant's chief-of-staff during the war, and later Secretary of War—although at the time Mr. Rawlins and he were politically opposed. Mr. Carey's present residence is in Chicago.

**CARLIN, Thomas**, former Governor, was born of Irish ancestry in Fayette County, Ky., July 18, 1789; emigrated to Illinois in 1811, and served as a private in the War of 1812, and as a Captain in the Black Hawk War. While not highly educated, he was a man of strong common sense, high moral standard, great firmness of character and unflinching courage. In 1818 he settled in Greene County, of which he was the first Sheriff; was twice elected State Senator, and was Register of the Land Office at Quincy, when he was elected Governor on the Democratic ticket in 1838. An uncompromising partisan, he nevertheless commanded the respect and good-will of his political opponents. Died at his home in Carrollton, Feb. 14, 1852.

**CARLIN, William Passmore**, soldier, nephew of Gov. Thomas Carlin, was born at Rich Woods, Greene County, Ill., Nov. 24, 1829. At the age of 21 he graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, and, in 1855, was attached to the Sixth United States Infantry as Lieutenant. After several years spent in Indian

fighting, he was ordered to California, where he was promoted to a captaincy and assigned to recruiting duty. On August 15, 1861, he was commissioned Colonel of the Thirty-eighth Illinois Volunteers. His record during the war was an exceptionally brilliant one. He defeated Gen. Jeff. Thompson at Fredericktown, Mo., Oct. 21, 1861; commanded the District of Southeast Missouri for eighteen months; led a brigade under Slocum in the Arkansas campaign; served with marked distinction in Kentucky and Mississippi; took a prominent part in the battle of Stone River, was engaged in the Tullahoma campaign, at Chattanooga. Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, and, on Feb. 8, 1864, was commissioned Major in the Sixteenth Infantry. He also took part in the Georgia campaign, aiding in the capture of Atlanta, and marching with Sherman to the sea. For gallant service in the assault at Jonesboro, Tenn., Sept. 1, 1864, he was made Colonel in the regular army, and, on March 13, 1865, was brevetted Brigadier-General for meritorious service at Bentonville, N. C., and Major-General for services during the war. Colonel Carlin was retired with the rank of Brigadier-General in 1893. His home is at Carrollton.

**CARLINVILLE**, the county-seat of Macoupin County; a city and railroad junction, 57 miles northeast of St. Louis, and 38 miles southwest of Springfield. Blackburn University (which see) is located here. Three coal mines are operated, and there are brick works, tile works, and one newspaper. The city has gas and electric light plants and water-works. Population (1880), 3,117; (1890), 3,293; (1900), 3,502.

**CARLYLE**, the county-seat of Clinton County, 48 miles east of St. Louis, located on the Kaskaskia River and the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad. The town has churches, parochial and public schools, water-works, lighting plant, and manufactures. It has a flourishing seminary for young ladies, three weekly papers, and a public library connected with the high school. Population (1890), 1,784; (1900), 1,874.

**CARMI**, the county-seat of White County, on the Little Wabash River, 124 miles east of St. Louis and 38 west of Evansville, Ind. The surrounding country is fertile, yielding both cereals and fruit. Flouring mills and lumber manufacturing, including the making of staves, are the chief industries, though the city has brick and tile works, a plow factory and foundry. Population (1880), 2,512; (1890), 2,785; (1900), 2,939.

**CARPENTER, Milton**, legislator and State Treasurer; entered upon public life in Illinois as

Representative in the Ninth General Assembly (1834) from Hamilton County, serving by successive re-elections in the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth. While a member of the latter (1841) he was elected by the Legislature to the office of State Treasurer, retaining this position until the adoption of the Constitution of 1848, when he was chosen his own successor by popular vote, but died a few days after the election in August, 1848. He was buried in what is now known as the "Old Hutchinson Cemetery"—a burying ground in the west part of the city of Springfield, long since abandoned—where his remains still lie (1897) in a grave unmarked by a tombstone.

**CARPENTER, Philo**, pioneer and early druggist, was born of Puritan and Revolutionary ancestry in the town of Savoy, Mass., Feb. 27, 1805; engaged as a druggist's clerk at Troy, N. Y., in 1828, and came to Chicago in 1832, where he established himself in the drug business, which was later extended into other lines. Soon after his arrival, he began investing in lands, which have since become immensely valuable. Mr. Carpenter was associated with the late Rev. Jeremiah Porter in the organization of the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, but, in 1851, withdrew on account of dissatisfaction with the attitude of some of the representatives of that denomination on the subject of slavery, identifying himself with the Congregationalist Church, in which he had been reared. He was one of the original founders and most liberal benefactors of the Chicago Theological Seminary, to which he gave in contributions, during his life-time, or in bequests after his death, sums aggregating not far from \$100,000. One of the Seminary buildings was named in his honor, "Carpenter Hall." He was identified with various other organizations, one of the most important being the Relief and Aid Society, which did such useful work after the fire of 1871. By a life of probity, liberality and benevolence, he won the respect of all classes, dying, August 7, 1886.

**CARPENTER, (Mrs.) Sarah L. Warren**, pioneer teacher, born in Fredonia, N. Y., Sept. 1, 1813; at the age of 13 she began teaching at State Line, N. Y.; in 1833 removed with her parents (Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Warren) to Chicago, and soon after began teaching in what was called the "Yankee settlement," now the town of Lockport, Will County. She came to Chicago the following year (1834) to take the place of assistant of Granville T. Sproat in a school for boys, and is said to have been the first teacher paid out of the public funds in Chicago, though Miss Eliza Chappell

(afterwards Mrs. Jeremiah Porter) began teaching the children about Fort Dearborn in 1833. Miss Warren married Abel E. Carpenter, whom she survived, dying at Aurora, Kane County, Jan. 10, 1897.

**CARPENTERSVILLE**, a village of Kane County and manufacturing center, on Lake Geneva branch of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, 6 miles north of East Elgin and about 48 miles from Chicago. Pop. (1890), 754; (1900), 1,002.

**CARR, Clark E.**, lawyer, politician and diplomat, was born at Boston, Erie County, N. Y., May 20, 1836; at 13 years of age accompanied his father's family to Galesburg, Ill., where he spent several years at Knox College. In 1857 he graduated from the Albany Law School, but on returning to Illinois, soon embarked in politics, his affiliations being uniformly with the Republican party. His first office was that of Postmaster at Galesburg, to which he was appointed by President Lincoln in 1861 and which he held for twenty-four years. He was a tried and valued assistant of Governor Yates during the War of the Rebellion, serving on the staff of the latter with the rank of Colonel. He was a delegate to the National Convention of his party at Baltimore in 1864, which renominated Lincoln, and took an active part in the campaigns of that year, as well as those of 1868 and 1872. In 1869 he purchased "The Galesburg Republican," which he edited and published for two years. In 1880 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor; in 1884 was a delegate to the Republican National Convention, from the State-at-large, and, in 1887, a candidate for the caucus nomination for United States Senator, which was given to Charles B. Farwell. In 1888 he was defeated in the Republican State Convention as candidate for Governor by Joseph W. Fifer. In 1889 President Harrison appointed him Minister to Denmark, which post he filled with marked ability and credit to the country until his resignation was accepted by President Cleveland, when he returned to his former home at Galesburg. While in Denmark he did much to promote American trade with that country, especially in the introduction of American corn as an article of food, which has led to a large increase in the annual exportation of this commodity to Scandinavian markets.

**CARR, Eugene A.**, soldier, was born in Erie County, N. Y., May 20, 1830, and graduated at West Point in 1850, entering the Mounted Rifles. Until 1861 he was stationed in the Far West, and engaged in Indian fighting, earning a First Lieu-



tenancy through his gallantry. In 1861 he entered upon active service under General Lyon, in Southwest Missouri, taking part in the engagements of Dug Springs and Wilson's Creek, winning the brevet of Lieutenant-Colonel. In September, 1861, he was commissioned Colonel of the Third Illinois Cavalry. He served as acting Brigadier-General in Fremont's hundred-day expedition, for a time commanding the Fourth Division of the Army of the Southwest. On the second day at Pea Ridge, although three times wounded, he remained on the field seven hours, and materially aided in securing a victory, for his bravery being made Brigadier-General of Volunteers. In the summer of 1862 he was promoted to the rank of Major in the Regular Army. During the Vicksburg campaign he commanded a division, leading the attack at Magnolia Church, at Port Gibson, and at Big Black River, and winning a brevet Lieutenant-Colonelcy in the United States Army. He also distinguished himself for a first and second assault upon taking Vicksburg, and, in the autumn of 1862, commanded the left wing of the Sixteenth Corps at Corinth. In December of that year he was transferred to the Department of Arkansas, where he gained new laurels, being brevetted Brigadier-General for gallantry at Little Rock, and Major-General for services during the war. After the close of the Civil War, he was stationed chiefly in the West, where he rendered good service in the Indian campaigns. In 1894 he was retired with the rank of Brigadier-General, and has since resided in New York.

**CARRIEL, Henry F., M.D.**, alienist, was born at Charlestown, N. H., and educated at Marlow Academy, N. H., and Wesleyan Seminary, Vt.; graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, in 1857, and immediately accepted the position of Assistant Physician in the New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum, remaining until 1870. Meanwhile, however, he visited a large number of the leading hospitals and asylums of Europe. In 1870, Dr. Carriel received the appointment of Superintendent of the Illinois Central Hospital for the Insane at Jacksonville, a position which he continued to fill until 1893, when he voluntarily tendered to Governor Altgeld his resignation, to take effect July 1 of that year.—**Mrs. Mary Turner** (Carriel), wife of Dr. Carriel, and a daughter of Prof. Jonathan B. Turner of Jacksonville, was elected a Trustee of the University of Illinois on the Republican ticket in 1896, receiving a plurality of 148,039 over Julia Holmes Smith, her highest competitor.

**CARROLL COUNTY**, originally a part of Jo Daviess County, but set apart and organized in 1839, named for Charles Carroll of Carrollton. The first settlements were in and around Savanna, Cherry Grove and Arnold's Grove. The first County Commissioners were Messrs. L. H. Bor den, Garner Moffett and S. M. Jersey, who held their first court at Savanna, April 13, 1839. In 1843 the county-seat was changed from Savanna to Mount Carroll, where it yet remains. Townships were first organized in 1850, and the development of the county has steadily progressed since that date. The surface of the land is rolling, and at certain points decidedly picturesque. The land is generally good for farming. It is well timbered, particularly along the Mississippi. Area of the county, 440 square miles population, 18,963. Mount Carroll is a pleasant, prosperous, wide-awake town, of about 2,000 inhabitants, and noted for its excellent public and private schools.

**CARROLLTON**, the county-seat of Greene County, situated on the west branch of the Chicago & Alton and the Quincy, Carrollton & St. Louis Railroads, 33 miles north-northwest of Alton, and 34 miles south by west from Jacksonville. The town has a foundry, carriage and wagon factory, two machine shops, two flour mills, two banks, six churches, a high school, and two weekly newspapers. Population (1890), 2,258; (1900), 2,355.

**CARTER, Joseph N.**, Justice of the Supreme Court, was born in Hardin County, Ky., March 12, 1843; came to Illinois in boyhood, and, after attending school at Tuscola four years, engaged in teaching until 1863, when he entered Illinois College, graduating in 1866; in 1868 graduated from the Law Department of the University of Michigan, the next year establishing himself in practice at Quincy, where he has since resided. He was a member of the Thirty-first and Thirty-second General Assemblies (1878-82), and, in June, 1894, was elected to the seat on the Supreme Bench, which he now occupies.

**CARTER, Thomas Henry**, United States Senator, born in Scioto County, Ohio, Oct. 30, 1854; in his fifth year was brought to Illinois, his father locating at Pana, where he was educated in the public schools; was employed in farming, railroading and teaching several years, then studied law and was admitted to the bar, and, in 1882, removed to Helena, Mont., where he engaged in practice; was elected, as a Republican the last Territorial Delegate to Congress from Idaho and the first Representative from the new



State; was Commissioner of the General Land Office (1891-92), and, in 1895, was elected to the United States Senate for the term ending in 1901. In 1892 he was chosen Chairman of the Republican National Committee, serving until the St. Louis Convention of 1896.

**CARTERVILLE**, a city in Williamson County, 10 miles by rail northwest of Marion. Coal mining is the principal industry. It has a bank, five churches, a public school, and a weekly newspaper. Population (1880), 692; (1890), 969; (1900), 1,749; (1904, est.), 2,000.

**CARTHAGE**, a city and the county-seat of Hancock County, 13 miles east of Keokuk, Iowa, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Wabash Railroads; has water-works, electric lights, three banks, four trust companies, four weekly and two semi-weekly papers, and is the seat of a Lutheran College. Pop. (1890), 1,654; (1900), 2,104.

**CARTHAGE COLLEGE**, at Carthage, Hancock County, incorporated in 1871; has a teaching faculty of twelve members, and reports 158 pupils—sixty-eight men and ninety women—for 1897-98. It has a library of 5,000 volumes and endowment of \$32,000. Instruction is given in the classical, scientific, musical, fine arts and business departments, as well as in preparatory studies. In 1898 this institution reported a property valuation of \$41,000, of which \$35,000 was in real estate.

**CARTHAGE & BURLINGTON RAILROAD**. (See *Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad*.)

**CARTWRIGHT, James Henry**, Justice of the Supreme Court, was born at Maquoketa, Iowa, Dec. 1, 1842—the son of a frontier Methodist clergyman; was educated at Rock River Seminary and the University of Michigan, graduating from the latter in 1867; began practice in 1870 at Oregon, Ogle County, which is still his home; in 1888 was elected Circuit Judge to succeed Judge Eustace, deceased, and in 1891 assigned to Appellate Court duty; in December, 1895, was elected Justice of the Supreme Court to succeed Justice John M. Bailey, deceased, and re-elected in 1897.

**CARTWRIGHT, Peter**, pioneer Methodist preacher, was born in Amherst County, Va., Sept. 1, 1785, and at the age of five years accompanied his father (a Revolutionary veteran) to Logan County, Ky. The country was wild and unsettled, there were no schools, the nearest mill was 40 miles distant, the few residents wore homespun garments of flax or cotton; and coffee, tea and sugar in domestic use were almost unknown. Methodist circuit riders soon invaded the district, and, at a camp meeting held at Cane

Ridge in 1801, Peter received his first religious impressions. A few months later he abandoned his reckless life, sold his race-horse and abjured gambling. He began preaching immediately after his conversion, and, in 1803, was regularly received into the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, although only 18 years old. In 1823 he removed to Illinois, locating in Sangamon County, then but sparsely settled. In 1828, and again in 1832, he was elected to the Legislature, where his homespun wit and undaunted courage stood him in good stead. For a long series of years he attended annual conferences (usually as a delegate), and was a conspicuous figure at camp-meetings. Although a Democrat all his life, he was an uncompromising antagonist of slavery, and rejoiced at the division of his denomination in 1844. He was also a zealous supporter of the Government during the Civil War. In 1846 he was a candidate for Congress on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated by Abraham Lincoln. He was a powerful preacher, a tireless worker, and for fifty years served as a Presiding Elder of his denomination. On the lecture platform, his quaintness and eccentricity, together with his inexhaustible fund of personal anecdotes, insured an interested audience. Numerous stories are told of his physical prowess in overcoming unruly characters whom he had failed to convince by moral suasion. Inside the church he was equally fearless and outspoken, and his strong common sense did much to promote the success of the denomination in the West. He died at his home near Pleasant Plains, Sangamon County, Sept. 25, 1872. His principal published works are "A Controversy with the Devil" (1853), "Autobiography of Peter Cartwright" (1856), "The Backwoods Preacher" (London, 1869), and several works on Methodism.

**CARY, Eugene**, lawyer and insurance manager, was born at Boston, Erie County, N. Y., Feb. 20, 1835; began teaching at sixteen, meanwhile attending a select school or academy at intervals; studied law at Sheboygan, Wis., and Buffalo, N. Y., 1855-56; served as City Attorney and later as County Judge, and, in 1861, enlisted in the First Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers, serving as a Captain in the Army of the Cumberland, and the last two years as Judge-Advocate on the staff of General Rousseau. After the war he settled at Nashville, Tenn., where he held the office of Judge of the First District, but in 1871 he was elected to the City Council, and, in 1883, was the High-License candidate for Mayor in opposition to Mayor Harrison, and believed by

many to have been honestly elected, but counted out by the machine methods then in vogue.

**CASAD, Anthony Wayne**, clergyman and physician, was born in Wantage Township, Sussex County, N. J., May 2, 1791; died at Summerfield, Ill., Dec. 16, 1857. His father, Rev. Thomas Casad, was a Baptist minister, who, with his wife, Abigail Tingley, was among the early settlers of Sussex County. He was descended from Dutch-Huguenot ancestry, the family name being originally Cossart, the American branch having been founded by Jacques Cossart, who emigrated from Leyden to New York in 1663. At the age of 19 Anthony removed to Greene County, Ohio, settling at Fairfield, near the site of the present city of Dayton, where some of his relatives were then residing. On Feb. 6, 1811, he married Anna, eldest daughter of Captain Samuel Stites and Martha Martin Stites, her mother's father and grandfather having been patriot soldiers in the War of the Revolution. Anthony Wayne Casad served as a volunteer from Ohio in the War of 1812, being a member of Captain Wm. Stephenson's Company. In 1818 he removed with his wife's father to Union Grove, St. Clair County, Ill. A few years later he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and during 1821-23 was stationed at Kaskaskia and Buffalo, removing, in 1823, to Lebanon, where he taught school. Later he studied medicine and attained considerable prominence as a practitioner, being commissioned Surgeon of the Forty-ninth Illinois Infantry in 1835. He was one of the founders of McKendree College and a liberal contributor to its support; was also for many years Deputy Superintendent of Schools at Lebanon, served as County Surveyor of St. Clair County, and acted as agent for Harper Brothers in the sale of Southern Illinois lands. He was a prominent Free Mason and an influential citizen. His youngest daughter, Amanda Keziah, married Rev. Colin D. James (which see).

**CASEY**, a village of Clark County, at the intersection of the Vandalia Line and the Chicago & Ohio River Railroad, 35 miles southwest of Terre Haute. Population (1890), 844; (1900), 1,500.

**CASEY, Zadoc**, pioneer and early Congressman, was born in Georgia, March 17, 1796, the youngest son of a soldier of the Revolutionary War who removed to Tennessee about 1800. The subject of this sketch came to Illinois in 1817, bringing with him his widowed mother, and settling in the vicinity of the present city of Mount Vernon, in Jefferson County, where he acquired great prominence as a politician and became the head

of an influential family. He began preaching at an early age, and continued to do so occasionally through his political career. In 1819, he took a prominent part in the organization of Jefferson County, serving on the first Board of County Commissioners; was an unsuccessful candidate for the Legislature in 1820, but was elected Representative in 1822 and re-elected two years later; in 1826 was advanced to the Senate, serving until 1830, when he was elected Lieutenant-Governor, and during his incumbency took part in the Black Hawk War. On March 1, 1833, he resigned the Lieutenant-Governorship to accept a seat as one of the three Congressmen from Illinois, to which he had been elected a few months previous, being subsequently re-elected for four consecutive terms. In 1842 he was again a candidate, but was defeated by John A. McClernand. Other public positions held by him included those of Delegate to the Constitutional Conventions of 1847 and 1862, Representative in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth General Assemblies (1848-52), serving as Speaker in the former. He was again elected to the Senate in 1860, but died before the expiration of his term, Sept. 4, 1862. During the latter years of his life he was active in securing the right of way for the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad, the original of the Mississippi division of the Baltimore, Ohio & Southwestern. He commenced life in poverty, but acquired a considerable estate, and was the donor of the ground upon which the Supreme Court building for the Southern Division at Mount Vernon was erected.—**Dr. Newton R. (Casey)**, son of the preceding, was born in Jefferson County, Ill., Jan. 27, 1826, received his primary education in the local schools and at Hillsboro and Mount Vernon Academies; in 1842 entered the Ohio University at Athens in that State, remaining until 1845, when he commenced the study of medicine, taking a course of lectures the following year at the Louisville Medical Institute; soon after began practice, and, in 1847, removed to Benton, Ill., returning the following year to Mount Vernon. In 1856-57 he attended a second course of lectures at the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, the latter year removing to Mound City, where he filled a number of positions, including that of Mayor from 1859 to 1864, when he declined a re-election. In 1860, Dr. Casey served as delegate from Illinois to the Democratic National Convention at Charleston, S. C., and, on the establishment of the United States Government Hospital at Mound City, in 1861, acted for some time as a volunteer

surgeon, later serving as Assistant Surgeon. In 1866, he was elected Representative in the Twenty-fifth General Assembly and re-elected in 1868, when he was an unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Speaker in opposition to Hon. S. M. Cullom; also again served as Representative in the Twenty-eighth General Assembly (1872-74). Since retiring from public life Dr. Casey has given his attention to the practice of his profession.—**Col. Thomas S. (Casey)**, another son, was born in Jefferson County, Ill., April 6, 1832, educated in the common schools and at McKendree College, in due course receiving the degree of A.M. from the latter; studied law for three years, being admitted to the bar in 1854; in 1860, was elected State's Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial District; in September, 1862, was commissioned Colonel of the One Hundred and Tenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but was mustered out May 16, 1863, having in the meantime taken part in the battle of Stone River and other important engagements in Western Tennessee. By this time his regiment, having been much reduced in numbers, was consolidated with the Sixtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. In 1864, he was again elected State's Attorney, serving until 1868; in 1870, was chosen Representative, and, in 1872, Senator for the Mount Vernon District for a term of four years. In 1879, he was elected Circuit Judge and was immediately assigned to Appellate Court duty, soon after the expiration of his term, in 1885, removing to Springfield, where he died, March 1, 1891.

**CASS COUNTY**, situated a little west of the center of the State, with an area of 360 square miles and a population (1900) of 17,222—named for Gen. Lewis Cass. French traders are believed to have made the locality of Beardstown their headquarters about the time of the discovery of the Illinois country. The earliest permanent white settlers came about 1820, and among them were Thomas Beard, Martin L. Lindsley, John Cetrough and Archibald Job. As early as 1821 there was a horse-mill on Indian Creek, and, in 1827, M. L. Lindsley conducted a school on the bluffs. Peter Cartwright, the noted Methodist missionary and evangelist, was one of the earliest preachers, and among the pioneers may be named Messrs. Robertson, Toplo, McDonald, Downing, Davis, Shepherd, Penny, Bergen and Hopkins. Beardstown was the original county-seat, and during both the Black Hawk and Mormon troubles was a depot of supplies and rendezvous for troops. Here also Stephen A. Douglas made his first political speech. The site of the town,

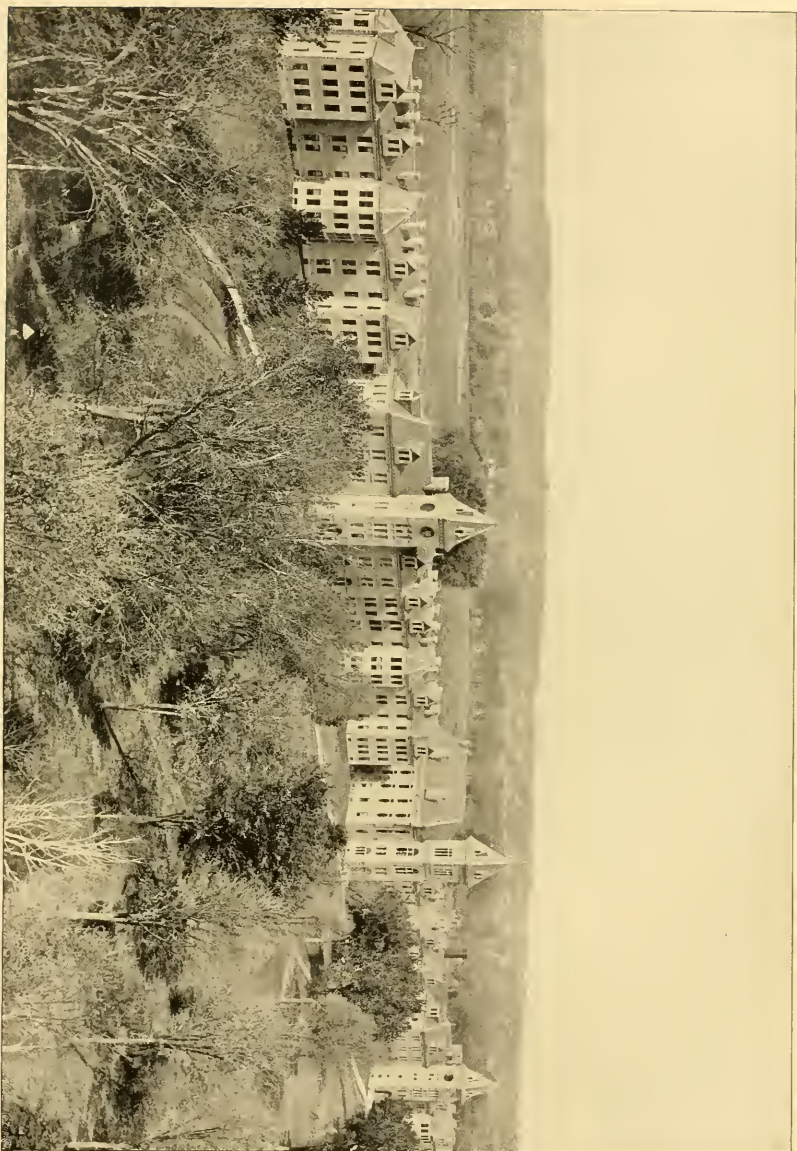
as at present laid out, was at one time sold by Mr. Downing for twenty-five dollars. The county was set off from Morgan in 1837. The principal towns are Beardstown, Virginia, Chandlerville, Ashland and Arenzville. The county-seat, formerly at Beardstown, was later removed to Virginia, where it now is. Beardstown was incorporated in 1837, with about 700 inhabitants. Virginia was platted in 1836, but not incorporated until 1842.

**CASTLE, Orlando Lane**, educator, was born at Jericho, Vt., July 26, 1822; graduated at Denison University, Ohio, 1846; spent one year as tutor there, and, for several years, had charge of the public schools of Zanesville, Ohio. In 1858, he accepted the chair of Rhetoric, Oratory and Belles-Lettres in Shurtleff College, at Upper Alton, Ill., remaining until his death, Jan. 31, 1892. Professor Castle received the degree of L.L.D. from Denison University in 1877.

**CATHERWOOD, Mary Hartwell**, author, was born (Hartwell) in Luray, Ohio, Dec. 16, 1844, educated at the Female College, Granville, Ohio, where she graduated, in 1868, and, in 1887, was married to James S. Catherwood, with whom she resides at Hoopston, Ill. Mrs. Catherwood is the author of a number of works of fiction, which have been accorded a high rank. Among her earlier productions are "Craque-o'-Doom" (1881), "Rocky Fork" (1882), "Old Caravan Days" (1884), "The Secrets at Roseladies" (1888), "The Romance of Dollard" and "The Bells of St. Anne" (1889). During the past few years she has shown a predilection for subjects connected with early Illinois history, and has published popular romances under the title of "The Story of Tonty," "The White Islander," "The Lady of Fort St. John," "Old Kaskaskia" and "The Chase of Sant Castin and other Stories of the French in the New World."

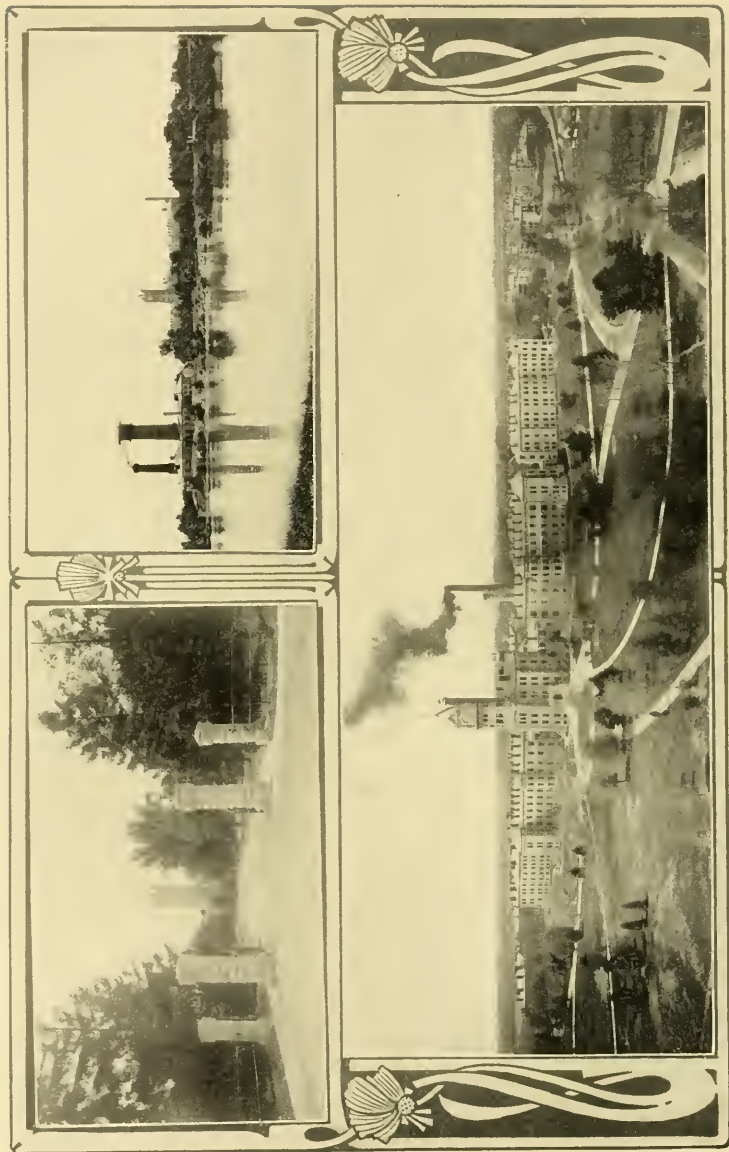
**CATON, John Dean**, early lawyer and jurist, was born in Monroe County, N. Y., March 19, 1812. Left to the care of a widowed mother at an early age, his childhood was spent in poverty and manual labor. At 15 he was set to learn a trade, but an infirmity of sight compelled him to abandon it. After a brief attendance at an academy at Utica, where he studied law between the ages of 19 and 21, in 1833 he removed to Chicago, and shortly afterward, on a visit to Pekin, was examined and licensed to practice by Judge Stephen T. Logan. In 1834, he was elected Justice of the Peace, served as Alderman in 1837-38, and sat upon the bench of the Supreme Court from 1842 to 1864, when he resigned, hav-





ANNEX CENTRAL HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, JACKSONVILLE.





ILLINOIS EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, KANKAKEE.

ing served nearly twenty-two years. During this period he more than once occupied the position of Chief Justice. Being embarrassed by the financial stringency of 1837-38, in the latter year he entered a tract of land near Plainfield, and, taking his family with him, began farming. Later in life, while a resident of Ottawa, he became interested in the construction of telegraph lines in the West, which for a time bore his name and were ultimately incorporated in the "Western Union," laying the foundation of a large fortune. On retiring from the bench, he devoted himself for the remainder of his life to his private affairs, to travel, and to literary labors. Among his published works are "The Antelope and Deer of America," "A Summer in Norway," "Miscellanies," and "Early Bench and Bar of Illinois." Died in Chicago, July 30, 1895.

**CAVARLY, Alfred W.**, early lawyer and legislator, was born in Connecticut, Sept. 15, 1793; served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and, in 1822, came to Illinois, first settling at Edwardsville, and soon afterwards at Carrollton, Greene County. Here he was elected Representative in the Fifth General Assembly (1826), and again to the Twelfth (1840); also served as Senator in the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Assemblies (1842-48), acting, in 1845, as one of the Commissioners to revise the statutes. In 1844, he was chosen a Presidential Elector, and, in 1846, was a prominent candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, but was defeated in convention by Augustus C. French. Mr. Cavarly was prominent both in his profession and in the Legislature while a member of that body. In 1853, he removed to Ottawa, where he resided until his death, Oct. 25, 1876.

**CENTERVILLE** (or Central City), a village in the coal-mining district of Grundy County, near Coal City. Population (1880), 673; (1900), 290.

**CENTRAL HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE**, established under act of the Legislature passed March 1, 1847, and located at Jacksonville, Morgan County. Its founding was largely due to the philanthropic efforts of Miss Dorothea L. Dix, who addressed the people from the platform and appeared before the General Assembly in behalf of this class of unfortunates. Construction of the building was begun in 1848. By 1851 two wards were ready for occupancy, and the first patient was received in November of that year. The first Superintendent was Dr. J. M. Higgins, who served less than two years, when he was succeeded by Dr. H. K. Jones, who had been Assistant Superintendent. Dr. Jones remained as

Acting Superintendent for several months, when the place was filled by the appointment of Dr. Andrew McFarland of New Hampshire, his administration continuing until 1870, when he resigned on account of ill-health, being succeeded by Dr. Henry F. Carriel of New Jersey. Dr. Carriel tendered his resignation in 1893, and, after one or two further changes, in 1897 Dr. F. C. Winslow, who had been Assistant Superintendent under Dr. Carriel, was placed in charge of the institution. The original plan of construction provided for a center building, five and a half stories high, and two wings with a rear extension in which were to be the chapel, kitchen and employes' quarters. Subsequently these wings were greatly enlarged, permitting an increase in the number of wards, and as the exigencies of the institution demanded, appropriations have been made for the erection of additional buildings. Numerous detached buildings have been erected within the past few years, and the capacity of the institution greatly increased—"The Annex" admitting of the introduction of many new and valuable features in the classification and treatment of patients. The number of inmates of late years has ranged from 1,200 to 1,400. The counties from which patients are received in this institution embrace: Rock Island, Mercer, Henry, Bureau, Putnam, Marshall, Stark, Knox, Warren, Henderson, Hancock, McDonough, Fulton, Peoria, Tazewell, Logan, Mason, Menard, Cass, Schnyler, Adams, Pike, Calhoun, Brown, Scott, Morgan, Sangamon, Christian, Montgomery, Macoupin, Greene and Jersey.

**CENTRALIA**, a city and railway center of Marion County, 250 miles south of Chicago. It forms a trade center for the famous "fruit belt" of Southern Illinois; has a number of coal mines, a glass plant, an envelope factory, iron foundries, railroad repair shops, flour and rolling mills, and an ice plant; also has water-works and sewerage system, a fire department, two daily papers, and excellent graded schools. Several parks afford splendid pleasure resorts. Population (1890), 4,763; (1900), 6,721; (1903, est.), 8,000.

**CENTRALIA & ALTAMONT RAILROAD.** (See *Centralia & Chester Railroad*.)

**CENTRALIA & CHESTER RAILROAD**, a railway line wholly within the State, extending from Salem, in Marion County, to Chester, on the Mississippi River (91.6 miles), with a lateral branch from Sparta to Roxborough (5 miles), and trackage facilities over the Illinois Central from the branch junction to Centralia (2.9 miles)—

total, 99.5 miles. The original line was chartered as the Centralia & Chester Railroad, in December, 1887, completed from Sparta to Coulterville in 1889, and consolidated the same year with the Sparta & Evansville and the Centralia & Altamont Railroads (projected); line completed from Centralia to Evansville early in 1894. The branch from Sparta to Rosborough was built in 1895, the section of the main line from Centralia to Salem (14.9 miles) in 1896, and that from Evansville to Chester (17.6 miles) in 1897-98. The road was placed in the hands of a receiver, June 7, 1897, and the expenditures for extension and equipment made under authority granted by the United States Court for the issue of Receiver's certificates. The total capitalization is \$2,374,-841, of which \$978,000 is in stocks and \$948,000 in bonds.

**CENTRAL MILITARY TRACT RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.*)

**CERRO GORDO**, a town in Piatt County, 12 miles by rail east-northeast of Decatur. The crop of cereals in the surrounding country is sufficient to support two elevators at Cerro Gordo, which has also a flouring mill, brick and tile factories, etc. There are three churches, graded schools, a bank and two newspaper offices. Population (1890), 939; (1900), 1,008.

**CHADDOCK COLLEGE**, an institution under the patronage of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Quincy, Ill., incorporated in 1878; is co-educational, has a faculty of ten instructors, and reports 127 students—70 male and 57 female—in the classes of 1895-96. Besides the usual departments in literature, science and the classics, instruction is given to classes in theology, music, the fine arts, oratory and preparatory studies. It has property valued at \$110,000, and reports an endowment fund of \$8,000.

**CHAMBERLIN**, Thomas Crowder, geologist and educator, was born near Mattoon, Ill., Sept. 25, 1845; graduated at Beloit College, Wisconsin, in 1866; took a course in Michigan University (1868-69); taught in various Wisconsin institutions, also discharged the duties of State Geologist, later filling the chair of Geology at Columbian University, Washington, D. C. In 1878, he was sent to Paris, in charge of the educational exhibits of Wisconsin, at the International Exposition of that year—during his visit making a special study of the Alpine glaciers. In 1887, he was elected President of the University of Wisconsin, serving until 1892, when he became Heald Professor of Geology at the University of Chicago, where he still remains. He is

also editor of the University "Journal of Geology" and President of the Chicago Academy of Sciences. Professor Chamberlin is author of a number of volumes on educational and scientific subjects, chiefly in the line of geology. He received the degree of LL.D. from the University of Michigan, Beloit College and Columbian University, all on the same date (1887).

**CHAMPAIGN**, a flourishing city in Champaign County, 128 miles southwest of Chicago and 83 miles northeast of Springfield; is the intersecting point of three lines of railway and connected with the adjacent city of Urbana, the county-seat, by an electric railway. The University of Illinois, located in Urbana, is contiguous to the city. Champaign has an excellent system of water-works, well-paved streets, and is lighted by both gas and electricity. The surrounding country is agricultural, but the city has manufactories of carriages and machines. Three papers are published here, besides a college weekly conducted by the students of the University. The Burnham Hospital and the Garwood Old Ladies' Home are located in Champaign. In the residence portion of the city there is a handsome park, covering ten acres and containing a notable piece of bronze statuary, and several smaller parks in other sections. There are several handsome churches, and excellent schools, both public and private. Population (1890), 5,839; (1900), 9,098.

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**, situated in the eastern half of the central belt of the State; area, 1,008 square miles; population (1900), 47,622. The county was organized in 1833, and named for a county in Ohio. The physical conformation is flat, and the soil rich. The county lies in the heart of what was once called the "Grand Prairie." Workable seams of bituminous coal underlie the surface, but overlying quicksands interfere with their operation. The Sangamon and Kaskaskia Rivers have their sources in this region, and several railroads cross the county. The soil is a black muck underlaid by a yellow clay. Urbana (with a population of 5,708 in 1900) is the county-seat. Other important points in the county are Champaign (9,000), Tolono (1,000), and Rantoul (1,200). Champaign and Urbana adjoin each other, and the grounds of the Illinois State University extend into each corporation, being largely situated in Champaign. Large drifted masses of Niagara limestone are found, interspersed with coal measure limestone and sandstone. Alternating beds of clay, gravel and quicksand of the drift formation are found beneath the subsoil to the depth of 150 to 300 feet.

**CHAMPAIGN, HAYANA & WESTERN RAILROAD.** (See *Illinois Central Railroad*.)

**CHANDLER, Charles**, physician, was born at West Woodstock, Conn., July 2, 1806; graduated with the degree of M.D. at Castleton, Vt., and, in 1829, located in Scituate, R. I.; in 1832, started with the intention of settling at Fort Clark (now Peoria), Ill., but was stopped at Beardstown by the "Black Hawk War," finally locating on the Sangamon River, in Cass County, where, in 1848, he laid out the town of Chandlerville—Abraham Lincoln being one of the surveyors who platted the town. Here he gained a large practice, which he was compelled, in his later years, partially to abandon in consequence of injuries received while prosecuting his profession, afterwards turning his attention to merchandising and encouraging the development of the locality in which he lived by promoting the construction of railroads and the building of schoolhouses and churches. Liberal and public-spirited, his influence for good extended over a large region. Died, April 7, 1879.

**CHANDLER, Henry B.**, newspaper manager, was born at Freighsburg, Quebec, July 12, 1836; at 18 he began teaching, and later took charge of the business department of "The Detroit Free Press"; in 1861, came to Chicago with Wilbur F. Storey and became business manager of "The Chicago Times"; in 1870, disagreed with Storey and retired from newspaper business. Died, at Yonkers, N. Y., Jan. 18, 1896.

**CHANDLERVILLE**, a village in Cass County, on the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad, 7 miles north by east from Virginia, laid out in 1848 by Dr. Charles Chandler, and platted by Abraham Lincoln. It has a bank, a creamery, four churches, a weekly newspaper, a flour and a saw-mill. Population (1890), 910; (1900), 940.

**CHAPIN**, a village of Morgan County, at the intersection of the Wabash and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroads, 10 miles west of Jacksonville. Population (1890), 450; (1900), 514.

**CHAPPELL, Charles H.**, railway manager, was born in Du Page County, Ill., March 3, 1841. With an ardent passion for the railroad business, at the age of 16 he obtained a position as freight brakeman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, being steadily promoted through the ranks of conductor, train-master and dispatcher, until, in 1865, at the age of 24, he was appointed General Agent of the Eastern Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. Other railroad positions which Mr. Chappell has since held are: Superintendent of a division of the Union Pacific

(1869-70); Assistant or Division Superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, or some of its branches (1870-74); General Superintendent of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas (1874-76); Superintendent of the Western Division of the Wabash (1877-79). In 1880, he accepted the position of Assistant General Superintendent of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, being advanced in the next three years through the grades of General Superintendent and Assistant General Manager, to that of General Manager of the entire system, which he has continued to fill for over twelve years. Quietly and without show or display, Mr. Chappell continues in the discharge of his duties, assisting to make the system with which he is identified one of the most successful and perfect in its operation in the whole country.

**CHARLESTON**, the county-seat of Coles County, an incorporated city and a railway junction, 46 miles west of Terre Haute, Ind. It lies in the center of a farming region, yet has several factories, including woolen and flouring mills, broom, plow and carriage factories, a foundry and a canning factory. Three newspapers are published here, issuing daily editions. Population (1890), 4,135; (1900), 5,488. The Eastern State Normal School was located here in 1895.

**CHARLESTON, NEOGA & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD.** (See *Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City Railroad*.)

**CHARLEVOIX, Pierre Francois Xavier de**, a celebrated French traveler and an early explorer of Illinois, born at St. Quentin, France, Oct. 29, 1682. He entered the Jesuit Society, and while a student was sent to Quebec (1695), where for four years he was instructor in the college, and completed his divinity studies. In 1709 he returned to France, but came again to Quebec a few years later. He ascended the St. Lawrence, sailed through Lakes Ontario and Erie, and finally reached the Mississippi by way of the Illinois River. After visiting Cahokia and the surrounding country (1720-21), he continued down the Mississippi to New Orleans, and returned to France by way of Santo Domingo. Besides some works on religious subjects, he was the author of histories of Japan, Paraguay and San Domingo. His great work, however, was the "History of New France," which was not published until twenty years after his death. His journal of his American explorations appeared about the same time. His history has long been cited by scholars as authority, but no English translation was made until 1865, when it was undertaken by Shea. Died in France, Feb. 1, 1761.



**CHASE, Philander**, Protestant Episcopal Bishop, was born in Cornish, Vt., Dec. 14, 1775, and graduated at Dartmouth in 1795. Although reared as a Congregationalist, he adopted the Episcopal faith, and was ordained a priest in 1799, for several years laboring as a missionary in Northern and Western New York. In 1805, he went to New Orleans, but returning North in 1811, spent six years as a rector at New Haven, Conn., then engaged in missionary work in Ohio, organizing a number of parishes and founding an academy at Worthington; was consecrated a Bishop in 1819, and after a visit to England to raise funds, laid the foundation of Kenyon College and Gambier Theological Seminary, named in honor of two English noblemen who had contributed a large portion of the funds. Differences arising with some of his clergy in reference to the proper use of the funds, he resigned both the Bishopric and the Presidency of the college in 1831, and after three years of missionary labor in Michigan, in 1835 was chosen Bishop of Illinois. Making a second visit to England, he succeeded in raising additional funds, and, in 1838, founded Jubilee College at Robin's Nest, Peoria County, Ill., for which a charter was obtained in 1847. He was a man of great religious zeal, of indomitable perseverance and the most successful pioneer of the Episcopal Church in the West. He was Presiding Bishop from 1843 until his death, which occurred Sept. 20, 1852. Several volumes appeared from his pen, the most important being "A Plea for the West" (1826), and "Reminiscences: an Autobiography, Comprising a History of the Principal Events in the Author's Life" (1848).

**CHATHAM**, a village of Sangamon County, on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, 9 miles south of Springfield. Population (1890), 482; (1900), 629.

**CHATSWORTH**, town in Livingston County, on Ill. Cent. and Toledo, Peoria & Western Railways, 79 miles east of Peoria; in farming and stock-raising district; has two banks, three grain elevators, five churches, a graded school, two weekly papers, water-works, electric lights, paved streets, cement sidewalks, brick works, and other manufactures. Pop. (1890), 827; (1900), 1,038.

**CHENANSE**, a town in Iroquois and Kankakee Counties, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 64 miles south-southwest from Chicago; the place has two banks and one newspaper. Population (1880), 728; (1890), 616; (1900), 555.

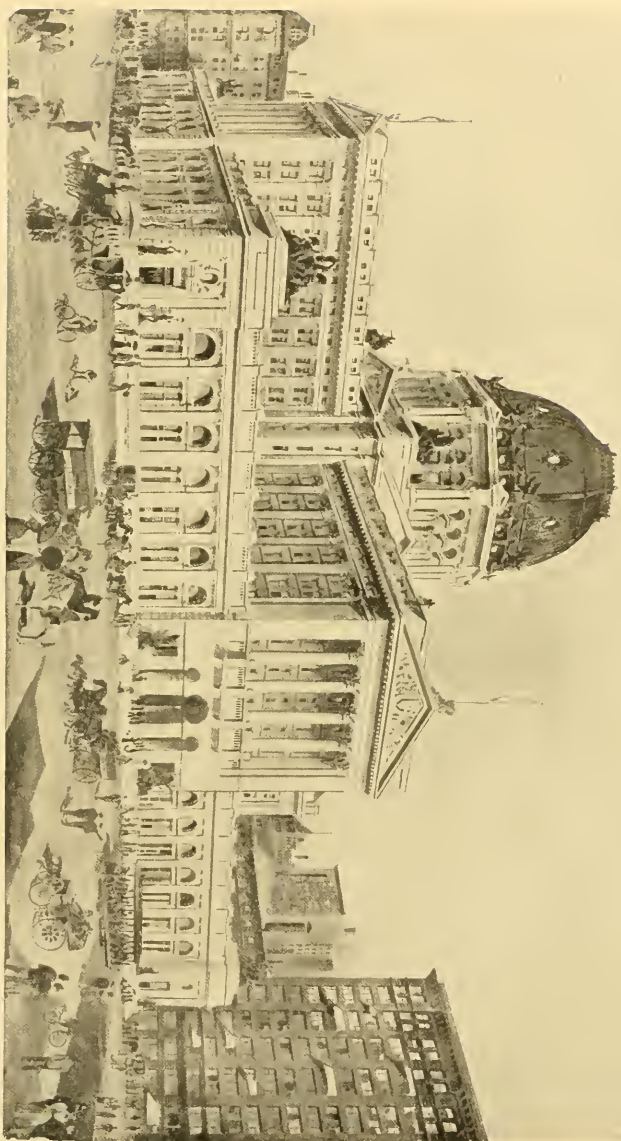
**CHENEY, Charles Edward**, Bishop of the Reformed Protestant Episcopal Church, was born in Canandaigua, N. Y., Feb. 12, 1836; graduated at

Hobart in 1857, and began study for the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Soon after ordination he became rector of Christ Church, Chicago, and was prominent among those who, under the leadership of Assistant Bishop Cummins of Kentucky, organized the Reformed Episcopal Church in 1873. He was elected Missionary Bishop of the Northwest for the new organization, and was consecrated in Christ Church, Chicago, Dec. 14, 1873.

**CHENEY, John Vance**, author and librarian, was born at Groveland, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1848, though the family home was at Dorset, Vt., where he grew up and received his primary education. He acquired his academic training at Manchester, Vt., and Temple Hill Academy, Genesee, N. Y., graduating from the latter in 1865, later becoming Assistant Principal of the same institution. Having studied law, he was admitted to the bar successively in Massachusetts and New York; but meanwhile having written considerably for the old "Scribner's Monthly" (now "Century Magazine"), while under the editorship of Dr. J. G. Holland, he gradually adopted literature as a profession. Removing to the Pacific Coast, he took charge, in 1887, of the Free Public Library at San Francisco, remaining until 1894, when he accepted the position of Librarian of the Newberry Library in Chicago, as successor to Dr. William F. Poole, deceased. Besides two or three volumes of verse, Mr. Cheney is the author of numerous essays on literary subjects. His published works include "Thistle-Drift," poems (1887); "Wood-Blooms," poems (1888), "Golden Guess," essays (1892); "That Dome in Air," essays (1895); "Queen Helen," poem (1895) and "Out of the Silence," poem (1897). He is also editor of "Wood Notes Wild," by Simeon Pease Cheney (1892), and *Caxton Club's* edition of Derby's *Phoenixiana*.

**CHENOA**, an incorporated city of McLean County, at the intersecting point of the Toledo, Peoria & Western and the Chicago & Alton Railroads, 48 miles east of Peoria, 23 miles northeast of Bloomington, and 102 miles south of Chicago. Agriculture, dairy farming, fruit-growing and coal-mining are the chief industries of the surrounding region. The city also has an electric light plant, water-works, canning works and tile works, besides two banks, seven churches, a graded school, two weekly papers, and telephone systems connecting with the surrounding country. Population (1890), 1,226; (1900), 1,512.

**CHESBROUGH, Ellis Sylvester**, civil engineer, was born in Baltimore, Md., July 6, 1813; at the



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age of thirteen was chainman to an engineering party on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, being later employed on other roads. In 1837, he was appointed senior assistant engineer in the construction of the Louisville, Cincinnati & Charleston Railroad, and, in 1846, Chief Engineer of the Boston Waterworks, in 1850 becoming sole Commissioner of the Water Department of that city. In 1855, he became engineer of the Chicago Board of Sewerage Commissioners, and in that capacity designed the sewerage system of the city—also planning the river tunnels. He resigned the office of Commissioner of Public Works of Chicago in 1879. He was regarded as an authority on water-supply and sewerage, and was consulted by the officials of New York, Boston, Toronto, Milwaukee and other cities. Died, August 19, 1886.

**CHESNUT, John A.**, lawyer, was born in Kentucky, Jan. 19, 1816, his father being a native of South Carolina, but of Irish descent. John A. was educated principally in his native State, but came to Illinois in 1836, read law with P. H. Winchester at Carlinville, was admitted to the bar in 1837, and practiced at Carlinville until 1855, when he removed to Springfield and engaged in real estate and banking business. Mr. Chesnut was associated with many local business enterprises, was for several years one of the Trustees of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Jacksonville, also a Trustee of the Illinois Female College (Methodist) at the same place, and was Supervisor of the United States Census for the Sixth District of Illinois in 1880. Died, Jan. 14, 1898.

**CHESTER**, the county-seat of Randolph County, situated on the Mississippi River, 76 miles south of St. Louis. It is the seat of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary and of the State Asylum for Insane Convicts. It stands in the heart of a region abounding in bituminous coal, and is a prominent shipping point for this commodity; also has quarries of building stone. It has a grain elevator, flouring mills, rolling mills and foundries. Population (1880), 2,580; (1890), 2,708; (1900), 2,832.

**CHETLAIN, Augustus Louis**, soldier, was born in St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 26, 1824, of French Huguenot stock—his parents having emigrated from Switzerland in 1823, at first becoming members of the Selkirk colony on Red River, in Manitoba. Having received a common school education, he became a merchant at Galena, and was the first to volunteer there in response to the call for troops after the bombardment of Fort Sumter, in

1861, being chosen to the captaincy of a company in the Twelfth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, which General Grant had declined; participated in the campaign on the Tennessee River which resulted in the capture of Fort Donelson and the battle of Shiloh, meanwhile being commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel; also distinguished himself at Corinth, where he remained in command until May, 1863, and organized the first colored regiment raised in the West. In December, 1863, he was promoted Brigadier-General and placed in charge of the organization of colored troops in Tennessee, serving later in Kentucky and being brevetted Major-General in January, 1864. From January to October, 1865, he commanded the post at Memphis, and later the District of Talladega, Ala., until January, 1866, when he was mustered out of the service. General Chetlain was Assessor of Internal Revenue for the District of Utah (1867-69), then appointed United States Consul at Brussels, serving until 1872, on his return to the United States establishing himself as a banker and broker in Chicago.

**CHICAGO**, the county-seat of Cook County, chief city of Illinois and (1890) second city in population in the United States.

**SITUATION.**—The city is situated at the southwest bend of Lake Michigan, 18 miles north of the extreme southern point of the lake, at the mouth of the Chicago River; 715 miles west of New York, 590 miles north of west from Washington, and 260 miles northeast of St. Louis. From the Pacific Coast it is distant 2,417 miles. Latitude 41° 52' north; longitude 87° 35' west of Greenwich. Area (1898), 186 square miles.

**TOPOGRAPHY.**—Chicago stands on the dividing ridge between the Mississippi and St. Lawrence basins. It is 503 feet above sea-level, and its highest point is some 18 feet above Lake Michigan. The Chicago River is virtually a bayou, dividing into north and south branches about a half-mile west of the lake. The surrounding country is a low, flat prairie, but engineering science and skill have done much for it in the way of drainage. The Illinois & Michigan Canal terminates at a point on the south branch of the Chicago River, within the city limits, and unites the waters of Lake Michigan with those of the Illinois River.

**COMMERCE.**—The Chicago River, with its branches, affords a water frontage of nearly 60 miles, the greater part of which is utilized for the shipment and unloading of grain, lumber, stone, coal, merchandise, etc. Another navigable stream (the Calumet River) also lies within the



corporate limits. Dredging has made the Chicago River, with its branches, navigable for vessels of deep draft. The harbor has also been widened and deepened. Well constructed breakwaters protect the vessels lying inside, and the port is as safe as any on the great lakes. The city is a port of entry, and the tonnage of vessels arriving there exceeds that of any other port in the United States. During 1897, 9,156 vessels arrived, with an aggregate tonnage of 7,209,442, while 9,201 cleared, representing a tonnage of 7,185,324. It is the largest grain market in the world, its elevators (in 1897) having a capacity of 32,550,000 bushels.

According to the reports of the Board of Trade, the total receipts and shipments of grain for the year 1898—counting flour as its grain equivalent in bushels—amounted to 323,097,453 bushels of the former, to 289,920,028 bushels of the latter. The receipts and shipments of various products for the year (1898) were as follows:

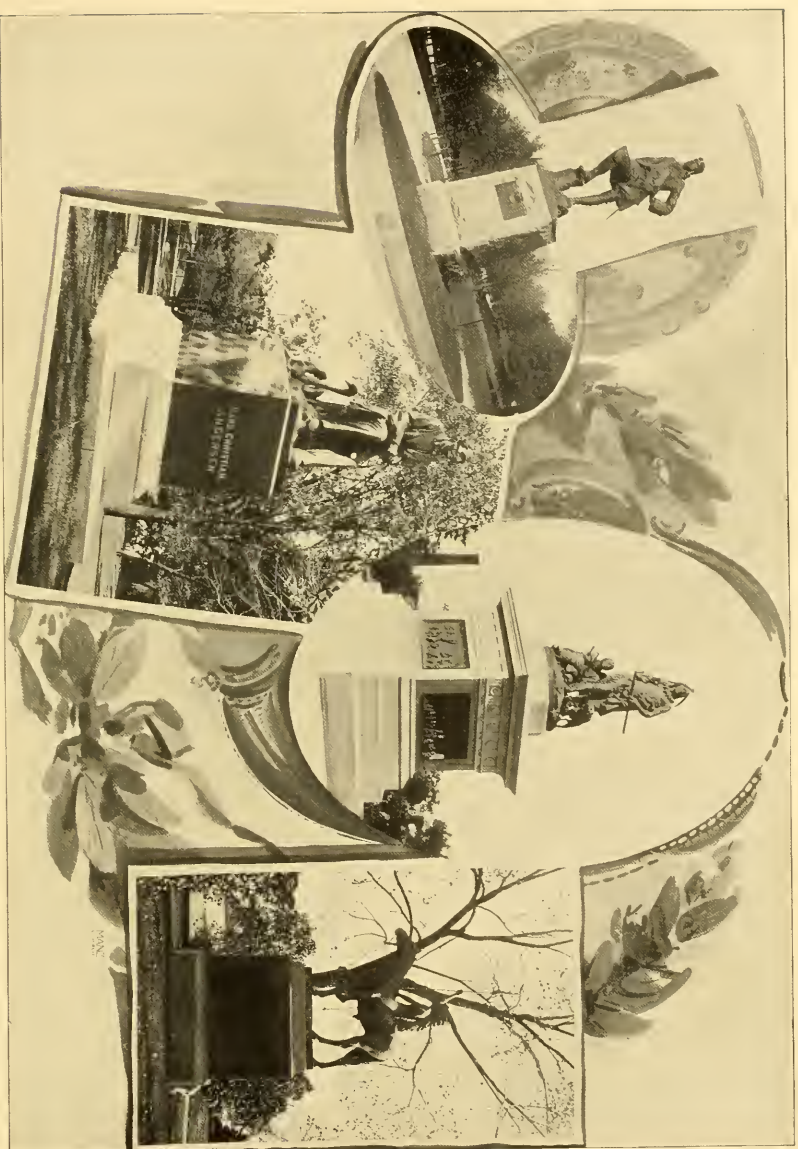
	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour (bbls.) . . . . .	5,316,195	5,032,236
Wheat (bu.) . . . . .	35,741,555	38,094,900
Corn " " " " " . . . . .	127,426,374	130,397,681
Oats " " " " " . . . . .	110,293,647	85,057,636
Rye " " " " " . . . . .	4,935,308	4,453,384
Barley " " " " " . . . . .	18,116,594	6,755,247
Cured Meats (lbs.) . . . . .	229,005,246	925,627,722
Dressed Beef " " " " " . . . . .	110,286,652	1,060,859,808
Live-stock—Hogs " " " " " . . . . .	9,360,968	1,334,768
" " Cattle " " " " " . . . . .	2,480,632	864,408
" " Sheep " " " " " . . . . .	3,502,378	545,001

Chicago is also an important lumber market, the receipts in 1895, including shingles, being 1,562,527 M. feet. As a center for beef and pork-packing, the city is without a rival in the amount of its products, there having been 92,459 cattle and 760,514 hogs packed in 1894-95. In bank clearings and general mercantile business it ranks second only to New York, while it is also one of the chief manufacturing centers of the country. The census of 1890 shows 9,959 manufacturing establishments, with a capital of \$29,477,038; employing 203,108 hands, and turning out products valued at \$632,184,140. Of the output by far the largest was that of the slaughtering and meat-packing establishments, amounting to \$203,825,092; men's clothing came next (\$32,517,226); iron and steel, \$31,419,854; foundry and machine shop products, \$29,928,616; planed lumber, \$17,604,494. Chicago is also the most important live-stock market in the United States. The Union Stock Yards (in the southwest part of the city) are connected with all railroad lines entering the city, and cover many hundreds of

acres. In 1894, there were received 8,788,049 animals (of all descriptions), valued at \$148,057,626. Chicago is also a primary market for hides and leather, the production and sales being both of large proportions, and the trade in manufactured leather (notably in boots and shoes) exceeds that of any other market in the country. Ship-building is a leading industry, as are also brick-making, distilling and brewing.

TRANSPORTATION, ETC.—Besides being the chief port on the great lakes, Chicago ranks second to no other American city as a railway center. The old "Galena & Chicago Union," its first railroad, was operated in 1849, and within three years a substantial advance had been scored in the way of steam transportation. Since then the multiplication of railroad lines focusing in or passing through Chicago has been rapid and steady. In 1895 not less than thirty-eight distinct lines enter the city, although these are operated by only twenty-two companies. Some 2,600 miles of railroad track are laid within the city limits. The number of trains daily arriving and departing (suburban and freight included) is about 2,000. Intramural transportation is afforded by electric, steam, cable and horse-car lines. Four tunnels under the Chicago River and its branches, and numerous bridges connect the various divisions of the city.

HISTORY.—Point du Sable (a native of San Domingo) was admittedly the first resident of Chicago other than the aborigines. The French missionaries and explorers—Marquette, Joliet, La Salle, Hennepin and others—came a century earlier, their explorations beginning in 1673. After the expulsion of the French at the close of the French and Indian War, the territory passed under British control, though French traders remained in this vicinity after the War of the Revolution. One of these named Le Mai followed Point du Sable about 1796, and was himself succeeded by John Kinzie, the Indian trader, who came in 1803. Fort Dearborn was built near the mouth of the Chicago River in 1804 on land acquired from the Indians by the treaty of Greenville, concluded by Gen. Anthony Wayne in 1795, but was evacuated in 1812, when most of the garrison and the few inhabitants were massacred by the savages. (See *Fort Dearborn*.) The fort was rebuilt in 1816, and another settlement established around it. The first Government survey was made, 1829-30. Early residents were the Kinzies, the Wolcotts, the Beaubiens and the Millers. The Black Hawk War (1832) rather aided in developing the resources and increasing

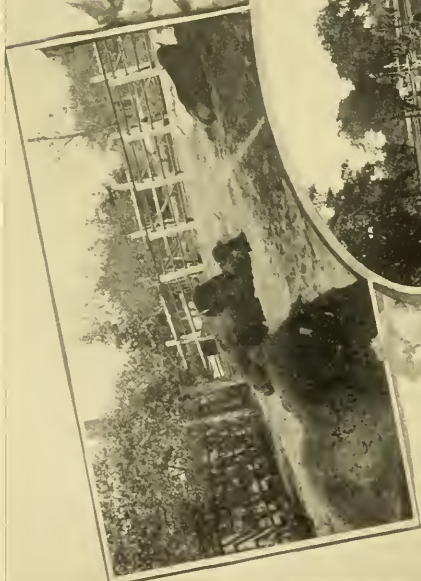


La Salle Statue

Hans Christian Andersen Statue,  
MONUMENTS IN LINCOLN PARK, CHICAGO.

Alarm Group.

Signal of Peace.



Buffalo Herd.  
Bridge Over Lagoon.



Flower Beds.  
VIEWS IN LINCOLN PARK, CHICAGO.



Artesian Fountain.



the population of the infant settlement by drawing it to settlers from the interior for purposes of mutual protection. Town organization was effected on August 10, 1832, the total number of votes polled being 28. The town grew rapidly for a time, but received a set-back in the financial crisis of 1837. During May of that year, how-

ever, a charter was obtained and Chicago became a city. The total number of votes cast at that time was 703. The census of the city for the 1st of July of that year showed a population of 4,180. The following table shows the names and term of office of the chief city officers from 1837 to 1899:

YEAR.	MAYOR.	CITY CLERK.	CITY ATTORNEY.	CITY TREASURER.
1837	Wm. B. Ogden.....	I. N. Arnold, Geo. Davis (1).	N. B. Judd.....	Hiram Pearsons.
1838	Buckner S. Morris.....	Geo. Davis.....	N. B. Judd.....	Hiram Pearsons.
1839	Benj. W. Raymond.....	Wm. H. Brackett.....	Samuel L. Smith.....	Geo. W. Dole.
1840	Alexander Lloyd.....	Thomas Hoyne.....	Mark Skinner.....	W. S. Gurnee, N. H. Bolles (2)
1841	F. C. Sherman.....	Thomas Hoyne.....	Geo. Manierre.....	N. H. Bolles.
1842	Benj. W. Raymond.....	J. Curtis.....	Henry Brown.....	F. C. Sherman.
1843	Augustus Garrett.....	James M. Lowe.....	G. Manierre, Henry Brown (3)	Walters S. Gurnee.
1844	Aug. Garrett, Albon S. Sherman (4)	E. A. Rucker.....	Henry W. Clarke.....	Walters S. Gurnee.
1845	Aug. Garrett, Albon S. Sherman (4)	E. A. Rucker, Wm. S. Brown (4)	Henry W. Clarke.....	Wm. L. Church.
1846	John P. Chapin.....	Henry B. Clarke.....	Charles H. Larrabee.....	Wm. L. Church.
1847	James Curtiss.....	Henry B. Clarke.....	Patrick Ballingall.....	Andrew Getzler.
1848	James H. Woodworth.....	Sidney Abell.....	Giles Sprigg.....	Wm. L. Church.
1849	James H. Woodworth.....	Sidney Abell.....	O. R. W. Lull.....	Wm. L. Church.
1850	James Curtiss.....	Sidney Abell.....	Henry H. Clark.....	Edward Manierre.
1851	Walters S. Gurnee.....	Henry W. Zimmerman.....	Henry H. Clark.....	Edward Manierre.
1852	Walters S. Gurnee.....	Henry W. Zimmerman.....	Arno Voss.....	Edward Manierre.
1853	Charles M. Gray.....	Henry W. Zimmerman.....	Arno Voss.....	Edward Manierre.
1854	Ira L. Milliken.....	Henry W. Zimmerman.....	Patrick Ballingall.....	Uriah P. Harris.
1855	Levi D. Boone.....	Henry W. Zimmerman.....	J. A. Thompson.....	Wm. F. De Wolf.
1856	Thomas Dyer.....	Henry W. Zimmerman.....	J. L. Marsh.....	O. J. Rose.
1857	John Wentworth.....	H. Kreisman.....	John C. Miller.....	C. N. Holden.
1858	John C. Haines.....	H. Kreisman.....	Elliott Anthony.....	Alonzo Harvey.
1859	John C. Haines.....	H. Kreisman.....	Geo. F. Crocker.....	Alonzo Harvey.
1860	John Wentworth.....	Abraham Kohn.....	John Lyle King.....	Alonzo Harvey, C. W. Hunt (8)
1861	Julian S. Rumsey.....	A. J. Marble.....	W. H. May.....	W. H. May.
1862	F. C. Sherman.....	A. J. Marble.....	Geo. A. Meech.....	F. H. Cutting, W. H. Rice (7)
1863	F. C. Sherman.....	H. W. Zimmerman.....	Francis Adams.....	David A. Gage.
1864	F. C. Sherman.....	H. W. Zimmerman.....	Francis Adams.....	David A. Gage.
1865	John B. Rice.....	Albert H. Bodman.....	Daniel D. Driscoll.....	A. G. Throp.
1866	John B. Rice.....	Albert H. Bodman.....	Daniel D. Driscoll.....	A. G. Throp.
1867	John B. Rice.....	Albert H. Bodman.....	Hasbrouck Davis.....	Wm. F. Wentworth.
1868	John B. Rice.....	Albert H. Bodman.....	Hasbrouck Davis.....	Wm. F. Wentworth.
1869	John B. Rice (8).....	Albert H. Bodman.....	Hasbrouck Davis.....	Wm. F. Wentworth.
1870	R. B. Mason.....	Charles T. Hotchkiss.....	Israel N. Siles.....	David A. Gage.
1871	R. B. Mason.....	Charles T. Hotchkiss.....	Israel N. Siles.....	David A. Gage.
1872	Joseph Medill.....	Charles T. Hotchkiss.....	Israel N. Siles.....	David A. Gage.
1873	Joseph Medill.....	Charles T. Hotchkiss.....	Israel N. Siles.....	David A. Gage.
1874	Harvey D. Colvin.....	Jo. K. C. Forrest.....	Egbert Jamieson.....	Daniel O'Hara.
1875	Harvey D. Colvin.....	Jo. K. C. Forrest.....	Egbert Jamieson.....	Daniel O'Hara.
1876	Monroe Heath, (9) H. D. Colvin.	Monroe Heath.....	Monroe Heath.....	Monroe Heath.
1877-78	Thomas Hoyne.....	Caspar Butz.....	R. S. Tuthill.....	Clinton Briggs.
1879-80	Thomas Hoyne.....	Caspar Butz.....	R. S. Tuthill.....	Chas. B. Larrabee.
1881-82	Carter H. Harrison.....	P. J. Howard.....	Julius S. Grinnell.....	W. C. Seipp.
1883-84	Carter H. Harrison.....	P. J. Howard.....	Julius S. Grinnell.....	Rudolph Brand.
1885-86	Carter H. Harrison.....	John G. Neumelster.....	Julius S. Grinnell.....	John M. Dunphy.
1887-88	Carter H. Harrison.....	C. Herman Plautz.....	Hempstead Washburne.....	Wm. M. Devine.
1889-90	John A. Roche.....	D. W. Nickerson.....	Hempstead Washburne.....	Herbert Haultz.
1891-92	Bewitt C. Greger.....	Franz Amberger.....	Geo. A. Trude.....	Bernard Roening.
1893-94	Hempstead Washburne.....	James R. B. Van Cleave.....	Jacob J. Kern, G.A. Trade (10)	Peter Kiohassa.
1895-96	Carter H. Harrison, Geo. B. Swift, John H. Hopkins (11)	Chas. D. Gaastfield.....	Geo. A. Trude.....	Michael J. Bransfield.
1897-98	Geo. B. Swift.....	James R. B. Van Cleave.....	Roy O. West.....	Adam Wolf.
1899	Carter H. Harrison, Jr.....	William Loeffler.....	Miles J. Devine.....	Ernst Hummel.
1899	Carter H. Harrison, Jr.....	William Loeffler.....	Andrew J. Ryan.....	Adam Orsfield.

(1) I. N. Arnold resigned, and Geo. Davis appointed, October, 1837.

(2) Gurnee resigned, Bolles appointed his successor, April, 1840.

(3) Manierre resigned, Brown appointed his successor, July, 1843.

(4) Election of Cazan declared illegal, and Sherman elected at new election, held April, 1844.

(5) Brown appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Rucker.

(6) Harvey resigned and Hunt appointed to fill vacancy.

(7) Cutting having failed to qualify, Rice, who was already in office, held over.

(8) Legislature changed date of election from April to November, the persons in office at beginning of 1869 remaining in office to December of that year.

(9) City organized under general Incorporation Act in 1875, and no city election held until April, 1876. The order for a new election omitted the office of Mayor, yet a popular vote was taken which gave a majority to Thomas Hoyne. The Council then in office refused to canvass this vote, but his successor, at its first meeting, did so, declaring Hoyne duly elected. Colvin, the incumbent, refused to surrender the rights to "hold over." Hoyne then made a contest for the office, which resulted in a decision by the Supreme Court denying the claims of both contestants when a new election was ordered by the City Council, July 12, 1876, at which Monroe Heath was elected, serving out the term.

(10) City Attorney Kern, having resigned November 21, 1892, Geo. A. Trude was appointed to serve out this remainder of the term.

(11) Mayor Harrison, having been assassinated, October 28, 1893, the City Council at its next meeting (November 6, 1893) elected Geo. B. Swift an Alderman from the Eleventh Ward Mayor ad interim. At a special election held December 19, 1893, John P. Hopkins was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Mayor Harrison.



**THE FIRE OF 1871.**—The city steadily grew in beauty, population and commercial importance until 1871. On Oct. 9 of that year occurred the "great fire" the story of which has passed into history. Recuperation was speedy, and the 2,100 acres burned over were rapidly being rebuilt, when, in 1874, occurred a second conflagration, although by no means so disastrous as that of 1871. The city's recuperative power was again demonstrated, and its subsequent development has been phenomenal. The subjoined statement shows its growth in population:

1837	.	.	.	.	4,179
1840	.	.	.	.	4,470
1850	.	.	.	.	28,269
1860	.	.	.	.	112,162
1870	.	.	.	.	298,977
1880	.	.	.	.	503,185
1890	.	.	.	.	1,099,850
1900	.	.	.	.	1,698,575

Notwithstanding a large foreign population and a constant army of unemployed men, Chicago has witnessed only three disturbances of the peace by mobs—the railroad riots of 1877, the Anarchist disturbance of 1886, and a strike of railroad employes in 1894.

**MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION.**—Chicago long since outgrew its special charter, and is now incorporated under the broader provisions of the law applicable to "cities of the first class," under which the city is virtually autonomous. The personnel, drill and equipment of the police and fire departments are second to none, if not superior to any, to be found in other American cities. The Chicago River, with its branches, divides the city into three principal divisions, known respectively as North, South and West. Each division has its statutory geographical boundaries, and each retains its own distinct township organization. This system is anomalous; it has, however, both assailants and defenders.

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.**—Chicago has a fine system of parks and boulevards, well developed, well improved and well managed. One of the parks (Jackson in the South Division) was the site of the World's Columbian Exposition. The water supply is obtained from Lake Michigan by means of cribs and tunnels. In this direction new and better facilities are being constantly introduced, and the existing water system will compare favorably with that of any other American city.

**ARCHITECTURE.**—The public and office buildings, as well as the business blocks, are in some instances classical, but generally severely plain.

Granite and other varieties of stone are used in the City Hall, County Court House, the Board of Trade structure, and in a few commercial buildings, as well as in many private residences. In the business part of the city, however, steel, iron, brick and fire clay are the materials most largely employed in construction, the exterior walls being of brick. The most approved methods of fire-proof building are followed, and the "Chicago construction" has been recognized and adopted (with modifications) all over the United States. Office buildings range from ten to sixteen, and even, as in the case of the Masonic Temple, twenty stories in height. Most of them are sumptuous as to the interior, and many of the largest will each accommodate 3,000 to 5,000 occupants, including tenants and their employes. In the residence sections wide diversity may be seen; the chaste and the ornate styles being about equally popular. Among the handsome public, or semi-public buildings may be mentioned the Public Library, the Newberry Library, the Art Institute, the Armour Institute, the Academy of Sciences, the Auditorium, the Board of Trade Building, the Masonic Temple, and several of the railroad depots.

**EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES.**—Chicago has a public school system unsurpassed for excellence in any other city in the country. According to the report of the Board of Education for 1898, the city had a total of 221 primary and grammar schools, besides fourteen high schools, employing 5,268 teachers and giving instruction to over 236,000 pupils in the course of the year. The total expenditures during the year amounted to \$6,785,601, of which nearly \$4,500,000 was on account of teachers' salaries. The city has nearly \$7,500,000 invested in school buildings. Besides pupils attending public schools there are about 100,000 in attendance on private and parochial schools, not reckoning students at higher institutions of learning, such as medical, law, theological, dental and pharmaceutical schools, and the great University of Chicago. Near the city are also the Northwestern and the Lake Forest Universities, the former at Evanston and the latter at Lake Forest. Besides an extensive Free Public Library for circulating and reference purposes, maintained by public taxation, and embracing (in 1898) a total of over 235,000 volumes and nearly 50,000 pamphlets, there are the Library of the Chicago Historical Society and the Newberry and Crerar Libraries—the last two the outgrowth of posthumous donations by public-spirited and liberal citizens—all open to



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CHICAGO THOROUGHFARES.



the public for purposes of reference under certain conditions. This list does not include the extensive library of the University of Chicago and those connected with the Armour Institute and the public schools, intended for the use of the pupils of these various institutions.

**CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE**, one of the leading commercial exchanges of the world. It was originally organized in the spring of 1843 as a voluntary association, with a membership of eighty-two. Its primary object was the promotion of the city's commercial interests by unity of action. On Feb. 8, 1849, the Legislature enacted a general law authorizing the establishment of Boards of Trade, and under its provisions an incorporation was effected—a second organization being effected in April, 1850. For several years the association languished, and at times its existence seemed precarious. It was, however, largely instrumental in securing the introduction of the system of measuring grain by weight, which initial step opened the way for subsequent great improvements in the methods of handling, storing, inspecting and grading cereals and seeds. By the close of 1856, the association had overcome the difficulties incident to its earlier years, and the feasibility of erecting a permanent Exchange building began to be agitated, but the project lay dormant for several years. In 1856 was adopted the first system of classification and grading of wheat, which, though crude, formed the foundation of the elaborate modern system, which has proved of such benefit to the grain-growing States of the West, and has done so much to give Chicago its commanding influence in the grain markets of the world. In 1858, the privilege of trading on the floor of the Exchange was limited to members. The same year the Board began to receive and send out daily telegraphic market reports at a cost, for the first year, of \$500,000, which was defrayed by private subscriptions. New York was the only city with which such communication was then maintained. In February, 1859, a special charter was obtained, conferring more extensive powers upon the organization, and correspondingly increasing its efficiency. An important era in the Board's history was the Civil War of 1861-65. During this struggle its attitude was one of undeviating loyalty and generous patriotism. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were contributed, by individual members and from the treasury of the organization, for the work of recruiting and equipping regiments, in caring for the wounded on Southern battlefields, and providing for the families of enlisted men. In

1864, the Board waged to a successful issue a war upon the irredeemable currency with which the entire West was then flooded, and secured such action by the banks and by the railroad and express companies as compelled its replacement by United States legal-tender notes and national bank notes. In 1865, handsome, large (and, as then supposed, permanent) quarters were occupied in a new building erected by the Chicago Chamber of Commerce under an agreement with the Board of Trade. This structure was destroyed in the fire of October, 1871, but at once rebuilt, and made ready for re-occupancy in precisely one year after the destruction of its predecessor. Spacious and ample as these quarters were then considered, the growing membership and increasing business demonstrated their inadequacy before the close of 1877. Steps looking to the erection of a new building were taken in 1881, and, on May 1, 1885, the new edifice—then the largest and most ornate of its class in the world—was opened for occupancy. The membership of the Board for the year 1898 aggregated considerably in excess of 1,800. The influence of the association is felt in every quarter of the commercial world.

**CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & NORTHERN RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad*.)

**CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILROAD** (known as the "Burlington Route") is the parent organization of an extensive system which operates railroads in eleven Western and Northwestern States, furnishing connections from Chicago with Omaha, Denver, St. Paul and Minneapolis, St. Louis and Kansas City, Cheyenne (Wyo.), Billings (Mont.), Deadwood (So. Dak.), and intermediate points, and having connections by affiliated roads with the Pacific Coast. The main line extends from Chicago to Denver (Colo.), 1,025.41 miles. The mileage of the various branches and leased proprietary lines (1898) aggregates 4,627.06 miles. The Company uses 207.23 miles in conjunction with other roads, besides subsidiary standard-gauge lines controlled through the ownership of securities amounting to 1,440 miles more. In addition to these the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy controls 179 miles of narrow-gauge road. The whole number of miles of standard-gauge road operated by the Burlington system, and known as the Burlington Route, on June 30, 1899, is estimated at 7,419, of which 1,509 is in Illinois, all but 47 miles being owned by the Company. The system in Illinois connects many important commercial

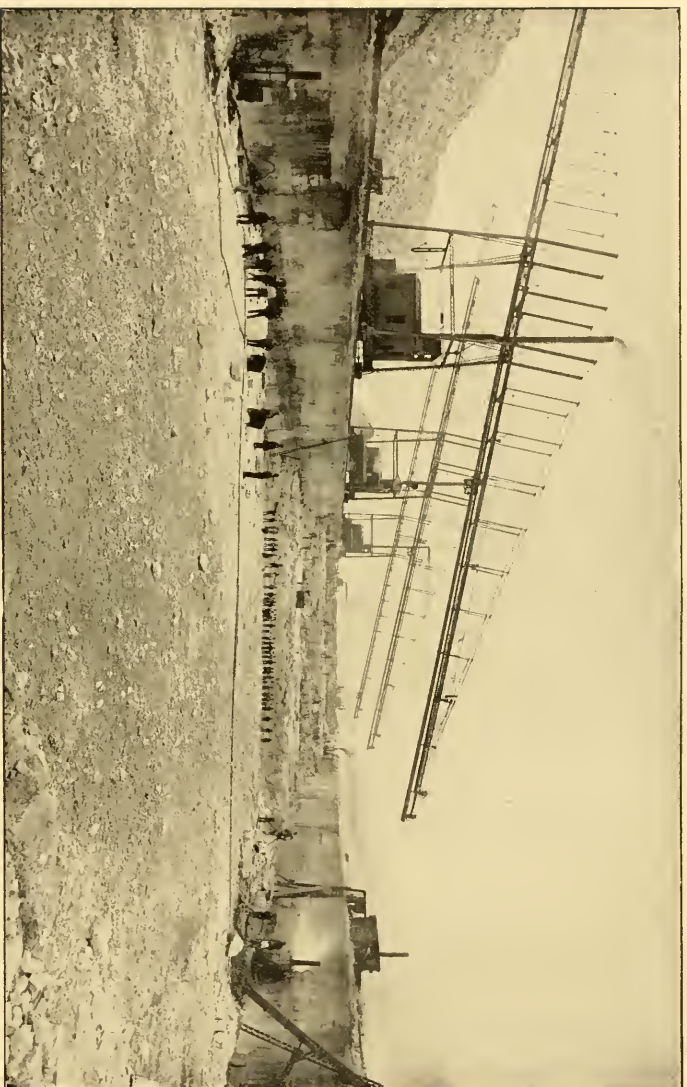


points, including Chicago, Aurora, Galesburg, Quincy, Peoria, Streator, Sterling, Mendota, Fulton, Lewistown, Rushville, Geneva, Keithsburg, Rock Island, Beardstown, Alton, etc. The entire capitalization of the line (including stock, bonds and floating debt) amounted, in 1898, to \$234,884,600, which was equivalent to about \$33,000 per mile. The total earnings of the road in Illinois, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, amounted to \$8,724,997, and the total disbursements of the Company within the State, during the same period, to \$7,469,456. Taxes paid in 1898, \$377,968.—(HISTORY). The first section of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad was constructed under a charter granted, in 1849, to the Aurora Branch Railroad Company, the name being changed in 1852 to the Chicago & Aurora Railroad Company. The line was completed in 1853, from the junction with the old Galena & Chicago Union Railroad, 30 miles west of Chicago, to Aurora, later being extended to Mendota. In 1855 the name of the Company was changed by act of the Legislature to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. The section between Mendota and Galesburg (80 miles) was built under a charter granted in 1851 to the Central Military Tract Railroad Company, and completed in 1854. July 9, 1856, the two companies were consolidated under the name of the former. Previous to this consolidation the Company had extended aid to the Peoria & Oquawka Railroad (from Peoria to the Mississippi River, nearly opposite Burlington, Iowa), and to the Northern Cross Railroad from Quincy to Galesburg, both of which were completed in 1855 and operated by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. In 1857 the name of the Northern Cross was changed to the Quincy & Chicago Railroad. In 1860 the latter was sold under foreclosure to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and, in 1863, the Peoria & Oquawka was acquired in the same way—the former constituting the Quincy branch of the main line and the latter giving it its Burlington connection. Up to 1863, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy used the track of the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad to enter the city of Chicago, but that year began the construction of its line from Aurora to Chicago, which was completed in 1864. In 1872 it acquired control, by perpetual lease, of the Burlington & Missouri River Road in Iowa, and, in 1880, extended this line into Nebraska, now reaching Billings, Mont., with a lateral branch to Deadwood, So. Dak. Other branches in Illinois, built or acquired by this corporation, include the Peoria & Hannibal; Carthage & Bur-

lington; Quincy & Warsaw; Ottawa, Chicago & Fox River Valley; Quincy, Alton & St. Louis, and the St. Louis, Rock Island & Chicago. The Chicago, Burlington & Northern—known as the Northern Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy—is an important part of the system, furnishing a connection between St. Louis on the south and St. Paul and Minneapolis on the north, of which more than half of the distance of 583 miles between terminal points, is in Illinois. The latter division was originally chartered, Oct. 21, 1885, and constructed from Oregon, Ill., to St. Paul, Minn. (319 miles), and from Fulton to Savanna, Ill. (16.72 miles), and opened, Nov. 1, 1886. It was formally incorporated into the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy line in 1899. In June of the same year the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy also acquired by purchase the Keokuk & Western Railroad from Keokuk to Van Wert, Iowa (143 miles), and the Des Moines & Kansas City Railway, from Des Moines, Iowa, to Cainesville, Mo. (112 miles).

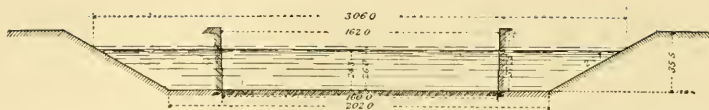
**CHICAGO, DANVILLE & VINCENNES RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad*.)

**CHICAGO DRAINAGE CANAL**, a channel or waterway, in course of construction (1892-99) from the Chicago River, within the limits of the city of Chicago, to Joliet Lake, in the Des Plaines River, about 12 miles above the junction of the Des Plaines with the Illinois. The primary object of the channel is the removal of the sewage of the city of Chicago and the proper drainage of the region comprised within what is called the "Sanitary District of Chicago." The feasibility of connecting the waters of Lake Michigan by way of the Des Plaines River with those of the Illinois, attracted the attention of the earliest French explorers of this region, and was commented upon, from time to time, by them and their successors. As early as 1808 the subject of a canal uniting Lake Michigan with the Illinois was discussed in a report on roads and canals by Albert Gallatin, then Secretary of the Treasury, and the project was touched upon in a bill relating to the Erie Canal and other enterprises, introduced in Congress in 1811. The measure continued to receive attention in the press, in Western Territorial Legislatures and in official reports, one of the latter being a report by John C. Calhoun, as Secretary of War, in 1819, in which it is spoken of as "valuable for military purposes." In 1822 Congress passed an act granting the right of way to the State through the public lands for such an enterprise, which was followed,

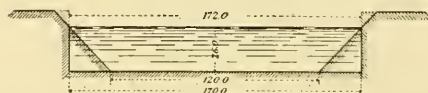


EXCAVATION IN ROCK FOR DRAINAGE CHANNEL AND WATERWAY. (PIT, DEPTH IN CENTER.)

SANITARY CANAL - CHICAGO



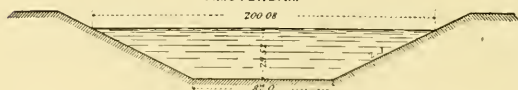
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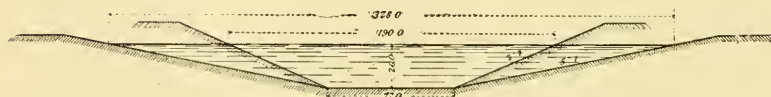
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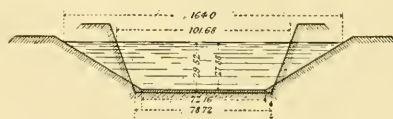
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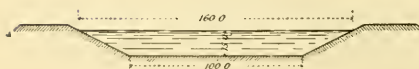
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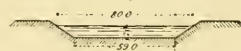
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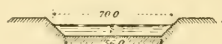
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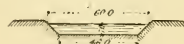
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five years later, by a grant of lands for the purpose of its construction. The work was begun in 1836, and so far completed in 1848 as to admit of the passage of boats from the Chicago basin to La Salle. (See *Illinois & Michigan Canal*.) Under an act passed by the Legislature in 1865, the work of deepening the canal was undertaken by the city of Chicago with a view to furnishing means to relieve the city of its sewage, the work being completed some time before the fire of 1871. This scheme having failed to accomplish the object designed, other measures began to be considered. Various remedies were proposed, but in all the authorities were confronted with the difficulty of providing a fund, under the provisions of the Constitution of 1870, to meet the necessary cost of construction. In the closing months of the year 1885, Hon. H. B. Hurd, who had been a member of a Board of "Drainage Commissioners," organized in 1855, was induced to give attention to the subject. Having satisfied himself and others that the difficulties were not insurmountable with proper action by the Legislature, the City Council, on Jan. 27, 1886, passed a resolution authorizing the Mayor to appoint a Commission, to consist of "one expert engineer of reputation and experience in engineering and sanitary matters," and two consulting engineers, to constitute a "drainage and water-supply commission" for the purpose of investigating and reporting upon the matter of water-supply and disposition of the sewage of the city. As a result of this action, Rudolph Hering, of Philadelphia, was appointed expert engineer by Mayor Harrison, with Benetzette Williams and S. G. Artingstall, of Chicago, as consulting engineers. At the succeeding session of the General Assembly (1887), two bills—one known as the "Hurd bill" and the other as the "Winston bill," but both drawn by Mr. Hurd, the first contemplating doing the work by general taxation and the issue of bonds, and the other by special assessment—were introduced in that body. As it was found that neither of these bills could be passed at that session, a new and shorter one, which became known as the "Roche-Winston bill," was introduced and passed near the close of the session. A resolution was also adopted creating a commission, consisting of two Senators, two Representatives and Mayor Roche of Chicago, to further investigate the subject. The later act, just referred to, provided for the construction of a cut-off from the Des Plaines River, which would divert the flood-waters of that stream and the North Branch into Lake Michigan north of the

city. Nothing was done under this act, however. At the next session (1889) the commission made a favorable report, and a new law was enacted embracing the main features of the Hurd bill, though changing the title of the organization to be formed from the "Metropolitan Town," as proposed by Mr. Hurd, to the "Sanitary District." The act, as passed, provided for the election of a Board of nine Trustees, their powers being confined to "providing for the drainage of the district," both as to surplus water and sewage. Much opposition to the measure had been developed during the pendency of the legislation on the subject, especially in the Illinois valley, on sanitary grounds, as well as fear of midsummer flooding of the bottom lands which are cultivated to some extent; but this was overcome by the argument that the channel would, when the Des Plaines and Illinois Rivers were improved between Joliet and La Salle, furnish a new and enlarged waterway for the passage of vessels between the lake and the Mississippi River, and the enterprise was indorsed by conventions held at Peoria, Memphis and elsewhere, during the eighteen months preceding the passage of the act. The promise ultimately to furnish a flow of not less than 600,000 cubic feet per minute also excited alarm in cities situated upon the lakes, lest the taking of so large a volume of water from Lake Michigan should affect the lake-level injuriously to navigation; but these apprehensions were quieted by the assurance of expert engineers that the greatest reduction of the lake-level below the present minimum would not exceed three inches, and more likely would not produce a perceptible effect.

At the general election, held Nov. 5, 1889, the "Sanitary District of Chicago" was organized by an almost unanimous popular vote—the returns showing 70,958 votes for the measure to 242 against. The District, as thus formed, embraces all of the city of Chicago north of Eighty-seventh Street, with forty-three square miles outside of the city limits but within the area to be benefited by the improvement. Though the channel is located partly in Will County, the district is wholly in Cook and bears the entire expense of construction. The first election of Trustees was held at a special election, Dec. 12, 1889, the Trustees then elected to hold their offices for five years and until the following November. The second election occurred, Nov. 5, 1895, when the Board, as now constituted (1899), was chosen, viz.: William Boldenweck, Joseph C. Braden, Zina R.



Carter, Bernard A. Eckhart, Alexander J. Jones, Thomas Kelly, James P. Mallette, Thomas A. Smyth and Frank Wenter. The Trustees have power to sell bonds in order to procure funds to prosecute the work and to levy taxes upon property within the district, under certain limitations as to length of time the taxes run and the rate per cent imposed. Under an amendment of the Drainage Act adopted by the Legislature in 1897, the rate of assessment upon property within the Drainage District is limited to one and one-half per cent, up to and including the year 1899, but after that date becomes one-half of one per cent.

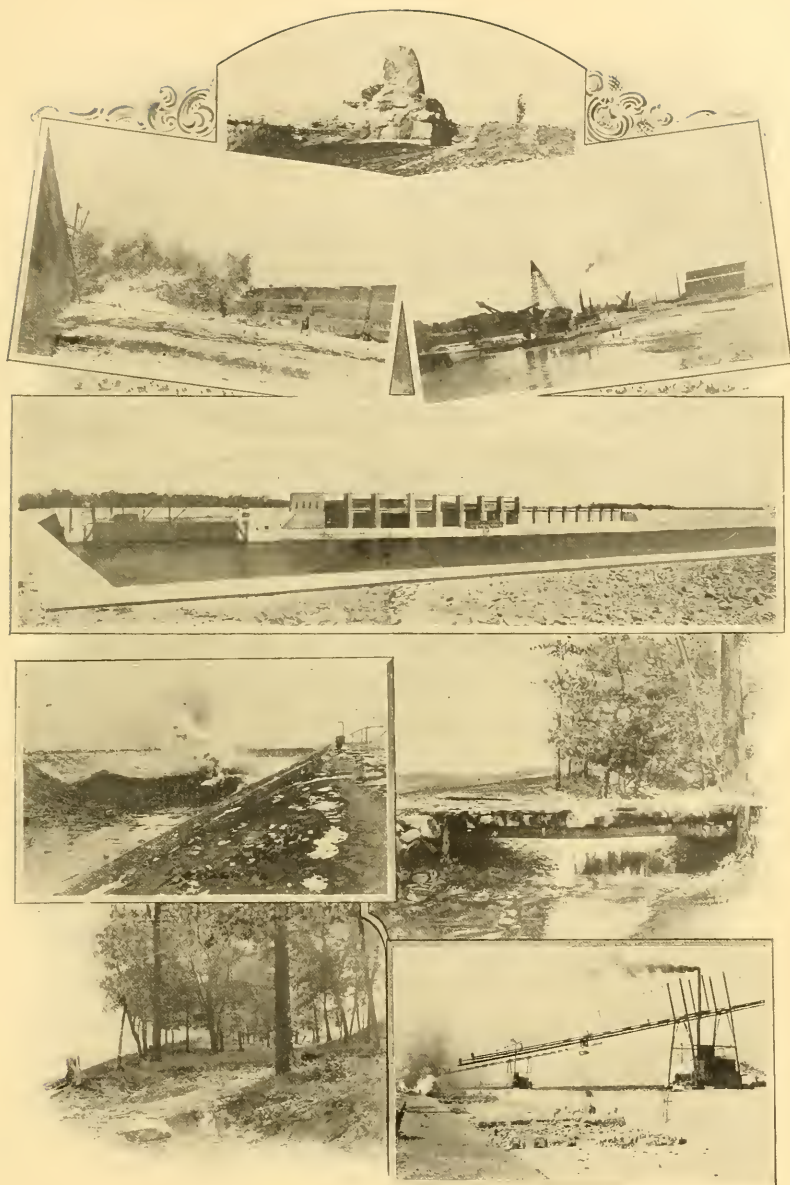
The bed of the channel, as now in process of construction, commences at Robey Street and the South Branch of the Chicago River, 5.8 miles from Lake Michigan, and extends in a south-westerly direction to the vicinity of Summit, where it intersects the Des Plaines River. From this point it follows the bed of that stream to Lockport, in Will County, where, in consequence of the sudden depression in the ground, the bed of the channel comes to the surface, and where the great controlling works are situated. This has made necessary the excavation of about thirteen miles of new channel for the river—which runs parallel with, and on the west side of, the drainage canal—besides the construction of about nineteen miles of levee to separate the waters of the canal from the river. The following statement of the quality of the material excavated and the dimensions of the work, is taken from a paper by Hon. H. B. Hurd, under the title, "The Chicago Drainage Channel and Waterway," published in the sixth volume of "Industrial Chicago" (1896): "Through that portion of the channel between Chicago and Summit, which is being constructed to produce a flow of 300,000 cubic feet per minute, which is supposed to be sufficient to dilute sewage for about the present population (of Chicago), the width of the channel is 110 feet on the bottom, with side slopes of two to one. This portion of the channel is ultimately to be enlarged to the capacity of 600,000 cubic feet per minute. The bottom of the channel, at Robey Street, is 24.448 feet below Chicago datum. The width of the channel from Summit down to the neighborhood of Willow Springs is 202 feet on the bottom, with the same side slope. The cut through the rock, which extends from the neighborhood of Willow Springs to the point where the channel runs out of ground near Lockport, is 160 feet wide at the bottom. The entire depth of the channel is substantially the same as at Robey Street, with the addition of one foot in 40,000 feet. The rock

portion of the channel is constructed to the full capacity of 600,000 cubic feet per minute. From the point where the channel runs out of ground to Joliet Lake, there is a rapid fall; over this slope works are to be constructed to let the water down in such a manner as not to damage Joliet."

Ground was broken on the rock-cut near Lemont, on Sept. 3, 1892, and work has been in progress almost constantly ever since. The progress of the work was greatly obstructed during the year 1898, by difficulties encountered in securing the right of way for the discharge of the waters of the canal through the city of Joliet, but these were compromised near the close of the year, and it was anticipated that the work would be prosecuted to completion during the year 1899. From Feb. 1, 1890, to Dec. 31, 1898, the net receipts of the Board for the prosecution of the work aggregated \$28,257,707, while the net expenditures had amounted to \$28,221,864.57. Of the latter, \$20,099,284.67 was charged to construction account, \$3,156,903.12 to "land account" (including right of way), and \$1,222,092.82 to the cost of maintaining the engineering department. When finished, the cost will reach not less than \$35,000,000. These figures indicate the stupendous character of the work, which bids fair to stand without a rival of its kind in modern engineering and in the results it is expected to achieve.

#### CHICAGO GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The total mileage of this line, June 30, 1898, was 1,008 miles, of which 152.52 miles are operated and owned in Illinois. The line in this State extends west from Chicago to East Dubuque, the extreme terminal points being Chicago and Minneapolis in the Northwest, and Kansas City in the Southwest. It has several branches in Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota, and trackage arrangements with several lines, the most important being with the St. Paul & Northern Pacific (10.56 miles), completing the connection between St. Paul and Minneapolis; with the Illinois Central from East Dubuque to Portage (12.23 miles), and with the Chicago & Northern Pacific from Forest Home to the Grand Central Station in Chicago. The company's own track is single, of standard gauge, laid with sixty and seventy-five-pound steel rails. Grades and curvature are light, and the equipment well maintained. The outstanding capital stock (1898) was \$52,019,054; total capitalization, including stock, bonds and miscellaneous indebtedness, \$57,144,245. (HISTORY). The road was chartered, Jan. 5, 1892, under the laws of Illinois, for the purpose of reorganization of



VIEWS OF DRAINAGE CANAL.



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the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Railway Company on a stock basis. During 1895, the De Kalb & Great Western Railroad (5.81 miles) was built from De Kalb to Sycamore as a feeder of this line.

**CHICAGO, HARLEM & BATAVIA RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago & Northern Pacific Railroad.*)

**CHICAGO, HAVANA & WESTERN RAILROAD.** (See *Illinois Central Railroad.*)

**CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, organized, April 24, 1856, for the purposes of (1) establishing a library and a cabinet of antiquities, relics, etc.; (2) the collection and preservation of historical manuscripts, documents, papers and tracts; (3) the encouragement of the discovery and investigation of aboriginal remains, particularly in Illinois; (4) the collection of material illustrating the growth and settlement of Chicago. By 1871 the Society had accumulated much valuable material, but the entire collection was destroyed in the great Chicago fire of that year, among the manuscripts consumed being the original draft of the emancipation proclamation by Abraham Lincoln. The nucleus of a second collection was consumed by fire in 1874. Its loss in this second conflagration included many valuable manuscripts. In 1877 a temporary building was erected, which was torn down in 1892 to make room for the erection, on the same lot, of a thoroughly fire-proof structure of granite, planned after the most approved modern systems. The new building was erected and dedicated under the direction of its late President, Edward G. Mason, Esq., Dec. 12, 1896. The Society's third collection now embraces about twenty-five thousand volumes and nearly fifty thousand pamphlets; seventy-five portraits in oils, with other works of art; a valuable collection of manuscript documents, and a large museum of local and miscellaneous antiquities. Mr. Charles Evans is Secretary and Librarian.

**CHICAGO HOMŒOPATHIC MEDICAL COLLEGE**, organized in 1876, with a teaching faculty of nineteen and forty-five matriculates. Its first term opened October 4, of that year, in a leased building. By 1881 the college had outgrown its first quarters, and a commodious, well appointed structure was erected by the trustees, in a more desirable location. The institution was among the first to introduce a graded course of instruction, extending over a period of eighteen years. In 1897, the matriculating class numbered over 200.

**CHICAGO HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN**, located at Chicago, and founded in

1865 by Dr. Mary Harris Thompson. Its declared objects are: "To afford a home for women and children among the respectable poor in need of medical and surgical aid; to treat the same classes at home by an assistant physician; to afford a free dispensary for the same, and to train competent nurses." At the outset the hospital was fairly well sustained through private benefactions, and, in 1870, largely through Dr. Thompson's efforts, a college was organized for the medical education of women exclusively. (See *Northwestern University Woman's Medical School.*) The hospital building was totally destroyed in the great fire of 1871, but temporary accommodations were provided in another section of the city. The following year, with the aid of \$25,000 appropriated by the Chicago Relief and Aid Society, a permanent building was purchased, and, in 1885, a new, commodious and well planned building was erected on the same site, at a cost of about \$75,000.

**CHICAGO, MADISON & NORTHERN RAILROAD**, a line of railway 231.3 miles in length, 140 miles of which lie within Illinois. It is operated by the Illinois Central Railroad Company, and is known as its "Freepoint Division." The par value of the capital stock outstanding is \$50,000 and of bonds \$2,500,000, while the floating debt is \$3,620,698, making a total capitalization of \$6,170,698, or \$26,698 per mile. (See also *Illinois Central Railroad.*) This road was opened from Chicago to Freeport in 1888.

**CHICAGO MEDICAL COLLEGE.** (See *Northwestern University Medical College.*)

**CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RAILWAY**, one of the great trunk lines of the Northwest, having a total mileage (1898) of 6,153.83 miles, of which 317.94 are in Illinois. The main line extends from Chicago to Minneapolis, 420 miles, although it has connections with Kansas City, Omaha, Sioux City and various points in Wisconsin, Iowa and the Dakotas. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company enjoys the distinction of being the owner of all the lines operated by it, though it operates 245 miles of second tracks owned jointly with other lines. The greater part of its track is laid with 60, 75 and 85-lb. steel rails. The total capital invested (1898) is \$220,005,901, distributed as follows: capital stock, \$77,845,000; bonded debt, \$135,285,500; other forms of indebtedness, \$5,572,401. Its total earnings in Illinois for 1898 were \$5,205,244, and the total expenditures, \$3,320,218. The total number of employees in Illinois for 1898 was 2,293, receiving



\$1,746,827.70 in aggregate compensation. Taxes paid for the same year amounted to \$151,285.—(HISTORY). The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway was organized in 1863 under the name of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. The Illinois portion of the main line was built under a charter granted to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, and the Wisconsin portion under charter to the Wisconsin Union Railroad Company; the whole built and opened in 1872 and purchased by the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company. It subsequently acquired by purchase several lines in Wisconsin, the whole receiving the present name of the line by act of the Wisconsin Legislature, passed, Feb. 14, 1874. The Chicago & Evanston Railroad was chartered, Feb. 16, 1861, built from Chicago to Calvary (10.8 miles), and opened, May 1, 1885; was consolidated with the Chicago & Lake Superior Railroad, under the title of the Chicago, Evanston & Lake Superior Railroad Company, Dec. 22, 1885, opened to Evanston, August 1, 1886, and purchased, in June, 1887, by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company. The Road, as now organized, is made up of twenty-two divisions located in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Missouri and Michigan.

**CHICAGO, PADUCAH & MEMPHIS RAILROAD** (Projected), a road chartered, Dec. 19, 1893, to run between Altamont and Metropolis, Ill., 152 miles, with a branch from Johnston City to Carbondale, 20 miles—total length, 172 miles. The gauge is standard, and the track laid with sixty-pound steel rails. By Feb. 1, 1895, the road from Altamont to Marion (100 miles) was completed, and work on the remainder of the line has been in progress. It is intended to connect with the Wabash and the St. Louis Southern systems. Capital stock authorized and subscribed, \$2,500,000; bonds issued, \$1,575,000. Funded debt, authorized, \$15,000 per mile in five per cent first mortgage gold bonds. Cost of road up to Feb. 1, 1895, \$20,000 per mile; estimated cost of the entire line, \$2,000,000. In December, 1896, this road passed into the hands of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company, and is now operated to Marion, in Williamson County. (See *Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad*.)

**CHICAGO, PEKIN & SOUTHWESTERN RAILROAD**, a division of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, chartered as the Chicago & Plainfield Railroad, in 1859; opened from Pekin to Streator in 1873, and to Mazon Bridge in 1876; sold under foreclosure in 1879, and now constitutes a part of the Chicago & Alton system.

### CHICAGO, PEORIA & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD COMPANY

(of Illinois), a corporation operating two lines of railroad, one extending from Peoria to Jacksonville, and the other from Peoria to Springfield, with a connection from the latter place (in 1895), over a leased line, with St. Louis. The total mileage, as officially reported in 1895, was 208.66 miles, of which 166 were owned by the corporation. (1) The original of the Jacksonville Division of this line was the Illinois River Railroad, opened from Pekin to Virginia in 1859. In October, 1863, it was sold under foreclosure, and, early in 1864, was transferred by the purchasers to a new corporation called the Peoria, Pekin & Jacksonville Railroad Company, by whom it was extended the same year to Peoria, and, in 1869, to Jacksonville. Another foreclosure, in 1879, resulted in its sale to the creditors, followed by consolidation, in 1881, with the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway. (2) The Springfield Division was incorporated in 1869 as the Springfield & Northwestern Railway; construction was begun in 1872, and road opened from Springfield to Havana (45.20 miles) in December, 1874, and from Havana to Pekin and Peoria over the track of the Peoria, Pekin & Jacksonville line. The same year the road was leased to the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western Railroad Company, but the lease was forfeited, in 1875, and the road placed in the hands of a receiver. In 1881, together with the Jacksonville Division, it was transferred to the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway, and by that company operated as the Peoria & Springfield Railroad. The Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific having defaulted and gone into the hands of a receiver, both the Jacksonville and the Springfield Divisions were reorganized in February, 1887, under the name of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad, and placed under control of the Jacksonville Southeastern Railroad. A reorganization of the latter took place, in 1890, under the name of the Jacksonville, Louisville & St. Louis Railway, and, in 1893, it passed into the hands of receivers, and was severed from its allied lines. The Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad remained under the management of a separate receiver until January, 1896, when a reorganization was effected under its present name—"The Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad of Illinois." The lease of the Springfield & St. Louis Division having expired in December, 1895, it has also been reorganized as an independent corporation under the name of the St. Louis, Peoria & Northern Railway (which see).

**CHICAGO RIVER**, a sluggish stream, draining a narrow strip of land between Lake Michigan and the Des Plaines River, the entire watershed drained amounting to some 470 square miles. It is formed by the union of the "North" and the "South Branch," which unite less than a mile and a half from the mouth of the main stream. At an early day the former was known as the "Guarie" and the latter as "Portage River." The total length of the North Branch is about 20 miles, only a small fraction of which is navigable. The South Branch is shorter but offers greater facilities for navigation, being lined along its lower portions with grain-elevators, lumber-yards and manufactories. The Illinois Indians in early days found an easy portage between it and the Des Plaines River. The Chicago River, with its branches, separates Chicago into three divisions, known, respectively, as the "North" the "South" and the "West Divisions." Drawbridges have been erected at the principal street crossings over the river and both branches, and four tunnels, connecting the various divisions of the city, have been constructed under the river bed.

**CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND & PACIFIC RAILWAY**, formed by the consolidation of various lines in 1880. The parent corporation (The Chicago & Rock Island Railroad) was chartered in Illinois in 1851, and the road opened from Chicago to the Mississippi River at Rock Island (181 miles), July 10, 1854. In 1852 a company was chartered under the name of the Mississippi & Missouri Railroad for the extension of the road from the Mississippi to the Missouri River. The two roads were consolidated in 1866 as the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, and the extension to the Missouri River and a junction with the Union Pacific completed in 1869. The Peoria & Bureau Valley Railroad (an important feeder from Peoria to Bureau Junction—46.7 miles) was incorporated in 1853, and completed and leased in perpetuity to the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad, in 1854. The St. Joseph & Iowa Railroad was purchased in 1889, and the Kansas City & Topeka Railway in 1891. The Company has financial and traffic agreements with the Chicago, Rock Island & Texas Railway, extending from Terral Station, Indian Territory, to Fort Worth, Texas. The road also has connections from Chicago with Peoria; St. Paul and Minneapolis; Omaha and Lincoln (Neb.); Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo (Colo.), besides various points in South Dakota, Iowa and Southwestern Kansas. The extent of the lines owned and operated by the Company ("Poor's Manual," 1898),

is 3,568.15 miles, of which 236.51 miles are in Illinois, 189.52 miles being owned by the corporation. All of the Company's owned and leased lines are laid with steel rails. The total capitalization reported for the same year was \$116,748,211, of which \$50,000,000 was in stock and \$58,890,000 in bonds. The total earnings and income of the line in Illinois, for the year ending June 30, 1898, was \$3,851,875, and the total expenses \$3,401,165, of which \$233,129 was in the form of taxes. The Company has received under Congressional grants 550,194 acres of land, exclusive of State grants, of which there had been sold, up to March 31, 1894, 548,609 acres.

**CHICAGO, ST. PAUL & FOND DU LAC RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago & Northwestern Railway*.)

**CHICAGO, ST. PAUL & KANSAS CITY RAILWAY.** (See *Chicago Great Western Railway*.)

**CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS & PADUCAH RAILWAY**, a short road, of standard gauge, laid with steel rails, extending from Marion to Brooklyn, Ill., 53.64 miles. It was chartered, Feb. 7, 1887, and opened for traffic, Jan. 1, 1889. The St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad Company is the lessee, having guaranteed principal and interest on its first mortgage bonds. Its capital stock is \$1,000,000, and its bonded debt \$2,000,000, making the total capitalization about \$56,000 per mile. The cost of the road was \$2,950,000; total incumbrance (1895), \$3,016,715.

**CHICAGO TERMINAL TRANSFER RAILROAD**, the successor to the Chicago & Northern Pacific Railroad. The latter was organized in November, 1889, to acquire and lease facilities to other roads and transact a local business. The Road under its new name was chartered, June 4, 1897, to purchase at foreclosure sale the property of the Chicago & Northern Pacific, soon after acquiring the property of the Chicago & Calumet Terminal Railway also. The combination gives it the control of 84.53 miles of road, of which 70.76 miles are in Illinois. The line is used for both passenger and freight terminal purposes, and also a belt line just outside the city limits. Its principal tenants are the Chicago Great Western, the Baltimore & Ohio, the Wisconsin Central Lines, and the Chicago, Hammond & Western Railroad. The Company also has control of the ground on which the Grand Central Depot is located. Its total capitalization (1898) was \$44,553,044, of which \$30,000,000 was capital stock and \$13,394,000 in the form of bonds.

**CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**, organized, Sept. 26, 1854, by a convention of Congregational ministers and laymen representing seven

Western States, among which was Illinois. A special and liberal charter was granted, Feb. 15, 1855. The Seminary has always been under Congregational control and supervision, its twenty-four trustees being elected at Triennial Conventions, at which are represented all the churches of that denomination west of the Ohio and east of the Rocky Mountains. The institution was formally opened to students, Oct. 6, 1858, with two professors and twenty-nine matriculates. Since then it has steadily grown in both numbers and influence. Preparatory and linguistic schools have been added and the faculty (1896) includes eight professors and nine minor instructors. The Seminary is liberally endowed, its productive assets being nearly \$1,000,000, and the value of its grounds, buildings, library, etc., amounting to nearly \$500,000 more. No charge is made for tuition or room rent, and there are forty-two endowed scholarships, the income of which is devoted to the aid of needy students. The buildings, including the library and dormitories, are four in number, and are well constructed and arranged.

**CHICAGO & ALTON RAILROAD**, an important railway running in a southwesterly direction from Chicago to St. Louis, with numerous branches, extending into Missouri, Kansas and Colorado. The Chicago & Alton Railroad proper was constructed under two charters—the first granted to the Alton & Sangamon Railroad Company, in 1847, and the second to the Chicago & Mississippi Railroad Company, in 1852. Construction of the former was begun in 1853, and the line opened from Alton to Springfield in 1853. Under the second corporation, the line was opened from Springfield to Bloomington in 1854, and to Joliet in 1856. In 1855 a line was constructed from Chicago to Joliet under the name of the Joliet & Chicago Railroad, and leased in perpetuity to the present Company, which was reorganized in 1857 under the name of the St. Louis, Alton & Chicago Railroad Company. For some time connection was had between Alton and St. Louis by steam-packet boats running in connection with the railroad; but later over the line of the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railroad—the first railway line connecting the two cities—and, finally, by the Company's own line, which was constructed in 1864, and formally opened Jan. 1, 1865. In 1861, a company with the present name (Chicago & Alton Railroad Company) was organized, which, in 1862, purchased the St. Louis, Alton & Chicago Road at foreclosure sale. Several branch lines have since

been acquired by purchase or lease, the most important in the State being the line from Bloomington to St. Louis by way of Jacksonville. This was chartered in 1851 under the name of the St. Louis, Jacksonville & Chicago Railroad, was opened for business in January, 1868, and having been diverted from the route upon which it was originally projected, was completed to Bloomington and leased to the Chicago & Alton in 1868. In 1884 this branch was absorbed by the main line. Other important branches are the Kansas City Branch from Roodhouse, crossing the Mississippi at Louisiana, Mo.; the Washington Branch from Dwight to Washington and Lacon, and the Chicago & Peoria, by which entrance is obtained into the city of Peoria over the tracks of the Toledo, Peoria & Western. The whole number of miles operated (1898) is 843.54, of which 580.73 lie in Illinois. Including double tracks and sidings, the Company has a total trackage of 1,186 miles. The total capitalization, in 1898, was \$32,793,972, of which \$22,230,600 was in stock, and \$6,694,850 in bonds. The total earnings and income for the year, in Illinois, were \$5,022,315, and the operating and other expenses, \$4,272,207. This road, under its management as it existed up to 1898, has been one of the most uniformly successful in the country. Dividends have been paid semiannually from 1863 to 1884, and quarterly from 1884 to 1896. For a number of years previous to 1897, the dividends had amounted to eight per cent per annum on both preferred and common stock, but later had been reduced to seven per cent on account of short crops along the line. The taxes paid in 1898 were \$341,040. The surplus, June 30, 1895, exceeded two and three-quarter million dollars. The Chicago & Alton was the first line in the world to put into service sleeping and dining cars of the Pullman model, which have since been so widely adopted, as well as the first to run free reclining chair-cars for the convenience and comfort of its passengers. At the time the matter embraced in this volume is undergoing final revision (1899), negotiations are in progress for the purchase of this historic line by a syndicate representing the Baltimore & Ohio, the Missouri Pacific, the Union Pacific, and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas systems, in whose interest it will hereafter be operated.

**CHICAGO & AURORA RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.*)

**CHICAGO & EASTERN ILLINOIS RAILROAD.** This company operates a line 516.3 miles in length, of which 278 miles are within Illinois.

The main line in this State extends southerly from Dolton Junction (17 miles south of Chicago) to Danville. Entrance to the Polk Street Depot in Chicago is secured over the tracks of the Western Indiana Railroad. The company owns several important branch lines, as follows: From Momence Junction to the Indiana State Line; from Cissna Junction to Cissna Park; from Danville Junction to Shelbyville, and from Sidell to Rossville. The system in Illinois is of standard gauge, about 108 miles being double track. The right of way is 100 feet wide and well fenced. The grades are light, and the construction (including rails, ties, ballast and bridges), is generally excellent. The capital stock outstanding (1895) is \$13,594,400; funded debt, \$18,018,000; floating debt, \$916,381; total capital invested, \$32,570,781; total earnings in Illinois, \$2,592,072; expenditures in the State, \$2,595,631. The company paid the same year a dividend of six per cent on its common stock (\$286,914), and reported a surplus of \$1,484,762. The Chicago & Eastern Illinois was originally chartered in 1865 as the Chicago, Danville & Vincennes Railroad, its main line being completed in 1872. In 1873, it defaulted on interest, was sold under foreclosure in 1877, and reorganized as the Chicago & Nashville, but later in same year took its present name. In 1894 it was consolidated with the Chicago & Indiana Coal Railway. Two spurs (5.27 miles in length) were added to the line in 1895. Early in 1897 this line obtained control of the Chicago, Paducah & Memphis Railroad, which is now operated to Marion, in Williamson County. (See *Chicago, Paducah & Memphis Railroad*.)

**CHICAGO & GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.** Of the 335.27 miles of the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railroad, only 30.65 are in Illinois, and of the latter 9.7 miles are operated under lease. That portion of the line within the State extends from Chicago easterly to the Indiana State line. The Company is also lessee of the Grand Junction Railroad, four miles in length. The Road is capitalized at \$6,600,000, has a bonded debt of \$12,000,000 and a floating debt (1895) of \$2,271,425, making the total capital invested, \$20,871,425. The total earnings in Illinois for 1895 amounted to \$660,393; disbursements within the State for the same period, \$345,233. The Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway, as now constituted, is a consolidation of various lines between Port Huron, Mich., and Chicago, operated in the interest of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada. The Illinois section was built under a charter granted in 1878 to the Chicago & State Line Railway Com-

pany, to form a connection with Valparaiso, Ind. This corporation acquired the Chicago & Southern Railroad (from Chicago to Dolton), and the Chicago & State Line Extension in Indiana, all being consolidated under the name of the Northwestern Grand Trunk Railroad. In 1880, a final consolidation of these lines with the eastward connections took place under the present name—the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway.

**CHICAGO & GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY.** (See *Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway*.)

**CHICAGO & GREAT SOUTHERN RAILROAD.** (See *Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway*.)

**CHICAGO & ILLINOIS SOUTHERN RAILWAY.** (See *Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway*.)

**CHICAGO & MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago & Alton Railroad*.)

**CHICAGO & NASHVILLE RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad*.)

**CHICAGO & NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad*.)

**CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY,** one of the great trunk lines of the country, penetrating the States of Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota and North and South Dakota. The total length of its main line, branches, proprietary and operated lines, on May 1, 1899, was 5,076.89 miles, of which 594 miles are operated in Illinois, all owned by the company. Second and side tracks increase the mileage to a total of 7,217.91 miles. The Chicago & Northwestern Railway (proper) is operated in nine separate divisions, as follows: The Wisconsin, Galena, Iowa, Northern Iowa, Madison, Peninsula, Winona and St. Peter, Dakota and Ashland Divisions. The principal or main lines of the "Northwestern System," in its entirety, are those which have Chicago, Omaha, St. Paul and Minneapolis for their termini, though their branches reach numerous important points within the States already named, from the shore of Lake Michigan on the east to Wyoming on the west, and from Kansas on the south to Lake Superior on the north.—(HISTORY.) The Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company was organized in 1859 under charters granted by the Legislatures of Illinois and Wisconsin during that year, under which the new company came into possession of the rights and franchises of the Chicago, St. Paul & Fond du Lac Railroad Company. The latter road was the outgrowth of various railway enterprises which had been pro-



jected, chartered and partly constructed in Wisconsin and Illinois, between 1848 and 1855, including the Madison & Beloit Railroad, the Rock River Valley Union Railroad, and the Illinois & Wisconsin Railroad—the last named company being chartered by the Illinois Legislature in 1851, and authorized to build a railroad from Chicago to the Wisconsin line. The Wisconsin Legislature of 1855 authorized the consolidation of the Rock River Valley Union Railroad with the Illinois enterprise, and, in March, 1855, the consolidation of these lines was perfected under the name of the Chicago, St. Paul & Fond du Lac Railroad. During the first four years of its existence this company built 176 miles of the road, of which seventy miles were between Chicago and the Wisconsin State line, with the sections constructed in Wisconsin completing the connection between Chicago and Fond du Lac. As the result of the financial revulsion of 1857, the corporation became financially embarrassed, and the sale of its property and franchises under the foreclosure of 1859, already alluded to, followed. This marked the beginning of the present corporation, and, in the next few years, by the construction of new lines and the purchase of others in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, it added largely to the extent of its lines, both constructed and projected. The most important of these was the union effected with the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad, which was formally consolidated with the Chicago & Northwestern in 1864. The history of the Galena & Chicago Union is interesting in view of the fact that it was one of the earliest railroads incorporated in Illinois, having been chartered by special act of the Legislature during the "internal improvement" excitement of 1836. Besides, its charter was the only one of that period under which an organization was effected, and although construction was not begun until it until 1847 (eleven years afterward), it was the second railroad constructed in the State and the first leading from the city of Chicago. In the forty years of its history the growth of the Chicago & Northwestern has been steady, and its success almost phenomenal. In that time it has not only added largely to its mileage by the construction of new lines, but has absorbed more lines than almost any other road in the country, until it now reaches almost every important city in the Northwest. Among the lines in Northern Illinois now constituting a part of it, were several which had become a part of the Galena & Chicago Union before the consolidation. These included a line from Belvidere to Beloit, Wis.; the Fox

River Valley Railroad, and the St. Charles & Mississippi Air Line Railroad—all Illinois enterprises, and more or less closely connected with the development of the State. The total capitalization of the line, on June 30, 1898, was \$200,968,108, of which \$66,408,821 was capital stock and \$101,603,000 in the form of bonds. The earnings in the State of Illinois, for the same period, aggregated \$4,374,923, and the expenditures \$3,712,593. At the present time (1899) the Chicago & Northwestern is building eight or ten branch lines in Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota. The Northwestern System, as such, comprises nearly 3,000 miles of road not included in the preceding statements of mileage and financial condition. Although owned by the Chicago & Northwestern Company, they are managed by different officers and under other names. The mileage of the whole system covers nearly 8,000 miles of main line.

#### CHICAGO & SPRINGFIELD RAILROAD.

(See *Illinois Central Railroad*.)

**CHICAGO & TEXAS RAILROAD**, a line seventy-three miles in length, extending from Johnston City by way of Carbondale westerly to the Mississippi, thence southerly to Cape Girardeau. The line was originally operated by two companies, under the names of the Grand Tower & Carbondale and the Grand Tower & Cape Girardeau Railroad Companies. The former was chartered in 1882, and the road built in 1885; the latter, chartered in 1889 and the line opened the same year. They were consolidated in 1893, and operated under the name of the Chicago & Texas Railroad Company. In October, 1897, the last named line was transferred, under a twenty-five year lease, to the Illinois Central Railroad Company, by whom it is operated as its St. Louis & Cape Girardeau division.

**CHICAGO & WESTERN INDIANA RAILROAD.** The main line of this road extends from Chicago to Dolton, Ill. (17 miles), and affords terminal facilities for all lines entering the Polk St. Depot at Chicago. It has branches to Hammond, Ind. (10.28 miles); to Cragin (15.9 miles), and to South Chicago (5.41 miles); making the direct mileage of its branches 48.59 miles. In addition, its second, third and fourth tracks and sidings increase the mileage to 204.79 miles. The company was organized June 9, 1879; the road opened in 1880, and, on Jan. 26, 1882, consolidated with the South Chicago & Western Indiana Railroad Company, and the Chicago & Western Indiana Belt Railway. It also owns some 850 acres in fee in Chicago, including wharf property on the

Chicago River, right of way, switch and transfer yards, depots, the Indiana grain elevator, etc. The elevator and the Belt Division are leased to the Belt Railway Company of Chicago, and the rest of the property is leased conjointly by the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, the Chicago & Grand Trunk, the Chicago & Erie, the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago, and the Wabash Railways (each of which owns \$1,000,000 of the capital stock), and by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. These companies pay the expense of operation and maintenance on a mileage basis.

**CHICAGO & WISCONSIN RAILROAD.** (See *Wisconsin Central Lines*.)

**CHILDS, Robert A.**, was born at Malone, Franklin County, N. Y., March 22, 1845, the son of an itinerant Methodist preacher, who settled near Belvidere, Boone County, Ill., in 1852. His home having been broken up by the death of his mother, in 1854, he went to live upon a farm. In April, 1861, at the age of 16 years, he enlisted in the company of Captain (afterwards General) Stephen A. Hurlbut, which was later attached to the Fifteenth Illinois Volunteers. After being mustered out at the close of the war, he entered school, and graduated from the Illinois State Normal University in 1870. For the following three years he was Principal and Superintendent of public schools at Amboy, Lee County, meanwhile studying law, and being admitted to the bar. In 1873, he began the practice of his profession at Chicago, making his home at Hinsdale. After filling various local offices, in 1884 he was chosen Presidential Elector on the Republican ticket, and, in 1892, was elected by the narrow majority of thirty-seven votes to represent the Eighth Illinois District in the Fifty-third Congress, as a Republican.

**CHILLICOTHE**, a city in Peoria County, situated on the Illinois River, at the head of Peoria Lake; is 19 miles northwest of Peoria, on the Peoria branch of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, and the freight division of the Atkinson, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad. It is an important shipping-point for grain; has a canning factory, a button factory, two banks, five churches, a high school, and two weekly newspapers. Population (1890), 1,632; (1900), 1,699.

**CHINIQUEY, (Rev.) Charles**, clergyman and reformer, was born in Canada, July 30, 1809, of mixed French and Spanish blood, and educated for the Romish priesthood at the Seminary of St. Nicolet, where he remained ten years, gaining a reputation among his fellow students for extraordinary zeal and piety. Having been ordained

to the priesthood in 1833, he labored in various churches in Canada until 1851, when he accepted an invitation to Illinois with a view to building up the church in the Mississippi Valley. Locating at the junction of the Kankakee and Iroquois Rivers, in Kankakee County, he was the means of bringing to that vicinity a colony of some 5,000 French Canadians, followed by colonists from France, Belgium and other European countries. It has been estimated that over 50,000 of this class of emigrants were settled in Illinois within a few years. The colony embraced a territory of some 40 square miles, with the village of St. Ann's as the center. Here Father Chiniquy began his labors by erecting churches and schools for the colonists. He soon became dissatisfied with what he believed to be the exercise of arbitrary authority by the ruling Bishop, then began to have doubts on the question of papal infallibility, the final result being a determination to separate himself from the Mother Church. In this step he appears to have been followed by a large proportion of the colonists who had accompanied him from Canada, but the result was a feeling of intense bitterness between the opposing factions, leading to much litigation and many criminal prosecutions, of which Father Chiniquy was the subject, though never convicted. In one of these suits, in which the Father was accused of an infamous crime, Abraham Lincoln was counsel for the defense, the charge being proven to be the outgrowth of a conspiracy. Having finally determined to espouse the cause of Protestantism, Father Chiniquy allied himself with the Canadian Presbytery, and for many years of his active clerical life, divided his time between Canada and the United States, having supervision of churches in Montreal and Ottawa, as well as in this country. He also more than once visited Europe by special invitation to address important religious bodies in that country. He died at Montreal, Canada, Jan. 16, 1899, in the 90th year of his age.

**CHOUART, Medard**, (known also as *Sieur des Groseilliers*), an early French explorer, supposed to have been born at Touraine, France, about 1621. Coming to New France in early youth, he made a voyage of discovery with his brother-in-law, Radisson, westward from Quebec, about 1654-56, these two being believed to have been the first white men to reach Lake Superior. After spending the winter of 1658-59 at La Pointe, near where Ashland, Wis., now stands, they are believed by some to have discovered the Upper Mississippi and to have descended that

stream a long distance towards its mouth, as they claimed to have reached a much milder climate and heard of Spanish ships on the salt water (Gulf of Mexico). Some antiquarians credit them, about this time (1659), with having visited the present site of the city of Chicago. They were the first explorers of Northwestern Wisconsin and Minnesota, and are also credited with having been the first to discover an inland route to Hudson's Bay, and with being the founders of the original Hudson's Bay Company. Grosellier's later history is unknown, but he ranks among the most intrepid explorers of the "New World" about the middle of the seventh century.

**CHRISMAN**, a city of Edgar County, at the intersection of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroads, 24 miles south of Danville; has a pipe-wrench factory, grain elevators, and storage cribs. Population (1890), 820; (1900), 905.

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY**, a rich agricultural county, lying in the "central belt," and organized in 1839 from parts of Macon, Montgomery, Sangamon and Shelby Counties. The name first given to it was Dane, in honor of Nathan Dane, one of the framers of the Ordinance of 1787, but a political prejudice led to a change. A preponderance of early settlers having come from Christian County, Ky., this name was finally adopted. The surface is level and the soil fertile, the northern half of the county being best adapted to corn and the southern to wheat. Its area is about 710 square miles, and its population (1900), was 32,790. The life of the early settlers was exceedingly primitive. Game was abundant; wild honey was used as a substitute for sugar; wolves were troublesome; prairie fires were frequent; the first mill (on Bear Creek) could not grind more than ten bushels of grain per day, by horse-power. The people hauled their corn to St. Louis to exchange for groceries. The first store was opened at Robertson's Point, but the county-seat was established at Taylorville. A great change was wrought in local conditions by the advent of the Illinois Central Railway, which passes through the eastern part of the county. Two other railroads now pass centrally through the county—the "Wabash" and the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern. The principal towns are Taylorville (a railroad center and thriving town of 2,829 inhabitants), Pana, Morrisonville, Edinburg, and Assumption.

**CHURCH, Lawrence S.**, lawyer and legislator, was born at Nunda, N. Y., in 1820; passed his

youth on a farm, but having a fondness for study, at an early age began teaching in winter with a view to earning means to prosecute his studies in law. In 1843 he arrived at McHenry, then the county-seat of McHenry County, Ill., having walked a part of the way from New York, paying a portion of his expenses by the delivery of lectures. He soon after visited Springfield, and having been examined before Judge S. H. Treat, was admitted to the bar. On the removal of the county-seat from McHenry to Woodstock, he removed to the latter place, where he continued to reside to the end of his life. A member of the Whig party up to 1856, he was that year elected as a Republican Representative in the Twentieth General Assembly, serving by re-election in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second; in 1860, was supported for the nomination for Congress in the Northwestern District, but was defeated by Hon. E. D. Washburne; in 1862, aided in the organization of the Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteers, and was commissioned its Colonel, but was compelled to resign before reaching the field on account of failing health. In 1866 he was elected County Judge of McHenry County, to fill a vacancy, and, in 1869 to the Constitutional Convention of 1869-70. Died, July 23, 1870. Judge Church was a man of high principle and a speaker of decided ability.

**CHURCH, Selden Marvin**, capitalist, was born at East Haddam, Conn., March 4, 1804; taken by his father to Monroe County, N. Y., in boyhood, and grew up on a farm there, but at the age of 21, went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he engaged in teaching, being one of the earliest teachers in the public schools of that city. Then, having spent some time in mercantile pursuits in Rochester, N. Y., in 1835 he removed to Illinois, first locating at Geneva, but the following year removed to Rockford, where he continued to reside for the remainder of his life. In 1841, he was appointed Postmaster of the city of Rockford by the first President Harrison, remaining in office three years. Other offices held by him were those of County Clerk (1843-47), Delegate to the Second Constitutional Convention (1847), Judge of Probate (1849-57), Representative in the Twenty-third General Assembly (1863-65), and member of the first Board of Public Charities by appointment of Governor Palmer, in 1869, being re-appointed by Governor Beveridge, in 1873, and, for a part of the time, serving as President of the Board. He also served, by appointment of the Secretary of War, as one of the Commissioners to assess damages for the Government improvements at Rock Island and to locate

the Government bridge between Rock Island and Davenport. During the latter years of his life he was President for some time of the Rockford Insurance Company; was also one of the originators, and, for many years, Managing Director of the Rockford Water Power Company, which has done so much to promote the prosperity of that city, and, at the time of his death, was one of the Directors of the Winnebago National Bank. Died at Rockford, June 23, 1892.

**CHURCHILL, George**, early printer and legislator, was born at Hubbardtown, Rutland County, Vt., Oct. 11, 1789; received a good education in his youth, thus imbibing a taste for literature which led to his learning the printer's trade. In 1806 he became an apprentice in the office of the Albany (N. Y.) "Sentinel," and, after serving his time, worked as a journeyman printer, thereby accumulating means to purchase a half-interest in a small printing office. Selling this out at a loss, a year or two later, he went to New York, and, after working at the case some five months, started for the West, stopping en route at Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Louisville. In the latter place he worked for a time in the office of "The Courier," and still later in that of "The Correspondent," then owned by Col. Elijah C. Berry, who subsequently came to Illinois and served as Auditor of Public Accounts. In 1817 he arrived in St. Louis, but, attracted by the fertile soil of Illinois, determined to engage in agricultural pursuits, finally purchasing land some six miles southeast of Edwardsville, in Madison County, where he continued to reside the remainder of his life. In order to raise means to improve his farm, in the spring of 1819 he worked as a compositor in the office of "The Missouri Gazette"—the predecessor of "The St. Louis Republic." While there he wrote a series of articles over the signature of "A Farmer of St. Charles County," advocating the admission of the State of Missouri into the Union without slavery, which caused considerable excitement among the friends of that institution. During the same year he aided Hooper Warren in establishing his paper, "The Spectator," at Edwardsville, and, still later, became a frequent contributor to its columns, especially during the campaign of 1823-24, which resulted, in the latter year, in the defeat of the attempt to plant slavery in Illinois. In 1822 he was elected Representative in the Third General Assembly, serving in that body by successive re-elections until 1832. His re-election for a second term, in 1824, demonstrated that his vote at the preceding session, in

opposition to the scheme for a State Convention to revise the State Constitution in the interest of slavery, was approved by his constituents. In 1838, he was elected to the State Senate, serving four years, and, in 1844, was again elected to the House—in all serving a period in both Houses of sixteen years. Mr. Churchill was never married. He was an industrious and systematic collector of historical records, and, at the time of his death in the summer of 1872, left a mass of documents and other historical material of great value. (See *Slavery and Slave Laws; Warren, Hooper, and Colcs, Edward.*)

**CLARK (Gen.) George Rogers**, soldier, was born near Monticello, Albemarle County, Va., Nov. 19, 1752. In his younger life he was a farmer and surveyor on the upper Ohio. His first experience in Indian fighting was under Governor Dunmore, against the Shawnees (1774). In 1775 he went as a surveyor to Kentucky, and the British having incited the Indians against the Americans in the following year, he was commissioned a Major of militia. He soon rose to a Colonelcy, and attained marked distinction. Later he was commissioned Brigadier-General, and planned an expedition against the British fort at Detroit, which was not successful. In the latter part of 1777, in consultation with Gov. Patrick Henry, of Virginia, he planned an expedition against Illinois, which was carried out the following year. On July 4, 1778, he captured Kaskaskia without firing a gun, and other French villages surrendered at discretion. The following February he set out from Kaskaskia to cross the "Illinois Country" for the purpose of recapturing Vincennes, which had been taken and was garrisoned by the British under Hamilton. After a forced march characterized by incredible suffering, his ragged followers effected the capture of the post. His last important military service was against the savages on the Big Miami, whose villages and fields he laid waste. His last years were passed in sorrow and in comparative penury. He died at Louisville, Ky., Feb. 18, 1818, and his remains, after reposing in a private cemetery near that city for half a century, were exhumed and removed to Cave Hill Cemetery in 1869. The fullest history of General Clark's expedition and his life will be found in the "Conquest of the Country Northwest of the Ohio River, 1774-1783, and Life of Gen. George Rogers Clark" (2 volumes, 1896), by the late William H. English, of Indianapolis.

**CLARK, Horace S.**, lawyer and politician, was born at Huntsburg, Ohio, August 12, 1840. At



the age of 15, coming to Chicago, he found employment in a livery stable; later, worked on a farm in Kane County, attending school in the winter. After a year spent in Iowa City attending the Iowa State University, he returned to Kane County and engaged in the dairy business, later occupying himself with various occupations in Illinois and Missouri, but finally returning to his Ohio home, where he began the study of law at Circleville. In 1861 he enlisted in an Ohio regiment, rising from the ranks to a captaincy, but was finally compelled to leave the service in consequence of a wound received at Gettysburg. In 1865 he settled at Mattoon, Ill., where he was admitted to the bar in 1868. In 1870 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Legislature on the Republican ticket, but was elected State Senator in 1880, serving four years and proving himself one of the ablest speakers on the floor. In 1888 he was chosen a delegate-at-large to the National Republican Convention, and has long been a conspicuous figure in State politics. In 1896 he was a prominent candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor.

**CLARK, John M.**, civil engineer and merchant, was born at White Pigeon, Mich., August 1, 1836; came to Chicago with his widowed mother in 1847, and, after five years in the Chicago schools, served for a time (1852) as a rodman on the Illinois Central Railroad. After a course in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y., where he graduated in 1856, he returned to the service of the Illinois Central. In 1859 he went to Colorado, where he was one of the original founders of the city of Denver, and chief engineer of its first water supply company. In 1862 he started on a surveying expedition to Arizona, but was in Santa Fe when that place was captured by a rebel expedition from Texas; was also present soon after at the battle of Apache Cañon, when the Confederates, being defeated, were driven out of the Territory. Returning to Chicago in 1864, he became a member of the wholesale leather firm of Gray, Clark & Co. The official positions held by Mr. Clark include those of Alderman (1879-81). Member of the Board of Education, Collector of Customs, to which he was appointed by President Harrison, in 1889, and President of the Chicago Civil Service Board by appointment of Mayor Swift, under an act passed by the Legislature of 1895, retiring in 1897. In 1881 he was the Republican candidate for Mayor of Chicago, but was defeated by Carter H. Harrison. Mr. Clark is one of the Directors of the Crerar Library, named in the will of Mr. Crerar.

**CLARK COUNTY**, one of the eastern counties of the State, south of the middle line and fronting upon the Wabash River; area, 510 square miles, and population (1900), 24,033; named for Col. George Rogers Clark. Its organization was effected in 1819. Among the earliest pioneers were John Bartlett, Abraham Washburn, James Whitlock, James B. Anderson, Stephen Archer and Uri Manly. The county-seat is Marshall, the site of which was purchased from the Government in 1833 by Gov. Joseph Duncan and Col. William B. Archer, the latter becoming sole proprietor in 1835, in which year the first log cabin was built. The original county-seat was Darwin, and the change to Marshall (in 1849) was made only after a hard struggle. The soil of the county is rich, and its agricultural products varied, embracing corn (the chief staple), oats, potatoes, winter wheat, butter, sorghum, honey, maple sugar, wool and pork. Woolen, flouring and lumber mills exist, but the manufacturing interests are not extensive. Among the prominent towns, besides Marshall and Darwin, are Casey (population 844), Martinsville (779), Westfield (510), and York (294).

**CLAY, Porter**, clergyman and brother of the celebrated Henry Clay, was born in Virginia, March, 1779; in early life removed to Kentucky, studied law, and was, for a time, Auditor of Public Accounts in that State; in 1815, was converted and gave himself to the Baptist ministry, locating at Jacksonville, Ill., where he spent most of his life. Died, in 1850.

**CLAY CITY**, a village of Clay County, on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, 12 miles west of Olney; has one newspaper, a bank, and is in a grain and fruit-growing region. Population (1890), 612; (1900), 907; (1903), 1,020.

**CLAY COUNTY**, situated in the southeastern quarter of the State; has an area of 470 square miles and a population (1900) of 19,553. It was named for Henry Clay. The first claim in the county was entered by a Mr. Elliot, in 1818, and soon after settlers began to locate homies in the county, although it was not organized until 1824. During the same year the pioneer settlement of Maysville was made the county-seat, but immigration continued inactive until 1837, when many settlers arrived, headed by Judges Apperson and Hopkins and Messrs. Stanford and Lee, who were soon followed by the families of Cochran, McCullom and Tender. The Little Wabash River and a number of small tributaries drain the county. A light-colored sandy loam constitutes the greater part of the soil, although "black

prairie loam" appears here and there. Railroad facilities are limited, but sufficient to accommodate the county's requirements. Fruits, especially apples, are successfully cultivated. Educational advantages are fair, although largely confined to district schools and academies in larger towns. Louisville was made the county-seat in 1842, and, in 1890, had a population of 637. Xenia and Flora are the most important towns.

**CLAYTON**, a town in Adams County, on the Wabash Railway, 28 miles east-northeast of Quincy. A branch of the Wabash Railway extends from this point northwest to Carthage, Ill., and Keokuk, Iowa, and another branch to Quincy, Ill. The industries include flour and feed mills, machine and railroad repair shops, grain elevator, cigar and harness factories. It has a bank, four churches, a high school, and a weekly newspaper. Population (1890), 1,038; (1900), 996.

**CLEAVER, William**, pioneer, was born in London, England, in 1815; came to Canada with his parents in 1831, and to Chicago in 1834; engaged in business as a chandler, later going into the grocery trade; in 1849, joined the gold-seekers in California, and, six years afterwards, established himself in the southern part of the present city of Chicago, then called Cleaverville, where he served as Postmaster and managed a general store. He was the owner of considerable real estate at one time in what is now a densely populated part of the city of Chicago. Died in Chicago, Nov. 13, 1896.

**CLEMENTS, Isaac**, ex-Congressman and Governor of Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Danville, Ill., was born in Franklin County, Ind., in 1837; graduated from Asbury University, at Greencastle, in 1859, having supported himself during his college course by teaching. After reading law and being admitted to the bar at Greencastle, he removed to Carbondale, Ill., where he again found it necessary to resort to teaching in order to purchase law-books. In July, 1861, he enlisted in the Ninth Illinois Infantry, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Company G. He was in the service for three years, was three times wounded and twice promoted "for meritorious service." In June, 1867, he was appointed Register in Bankruptcy, and from 1873 to 1875 was a Republican Representative in the Forty-third Congress from the (then) Eighteenth District. He was also a member of the Republican State Convention of 1880. In 1889, he became Pension Agent for the District of Illinois, by appointment of President Harrison, serving

until 1893. In the latter part of 1898, he was appointed Superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, at Normal, but served only a few months, when he accepted the position of Governor of the new Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, at Danville.

**CLEVELAND, CINCINNATI, CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS RAILWAY.** The total length of this system (1898) is 1,807.34 miles, of which 478.39 miles are operated in Illinois. That portion of the main line lying within the State extends from East St. Louis, northeast to the Indiana State line, 181 miles. The Company is also the lessee of the Peoria & Eastern Railroad (132 miles), and operates, in addition, other lines, as follows: The Cairo Division, extending from Tipton, on the line of the Wabash, 3 miles southwest of Danville, to Cairo (259 miles); the Chicago Division, extending from Kankakee southeast to the Indiana State line (34 miles); the Alton Branch, from Wann Junction, on the main line, to Alton (4 miles). Besides these, it enjoys with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, joint ownership of the Kankakee & Seneca Railroad, which it operates. The system is uniformly of standard gauge, and about 280 miles are of double track. It is laid with heavy steel rails (sixty-five, sixty-seven and eighty pounds), laid on white oak ties, and is amply ballasted with broken stone and gravel. Extensive repair shops are located at Mattoon. The total capital of the entire system on June 30, 1898—including capital stock and bonded and floating debt—was \$97,149,361. The total earnings in Illinois for the year were \$3,773,193, and the total expenditures in the State \$3,611,437. The taxes paid the same year were \$124,196. The history of this system, so far as Illinois is concerned, begins with the consolidation, in 1889, of the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis & Chicago, the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis, and the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railway Companies. In 1890, certain leased lines in Illinois (elsewhere mentioned) were merged into the system. (For history of the several divisions of this system, see *St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute, Peoria & Eastern, Cairo & Vincennes, and Kankakee & Seneca Railroads.*)

**CLIMATOLOGY.** Extending, as it does, through six degrees of latitude, Illinois affords a great diversity of climate, as regards not only the range of temperature, but also the amount of rainfall. In both particulars it exhibits several points of contrast to States lying between the same parallels of latitude, but nearer the Atlantic. The same statement applies, as well, to all

the North Central and the Western States. Warm winds from the Gulf of Mexico come up the Mississippi Valley, and impart to vegetation in the southern portion of the State, a stimulating influence which is not felt upon the seaboard. On the other hand, there is no great barrier to the descent of the Arctic winds, which, in winter, sweep down toward the Gulf, depressing the temperature to a point lower than is customary nearer the seaboard on the same latitude. Lake Michigan exerts no little influence upon the climate of Chicago and other adjacent districts, mitigating both summer heat and winter cold. If a comparison be instituted between Ottawa and Boston—the latter being one degree farther north, but 570 feet nearer the sea-level—the springs and summers are found to be about five degrees warmer, and the winters three degrees colder, at the former point. In comparing the East and West in respect of rainfall, it is seen that, in the former section, the same is pretty equally distributed over the four seasons, while in the latter, spring and summer may be called the wet season, and autumn and winter the dry. In the extreme West nearly three-fourths of the yearly precipitation occurs during the growing season. This is a climatic condition highly favorable to the growth of grasses, etc., but detrimental to the growth of trees. Hence we find luxuriant forests near the seaboard, and, in the interior, grassy plains. Illinois occupies a geographical position where these great climatic changes begin to manifest themselves, and where the distinctive features of the prairie first become fully apparent. The annual precipitation of rain is greatest in the southern part of the State, but, owing to the higher temperature of that section, the evaporation is also more rapid. The distribution of the rainfall in respect of seasons is also more unequal toward the south, a fact which may account, in part at least, for the increased area of woodlands in that region. While Illinois lies within the zone of southwest winds, their flow is affected by conditions somewhat abnormal. The northeast trades, after entering the Gulf, are deflected by the mountains of Mexico, becoming inward breezes in Texas, southerly winds in the Lower Mississippi Valley, and southwesterly as they enter the Upper Valley. It is to this aerial current that the hot, moist summers are attributable. The north and northwest winds, which set in with the change of the season, depress the temperature to a point below that of the Atlantic slope, and are attended with a diminished precipitation.

**CLINTON**, the county-seat of De Witt County, situated 23 miles south of Bloomington, at intersection of the Springfield and the Champaign-Havana Divisions with the main line of the Illinois Central Railroad; lies in a productive agricultural region; has machine shops, flour and planing mills, brick and tile works, water works, electric lighting plant, piano-case factory, banks, three newspapers, six churches, and two public schools. Population (1890), 2,598; (1900), 4,452.

**CLINTON COUNTY**, organized in 1824, from portions of Washington, Bond and Fayette Counties, and named in honor of De Witt Clinton. It is situated directly east of St. Louis, has an area of 494 square miles, and a population (1900) of 19,824. It is drained by the Kaskaskia River and by Shoal, Crooked, Sugar and Beaver Creeks. Its geological formation is similar to that of other counties in the same section. Thick layers of limestone lie near the surface, with coal seams underlying the same at varying depths. The soil is varied, being at some points black and loamy and at others (under timber) decidedly clayey. The timber has been mainly cut for fuel because of the inherent difficulties attending coal-mining. Two railroads cross the county from east to west, but its trade is not important. Agriculture is the chief occupation, corn, wheat and oats being the staple products.

**CLOUD, Newton**, clergyman and legislator, was born in North Carolina, in 1803, and, in 1827, settled in the vicinity of Waverly, Morgan County, Ill., where he pursued the vocation of a farmer, as well as a preacher of the Methodist Church. He also became prominent as a Democratic politician, and served in no less than nine sessions of the General Assembly, besides the Constitutional Convention of 1847, of which he was chosen President. He was first elected Representative in the Seventh Assembly (1830), and afterwards served in the House during the sessions of the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Fifteenth and Twenty-seventh, and as Senator in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth. He was also Clerk of the House in 1844-45, and, having been elected Representative two years later, was chosen Speaker at the succeeding session. Although not noted for any specially aggressive qualities, his consistency of character won for him general respect, while his frequent elections to the Legislature prove him to have been a man of large influence.

**CLOWRY, Robert C.**, Telegraph Manager, was born in 1838; entered the service of the Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Company as a messenger

boy at Joliet in 1852, became manager of the office at Lockport six months later, at Springfield in 1853, and chief operator at St. Louis in 1854. Between 1859 and '63, he held highly responsible positions on various Western lines, but the latter year was commissioned by President Lincoln Captain and Assistant Quartermaster, and placed in charge of United States military lines with headquarters at Little Rock, Ark.; was mustered out in May, 1866, and immediately appointed District Superintendent of Western Union lines in the Southwest. From that time his promotion was steady and rapid. In 1875 he became Assistant General Superintendent; in 1878, Assistant General Superintendent of the Central Division at Chicago; in 1880, succeeded General Stager as General Superintendent, and, in 1885, was elected Director, member of the Executive Committee and Vice-President, his territory extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

**COAL AND COAL-MINING.** Illinois contains much the larger portion of what is known as the central coal field, covering an area of about 37,000 square miles, and underlying sixty counties, in but forty-five of which, however, operations are conducted on a commercial scale. The Illinois field contains fifteen distinct seams. Those available for commercial mining generally lie at considerable depth and are reached by shafts. The coals are all bituminous, and furnish an excellent steam-making fuel. Coke is manufactured to a limited extent in La Salle and some of the southern counties, but elsewhere in the State the coal does not yield a good marketable coke. Neither is it in any degree a good gas coal, although used in some localities for that purpose, rather because of its abundance than on account of its adaptability. It is thought that, with the increase of cheap transportation facilities, Pittsburg coal will be brought into the State in such quantities as eventually to exclude local coal from the manufacture of gas. In the report of the Eleventh United States Census, the total product of the Illinois coal mines was given as 12,104,272 tons, as against 6,115,377 tons reported by the Tenth Census. The value of the output was estimated at \$11,735,303, or \$0.97 per ton at the mines. The total number of mines was stated to be 1,072, and the number of tons mined was nearly equal to the combined yield of the mines of Ohio and Indiana. The mines are divided into two classes, technically known as "regular" and "local." Of the former, there were 358, and of the latter, 714. These 358 regular

mines employed 23,934 men and boys, of whom 21,350 worked below ground, besides an office force of 389, and paid, in wages, \$8,694,397. The total capital invested in these 358 mines was \$17,630,351. According to the report of the State Bureau of Labor Statistics for 1898, 881 mines were operated during the year, employing 35,026 men and producing 18,599,299 tons of coal, which was 1,473,459 tons less than the preceding year—the reduction being due to the strike of 1897. Five counties of the State produced more than 1,000,000 tons each, standing in the following order: Sangamon, 1,763,863; St. Clair, 1,600,752; Vermilion, 1,520,699; Macoupin, 1,264,926; La Salle, 1,165,490.

**COAL CITY**, a town in Grundy County, on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, 29 miles by rail south-southwest of Joliet. Large coal mines are operated here, and the town is an important shipping point for their product. It has a bank, a weekly newspaper and five churches. Pop. (1890), 1,672; (1900), 2,607; (1903), about 3,000.

**COBB**, Emery, capitalist, was born at Dryden, Tompkins County, N. Y., August 20, 1831; at 16, began the study of telegraphy at Ithaca, later acted as operator on Western New York lines, but, in 1853, became manager of the office at Chicago, continuing until 1865, the various companies having meanwhile been consolidated into the Western Union. He then made an extensive tour of the world, and, although he had introduced the system of transmitting money by telegraph, he declined all invitations to return to the key-board. Having made large investments in lands about Kankakee, where he now resides, he has devoted much of his time to agriculture and stock-raising; was also, for many years, a member of the State Board of Agriculture, President of the Short-Horn Breeders' Association, and, for twenty years (1873-93), a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois. He has done much to improve the city of his adoption by the erection of buildings, the construction of electric street-car lines and the promotion of manufactures.

**COBB**, Silas B., pioneer and real-estate operator, was born at Montpelier, Vt., Jan. 23, 1812; came to Chicago in 1833 on a schooner from Buffalo, the voyage occupying over a month. Being without means, he engaged as a carpenter upon a building which James Kinzie, the Indian trader, was erecting; later he erected a building of his own in which he started a harness-shop, which he conducted successfully for a number of years. He has since been connected with a number



of business enterprises of a public character, including banks, street and steam railways, but his largest successes have been achieved in the line of improved real estate, of which he is an extensive owner. He is also one of the liberal benefactors of the University of Chicago, "Cobb Lecture Hall," on the campus of that institution, being the result of a contribution of his amounting to \$150,000. Died in Chicago, April 5, 1900.

**COBDEN**, a village in Union County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 42 miles north of Cairo and 15 miles south of Carbondale. Fruits and vegetables are extensively cultivated and shipped to northern markets. This region is well timbered, and Cobden has two box factories employing a considerable number of men; also has several churches, schools and two weekly papers. Population (1890), 994; (1900), 1,034.

**COCHRAN, William Granville**, legislator and jurist, was born in Ross County, Ohio, Nov. 13, 1844; brought to Moultrie County, Ill., in 1849, and, at the age of 17, enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, serving in the War of the Rebellion three years as a private. Returning home from the war, he resumed life as a farmer, but early in 1873 began merchandising at Lovington, continuing this business three years, when he began the study of law; in 1879, was admitted to the bar, and has since been in active practice. In 1888 he was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly, was an unsuccessful candidate for the Senate in 1890, but was re-elected to the House in 1894, and again in 1896. At the special session of 1890, he was chosen Speaker, and was similarly honored in 1895. He is an excellent parliamentarian, clear-headed and just in his rulings, and an able debater. In June, 1897, he was elected for a six years' term to the Circuit bench. He is also one of the Trustees of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Normal.

**CODDING, Ichabod**, clergyman and anti-slavery lecturer, was born at Bristol, N. Y., in 1811; at the age of 17 he was a popular temperance lecturer; while a student at Middlebury, Vt., began to lecture in opposition to slavery; after leaving college served five years as agent and lecturer of the Anti-Slavery Society; was often exposed to mob violence, but always retaining his self-control, succeeded in escaping serious injury. In 1842 he entered the Congregational ministry and held pastorates at Princeton, Lockport, Joliet and elsewhere; between 1854 and '58, lectured extensively through Illinois on the Kansas-Nebraska issue, and was a power in

the organization of the Republican party. Died at Baraboo, Wis., June 17, 1866.

**CODY, Hiram Hitechock**, lawyer and Judge; born in Oneida County, N. Y., June 11, 1834; was partially educated at Hamilton College, and, in 1843, came with his father to Kendall County, Ill. In 1847, he removed to Naperville, where for six years he served as Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court. In 1851 he was admitted to the bar; in 1861, was elected County Judge with practical unanimity, served as a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1869-70, and, in 1874, was elected Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. His residence (1896) was at Pasadena, Cal.

**COLCHESTER**, a city of McDonough County, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, midway between Galesburg and Quincy; is the center of a rich farming and an extensive coal-mining region, producing more than 100,000 tons of coal annually. A superior quality of potter's clay is also mined and shipped extensively to other points. The city has brick and drain-tile works, a bank, four churches, two public schools and two weekly papers. Population (1890), 1,643; (1900), 1,635.

**COLES, Edward**, the second Governor of the State of Illinois, born in Albemarle County, Va., Dec. 15, 1786, the son of a wealthy planter, who had been a Colonel in the Revolutionary War; was educated at Hampden-Sidney and William and Mary Colleges, but compelled to leave before graduation by an accident which interrupted his studies; in 1809, became the private secretary of President Madison, remaining six years, after which he made a trip to Russia as a special messenger by appointment of the President. He early manifested an interest in the emancipation of the slaves of Virginia. In 1815 he made his first tour through the Northwest Territory, going as far west as St. Louis, returning three years later and visiting Kaskaskia while the Constitutional Convention of 1818 was in session. In April of the following year he set out from his Virginia home, accompanied by his slaves, for Illinois, traveling by wagons to Brownsville, Pa., where, taking flat-boats, he descended the river with his goods and servants to a point below Louisville, where they disembarked, journeying overland to Edwardsville. While descending the Ohio, he informed his slaves that they were free, and, after arriving at their destination, gave to each head of a family 160 acres of land. This generous act was, in after years, made the ground for bitter persecution by his enemies. At

Edwardsville he entered upon the duties of Register of the Land Office, to which he had been appointed by President Monroe. In 1822 he became the candidate for Governor of those opposed to removing the restriction in the State Constitution against the introduction of slavery, and, although a majority of the voters then favored the measure, he was elected by a small plurality over his highest competitor in consequence of a division of the opposition vote between three candidates. The Legislature chosen at the same time submitted to the people a proposition for a State Convention to revise the Constitution, which was rejected at the election of 1824 by a majority of 1,668 in a total vote of 11,612. While Governor Coles had the efficient aid in opposition to the measure of such men as Judge Samuel D. Lockwood, Congressman Daniel P. Cook, Morris Birkbeck, George Forquer, Hooper Warren, George Churchill and others, he was himself a most influential factor in protecting Illinois from the blight of slavery, contributing his salary for his entire term (\$4,000) to that end. In 1825 it became his duty to welcome La Fayette to Illinois. Retiring from office in 1826, he continued to reside some years on his farm near Edwardsville, and, in 1830, was a candidate for Congress, but being a known opponent of General Jackson, was defeated by Joseph Duncan. Previous to 1833, he removed to Philadelphia, where he married during the following year, and continued to reside there until his death, July 7, 1868, having lived to see the total extinction of slavery in the United States. (See *Slavery and Slave Laws*.)

**COLES COUNTY**, originally a part of Crawford County, but organized in 1831, and named in honor of Gov. Edward Coles,—lies central to the eastern portion of the State, and embraces 520 square miles, with a population (1900) of 34,146. The Kaskaskia River (sometimes called the Okaw) runs through the northwestern part of the county, but the principal stream is the Embarras (Embraw). The chief resource of the people is agriculture, although the county lies within the limits of the Illinois coal-belt. To the north and west are prairies, while timber abounds in the southeast. The largest crop is of corn, although wheat, dairy products, potatoes, hay, tobacco, sorghum, wool, etc., are also important products. Broom-corn is extensively cultivated. Manufacturing is carried on to a fair extent, the output embracing sawed lumber, carriages and wagons, agricultural implements, tobacco and snuff, boots and shoes, etc. Charleston, the county-seat, is

centrally located, and has a number of handsome public buildings, private residences and business blocks. It was laid out in 1831, and incorporated in 1865; in 1900, its population was 5,488. Mattoon is a railroad center, situated some 130 miles east of St. Louis. It has a population of 9,622, and is an important shipping point for grain and live-stock. Other principal towns are Ashmore, Oakland and Lerna.

**COLFAX**, a village of McLean County, on the Kankakee and Bloomington branch of the Illinois Central Railroad, 23 miles northeast of Bloomington. Farming and stock-growing are the leading industries; has two banks, one newspaper, three elevators, and a coal mine. Pop. (1900), 1,153.

**COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS**, located at Chicago, and organized in 1881. Its first term opened in September, 1882, in a building erected by the trustees at a cost of \$60,000, with a faculty embracing twenty-five professors, with a sufficient corps of demonstrators, assistants, etc. The number of matriculates was 152. The institution ranks among the leading medical colleges of the West. Its standard of qualifications, for both matriculates and graduates, is equal to those of other first-class medical schools throughout the country. The teaching faculty, of late years, has consisted of some twenty-five professors, who are aided by an adequate corps of assistants, demonstrators, etc.

**COLLEGES, EARLY.** The early Legislatures of Illinois manifested no little unfriendliness toward colleges. The first charters for institutions of this character were granted in 1833, and were for the incorporation of the "Union College of Illinois," in Randolph County, and the "Alton College of Illinois," at Upper Alton. The first named was to be under the care of the Scotch Covenanters, but was never founded. The second was in the interest of the Baptists, but the charter was not accepted. Both these acts contained jealous and unfriendly restrictions, notably one to the effect that no theological department should be established and no professor of theology employed as an instructor, nor should any religious test be applied in the selection of trustees or the admission of pupils. The friends of higher education, however, made common cause, and, in 1835, secured the passage of an "omnibus bill" incorporating four private colleges—the Alton; the Illinois, at Jacksonville; the McKendree, at Lebanon, and the Jonesboro. Similar restrictive provisions as to theological teaching were incorporated in these charters, and a limitation was placed upon the amount of

property to be owned by any institution, but in many respects the law was more liberal than its predecessors of two years previous. Owing to the absence of suitable preparatory schools, these institutions were compelled to maintain preparatory departments under the tuition of the college professors. The college last named above (Jonesboro) was to have been founded by the Christian denomination, but was never organized. The three remaining ones stand, in the order of their formation, McKendree, Illinois, Alton (afterward Shurtleff); in the order of graduating initial classes — Illinois, McKendree, Shurtleff. Preparatory instruction began to be given in Illinois College in 1829, and a class was organized in the collegiate department in 1831. The Legislature of 1835 also incorporated the Jacksonville Female Academy, the first school for girls chartered in the State. From this time forward colleges and academies were incorporated in rapid succession, many of them at places whose names have long since disappeared from the map of the State. It was at this time that there developed a strong party in favor of founding what were termed, rather euphemistically, "Manual Labor Colleges." It was believed that the time which a student might be able to "redeem" from study, could be so profitably employed at farm or shop-work as to enable him to earn his own livelihood. Acting upon this theory, the Legislature of 1835 granted charters to the "Franklin Manual Labor College," to be located in either Cook or La Salle County; to the "Burnt Prairie Manual Labor Seminary," in White County, and the "Chatham Manual Labor School," at Lick Prairie, Sangamon County. University powers were conferred upon the institution last named, and its charter also contained the somewhat extraordinary provision that any sect might establish a professorship of theology therein. In 1837 six more colleges were incorporated, only one of which (Knox) was successfully organized. By 1840, better and broader views of education had developed, and the Legislature of 1841 repealed all prohibition of the establishing of theological departments, as well as the restrictions previously imposed upon the amount and value of property to be owned by private educational institutions. The whole number of colleges and seminaries incorporated under the State law (1896) is forty-three. (See also *Illinois College*, *Knox College*, *Lake Forest University*, *McKendree College*, *Monmouth College*, *Jacksonville Female Seminary*, *Monticello Female Seminary*, *Northwestern University*, *Shurtleff College*.)

**COLLIER, Robert Laird**, clergyman, was born in Salisbury, Md., August 7, 1837; graduated at Boston University, 1858; soon after became an itinerant Methodist minister, but, in 1866, united with the Unitarian Church and officiated as pastor of churches in Chicago, Boston and Kansas City, besides supplying pulpits in various cities in England (1880-85). In 1885, he was appointed United States Consul at Leipsic, but later served as a special commissioner of the Johns Hopkins University in the collection of labor statistics in Europe, meanwhile gaining a wide reputation as a lecturer and magazine writer. His published works include: "Every-Day Subjects in Sunday Sermons" (1869) and "Meditations on the Essence of Christianity" (1876). Died near his birthplace, July 27, 1890.

**COLLINS, Frederick**, manufacturer, was born in Connecticut, Feb. 24, 1804. He was the youngest of five brothers who came with their parents from Litchfield, Conn., to Illinois, in 1822, and settled in the town of Unionville—now Collinsville—in the southwestern part of Madison County. They were enterprising and public-spirited business men, who engaged, quite extensively for the time, in various branches of manufacture, including flour and whisky. This was an era of progress and development, and becoming convinced of the injurious character of the latter branch of their business, it was promptly abandoned. The subject of this sketch was later associated with his brother Michael in the pork-packing and grain business at Naples, the early Illinois River terminus of the Sangamon & Morgan (now Wabash) Railroad, but finally located at Quincy in 1851, where he was engaged in manufacturing business for many years. He was a man of high business probity and religious principle, as well as a determined opponent of the institution of slavery, as shown by the fact that he was once subjected by his neighbors to the intended indignity of being hung in effigy for the crime of assisting a fugitive female slave on the road to freedom. In a speech made in 1834, in commemoration of the act of emancipation in the West Indies, he gave utterance to the following prediction: "Methinks the time is not far distant when our own country will celebrate a day of emancipation within her own borders, and consistent songs of freedom shall indeed ring throughout the length and breadth of the land." He lived to see this prophecy fulfilled, dying at Quincy, in 1878. Mr. Collins was the candidate of the Liberty Men of Illinois for Lieutenant-Governor in 1842.

**COLLINS, James H.**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Cambridge, Washington County, N. Y., but taken in early life to Vernon, Oneida County, where he grew to manhood. After spending a couple of years in an academy, at the age of 18 he began the study of law, was admitted to the bar in 1824, and as a counsellor and solicitor in 1827, coming to Chicago in the fall of 1833, making a part of the journey by the first stage-coach from Detroit to the present Western metropolis. After arriving in Illinois, he spent some time in exploration of the surrounding country, but returning to Chicago in 1834, he entered into partnership with Judge John D. Caton, who had been his preceptor in New York, still later being a partner of Justin Butterfield under the firm name of Butterfield & Collins. He was considered an eminent authority in law and gained an extensive practice, being regarded as especially strong in chancery cases as well as an able pleader. Politically, he was an uncompromising anti-slavery man, and often aided runaway slaves in securing their liberty or defended others who did so. He was also one of the original promoters of the old Galena & Chicago Union Railroad and one of its first Board of Directors. Died suddenly of cholera, while attending court at Ottawa, in 1854.

**COLLINS, Loren C.**, jurist, was born at Windsor, Conn., August 1, 1848; at the age of 18 accompanied his family to Illinois, and was educated at the Northwestern University. He read law, was admitted to the bar, and soon built up a remunerative practice. He was elected to the Legislature in 1878, and through his ability as a debater and a parliamentarian, soon became one of the leaders of his party on the floor of the lower house. He was re-elected in 1880 and 1882, and, in 1883, was chosen Speaker of the Thirty-third General Assembly. In December, 1884, he was appointed a Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Barnum, was elected to succeed himself in 1885, and re-elected in 1891, but resigned in 1894, since that time devoting his attention to regular practice in the city of Chicago.

**COLLINS, William H.**, retired manufacturer, born at Collinsville, Ill., March 20, 1831; was educated in the common schools and at Illinois College, later taking a course in literature, philosophy and theology at Yale College; served as pastor of a Congregational church at La Salle several years; in 1858, became editor and proprietor of "The Jacksonville Journal," which he

conducted some four years. The Civil War having begun, he then accepted the chaplaincy of the Tenth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, but resigning in 1863, organized a company of the One Hundred and Fourth Volunteers, of which he was chosen Captain, participating in the battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. Later he served on the staff of Gen. John M. Palmer and at Fourteenth Army Corps headquarters, until after the fall of Atlanta. Then resigning, in November, 1864, he was appointed by Secretary Stanton Provost-Marshal for the Twelfth District of Illinois, continuing in this service until the close of 1865, when he engaged in the manufacturing business as head of the Collins Plow Company at Quincy. This business he conducted successfully some twenty-five years, when he retired. Mr. Collins has served as Alderman and Mayor, *ad interim*, of the city of Quincy; Representative in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth General Assemblies—during the latter being chosen to deliver the eulogy on Gen. John A. Logan; was a prominent candidate for the nomination for Lieutenant Governor in 1888, and the same year Republican candidate for Congress in the Quincy District; in 1894, was the Republican nominee for State Senator in Adams County, and, though a Republican, has been twice elected Supervisor in a strongly Democratic city.

**COLLINSVILLE**, a city on the southern border of Madison County, 13 miles (by rail) east-northeast of St. Louis, on the "Vandalia Line" (T. H. & I. Ry.), about 11 miles south of Edwardsville. The place was originally settled in 1817 by four brothers named Collins from Litchfield, Conn., who established a tan-yard and erected an ox-mill for grinding corn and wheat and sawing lumber. The town was platted by surviving members of this family in 1836. Coal-mining is the principal industry, and one or two mines are operated within the corporate limits. The city has zinc works, as well as flour mills and brick and tile factories, two building and loan associations, a lead smelter, stock bell factory, electric street railways, seven churches, two banks, a high school, and a newspaper office. Population (1890), 3,498; (1900), 4,021; (1903, est.), 7,500.

**COLLYER, Robert**, clergyman, was born at Keighly, Yorkshire, England, Dec. 8, 1823; left school at eight years of age to earn his living in a factory; at fourteen was apprenticed to a black-smith and learned the trade of a hammer-maker. His only opportunity of acquiring an education during this period, apart from private study, was



in a night-school, which he attended two winters. In 1849 he became a local Methodist preacher, came to the United States the next year, settling in Pennsylvania, where he pursued his trade, preaching on Sundays. His views on the atonement having gradually been changed towards Unitarianism, his license to preach was revoked by the conference, and, in 1859, he united with the Unitarian Church, having already won a wide reputation as an eloquent public speaker. Coming to Chicago, he began work as a missionary, and, in 1860, organized the Unity Church, beginning with seven members, though it has since become one of the strongest and most influential churches in the city. In 1879 he accepted a call to a church in New York City, where he still remains. Of strong anti-slavery views and a zealous Unionist, he served during a part of the Civil War as a camp inspector for the Sanitary Commission. Since the war he has repeatedly visited England, and has exerted a wide influence as a lecturer and pulpit orator on both sides of the Atlantic. He is the author of a number of volumes, including "Nature and Life" (1866); "A Man in Earnest: Life of A. H. Conant" (1868); "A History of the Town and Parish of Ilkely" (1886), and "Lectures to Young Men and Women" (1886).

**COLTON, Chauncey Sill**, pioneer, was born at Springfield, Pa., Sept. 21, 1800; taken to Massachusetts in childhood and educated at Monson in that State, afterwards residing for many years, during his manhood, at Monson, Maine. He came to Illinois in 1836, locating on the site of the present city of Galesburg, where he built the first store and dwelling house; continued in general merchandise some seventeen or eighteen years, meanwhile associating his sons with him in business under the firm name of C. S. Colton & Sons. Mr. Colton was associated with the construction of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad from the beginning, becoming one of the Directors of the Company; was also a Director of the First National Bank of Galesburg, the first organizer and first President of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of that city, and one of the Trustees of Knox College. Died in Galesburg, July 27, 1885.

—**Francis (Colton)**, son of the preceding; born at Monson, Maine, May 24, 1834, came to Galesburg with his father's family in 1836, and was educated at Knox College, graduating in 1855, and receiving the degree of A.M. in 1858. After graduation, he was in partnership with his father some seven years, also served as Vice-President of the First National Bank of Galesburg, and, in

1866, was appointed by President Johnson United States Consul at Venice, remaining there until 1869. The latter year he became the General Passenger Agent of the Union Pacific Railroad, continuing in that position until 1871, meantime visiting China, Japan and India, and establishing agencies for the Union and Central Pacific Railways in various countries of Europe. In 1872 he succeeded his father as President of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Galesburg, but retired in 1884, and the same year removed to Washington, D. C., where he has since resided. Mr. Colton is a large land owner in some of the Western States, especially Kansas and Nebraska.

**COLUMBIA**, a town of Monroe County, on Mobile & Ohio Railroad, 15 miles south of St. Louis; has a machine shop, large flour mill, brewery, five cigar factories, electric light plant, telephone system, stone quarry, five churches, and public school. Pop. (1900), 1,197; (1903), 1,205.

**COMPANY OF THE WEST, THE**, a company formed in France, in August, 1717, to develop the resources of "New France," in which the "Illinois Country" was at that time included. At the head of the company was the celebrated John Law, and to him and his associates the French monarch granted extraordinary powers, both governmental and commercial. They were given the exclusive right to refine the precious metals, as well as a monopoly in the trade in tobacco and slaves. Later, the company became known as the Indies, or East Indies, Company, owing to the king having granted them concessions to trade with the East Indies and China. On Sept. 27, 1717, the Royal Council of France declared that the Illinois Country should form a part of the Province of Louisiana; and, under the shrewd management of Law and his associates, immigration soon increased, as many as 800 settlers arriving in a single year. The directors of the company, in the exercise of their governmental powers, appointed Pierre Duque de Boisbriant Governor of the Illinois District. He proceeded to Kaskaskia, and, within a few miles of that settlement, erected Fort Chartres. (See *Fort Chartres*.) The policy of the Indies Company was energetic, and, in the main, wise. Grants of commons were made to various French villages, and Cahokia and Kaskaskia steadily grew in size and population. Permanent settlers were given grants of land and agriculture was encouraged. These grants (which were allodial in their character) covered nearly all the lands in that part of the American Bottom, lying between the Mississippi and the Kaskaskia Rivers. Many grantees

held their lands in one great common field, each proprietor contributing, pro rata, to the maintenance of a surrounding fence. In 1721 the Indies Company divided the Province of Louisiana into nine civil and military districts. That of Illinois was numerically the Seventh, and included not only the southern half of the existing State, but also an immense tract west of the Mississippi, extending to the Rocky Mountains, and embracing the present States of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska, besides portions of Arkansas and Colorado. The Commandant, with his secretary and the Company's Commissary, formed the District Council, the civil law being in force. In 1732, the Indies Company surrendered its charter, and thereafter, the Governors of Illinois were appointed directly by the French crown.

**CONCORDIA SEMINARY**, an institution located at Springfield, founded in 1879; the successor of an earlier institution under the name of Illinois University. Theological, scientific and preparatory departments are maintained, although there is no classical course. The institution is under control of the German Lutherans. The institution reports \$125,000 worth of real property. The members of the Faculty (1898) are five in number, and there were about 171 students in attendance.

**CONDEE, Leander D.**, lawyer, was born in Athens County, Ohio, Sept. 26, 1847; brought by his parents to Coles County, Ill., at the age of seven years, and received his education in the common schools and at St. Paul's Academy, Kankakee, taking a special course in Michigan State University and graduating from the law department of the latter in 1868. He then began practice at Butler, Bates County, Mo., where he served three years as City Attorney, but, in 1873, returned to Illinois, locating in Hyde Park (now a part of Chicago), where he served as City Attorney for four consecutive terms before its annexation to Chicago. In 1880, he was elected as a Republican to the State Senate for the Second Senatorial District, serving in the Thirty-second and the Thirty-third General Assemblies. In 1892, he was the Republican nominee for Judge of the Superior Court of Cook County, but was defeated with the National and the State tickets of that year, since when he has given his attention to regular practice, maintaining a high rank in his profession.

**CONGER, Edwin Hurd**, lawyer and diplomatist, was born in Knox County, Ill., March 7, 1843; graduated at Lombard University, Galesburg, in 1862, and immediately thereafter enlisted as a

private in the One Hundred and Second Illinois Volunteers, serving through the war and attaining the rank of Captain, besides being brevetted Major for gallant service. Later, he graduated from the Albany Law School and practiced for a time in Galesburg, but, in 1868, removed to Iowa, where he engaged in farming, stock-raising and banking; was twice elected County Treasurer of Dallas County, and, in 1880, State Treasurer, being re-elected in 1882; in 1886, was elected to Congress from the Des Moines District, and twice re-elected (1888 and '90), but before the close of his last term was appointed by President Harrison Minister to Brazil, serving until 1893. In 1896, he served as Presidential Elector for the State-at-large, and, in 1897, was re-appointed Minister to Brazil, but, in 1898, was transferred to China, where (1899) he now is. He was succeeded at Rio Janeiro by Charles Page Bryan of Illinois.

**CONGREGATIONALISTS, THE.** Two Congregational ministers—Rev. S. J. Mills and Rev. Daniel Smith—visited Illinois in 1814, and spent some time at Kaskaskia and Shawneetown, but left for New Orleans without organizing any churches. The first church was organized at Mendon, Adams County, in 1833, followed by others during the same year, at Naperville, Jacksonville and Quincy. By 1836, the number had increased to ten. Among the pioneer ministers were Jabez Porter, who was also a teacher at Quincy, in 1828, and Rev. Asa Turner, in 1830, who became pastor of the first Quincy church, followed later by Revs. Julian M. Sturtevant (afterwards President of Illinois College), Truman M. Post, Edward Beecher and Horatio Fox. Other Congregational ministers who came to the State at an early day were Rev. Salmon Gridley, who finally located at St. Louis; Rev. John M. Ellis, who served as a missionary and was instrumental in founding Illinois College and the Jacksonville Female Seminary at Jacksonville; Revs. Thomas Lippincott, Cyrus L. Watson, Theron Baldwin, Elisha Jenney, William Kirby, the two Lovejoys (Owen and Elijah P.), and many more of whom, either temporarily or permanently, became associated with Presbyterian churches. Although Illinois College was under the united patronage of Presbyterians and Congregationalists, the leading spirits in its original establishment were Congregationalists, and the same was true of Knox College at Galesburg. In 1835, at Big Grove, in an unoccupied log-cabin, was convened the first Congregational Council, known in the denominational history of the State as

that of Fox River. Since then some twelve to fifteen separate Associations have been organized. By 1890, the development of the denomination had been such that it had 280 churches, supporting 312 ministers, with 33,126 members. During that year the disbursements on account of charities and home extension, by the Illinois churches, were nearly \$1,000,000. The Chicago Theological Seminary, at Chicago, is a Congregational school of divinity, its property holdings being worth nearly \$700,000. "The Advance" (published at Chicago) is the chief denominational organ. (See also *Religious Denominations*.)

**CONGRESSIONAL APPORTIONMENT.** (See *Apportionment, Congressional*; also *Representatives in Congress*.)

**CONKLING, James Cook**, lawyer, was born in New York City, Oct. 13, 1816; graduated at Princeton College in 1835, and, after studying law and being admitted to the bar at Morristown, N. J., in 1838, removed to Springfield, Ill. Here his first business partner was Cyrus Walker, an eminent and widely known lawyer of his time, while at a later period he was associated with Gen. James Shields, afterwards a soldier of the Mexican War and a United States Senator, at different times, from three different States. As an original Whig, Mr. Conkling early became associated with Abraham Lincoln, whose intimate and trusted friend he was through life. It was to him that Mr. Lincoln addressed his celebrated letter, which, by his special request, Mr. Conkling read before the great Union mass-meeting at Springfield, held, Sept. 3, 1863, now known as the "Lincoln-Conkling Letter." Mr. Conkling was chosen Mayor of the city of Springfield in 1844, and served in the lower branch of the Seventeenth and the Twenty-fifth General Assemblies (1851 and 1867). It was largely due to his tactful management in the latter, that the first appropriation was made for the new State House, which established the capital permanently in that city. At the Bloomington Convention of 1856, where the Republican party in Illinois may be said to have been formally organized, with Mr. Lincoln and three others, he represented Sangamon County, served on the Committee on Resolutions, and was appointed a member of the State Central Committee which conducted the campaign of that year. In 1860, and again in 1864, his name was on the Republican State ticket for Presidential Elector, and, on both occasions, it became his duty to cast the electoral vote of Mr. Lincoln's own District for him for President. The intimacy of personal friendship existing between him and

Mr. Lincoln was fittingly illustrated by his position for over thirty years as an original member of the Lincoln Monument Association. Other public positions held by him included those of State Agent during the Civil War by appointment of Governor Yates, Trustee of the State University at Champaign, and of Blackburn University at Carlinville, as also that of Postmaster of the city of Springfield, to which he was appointed in 1890, continuing in office four years. High-minded and honorable, of pure personal character and strong religious convictions, public-spirited and liberal, probably no man did more to promote the growth and prosperity of the city of Springfield, during the sixty years of his residence there, than he. His death, as a result of old age, occurred in that city, March 1, 1899.—**Clinton L. (Conkling)**, son of the preceding, was born in Springfield, Oct. 16, 1843; graduated at Yale College in 1864, studied law with his father, and was licensed to practice in the Illinois courts in 1866, and in the United States courts in 1867. After practicing a few years, he turned his attention to manufacturing, but, in 1877, resumed practice and has proved successful. He has devoted much attention of late years to real estate business, and has represented large land interests in this and other States. For many years he was Secretary of the Lincoln Monument Association, and has served on the Board of County Supervisors, which is the only political office he has held. In 1897 he was the Republican nominee for Judge of the Springfield Circuit, but, although confessedly a man of the highest probity and ability, was defeated in a district overwhelmingly Democratic.

**CONNOLLY, James Austin**, lawyer and Congressman, was born in Newark, N. J., March 8, 1843; went with his parents to Ohio in 1850, where, in 1858-59, he served as Assistant Clerk of the State Senate; studied law and was admitted to the bar in that State in 1861, and soon after removed to Illinois; the following year (1862) he enlisted as a private soldier in the One Hundred and Twenty-third Illinois Volunteers, but was successively commissioned as Captain and Major, retiring with the rank of brevet Lieutenant-Colonel. In 1872 he was elected Representative in the State Legislature from Coles County and re-elected in 1874; was United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois from 1876 to 1885, and again from 1889 to 1893; in 1886 was appointed and confirmed Solicitor of the Treasury, but declined the office; the same year ran as the Republican candidate for Con-

gress in the Springfield (then the Thirteenth) District in opposition to Wm. M. Springer, and was defeated by less than 1,000 votes in a district usually Democratic by 3,000 majority. He declined a second nomination in 1888, but, in 1894, was nominated for a third time (this time for the Seventeenth District), and was elected, as he was for a second term in 1896. He declined a renomination in 1898, returning to the practice of his profession at Springfield at the close of the Fifty-fifth Congress.

**CONSTABLE, Charles H.**, lawyer, was born at Chestertown, Md., July 6, 1817; educated at Belle Air Academy and the University of Virginia, graduating from the latter in 1838. Then, having studied law, he was admitted to the bar, came to Illinois early in 1840, locating at Mount Carmel, Wabash County, and, in 1844, was elected to the State Senate for the district composed of Wabash, Edwards and Wayne Counties, serving until 1848. He also served as a Delegate in the Constitutional Convention of 1847. Originally a Whig, on the dissolution of that party in 1854, he became a Democrat; in 1856, served as Presidential Elector-at-large on the Buchanan ticket and, during the Civil War, was a pronounced opponent of the policy of the Government in dealing with secession. Having removed to Marshall, Clark County, in 1852, he continued the practice of his profession there, but was elected Judge of the Circuit Court in 1861, serving until his death, which occurred, Oct. 9, 1865. While holding court at Charleston, in March, 1863, Judge Constable was arrested because of his release of four deserters from the army, and the holding to bail, on the charge of kidnaping, of two Union officers who had arrested them. He was subsequently released by Judge Treat of the United States District Court at Springfield, but the affair culminated in a riot at Charleston, on March 22, in which four soldiers and three citizens were killed outright, and eight persons were wounded.

**CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS.** Illinois has had four State Conventions called for the purpose of formulating State Constitutions. Of these, three—those of 1818, 1847 and 1869-70—adopted Constitutions which went into effect, while the instrument framed by the Convention of 1862 was rejected by the people. A synoptical history of each will be found below:

**CONVENTION OF 1818.**—In January, 1818, the Territorial Legislature adopted a resolution instructing the Delegate in Congress (Hon. Nathaniel Pope) to present a petition to Congress requesting the passage of an act authorizing the

people of Illinois Territory to organize a State Government. A bill to this effect was introduced, April 7, and became a law, April 18, following. It authorized the people to frame a Constitution and organize a State Government—apportioning the Delegates to be elected from each of the fifteen counties into which the Territory was then divided, naming the first Monday of July, following, as the day of election, and the first Monday of August as the time for the meeting of the Convention. The act was conditioned upon a census of the people of the Territory (to be ordered by the Legislature), showing a population of not less than 40,000. The census, as taken, showed the required population, but, as finally corrected, this was reduced to 34,620—being the smallest with which any State was ever admitted into the Union. The election took place on July 6, 1818, and the Convention assembled at Kaskaskia on August 3. It consisted of thirty-three members. Of these, a majority were farmers of limited education, but with a fair portion of hard common-sense. Five of the Delegates were lawyers, and these undoubtedly wielded a controlling influence. Jesse B. Thomas (afterwards one of the first United States Senators) presided, and Elias Kent Kane, also a later Senator, was among the dominating spirits. It has been asserted that to the latter should be ascribed whatever new matter was incorporated in the instrument, it being copied in most of its essential provisions from the Constitutions of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. The Convention completed its labors and adjourned, August 26, the Constitution was submitted to Congress by Delegate John McLean, without the formality of ratification by the people, and Illinois was admitted into the Union as a State by resolution of Congress, adopted Dec. 3, 1818.

**CONVENTION OF 1847.**—An attempt was made in 1822 to obtain a revision of the Constitution of 1818, the object of the chief promoters of the movement being to secure the incorporation of a provision authorizing the admission of slavery into Illinois. The passage of a resolution, by the necessary two-thirds vote of both Houses of the General Assembly, submitting the proposition to a vote of the people, was secured by the most questionable methods, at the session of 1822, but after a heated campaign of nearly two years, it was rejected at the election of 1824. (See *Slavery and Slave Laws*; also *Coles, Edward*.) At the session of 1840-41, another resolution on the subject was submitted to the people, but it was rejected by the narrow margin of 1,039



votes. Again, in 1845, the question was submitted, and, at the election of 1846, was approved. The election of delegates occurred, April 19, 1847, and the Convention met at Springfield, June 19, following. It was composed of 162 members, ninety-two of whom were Democrats. The list of Delegates embraced the names of many who afterwards attained high distinction in public affairs, and the body, as a whole, was representative in character. The Bill of Rights attached to the Constitution of 1818 was but little changed in its successor, except by a few additions, among which was a section disqualifying any person who had been concerned in a duel from holding office. The earlier Constitution, however, was carefully revised and several important changes made. Among these may be mentioned the following: Limiting the elective franchise for foreign-born citizens to those who had become naturalized; making the judiciary elective; requiring that all State officers be elected by the people; changing the time of the election of the Executive, and making him ineligible for immediate re-election; various curtailments of the power of the Legislature; imposing a two-mill tax for payment of the State debt, and providing for the establishment of a sinking fund. The Constitution framed was adopted in convention, August 31, 1847; ratified by popular vote, March 6, 1848, and went into effect, April 1, 1848.

CONVENTION OF 1862.—The proposition for holding a third Constitutional Convention was submitted to vote of the people by the Legislature of 1859, endorsed at the election of 1860, and the election of Delegates held in November, 1861. In the excitement attendant upon the early events of the war, people paid comparatively little attention to the choice of its members. It was composed of forty-five Democrats, twenty-one Republicans, seven "fusionists" and two classed as doubtful. The Convention assembled at Springfield on Jan. 7, 1862, and remained in session until March 24, following. It was in many respects a remarkable body. The law providing for its existence prescribed that the members, before proceeding to business, should take an oath to support the State Constitution. This the majority refused to do. Their conception of their powers was such that they seriously deliberated upon electing a United States Senator, assumed to make appropriations from the State treasury, claimed the right to interfere with military affairs, and called upon the Governor for information concerning claims of the Illinois Central Railroad, which the Executive refused to

lay before them. The instrument drafted proposed numerous important changes in the organic law, and was generally regarded as objectionable. It was rejected at an election held, June 17, 1862, by a majority of over 16,000 votes.

CONVENTION OF 1869-70.—The second attempt to revise the Constitution of 1848 resulted in submission to the people, by the Legislature of 1867, of a proposition for a Convention, which was approved at the election of 1868 by a bare majority of 704 votes. The election of Delegates was provided for at the next session (1869), the election held in November and the Convention assembled at Springfield, Dec. 13. Charles Hitchcock was chosen President, John Q. Harmon, Secretary, and Daniel Shepard and A. H. Swain, First and Second Assistants. There were eighty-five members, of whom forty-four were Republicans and forty-one Democrats, although fifteen had been elected nominally as "Independents." It was an assemblage of some of the ablest men of the State, including representatives of all the learned professions except the clerical, besides merchants, farmers, bankers and journalists. Its work was completed May 13, 1870, and in the main good. Some of the principal changes made in the fundamental law, as proposed by the Convention, were the following: The prohibition of special legislation where a general law may be made to cover the necessities of the case, and the absolute prohibition of such legislation in reference to divorces, lotteries and a score of other matters; prohibition of the passage of any law releasing any civil division (district, county, city, township or town) from the payment of its just proportion of any State tax; recommendations to the Legislature to enact laws upon certain specified subjects, such as liberal homestead and exemption rights, the construction of drains, the regulation of charges on railways (which were declared to be public highways), etc., etc.; declaring all elevators and storehouses public warehouses, and providing for their legislative inspection and supervision. The maintenance of an "efficient system of public schools" was made obligatory upon the Legislature, and the appropriation of any funds—State, municipal, town or district—to the support of sectarian schools was prohibited. The principle of cumulative voting, or "minority representation," in the choice of members of the House of Representatives was provided for, and additional safeguards thrown around the passage of bills. The ineligibility of the Governor to re-election for a second consecutive term was set aside, and a

two-thirds vote of the Legislature made necessary to override an executive veto. The list of State officers was increased by the creation of the offices of Attorney-General and Superintendent of Public Instruction, these having been previously provided for only by statute. The Supreme Court bench was increased by the addition of four members, making the whole number of Supreme Court judges seven; Appellate Courts authorized after 1874, and County Courts were made courts of record. The compensation of all State officers—executive, judicial and legislative—was left discretionary with the Legislature, and no limit was placed upon the length of the sessions of the General Assembly. The instrument drafted by the Convention was ratified at an election held, July 6, 1870, and went into force, August 8, following. Occasional amendments have been submitted and ratified from time to time. (See *Constitutions, Elections and Representation*; also *Minority Representation*.)

**CONSTITUTIONS.** Illinois has had three constitutions—that of 1870 being now (1898) in force. The earliest instrument was that approved by Congress in 1818, and the first revision was made in 1847—the Constitution having been ratified at an election held, March 5, 1848, and going into force, April 1, following. The term of State officers has been uniformly fixed at four years, except that of Treasurer, which is two years. Biennial elections and sessions of the General Assembly are provided for, Senators holding their seats for four years, and Representatives two years. The State is required to be apportioned after each decennial census into fifty-one districts, each of which elects one Senator and three Representatives. The principle of minority representation has been incorporated into the organic law, each elector being allowed to cast as many votes for one legislative candidate as there are Representatives to be chosen in his district; or he may divide his vote equally among all the three candidates or between two of them, as he may see fit. One of the provisions of the Constitution of 1870 is the inhibition of the General Assembly from passing private laws. Municipalities are classified, and legislation is for all cities of a class, not for an individual corporation. Individual citizens with a financial grievance must secure payment of their claims under the terms of some general appropriation. The sessions of the Legislature are not limited as to time, nor is there any restriction upon the power of the Executive to summon extra sessions. (See also *Constitutional Conventions; Elections;*

*Governors and other State Officers; Judicial System; Suffrage, Etc.*)

**COOK, Burton C.**, lawyer and Congressman, was born in Monroe County, N. Y., May 11, 1819; completed his academic education at the Collegiate Institute in Rochester, and after studying law, removed to Illinois (1835), locating first at Hennepin and later at Ottawa. Here he began the practice of his profession, and, in 1846, was elected by the Legislature State's Attorney for the Ninth Judicial District, serving two years, when, in 1848, he was re-elected by the people under the Constitution of that year, for four years. From 1852 to 1860, he was State Senator, taking part in the election which resulted in making Lyman Trumbull United States Senator in 1855. In 1861 he served as one of the Peace Commissioners from Illinois in the Conference which met at Washington. He may be called one of the founders of the Republican party in this State, having been a member of the State Central Committee appointed at Bloomington in 1856, and Chairman of the State Central Committee in 1862. In 1864, he was elected to Congress, and re-elected in 1866, '68 and '70, but resigned in 1871 to accept the solicitorship of the Northwestern Railroad, which he resigned in 1886. He was an intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln, serving as a delegate to both the National Conventions which nominated him for the Presidency, and presenting his name at Baltimore in 1864. His death occurred at Evanston, August 18, 1894.

**COOK, Daniel Pope**, early Congressman, was born in Scott County, Ky., in 1795, removed to Illinois and began the practice of law at Kaskaskia in 1815. Early in 1816, he became joint owner and editor of "The Illinois Intelligencer," and at the same time served as Auditor of Public Accounts by appointment of Governor Edwards; the next year (1817) was sent by President Monroe as bearer of dispatches to John Quincy Adams, then minister to London, and, on his return, was appointed a Circuit Judge. On the admission of the State he was elected the first Attorney-General, but almost immediately resigned and, in September, 1819, was elected to Congress, serving as Representative until 1827. Having married a daughter of Governor Edwards, he became a resident of Edwardsville. He was a conspicuous opponent of the proposition to make Illinois a slave State in 1823-24, and did much to prevent the success of that scheme. He also bore a prominent part while in Congress in securing the donation of lands for the construction of the

Illinois & Michigan Canal. He was distinguished for his eloquence, and it was during his first Congressional campaign that stump-speaking was introduced into the State. Suffering from consumption, he visited Cuba, and, after returning to his home at Edwardsville and failing to improve, he went to Kentucky, where he died, Oct. 16, 1827.—**John** (Cook), soldier, born at Edwardsville, Ill., June 12, 1825, the son of Daniel P. Cook, the second Congressman from Illinois, and grandson of Gov. Ninian Edwards, was educated by private tutors and at Illinois College; in 1855 was elected Mayor of Springfield and the following year Sheriff of Sangamon County, later serving as Quartermaster of the State. Raising a company promptly after the firing on Fort Sumter in 1861, he was commissioned Colonel of the Seventh Illinois Volunteers—the first regiment organized in Illinois under the first call for troops by President Lincoln; was promoted Brigadier-General for gallantry at Fort Donelson in March, 1862; in 1864 commanded the District of Illinois, with headquarters at Springfield, being mustered out, August, 1865, with the brevet rank of Major-General. General Cook was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly from Sangamon County, in 1868. During recent years his home has been in Michigan.

**COOK COUNTY**, situated in the northeastern section of the State, bordering on Lake Michigan, and being the most easterly of the second tier of counties south of the Wisconsin State line. It has an area of 890 square miles; population (1890), 1,191,922; (1900), 1,838,735; county-seat, Chicago. The county was organized in 1831, having originally embraced the counties of Du Page, Will, Lake, McHenry and Iroquois, in addition to its present territorial limits. It was named in honor of Daniel P. Cook, a distinguished Representative of Illinois in Congress. (See *Cook, Daniel P.*) The first County Commissioners were Samuel Miller, Gholson Kercheval and James Walker, who took the oath of office before Justice John S. C. Hogan, on March 8, 1831. William Lee was appointed Clerk and Archibald Clybourne Treasurer. Jedediah Wormley was first County Surveyor, and three election districts (Chicago, Du Page and Hickory Creek) were created. A scow ferry was established across the South Branch, with Mark Beaubien as ferryman. Only non-residents were required to pay toll. Geologists are of the opinion that, previous to the glacial epoch, a large portion of the county lay under the waters of Lake Michigan, which was connected with the Mississippi by the Des Plaines

River. This theory is borne out by the finding of stratified beds of coal and gravel in the eastern and southern portions of the county, either underlying the prairies or assuming the form of ridges. The latter, geologists maintain, indicate the existence of an ancient key, and they conclude that, at one time, the level of the lake was nearly forty feet higher than at present. Glacial action is believed to have been very effective in establishing surface conditions in this vicinity. Limestone and building stone are quarried in tolerable abundance. Athens marble (white when taken out, but growing a rich yellow through exposure) is found in the southwest. Isolated beds of peat have also been found. The general surface is level, although undulating in some portions. The soil near the lake is sandy, but in the interior becomes a black mold from one to four feet in depth. Drainage is afforded by the Des Plaines, Chicago and Calumet Rivers, which is now being improved by the construction of the Drainage Canal. Manufactures and agriculture are the principal industries outside of the city of Chicago. (See also *Chicago*.)

**COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL**, located in Chicago and under control of the Commissioners of Cook County. It was originally erected by the City of Chicago, at a cost of \$80,000, and was intended to be used as a hospital for patients suffering from infectious diseases. For several years the building was unoccupied, but, in 1858, it was leased by an association of physicians, who opened a hospital, with the further purpose of affording facilities for clinical instruction to the students of Rush Medical College. In 1863 the building was taken by the General Government for military purposes, being used as an eye and ear hospital for returning soldiers. In 1865 it reverted to the City of Chicago, and, in 1866, was purchased by Cook County. In 1874 the County Commissioners purchased a new and more spacious site at a cost of \$145,000, and began the erection of buildings thereon. The two principal pavilions were completed and occupied before the close of 1875; the clinical amphitheater and connecting corridors were built in 1876-77, and an administrative building and two additional pavilions were added in 1882-84. Up to that date the total cost of the buildings had been \$719,574, and later additions and improvements have swelled the outlay to more than \$1,000,000. It accommodates about 800 patients and constitutes a part of the county machinery for the care of the poor. A certain number of beds are placed under the care of homeopathic physicians. The



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present (1896) allopathic medical staff consists of fifteen physicians, fifteen surgeons, one oculist and aurist and one pathologist; the homeopathic staff comprises five physicians and five surgeons. In addition, there is a large corps of internes, or house physicians and surgeons, composed of recent graduates from the several medical colleges, who gain their positions through competitive examination and hold them for eighteen months.

**COOKE, Edward Dean**, lawyer and Congressman, born in Dubuque County, Iowa, Oct. 17, 1849; was educated in the common schools and the high school of Dubuque; studied law in that city and at Columbian University, Washington, D.C., graduating from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and was admitted to the bar in Washington in 1873. Coming to Chicago the same year, he entered upon the practice of his profession, which he pursued for the remainder of his life. In 1882 he was elected a Representative in the State Legislature from Cook County, serving one term; was elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth Congress for the Sixth District (Chicago), in 1894, and re-elected in 1896. His death occurred suddenly while in attendance on the extra session of Congress in Washington, June 24, 1897.

**COOLBAUGH, William Findlay**, financier, was born in Pike County, Pa., July 1, 1821; at the age of 15 became clerk in a dry-goods store in Philadelphia, but, in 1842, opened a branch establishment of a New York firm at Burlington, Iowa, where he afterwards engaged in the banking business, also serving in the Iowa State Constitutional Convention, and, as the candidate of his party for United States Senator, being defeated by Hon. James Harlan by one vote. In 1862 he came to Chicago and opened the banking house of W. F. Coolbaugh & Co., which, in 1865, became the Union National Bank of Chicago. Later he became the first President of the Chicago Clearing House, as also of the Bankers' Association of the West and South, a Director of the Board of Trade, and an original incorporator of the Chamber of Commerce, besides being a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1869-70. His death by suicide, at the foot of Douglas Monument, Nov. 14, 1877, was a shock to the whole city of Chicago.

**COOLEY, Horace S.**, Secretary of State, was born in Hartford, Conn., in 1806, studied medicine for two years in early life, then went to Bangor, Maine, where he began the study of law; in 1840 he came to Illinois, locating first at Rushville

and finally in the city of Quincy; in 1842 took a prominent part in the campaign which resulted in the election of Thomas Ford as Governor—also received from Governor Carlin an appointment as Quartermaster-General of the State. On the accession of Governor French in December, 1846, he was appointed Secretary of State and elected to the same office under the Constitution of 1848, dying before the expiration of his term, April 2, 1850.

**CORBUS, (Dr.) J. C.**, physician, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, in 1833, received his primary education in the public schools, followed by an academic course, and began the study of medicine at Millersburg, finally graduating from the Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland. In 1855 he began practice at Orville, Ohio, but the same year located at Mendota, Ill., soon thereafter removing to Lee County, where he remained until 1862. The latter year he was appointed Assistant Surgeon of the Seventy-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but was soon promoted to the position of Surgeon, though compelled to resign the following year on account of ill health. Returning from the army, he located at Mendota. Dr. Corbus served continuously as a member of the State Board of Public Charities from 1873 until the accession of Governor Altgeld to the Governorship in 1893, when he resigned. He was also, for fifteen years, one of the Medical Examiners for his District under the Pension Bureau, and has served as a member of the Republican State Central Committee for the Mendota District. In 1897 he was complimented by Governor Tanner by reappointment to the State Board of Charities, and was made President of the Board. Early in 1899 he was appointed Superintendent of the Eastern Hospital for the Insane at Kankakee, as successor to Dr. William G. Stearns.

**CORNELL, Paul**, real-estate operator and capitalist, was born of English Quaker ancestry in Washington County, N. Y., August 5, 1832; at 9 years of age removed with his step-father, Dr. Barry, to Ohio, and five years later to Adams County, Ill. Here young Cornell lived the life of a farmer, working part of the year to earn money to send himself to school the remainder; also taught for a time, then entered the office of W. A. Richardson, at Rushville, Schuyler County, as a law student. In 1845 he came to Chicago, but soon after became a student in the law office of Wilson & Henderson at Joliet, and was admitted to practice in that city. Removing to Chicago in 1847, he was associated, successively, with the late

L. C. P. Freer, Judge James H. Collins and Messrs. Skinner & Hoyne; finally entered into a contract with Judge Skinner to perfect the title to 320 acres of land held under tax-title within the present limits of Hyde Park, which he succeeded in doing by visiting the original owners, thereby securing one-half of the property in his own name. He thus became the founder of the village of Hyde Park, meanwhile adding to his possessions other lands, which increased vastly in value. He also established a watch factory at Cornell (now a part of Chicago), which did a large business until removed to California. Mr. Cornell was a member of the first Park Board, and therefore has the credit of assisting to organize Chicago's extensive park system.

**CORWIN, Franklin**, Congressman, was born at Lebanon, Ohio, Jan. 12, 1818, and admitted to the bar at the age of 21. While a resident of Ohio he served in both Houses of the Legislature, and settled in Illinois in 1857, making his home at Peru. He was a member of the lower house of the Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth General Assemblies, being Speaker in 1867, and again in 1869. In 1872 he was elected to Congress as a Republican, but, in 1874, was defeated by Alexander Campbell, who made the race as an Independent. Died, at Peru, Ill., June 15, 1879.

**COUCH, James**, pioneer hotel-keeper, was born at Fort Edward, N. Y., August 31, 1800; removed to Chautauqua County, in the same State, where he remained until his twentieth year, receiving a fair English education. After engaging successively, but with indifferent success, as hotel-clerk, stage-house keeper, lumber-dealer, and in the distilling business, in 1836, in company with his younger brother, Ira, he visited Chicago. They both decided to go into business there, first opening a small store, and later entering upon their hotel ventures which proved so eminently successful, and gave the Tremont House of Chicago so wide and enviable a reputation. Mr. Couch superintended for his brother Ira the erection, at various times, of many large business blocks in the city. Upon the death of his brother, in 1857, he was made one of the trustees of his estate, and, with other trustees, rebuilt the Tremont House after the Chicago fire of 1871. In April, 1892, while boarding a street car in the central part of the city of Chicago, he was run over by a truck, receiving injuries which resulted in his death the same day at the Tremont House, in the 92d year of his age.—**Ira** (Couch), younger brother of the preceding, was born in Saratoga County,

N. Y., Nov. 22, 1806. At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to a tailor, and, in 1826, set up in business on his own account. In 1836, while visiting Chicago with his brother James, he determined to go into business there. With a stock of furnishing goods and tailors' supplies, newly bought in New York, a small store was opened. This business soon disposed of, Mr. Couch, with his brother, obtained a lease of the old Tremont House, then a low frame building kept as a saloon boarding house. Changed and refurnished, this was opened as a hotel. It was destroyed by fire in 1839, as was also the larger rebuilt structure in 1849. A second time rebuilt, and on a much larger and grander scale at a cost of \$75,000, surpassing anything the West had ever known before, the Tremont House this time stood until the Chicago fire in 1871, when it was again destroyed. Mr. Couch at all times enjoyed an immense patronage, and was able to accumulate (for that time) a large fortune. He purchased and improved a large number of business blocks, then within the business center of the city. In 1853 he retired from active business, and, in consequence of impaired health, chose for the rest of his life to seek recreation in travel. In the winter of 1857, while with his family in Havana, Cuba, he was taken with a fever which soon ended his life. His remains now rest in a mausoleum of masonry in Lincoln Park, Chicago.

**COULTERVILLE**, a town of Randolph County, at the crossing of the Centralia & Chester and the St. Louis & Paducah branch Illinois Central Railways, 49 miles southeast of St. Louis. Farming and coal-mining are the leading industries. The town has two banks, two creameries, and a newspaper. Population (1890), 598; (1900), 650.

**COUNTIES, UNORGANIZED.** (See *Unorganized Counties*.)

**COWDEN**, a village of Shelby County, at the intersection of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern and the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railways, 60 miles southeast of Springfield. Considerable coal is mined in the vicinity; has a bank and a weekly paper. Population (1880), 350; (1890), 702; (1900), 751.

**COWLES, Alfred**, newspaper manager, was born in Portage County, Ohio, May 13, 1832, grew up on a farm and, after spending some time at Michigan University, entered the office of "The Cleveland Leader" as a clerk; in 1855 accepted a similar position on "The Chicago Tribune," which had just been bought by Joseph Medill and others, finally becoming a stockholder and busi-

ness manager of the paper, so remaining until his death in Chicago, Dec. 20, 1889.

**COX, Thomas**, pioneer, Senator in the First General Assembly of Illinois (1818-22) from Union County, and a conspicuous figure in early State history; was a zealous advocate of the policy of making Illinois a slave State; became one of the original proprietors and founders of the city of Springfield, and was appointed the first Register of the Land Office there, but was removed under charges of misconduct; after his retirement from the Land Office, kept a hotel at Springfield. In 1836 he removed to Iowa (then a part of Wisconsin Territory), became a member of the first Territorial Legislature there, was twice re-elected and once Speaker of the House, being prominent in 1840 as commander of the "Regulators" who drove out a gang of murderers and desperadoes who had got possession at Bellevue, Iowa. Died, at Maquoketa, Iowa, 1843.

**COY, Irus**, lawyer, was born in Chenango County, N. Y., July 25, 1832; educated in the common schools and at Central College, Cortland County, N. Y., graduating in law at Albany in 1857. Then, having removed to Illinois, he located in Kendall County and began practice; in 1868 was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly and, in 1872, served as Presidential Elector on the Republican ticket; removed to Chicago in 1871, later serving as attorney of the Union Stock Yards and Transit Company. Died, in Chicago, Sept. 20, 1897.

**CRAFTS, Clayton E.**, legislator and politician, born at Auburn, Geauga County, Ohio, July 8, 1848; was educated at Hiram College and graduated from the Cleveland Law School in 1868, coming to Chicago in 1869. Mr. Crafts served in seven consecutive sessions of the General Assembly (1883-95, inclusive) as Representative from Cook County, and was elected by the Democratic majority as Speaker, in 1891, and again in '93.

**CRAIG, Alfred M.**, jurist, was born in Edgar County, Ill., Jan. 15, 1831, graduated from Knox College in 1853, and was admitted to the bar in the following year, commencing practice at Knoxville. He held the offices of State's Attorney and County Judge, and represented Knox County in the Constitutional Convention of 1869-70. In 1873 he was elected to the bench of the Supreme Court, as successor to Justice C. B. Lawrence, and was re-elected in '82 and '91; his present term expiring with the century. He is a Democrat in politics, but has been three times elected in a Republican judicial district.

**CRAWFORD, Charles H.**, lawyer and legislator, was born in Bennington, Vt., but reared in Bureau and La Salle Counties, Ill.; has practiced law for twenty years in Chicago, and been three times elected to the State Senate—1884, '88 and '94—and is author of the Crawford Primary Election Law, enacted in 1885.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY**, a southeastern county, bordering on the Wabash, 190 miles nearly due south of Chicago—named for William H. Crawford, a Secretary of War. It has an area of 472 square miles; population (1900), 19,240. The first settlers were the French, but later came emigrants from New England. The soil is rich and well adapted to the production of corn and wheat, which are the principal crops. The county was organized in 1817, Darwin being the first county-seat. The present county-seat is Robinson, with a population (1890) of 1,387; centrally located and the point of intersection of two railroads. Other towns of importance are Palestine (population, 734) and Hutsonville (population, 582). The latter, as well as Robinson, is a grain-shipping point. The Embarras River crosses the southwest portion of the county, and receives the waters of Big and Honey Creeks and Bushy Fork. The county has no mineral resources, but contains some valuable woodland and many well cultivated farms. Tobacco, potatoes, sorghum and wool are among the leading products.

**CREAL SPRINGS**, a village of Williamson County, on the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad; has a bank and a weekly paper. Population (1890), 539; (1900), 940.

**CREBS, John M.**, ex-Congressman, was born in Middleburg, Loudoun County, Va., April 7, 1830. When he was but 7 years old his parents removed to Illinois, where he ever after resided. At the age of 21 he began the study of law, and, in 1852, was admitted to the bar, beginning practice in White County. In 1862 he enlisted in the Eighty-seventh Illinois Volunteers, receiving a commission as Lieutenant-Colonel, participating in all the important movements in the Mississippi Valley, including the capture of Vicksburg, and in the Arkansas campaign, a part of the time commanding a brigade. Returning home, he resumed the practice of his profession. In 1866 he was an unsuccessful candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction on the Democratic ticket. He was elected to Congress in 1868 and re-elected in 1870, and, in 1880, was a delegate to the Democratic State Convention. Died, June 26, 1890.



**CREIGHTON, James A.**, jurist, was born in White County, Ill., March 7, 1846; in childhood removed with his parents to Wayne County, and was educated in the schools at Fairfield and at the Southern Illinois College, Salem, graduating from the latter in 1868. After teaching for a time while studying law, he was admitted to the bar in 1870, and opened an office at Fairfield, but, in 1877, removed to Springfield. In 1885 he was elected a Circuit Judge for the Springfield Circuit, was re-elected in 1891 and again in 1897.

**CRERAR, John**, manufacturer and philanthropist, was born of Scotch ancestry in New York City, in 1827; at 18 years of age was an employé of an iron-importing firm in that city, subsequently accepting a position with Morris K. Jessup & Co., in the same line. Coming to Chicago in 1862, in partnership with J. McGregor Adams, he succeeded to the business of Jessup & Co., in that city, also becoming a partner in the Adams & Westlake Company, iron manufacturers. He also became interested and an official in various other business organizations, including the Pullman Palace Car Company, the Chicago & Alton Railroad, the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, and, for a time, was President of the Chicago & Joliet Railroad, besides being identified with various benevolent institutions and associations. After the fire of 1871, he was intrusted by the New York Chamber of Commerce with the custody of funds sent for the relief of sufferers by that calamity. His integrity and business sagacity were universally recognized. After his death, which occurred in Chicago, Oct. 19, 1889, it was found that, after making munificent bequests to some twenty religious and benevolent associations and enterprises, aggregating nearly a million dollars, besides liberal legacies to relatives, he had left the residue of his estate, amounting to some \$2,000,000, for the purpose of founding a public library in the city of Chicago, naming thirteen of his most intimate friends as the first Board of Trustees. No more fitting and lasting monument of so noble and public-spirited a man could have been devised.

**CRETE**, a village of Will County, on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, 30 miles south of Chicago. Population (1890), 642; (1900), 760.

**CROOK, George**, soldier, was born near Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 8, 1828; graduated at the United States Military Academy, West Point, in 1852, and was assigned as brevet Second Lieutenant to the Fourth Infantry, becoming full Second Lieutenant in 1853. In 1861 he entered the volunteer service as Colonel of the Thirty-sixth Ohio Infan-

try; was promoted Brigadier-General in 1862 and Major-General in 1864, being mustered out of the service, January, 1866. During the war he participated in some of the most important battles in West Virginia and Tennessee, fought at Chickamauga and Antietam, and commanded the cavalry in the advance on Richmond in the spring of 1865. On being mustered out of the volunteer service he returned to the regular army, was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the Twenty-third Infantry, and, for several years, was engaged in campaigns against the hostile Indians in the Northwest and in Arizona. In 1888 he was appointed Major-General and, from that time to his death, was in command of the Military Division of the Missouri, with headquarters at Chicago, where he died, March 19, 1890.

**CROSIAR, Simon**, pioneer, was born near Pittsburg, Pa., in the latter part of the last century; removed to Ohio in 1815 and to Illinois in 1819, settling first at Cap au Gris, a French village on the Mississippi just above the mouth of the Illinois in what is now Calhoun County; later lived at Peoria (1824), at Ottawa (1826), at Shippingport near the present city of La Salle (1829), and at Old Utica (1834); in the meanwhile built one or two mills on Cedar Creek in La Salle County, kept a storage and commission house, and, for a time, acted as Captain of a steamboat plying on the Illinois. Died, in 1846.

**CRYSTAL LAKE**, a village in McHenry County, at the intersection of two divisions of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, 43 miles northwest of Chicago. Population (1880), 546; (1890), 781; (1900), 950.

**CUBA**, a town in Fulton County, distant 38 miles west-southwest of Peoria, and about 8 miles north of Lewistown. The entire region (including the town) is underlaid with a good quality of bituminous coal, of which the late State Geologist Worthen asserted that, in seven townships of Fulton County, there are 9,000,000 tons to the square mile, within 150 feet of the surface. Brick and cigars are made here, and the town has two banks, a newspaper, three churches and good schools. Population (1890), 1,114; (1900), 1,198; (1903, school census), 1,400.

**CULLEN, William**, editor and Congressman, born in the north of Ireland, March 4, 1826; while yet a child was brought by his parents to Pittsburg, Pa., where he was educated in the public schools. At the age of 20 he removed to La Salle County, Ill., and began life as a farmer. Later he took up his residence at Ottawa. He has served as Sheriff of La Salle County, and held

other local offices, and was for many years a part owner and senior editor of "The Ottawa Republican." From 1881 to 1885, as a Republican, he represented the Eighth Illinois District in Congress.

**CULLOM, Richard Northcraft**, farmer and legislator, was born in the State of Maryland, October 1, 1795, but early removed to Wayne County, Ky., where he was married to Miss Elizabeth Coffey, a native of North Carolina. In 1830 he removed to Illinois, settling near Washington, Tazewell County, where he continued to reside during the remainder of his life. Although a farmer by vocation, Mr. Cullom was a man of prominence and a recognized leader in public affairs. In 1836 he was elected as a Whig Representative in the Tenth General Assembly, serving in the same body with Abraham Lincoln, of whom he was an intimate personal and political friend. In 1840 he was chosen a member of the State Senate, serving in the Twelfth and Thirteenth General Assemblies, and, in 1852, was again elected to the House. Mr. Cullom's death occurred in Tazewell County, Dec. 4, 1872, his wife having died Dec. 5, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Cullom were the parents of Hon. Shelby M. Cullom.

**CULLOM, Shelby Moore**, United States Senator, was born in Wayne County, Ky., Nov. 22, 1829. His parents removed to Tazewell County, Ill., in 1830, where his father became a member of the Legislature and attained prominence as a public man. After two years spent in Rock River Seminary at Mount Morris, varied by some experience as a teacher, in 1853 the subject of this sketch went to Springfield to enter upon the study of law in the office of Stuart & Edwards. Being admitted to the bar two years afterward, he was almost immediately elected City Attorney, and, in 1856, was a candidate on the Fillmore ticket for Presidential Elector, at the same time being elected to the Twentieth General Assembly for Sangamon County, as he was again, as a Republican, in 1860, being supported alike by the Fillmore men and the Free-Soilers. At the session following the latter election, he was chosen Speaker of the House, which was his first important political recognition. In 1862 he was appointed by President Lincoln a member of the War Claims Commission at Cairo, serving in this capacity with Governor Boutwell of Massachusetts and Charles A. Dana of New York. He was also a candidate for the State Senate the same year, but then sustained his only defeat. Two years later (1864) he was a candidate for Con-

gress, defeating his former preceptor, Hon. John T. Stuart, being re-elected in 1866, and again in 1868, the latter year over B. S. Edwards. He was a delegate to the National Republican Convention of 1872, and, as Chairman of the Illinois delegation, placed General Grant in nomination for the Presidency, holding the same position again in 1884 and in 1892; was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1872 and in 1874, being chosen Speaker a second time in 1873, as he was the unanimous choice of his party for Speaker again in 1875; in 1876 was elected Governor, was re-elected in 1880, and, in 1883, elected to the United States Senate as successor to Hon. David Davis. Having had two re-elections since (1889 and '95), he is now serving his third term, which will expire in 1901. In 1898, by special appointment of President McKinley, Senator Cullom served upon a Commission to investigate the condition of the Hawaiian Islands and report a plan of government for this new division of the American Republic. Other important measures with which his name has been prominently identified have been the laws for the suppression of polygamy in Utah and for the creation of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. At present he is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce and a member of those on Appropriations and Foreign Affairs. His career has been conspicuous for his long public service, the large number of important offices which he has held, the almost unbroken uniformity of his success when a candidate, and his complete exemption from scandals of every sort. No man in the history of the State has been more frequently elected to the United States Senate, and only three—Senators Douglas, Trumbull and Logan—for an equal number of terms; though only one of these (Senator Trumbull) lived to serve out the full period for which he was elected.

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**, situated in the southeast quarter of the State, directly south of Coles County, from which it was cut off in 1842. Its area is 350 square miles, and population (1900), 16,124. The county-seat was at Greenup until 1855, when it was transferred to Prairie City, which was laid off in 1854 and incorporated as a town in 1866. The present county-seat is at Toledo (population, 1890, 676). The Embarras River crosses the county, as do also three lines of railroad. Neoga, a mining town, has a population of 829. The county received its name from the Cumberland Road, which, as originally projected, passed through it.

**CUMMINS, (Rev.) David**, Bishop of the Reformed Protestant Episcopal Church, was born near Smyrna, Del., Dec. 11, 1822; graduated at Dickinson College, Pa., in 1841, and became a licentiate in the Methodist ministry, but, in 1846, took orders in the Episcopal Church; afterwards held rectorships in Baltimore, Norfolk, Richmond and the Trinity Episcopal Church of Chicago, in 1866 being consecrated Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky. As a recognized leader of the Low-Church or Evangelical party, he early took issue with the ritualistic tendencies of the High-Church party, and, having withdrawn from the Episcopal Church in 1873, became the first Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal organization. He was zealous, eloquent and conscientious, but overtaxed his strength in his new field of labor, dying at Lutherville, Md., June 26, 1876. A memoir of Bishop Cummins, by his wife, was published in 1878.

**CUMULATIVE VOTE.** (See *Minority Representation*.)

**CURTIS, Harvey**, clergyman and educator, was born in Adams, Jefferson County, N. Y., May 30, 1806; graduated at Middlebury College, Vt., in 1831, with the highest honors of his class; after three years at Princeton Theological Seminary, was ordained pastor of the Congregational church at Brandon, Vt., in 1836. In 1841 he accepted an appointment as agent of the Home Missionary Society for Ohio and Indiana, between 1843 and 1858 holding pastorates at Madison, Ind., and Chicago. In the latter year he was chosen President of Knox College, at Galesburg, dying there, Sept. 18, 1862.

**CURTIS, William Elroy**, journalist, was born at Akron, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1850; graduated at Western Reserve College in 1871, meanwhile learning the art of typesetting; later served as a reporter on "The Cleveland Leader" and, in 1872, took a subordinate position on "The Chicago Inter Ocean," finally rising to that of managing-editor. While on "The Inter Ocean" he accompanied General Custer in his campaign against the Sioux, spent several months investigating the "Ku-Klux" and "White League" organizations in the South, and, for some years, was "The Inter Ocean" correspondent in Washington. Having retired from "The Inter Ocean," he became Secretary of the "Pan-American Congress" in Washington, and afterwards made the tour of the United States with the South and Central American representatives in that Congress. During the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago he had general supervision of the

Latin-American historical and archaeological exhibits. Mr. Curtis has visited nearly every Central and South American country and has written elaborately on these subjects for the magazines and for publication in book form; has also published a "Life of Zachariah Chandler" and a "Diplomatic History of the United States and Foreign Powers." For some time he was managing editor of "The Chicago News" and is now (1898) the Washington Correspondent of "The Chicago Record."

**CUSHMAN, (Col.) William H. W.**, financier and manufacturer, was born at Freetown, Mass., May 13, 1813; educated at the American Literary, Scientific and Military Academy, Norwich, Vt.; at 18 began a mercantile career at Middlebury, and, in 1824, removed to La Salle County, Ill., where he opened a country store, also built a mill at Vermilionville; later was identified with many large financial enterprises which generally proved successful, thereby accumulating a fortune at one time estimated at \$3,000,000. He was elected as a Democrat to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth General Assemblies (1842 and '44) and, for several years, held a commission as Captain of the Ottawa Cavalry (militia). The Civil War coming on, he assisted in organizing the Fifty-third Illinois Volunteers, and was commissioned its Colonel, but resigned Sept. 3, 1862. He organized and was principal owner of the Bank of Ottawa, which, in 1865, became the First National Bank of that city; was the leading spirit in the Hydraulic Company and the Gas Company at Ottawa, built and operated the Ottawa Machine Shops and Foundry, speculated largely in lands in La Salle and Cook Counties—his operations in the latter being especially large about Riverside, as well as in Chicago, was a principal stockholder in the bank of Cushman & Hardin in Chicago, had large interests in the lumber trade in Michigan, and was one of the builders of the Chicago, Paducah & Southwestern Railroad. The Chicago fire of 1871, however, brought financial disaster upon him, which finally dissipated his fortune and destroyed his mental and physical health. His death occurred at Ottawa, Oct. 28, 1878.

**DALE, Michael G.**, lawyer, was born in Lancaster, Pa., spent his childhood and youth in the public schools of his native city, except one year in West Chester Academy, when he entered Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, graduating there in 1835. He then began the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1837; coming to

Illinois the following year, he was retained in a suit at Greenville, Bond County, which led to his employment in others, and finally to opening an office there. In 1839 he was elected Probate Judge of Bond County, remaining in office fourteen years, meanwhile being commissioned Major of the State Militia in 1844, and serving as member of a Military Court at Alton in 1847; was also the Delegate from Bond County to the State Constitutional Convention of 1847. In 1853 he resigned the office of County Judge in Bond County to accept that of Register of the Land office at Edwardsville, where he continued to reside, filling the office of County Judge in Madison County five or six terms, besides occupying some subordinate positions. Judge Dale married a daughter of Hon. William L. D. Ewing. Died at Edwardsville, April 1, 1895.

**DALLAS CITY**, a town of Hancock County, at the intersection of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroads, 16 miles south of Burlington. It has manufactories of lumber, buttons, carriages and wagons, and two weekly newspapers. Population (1880), 829; (1890), 747; (1900), 970.

**DANENHOWER, John Wilson**, Arctic explorer, was born in Chicago, Sept. 30, 1849—the son of W. W. Danenhower, a journalist. After passing through the schools of Chicago and Washington, he graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1870, was successively commissioned as Ensign, Master and Lieutenant, and served on expeditions in the North Pacific and in the Mediterranean. In 1878 he joined the Arctic steamer *Jeannette* at Havre, France, as second in command under Lieut. George W. De Long; proceeding to San Francisco in July, 1879, the steamer entered the Arctic Ocean by way of Behring Straits. Here, having been caught in an ice-pack, the vessel was held twenty-two months, Lieutenant Danenhower meanwhile being disabled most of the time by ophthalmia. The crew, as last compelled to abandon the steamer, dragged their boats over the ice for ninety-five days until they were able to launch them in open water, but were soon separated by a gale. The boat commanded by Lieutenant Danenhower reached the Lena Delta, on the north coast of Siberia, where the crew were rescued by natives, landing Sept. 17, 1881. After an ineffectual search on the delta for the crews of the other two boats, Lieutenant Danenhower, with his crew, made the journey of 6,000 miles to Orenburg, finally arriving in the United States in June, 1882. He has told the story of the expedition in "The

Narrative of the *Jeannette*," published in 1882. Died, at Annapolis, Md., April 20, 1887.

**DANVERS**, a village of McLean County, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway. The section is agricultural. The town has a bank and a newspaper. Population (1880), 460; (1890), 506; (1900), 607.

**DANVILLE**, the county-seat of Vermilion County, on Vermilion River and on five important lines of railroad; in rich coal-mining district and near large deposits of shale and soapstone, which are utilized in manufacture of sewer-pipe, paving and fire-clay brick. The city has car-shops and numerous factories, water-works, electric lights, paved streets, several banks, twenty-seven churches, five graded schools and one high school, and six newspapers, three daily. A Soldiers' Home is located three miles east of the city. Pop. (1890), 11,491; (1900), 16,354.

**DANVILLE, OLNEY, & OHIO RIVER RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago & Ohio River Railroad*.)

**DANVILLE, URBANA, BLOOMINGTON & PEKIN RAILROAD.** (See *Peoria & Eastern Railroad*.)

**D'ARTAGUIETTE, Pierre**, a French commandant of Illinois from 1734 to 1736, having been appointed by Bienville, then Governor of Louisiana. He was distinguished for gallantry and courage. He defeated the Natchez Indians, but, in an unsuccessful expedition against the Chickasaws, was wounded, captured and burned at the stake.

**DAYENPORT, George**, soldier, pioneer and trader, born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1783, came to this country in 1804, and soon after enlisted in the United States army, with the rank of sergeant. He served gallantly on various expeditions in the West, where he obtained a knowledge of the Indians which was afterward of great value to him. During the War of 1813 his regiment was sent East, where he participated in the defense of Fort Erie and in other enterprises. In 1815, his term of enlistment having expired and the war ended, he entered the service of the contract commissary. He selected the site for Fort Armstrong and aided in planning and supervising its construction. He cultivated friendly relations with the surrounding tribes, and, in 1818, built a double log house, married, and engaged in business as a fur-trader, near the site of the present city of Rock Island. He had the confidence and respect of the savages, was successful and his trading posts were soon scattered through Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. In 1823 he piloted the first steamboat through the



upper Mississippi, and, in 1825, was appointed the first postmaster at Rock Island, being the only white civilian resident there. In 1826 he united his business with that of the American Fur Company, in whose service he remained. Although he employed every effort to induce President Jackson to make a payment to Black Hawk and his followers to induce them to emigrate across the Mississippi voluntarily, when that Chief commenced hostilities, Mr. Davenport tendered his services to Governor Reynolds, by whom he was commissioned Quartermaster-General with the rank of Colonel. Immigration increased rapidly after the close of the Black Hawk War. In 1835 a company, of which he was a member, founded the town of Davenport, opposite Rock Island, which was named in his honor. In 1837 and '42 he was largely instrumental in negotiating treaties by which the Indians ceded their lands in Iowa to the United States. In the latter year he gave up the business of fur-trading, having accumulated a fortune through hard labor and scrupulous integrity, in the face often of grave perils. He had large business interests in nearly every town in his vicinity, to all of which he gave more or less personal attention. On the night of July 4, 1843, he was assassinated at his home by robbers. For a long time the crime was shrouded in mystery, but its perpetrators were ultimately detected and brought to punishment.

**DAVIS, David**, jurist and United States Senator, was born in Cecil County, Md., March 9, 1815; pursued his academic studies at Kenyon College, Ohio, and studied law at Yale. He settled at Bloomington, Ill., in 1836, and, after practicing law there until 1844, was elected to the lower house of the Fourteenth General Assembly. After serving in the Constitutional Convention of 1847, he was elected Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit under the new Constitution in 1848, being re-elected in 1855 and '61. He was a warm, personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, who, in 1862, placed him upon the bench of the United States Supreme Court. He resigned his high judicial honors to become United States Senator in 1877 as successor to Logan's first term. On Oct. 13, 1881, he was elected President pro tem. of the Senate, serving in this capacity to the end of his term in 1885. He died at his home in Bloomington, June 26, 1886.

**DAVIS, George R.**, lawyer and Congressman, was born at Three Rivers, Mass., January 3, 1840; received a common school education, and a classical course at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass. From 1862 to 1865 he served in the

Union army, first as Captain in the Eighth Massachusetts Infantry, and later as Major in the Third Rhode Island Cavalry. After the war he removed to Chicago, where he still resides. By profession he is a lawyer. He took a prominent part in the organization of the Chicago militia, was elected Colonel of the First Regiment, I. N. G., and was for a time the senior Colonel in the State service. In 1876 he was an unsuccessful Republican candidate for Congress, but was elected in 1878, and re-elected in 1880 and 1882. From 1886 to 1890 he was Treasurer of Cook County. He took an active and influential part in securing the location of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, and was Director-General of the Exposition from its inception to its close, by his executive ability demonstrating the wisdom of his selection. Died Nov. 25, 1899.

**DAVIS, Hasbrouck**, soldier and journalist, was born at Worcester, Mass., April 23, 1827, being the son of John Davis, United States Senator and Governor of Massachusetts, known in his lifetime as "Honest John Davis." The son came to Chicago in 1855 and commenced the practice of law; in 1861 joined Colonel Voss in the organization of the Twelfth Illinois Cavalry, being elected Lieutenant-Colonel and, on the retirement of Colonel Voss in 1863, succeeding to the colonelcy. In March, 1865, he was brevetted Brigadier-General, remaining in active service until August, 1865, when he resigned. After the war he was, for a time, editor of "The Chicago Evening Post," was City Attorney of the City of Chicago from 1867 to '69, but later removed to Massachusetts. Colonel Davis was drowned at sea, Oct. 19, 1870, by the loss of the steamship Cambria, while on a voyage to Europe.

**DAVIS, James M.**, early lawyer, was born in Barren County, Ky., Oct. 9, 1793, came to Illinois in 1817, located in Bond County and is said to have taught the first school in that county. He became a lawyer and a prominent leader of the Whig party, was elected to the Thirteenth General Assembly (1842) from Bond County, and to the Twenty-first from Montgomery in 1858, having, in the meantime, become a citizen of Hillsboro; was also a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1847. Mr. Davis was a man of striking personal appearance, being over six feet in height, and of strong individuality. After the dissolution of the Whig party he identified himself with the Democracy and was an intensely bitter opponent of the war policy of the Government. Died, at Hillsboro, Sept. 17, 1866.

**DAVIS, John A.**, soldier, was born in Crawford County, Pa., Oct. 25, 1823; came to Stephenson County, Ill., in boyhood and served as Representative in the General Assembly of 1857 and '59; in September, 1861, enlisted as a private, was elected Captain and, on the organization of the Forty-sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, at Camp Butler, was commissioned its Colonel. He participated in the capture of Fort Donelson, and in the battle of Shiloh was desperately wounded by a shot through the lungs, but recovered in time to join his regiment before the battle of Corinth, where, on Oct. 4, 1862, he fell mortally wounded, dying a few days after. On receiving a request from some of his fellow-citizens, a few days before his death, to accept a nomination for Congress in the Freeport District, Colonel Davis patriotically replied: "I can serve my country better in following the torn banner of my regiment in the battlefield."

**DAVIS, Levi**, lawyer and State Auditor, was born in Cecil County, Md., July 20, 1806; graduated at Jefferson College, Pa., in 1828, and was admitted to the bar at Baltimore in 1830. The following year he removed to Illinois, settling at Vandalia, then the capital. In 1835 Governor Duncan appointed him Auditor of Public Accounts, to which office he was elected by the Legislature in 1837, and again in 1838. In 1846 he took up his residence at Alton. He attained prominence at the bar and was, for several years, attorney for the Chicago & Alton and St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad Companies, in which he was also a Director. Died, at Alton, March 4, 1897.

**DAVIS, Nathan Smith, M.D., LL.D.**, physician, educator and editor, was born in Chenango County, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1817; took a classical and scientific course in Cazenovia Seminary; in 1837 graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, winning several prizes during his course; the same year began practice at Binghamton; spent two years (1847-49) in New York City, when he removed to Chicago to accept the chair of Physiology and General Pathology in Rush Medical College. In 1859 he accepted a similar position in the Chicago Medical College (now the medical department of Northwestern University), where he still remains. Dr. Davis has not only been a busy practitioner, but a voluminous writer on general and special topics connected with his profession, having been editor at different times of several medical periodicals, including "The Chicago Medical Journal," "The Medical Journal and Examiner," and "The

Journal of the American Medical Association." He has also been prominent in State, National and International Medical Congresses, and is one of the founders of the Northwestern University, the Chicago Academy of Sciences, the Chicago Historical Society, the Illinois State Microscopical Society and the Union College of Law, besides other scientific and benevolent associations.

**DAVIS, Oliver L.**, lawyer, was born in New York City, Dec. 20, 1819; after being in the employ of the American Fur Company some seven years, came to Danville, Ill., in 1841 and commenced studying law the next year; was elected to the lower branch of the Seventeenth and Twentieth General Assemblies, first as a Democrat and next (1856) as a Republican; served on the Circuit Bench in 1861-66, and again in 1873-79, being assigned in 1877 to the Appellate bench. Died, Jan. 12, 1892.

**DAWSON, John**, early legislator, was born in Virginia, in 1791; came to Illinois in 1827, settling in Sangamon County; served five terms in the lower house of the General Assembly (1830, '34, '36, '38 and '46), during a part of the time being the colleague of Abraham Lincoln. He was one of the celebrated "Long Nine" who represented Sangamon County at the time of the removal of the State capital to Springfield; was also a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1847. Died, Nov. 12, 1850.

**DEAF AND DUMB, ILLINOIS INSTITUTION FOR EDUCATION OF**, located at Jacksonville, established by act of the Legislature, Feb. 23, 1839, and the oldest of the State charitable institutions. Work was not begun until 1842, but one building was ready for partial occupancy in 1846 and was completed in 1849. (In 1871 this building, then known as the south wing, was declared unsafe, and was razed and rebuilt.) The center building was completed in 1852 and the north wing in 1857. Other additions and new buildings have been added from time to time, such as new dining halls, workshops, barns, bakery, refrigerator house, kitchens, a gymnasium, separate cottages for the sexes, etc. At present (1895) the institution is probably the largest, as it is unquestionably one of the best conducted, of its class in the world. The number of pupils in 1894 was 716. Among its employés are men and women of ripe culture and experience, who have been connected with it for more than a quarter of a century.

**DEARBORN, Luther**, lawyer and legislator, was born at Plymouth, N. H., March 24, 1820,

and educated in Plymouth schools and at New Hampton Academy; in youth removed to Dearborn County, Ind., where he taught school and served as deputy Circuit Clerk; then came to Mason County, Ill., and, in 1844, to Elgin. Here he was elected Sheriff and, at the expiration of his term, Circuit Clerk, later engaging in the banking business, which proving disastrous in 1857, he returned to Mason County and began the practice of law. He then spent some years in Minnesota, finally returning to Illinois a second time, resumed practice at Havana, served one term in the State Senate (1876-80); in 1884 became member of a law firm in Chicago, but retired in 1887 to accept the attorneyship of the Chicago & Alton Railway, retaining this position until his death, which occurred suddenly at Springfield, April 5, 1889. For the last two years of his life Mr. Dearborn's residence was at Aurora.

**DECATUR**, the county-seat of Macon County; 39 miles east of Springfield and one mile north of the Sangamon River—also an important railway center. Three coal shafts are operated outside the city. It is a center for the grain trade, having five elevators. Extensive car and repair shops are located there, and several important manufacturing industries flourish, among them three flouring mills. Decatur has paved streets, water-works, electric street railways, and excellent public schools, including one of the best and most noted high schools in the State. Four newspapers are published there, each issuing a daily edition. Pop., (1890), 16,841; (1900), 20,754.

**DECATUR EDITORIAL CONVENTION.** (See *Anti-Nebraska Editorial Convention*.)

**DECATUR & EASTERN RAILWAY.** (See *Indiana, Decatur & Western Railway*.)

**DECATUR, MATTOON & SOUTHERN RAILROAD.** (See *Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway*.)

**DECATUR, SULLIVAN & MATTOON RAILROAD.** (See *Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway*.)

**DEEP SNOW, THE**, an event occurring in the winter of 1830-31 and referred to by old settlers of Illinois as constituting an epoch in State history. The late Dr. Julian M. Sturtevant, President of Illinois College, in an address to the "Old Settlers" of Morgan County, a few years before his death, gave the following account of it: "In the interval between Christmas, 1830, and January, 1831, snow fell all over Central Illinois to a depth of fully three feet on a level. Then came a rain with weather so cold that it froze as it

fell, forming a crust of ice over this three feet of snow, nearly, if not quite, strong enough to bear a man, and finally over this crust there were a few inches of snow. The clouds passed away and the wind came down upon us from the northwest with extraordinary ferocity. For weeks—certainly not less than two weeks—the mercury in the thermometer tube was not, on any one morning, higher than twelve degrees below zero. This snow-fall produced constant sleighing for nine weeks." Other contemporaneous accounts say that this storm caused great suffering among both men and beasts. The scattered settlers, unable to reach the mills or produce stores, were driven, in some cases, to great extremity for supplies; mills were stopped by the freezing up of streams, while deer and other game, sinking through the crust of snow, were easily captured or perished for lack of food. Birds and domestic fowls often suffered a like fate for want of sustenance or from the severity of the cold.

**DEERE, John**, manufacturer, was born at Middlebury, Vt., Feb. 7, 1804; learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed until 1838, when he came west, settling at Grand Detour, in Ogle County; ten years later removed to Moline, and there founded the plow-works which bear his name and of which he was President from 1868 until his death in 1886.—**Charles H. (Deere)**, son of the preceding, was born in Hancock, Addison County Vt., March 28, 1837; educated in the common schools and at Iowa and Knox Academies, and Bell's Commercial College, Chicago; became assistant and head book-keeper, traveling and purchasing agent of the Deere Plow Company, and, on its incorporation, Vice-President and General Manager, until his father's death, when he succeeded to the Presidency. He is also the founder of the Deere & Mansur Corn Planter Works, President of the Moline Water Power Company, besides being a Director in various other concerns and in the branch houses of Deere & Co., in Kansas City, Des Moines, Council Bluffs and San Francisco. Notwithstanding his immense business interests, Mr. Deere has found time for the discharge of public and patriotic duties, as shown by the fact that he was for years a member and Chairman of the State Bureau of Labor Statistics; a Commissioner from Illinois to the Vienna International Exposition of 1873; one of the State Commissioners of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893; a Presidential Elector for the State-at-large in 1888, and a delegate from his District to the National Republican Convention at St. Louis, in 1896.

**DEERING, William**, manufacturer, was born at Paris, Oxford County, Maine, April 26, 1826, completed his education at the Readfield high school, in 1843, engaged actively in manufacturing, and during his time has assisted in establishing several large, successful business enterprises, including wholesale and commission dry-goods houses in Portland, Maine, Boston and New York. His greatest work has been the building up of the Deering Manufacturing Company, a main feature of which, for thirty years, has been the manufacture of Marsh harvesters and other agricultural implements and appliances. This concern began operation in Chicago about 1870, at the present time (1899) occupying eighty acres in the north part of the city and employing some 4,000 hands. It is said to turn out a larger amount and greater variety of articles for the use of the agriculturist than any other establishment in the country, receiving its raw material from many foreign countries, including the Philippines, and distributing its products all over the globe. Mr. Deering continues to be President of the Company and a principal factor in the management of its immense business. He is liberal, public-spirited and benevolent, and his business career has been notable for the absence of controversies with his employés. He has been, for a number of years, one of the Trustees of the Northwestern University at Evanston, and, at the present time, is President of the Board.

**DE KALB**, a city in De Kalb County, 58 miles west of Chicago. Of late years it has grown rapidly, largely because of the introduction of new industrial enterprises. It contains a large wire drawing plant, barbed wire factories, foundry, agricultural implement works, machine shop, shoe factory and several minor manufacturing establishments. It has banks, four newspapers, electric street railway, eight miles of paved streets, nine churches and three graded schools. It is the site of the Northern State Normal School, located in 1895. Population (1880), 1,598; (1890), 2,579; (1900), 5,904; (1903, est.), 8,000.

**DE KALB COUNTY**, originally a portion of La Salle County, and later of Kane; was organized in 1837, and named for Baron De Kalb, the Revolutionary patriot. Its area is 650 square miles and population (in 1900), 31,756. The land is elevated and well drained, lying between Fox and Rock Rivers. Prior to 1835 the land belonged to the Pottawatomie Indians, who maintained several villages and their own tribal government. No sooner had the aborigines been removed than white settlers appeared in large numbers, and,

in September, 1835, a convocation was held on the banks of the Kishwaukee, to adopt a temporary form of government. The public lands in the county were sold at auction in Chicago in 1843. Sycamore (originally called Orange) is the county-seat, and, in 1890, had a population of 2,987. Brick buildings were first erected at Sycamore by J. S. Waterman and the brothers Mayo. In 1854, H. A. Hough established the first newspaper, "The Republican Sentinel." Other prosperous towns are De Kalb (population, 2,579), Cortland, Malta and Somonauk. The surface is generally rolling, upland prairie, with numerous groves and wooded tracts along the principal streams. Various lines of railroad traverse the county, which embraces one of the wealthiest rural districts in the State.

**DE KALB & GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD.**  
(See *Chicago Great Western Railway*.)

**DELAVAN**, a thriving city in Tazewell County, on the line of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, at the point of its intersection with the Peoria and Pekin Division of the Illinois Central Railway, 34 miles west-southwest of Bloomington and 24 miles south of Peoria. Grain is extensively grown in the adjacent territory, and much shipped from Delavan. The place supports two banks, tile and brick factory, creamery, and two weekly papers. It also has five churches and a graded school. Pop. (1890), 1,176, (1900), 1,304.

**DEMENT, Henry Dodge**, ex-Secretary of State, was born at Galena, Ill., in 1840—the son of Colonel John Dement, an early and prominent citizen of the State, who held the office of State Treasurer and was a member of the Constitutional Conventions of 1847 and 1870. Colonel Dement having removed to Dixon about 1845, the subject of this sketch was educated there and at Mount Morris. Having enlisted in the Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry in 1861, he was elected a Second Lieutenant and soon promoted to First Lieutenant—also received from Governor Yates a complimentary commission as Captain for gallantry at Arkansas Post and at Chickasaw Bayou, where the commander of his regiment, Col. J. B. Wyman, was killed. Later he served with General Curtis in Mississippi and in the Fifteenth Army Corps in the siege of Vicksburg. After leaving the army he engaged in the manufacturing business for some years at Dixon. Captain Dement entered the State Legislature by election as Representative from Lee County in 1872, was re-elected in 1874 and, in 1876, was promoted to the Senate, serving in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies. In 1880 he was



chosen Secretary of State, and re-elected in 1884, serving eight years. The last public position held by Captain Dement was that of Warden of the State Penitentiary at Joliet, to which he was appointed in 1891, serving two years. His present home is at Oak Park, Cook County.

**DEMENT, John**, was born in Sumner County, Tenn., in April, 1804. When 13 years old he accompanied his parents to Illinois, settling in Franklin County, of which he was elected Sheriff in 1826, and which he represented in the General Assemblies of 1828 and '30. He served with distinction during the Black Hawk War, having previously had experience in two Indian campaigns. In 1831 he was elected State Treasurer by the Legislature, but, in 1836, resigned this office to represent Fayette County in the General Assembly and aid in the fight against the removal of the capital to Springfield. His efforts failing of success, he removed to the northern part of the State, finally locating at Dixon, where he became extensively engaged in manufacturing. In 1837 President Van Buren appointed him Receiver of Public Moneys, but he was removed by President Harrison in 1841; was reappointed by Polk in 1845, only to be again removed by Taylor in 1849 and reappointed by Pierce in 1853. He held the office from that date until it was abolished. He was a Democratic Presidential Elector in 1844; served in three Constitutional Conventions (1847, '62, and '70), being Temporary President of the two bodies last named. He was the father of Hon. Denry D. Dement, Secretary of State of Illinois from 1884 to 1888. He died at his home at Dixon, Jan. 16, 1883.

**DENT, Thomas**, lawyer, was born in Putnam County, Ill., Nov. 14, 1831; in his youth was employed in the Clerk's office of Putnam County, meanwhile studying law; was admitted to the bar in 1854, and, in 1856, opened an office in Chicago; is still in practice and has served as President, both of the Chicago Law Institute and the State Bar Association.

**DES PLAINES**, a village of Cook County, at the intersection of the Chicago & Northwestern and the Wisconsin Central Railroads, 17 miles northwest from Chicago; is a dairying region. Population (1880), 818; (1890), 986; (1900), 1,666.

**DES PLAINES RIVER**, a branch of the Illinois River, which rises in Racine County, Wis., and, after passing through Kenosha County, in that State, and Lake County, Ill., running nearly parallel to the west shore of Lake Michigan through Cook County, finally unites with the Kankakee, about 13 miles southwest of Joliet, by

its confluence with the latter forming the Illinois River. Its length is about 150 miles. The Chicago Drainage Canal is constructed in the valley of the Des Plaines for a considerable portion of the distance between Chicago and Joliet.

**DEWEY, (Dr.) Richard S.**, physician, alienist, was born at Forestville, N. Y., Dec. 6, 1845; after receiving his primary education took a two years' course in the literary and a three years' course in the medical department of the Michigan University at Ann Arbor, graduating from the latter in 1869. He then began practice as House Physician and Surgeon in the City Hospital at Brooklyn, N. Y., remaining for a year, after which he visited Europe inspecting hospitals and sanitary methods, meanwhile spending six months in the Prussian military service as Surgeon during the Franco-Prussian War. After the close of the war he took a brief course in the University of Berlin, when, returning to the United States, he was employed for seven years as Assistant Physician in the Northern Hospital for the Insane at Elgin. In 1879 he was appointed Medical Superintendent of the Eastern Hospital for the Insane at Kankakee, remaining until the accession of John P. Altgeld to the Governorship in 1893. Dr. Dewey's reputation as a specialist in the treatment of the insane has stood among the highest of his class.

**DE WITT COUNTY**, situated in the central portion of the State; has an area of 405 square miles and a population (1900) of 18,972. The land was originally owned by the Kickapoos and Pottawatomies, and not until 1830 did the first permanent white settlers occupy this region. The first to come were Felix Jones, Prettyman Marvel, William Cottrell, Samuel Glenn, and the families of Scott, Lundy and Coaps. Previously, however, the first cabin had been built on the site of the present Farmer City by Nathan Clearwater. Zion Shugest erected the earliest grist-mill and Burrell Post the first saw-mill in the county. Kentuckians and Tennesseans were the first immigrants, but not until the advent of settlers from Ohio did permanent improvements begin to be made. In 1835 a school house and Presbyterian church were built at Waynesville. The county was organized in 1839, and—with its capital (Clinton)—was named after one of New York's most distinguished Governors. It lies within the great "corn belt," and is well watered by Salt Creek and its branches. Most of the surface is rolling prairie, interspersed with woodland. Several lines of railway (among them the Illinois Central) cross the county. Clinton had a popu-

lation of 2,598 in 1890, and Farmer City, 1,367. Both are railroad centers and have considerable trade.

**DE WOLF, Calvin**, pioneer and philanthropist, was born in Luzerne County, Pa., Feb. 18, 1815; taken early in life to Vermont, and, at 19 years of age, commenced teaching at Orwell, in that State; spent one year at a manual labor school in Ashtabula County, Ohio, and, in 1837, came to Chicago, and soon after began teaching in Will County, still later engaging in the same vocation in Chicago. In 1839 he commenced the study of law with Messrs. Spring & Goodrich and, in 1843, was admitted to practice. In 1854 he was elected a Justice of the Peace, retaining the position for a quarter of a century, winning for himself the reputation of a sagacious and incorruptible public officer. Mr. De Wolf was an original abolitionist and his home is said to have been one of the stations on the "underground railroad" in the days of slavery. Died Nov. 28, '90.

**DEXTER, Wirt**, lawyer, born at Dexter, Mich., Oct. 25, 1831; was educated in the schools of his native State and at Cazenovia Seminary, N. Y. He was descended from a family of lawyers, his grandfather, Samuel Dexter, having been Secretary of War, and afterwards Secretary of the Treasury, in the cabinet of the elder Adams. Coming to Chicago at the beginning of his professional career, Mr. Dexter gave considerable attention at first to his father's extensive lumber trade. He was a zealous and eloquent supporter of the Government during the Civil War, and was an active member of the Relief and Aid Society after the fire of 1871. His entire professional life was spent in Chicago, for several years before his death being in the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as its general solicitor and member of the executive committee of the Board of Directors. Died in Chicago, May 20, 1890.

**DICKEY, Hugh Thompson**, jurist, was born in New York City, May 30, 1811; graduated from Columbia College, read law and was admitted to the bar. He visited Chicago in 1836, and four years later settled there, becoming one of its most influential citizens. Upon the organization of the County Court of Cook County in 1845, Mr. Dickey was appointed its Judge. In September, 1848, he was elected Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, practically without partisan opposition, serving until the expiration of his term in 1853. He was prominently identified with several important commercial enterprises, was one of the founders of the Chicago Library

Association, and one of the first Trustees of the Illinois General Hospital of the Lakes, now Mercy Hospital. In 1885 he left Chicago to take up his residence in his native city, New York, where he died, June 2, 1892.

**DICKEY, Theophilus Lyle**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Bourbon County, Ky., Nov. 12, 1812, the grandson of a Revolutionary soldier, graduated at the Miami (Ohio) University, and removed to Illinois in 1834, settling at Macomb, McDonough County, where he was admitted to the bar in 1835. In 1836 he moved to Rushville, where he resided three years, a part of the time editing a Whig newspaper. Later he became a resident of Ottawa, and, at the opening of the Mexican War, organized a company of volunteers, of which he was chosen Captain. In 1861 he raised a regiment of cavalry which was mustered into service as the Fourth Illinois Cavalry, and of which he was commissioned Colonel, taking an active part in Grant's campaigns in the West. In 1865 he resigned his commission and resumed the practice of his profession at Ottawa. In 1866 he was an unsuccessful candidate for Congressman for the State-at-large in opposition to John A. Logan, and, in 1868, was tendered and accepted the position of Assistant Attorney-General of the United States, resigning after eighteen months' service. In 1873 he removed to Chicago, and, in 1874, was made Corporation Counsel. In December, 1875, he was elected to the Supreme Court, vice W. K. McAllister, deceased; was re-elected in 1879, and died at Atlantic City, July 29, 1885.

**DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, THE**, known also as the Christian Church and as "Campbellites," having been founded by Alexander Campbell. Many members settled in Illinois in the early 30's, and, in the central portion of the State, the denomination soon began to flourish greatly. Any one was admitted to membership who made what is termed a scriptural confession of faith and was baptized by immersion. Alexander Campbell was an eloquent preacher and a man of much native ability, as well as a born conversationalist. The sect has steadily grown in numbers and influence in the State. The United States Census of 1890 showed 641 churches in the State, with 368 ministers and an aggregate membership of 61,587, having 550 Sunday schools, with 50,000 pupils in attendance. The value of the real property, which included 552 church edifices (with a seating capacity of 155,000) and 30 parsonages, was \$1,167,675. The denomination supports Eureka College, with an attendance of between

400 and 500 students, while its assets are valued at \$150,000. Total membership in the United States, estimated at 750,000.

**DIXON**, an incorporated city, the county-seat of Lee County. It lies on both sides of Rock River and is the point of intersection of the Illinois Central and the Chicago & Northwestern Railroads; is 98 miles west of Chicago. Rock River furnishes abundant water power and the manufacturing interests of the city are very extensive, including large plow works, wire-cloth factory, wagon factory; also has electric light and power plant, three shoe factories, planing mills, and a condensed milk factory. There are two National and one State bank, eleven churches, a hospital, and three newspapers. In schools the city particularly excels, having several graded (grammar) schools and two colleges. The Chautauqua Assembly holds its meeting here annually. Population (1890), 5,161; (1900), 7,917.

**DIXON, John**, pioneer—the first white settler in Lee County, Ill., was born at Rye, Westchester County, N. Y., Oct. 9, 1784; at 21 removed to New York City, where he was in business some fifteen years. In 1820 he set out with his family for the West, traveling by land to Pittsburg, and thence by flat-boat to Shawneetown. Having disembarked his horses and goods here, he pushed out towards the northwest, passing the vicinity of Springfield, and finally locating on Fancy Creek, some nine miles north of the present site of that city. Here he remained some five years, in that time serving as foreman of the first Sangamon County Grand Jury. The new county of Peoria having been established in 1825, he was offered and accepted the appointment of Circuit Clerk, removing to Fort Clark, as Peoria was then called. Later he became contractor for carrying the mail on the newly established route between Peoria and Galena. Compelled to provide means of crossing Rock River, he induced a French and Indian half-breed, named Ogee, to take charge of a ferry at a point afterwards known as Ogee's Ferry. The tide of travel to the lead-mine region caused both the mail-route and the ferry to prove profitable, and, as the half-breed ferryman could not endure prosperity, Mr. Dixon was forced to buy him out, removing his family to this point in April, 1830. Here he established friendly relations with the Indians, and, during the Black Hawk War, two years later, was enabled to render valuable service to the State. His station was for many years one of the most important points in Northern Illinois, and among the men of national reputation who

were entertained at different times at his home may be named Gen. Zachary Taylor, Albert Sidney Johnston, Gen. Winfield Scott, Jefferson Davis, Col. Robert Anderson, Abraham Lincoln, Col. E. D. Baker and many more. He bought the land where Dixon now stands in 1835 and laid off the town; in 1838 was elected by the Legislature a member of the Board of Public Works, and, in 1840, secured the removal of the land office from Galena to Dixon. Colonel Dixon was a delegate from Lee County to the Republican State Convention at Bloomington, in May, 1856, and, although then considerably over 70 years of age, spoke from the same stand with Abraham Lincoln, his presence producing much enthusiasm. His death occurred, July 6, 1876.

**DOANE, John Wesley**, merchant and banker, was born at Thompson, Windham County, Conn., March 23, 1833; was educated in the common schools, and, at 22 years of age, came to Chicago and opened a small grocery store which, by 1870, had become one of the most extensive concerns of its kind in the Northwest. It was swept out of existence by the fire of 1871, but was re-established and, in 1872, transferred to other parties, although Mr. Doane continued to conduct an importing business in many lines of goods used in the grocery trade. Having become interested in the Merchants' Loan & Trust Company, he was elected its President and has continued to act in that capacity. He is also a stockholder and a Director of the Pullman Palace Car Company, the Allen Paper Car Wheel Company and the Illinois Central Railroad, and was a leading promoter of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893—being one of those who guaranteed the \$5,000,000 to be raised by the citizens of Chicago to assure the success of the enterprise.

**DOLTON STATION**, a village of Cook County, on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, the Chicago & Western Indiana, and the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroads, 16 miles south of Chicago; has a carriage factory, a weekly paper, churches and a graded school. Population (1880) 448; (1890), 1,110; (1900), 1,229.

**DONGOLA**, a village in Union County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 27 miles north of Cairo. Population (1880), 599; (1890), 733; (1900), 681.

**DOOLITTLE, James Rood**, United States Senator, was born in Hampton, Washington County, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1815; educated at Middlebury and Geneva (now Hobart) Colleges, admitted to the bar in 1837 and practiced at Rochester and Warsaw, N. Y.; was elected District Attorney of Wyoming County, N. Y., in 1845, and in 1851

removed to Wisconsin; two years later was elected Circuit Judge, but resigned in 1856, and the following year was elected as a Democratic-Republican to the United States Senate, being re-elected as a Republican in 1863. Retiring from public life in 1869, he afterwards resided chiefly at Racine, Wis., though practicing in the courts of Chicago. He was President of the National Union Convention at Philadelphia in 1866, and of the National Democratic Convention of 1872 in Baltimore, which endorsed Horace Greeley for President. Died, at Edgewood, R. I., July 27, 1897.

**DORE, John Clark**, first Superintendent of Chicago City Schools, was born at Ossipee, N. H., March 22, 1822; began teaching at 17 years of age and graduated at Dartmouth College in 1847; then taught several years and, in 1854, was offered and accepted the position of Superintendent of City Schools of Chicago, but resigned two years later. Afterwards engaging in business, he served as Vice-President and President of the Board of Trade, President of the Commercial Insurance Company and of the State Savings Institution; was a member of the State Senate, 1868-72, and has been identified with various benevolent organizations of the city of Chicago. Died in Boston, Mass., Dec., 14, 1900.

**DOUGHERTY, John**, lawyer and Lieutenant-Governor, was born at Marietta, Ohio, May 6, 1806; brought by his parents, in 1808, to Cape Girardeau, Mo., where they remained until after the disastrous earthquakes in that region in 1811-12, when, his father having died, his mother removed to Jonesboro, Ill. Here he finally read law with Col. A. P. Field, afterwards Secretary of State, being admitted to the bar in 1831 and early attaining prominence as a successful criminal lawyer. He soon became a recognized political leader, was elected as a member of the House to the Eighth General Assembly (1832) and re-elected in 1834, '36 and '40, and again in 1856, and to the Senate in 1842, serving in the latter body until the adoption of the Constitution of 1848. Originally a Democrat, he was, in 1858, the Administration (Buchanan) candidate for State Treasurer, as opposed to the Douglas wing of the party, but, in 1861, became a strong supporter of Abraham Lincoln. He served as Presidential Elector on the Republican ticket in 1864 and in 1872 (the former year for the State-at-large), in 1868 was elected Lieutenant-Governor and, in 1877, to a seat on the criminal bench, serving until June, 1879. Died, at Jonesboro, Sept. 7, 1879.

**DOUGLAS, John M.**, lawyer and Railway President, was born at Plattsburg, Clinton County, N. Y., August 22, 1819; read law three years in his native city, then came west and settled at Galena, Ill., where he was admitted to the bar in 1841 and began practice. In 1856 he removed to Chicago, and, the following year, became one of the solicitors of the Illinois Central Railroad, with which he had been associated as an attorney at Galena. Between 1861 and 1876 he was a Director of the Company over twelve years; from 1865 to 1871 its President, and again for eighteen months in 1875-76, when he retired permanently. Mr. Douglas' contemporaries speak of him as a lawyer of great ability, as well as a capable executive officer. Died, in Chicago, March 25, 1891.

**DOUGLAS, Stephen Arnold**, statesman, was born at Brandon, Vt., April 23, 1813. In consequence of the death of his father in infancy, his early educational advantages were limited. When fifteen he applied himself to the cabinet-maker's trade, and, in 1830, accompanied his mother and step-father to Ontario County, N. Y. In 1832 he began the study of law, but started for the West in 1833. He taught school at Winchester, Ill., reading law at night and practicing before a Justice of the Peace on Saturdays. He was soon admitted to the bar and took a deep interest in politics. In 1835 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for Morgan County, but a few months later resigned this office to enter the lower house of the Legislature, to which he was elected in 1836. In 1838 he was a candidate for Congress, but was defeated by John T. Stuart, his Whig opponent; was appointed Secretary of State in December, 1840, and, in February, 1841, elected Judge of the Supreme Court. He was elected to Congress in 1842, '44 and '46, and, in the latter year, was chosen United States Senator, taking his seat March 4, 1847, and being re-elected in 1853 and '59. His last canvass was rendered memorable through his joint debate, in 1858, before the people of the State with Abraham Lincoln, whom he defeated before the Legislature. He was a candidate for the presidential nomination before the Democratic National Conventions of 1852 and '56. In 1860, after having failed of a nomination for the Presidency at Charleston, S. C., through the operation of the "two thirds rule," he received the nomination from the adjourned convention held at Baltimore six weeks later—though not until the delegates from nearly all the Southern States had withdrawn, the seceding delegates afterwards nomi-



nating John C. Breckenridge. Although defeated for the Presidency by Lincoln, his old-time antagonist, Douglas yielded a cordial support to the incoming administration in its attitude toward the seceded States, occupying a place of honor beside Mr. Lincoln on the portico of the capitol during the inauguration ceremonies. As politician, orator and statesman, Douglas had few superiors. Quick in perception, facile in expedients, ready in resources, earnest and fearless in utterance, he was a born "leader of men." His shortness of stature, considered in relation to his extraordinary mental acumen, gained for him the sobriquet of the "Little Giant." He died in Chicago, June 3, 1861.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY**, lying a little east of the center of the State, embracing an area of 410 square miles and having a population (1900) of 19,097. The earliest land entry was made by Harrison Gill, of Kentucky, whose patent was signed by Andrew Jackson. Another early settler was John A. Richman, a West Virginian, who erected one of the first frame houses in the county in 1829. The Embarras and Kaskaskia Rivers flow through the county, which is also crossed by the Wabash and Illinois Central Railways. Douglas County was organized in 1857 (being set off from Coles) and named in honor of Stephen A. Douglas, then United States Senator from Illinois. After a sharp struggle Tuscola was made the county-seat. It has been visited by several disastrous conflagrations, but is a thriving town, credited, in 1890, with a population of 1,897. Other important towns are Arcola (population, 1,733), and Camargo, which was originally known as New Salem.

**DOWNERS GROVE**, village, Du Page County, on C., B. & Q. R. R., 21 miles south-southwest from Chicago, incorporated 1873; has water-works, electric lights, telephone system, good schools, bank and a newspaper. Pop. (1890), 960; (1900), 2,103.

**DOWNING, Finis Ewing**, ex-Congressman and lawyer, was born at Virginia, Ill., August 24, 1846; reared on a farm and educated in the public and private schools of his native town; from 1865 was engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1880, when he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cass County, serving three successive terms; read law and was admitted to the bar in December, 1887. In August, 1891, he became interested in "The Virginia Enquirer" (a Democratic paper), which he has since conducted; was elected Secretary of the State Senate in 1893, and, in 1894, was returned as elected to the Fifty-fourth Congress from the Sixteenth District by a

plurality of forty votes over Gen. John I. Rinaker, the Republican nominee. A contest and recount of the ballots resulted, however, in awarding the seat to General Rinaker. In 1896 Mr. Downing was the nominee of his party for Secretary of State, but was defeated with the rest of his ticket.

**DRAKE, Francis Marion**, soldier and Governor, was born at Rushville, Schuyler County, Ill., Dec. 30, 1830; early taken to Drakesville, Iowa, which his father founded; entered mercantile life at 16 years of age; crossed the plains to California in 1852, had experience in Indian warfare and, in 1859, established himself in business at Unionville, Iowa; served through the Civil War, becoming Lieutenant-Colonel and retiring in 1865 with the rank of Brigadier-General by brevet. He re-entered mercantile life after the war, was admitted to the bar in 1866, subsequently engaged in railroad building and, in 1881, contributed the bulk of the funds for founding Drake University; was elected Governor of Iowa in 1895, serving until January, 1898.

**DRAPER, Andrew Sloan, LL.D.**, lawyer and educator, was born in Otsego County, N. Y., June 21, 1848—being a descendant, in the eighth generation, from the "Puritan," James Draper, who settled in Boston in 1647. In 1855 Mr. Draper's parents settled in Albany, N. Y., where he attended school, winning a scholarship in the Albany Academy in 1863, and graduating from that institution in 1866. During the next four years he was employed in teaching, part of the time as an instructor at his alma mater; but, in 1871, graduated from the Union College Law Department, when he began practice. The rank he attained in the profession was indicated by his appointment by President Arthur, in 1884, one of the Judges of the Alabama Claims Commission, upon which he served until the conclusion of its labors in 1886. He had previously served in the New York State Senate (1880) and, in 1884, was a delegate to the Republican National Convention, also serving as Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee the same year. After his return from Europe in 1886, he served as State Superintendent of Public Instruction of New York until 1892, and, in 1889, and again in 1890, was President of the National Association of School Superintendents. Soon after retiring from the State Superintendency in New York, he was chosen Superintendent of Public Schools for the city of Cleveland, Ohio, remaining in that position until 1894, when he was elected President of the University of Illinois at Champaign, where he now is. His adminis-

tration has been characterized by enterprise and sagacity, and has tended to promote the popularity and prosperity of the institution.

**DRESSER, Charles**, clergyman, was born at Pomfret, Conn., Feb. 24, 1800; graduated from Brown University in 1823, went to Virginia, where he studied theology and was ordained a minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In 1838 he removed to Springfield, and became rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church there, retiring in 1858. On Nov. 4, 1842, Mr. Dresser performed the ceremony uniting Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd in marriage. He died, March 25, 1865.

**DRUMMOND, Thomas**, jurist, was born at Bristol Mills, Lincoln County, Maine, Oct. 16, 1809. After graduating from Bowdoin College, in 1830, he studied law at Philadelphia, where he was admitted to the bar in 1833. He settled at Galena, Ill., in 1835, and was a member of the General Assembly in 1840-41. In 1850 he was appointed United States District Judge for the District of Illinois as successor to Judge Nathaniel Pope, and four years later removed to Chicago. Upon the division of the State into two judicial districts, in 1855, he was assigned to the Northern. In 1869 he was elevated to the bench of the United States Circuit Court, and presided over the Seventh Circuit, which at that time included the States of Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. In 1884—at the age of 75—he resigned, living in retirement until his death, which occurred at Wheaton, Ill., May 15, 1890.

**DUBOIS, Jesse Kilgore**, State Auditor, was born, Jan. 14, 1811, in Lawrence County, Ill., near Vincennes, Ind., where his father, Capt. Toussaint Dubois, had settled about 1780. The latter was a native of Canada, of French descent, and, after settling in the Northwest Territory, had been a personal friend of General Harrison, under whom he served in the Indian wars, including the battle of Tippecanoe. The son received a partial collegiate education at Bloomington, Ind., but, at 24 years of age (1834), was elected to the General Assembly, serving in the same House with Abraham Lincoln, and being re-elected in 1836, '38, and '42. In 1841 he was appointed by President Harrison Register of the Land Office at Palestine, Ill., but soon resigned, giving his attention to mercantile pursuits until 1849, when he was appointed Receiver of Public Moneys at Palestine, but was removed by Pierce in 1853. He was a Delegate to the first Republican State Convention, at Bloomington, in 1856, and, on the recommendation of Mr. Lincoln, was nominated for Auditor of Public Accounts,

renominated in 1860, and elected both times. In 1864 he was a candidate for the nomination of his party for Governor, but was defeated by General Oglesby, serving, however, on the National Executive Committee of that year, and as a delegate to the National Convention of 1868. Died, at his home near Springfield, Nov. 22, 1876. —**Fred T. (Dubois)**, son of the preceding, was born in Crawford County, Ill., May 29, 1851; received a common-school and classical education, graduating from Yale College in 1872; was Secretary of the Illinois Railway and Warehouse Commission in 1875-76; went to Idaho Territory and engaged in business in 1880, was appointed United States Marshal there in 1882, serving until 1886; elected as a Republican Delegate to the Fiftieth and Fifty-first Congresses, and, on the admission of Idaho as a State (1890), became one of the first United States Senators, his term extending to 1897. He was Chairman of the Idaho delegation in the National Republican Convention at Minneapolis in 1892, and was a member of the National Republican Convention at St. Louis in 1896, but seceded from that body with Senator Teller of Colorado, and has since cooperated with the Populists and Free Silver Democrats.

**DUCAT, Arthur Charles**, soldier and civil engineer, was born in Dublin, Ireland, Feb. 24, 1830, received a liberal education and became a civil engineer. He settled in Chicago in 1851, and six years later was made Secretary and Chief Surveyor of the Board of Underwriters of that city. While acting in this capacity, he virtually revised the schedule system of rating fire-risks. In 1861 he raised a company of 300 engineers, sappers and miners, but neither the State nor Federal authorities would accept it. Thereupon he enlisted as a private in the Twelfth Illinois Volunteers, but his ability earned him rapid promotion. He rose through the grades of Captain, Major and Lieutenant-Colonel, to that of Colonel, and was brevetted Brigadier-General in February, 1864. Compelled by sickness to leave the army, General Ducat returned to Chicago, re-entering the insurance field and finally, after holding various responsible positions, engaging in general business in that line. In 1875 he was entrusted with the task of reorganizing the State militia, which he performed with signal success. Died, at Downer's Grove, Ill., Jan. 29, 1896.

**DUELS AND ANTI-DUELING LAWS.** Although a majority of the population of Illinois, in Territorial days, came from Southern States where the duel was widely regarded as the proper

mode for settling "difficulties" of a personal character, it is a curious fact that so few "affairs of honor" (so-called) should have occurred on Illinois soil. The first "affair" of this sort of which either history or tradition has handed down any account, is said to have occurred between an English and a French officer at the time of the surrender of Fort Chartres to the British in 1765, and in connection with that event. The officers are said to have fought with small swords one Sunday morning near the Fort, when one of them was killed, but the name of neither the victor nor the vanquished has come down to the present time. Gov. John Reynolds, who is the authority for the story in his "Pioneer History of Illinois," claimed to have received it in his boyhood from an aged Frenchman who represented that he had seen the combat.

An affair of less doubtful authenticity has come down to us in the history of the Territorial period, and, although it was at first bloodless, it finally ended in a tragedy. This was the Jones-Bond affair, which originated at Kaskaskia in 1808. Rice Jones was the son of John Rice Jones, the first English-speaking lawyer in the "Illinois Country." The younger Jones is described as an exceptionally brilliant young man who, having studied law, located at Kaskaskia in 1806. Two years later he became a candidate for Representative from Randolph County in the Legislature of Indiana Territory, of which Illinois was a part. In the course of the canvass which resulted in Jones' election, he became involved in a quarrel with Shadrach Bond, who was then a member of the Territorial Council from the same county, and afterwards became Delegate in Congress from Illinois and the first Governor of the State. Bond challenged Jones and the meeting took place on an island in the Mississippi between Kaskaskia and St. Genevieve. Bond's second was a Dr. James Dunlap of Kaskaskia, who appears also to have been a bitter enemy of Jones. The discharge of a pistol in the hand of Jones after the combatants had taken their places preliminary to the order to "fire," raised the question whether it was accidental or to be regarded as Jones' fire. Dunlap maintained the latter, but Bond accepted the explanation of his adversary that the discharge was accidental, and the generosity which he displayed led to explanations that averted a final exchange of shots. The feud thus started between Jones and Dunlap grew until it involved a large part of the community. On Dec. 7, 1808, Dunlap shot down Jones in cold blood and without warning in

the streets of Kaskaskia, killing him instantly. The murderer fled to Texas and was never heard of about Kaskaskia afterwards. This incident furnishes the basis of the most graphic chapter in Mrs. Catherwood's story of "Old Kaskaskia." Prompted by this tragical affair, no doubt, the Governor and Territorial Judges, in 1810, framed a stringent law for the suppression of dueling, in which, in case of a fatal result, all parties connected with the affair, as principals or seconds, were held to be guilty of murder.

Governor Reynolds furnishes the record of a duel between Thomas Rector, the member of a noted family of that name at Kaskaskia, and one Joshua Barton, supposed to have occurred sometime during the War of 1812, though no exact dates are given. This affair took place on the favorite dueling ground known as "Bloody Island," opposite St. Louis, so often resorted to at a later day, by devotees of "the code" in Missouri. Reynolds says that "Barton fell in the conflict."

The next affair of which history makes mention grew out of a drunken carousel at Belleville, in February, 1819, which ended in a duel between two men named Alonzo Stuart and William Bennett, and the killing of Stuart by Bennett. The managers of the affair for the principals are said to have agreed that the guns should be loaded with blank cartridges, and Stuart was let into the secret but Bennett was not. When the order to fire came, Bennett's gun proved to have been loaded with ball. Stuart fell mortally wounded, expiring almost immediately. One report says that the duel was intended as a sham, and was so understood by Bennett, who was horrified by the result. He and his two seconds were arrested for murder, but Bennett broke jail and fled to Arkansas. The seconds were tried, Daniel P. Cook conducting the prosecution and Thomas H. Benton defending, the trial resulting in their acquittal. Two years later, Bennett was apprehended by some sort of artifice, put on his trial, convicted and executed—Judge John Reynolds (afterwards Governor) presiding and pronouncing sentence.

In a footnote to "The Edwards Papers," edited by the late E. B. Washburne, and printed under the auspices of the Chicago Historical Society, a few years ago, Mr. Washburne relates an incident occurring in Galena about 1838, while "The Northwestern Gazette and Galena Advertiser" was under the charge of Sylvester M. Bartlett, who was afterwards one of the founders of "The Quincy Whig." The story, as told by

M. Washburne, is as follows: "David G. Bates (a Galena business man and captain of a packet plying between St. Louis and Galena) wrote a short communication for the paper reflecting on the character of John Turney, a prominent lawyer who had been a member of the House of Representatives in 1838-39, from the District composed of Pike, Adams, Fulton, Schuyler, Peoria and Jo Daviess Counties. Turney demanded the name of the author and Bartlett gave up the name of Bates. Turney refused to take any notice of Bates and then challenged Bartlett to a duel, which was promptly accepted by Bartlett. The second of Turney was the Hon. Joseph P. Hoge, afterward a member of Congress from the Galena District. Bartlett's second was William A. Warren, now of Bellevue, Iowa." (Warren was a prominent Union officer during the Civil War.) "The parties went out to the ground selected for the duel, in what was then Wisconsin Territory, seven miles north of Galena, and, after one ineffectual fire, the matter was compromised. Subsequently, Bartlett removed to Quincy, and was for a long time connected with the publication of 'The Quincy Whig.'"

During the session of the Twelfth General Assembly (1841), A. R. Dodge, a Democratic Representative from Peoria County, feeling himself aggrieved by some reflections indulged by Gen. John J. Hardin (then a Whig Representative from Morgan County) upon the Democratic party in connection with the partisan reorganization of the Supreme Court, threatened to "call out" Hardin. The affair was referred to W. L. D. Ewing and W. A. Richardson for Dodge, and J. J. Brown and E. B. Webb for Hardin, with the result that it was amicably adjusted "honorably to both parties."

It was during the same session that John A. McClelland, then a young and fiery member from Gallatin County—who had, two years before, been appointed Secretary of State by Governor Carlin, but had been debarred from taking the office by an adverse decision of the Supreme Court—indulged in a violent attack upon the Whig members of the Court based upon allegations afterwards shown to have been furnished by Theophilus W. Smith, a Democratic member of the same court. Smith having joined his associates in a card denying the truth of the charges, McClelland responded with the publication of the cards of persons tracing the allegations directly to Smith himself. This brought a note from Smith which McClelland construed into a challenge and answered with a prompt accept-

ance. Attorney-General Lamborn, having got wind of the affair, lodged a complaint with a Springfield Justice of the Peace, which resulted in placing the pugnacious jurist under bonds to keep the peace, when he took his departure for Chicago, and the "affair" ended.

An incident of greater historical interest than all the others yet mentioned, was the affair in which James Shields and Abraham Lincoln—the former the State Auditor and the latter at that time a young attorney at Springfield—were concerned. A communication in doggerel verse had appeared in "The Springfield Journal" ridiculing the Auditor. Shields made demand upon the editor (Mr. Simeon Francis) for the name of the author, and, in accordance with previous understanding, the name of Lincoln was given. (Evidence, later coming to light, showed that the real authors were Miss Mary Todd—who, a few months later, became Mrs. Lincoln—and Miss Julia Jayne, afterwards the wife of Senator Trumbull.) Shields, through John D. Whiteside, a former State Treasurer, demanded a retraction of the offensive matter—the demand being presented to Lincoln at Tremont, in Tazewell County, where Lincoln was attending court. Without attempting to follow the affair through all its complicated details—Shields having assumed that Lincoln was the author without further investigation, and Lincoln refusing to make any explanation unless the first demand was withdrawn—Lincoln named Dr. E. H. Merriman as his second and accepted Shield's challenge, naming cavalry broadswords as the weapons and the Missonri shore, within three miles of the city of Alton, as the place. The principals, with their "friends," met at the appointed time and place (Sept. 22, 1842, opposite the city of Alton); but, in the meantime, mutual friends, having been apprised of what was going on, also appeared on the ground and brought about explanations which averted an actual conflict. Those especially instrumental in bringing about this result were Gen. John J. Hardin of Jacksonville, and Dr. R. W. English of Greene County, while John D. Whiteside, W. L. D. Ewing and Dr. T. M. Hope acted as representatives of Shields, and Dr. E. H. Merriman, Dr. A. T. Bledsoe and William Butler for Lincoln.

Out of this affair, within the next few days, followed challenges from Shields to Butler and Whiteside to Merriman; but, although these were accepted, yet owing to some objection on the part of the challenging party to the conditions named by the party challenged, thereby resulting in delay, no meeting actually took place.



Another affair which bore important results without ending in a tragedy, occurred during the session of the Constitutional Convention in 1847. The parties to it were O. C. Pratt and Thompson Campbell—both Delegates from Jo Daviess County, and both Democrats. Some sparring between them over the question of suffrage for naturalized foreigners resulted in an invitation from Pratt to Campbell to meet him at the Planters' House in St. Louis, with an intimation that this was for the purpose of arranging the preliminaries of a duel. Both parties were on hand before the appointed time, but their arrest by the St. Louis authorities and putting them under heavy bonds to keep the peace, gave them an excuse for returning to their convention duties without coming to actual hostilities—if they had such intention. This was promptly followed by the adoption in Convention of the provision of the Constitution of 1848, disqualifying any person engaged in a dueling affair, either as principal or second, from holding any office of honor or profit in the State.

The last and principal affair of this kind of historic significance, in which a citizen of Illinois was engaged, though not on Illinois soil, was that in which Congressman William H. Bissell, afterwards Governor of Illinois, and Jefferson Davis were concerned in February, 1850. During the debate on the "Compromise Measures" of that year, Congressman Seddon of Virginia went out of his way to indulge in implied reflections upon the courage of Northern soldiers as displayed on the battle-field of Buena Vista, and to claim for the Mississippi regiment commanded by Davis the credit of saving the day. Replying to these claims Colonel Bissell took occasion to correct the Virginia Congressman's statements, and especially to vindicate the good name of the Illinois and Kentucky troops. In doing so he declared that, at the critical moment alluded to by Seddon, when the Indiana regiment gave way, Davis's regiment was not within a mile and a half of the scene of action. This was construed by Davis as a reflection upon his troops, and led to a challenge which was promptly accepted by Bissell, who named the soldier's weapon (the common army musket), loaded with ball and buckshot, with forty paces as the distance, with liberty to advance up to ten—otherwise leaving the preliminaries to be settled by his friends. The evidence manifested by Bissell that he was not to be intimidated, but was prepared to face death itself to vindicate his own honor and that of his comrades in the field, was a surprise to the South-

ern leaders, and they soon found a way for Davis to withdraw his challenge on condition that Bissell should add to his letter of acceptance a clause awarding credit to the Mississippi regiment for what they actually did, but without disavowing or retracting a single word he had uttered in his speech. In the meantime, it is said that President Taylor, who was the father-in-law of Davis, having been apprised of what was on foot, had taken precautions to prevent a meeting by instituting legal proceedings the night before it was to take place, though this was rendered unnecessary by the act of Davis himself. Thus, Colonel Bissell's position was virtually (though indirectly) justified by his enemies. It is true, he was violently assailed by his political opponents for alleged violation of the inhibition in the State Constitution against dueling, especially when he came to take the oath of office as Governor of Illinois, seven years later; but his course in "turning the tables" against his fire-eating opponents aroused the enthusiasm of the North, while his friends maintained that the act having been performed beyond the jurisdiction of the State, he was technically not guilty of any violation of the laws.

While the provision in the Constitution of 1848, against dueling, was not re-incorporated in that of 1870, the laws on the subject are very stringent. Besides imposing a penalty of not less than one nor more than five years' imprisonment, or a fine not exceeding \$3,000, upon any one who, as principal or second, participates in a duel with a deadly weapon, whether such duel proves fatal or not, or who sends, carries or accepts a challenge: the law also provides that any one convicted of such offense shall be disqualified for holding "any office of profit, trust or emolument, either civil or military, under the Constitution or laws of this State." Any person leaving the State to send or receive a challenge is subject to the same penalties as if the offense had been committed within the State; and any person who may inflict upon his antagonist a fatal wound, as the result of an engagement made in this State to fight a duel beyond its jurisdiction—when the person so wounded dies within this State—is held to be guilty of murder and subject to punishment for the same. The publishing of any person as a coward, or the applying to him of opprobrious or abusive language, for refusing to accept a challenge, is declared to be a crime punishable by fine or imprisonment.

**DUFF, Andrew D.**, lawyer and Judge, was born of a family of pioneer settlers in Bond

County, Ill., Jan. 24, 1820; was educated in the country schools, and, from 1842 to 1847, spent his time in teaching and as a farmer. The latter year he removed to Benton, Franklin County, where he began reading law, but suspended his studies to enlist in the Mexican War, serving as a private; in 1849 was elected County Judge of Franklin County, and, in the following year, was admitted to the bar. In 1861 he was elected Judge for the Twenty-sixth Circuit and re-elected in 1867, serving until 1873. He also served as a Delegate in the State Constitutional Convention of 1863 from the district composed of Franklin and Jackson Counties, and, being a zealous Democrat, was one of the leaders in calling the mass meeting held at Peoria, in August, 1864, to protest against the policy of the Government in the prosecution of the war. About the close of his last term upon the bench (1873), he removed to Carbondale, where he continued to reside. In his later years he became an Independent in politics, acting for a time in coöperation with the friends of temperance. In 1885 he was appointed by joint resolution of the Legislature on a commission to revise the revenue code of the State. Died, at Tucson, Ariz., June 25, 1889.

**DUNCAN, Joseph**, Congressman and Governor, was born at Paris, Ky., Feb. 22, 1794; emigrated to Illinois in 1818, having previously served with distinction in the War of 1812, and been presented with a sword, by vote of Congress, for gallant conduct in the defense of Fort Stephenson. He was commissioned Major-General of Illinois militia in 1823 and elected State Senator from Jackson County in 1824. He served in the lower house of Congress from 1827 to 1834, when he resigned his seat to occupy the gubernatorial chair, to which he was elected the latter year. He was the author of the first free-school law, adopted in 1825. His executive policy was conservative and consistent, and his administration successful. He erected the first frame building at Jacksonville, in 1834, and was a liberal friend of Illinois College at that place. In his personal character he was kindly, genial and unassuming, although fearless in the expression of his convictions. He was the Whig candidate for Governor in 1842, when he met with his first political defeat. Died, at Jacksonville, Jan. 15, 1844, mourned by men of all parties.

**DUNCAN, Thomas**, soldier, was born in Kaskaskia, Ill., April 14, 1809; served as a private in the Illinois mounted volunteers during the Black Hawk War of 1832; also as First Lieutenant of

cavalry in the regular army in the Mexican War (1846), and as Major and Lieutenant-Colonel during the War of the Rebellion, still later doing duty upon the frontier keeping the Indians in check. He was retired from active service in 1873, and died in Washington, Jan. 7, 1887.

**DUNDEE**, a town on Fox River, in Kane County, 5 miles (by rail) north of Elgin and 47 miles west-northwest of Chicago. It has two distinct corporations—East and West Dundee—but is progressive and united in action. Dairy farming is the principal industry of the adjacent region, and the town has two large milk-condensing plants, a cheese factory, etc. It has good water power and there are flour and saw-mills, besides brick and tile-works, an extensive nursery, two banks, six churches, a handsome high school building, a public library and one weekly paper. Population (1890), 2,023; (1900), 2,765.

**DUNHAM, John High**, banker and Board of Trade operator, was born in Seneca County, N. Y., 1817; came to Chicago in 1844, engaged in the wholesale grocery trade, and, a few years later, took a prominent part in solving the question of a water supply for the city; was elected to the Twentieth General Assembly (1856) and the next year assisted in organizing the Merchants' Loan & Trust Company, of which he became the first President, retiring five years later and re-engaging in the mercantile business. While Hon. Hugh McCullough was Secretary of the Treasury, he was appointed National Bank Examiner for Illinois, serving until 1866. He was a member of the Chicago Historical Society, the Academy of Sciences, and an early member of the Board of Trade. Died, April 28, 1893, leaving a large estate.

**DUNHAM, Ransom W.**, merchant and Congressman, was born at Savoy, Mass., March 21, 1838; after graduating from the High School at Springfield, Mass., in 1855, was connected with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company until August, 1860. In 1857 he removed from Springfield to Chicago, and at the termination of his connection with the Insurance Company, embarked in the grain and provision commission business in that city, and, in 1882, was President of the Chicago Board of Trade. From 1883 to 1889 he represented the First Illinois District in Congress, after the expiration of his last term devoting his attention to his large private business. His death took place suddenly at Springfield, Mass., August 19, 1896.

**DUNLAP, George Lincoln**, civil engineer and Railway Superintendent, was born at Brunswick,

Maine, in 1828; studied mathematics and engineering at Gorham Academy, and, after several years' experience on the Boston & Maine and the New York & Erie Railways, came west in 1855 and accepted a position as assistant engineer on what is now the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, finally becoming its General Superintendent, and, in fourteen years of his connection with that road, vastly extending its lines. Between 1872 and '79 he was connected with the Montreal & Quebec Railway, but the latter year returned to Illinois and was actively connected with the extension of the Wabash system until his retirement a few years ago.

**DUNLAP, Henry M.**, horticulturist and legislator, was born in Cook County, Ill., Nov. 14, 1853—the son of M. L. Dunlap (the well-known "Rural"), who became a prominent horticulturist in Champaign County and was one of the founders of the State Agricultural Society. The family having located at Savoy, Champaign County, about 1857, the younger Dunlap was educated in the University of Illinois, graduating in the scientific department in 1875. Following in the footsteps of his father, he engaged extensively in fruit-growing, and has served in the office of both President and Secretary of the State Horticultural Society, besides local offices. In 1892 he was elected as a Republican to the State Senate for the Thirtieth District, was re-elected in 1896, and has been prominent in State legislation.

**DUNLAP, Mathias Lane**, horticulturist, was born at Cherry Valley, N. Y., Sept. 14, 1814; coming to La Salle County, Ill., in 1835, he taught school the following winter; then secured a clerkship in Chicago, and later became book-keeper for a firm of contractors on the Illinois & Michigan Canal, remaining two years. Having entered a body of Government land in the western part of Cook County, he turned his attention to farming, giving a portion of his time to surveying. In 1845 he became interested in horticulture and, in a few years, built up one of the most extensive nurseries in the West. In 1854 he was chosen a Representative in the Nineteenth General Assembly from Cook County, and, at the following session, presided over the caucus which resulted in the nomination and final election of Lyman Trumbull to the United States Senate for the first time. Politically an anti-slavery Democrat, he espoused the cause of freedom in the Territories, while his house was one of the depots of the "underground railroad." In 1855 he purchased a half-section of land near Champaign, whither he removed, two years later, for the

prosecution of his nursery business. He was an active member, for many years, of the State Agricultural Society and an earnest supporter of the scheme for the establishment of an "Industrial University," which finally took form in the University of Illinois at Champaign. From 1853 to his death he was the agricultural correspondent, first of "The Chicago Democratic Press," and later of "The Tribune," writing over the nom de plume of "Rural." Died, Feb. 14, 1875.

**DU PAGE COUNTY**, organized in 1839, named for a river which flows through it. It adjoins Cook County on the west and contains 340 square miles. In 1900 its population was 28,196. The county-seat was originally at Naperville, which was platted in 1842 and named in honor of Capt. Joseph Naper, who settled upon the site in 1831. In 1869 the county government was removed to Wheaton, the location of Wheaton College, where it yet remains. Besides Captain Naper, early settlers of prominence were Bailey Hobson (the pioneer in the township of Lisle), and Pierce Downer (in Downer's Grove). The chief towns are Wheaton (population, 1,632), Naperville (2,216), Hinsdale (1,584), Downer's Grove (960), and Roselle (450). Hinsdale and Roselle are largely populated by persons doing business in Chicago.

**DU QUOIN**, a city and railway junction in Perry County, 76 miles north of Cairo; has a foundry, machine shops, planing-mill, flour mills, salt works, ice factory, soda-water factory, creamery, coal mines, graded school, public library and four newspapers. Population (1890), 4,052; (1900), 4,353; (1903, school census), 5,207.

**DCRBOROW, Allan Cathcart**, ex-Congressman, was born in Philadelphia, Nov. 20, 1857. When five years old he accompanied his parents to Williamsport, Ind., where he received his early education. He entered the preparatory department of Wabash College in 1872, and graduated from the University of Indiana, at Bloomington, in 1877. After two years' residence in Indianapolis, he removed to Chicago, where he engaged in business. Always active in local politics, he was elected by the Democrats in 1890, and again in 1892, Representative in Congress from the Second District, retiring with the close of the Fifty-third Congress. Mr. Durborow is Treasurer of the Chicago Air-Line Express Company.

**DUSTIN**, (Gen.) Daniel, soldier, was born in Topsham, Orange County, Vt., Oct. 5, 1820; received a common-school and academic education, graduating in medicine at Dartmouth Col-

lege in 1846. After practicing three years at Corinth, Vt., he went to California in 1850 and engaged in mining, but three years later resumed the practice of his profession while conducting a mercantile business. He was subsequently chosen to the California Legislature from Nevada County, but coming to Illinois in 1858, he engaged in the drug business at Sycamore, De Kalb County, in connection with J. E. Elwood. On the breaking out of the war in 1861, he sold out his drug business and assisted in raising the Eighth Regiment Illinois Cavalry, and was commissioned Captain of Company L. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and, in January, 1862, he was promoted to the position of Major, afterwards taking part in the battle of Manassas, and the great "seven days' fight" before Richmond. In September, 1862, the One Hundred and Fifth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry was mustered in at Dixon, and Major Dustin was commissioned its Colonel, soon after joining the Army of the Cumberland. After the Atlanta campaign he was assigned to the command of a brigade in the Third Division of the Twelfth Army Corps, remaining in this position to the close of the war, meanwhile having been brevetted Brigadier-General for bravery displayed on the battle-field at Averysboro, N. C. He was mustered out at Washington, June 7, 1865, and took part in the grand review of the armies in that city which marked the close of the war. Returning to his home in De Kalb County, he was elected County Clerk in the following November, remaining in office four years. Subsequently he was chosen Circuit Clerk and ex-officio Recorder, and was twice thereafter re-elected—in 1884 and 1888. On the organization of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, in 1885, he was appointed by Governor Oglesby one of the Trustees, retaining the position until his death. In May, 1890, he was appointed by President Harrison Assistant United States Treasurer at Chicago, but died in office while on a visit with his daughter at Carthage, Mo., March 30, 1892. General Dustin was a Mason of high degree, and, in 1872, was chosen Right Eminent Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State.

**DWIGHT**, a prosperous city in Livingston County, 74 miles, by rail, south-southwest of Chicago, 52 miles northeast of Bloomington, and 22 miles east of Streator; has two banks, two weekly papers, six churches, five large warehouses, two electric light plants, complete water-works system, and four hotels. The city is the center of a

rich farming and stock-raising district. Dwight has attained celebrity as the location of the first of "Keeley Institutes," founded for the cure of the drink and morphine habit. Population (1890), 1,354; (1900), 2,015. These figures do not include the floating population, which is augmented by patients who receive treatment at the "Keeley Institute."

**DYER, Charles Volney, M.D.**, pioneer physician, was born at Clarendon, Vt., June 12, 1808; graduated in medicine at Middlebury College, in 1830; began practice at Newark, N. J., in 1831, and in Chicago in 1835. He was an uncompromising opponent of slavery and an avowed supporter of the "underground railroad," and, in 1848, received the support of the Free-Soil party of Illinois for Governor. Dr. Dyer was also one of the original incorporators of the North Chicago Street Railway Company, and his name was prominently identified with many local benevolent enterprises. Died, in Lake View (then a suburb of Chicago), April 24, 1878.

**EARLVILLE**, a city and railway junction in La Salle County, 52 miles northeast of Princeton, at the intersecting point of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Chicago & Northwestern Railroads. It is in the center of an agricultural and stock-raising district, and is an important shipping-point. It has seven churches, a graded school, one bank, two weekly newspapers and manufactories of plows, wagons and carriages. Population (1880), 963; (1890), 1,058; (1900), 1,122.

**EARLY, John**, legislator and Lieutenant-Governor, was born of American parentage and Irish ancestry in Essex County, Canada West, March 17, 1828, and accompanied his parents to Caledonia, Boone County, Ill., in 1846. His boyhood was passed upon his father's farm, and in youth he learned the trade (his father's) of carpenter and joiner. In 1852 he removed to Rockford, Winnebago County, and, in 1865, became State Agent of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company. Between 1863 and 1866 he held sundry local offices, and, in 1869, was appointed by Governor Palmer a Trustee of the State Reform School. In 1870 he was elected State Senator and re-elected in 1874, serving in the Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth General Assemblies. In 1873 he was elected President pro tem. of the Senate, and, Lieut. Gov. Beveridge succeeding to the executive chair, he became ex-officio Lieutenant-Governor. In 1875 he was again the Republican nominee for the Presidency of the Senate, but was defeated



by a coalition of Democrats and Independents. He died while a member of the Senate, Sept. 2, 1877.

**EARTHQUAKE OF 1811.** A series of the most remarkable earthquakes in the history of the Mississippi Valley began on the night of November 16, 1811, continuing for several months and finally ending with the destruction of Caracas, Venezuela, in March following. While the center of the earlier disturbance appears to have been in the vicinity of New Madrid, in Southeastern Missouri, its minor effects were felt through a wide extent of country, especially in the settled portions of Illinois. Contemporaneous history states that, in the American Bottom, then the most densely settled portion of Illinois, the results were very perceptible. The walls of a brick house belonging to Mr. Samuel Judy, a pioneer settler in the eastern edge of the bottom, near Edwardsville, Madison County, were cracked by the convulsion, the effects being seen for more than two generations. Gov. John Reynolds, then a young man of 23, living with his father's family in what was called the "Goshen Settlement," near Edwardsville, in his history of "My Own Times," says of it: "Our family were all sleeping in a log-cabin, and my father leaped out of bed, crying out, 'The Indians are on the house.' The battle of Tippecanoe had been recently fought, and it was supposed the Indians would attack the settlements. Not one in the family knew at that time it was an earthquake. The next morning another shock made us acquainted with it. . . . The cattle came running home bellowing with fear, and all animals were terribly alarmed. Our house cracked and quivered so we were fearful it would fall to the ground. In the American Bottom many chimneys were thrown down, and the church bell at Cahokia was sounded by the agitation of the building. It is said a shock of an earthquake was felt in Kaskaskia in 1804, but I did not perceive it." Owing to the sparseness of the population in Illinois at that time, but little is known of the effect of the convulsion of 1811 elsewhere, but there are numerous "sink-holes" in Union and adjacent counties, between the forks of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, which probably owe their origin to this or some similar disturbance. "On the Kaskaskia River below Athens," says Governor Reynolds in his "Pioneer History," "the water and white sand were thrown up through a fissure of the earth."

**EAST DUBUQUE,** an incorporated city of Jo Daviess County, on the east bank of the Mississippi, 17 miles (by rail) northeast of Galena. It

is connected with Dubuque, Iowa, by a railroad and a wagon bridge two miles in length. It has a grain elevator, a box factory, a planing mill and manufactories of cultivators and sand drills. It has also a bank, two churches, good public schools and a weekly newspaper. Population (1880), 1,037; (1890), 1,069; (1900), 1,146.

**EASTON, (Col.) Rufus,** pioneer, founder of the city of Alton; was born at Litchfield, Conn., May 4, 1774; studied law and practiced two years in Oneida County, N. Y.; emigrated to St. Louis in 1804, and was commissioned by President Jefferson Judge of the Territory of Louisiana, and also became the first Postmaster of St. Louis, in 1808. From 1814 to 1818 he served as Delegate in Congress from Missouri Territory, and, on the organization of the State of Missouri (1821), was appointed Attorney-General for the State, serving until 1826. His death occurred at St. Charles, Mo., July 5, 1834. Colonel Easton's connection with Illinois history is based chiefly upon the fact that he was the founder of the present city of Alton, which he laid out, in 1817, on a tract of land of which he had obtained possession at the mouth of the Little Piasa Creek, naming the town for his son. Rev. Thomas Lippincott, prominently identified with the early history of that portion of the State, kept a store for Easton at Milton, on Wood River, about two miles from Alton, in the early "20's."

**EAST ST. LOUIS,** a flourishing city in St. Clair County, on the east bank of the Mississippi directly opposite St. Louis; is the terminus of twenty-two railroads and several electric lines, and the leading commercial and manufacturing point in Southern Illinois. Its industries include rolling mills, steel, brass, malleable iron and glass works, grain elevators and flour mills, breweries, stockyards and packing houses. The city has eleven public and five parochial schools, one high school, and two colleges; is well supplied with banks and has one daily and four weekly papers. Population (1890), 15,169; (1900), 29,655; (1903, est.), 40,000.

**EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.** The act for the establishment of this institution passed the General Assembly in 1877. Many cities offered inducements, by way of donations, for the location of the new hospital, but the site finally selected was a farm of 250 acres near Kankakee, and this was subsequently enlarged by the purchase of 327 additional acres in 1881. Work was begun in 1878 and the first patients received in December, 1879. The plan of the institution is, in many respects, unique. It comprises a

general building, three stories high, capable of accommodating 300 to 400 patients, and a number of detached buildings, technically termed cottages, where various classes of insane patients may be grouped and receive the particular treatment best adapted to ensure their recovery. The plans were mainly worked out from suggestions by Frederick Howard Wines, LL.D., then Secretary of the Board of Public Charities, and have attracted generally favorable comment both in this country and abroad. The seventy-five buildings occupied for the various purposes of the institution, cover a quarter-section of land laid off in regular streets, beautified with trees, plants and flowers, and presenting all the appearance of a flourishing village with numerous small parks adorned with walks and drives. The counties from which patients are received include Cook, Champaign, Coles, Cumberland, De Witt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, La Salle, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Moultrie, Piatt, Shelby, Vermilion and Will. The whole number of patients in 1898 was 2,200, while the employés of all classes numbered 500.

**EASTERN ILLINOIS NORMAL SCHOOL**, an institution designed to qualify teachers for giving instruction in the public schools, located at Charleston, Coles County, under an act of the Legislature passed at the session of 1895. The act appropriated \$50,000 for the erection of buildings, to which additional appropriations were added in 1897 and 1898, of \$25,000 and \$50,000, respectively, with \$56,216.72 contributed by the city of Charleston, making a total of \$181,216.72. The building was begun in 1896, the corner-stone being laid on May 27 of that year. There was delay in the progress of the work in consequence of the failure of the contractors in December, 1896, but the work was resumed in 1897 and practically completed early in 1899, with the expectation that the institution would be opened for the reception of students in September following.

**EASTMAN, Zebina**, anti-slavery journalist, was born at North Amherst, Mass., Sept. 8, 1815; became a printer's apprentice at 14, but later spent a short time in an academy at Hadley. Then, after a brief experience as an employé in the office of "The Hartford Pearl," at the age of 18 he invested his patrimony of some \$2,000 in the establishment of "The Free Press" at Fayetteville, Vt. This venture proving unsuccessful, in 1837 he came west, stopping a year or two at Ann Arbor, Mich. In 1839 he visited Peoria by way of Chicago, working for a time on "The

Peoria Register," but soon after joined Benjamin Lundy, who was preparing to revive his paper, "The Genius of Universal Emancipation," at Lowell, La Salle County. This scheme was partially defeated by Lundy's early death, but, after a few months' delay, Eastman, in conjunction with Hooper Warren, began the publication of "The Genius of Liberty" as the successor of Lundy's paper, using the printing press which Warren had used in the office of "The Commercial Advertiser," in Chicago, a year or so before. In 1842, at the invitation of prominent Abolitionists, the paper was removed to Chicago, where it was issued under the name of "The Western Citizen," in 1853 becoming "The Free West," and finally, in 1856, being merged in "The Chicago Tribune." After the suspension of "The Free West," Mr. Eastman began the publication of "The Chicago Magazine," a literary and historical monthly, but it reached only its fifth number when it was discontinued for want of financial support. In 1861 he was appointed by President Lincoln United States Consul at Bristol, England, where he remained eight years. On his return from Europe, he took up his residence at Elgin, later removing to Maywood, a suburb of Chicago, where he died, June 14, 1883. During the latter years of his life Mr. Eastman contributed many articles of great historical interest to the Chicago press. (See *Lundy, Benjamin*, and *Warren, Hooper*.)

**EBERHART, John Frederick**, educator and real-estate operator, was born in Mercer County, Pa., Jan. 21, 1829; commenced teaching at 16 years of age, and, in 1853, graduated from Allegheny College, at Meadville, soon after becoming Principal of Albright Seminary at Berlin, in the same State; in 1855 came west by way of Chicago, locating at Dixon and engaging in editorial work; a year later established "The Northwestern Home and School Journal," which he published three years, in the meantime establishing and conducting teachers' institutes in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. In 1859 he was elected School Commissioner of Cook County—a position which was afterwards changed to County Superintendent of Schools, and which he held ten years. Mr. Eberhart was largely instrumental in the establishment of the Cook County Normal School. Since retiring from office he has been engaged in the real-estate business in Chicago.

**ECKHART, Bernard A.**, manufacturer and President of the Chicago Drainage Board, was born in Alsace, France (now Germany), brought to America in infancy and reared on a farm in

Vernon County, Wis.; was educated at Milwaukee, and, in 1868, became clerk in the office of the Eagle Milling Company of that city, afterwards serving as its Eastern agent in various seaboard cities. He finally established an extensive milling business in Chicago, in which he is now engaged. In 1884 he served as a delegate to the National Waterway Convention at St. Paul and, in 1886, was elected to the State Senate, serving four years and taking a prominent part in drafting the Sanitary Drainage Bill passed by the Thirty-sixth General Assembly. He has also been prominent in connection with various financial institutions, and, in 1891, was elected one of the Trustees of the Sanitary District of Chicago, was re-elected in 1895 and chosen President of the Board for the following year, and re-elected President in December, 1898.

**EDBROOKE, Willoughby J.**, Supervising Architect, was born at Deerfield, Lake County, Ill., Sept. 3, 1843; brought up to the architectural profession by his father and under the instruction of Chicago architects. During Mayor Roche's administration he held the position of Commissioner of Public Works, and, in April, 1891, was appointed Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department at Washington, in that capacity supervising the construction of Government buildings at the World's Columbian Exposition. Died, in Chicago, March 26, 1896.

**EDDY, Henry**, pioneer lawyer and editor, was born in Vermont, in 1798, reared in New York, learned the printer's trade at Pittsburg, served in the War of 1812, and was wounded in the battle of Black Rock, near Buffalo; came to Shawneetown, Ill., in 1818, where he edited "The Illinois Emigrant," the earliest paper in that part of the State; was a Presidential Elector in 1824, a Representative in the Second and Fifteenth General Assemblies, and elected a Circuit Judge in 1835, but resigned a few weeks later. He was a Whig in politics. Usher F. Linder, in his "Reminiscences of the Early Bench and Bar of Illinois," says of Mr. Eddy: "When he addressed the court, he elicited the most profound attention. He was a sort of walking law library. He never forgot anything that he ever knew, whether law, poetry or belles lettres." Died, June 29, 1849.

**EDDY, Thomas Mears**, clergyman and author, was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, Sept. 7, 1823; educated at Greensborough, Ind., and, from 1842 to 1853, was a Methodist circuit preacher in that State, becoming Agent of the American Bible Society the latter year, and Presiding

Elder of the Indianapolis district until 1856, when he was appointed editor of "The Northwestern Christian Advocate," in Chicago, retiring from that position in 1868. Later, he held pastorates in Baltimore and Washington, and was chosen one of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Missionary Society by the General Conference of 1872. Dr. Eddy was a copious writer for the press, and, besides occasional sermons, published two volumes of reminiscences and personal sketches of prominent Illinoisans in the War of the Rebellion under the title of "Patriotism of Illinois" (1865). Died, in New York City, Oct. 7, 1874.

**EDGAR, John**, early settler at Kaskaskia, was born in Ireland and, during the American Revolution, served as an officer in the British navy, but married an American woman of great force of character who sympathized strongly with the patriot cause. Having become involved in the desertion of three British soldiers whom his wife had promised to assist in reaching the American camp, he was compelled to flee. After remaining for a while in the American army, during which he became the friend of General La Fayette, he sought safety by coming west, arriving at Kaskaskia in 1784. His property was confiscated, but his wife succeeded in saving some \$12,000 from the wreck, with which she joined him two years later. He engaged in business and became an extensive land-owner, being credited, during Territorial days, with the ownership of nearly 50,000 acres situated in Randolph, Monroe, St. Clair, Madison, Clinton, Washington, Perry and Jackson Counties, and long known as the "Edgar lands." He also purchased and rebuilt a mill near Kaskaskia which had belonged to a Frenchman named Paget, and became a large shipper of flour at an early day to the Southern markets. When St. Clair County was organized, in 1790, he was appointed one of the Judges of the Common Pleas Court, and so appears to have continued for more than a quarter of a century. On the establishment of a Territorial Legislature for the Northwest Territory, he was chosen, in 1799, one of the members for St. Clair County—the Legislature holding its session at Chillicothe, in the present State of Ohio, under the administration of Governor St. Clair. He was also appointed a Major-General of militia, retaining the office for many years. General and Mrs. Edgar were leaders of society at the old Territorial capital, and, on the visit of La Fayette to Kaskaskia in 1825, a reception was given at their house to the distinguished Frenchman, whose acquaintance

they had made more than forty years before. He died at Kaskaskia, in 1832. Edgar County, in the eastern part of the State, was named in honor of General Edgar. He was Worshipful Master of the first Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Illinois, constituted at Kaskaskia in 1806.

**EDGAR COUNTY**, one of the middle tier of counties from north to south, lying on the eastern border of the State; was organized in 1823, and named for General Edgar, an early citizen of Kaskaskia. It contains 630 square miles, with a population (1900) of 28,273. The county is nearly square, well watered and wooded. Most of the acreage is under cultivation, grain-growing and stock-raising being the principal industries. Generally, the soil is black to a considerable depth, though at some points—especially adjoining the timber lands in the east—the soft, brown clay of the subsoil comes to the surface. Beds of the drift period, one hundred feet deep, are found in the northern portion, and some twenty-five years ago a nearly perfect skeleton of a mastodon was exhumed. A bed of limestone, twenty-five feet thick, crops out near Baldwinville and runs along Brouillett's creek to the State line. Paris, the county-seat, is a railroad center, and has a population of over 6,000. Vermilion and Dudley are prominent shipping points, while Chrisman, which was an unbroken prairie in 1872, was credited with a population of 900 in 1900.

**EDINBURG**, a village of Christian County, on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway, 18 miles southeast of Springfield; has two banks and one newspaper. The region is agricultural, though some coal is mined here. Population (1880), 551; (1890), 806; (1900), 1,071.

**EDSALL, James Kirtland**, former Attorney General, was born at Windham, Greene County, N. Y., May 10, 1831. After passing through the common-schools, he attended an academy at Prattsville, N. Y., supporting himself, meanwhile, by working upon a farm. He read law at Prattsville and Catskill, and was admitted to the bar at Albany in 1852. The next two years he spent in Wisconsin and Minnesota, and, in 1854, removed to Leavenworth, Kan. He was elected to the Legislature of that State in 1855, being a member of the Topeka (free-soil) body when it was broken up by United States troops in 1856. In August, 1856, he settled at Dixon, Ill., and at once engaged in practice. In 1863 he was elected Mayor of that city, and, in 1870, was chosen State Senator, serving on the Committees on Municipalities and Judiciary in the Twenty-seventh

General Assembly. In 1872 he was elected Attorney-General on the Republican ticket and re-elected in 1876. At the expiration of his second term he took up his residence in Chicago, where he afterwards devoted himself to the practice of his profession, until his death, which occurred, June 20, 1892.

## EDUCATION.

The first step in the direction of the establishment of a system of free schools for the region now comprised within the State of Illinois was taken in the enactment by Congress, on May 20, 1785, of "An Ordinance for Ascertaining the mode of disposing of lands in the Western Territory." This applied specifically to the region northwest of the Ohio River, which had been acquired through the conquest of the "Illinois Country" by Col. George Rogers Clark, acting under the auspices of the State of Virginia and by authority received from its Governor, the patriotic Patrick Henry. This act for the first time established the present system of township (or as it was then called, "rectangular") surveys, devised by Capt. Thomas Hutchins, who became the first Surveyor-General (or "Geographer," as the office was styled) of the United States under the same act. Its important feature, in this connection, was the provision "that there shall be reserved the lot No. 16 of every township, for the maintenance of public schools within the township." The same reservation (the term "section" being substituted for "lot" in the act of May 18, 1796) was made in all subsequent acts for the sale of public lands—the acts of July 23, 1787, and June 20, 1788, declaring that "the lot No. 16 in each township, or fractional part of a township," shall be "given perpetually for the purpose contained in said ordinance" (i. e., the act of 1785). The next step was taken in the Ordinance of 1787 (Art. III.), in the declaration that, "religion, morality and knowledge being necessary for the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged." The reservation referred to in the act of 1785 (and subsequent acts) was reiterated in the "enabling act" passed by Congress, April 18, 1818, authorizing the people of Illinois Territory to organize a State Government, and was formally accepted by the Convention which formed the first State Constitution. The enabling act also set apart one entire township (in addition to one previously donated for the same purpose by act of Congress in 1804) for the use of a seminary of learning,



together with three per cent of the net proceeds of the sales of public lands within the State, "to be appropriated by the Legislature of the State for the encouragement of learning, of which one-sixth part" (or one-half of one per cent) "shall be exclusively bestowed on a college or university." Thus, the plan for the establishment of a system of free public education in Illinois had its inception in the first steps for the organization of the Northwest Territory, was recognized in the Ordinance of 1787 which reserved that Territory forever to freedom, and was again reiterated in the preliminary steps for the organization of the State Government. These several acts became the basis of that permanent provision for the encouragement of education known as the "township," "seminary" and "college or university" funds.

**EARLY SCHOOLS.**—Previous to this, however, a beginning had been made in the attempt to establish schools for the benefit of the children of the pioneers. One John Seeley is said to have taught the first American school within the territory of Illinois, in a log-cabin in Monroe County, in 1783, followed by others in the next twenty years in Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair and Madison Counties. Seeley's earliest successor was Francis Clark, who, in turn, was followed by a man named Halfpenny, who afterwards built a mill near the present town of Waterloo in Monroe County. Among the teachers of a still later period were John Boyle, a soldier in Col. George Rogers Clark's army, who taught in Randolph County between 1790 and 1800; John Atwater, near Edwardsville, in 1807, and John Messinger, a surveyor, who was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1818 and Speaker of the first House of Representatives. The latter taught in the vicinity of Shiloh in St. Clair County, afterwards the site of Rev. John M. Peck's Rock Spring Seminary. The schools which existed during this period, and for many years after the organization of the State Government, were necessarily few, widely scattered and of a very primitive character, receiving their support entirely by subscription from their patrons.

**FIRST FREE SCHOOL LAW AND SALES OF SCHOOL LANDS.**—It has been stated that the first free school in the State was established at Upper Alton, in 1821, but there is good reason for believing this claim was based upon the power granted by the Legislature, in an act passed that year, to establish such schools there, which power was never carried into effect. The first attempt to establish a free-school system for the whole State

was made in January, 1825, in the passage of a bill introduced by Joseph Duncan, afterwards a Congressman and Governor of the State. It nominally appropriated two dollars out of each one hundred dollars received in the State Treasury, to be distributed to those who had paid taxes or subscriptions for the support of schools. So small was the aggregate revenue of the State at that time (only a little over \$60,000), that the sum realized from this law would have been but little more than \$1,000 per year. It remained practically a dead letter and was repealed in 1829, when the State inaugurated the policy of selling the seminary lands and borrowing the proceeds for the payment of current expenses. In this way 43,200 acres (or all but four and a half sections) of the seminary lands were disposed of, realizing less than \$60,000. The first sale of township school lands took place in Greene County in 1831, and, two years later, the greater part of the school section in the heart of the present city of Chicago was sold, producing about \$39,000. The average rate at which these sales were made, up to 1882, was \$3.78 per acre, and the minimum, 70 cents per acre. That these lands have, in very few instances, produced the results expected of them, was not so much the fault of the system as of those selected to administer it—whose bad judgment in premature sales, or whose complicity with the schemes of speculators, were the means, in many cases, of squandering what might otherwise have furnished a liberal provision for the support of public schools in many sections of the State. Mr. W. L. Pillsbury, at present Secretary of the University of Illinois, in a paper printed in the report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1885-86—to which the writer is indebted for many of the facts presented in this article—gives to Chicago the credit of establishing the first free schools in the State in 1834, while Alton followed in 1837, and Springfield and Jacksonville in 1840.

**EARLY HIGHER INSTITUTIONS.**—A movement looking to the establishment of a higher institution of learning in Indiana Territory (of which Illinois then formed a part), was inaugurated by the passage, through the Territorial Legislature at Vincennes, in November, 1806, of an act incorporating the University of Indiana Territory to be located at Vincennes. One provision of the act authorized the raising of \$20,000 for the institution by means of a lottery. A Board of Trustees was promptly organized, with Gen. William Henry Harrison, then the Territorial Governor, at its head; but, beyond the erection of a building,

little progress was made. Twenty-one years later (1827) the first successful attempt to found an advanced school was made by the indomitable Rev. John M. Peck, resulting in the establishment of his Theological Seminary and High School at Rock Springs, St. Clair County, which, in 1831, became the nucleus of Shurtleff College at Upper Alton. In like manner, Lebanon Seminary, established in 1828, two years later expanded into McKendree College, while instruction began to be given at Illinois College, Jacksonville, in December, 1829, as the outcome of a movement started by a band of young men at Yale College in 1827—these several institutions being formally incorporated by the same act of the Legislature, passed in 1835. (See sketches of these Institutions.)

EDUCATIONAL CONVENTIONS.—In 1833 there was held at Vandalia (then the State capital) the first of a series of educational conventions, which were continued somewhat irregularly for twenty years, and whose history is remarkable for the number of those participating in them who afterwards gained distinction in State and National history. At first these conventions were held at the State capital during the sessions of the General Assembly, when the chief actors in them were members of that body and State officers, with a few other friends of education from the ranks of professional or business men. At the convention of 1833, we find, among those participating, the names of Sidney Breese, afterwards a United States Senator and Justice of the Supreme Court; Judge S. D. Lockwood, then of the Supreme Court; W. L. D. Ewing, afterwards acting Governor and United States Senator; O. H. Browning, afterwards United States Senator and Secretary of the Interior; James Hall and John Russell, the most notable writers in the State in their day, besides Dr. J. M. Peck, Archibald Williams, Benjamin Mills, Jesse B. Thomas, Henry Eddy and others, all prominent in their several departments. In a second convention at the same place, nearly two years later, Abraham Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglas and Col. John J. Hardin were participants. At Springfield, in 1840, professional and literary men began to take a more prominent part, although the members of the Legislature were present in considerable force. A convention held at Peoria, in 1844, was made up largely of professional teachers and school officers, with a few citizens of local prominence; and the same may be said of those held at Jacksonville in 1845, and later at Chicago and other points. Various attempts were made to form

permanent educational societies, finally resulting, in December, 1854, in the organization of the "State Teachers' Institute," which, three years later, took the name of the "State Teachers' Association"—though an association of the same name was organized in 1836 and continued in existence several years.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL JOURNALS.—The appointment of a State Superintendent of Public Instruction began to be agitated as early as 1837, and was urged from time to time in memorials and resolutions by educational conventions, by the educational press, and in the State Legislature; but it was not until February, 1854, that an act was passed creating the office, when the Hon. Ninian W. Edwards was appointed by Gov. Joel A. Matteson, continuing in office until his successor was elected in 1856. "The Common School Advocate" was published for a year at Jacksonville, beginning with January, 1837; in 1841 "The Illinois Common School Advocate" began publication at Springfield, but was discontinued after the issue of a few numbers. In 1855 was established "The Illinois Teacher." This was merged, in 1873, in "The Illinois Schoolmaster," which became the organ of the State Teachers' Association, so remaining several years. The State Teachers' Association has no official organ now, but the "Public School Journal" is the chief educational publication of the State.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.—In 1851 was instituted a movement which, although obstructed for some time by partisan opposition, has been followed by more far-reaching results, for the country at large, than any single measure in the history of education since the act of 1785 setting apart one section in each township for the support of public schools. This was the scheme formulated by the late Prof. Jonathan B. Turner, of Jacksonville, for a system of practical scientific education for the agricultural, mechanical and other industrial classes, at a Farmers' Convention held under the auspices of the Buel Institute (an Agricultural Society), at Granville, Putnam County, Nov. 18, 1851. While proposing a plan for a "State University" for Illinois, it also advocated, from the outset, a "University for the industrial classes in each of the States," by way of supplementing the work which a "National Institute of Science," such as the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, was expected to accomplish. The proposition attracted the attention of persons interested in the cause of industrial education in other States, especially in New York and some of the New England States, and

received their hearty endorsement and cooperation. The Granville meeting was followed by a series of similar conventions held at Springfield, June 8, 1852; Chicago, Nov. 24, 1852; Springfield, Jan. 4, 1853, and Springfield, Jan. 1, 1855, at which the scheme was still further elaborated. At the Springfield meeting of January, 1852, an organization was formed under the title of the "Industrial League of the State of Illinois," with a view to disseminating information, securing more thorough organization on the part of friends of the measure, and the employment of lecturers to address the people of the State on the subject. At the same time, it was resolved that "this Convention memorialize Congress for the purpose of obtaining a grant of public lands to establish and endow industrial institutions in each and every State in the Union." It is worthy of note that this resolution contains the central idea of the act passed by Congress nearly ten years afterward, making appropriations of public lands for the establishment and support of industrial colleges in the several States, which act received the approval of President Lincoln. July 2, 1862—a similar measure having been vetoed by President Buchanan in February, 1859. The State was extensively canvassed by Professor Turner, Mr. Bronson Murray (now of New York), the late Dr. R. C. Rutherford and others, in behalf of the objects of the League, and the Legislature, at its session of 1853, by unanimous vote in both houses, adopted the resolutions commending the measure and instructing the United States Senators from Illinois, and requesting its Representatives, to give it their support. Though not specifically contemplated at the outset of the movement, the Convention at Springfield, in January, 1855, proposed, as a part of the scheme, the establishment of a "Teachers' Seminary or Normal School Department," which took form in the act passed at the session of 1857, for the establishment of the State Normal School at Normal. Although delayed, as already stated, the advocates of industrial education in Illinois, aided by those of other States, finally triumphed in 1862. The lands received by the State as the result of this act amounted to 480,000 acres, besides subsequent donations. (See *University of Illinois*; also *Turner, Jonathan Baldwin*.) On the foundation thus furnished was established, by act of the Legislature in 1867, the "Illinois Industrial University"—now the University of Illinois—at Champaign, to say nothing of more than forty similar institutions in as many States and Territories, based upon the same general act of Congress.

**FREE-SCHOOL SYSTEM.**—While there may be said to have been a sort of free-school system in existence in Illinois previous to 1855, it was limited to a few fortunate districts possessing funds derived from the sale of school-lands situated within their respective limits. The system of free schools, as it now exists, based upon general taxation for the creation of a permanent school fund, had its origin in the act of that year. As already shown, the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction had been created by act of the Legislature in February, 1854, and the act of 1855 was but a natural corollary of the previous measure, giving to the people a uniform system, as the earlier one had provided an official for its administration. Since then there have been many amendments of the school law, but these have been generally in the direction of securing greater efficiency, but without departure from the principle of securing to all the children of the State the equal privileges of a common-school education. The development of the system began practically about 1857, and, in the next quarter of a century, the laws on the subject had grown into a considerable volume, while the numberless decisions, emanating from the office of the State Superintendent in construction of these laws, made up a volume of still larger proportions.

The following comparative table of school statistics, for 1860 and 1896, compiled from the Reports of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will illustrate the growth of the system in some of its more important features:

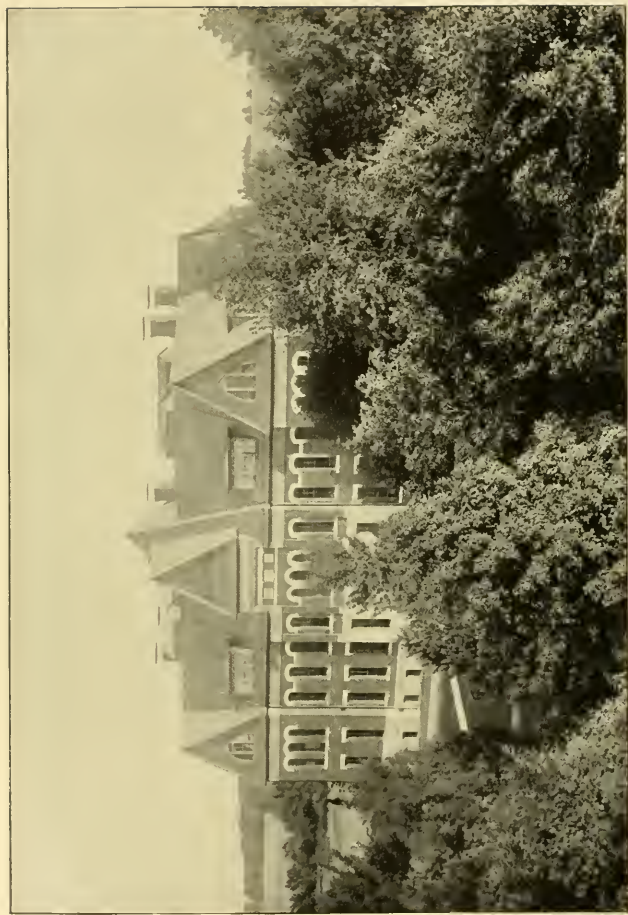
	1860.	1896.
Population.....	1,711,951	(est.) 4,250,000
No. of Persons of School Age (between 6 and 21).....	*549,604	1,384,367
No. of Pupils enrolled.....	*472,247	899,619
" School Districts.....	8,856	11,615
" Public Schools.....	9,162	12,623
" Graded.....	294	1,837
" Public High Schools.....		272
" School Houses built during the year.....	657	267
Whole No. of School Houses.....	8,221	12,632
No. of Male Teachers.....	8,223	7,057
" Female Teachers.....	6,485	18,359
Whole No. of Teachers in Public Schools.....	14,708	25,418
Highest Monthly Wages paid Male Teachers.....	\$180.00	\$300.00
Highest Monthly Wages paid Female Teachers.....	75.00	280.00
Lowest Monthly Wages paid Male Teachers.....	8.00	14.00
Lowest Monthly Wages paid Female Teachers.....	4.00	10.00
Average Monthly Wages paid Male Teachers.....	28.42	67.76
Average Monthly Wages paid Female Teachers.....	18.80	50.63
No. of Private Schools.....	500	2,619
No. of Pupils in Private Schools.....	29,294	139,969
Interest on State and County Funds received.....	\$73,550.38	\$65,583.63
Amount of Income from Township Funds.....	322,852.00	\$89,614.20

\*Only white children were included in these statistics for 1860.



UNIVERSITY HALL, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.





NATURAL HISTORY HALL, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

	1860.	1896.
Amount received from State Tax .....	\$ 690,600.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
"    "    Special Dis-		
trict Taxes .....	1,265,137.00	13,133,869.61
Amount received from Bonds dur-		
ing the year .....		517,960.93
Total Amount received during the		
year by School Districts .....	2,193,453.00	15,607,472.50
Amount paid Male Teachers .....		2,772,829.32
"    Female .....		7,186,105.67
Whole amount paid Teachers .....	1,542,211.00	9,958,934.99
Amount paid for new School		
Houses .....	348,728.00	1,873,757.25
Amount paid for repairs and im-		
provements .....		1,070,755.09
Amount paid for School Furniture,	24,837.00	154,836.64
"    "    Apparatus .....	8,563.00	164,298.92
"    "    Books for Dis-		
trict Libraries .....	30,124.00	13,664.97
Total Expenditures .....	2,259,868.00	14,614,627.31
Estimated value of School Property	13,304,892.00	42,780,207.00
"    "    Libraries .....		377,318.00
"    "    Apparatus .....		607,389.00

The sums annually disbursed for incidental expenses on account of superintendence and the cost of maintaining the higher institutions established, and partially or wholly supported by the State, increase the total expenditures by some \$600,000 per annum. These higher institutions include the Illinois State Normal University at Normal, the Southern Illinois Normal at Carbondale and the University of Illinois at Urbana; to which were added by the Legislature, at its session of 1895, the Eastern Illinois Normal School, afterwards established at Charleston, and the Northern Illinois Normal at De Kalb. These institutions, although under supervision of the State, are partly supported by tuition fees. (See description of these institutions under their several titles.) The normal schools—as their names indicate—are primarily designed for the training of teachers, although other classes of pupils are admitted under certain conditions, including the payment of tuition. At the University of Illinois instruction is given in the classics, the sciences, agriculture and the mechanic arts. In addition to these the State supports four other institutions of an educational rather than a custodial character—viz.: the Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Institution for the Blind, at Jacksonville; the Asylum for the Feeble-Minded at Lincoln, and the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Normal. The estimated value of the property connected with these several institutions, in addition to the value of school property given in the preceding table, will increase the total (exclusive of permanent funds) to \$47,155,374.95, of which \$4,375,107.95 represents property belonging to the institutions above mentioned.

**POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENTS AND OTHER SCHOOL OFFICERS.**—Each county elects a County Superintendent of Schools, whose duty it is to visit schools, conduct teachers' institutes, advise with teachers and school officers and

instruct them in their respective duties, conduct examinations of persons desiring to become teachers, and exercise general supervision over school affairs within his county. The subordinate officers are Township Trustees, a Township Treasurer, and a Board of District Directors or—in place of the latter in cities and villages—Boards of Education. The two last named Boards have power to employ teachers and, generally, to supervise the management of schools in districts. The State Superintendent is entrusted with general supervision of the common-school system of the State, and it is his duty to advise and assist County Superintendents, to visit State Charitable institutions, to issue official circulars to teachers, school officers and others in regard to their rights and duties under the general school code; to decide controverted questions of school law, coming to him by appeal from County Superintendents and others, and to make full and detailed reports of the operations of his office to the Governor, biennially. He is also made ex-officio a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois and of the several Normal Schools, and is empowered to grant certificates of two different grades to teachers—the higher grade to be valid during the lifetime of the holder, and the lower for two years. Certificates granted by County Superintendents are also of two grades and have a tenure of one and two years, respectively, in the county where given. The conditions for securing a certificate of the first (or two-years') grade, require that the candidate shall be of good moral character and qualified to teach orthography, reading in English, penmanship, arithmetic, modern geography, English grammar, the elements of the natural sciences, the history of the United States, physiology and the laws of health. The second grade (or one-year) certificate calls for examination in the branches just enumerated, except the natural sciences, physiology and laws of health; but teachers employed exclusively in giving instruction in music, drawing, penmanship or other special branches, may take examinations in these branches alone, but are restricted, in teaching, to those in which they have been examined. — County Boards are empowered to establish County Normal Schools for the education of teachers for the common schools, and the management of such normal schools is placed in the hands of a County Board of Education, to consist of not less than five nor more than eight persons, of whom the Chairman of the County Board and the County Superintendent of Schools shall be ex-officio members.

Boards of Education and Directors may establish kindergartens (when authorized to do so by vote of a majority of the voters of their districts), for children between the ages of four and six years, but the cost of supporting the same must be defrayed by a special tax.—A compulsory provision of the School Law requires that each child, between the ages of seven and fourteen years, shall be sent to school at least sixteen weeks of each year, unless otherwise instructed in the elementary branches, or disqualified by physical or mental disability.—Under the provisions of an act, passed in 1891, women are made eligible to any office created by the general or special school laws of the State, when twenty-one years of age or upwards, and otherwise possessing the same qualifications for the office as are prescribed for men. (For list of incumbents in the office of State Superintendent, see *Superintendents of Public Instruction*.)

**EDWARDS, Arthur, D.D.**, clergyman, soldier and editor, was born at Norwalk, Ohio, Nov. 23, 1834; educated at Albion, Mich., and the Wesleyan University of Ohio, graduating from the latter in 1858; entered the Detroit Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church the same year, was ordained in 1860 and, from 1861 until after the battle of Gettysburg, served as Chaplain of the First Michigan Cavalry, when he resigned to accept the colonelcy of a cavalry regiment. In 1864, he was elected assistant editor of "The Northwestern Christian Advocate" at Chicago, and, on the retirement of Dr. Eddy in 1872, became Editor-in-chief, being re-elected every four years thereafter to the present time. He has also been a member of each General Conference since 1872, was a member of the Ecumenical Conference at London in 1881, and has held other positions of prominence within the church.

**EDWARDS, Cyrus**, pioneer lawyer, was born in Montgomery County, Md., Jan. 17, 1793; at the age of seven accompanied his parents to Kentucky, where he received his primary education, and studied law; was admitted to the bar at Kaskaskia, Ill., in 1815, Ninian Edwards (of whom he was the youngest brother) being then Territorial Governor. During the next fourteen years he resided alternately in Missouri and Kentucky, and, in 1829, took up his residence at Edwardsville. Owing to impaired health he decided to abandon his profession and engage in general business, later becoming a resident of Upper Alton. In 1832 he was elected to the lower house of the Legislature as a Whig, and again, in 1840 and '60, the last time as a Republican; was State

Senator from 1835 to '39, and was also the Whig candidate for Governor, in 1838, in opposition to Thomas Carlin (Democrat), who was elected. He served in the Black Hawk War, was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1847, and especially interested in education and in public charities, being, for thirty-five years, a Trustee of Shurtleff College, to which he was a most munificent benefactor, and which conferred on him the degree of LL.D. in 1852. Died at Upper Alton, September, 1877.

**EDWARDS, Ninian**, Territorial Governor and United States Senator, was born in Montgomery County, Md., March 17, 1775; for a time had the celebrated William Wirt as a tutor, completing his course at Dickinson College. At the age of 19 he emigrated to Kentucky, where, after squandering considerable money, he studied law and, step by step, rose to be Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals. In 1809 President Madison appointed him the first Territorial Governor of Illinois. This office he held until the admission of Illinois as a State in 1818, when he was elected United States Senator and re-elected on the completion of his first (the short) term. In 1826 he was elected Governor of the State, his successful administration terminating in 1830. In 1832 he became a candidate for Congress, but was defeated by Charles Slade. He was able, magnanimous and incorruptible, although charged with aristocratic tendencies which were largely hereditary. Died, at his home at Belleville, on July 20, 1833, of cholera, the disease having been contracted through self-sacrificing efforts to assist sufferers from the epidemic. His demise cast a gloom over the entire State. Two valuable volumes bearing upon State history, comprising his correspondence with many public men of his time, have been published; the first under the title of "History of Illinois and Life of Ninian Edwards," by his son, the late Ninian Wirt Edwards, and the other "The Edwards Papers," edited by the late Elihu B. Washburne, and printed under the auspices of the Chicago Historical Society.—**Ninian Wirt** (Edwards), son of Gov. Ninian Edwards, was born at Frankfort, Ky., April 15, 1809, the year his father became Territorial Governor of Illinois; spent his boyhood at Kaskaskia, Edwardsville and Belleville, and was educated at Transylvania University, graduating in 1833. He married Elizabeth P. Todd, a sister of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, was appointed Attorney-General in 1834, but resigned in 1835, when he removed to Springfield. In 1836 he was elected to the Legislature from Sangamon

County, as the colleague of Abraham Lincoln, being one of the celebrated "Long Nine," and was influential in securing the removal of the State capital to Springfield. He was re-elected to the House in 1838, to the State Senate in 1844, and again to the House in 1848; was also a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1847. Again, in 1850, he was elected to the House, but resigned on account of his change of politics from Whig to Democratic, and, in the election to fill the vacancy, was defeated by James C. Conkling. He served as Superintendent of Public Instruction by appointment of Governor Matteson, 1854-57, and, in 1861, was appointed by President Lincoln, Captain Commissary of Subsistence, which position he filled until June, 1865, since which time he remained in private life. He is the author of the "Life and Times of Ninian Edwards" (1870), which was prepared at the request of the State Historical Society. Died, at Springfield, Sept. 2, 1889.—**BENJAMIN STEVENSON** (Edwards), lawyer and jurist, another son of Gov. Ninian Edwards, was born at Edwardsville, Ill., June 3, 1818, graduated from Yale College in 1838, and was admitted to the bar the following year. Originally a Whig, he subsequently became a Democrat, was a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1862, and, in 1868, was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in opposition to Shelby M. Cullom. In 1869 he was elected Circuit Judge of the Springfield Circuit, but within eighteen months resigned the position, preferring the excitement and emoluments of private practice to the dignity and scanty salary attaching to the bench. As a lawyer and as a citizen he was universally respected. Died, at his home in Springfield, Feb. 4, 1886, at the time of his decease being President of the Illinois State Bar Association.

**EDWARDS, Richard**, educator, ex-Superintendent of Public Instruction, was born in Cardiganshire, Wales, Dec. 23, 1822; emigrated with his parents to Portage County, Ohio, and began life on a farm; later graduated at the State Normal School, Bridgewater, Mass., and from the Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y., receiving the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Civil Engineer; served for a time as a civil engineer on the Boston water works, then beginning a career as a teacher which continued almost uninterruptedly for thirty-five years. During this period he was connected with the Normal School at Bridgewater; a Boys' High School at Salem, and the State Normal at the same place, coming west in 1857 to establish the Normal School at St.

Lonis, Mo., still later becoming Principal of the St. Louis High School, and, in 1862, accepting the Presidency of the State Normal University, at Normal, Ill. It was here where Dr. Edwards, remaining fourteen years, accomplished his greatest work and left his deepest impress upon the educational system of the State by personal contact with its teachers. The next nine years were spent as pastor of the First Congregational church at Princeton, when, after eighteen months in the service of Knox College as Financial Agent, he was again called, in 1886, to a closer connection with the educational field by his election to the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, serving until 1891, when, having failed of a re-election, he soon after assumed the Presidency of Blackburn University at Carlinville. Failing health, however, compelled his retirement a year later, when he removed to Bloomington, which is now (1898) his place of residence.

**EDWARDS COUNTY**, situated in the southeastern part of the State, between Richland and White on the north and south, and Wabash and Wayne on the east and west, and touching the Ohio River on its southeastern border. It was separated from Gallatin County in 1814, during the Territorial period. Its territory was diminished in 1824 by the carving out of Wabash County. The surface is diversified by prairie and timber, the soil fertile and well adapted to the raising of both wheat and corn. The principal streams, besides the Ohio, are Bonpas Creek, on the east, and the Little Wabash River on the west. Palmyra (a place no longer on the map) was the seat for holding the first county court. In 1815, John McIntosh, Seth Gard and William Barney being the Judges. Albion, the present county-seat (population, 937), was laid out by Morris Birkbeck and George Flower (emigrants from England), in 1819, and settled largely by their countrymen, but not incorporated until 1860. The area of the county is 230 square miles, and population, in 1900, 10,345. Grayville, with a population of 2,000 in 1890, is partly in this county, though mostly in White. Edwards County was named in honor of Ninian Edwards, the Territorial Governor of Illinois.

**EDWARDSVILLE**, the county-seat of Madison County, settled in 1812 and named in honor of Territorial Governor Ninian Edwards; is on four lines of railway and contiguous to two others, 18 miles northeast of St. Louis. Edwardsville was the home of some of the most prominent men in the history of the State, including Governors Ed-



wards, Coles, and others. It has pressed and shale brickyards, coal mines, flour mills, machine shops, banks, electric street railway, water-works, schools, and churches. In a suburb of the city (LeClaire) is a cooperative manufactory of sanitary supplies, using large shops and doing a large business. Edwardsville has three newspapers, one issued semi-weekly. Population (1890), 3,561; (1900), 4,157; with suburb (estimated), 5,000.

**EFFINGHAM**, an incorporated city, the county-seat of Effingham County, 9 miles northeast from St. Louis and 199 southwest of Chicago; has four papers, creamery, milk condensory, and ice factory. Population (1890), 3,260; (1900), 3,774.

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY**, cut off from Fayette (and separately organized) in 1831—named for Gen. Edward Effingham. It is situated in the central portion of the State, 62 miles northeast of St. Louis; has an area of 490 square miles and a population (1900) of 20,465. T. M. Short, I. Fanchon and William I. Hawkins were the first County Commissioners. Effingham, the county-seat, was platted by Messrs. Alexander and Little in 1854. Messrs. Gillenwater, Hawkins and Brown were among the earliest settlers. Several lines of railway cross the county. Agriculture and sheep-raising are leading industries, wool being one of the principal products.

**EGAN, William Bradshaw, M.D.**, pioneer physician, was born in Ireland, Sept. 28, 1808; spent some time during his youth in the study of surgery in England, later attending lectures at Dublin. About 1828 he went to Canada, taught for a time in the schools of Quebec and Montreal and, in 1830, was licensed by the Medical Board of New Jersey and began practice at Newark in that State, later practicing in New York. In 1833 he removed to Chicago and was early recognized as a prominent physician; on July 4, 1836, delivered the address at the breaking of ground for the Illinois & Michigan Canal. During the early years of his residence in Chicago, Dr. Egan was owner of the block on which the Tremont House stands, and erected a number of houses there. He was a zealous Democrat and a delegate to the first Convention of that party, held at Joliet in 1843; was elected County Recorder in 1844 and Representative in the Eighteenth General Assembly (1853-54). Died, Oct. 27, 1860.

**ELBURN**, a village of Kane County, on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, 8 miles west of Geneva. It has banks and a weekly newspaper. Population (1890), 554; (1900), 606.

**ELDORADO**, a town in Saline County, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, the

Louisville & Nashville, and the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroads; has a bank and one newspaper; district agricultural. Population, (1900), 1,445.

**ELDRIDGE, Hamilton N.**, lawyer and soldier, was born at South Williamstown, Mass., August, 1837; graduated at Williams College in the class with President Garfield, in 1856, and at Albany Law School, in 1857; soon afterward came to Chicago and began practice; in 1862 assisted in organizing the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteers, of which he was elected Lieutenant-Colonel, before the end of the year being promoted to the position of Colonel; distinguished himself at Arkansas Post, Chickamauga and in the battles before Vicksburg, winning the rank of Brevet Brigadier-General, but, after two years' service, was compelled to retire on account of disability, being carried east on a stretcher. Subsequently he recovered sufficiently to resume his profession, but died in Chicago, Dec. 1, 1882, much regretted by a large circle of friends, with whom he was exceedingly popular.

**ELECTIONS.** The elections of public officers in Illinois are of two general classes: (I) those conducted in accordance with United States laws, and (II) those conducted exclusively under State laws.

1. To the first class belong: (1) the election of United States Senators; (2) Presidential Electors, and (3) Representatives in Congress. 1. (UNITED STATES SENATORS). The election of United States Senators, while an act of the State Legislature, is conducted solely under forms prescribed by the laws of the United States. These make it the duty of the Legislature, on the second Tuesday after convening at the session next preceding the expiration of the term for which any Senator may have been chosen, to proceed to elect his successor in the following manner: Each House is required, on the day designated, in open session and by the viva voce vote of each member present, to name some person for United States Senator, the result of the balloting to be entered on the journals of the respective Houses. At twelve o'clock (M.) on the day following the day of election, the members of the two Houses meet in joint assembly, when the journals of both Houses are read. If it appears that the same person has received a majority of all the votes in each House, he is declared elected Senator. If, however, no one has received such majority, or if either House has failed to take proceedings as required on the preceding day, then the members

of the two Houses, in joint assembly, proceed to ballot for Senator by viva voce vote of members present. The person receiving a majority of all the votes cast—a majority of the members of both Houses being present and voting—is declared elected; otherwise the joint assembly is renewed at noon each legislative day of the session, and at least one ballot taken until a Senator is chosen. When a vacancy exists in the Senate at the time of the assembling of the Legislature, the same rule prevails as to the time of holding an election to fill it; and, if a vacancy occurs during the session, the Legislature is required to proceed to an election on the second Tuesday after having received official notice of such vacancy. The tenure of a United States Senator for a full term is six years—the regular term beginning with a new Congress—the two Senators from each State belonging to different "classes," so that their terms expire alternately at periods of two and four years from each other.—2. (PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS). The choice of Electors of President and Vice-President is made by popular vote taken quadrennially on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The date of such election is fixed by act of Congress, being the same as that for Congressman, although the State Legislature prescribes the manner of conducting it and making returns of the same. The number of Electors chosen equals the number of Senators and Representatives taken together (in 1899 it was twenty-four), and they are elected on a general ticket, a plurality of votes being sufficient to elect. Electors meet at the State capital on the second Monday of January after their election (Act of Congress, 1887), to cast the vote of the State.—3. (MEMBERS OF CONGRESS). The election of Representatives in Congress is also held under United States law, occurring biennially (on the even years) simultaneously with the general State election in November. Should Congress select a different date for such election, it would be the duty of the Legislature to recognize it by a corresponding change in the State law relating to the election of Congressmen. The tenure of a Congressman is two years, the election being by Districts instead of a general ticket, as in the case of Presidential Electors—the term of each Representative for a full term beginning with a new Congress, on the 4th of March of the odd years following a general election. (See *Congressional Apportionment*.)

II. All officers under the State Government—except Boards of Trustees of charitable and penal institutions or the heads of certain departments,

which are made appointive by the Governor—are elected by popular vote. Apart from county officers they consist of three classes: (1) Legislative; (2) Executive; (3) Judicial—which are chosen at different times and for different periods.

1. (LEGISLATURE). Legislative officers consist of Senators and Representatives, chosen at elections held on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, biennially. The regular term of a Senator (of whom there are fifty-one under the present Constitution) is four years; twenty-five (those in Districts bearing even numbers) being chosen on the years in which a President and Governor are elected, and the other twenty-six at the intermediate period two years later. Thus, one-half of each State Senate is composed of what are called "hold-over" Senators. Representatives are elected biennially at the November election, and hold office two years. The qualifications as to eligibility for a seat in the State Senate require that the incumbent shall be 25 years of age, while 21 years renders one eligible to a seat in the House—the Constitution requiring that each shall have been a resident of the State for five years, and of the District for which he is chosen, two years next preceding his election. (See *Legislative Apportionment and Minority Representation*.)—2. (EXECUTIVE OFFICERS). The officers constituting the Executive Department include the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Attorney-General. Each of these, except the State Treasurer, holds office four years and—with the exception of the Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Instruction—are elected at the general election at which Presidential Electors are chosen. The election of State Superintendent occurs on the intermediate (even) years, and that of State Treasurer every two years coincidently with the election of Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction, respectively. (See *Executive Officers*.) In addition to the State officers already named, three Trustees of the University of Illinois are elected biennially at the general election in November, each holding office for six years. These trustees (nine in number), with the Governor, President of the State Board of Agriculture and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, constitute the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois.—3. (JUDICIARY). The Judicial Department embraces Judges of the Supreme, Circuit and County Courts, and such other subordinate officials as may be connected with the administration of justice. For the

election of members of the Supreme Court the State is divided into seven Districts, each of which elects a Justice of the Supreme Court for a term of nine years. The elections in five of these—the First, Second, Third, Sixth and Seventh—occur on the first Monday in June every ninth year from 1879, the last election having occurred in June, 1897. The elections in the other two Districts occur at similar periods of nine years from 1876 and 1873, respectively—the last election in the Fourth District having occurred in June, 1893, and that in the Fifth in 1891.—Circuit Judges are chosen on the first Monday in June every six years, counting from 1873. Judges of the Superior Court of Cook County are elected every six years at the November election.—Clerks of the Supreme and Appellate Courts are elected at the November election for six years, the last election having occurred in 1896. Under the act of April 2, 1897, consolidating the Supreme Court into one Grand Division, the number of Supreme Court Clerks is reduced to one, although the Clerks elected in 1896 remain in office and have charge of the records of their several Divisions until the expiration of their terms in 1902. The Supreme Court holds five terms annually at Springfield, beginning, respectively, on the first Tuesday of October, December, February, April and June.

(OTHER OFFICERS). (a) Members of the State Board of Equalization (one for every Congressional District) are elective every four years at the same time as Congressmen. (b) County officers (except County Commissioners not under township organization) hold office for four years and are chosen at the November election as follows: (1) At the general election at which the Governor is chosen—Clerk of the Circuit Court, State's Attorney, Recorder of Deeds (in counties having a population of 60,000 or over), Coroner and County Surveyor. (2) On intermediate years—Sheriff, County Judge, Probate Judge (in counties having a population of 70,000 and over), County Clerk, Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools, and Clerk of Criminal Court of Cook County. (c) In counties not under township organization a Board of County Commissioners is elected, one being chosen in November of each year, and each holding office three years. (d) Under the general law the polls open at 8 a. m., and close at 7 p. m. In cities accepting an Act of the Legislature passed in 1885, the hour of opening the polls is 6 a. m., and of closing 4 p. m. (See also *Australian Ballot*.)

**ELECTORS, QUALIFICATIONS OF.** (See  *Suffrage*.)

**ELGIN**, an important city of Northern Illinois, in Kane County, on Fox River and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Chicago & Northwestern Railroads, besides two rural electric lines, 36 miles northwest of Chicago; has valuable water-power and over fifty manufacturing establishments, including the National Watch Factory and the Cook Publishing Company, both among the most extensive of their kind in the world; is also a great dairy center with extensive creameries and milk-condensing works. The quotations of its Butter and Cheese Exchange are telegraphed to all the great commercial centers and regulate the prices of these commodities throughout the country. Elgin is the seat of the Northern (Illinois) Hospital for the Insane, and has a handsome Government (postoffice) building, fine public library and many handsome residences. It has had a rapid growth in the past twenty years. Population (1890), 17,833; (1900), 22,433.

**ELGIN, JOLIET & EASTERN RAILWAY.** The main line of this road extends west from Dyer on the Indiana State line to Joliet, thence northeast to Waukegan. The total length of the line (1898) is 192.72 miles, of which 159.93 miles are in Illinois. The entire capital of the company, including stock and indebtedness, amounted (1898), to \$13,799,630—more than \$71,000 per mile. Its total earnings in Illinois for the same year were \$1,212,026, and its entire expenditure in the State, \$1,156,146. The company paid in taxes, the same year, \$48,876. Branch lines extend southerly from Walker Junction to Coster, where connection is made with the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, and northwesterly from Normantown, on the main line, to Aurora. —(HISTORY). The Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway was chartered in 1887 and absorbed the Joliet, Aurora & Northern Railway, from Joliet to Aurora (21 miles), which had been commenced in 1886 and was completed in 1888, with extensions from Joliet to Spaulding, Ill., and from Joliet to McCool, Ind. In January, 1891, the Company purchased all the properties and franchises of the Gardner, Coal City & Normantown and the Waukegan & Southwestern Railway Companies (formerly operated under lease). The former of these two roads was chartered in 1889 and opened in 1890. The system forms a belt line around Chicago, intersecting all railroads entering that city from every direction. Its traffic is chiefly in the transportation of freight.

**ELIZABETHTOWN**, the county-seat of Hardin County. It stands on the north bank of the Ohio River, 44 miles above Paducah, Ky., and about

125 miles southeast of Belleville; has a brick and tile factory, large tile trade, two churches, two flouring mills, a bank, and one newspaper. Population (1890), 652; (1900), 668.

**ELKHART**, a town of Logan County, on the Chicago & Altou Railroad, 18 miles northeast of Springfield; is a rich farming section; has a coal shaft. Population (1890), 414; (1900), 553.

**ELKIN, William F.**, pioneer and early legislator, was born in Clark County, Ky., April 13, 1792; after spending several years in Ohio and Indiana, came to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1825; was elected to the Sixth, Tenth and Eleventh General Assemblies, being one of the "Long Nine" from Sangamon County and, in 1861, was appointed by his former colleague (Abraham Lincoln) Register of the Land Office at Springfield, resigning in 1872. Died, in 1878.

**ELLIS, Edward F. W.**, soldier, was born at Wilton, Maine, April 15, 1819; studied law and was admitted to the bar in Ohio; spent three years (1849-52) in California, serving in the Legislature of that State in 1851, and proving himself an earnest opponent of slavery; returned to Ohio the next year, and, in 1854, removed to Rockford, Ill., where he embarked in the banking business. Soon after the firing on Fort Sumter, he organized the Ellis Rifles, which having been attached to the Fifteenth Illinois, he was elected Lieutenant-Colonel of the regiment; was in command at the battle of Shiloh, April 6, 1862, and was killed while bravely leading on his men.

**ELLIS, (Rev.) John Millot**, early home missionary, was born in Keene, N. H., July 14, 1793; came to Illinois as a home missionary of the Presbyterian Church at an early day, and served for a time as pastor of churches at Kaskaskia and Jacksonville, and was one of the influential factors in securing the location of Illinois College at the latter place. His wife also conducted, for some years, a private school for young ladies at Jacksonville, which developed into the Jacksonville Female Academy in 1833, and is still maintained after a history of over sixty years. Mr. Ellis was later associated with the establishment of Wabash College, at Crawfordsville, Ind., finally returning to New Hampshire, where, in 1840, he was pastor of a church at East Hanover. In 1844 he again entered the service of the Society for Promoting Collegiate and Theological Education in the West. Died, August 6, 1855.

**ELLSWORTH, Ephraim Elmer**, soldier, first victim of the Civil War, was born at Mechanicsville, Saratoga County, N. Y., April 23, 1837. He came to Chicago at an early age, studied law,

and became a patent solicitor. In 1860 he raised a regiment of Zouaves in Chicago, which became famous for the perfection of its discipline and drill, and of which he was commissioned Colonel. In 1861 he accompanied President Lincoln to Washington, going from there to New York, where he recruited and organized a Zouave regiment composed of firemen. He became its Colonel and the regiment was ordered to Alexandria, Va. While stationed there Colonel Ellsworth observed that a Confederate flag was flying above a hotel owned by one Jackson. Rushing to the roof, he tore it down, but before he reached the street was shot and killed by Jackson, who was in turn shot by Frank H. Brownell, one of Ellsworth's men. He was the first Union soldier killed in the war. Died, May 24, 1861.

**ELMHURST** (formerly Cottage Hill), a village of Du Page County, on the Chicago Great Western and Ill. Cent. Railroads, 15 miles west of Chicago; is the seat of the Evangelical Seminary; has electric interurban line, two papers, stone quarry, electric light, water and sewerage systems, high school, and churches. Pop. (1900), 1,728.

**ELMWOOD**, a town of Peoria County, on the Galesburg and Peoria and Buda and Rushville branches of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 26 miles west-northwest of Peoria; the principal industries are coal-mining and corn and tomato canning; has a bank and one newspaper. Population (1890), 1,548; (1900), 1,582.

**EL PASO**, a city in Woodford County, 17 miles north of Bloomington, 33 miles east of Peoria, at the crossing Illinois Central and Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroads; in agricultural district; has two national banks, three grain elevators, two high schools, two newspapers, nine churches. Pop. (1890), 1,353; (1900), 1,441; (1903, est.), 1,600.

**EMBARRAS RIVER**, rises in Champaign County and runs southward through the counties of Douglas, Coles and Cumberland, to Newton, in Jasper County, where it turns to the southeast, passing through Lawrence County, and entering the Wabash River about seven miles below Vincennes. It is nearly 150 miles long.

**EMMERSON, Charles**, jurist, was born at North Haverhill, Grafton County, N. H., April 15, 1811; came to Illinois in 1833, first settling at Jacksonville, where he spent one term in Illinois College, then studied law at Springfield, and, having been admitted to the bar, began practice at Decatur, where he spent the remainder of his life except three years (1847-50) during which he resided at Paris, Edgar County. In 1850 he was elected to



the Legislature, and, in 1853, to the Circuit bench, serving on the latter by re-election till 1867. The latter year he was a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court, but was defeated by the late Judge Pinkney H. Walker. In 1869 he was elected to the State Constitutional Convention, but died in April, 1870, while the Convention was still in session.

**ENFIELD**, a town of White County, at the intersection of the Louisville & Nashville with the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway, 10 miles west of Carmi; is the seat of Southern Illinois College. The town also has a bank and one newspaper. Population (1880), 717; (1890), 870; (1900), 971; (1903, est.), 1,000.

**ENGLISH, Joseph G.**, banker, was born at Rising Sun, Ind., Dec. 17, 1830; lived for a time at Perryssville and La Fayette in that State, finally engaging in merchandising in the former; in 1853 removed to Danville, Ill., where he formed a partnership with John L. Tincher in mercantile business; later conducted a private banking business and, in 1863, established the First National Bank, of which he has been President over twenty years. He served two terms as Mayor of Danville, in 1872 was elected a member of the State Board of Equalization, and, for more than twenty years, has been one of the Directors of the Chicago & Eastern Railroad. At the present time Mr. English, having practically retired from business, is spending most of his time in the West.

**ENOS, Pascal Paoli**, pioneer, was born at Windsor, Conn., in 1770; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1794, studied law, and, after spending some years in Vermont, where he served as High Sheriff of Windsor County, in September, 1815, removed West, stopping first at Cincinnati. A year later he descended the Ohio by flat-boat to Shawneetown, Ill., crossed the State by land, finally locating at St. Charles, Mo., and later at St. Louis. Then, having purchased a tract of land in Madison County, Ill., he remained there about two years, when, in 1823, having received from President Monroe the appointment of Receiver of the newly established Land Office at Springfield, he removed thither, making it his permanent home. He was one of the original purchasers of the land on which the city of Springfield now stands, and joined with Maj. Elijah Iles, John Taylor and Thomas Cox, the other patentees, in laying out the town, to which they first gave the name of Calhoun. Mr. Enos remained in office through the administration of President John Quincy Adams, but was removed by President Jackson for political reasons, in 1829. Died, at

Springfield, April, 1832.—**Pascal P.** (Enos), Jr., eldest son of Mr. Enos, was born in St. Charles, Mo., Nov. 28, 1816; was elected Representative in the General Assembly from Sangamon County in 1852, and served by appointment of Justice McLean of the Supreme Court as Clerk of the United States Circuit Court, being reappointed by Judge David Davis, dying in office, Feb. 17, 1867.—**Zimri A.** (Enos), another son, was born Sept. 29, 1821, is a citizen of Springfield—has served as County Surveyor and Alderman of the city.—**Julia R.**, a daughter, was born in Springfield, Dec. 20, 1832, is the widow of the late O. M. Hatch, Secretary of State (1857-65).

**EPLER, Cyrus**, lawyer and jurist, was born at Charleston, Clark County, Ind., Nov. 12, 1825; graduated at Illinois College, Jacksonville, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1852, being elected State's Attorney the same year; also served as a member of the General Assembly two terms (1857-61), and as Master in Chancery for Morgan County, 1867-73. In 1873 he was elected Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit and was re-elected successively in 1879, '85 and '91, serving four terms, and retiring in 1897. During his entire professional and official career his home has been in Jacksonville.

**EQUALITY**, a village of Gallatin County, on the Shawneetown Division of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, 11 miles west-northwest of Shawneetown. It was for a time, in early days, the county-seat of Gallatin County and market for the salt manufactured in that vicinity. Some coal is mined in the neighborhood. One weekly paper is published here. Population (1880), 500; (1890), 622; (1900), 898.

**ERIE**, a village of Whiteside County, on the Rock Island and Sterling Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 30 miles northeast of Rock Island. Population (1880), 537; (1890), 535; (1900), 768.

**EUREKA**, the county-seat of Woodford County, incorporated in 1856, situated 19 miles east of Peoria; is in the heart of a rich stock-raising and agricultural district. The principal mechanical industry is a large canning factory. Besides having good grammar and high schools, it is also the seat of Eureka College, under the control of the Christian denomination, in connection with which are a Normal School and a Biblical Institute. The town has a handsome courthouse and a jail, two weekly and one monthly paper. Eureka became the county-seat of Woodford County in 1896, the change from Metamora being

due to the central location and more convenient accessibility of the former from all parts of the county. Population (1880), 1,185; (1890), 1,481; (1900), 1,661.

**EUREKA COLLEGE**, located at Eureka, Woodford County, and chartered in 1855, distinctively under the care and supervision of the "Christian" or "Campbellite" denomination. The primary aim of its founders was to prepare young men for the ministry, while at the same time affording facilities for liberal culture. It was chartered in 1855, and its growth, while gradual, has been steady. Besides a preparatory department and a business school, the college maintains a collegiate department (with classical and scientific courses) and a theological school, the latter being designed to fit young men for the ministry of the denomination. Both male and female matriculates are received. In 1896 there was a faculty of eighteen professors and assistants, and an attendance of some 325 students, nearly one-third of whom were females. The total value of the institution's property is \$144,000, which includes an endowment of \$45,000 and real estate valued at \$85,000.

**EUSTACE, John V.**, lawyer and judge, was born in Philadelphia, Sept. 9, 1821; graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1839, and, in 1842, at the age of 21, was admitted to the bar, removing the same year to Dixon, Ill., where he resided until his death. In 1856 he was elected to the General Assembly and, in 1857, became Circuit Judge, serving one term; was chosen Presidential Elector in 1864, and, in March, 1878, was again elevated to the Circuit Bench, vice Judge Heaton, deceased. He was elected to the same position in 1879, and re-elected in 1885, but died in 1888, three years before the expiration of his term.

**EVANGELICAL SEMINARY**, an institution under the direction of the Lutheran denomination, incorporated in 1865 and located at Elmhurst, Du Page County. Instruction is given in the classics, theology, oratory and preparatory studies, by a faculty of eight teachers. The number of pupils during the school year (1895-96) was 133—all young men. It has property valued at \$59,305.

**EVANS, Henry H.**, legislator, was born in Toronto, Can., March 9, 1836; brought by his father (who was a native of Pennsylvania) to Aurora, Ill., where the latter finally became foreman of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy machine shops at that place. In 1862 young Evans enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteers, serving until the close of the

war. Since the war he has become most widely known as a member of the General Assembly, having been elected first to the House, in 1876, and subsequently to the Senate every four years from 1880 to the year 1898, giving him over twenty years of almost continuous service. He is a large owner of real estate and has been prominently connected with financial and other business enterprises at Aurora, including the Aurora Gas and Street Railway Companies; also served with the rank of Colonel on the staffs of Governors Cullom, Hamilton, Fifer and Oglesby.

**EVANS, (Rev.) Jervie G.**, educator and reformer, was born in Marshall County, Ill., Dec. 19, 1833; entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1854, and, in 1872, accepted the presidency of Hedding College at Abingdon, which he filled for six years. He then became President of Chaddock College at Quincy, but the following year returned to pastoral work. In 1889 he again became President of Hedding College, where (1898) he still remains. Dr. Evans is a member of the Central Illinois (M. E.) Conference and a leader in the prohibition movement; has also produced a number of volumes on religious and moral questions.

**EVANS, John, M.D.**, physician and Governor, was born at Waynesville, Ohio, of Quaker ancestry, March 9, 1814; graduated in medicine at Cincinnati and began practice at Ottawa, Ill., but soon returned to Ohio, finally locating at Attica, Ind. Here he became prominent in the establishment of the first insane hospital in Indiana, at Indianapolis, about 1841-42, becoming a resident of that city in 1845. Three years later, having accepted a chair in Rush Medical College, in Chicago, he removed thither, also serving for a time as editor of "The Northwestern Medical and Surgical Journal." He served as a member of the Chicago City Council, became a successful operator in real estate and in the promotion of various railroad enterprises, and was one of the founders of the Northwestern University, at Evanston, serving as President of the Board of Trustees over forty years. Dr. Evans was one of the founders of the Republican party in Illinois, and a strong personal friend of President Lincoln, from whom, in 1862, he received the appointment of Governor of the Territory of Colorado, continuing in office until displaced by Andrew Johnson in 1865. In Colorado he became a leading factor in the construction of some of the most important railroad lines in that section, including the Denver, Texas & Gulf Road, of which he was for many years the President. He was also

prominent in connection with educational and church enterprises at Denver, which was his home after leaving Illinois. Died, in Denver, July 3, 1897.

**EVANSTON**, a city of Cook County, situated 12 miles north of Chicago, on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Chicago & Northwestern Railroads. The original town was incorporated Dec. 29, 1863, and, in March, 1869, a special act was passed by the Legislature incorporating it as a city, but rejected by vote of the people. On Oct. 19, 1872, the voters of the corporate town adopted village organizations under the General Village and City Incorporation Act of the same year. Since then annexations of adjacent territory to the village of Evanston have taken place as follows: In January, 1873, two small districts by petition; in April, 1874, the village of North Evanston was annexed by a majority vote of the electors of both corporations; in April, 1886, there was another annexation of a small out-lying district by petition; in February, 1892, the question of the annexation of South Evanston was submitted to the voters of both corporations and adopted. On March 29, 1892, the question of organization under a city government was submitted to popular vote of the consolidated corporation and decided in the affirmative, the first city election taking place April 19, following. The population of the original corporation of Evanston, according to the census of 1890, was 12,072, and of South Evanston, 3,205, making the total population of the new city 15,967. Judged by the census returns of 1900, the consolidated city has had a healthy growth in the past ten years, giving it, at the end of the century, a population of 19,259. Evanston is one of the most attractive residence cities in Northern Illinois and famed for its educational advantages. Besides having an admirable system of graded and high schools, it is the seat of the academic and theological departments of the Northwestern University, the latter being known as the Garrett Biblical Institute. The city has well paved streets, is lighted by both gas and electricity, and maintains its own system of water works. Prohibition is strictly enforced within the corporate limits under stringent municipal ordinances, and the charter of the Northwestern University forbidding the sale of intoxicants within four miles of that institution. As a consequence, it is certain to attract the most desirable class of people, whether consisting of those seeking permanent homes or simply contemplating temporary residence for the sake of educational advantages.

**EWING**, William Lee Davidson, early lawyer and politician, was born in Kentucky in 1795, and came to Illinois at an early day, first settling at Shawneetown. As early as 1820 he appears from a letter of Governor Edwards to President Monroe, to have been holding some Federal appointment, presumably that of Receiver of Public Moneys in the Land Office at Vandalia, as contemporary history shows that, in 1822, he lost a deposit of \$1,000 by the robbery of the bank there. He was also Brigadier-General of the State militia at an early day, Colonel of the "Spy Battalion" during the Black Hawk War, and, as Indian Agent, superintended the removal of the Sacs and Foxes west of the Mississippi. Other positions held by him included Clerk of the House of Representatives two sessions (1826-27 and 1828-29); Representative from the counties composing the Vandalia District in the Seventh General Assembly (1830-31), when he also became Speaker of the House; Senator from the same District in the Eighth and Ninth General Assemblies, of which he was chosen President pro tempore. While serving in this capacity he became ex-officio Lieutenant-Governor in consequence of the resignation of Lieut.-Gov. Zadoc Casey to accept a seat in Congress, in March, 1833, and, in November, 1834, assumed the Governorship as successor to Governor Reynolds, who had been elected to Congress to fill a vacancy. He served only fifteen days as Governor, when he gave place to Gov. Joseph Duncan, who had been elected in due course at the previous election. A year later (December, 1835) he was chosen United States Senator to succeed Elias Kent Kane, who had died in office. Failing of a re-election to the Senatorship in 1837, he was returned to the House of Representatives from his old district in 1838, as he was again in 1840, at each session being chosen Speaker over Abraham Lincoln, who was the Whig candidate. Dropping out of the Legislature at the close of his term, we find him at the beginning of the next session (December, 1842) in his old place as Clerk of the House, but, before the close of the session (in March, 1843), appointed Auditor of Public Accounts as successor to James Shields, who had resigned. While occupying the office of Auditor, Mr. Ewing died, March 25, 1846. His public career was as unique as it was remarkable, in the number and character of the official positions held by him within a period of twenty-five years.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.** (See State officers under heads of "Governor," "Lieutenant-Governor," etc.)

**EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY, ILLINOIS CHARITABLE.** This institution is an outgrowth of a private charity founded at Chicago, in 1858, by Dr. Edward L. Holmes, a distinguished Chicago oculist. In 1871 the property of the institution was transferred to and accepted by the State, the title was changed by the substitution of the word "Illinois" for "Chicago," and the Infirmary became a State institution. The fire of 1871 destroyed the building, and, in 1873-74, the State erected another of brick, four stories in height, at the corner of West Adams and Peoria Streets, Chicago. The institution receives patients from all the counties of the State, the same receiving board, lodging, and medical aid, and (when necessary) surgical treatment, free of charge. The number of patients on Dec. 1, 1897, was 160. In 1877 a free eye and ear dispensary was opened under legislative authority, which is under charge of some eminent Chicago specialists.

**FAIRBURY**, an incorporated city of Livingston County, situated ten miles southeast of Pontiac, in a fertile and thickly-settled region. Coal, sandstone, limestone, fire-clay and a micaceous quartz are found in the neighborhood. The town has banks, grain elevators, flouring mills and two weekly newspapers. Population (1880), 2,140; (1890), 2,324; (1900), 2,187.

**FAIRFIELD**, an incorporated city, the county-seat of Wayne County and a railway junction, 108 miles southeast of St. Louis. The town has an extensive woolen factory and large flouring and saw mills. It also has four weekly papers and is an important fruit and grain-shipping point. Population (1880), 1,391; (1890), 1,881; (1900), 2,338.

**FAIRMOUNT**, a village of Vermilion County, on the Wabash Railway, 13 miles west-southwest from Danville; industrial interests chiefly agricultural; has brick and tile factory, a coal mine, stone quarry, three rural mail routes and one weekly paper. Population (1890), 649; (1900), 928.

**FALLOWS, (Rt. Rev.) Samuel**, Bishop of Reformed Protestant Episcopal Church, was born at Pendleton, near Manchester, England, Dec. 13, 1835; removed with his parents to Wisconsin in 1848, and graduated from the State University there in 1859, during a part of his university course serving as pastor of a Methodist Episcopal church at Madison; was next Vice-President of Gainesville University till 1861, when he was ordained to the Methodist ministry and became pastor of a church at Oshkosh. The following year he was appointed Chaplain of the Thirty-

second Wisconsin Volunteers, but later assisted in organizing the Fortieth Wisconsin, of which he became Colonel, in 1865 being brevetted Brigadier-General. On his return to civil life he became a pastor in Milwaukee; was appointed State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Wisconsin to fill a vacancy, in 1871, and was twice re-elected. In 1874 he was elected President of the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Ill., remaining two years; in 1875 united with the Reformed Episcopal Church, soon after became Rector of St. Paul's Church in Chicago, and was elected a Bishop in 1876, also assuming the editorship of "The Appeal," the organ of the church. He served as Regent of the University of Wisconsin (1864-74), and for several years has been one of the Trustees of the Illinois State Reform School at Pontiac. He is the author of two or three volumes, one of them being a "Supplementary Dictionary," published in 1884. Bishop Fallows has had supervision of Reformed Episcopal Church work in the West and Northwest for several years; has also served as Chaplain of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of Illinois and of the Loyal Legion, and was Chairman of the General Committee of the Educational Congress during the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.

**FARINA**, a town of Fayette County, on the Chicago Division of the Illinois Central Railroad, 29 miles northeast of Centralia. Agriculture and fruit-growing constitute the chief business of the section; the town has one newspaper. Population (1890), 618; (1900), 633; (1903, est.), 800.

**FARMER CITY**, a city of De Witt County, 25 miles southeast of Bloomington, at the junction of the Springfield division of the Illinois Central and the Peoria division of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railways. It is a trading center for a rich agricultural and stock-raising district, especially noted for rearing finely bred horses. The city has banks, two newspapers, churches of four denominations and good schools, including a high school. Population (1880), 1,289; (1890), 1,367; (1900), 1,664.

**FARMERS' INSTITUTE**, an organization created by an act, approved June 24, 1895, designed to encourage practical education among farmers, and to assist in developing the agricultural resources of the State. Its membership consists of three delegates from each county in the State, elected annually by the Farmers' Institute in such county. Its affairs are managed by a Board of Directors constituted as follows: The Superintendent of Public Instruction, the



Professor of Agriculture in the University of Illinois, and the Presidents of the State Board of Agriculture, Dairymen's Association and Horticultural Society, ex-officio, with one member from each Congressional District, chosen by the delegates from the district at the annual meeting of the organization. Annual meetings (between Oct. 1 and March 1) are required to be held, which shall continue in session for not less than three days. The topics for discussion are the cultivation of crops, the cure and breeding of domestic animals, dairy husbandry, horticulture, farm drainage, improvement of highways and general farm management. The reports of the annual meetings are printed by the State to the number of 10,000, one-half of the edition being placed at the disposal of the Institute. Suitable quarters for the officers of the organization are provided in the State capitol.

**FARMINGTON**, a city and railroad center in Fulton County, 12 miles north of Canton and 22 miles west of Peoria. Coal is extensively mined here; there are also brick and tile factories, a foundry, one steam flour-mill, and two cigar manufactories. It is a large shipping-point for grain and live-stock. The town has two banks and two newspapers, five churches and a graded school. Population (1890), 1,375; (1903, est.), 2,103.

**FARNSWORTH, Elon John**, soldier, was born at Green Oak, Livingston County, Mich., in 1837. After completing a course in the public schools, he entered the University of Michigan, but left college at the end of his freshman year (1858) to serve in the Quartermaster's department of the army in the Utah expedition. At the expiration of his term of service he became a buffalo hunter and a carrier of mails between the haunts of civilization and the then newly-discovered mines at Pike's Peak. Returning to Illinois, he was commissioned (1861) Assistant Quartermaster of the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, of which his uncle was Colonel. (See *Farnsworth, John Franklin*.) He soon rose to a captaincy, distinguishing himself in the battles of the Peninsula. In May, 1863, he was appointed aid-de-camp to General Pleasanton, and, on June 29, 1863, was made a Brigadier-General. Four days later he was killed, while gallantly leading a charge at Gettysburg.

**FARNSWORTH, John Franklin**, soldier and former Congressman, was born at Eaton, Canada East, March 27, 1820; removed to Michigan in 1834, and later to Illinois, settling in Kane County, where he practiced law for many years, making his home at St. Charles. He was elected to Congress in 1856, and re-elected in 1858. In

September of 1861, he was commissioned Colonel of the Eighth Illinois Cavalry Volunteers, and was brevetted Brigadier-General in November, 1862, but resigned, March 4, 1863, to take his seat in Congress to which he had been elected the November previous, by successive re-elections serving from 1863 to 1873. The latter years of his life were spent in Washington, where he died, July 14, 1897.

**FARWELL, Charles Benjamin**, merchant and United States Senator, was born at Painted Post, N. Y., July 1, 1823; removed to Illinois in 1838, and, for six years, was employed in surveying and farming. In 1844 he engaged in the real estate business and in banking, at Chicago. He was elected County Clerk in 1853, and re-elected in 1857. Later he entered into commerce, becoming a partner with his brother, John Villiers, in the firm of J. V. Farwell & Co. He was a member of the State Board of Equalization in 1867; Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Cook County in 1868; and National Bank Examiner in 1869. In 1870 he was elected to Congress as a Republican, was re-elected in 1872, but was defeated in 1874, after a contest for the seat which was carried into the House at Washington. Again, in 1880, he was returned to Congress, making three full terms in that body. He also served for several years as Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee. After the death of Gen. John A. Logan he was (1887) elected United States Senator, his term expiring March 3, 1891. Mr. Farwell has since devoted his attention to the immense mercantile business of J. V. Farwell & Co.

**FARWELL, John Villiers**, merchant, was born at Campbelltown, Steuben County, N. Y., July 29, 1825, the son of a farmer; received a common-school education and, in 1838, removed with his father's family to Ogle County, Ill. Here he attended Mount Morris Seminary for a time, but, in 1845, came to Chicago without capital and secured employment in the City Clerk's office, then became a book-keeper in the dry-goods establishment of Hamilton & White, and, still later, with Hamilton & Day. Having thus received his bent towards a mercantile career, he soon after entered the concern of Wadsworth & Phelps as a clerk, at a salary of \$600 a year, but was admitted to a partnership in 1850, the title of the firm becoming Cooley, Farwell & Co., in 1860. About this time Marshall Field and Levi Z. Leiter became associated with the concern and received their mercantile training under the supervision of Mr. Farwell. In 1865 the title of the firm

became J. V. Farwell & Co., but, in 1891, the firm was incorporated under the name of The J. V. Farwell Company, his brother, Charles B. Farwell, being a member. The subject of this sketch has long been a prominent factor in religious circles, a leading spirit of the Young Men's Christian Association, and served as President of the Chicago Branch of the United States Christian Commission during the Civil War. Politically he is a Republican and served as Presidential Elector at the time of President Lincoln's second election in 1864; also served by appointment of President Grant, in 1869, on the Board of Indian Commissioners. He was a member of the syndicate which erected the Texas State Capitol, at Austin, in that State; has been, for a number of years, Vice-President and Treasurer of the J. V. Farwell Company, and President of the Colorado Consolidated Land and Water Company. He was also prominent in the organization of the Chicago Public Library, and a member of the Union League, the Chicago Historical Society and the Art Institute.

**FARWELL, William Washington**, jurist, was born at Morrisville, Madison County, N. Y., Jan. 5, 1817, of old Puritan ancestry; graduated from Hamilton College in 1837, and was admitted to the bar at Rochester, N. Y., in 1841. In 1848 he removed to Chicago, but the following year went to California, returning to his birthplace in 1850. In 1854 he again settled at Chicago and soon secured a prominent position at the bar. In 1871 he was elected Circuit Court Judge for Cook County, and, in 1873, re-elected for a term of six years. During this period he sat chiefly upon the chancery side of the court, and, for a time, presided as Chief Justice. At the close of his second term he was a candidate for re-election as a Republican, but was defeated with the remainder of the ticket. In 1880 he was chosen Professor of Equity Jurisprudence in the Union College of Law (now the Northwestern University Law School), serving until June, 1893, when he resigned. Died, in Chicago, April 30, 1894.

**FAYETTE COUNTY**, situated about 60 miles south of the geographical center of the State; was organized in 1821, and named for the French General La Fayette. It has an area of 720 square miles; population (1900), 28,065. The soil is fertile and a rich vein of bituminous coal underlies the county. Agriculture, fruit-growing and mining are the chief industries. The old, historic "Cumberland Road," the trail for all west-bound emigrants, crossed the county at an early date. Perryville was the first county-seat, but this town

is now extinct. Vandalia, the present seat of county government (population, 2,144), stands upon a succession of hills upon the west bank of the Kaskaskia. From 1820 to 1839 it was the State Capital. Besides Vandalia the chief towns are Ramsey, noted for its railroad ties and timber, and St. Elmo.

**FEEBLE-MINDED CHILDREN, ASYLUM FOR.** This institution, originally established as a sort of appendage to the Illinois Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, was started at Jacksonville, in 1865, as an "experimental school, for the instruction of idiots and feeble-minded children." Its success having been assured, the school was placed upon an independent basis in 1871, and, in 1875, a site at Lincoln, Logan County, covering forty acres, was donated, and the erection of buildings begun. The original plan provided for a center building, with wings and a rear extension, to cost \$124,775. Besides a main or administration building, the institution embraces a school building and custodial hall, a hospital and industrial workshop, and, during the past year, a chapel has been added. It has control of 890 acres, of which 400 are leased for farming purposes, the rental going to the benefit of the institution. The remainder is used for the purposes of the institution as farm land, gardens or pasture, about ninety acres being occupied by the institution buildings. The capacity of the institution is about 700 inmates, with many applications constantly on file for the admission of others for whom there is no room.

**FEEHAN, Patrick A., D.D.**, Archbishop of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Chicago, and Metropolitan of Illinois, was born at Tipperary, Ireland, in 1829, and educated at Maynooth College. He emigrated to the United States in 1852, settling at St. Louis, and was at once appointed President of the Seminary of Carondelet. Later he was made pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception at St. Louis, where he achieved marked distinction. In 1865 he was consecrated Bishop of Nashville, managing the affairs of the diocese with great ability. In 1880 Chicago was raised to an archiepiscopal see, with Suffragan Bishops at Alton and Peoria, and Bishop Feehan was consecrated its first Archbishop. His administration has been conservative, yet efficient, and the archdiocese has greatly prospered under his rule.

**FELL, Jesse W.**, lawyer and real-estate operator, was born in Chester County, Pa., about 1808; started west on foot in 1828, and, after spending some years at Steubenville, Ohio, came to Dela-

van, Ill., in 1832, and the next year located at Bloomington, being the first lawyer in that new town. Later he became agent for school lands and the State Bank, but failed financially in 1837, and returned to practice; resided several years at Payson, Adams County, but returning to Bloomington in 1855, was instrumental in securing the location of the Chicago & Alton Railroad through that town, and was one of the founders of the towns of Clinton, Pontiac, Lexington and El Paso. He was an intimate personal and political friend of Abraham Lincoln, and it was to him Mr. Lincoln addressed his celebrated personal biography; in the campaign of 1860 he served as Secretary of the Republican State Central Committee, and, in 1862, was appointed by Mr. Lincoln a Paymaster in the regular army, serving some two years. Mr. Fell was also a zealous friend of the cause of industrial education, and bore an important part in securing the location of the State Normal University at Normal, of which city he was the founder. Died, at Bloomington, Jan. 25, 1887.

**FERGUS, Robert**, early printer, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, August 4, 1815; learned the printer's trade in his native city, assisting in his youth in putting in type some of Walter Scott's productions and other works which now rank among English classics. In 1834 he came to America, finally locating in Chicago, where, with various partners, he pursued the business of a job printer continuously some fifty years—being the veteran printer of Chicago. He was killed by being run over by a railroad train at Evanston, July 23, 1897. The establishment of which he was so long the head is continued by his sons.

**FERNWOOD**, a suburban station on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, 12 south of terminal station; annexed to City of Chicago, 1891.

**FERRY, Elisha Peyre**, politician, born in Monroe, Mich., August 9, 1825; was educated in his native town and admitted to the bar at Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1845; removed to Waukegan, Ill., the following year, served as Postmaster and, in 1856, was candidate on the Republican ticket for Presidential Elector; was elected Mayor of Waukegan in 1859, a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1862, State Bank Commissioner in 1861-63, Assistant Adjutant-General on the staff of Governor Yates during the war, and a delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1864. After the war he served as direct-tax Commissioner for Tennessee; in 1869 was appointed Surveyor-General of Washington

Territory and, in 1872 and '76, Territorial Governor. On the admission of Washington as a State, in 1889, he was elected the first Governor. Died, at Seattle, Wash., Oct. 14, 1895.

**FEVRE RIVER**, a small stream which rises in Southern Wisconsin and enters the Mississippi in Jo Daviess County, six miles below Galena, which stands upon its banks. It is navigable for steamboats between Galena and its mouth. The name originally given to it by early French explorers was "Fève" (the French name for "Bean"), which has since been corrupted into its present form.

**FICKLIN, Orlando B.**, lawyer and politician, was born in Kentucky, Dec. 16, 1808, and admitted to the bar at Mount Carmel, Wabash County, Ill., in March, 1830. In 1834 he was elected to the lower house of the Ninth General Assembly. After serving a term as State's Attorney for Wabash County, in 1837 he removed to Charleston, Coles County, where, in 1838, and again in '42, he was elected to the Legislature, as he was for the last time in 1878. He was four times elected to Congress, serving from 1843 to '49, and from 1851 to '53; was Presidential Elector in 1856, and candidate for the same position on the Democratic ticket for the State-at-large in 1884; was also a delegate to the Democratic National Conventions of 1856 and '60. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1862. Died, at Charleston, May 5, 1886.

**FIELD, Alexander Pope**, early legislator and Secretary of State, came to Illinois about the time of its admission into the Union, locating in Union County, which he represented in the Third, Fifth and Sixth General Assemblies. In the first of these he was a prominent factor in the ejection of Representative Hansen of Pike County and the seating of Shaw in his place, which enabled the advocates of slavery to secure the passage of a resolution submitting to the people the question of calling a State Constitutional Convention. In 1828 he was appointed Secretary of State by Governor Edwards, remaining in office under Governors Reynolds and Duncan and through half the term of Governor Carlin, though the latter attempted to secure his removal in 1838 by the appointment of John A. McClernand—the courts, however, declaring against the latter. In November, 1840, the Governor's act was made effective by the confirmation, by the Senate, of Stephen A. Douglas as Secretary in place of Field. Douglas held the office only to the following February, when he resigned to take a place on the Supreme

bench and Lyman Trumbull was appointed to succeed him. Field (who had become a Whig) was appointed by President Harrison, in 1841, Secretary of Wisconsin Territory, later removed to St. Louis and finally to New Orleans, where he was at the beginning of the late war. In December, 1863, he presented himself as a member of the Thirty-eighth Congress for Louisiana, but was refused his seat, though claiming in an eloquent speech to have been a loyal man. Died, in New Orleans, in 1877. Mr. Field was a nephew of Judge Nathaniel Pope, for over thirty years on the bench of the United States District Court.

**FIELD, Eugene**, journalist, humorist and poet, was born in St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 2, 1850. Left an orphan at an early age, he was reared by a relative at Amherst, Mass., and received a portion of his literary training at Monson and Williamstown in that State, completing his course at the State University of Missouri. After an extended tour through Europe in 1872-73, he began his journalistic career at St. Louis, Mo., as a reporter on "The Evening Journal," later becoming its city editor. During the next ten years he was successively connected with newspapers at St. Joseph, Mo., St. Louis, Kansas City, and at Denver, Colo., at the last named city being managing editor of "The Tribune." In 1883 he removed to Chicago, becoming a special writer for "The Chicago News," his particular department for several years being a pungent, witty column with the caption, "Sharps and Flats." He wrote considerable prose fiction and much poetry, among the latter being successful translations of several of Horace's Odes. As a poet, however, he was best known through his short poems relating to childhood and home, which strongly appealed to the popular heart. Died, in Chicago, deeply mourned by a large circle of admirers, Nov. 4, 1895.

**FIELD, Marshall**, merchant and capitalist, was born in Conway, Mass., in 1835, and grew up on a farm, receiving a common school and academic education. At the age of 17 he entered upon a mercantile career as clerk in a dry-goods store at Pittsfield, Mass., but, in 1856, came to Chicago and secured employment with Messrs. Cooley, Wadsworth & Co.; in 1860 was admitted into partnership, the firm becoming Cooley, Farwell & Co., and still later, Farwell, Field & Co. The last named firm was dissolved and that of Field, Palmer & Leiter organized in 1865. Mr. Palmer having retired in 1867, the firm was continued under the name of Field, Leiter & Co., until 1881, when Mr. Leiter retired, the concern being since

known as Marshall Field & Co. The growth of the business of this great establishment is shown by the fact that, whereas its sales amounted before the fire to some \$12,000,000 annually, in 1895 they aggregated \$40,000,000. Mr. Field's business career has been remarkable for its success in a city famous for its successful business men and the vastness of their commercial operations. He has been a generous and discriminating patron of important public enterprises, some of his more conspicuous donations being the gift of a tract of land valued at \$300,000 and \$100,000 in cash, to the Chicago University, and \$1,000,000 to the endowment of the Field Columbian Museum, as a sequel to the World's Columbian Exposition. The latter, chiefly through the munificence of Mr. Field, promises to become one of the leading institutions of its kind in the United States. Besides his mercantile interests, Mr. Field has extensive interests in various financial and manufacturing enterprises, including the Pullman Palace Car Company and the Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, in each of which he is a Director.

**FIFER, Joseph W.**, born at Stanton, Va., Oct. 28, 1840; in 1857 he accompanied his father (who was a stone-mason) to McLean County, Ill., and worked at the manufacture and laying of brick. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted as a private in the Thirty-third Illinois Infantry, and was dangerously wounded at the assault on Jackson, Miss., in 1863. On the healing of his wound, disregarding the advice of family and friends, he rejoined his regiment. At the close of the war, when about 25 years of age, he entered the Wesleyan University at Bloomington, where, by dint of hard work and frugality, while supporting himself in part by manual labor, he secured a diploma in 1868. He at once began the study of law, and, soon after his admission, entered upon a practice which subsequently proved both successful and lucrative. He was elected Corporation Counsel of Bloomington in 1871 and State's Attorney for McLean County in 1872, holding the latter office, through re-election, until 1880, when he was chosen State Senator, serving in the Thirty-second and Thirty-third General Assemblies. In 1888 he was nominated and elected Governor on the Republican ticket, but, in 1892, was defeated by John P. Altgeld, the Democratic nominee, though running in advance of the national and the rest of the State ticket.

**FINERTY, John F.**, ex-Congressman and journalist, was born in Galway, Ireland, Sept. 10, 1846. His studies were mainly prosecuted



under private tutors. At the age of 16 he entered the profession of journalism, and, in 1864, coming to America, soon after enlisted, serving for 100 days during the Civil War. in the Ninety-ninth New York Volunteers. Subsequently, having removed to Chicago, he was connected with "The Chicago Times" as a special correspondent from 1876 to 1881, and, in 1882, established "The Citizen," a weekly newspaper devoted to the Irish-American interest, which he continues to publish. In 1882 he was elected, as an Independent Democrat, to represent the Second Illinois District in the Forty-eighth Congress, but, running as an Independent Republican for re-election in 1884, was defeated by Frank Lawler, Democrat. In 1887 he was appointed Oil Inspector of Chicago, and, since 1889, has held no public office, giving his attention to editorial work on his paper.

**FISHER, (Dr.) George**, pioneer physician and legislator, was probably a native of Virginia, from which State he appears to have come to Kaskaskia previous to 1800. He became very prominent during the Territorial period; was appointed by William Henry Harrison, then Governor of Indiana Territory, the first Sheriff of Randolph County after its organization in 1801; was elected from that county to the Indiana Territorial House of Representatives in 1805, and afterwards promoted to the Territorial Council; was also Representative in the First and Third Legislatures of Illinois Territory (1812 and '16), serving as Speaker of each. He was a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1818, but died on his farm near Kaskaskia in 1820. Dr. Fisher participated in the organization of the first Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Illinois at Kaskaskia, in 1806, and was elected one of its officers.

**FISHERIES.** The fisheries of Illinois center chiefly at Chicago, the catch being taken from Lake Michigan, and including salmon trout, white fish (the latter species including a lake herring), wall-eyed pike, three kinds of bass, three varieties of sucker, carp and sturgeon. The "fishing fleet" of Lake Michigan, properly so called, (according to the census of 1890) consisted of forty-seven steamers and one schooner, of which only one—a steamer of twenty-six tons burthen—was credited to Illinois. The same report showed a capital of \$86,105 invested in land, buildings, wharves, vessels, boats and apparatus. In addition to the "fishing fleet" mentioned, nearly 1,100 sail-boats and other varieties of craft are employed in the industry,

sailing from ports between Chicago and Mackinac, of which, in 1890, Illinois furnished 94, or about nine per cent. All sorts of apparatus are used, but the principal are gill, fyke and pound nets, and seines. The total value of these minor Illinois craft, with their equipment, for 1890, was nearly \$18,000, the catch aggregating 722,830 pounds, valued at between \$24,000 and \$25,000. Of this draught, the entire quantity was either sold fresh in Chicago and adjacent markets, or shipped, either in ice or frozen. The Mississippi and its tributaries yield wall-eyed pike, pike perch, buffalo fish, sturgeon, paddle fish, and other species available for food.

**FITHIAN, George W.**, ex-Congressman, was born on a farm near Willow Hill, Ill., July 4, 1854. His early education was obtained in the common schools, and he learned the trade of a printer at Mount Carmel. While employed at the case he found time to study law, and was admitted to the bar in 1875. In 1876 he was elected State's Attorney for Jasper County, and re-elected in 1880. He was prominent in Democratic politics, and, in 1888, was elected on the ticket of that party to represent the Sixteenth Illinois District in Congress. He was re-elected in 1890 and again in 1892, but, in 1894, was defeated by his Republican opponent.

**FITHIAN, (Dr.) William**, pioneer physician, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1800; built the first houses in Springfield and Urbana in that State; in 1822 began the study of medicine at Urbana; later practiced two years at Mechanicsburgh, and four years at Urbana, as partner of his preceptor; in 1830 came west, locating at Danville, Vermilion County, where he became a large land-owner; in 1832 served with the Vermilion County militia in the Black Hawk War, and, in 1834, was elected Representative in the Ninth General Assembly, the first of which Abraham Lincoln was a member; afterwards served two terms in the State Senate from the Danville District (1838-46). Dr. Fithian was active in promoting the railroad interests of Danville, giving the right of way for railroad purposes through a large body of land belonging to him, in Vermilion County. He was also a member of various medical associations, and, during his later years, was the oldest practicing physician in the State. Died, in Danville, Ill., April 5, 1890.

**FLAGG, Gershom**, pioneer, was born in Richmond, Vt., in 1792, came west in 1816, settling in Madison County, Ill., in 1818, where he was known as an enterprising farmer and a prominent

and influential citizen. Originally a Whig, he became a zealous Republican on the organization of that party, dying in 1857.—**Willard Cutting** (Flagg), son of the preceding, was born in Madison County, Ill., Sept 16, 1829, spent his early life on his father's farm and in the common schools; from 1844 to '50 was a pupil in the celebrated high school of Edward Wyman in St. Louis, finally graduating with honors at Yale College, in 1854. During his college course he took a number of literary prizes, and, in his senior year, served as one of the editors of "The Yale Literary Magazine." Returning to Illinois after graduation, he took charge of his father's farm, engaged extensively in fruit-culture and stock-raising, being the first to introduce the Devon breed of cattle in Madison County in 1859. He was a member of the Republican State Central Committee in 1860; in 1862, by appointment of Gov. Yates, became Enrolling Officer for Madison County; served as Collector of Internal Revenue for the Twelfth District, 1864-69, and, in 1868, was elected to the State Senate for a term of four years, and, during the last session of his term (1872), took a prominent part in the revision of the school law; was appointed a member of the first Board of Trustees of the Industrial University (now the University of Illinois) at Champaign, and reappointed in 1875. Mr. Flagg was also prominent in agricultural and horticultural organizations, serving as Secretary of the State Horticultural Society from 1861 to '69, when he became its President. He was one of the originators of the "farmers' movement," served for some time as President of "The State Farmers' Association," wrote voluminously, and delivered addresses in various States on agricultural and horticultural topics, and, in 1875, was elected President of the National Agricultural Congress. In his later years he was a recognized leader in the Granger movement. Died, at Mora, Madison County, Ill., April 5, 1878.

**FLEMING, Robert K.**, pioneer printer, was born in Erie County, Pa., learned the printers' trade in Pittsburg, and, coming west while quite young, worked at his trade in St. Louis, finally removing to Kaskaskia, where he was placed in control of the office of "The Republican Advocate," which had been established in 1823, by Elias Kent Kane. The publication of "The Advocate" having been suspended, he revived it in May, 1825, under the name of "The Kaskaskia Recorder," but soon removed it to Vandalia (then the State capital), and, in 1827, began the publication of "The Illinois Corrector," at Edwards-

ville. Two years later he returned to Kaskaskia and resumed the publication of "The Recorder," but, in 1833, was induced to remove his office to Belleville, where he commenced the publication of "The St. Clair Gazette," followed by "The St. Clair Mercury," both of which had a brief existence. About 1843 he returned to the newspaper business as publisher of "The Belleville Advocate," which he continued for a number of years. He died, at Belleville, in 1874, leaving two sons who have been prominently identified with the history of journalism in Southern Illinois, at Belleville and elsewhere.

**FLETCHER, Job**, pioneer and early legislator, was born in Virginia, in 1793, removed to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1819; was elected Representative in 1826, and, in 1834, to the State Senate, serving in the latter body six years. He was one of the famous "Long Nine" which represented Sangamon County in the Tenth General Assembly. Mr. Fletcher was again a member of the House in 1844-45. Died, in Sangamon County, in 1872.

**FLORA**, a city in Harter Township, Clay County, on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, 95 miles east of St. Louis, and 108 miles south-southeast of Springfield; has barrel factory, flouring mills, cold storage and ice plant, three fruit-working factories, two banks, six churches and a weekly newspaper. Population (1890), 1,695; (1900), 2,311; (1903, est.), 3,000.

**FLOWER, George**, early English colonist, was born in Hertfordshire, England, about 1780; came to the United States in 1817, and was associated with Morris Birkbeck in founding the "English Settlement" at Albion, Edwards County, Ill. Being in affluent circumstances, he built an elegant mansion and stocked an extensive farm with blooded animals from England and other parts of Europe, but met with reverses which dissipated his wealth. In common with Mr. Birkbeck, he was one of the determined opponents of the attempt to establish slavery in Illinois in 1824, and did much to defeat that measure. He and his wife died on the same day (Jan. 15, 1862), while on a visit to a daughter at Grayville, Ill. A book written by him—"History of the English Settlement in Edwards County, Ill."—and published in 1882, is a valuable contribution to the early history of that portion of the State.—**Edward Fordhams** (Flower), son of the preceding, was born in England, Jan. 31, 1805, but came with his father to Illinois in early life; later he returned to England and spent nearly half a century at Stratford-on-Avon, where he

was four times chosen Mayor of that borough and entertained many visitors from the United States to Shakespeare's birthplace. Died, March 26, 1883.

**FOBES, Phyllena**, educator, born in Onondaga County, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1811; was educated at Albany and at Cortland Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.; in 1838 became a teacher in Monticello Female Seminary, then newly established at Godfrey, Ill., under Rev. Theron Baldwin, Principal. On the retirement of Mr. Baldwin in 1843, Miss Fobes succeeded to the principalship, remaining until 1866, when she retired. For some years she resided at Rochester, N. Y., and New Haven, Conn., but, in 1886, she removed to Philadelphia, where she afterwards made her home, notwithstanding her advanced age, maintaining a lively interest in educational and benevolent enterprises. Miss Fobes died at Philadelphia, Nov. 8, 1898, and was buried at New Haven, Conn.

**FOLEY, Thomas**, Roman Catholic Bishop, born in Baltimore, Md., in 1833; was ordained a priest in 1846, and, two years later, was appointed Chancellor of the Diocese, being made Vicar-General in 1867. He was nominated Coadjutor Bishop of the Chicago Diocese in 1869 (Bishop Duggan having become insane), and, in 1870, was consecrated Bishop. His administration of diocesan work was prudent and eminently successful. As a man and citizen he won the respect of all creeds and classes alike, the State Legislature adopting resolutions of respect and regret upon learning of his death, which occurred at Baltimore, in 1879.

**FORBES, Stephen Van Rensselaer**, pioneer teacher, was born at Windham, Vt., July 26, 1797; in his youth acquired a knowledge of surveying, and, having removed to Newburg (now South Cleveland), Ohio, began teaching. In 1829 he came west to Chicago, and having joined a surveying party, went to Louisiana, returning in the following year to Chicago, which then contained only three white families outside of Fort Dearborn. Having been joined by his wife, he took up his abode in what was called the "sutler's house" connected with Fort Dearborn; was appointed one of the first Justices of the Peace, and opened the first school ever taught in Chicago, all but three of his pupils being either half-breeds or Indians. In 1832 he was elected, as a Whig, the first Sheriff of Cook County; later preëmpted 160 acres of land where Riverside now stands, subsequently becoming owner of some 1,800 acres, much of which he sold, about

1853, to Dr. W. B. Egan at \$20 per acre. In 1849, having been seized with the "gold fever," Mr. Forbes joined in the overland migration to California, but, not being successful, returned two years later by way of the Isthmus, and, having sold his possessions in Cook County, took up his abode at Newburg, Ohio, and resumed his occupation as a surveyor. About 1878 he again returned to Chicago, but survived only a short time, dying Feb. 17, 1879.

**FORD, Thomas**, early lawyer, jurist and Governor, was born in Uniontown, Pa., and, in boyhood, accompanied his mother (then a widow) to Missouri, in 1804. The family soon after located in Monroe County, Ill. Largely through the efforts and aid of his half-brother, George Forquer, he obtained a professional education, became a successful lawyer, and, early in life, entered the field of politics. He served as a Judge of the Circuit Court for the northern part of the State from 1835 to 1837, and was again commissioned a Circuit Judge for the Galena circuit in 1839; in 1841 was elevated to the bench of the State Supreme Court, but resigned the following year to accept the nomination of his party (the Democratic) for Governor. He was regarded as upright in his general policy, but he had a number of embarrassing questions to deal with during his administration, one of these being the Mormon troubles, in which he failed to receive the support of his own party. He was author of a valuable "History of Illinois," (published posthumously). He died, at Peoria, in greatly reduced circumstances, Nov. 3, 1850. The State Legislature of 1895 took steps to erect a monument over his grave.

**FORD COUNTY**, lies northeast of Springfield, was organized in 1859, being cut off from Vermilion. It is shaped like an inverted "T," and has an area of 490 square miles; population (1900), 18,359. The first County Judge was David Patton, and David Davis (afterwards of the United States Supreme Court) presided over the first Circuit Court. The surface of the county is level and the soil fertile, consisting of a loam from one to five feet in depth. There is little timber, nor is there any out-cropping of stone. The county is named in honor of Governor Ford. The county-seat is Paxton, which had a population, in 1890, of 2,187. Gibson City is a railroad center, and has a population of 1,800.

**FORMAN, (Col.) Ferris**, lawyer and soldier, was born in Tioga County, N. Y., August 25, 1811; graduated at Union College in 1832, studied law and was admitted to the bar in New York in

1835, and in the United States Supreme Court in 1836; the latter year came west and settled at Vandalia, Ill., where he began practice; in 1844 was elected to the State Senate for the district composed of Fayette, Effingham, Clay and Richland Counties, serving two years; before the expiration of his term (1846) enlisted for the Mexican War, and was commissioned Colonel of the Third Regiment Illinois Volunteers, and, after participating in a number of the most important engagements of the campaign, was mustered out at New Orleans, in May, 1847. Returning from the Mexican War, he brought with him and presented to the State of Illinois a six-pound cannon, which had been captured by Illinois troops on the battlefield of Cerro Gordo, and is now in the State Arsenal at Springfield. In 1848 Colonel Forman was chosen Presidential Elector for the State-at-large on the Democratic ticket; in 1849 went to California, where he practiced his profession until 1853, meanwhile serving as Postmaster of Sacramento City by appointment of President Pierce, and later as Secretary of State during the administration of Gov. John B. Weller (1858-60); in 1861 officiated, by appointment of the California Legislature, as Commissioner on the part of the State in fixing the boundary between California and the Territory of Utah. After the discharge of this duty, he was offered the colony of the Fourth California Volunteer Infantry, which he accepted, serving about twenty months, when he resigned. In 1866 he resumed his residence at Vandalia, and served as a Delegate for Fayette and Effingham Counties in the Constitutional Convention of 1869-70, also for several years thereafter held the office of State's Attorney for Fayette County. Later he returned to California, and, at the latest date, was a resident of Stockton, in that State.

**FORMAN, William S.**, ex-Congressman, was born at Natchez, Miss., Jan. 20, 1847. When he was four years old, his father's family removed to Illinois, settling in Washington County, where he has lived ever since. By profession he is a lawyer, and he takes a deep interest in politics, local, State and National. He represented his Senatorial District in the State Senate in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth General Assemblies, and, in 1888, was elected, as a Democrat, to represent the Eighteenth Illinois District in the Fifty-first Congress, being re-elected in 1890, and again in '92, but was defeated in 1894 for renomination by John J. Higgins, who was defeated at the election of the same year by Everett J. Mur-

phy. In 1896 Mr. Forman was candidate of the "Gold Democracy" for Governor of Illinois, receiving 8,100 votes.

**FORQUER, George**, early State officer, was born near Brownsville, Pa., in 1794—was the son of a Revolutionary soldier, and older half-brother of Gov. Thomas Ford. He settled, with his mother (then a widow), at New Design, Ill., in 1804. After learning, and, for several years, following the carpenter's trade at St. Louis, he returned to Illinois and purchased the tract whereon Waterloo now stands. Subsequently he projected the town of Bridgewater, on the Mississippi. For a time he was a partner in trade of Daniel P. Cook. Being unsuccessful in business, he took up the study of law, in which he attained marked success. In 1824 he was elected to represent Monroe County in the House of Representatives, but resigned in January of the following year to accept the position of Secretary of State, to which he was appointed by Governor Coles, as successor to Morris Birkbeck, whom the Senate had refused to confirm. One ground for the friendship between him and Coles, no doubt, was the fact that they had been united in their opposition to the scheme to make Illinois a slave State. In 1828 he was a candidate for Congress, but was defeated by Joseph Duncan, afterwards Governor. At the close of the year he resigned the office of Secretary of State, but, a few weeks later (January, 1829), he was elected by the Legislature Attorney-General. This position he held until January, 1833, when he resigned, having, as it appears, at the previous election, been chosen State Senator from Sangamon County, serving in the Eighth and Ninth General Assemblies. Before the close of his term as Senator (1835), he received the appointment of Register of the Land Office at Springfield, which appears to have been the last office held by him, as he died, at Cincinnati, in 1837. Mr. Forquer was a man of recognized ability and influence, an eloquent orator and capable writer, but, in common with some of the ablest lawyers of that time, seems to have been much embarrassed by the smallness of his income, in spite of his ability and the fact that he was almost continually in office.

**FORREST**, a village in Livingston County, at the intersection of the Toledo, Peoria & Western and the Wabash Railways, 75 miles east of Peoria and 16 miles southeast of Pontiac. Considerable grain is shipped from this point to the Chicago market. The village has several churches and a graded school. Population (1890), 375; (1900), 952.



**FORREST, Joseph K. C.**, journalist, was born in Cork, Ireland, Nov. 26, 1820; came to Chicago in 1840, soon after securing employment as a writer on "The Evening Journal," and, later on, "The Gem of the Prairies," the predecessor of "The Tribune," being associated with the latter at the date of its establishment, in June, 1847. During the early years of his residence in Chicago, Mr. Forrest spent some time as a teacher. On retiring from "The Tribune," he became the associate of John Wentworth in the management of "The Chicago Democrat," a relation which was broken up by the consolidation of the latter with "The Tribune," in 1861. He then became the Springfield correspondent of "The Tribune," also holding a position on the staff of Governor Yates, and still later represented "The St. Louis Democrat" and "Chicago Times," as Washington correspondent; assisted in founding "The Chicago Republican" (now "Inter Ocean"), in 1865, and, some years later, became a leading writer upon the same. He served one term as Clerk of the city of Chicago, but, in his later years, and up to the period of his death, was a leading contributor to the columns of "The Chicago Evening News" over the signatures of "An Old Timer" and "Now or Never." Died, in Chicago, June 23, 1896.

**FORRESTON**, a village in Ogle County, the terminus of the Chicago and Iowa branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and point of intersection of the Illinois Central and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railways; 107 miles west by north from Chicago, and 12 miles south of Freeport; founded in 1854, incorporated by special charter in 1868, and, under the general law, in 1888. Farming and stock-raising are the principal industries. The village has a bank, water-works, electric light plant, creamery, village hall, seven churches, a graded school, and a newspaper. Population (1890), 1,118; (1900), 1,047.

**FORSYTHE, Albert P.**, ex-Congressman, was born at New Richmond, Ohio, May 24, 1830; received his early education in the common schools, and at Asbury University. He was reared upon a farm and followed farming as his life-work. During the War of the Rebellion he served in the Union army as Lieutenant. In politics he early became an ardent Nationalist, and was chosen President of the Illinois State Grange of the Patrons of Industry, in December, 1875, and again in January, 1878. In 1878 he was elected to Congress as a Nationalist, but, in 1880, though receiving the nominations of the combined Republican and Greenback parties, was defeated by Samuel W. Moulton, Democrat.

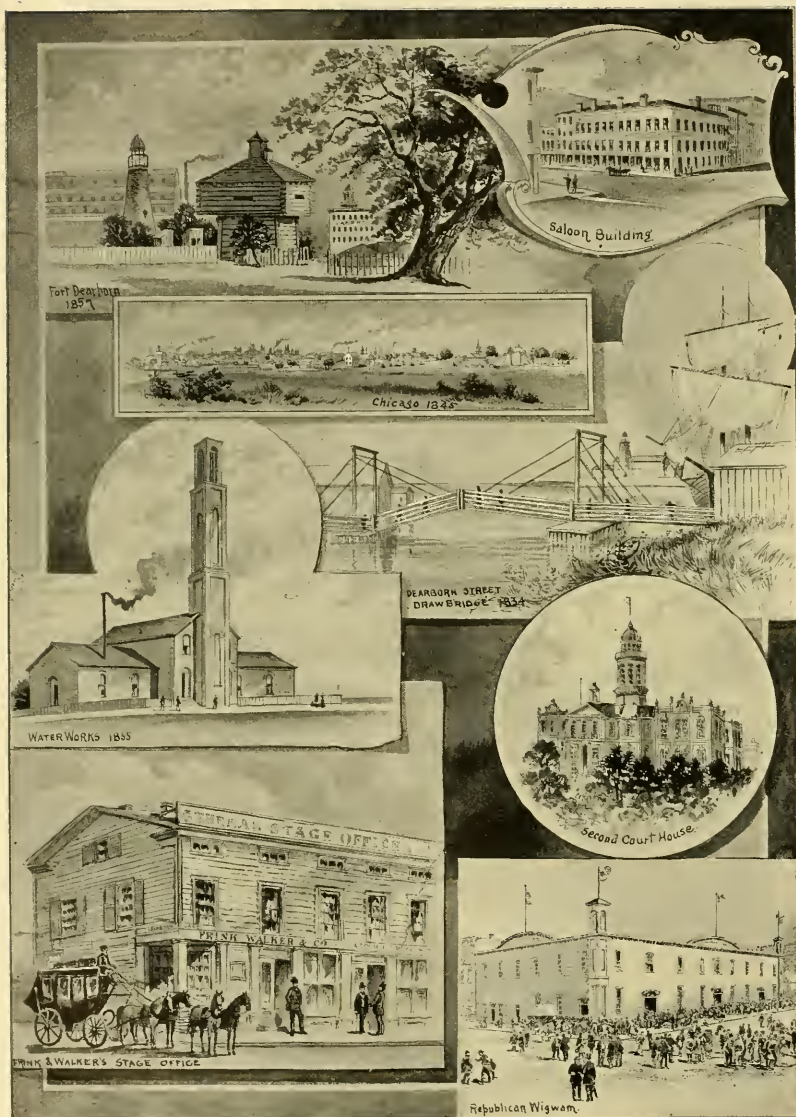
**FORT, Greenbury L.**, soldier and Congressman, was born in Ohio, Oct. 17, 1825, and, in 1834, removed with his parents to Illinois. In 1850 he was elected Sheriff of Putnam County; in 1852, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and, having meanwhile been admitted to the bar at Lacon, became County Judge in 1857, serving until 1861. In April of the latter year he enlisted under the first call for troops, by re-enlistments serving till March 24, 1866. Beginning as Quartermaster of his regiment, he served as Chief Quartermaster of the Fifteenth Army Corps on the "March to the Sea," and was mustered out with the rank of Colonel and Brevet Brigadier-General. On his return from the field, he was elected to the State Senate, serving in the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth General Assemblies, and, from 1873 to 1881, as Representative in Congress. He died, at Lacon, June 13, 1883.

**FORT CHARTRES**, a strong fortification erected by the French in 1718, on the American Bottom, 16 miles northwest from Kaskaskia. The soil on which it stood was alluvial, and the limestone of which its walls were built was quarried from an adjacent bluff. In form it was an irregular quadrangle, surrounded on three sides by a wall two feet two inches thick, and on the fourth by a ravine, which, during the spring-time, was full of water. During the period of French ascendancy in Illinois, Fort Chartres was the seat of government. About four miles east soon sprang up the village of Prairie du Rocher (or Rock Prairie). (See *Prairie du Rocher*.) At the outbreak of the French and Indian War (1756), the original fortification was repaired and, virtually rebuilt. Its cost at that time is estimated to have amounted to 1,000,000 French crowns. After the occupation of Illinois by the British, Fort Chartres still remained the seat of government until 1772, when one side of the fortification was washed away by a freshet, and headquarters were transferred to Kaskaskia. The first common law court ever held in the Mississippi Valley was established here, in 1768, by the order of Colonel Wilkins of the English army. The ruins of the old fort, situated in the northwest corner of Randolph County, once constituted an object of no little interest to antiquarians, but the site has disappeared during the past generation by the encroachments of the Mississippi.

**FORT DEARBORN**, the name of a United States military post, established at the mouth of the Chicago River in 1803 or 1804, on a tract of land six miles square conveyed by the Indians in



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the treaty of Greenville, concluded by General Wayne in 1795. It originally consisted of two block houses located at opposite angles (north-west and southeast) of a strong wooden stockade, with the Commandant's quarters on the east side of the quadrangle, soldiers' barracks on the south, officers' barracks on the west, and magazine, contractor's (sutler's) store and general store-house on the north—all the buildings being constructed of logs, and all, except the block-houses, being entirely within the enclosure. Its armament consisted of three light pieces of artillery. Its builder and first commander was Capt. John Whistler, a native of Ireland who had surrendered with Burgoyne, at Saratoga, N. Y., and who subsequently became an American citizen, and served with distinction throughout the War of 1812. He was succeeded, in 1810, by Capt. Nathan Heald. As early as 1806 the Indians around the fort manifested signs of disquietude, Tecumseh, a few years later, heading an open armed revolt. In 1810 a council of Pottawatomies, Ottawas and Chippewas was held at St. Joseph, Mich., at which it was decided not to join the confederacy proposed by Chief Tecumseh. In 1811 hostilities were precipitated by an attack upon the United States troops under Gen. William Henry Harrison at Tippecanoe. In April, 1812, hostile bands of Winnebagoes appeared in the vicinity of Fort Dearborn, terrifying the settlers by their atrocities. Many of the whites sought refuge within the stockade. Within two months after the declaration of war against England, in 1812, orders were issued for the evacuation of Fort Dearborn and the transfer of the garrison to Detroit. The garrison at that time numbered about 70, including officers, a large number of the troops being ill. Almost simultaneously with the order for evacuation appeared bands of Indians clamoring for a distribution of the goods, to which they claimed they were entitled under treaty stipulations. Knowing that he had but about forty men able to fight and that his march would be sadly hindered by the care of about a dozen women and twenty children, the commandant hesitated. The Pottawatomies, through whose country he would have to pass, had always been friendly, and he waited. Within six days a force of 500 or 600 savage warriors had assembled around the fort. Among the leaders were the Pottawatomie chiefs, Black Partridge, Winnemeg and Topenebe. Of these, Winnemeg was friendly. It was he who had brought General Hull's orders to evacuate, and, as the crisis grew more and more dangerous,

he offered sound advice. He urged instantaneous departure before the Indians had time to agree upon a line of action. But Captain Heald decided to distribute the stores among the savages, and thereby secure from them a friendly escort to Fort Wayne. To this the aborigines readily assented, believing that thereby all the whisky and ammunition which they knew to be within the enclosure, would fall into their hands. Meanwhile Capt. William Wells, Indian Agent at Fort Wayne, had arrived at Fort Dearborn with a friendly force of Miamis to act as an escort. He convinced Captain Heald that it would be the height of folly to give the Indians liquor and gunpowder. Accordingly the commandant emptied the former into the lake and destroyed the latter. This was the signal for war. Black Partridge claimed he could no longer restrain his young braves, and at a council of the aborigines it was resolved to massacre the garrison and settlers. On the fifteenth of August the gates of the fort were opened and the evacuation began. A band of Pottawatomies accompanied the whites under the guise of a friendly escort. They soon deserted and, within a mile and a half from the fort, began the sickening scene of carnage known as the "Fort Dearborn Massacre." Nearly 500 Indians participated, their loss being less than twenty. The Miami escort fled at the first exchange of shots. With but four exceptions the wounded white prisoners were dispatched with savage ferocity and promptitude. Those not wounded were scattered among various tribes. The next day the fort with its stockade was burned. In 1816 (after the treaty of St. Louis) the fort was rebuilt upon a more elaborate scale. The second Fort Dearborn contained, besides barracks and officers' quarters, a magazine and provision-store, was enclosed by a square stockade, and protected by bastions at two of its angles. It was again evacuated in 1823 and re-garrisoned in 1828. The troops were once more withdrawn in 1831, to return the following year during the Black Hawk War. The final evacuation occurred in 1836.

**FORT GAGE**, situated on the eastern bluffs of the Kaskaskia River, opposite the village of Kaskaskia. It was erected and occupied by the British in 1772. It was built of heavy, square timbers and oblong in shape, its dimensions being 290x251 feet. On the night of July 4, 1778, it was captured by a detachment of American troops commanded by Col. George Rogers Clark, who held a commission from Virginia. The soldiers, with Simon Kenton at their head, were secretly



admitted to the fort by a Pennsylvanian who happened to be within, and the commandant, Rocheblave, was surprised in bed, while sleeping with his wife by his side.

**FORT JEFFERSON.** I. A fort erected by Col. George Rogers Clark, under instructions from the Governor of Virginia, at the Iron Banks on the east bank of the Mississippi, below the mouth of the Ohio River. He promised lands to all adult, able-bodied white males who would emigrate thither and settle, either with or without their families. Many accepted the offer, and a considerable colony was established there. Toward the close of the Revolutionary War, Virginia being unable longer to sustain the garrison, the colony was scattered, many families going to Kaskaskia. II. A fort in the Miami valley, erected by Governor St. Clair and General Butler, in October, 1791. Within thirty miles of the post St. Clair's army, which had been badly weakened through desertions, was cut to pieces by the enemy, and the fortification was abandoned.

**FORT MASSAC,** an early French fortification, erected about 1711 on the Ohio River, 40 miles from its mouth, in what is now Massac County. It was the first fortification (except Fort St. Louis) in the "Illinois Country," antedating Fort Chartres by several years. The origin of the name is uncertain. The best authorities are of the opinion that it was so called in honor of the engineer who superintended its construction; by others it has been traced to the name of the French Minister of Marine; others assert that it is a corruption of the word "Massacre," a name given to the locality because of the massacre there of a large number of French soldiers by the Indians. The Virginians sometimes spoke of it as the "Cherokee fort." It was garrisoned by the French until after the evacuation of the country under the terms of the Treaty of Paris. It later became a sort of depot for American settlers, a few families constantly residing within and around the fortification. At a very early day a military road was laid out from the fort to Kaskaskia, the trees alongside being utilized as milestones, the number of miles being cut with irons and painted red. After the close of the Revolutionary War, the United States Government strengthened and garrisoned the fort by way of defense against inroads by the Spaniards. With the cession of Louisiana to the United States, in 1803, the fort was evacuated and never re-garrisoned. According to the "American State Papers," during the period of the French

occupation, it was both a Jesuit missionary station and a trading post.

**FORT SACKVILLE,** a British fortification, erected in 1769, on the Wabash River a short distance below Vincennes. It was a stockade, with bastions and a few pieces of cannon. In 1778 it fell into the hands of the Americans, and was for a time commanded by Captain Helm, with a garrison of a few Americans and Illinois French. In December, 1778, Helm and one private alone occupied the fort and surrendered to Hamilton, British Governor of Detroit, who led a force into the country around Vincennes.

**FORT SHERIDAN,** United States Military Post, in Lake County, on the Milwaukee Division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, 24 miles north of Chicago. (Highwood village adjacent on the south.) Population (1890), 451; (1900), 1,575.

**FORT ST. LOUIS,** a French fortification on a rock (widely known as "Starved Rock"), which consists of an isolated cliff on the south side of the Illinois River nearly opposite Utica, in La Salle County. Its height is between 130 and 140 feet, and its nearly round summit contains an area of about three-fourths of an acre. The side facing the river is nearly perpendicular and, in natural advantages, it is well-nigh impregnable. Here, in the fall of 1682, La Salle and Tonty began the erection of a fort, consisting of earthworks, palisades, store-houses and a block house, which also served as a dwelling and trading post. A windlass drew water from the river, and two small brass cannon, mounted on a parapet, comprised the armament. It was solemnly dedicated by Father Membre, and soon became a gathering place for the surrounding tribes, especially the Illinois. But Frontenac having been succeeded as Governor of New France by De la Barre, who was unfriendly to La Salle, the latter was displaced as Commandant at Fort St. Louis, while plots were laid to secure his downfall by cutting off his supplies and inciting the Iroquois to attack him. La Salle left the fort in 1683, to return to France, and, in 1702, it was abandoned as a military post, though it continued to be a trading post until 1718, when it was raided by the Indians and burned. (See *La Salle*.)

**FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILROAD.** (See *Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway*.)

**FORT WAYNE & ILLINOIS RAILROAD.** (See *New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railway*.)

**FORTIFICATIONS, PREHISTORIC.** Closely related in interest to the works of the mound-builders in Illinois—though, probably, owing their origin to another era and an entirely different

race—are those works which bear evidence of having been constructed for purposes of defense at some period anterior to the arrival of white men in the country. While there are no works in Illinois so elaborate in construction as those to which have been given the names of "Fort Ancient" on the Maumee in Ohio, "Fort Azatlan" on the Wabash in Indiana, and "Fort Aztalan" on Rock River in Southern Wisconsin, there are a number whose form of construction shows that they must have been intended for warlike purposes, and that they were formidable of their kind and for the period in which they were constructed. It is a somewhat curious fact that, while La Salle County is the seat of the first fortification constructed by the French in Illinois that can be said to have had a sort of permanent character (see *Fort St. Louis* and *Starved Rock*), it is also the site of a larger number of prehistoric fortifications, whose remains are in such a state of preservation as to be clearly discernible, than any other section of the State of equal area. One of the most formidable of these fortifications is on the east side of Fox River, opposite the mouth of Indian Creek and some six miles northeast of Ottawa. This occupies a position of decided natural strength, and is surrounded by three lines of circumvallation, showing evidence of considerable engineering skill. From the size of the trees within this work and other evidences, its age has been estimated at not less than 1,200 years. On the present site of the town of Marseilles, at the rapids of the Illinois, seven miles east of Ottawa, another work of considerable strength existed. It is also said that the American Fur Company had an earthwork here for the protection of its trading station, erected about 1816 or '18, and consequently belonging to the present century. Besides Fort St. Louis on Starved Rock, the outline of another fort, or outwork, whose era has not been positively determined, about half a mile south of the former, has been traced in recent times. De Baugis, sent by Governor La Barre, of Canada, to succeed Tonty at Fort St. Louis, is said to have erected a fort on Buffalo Rock, on the opposite side of the river from Fort St. Louis, which belonged practically to the same era as the latter.—There are two points in Southern Illinois where the aborigines had constructed fortifications to which the name "Stone Fort" has been given. One of these is a hill overlooking the Saline River in the southern part of Saline County, where there is a wall or breastwork five feet in height enclosing an area of less than an acre in extent. The other is on the west side of

Lusk's Creek, in Pope County, where a breastwork has been constructed by loosely piling up the stones across a ridge, or tongue of land, with vertical sides and surrounded by a bend of the creek. Water is easily obtainable from the creek below the fortified ridge.—The remains of an old Indian fortification were found by early settlers of McLean County, at a point called "Old Town Timber," about 1822 to 1825. It was believed then that it had been occupied by the Indians during the War of 1812. The story of the Indians was, that it was burned by General Harrison in 1812; though this is improbable in view of the absence of any historical mention of the fact. Judge H. W. Beckwith, who examined its site in 1880, is of the opinion that its history goes back as far as 1752, and that it was erected by the Indians as a defense against the French at Kaskaskia. There was also a tradition that there had been a French mission at this point.—One of the most interesting stories of early fortifications in the State, is that of Dr. V. A. Boyer, an old citizen of Chicago, in a paper contributed to the Chicago Historical Society. Although the work alluded to by him was evidently constructed after the arrival of the French in the country, the exact period to which it belongs is in doubt. According to Dr. Boyer, it was on an elevated ridge of timber land in Palos Township, in the western part of Cook County. He says: "I first saw it in 1833, and since then have visited it in company with other persons, some of whom are still living. I feel sure that it was not built during the Sac War from its appearance. . . . It seems probable that it was the work of French traders or explorers, as there were trees a century old growing in its environs. It was evidently the work of an enlightened people, skilled in the science of warfare. . . . As a strategic point it most completely commanded the surrounding country and the crossing of the swamp or 'Sag'." Is it improbable that this was the fort occupied by Colonel Durantye in 1695? The remains of a small fort, supposed to have been a French trading post, were found by the pioneer settlers of Lake County, where the present city of Waukegan stands, giving to that place its first name of "Little Fort." This structure was seen in 1825 by Col. William S. Hamilton (a son of Alexander Hamilton, first Secretary of the Treasury), who had served in the session of the General Assembly of that year as a Representative from Sangamon County, and was then on his way to Green Bay, and the remains of the pickets or palisades were visible as late as 1835. While the date of its

erection is unknown, it probably belonged to the latter part of the eighteenth century. \*There is also a tradition that a fort or trading post, erected by a Frenchman named Garay (or Guarie) stood on the North Branch of the Chicago River prior to the erection of the first Fort Dearborn in 1803.

**FOSS, George Edmund**, lawyer and Congressman, was born in Franklin County, Vt., July 2, 1863; graduated from Harvard University, in 1885; attended the Columbia Law School and School of Political Science in New York City, finally graduating from the Union College of Law in Chicago, in 1889, when he was admitted to the bar and began practice. He never held any political office until elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth Congress (1894), from the Seventh Illinois District, receiving a majority of more than 8,000 votes over his Democratic and Populist competitors. In 1896 he was again the candidate of his party, and was re-elected by a majority of over 20,000, as he was a third time, in 1898, by more than 12,000 majority. In the Fifty-fifth Congress Mr. Foss was a member of the Committees on Naval Affairs and Expenditures in the Department of Agriculture.

**FOSTER, (Dr.) John Herbert**, physician and educator, was born of Quaker ancestry at Hillsborough, N. H., March 8, 1796. His early years were spent on his father's farm, but at the age of 16 he entered an academy at Meriden, N. H., and, three years later, began teaching with an older brother at Schoharie, N. Y. Having spent some sixteen years teaching and practicing medicine at various places in his native State, in 1832 he came west, first locating in Morgan County, Ill. While there he took part in the Black Hawk War, serving as a Surgeon. Before the close of the year he was compelled to come to Chicago to look after the estate of a brother who was an officer in the army and had been killed by an insubordinate soldier at Green Bay. Having thus fallen heir to a considerable amount of real estate, which, in subsequent years, largely appreciated in value, he became identified with early Chicago and ultimately one of the largest real-estate owners of his time in the city. He was an active promoter of education during this period, serving on both City and State Boards. His death occurred, May 18, 1874, in consequence of injuries sustained by being thrown from a vehicle in which he was riding nine days previous.

**FOSTER, John Wells**, author and scientist, was born at Brimfield, Mass., in 1815, and educated at Wesleyan University, Conn; later studied law and was admitted to the bar in Ohio, but

soon turned his attention to scientific pursuits, being employed for several years in the geological survey of Ohio, during which he investigated the coal-beds of the State. Having incidentally devoted considerable attention to the study of metallurgy, he was employed about 1844 by mining capitalists to make the first systematic survey of the Lake Superior copper region, upon which, in conjunction with J. D. Whitney, he made a report which was published in two volumes in 1850-51. Returning to Massachusetts, he participated in the organization of the "American Party" there, though we find him soon after breaking with it on the slavery question. In 1855 he was a candidate for Congress in the Springfield (Mass.) District, but was beaten by a small majority. In 1858 he removed to Chicago and, for some time, was Land Commissioner of the Illinois Central Railroad. The latter years of his life were devoted chiefly to archaeological researches and writings, also serving for some years as Professor of Natural History in the (old) University of Chicago. His works include "The Mississippi Valley; its Physical Geography, Mineral Resources," etc. (Chicago, 1869); "Mineral Wealth and Railroad Development," (New York, 1872); "Prehistoric Races of the United States," (Chicago, 1873), besides contributions to numerous scientific periodicals. He was a member of several scientific associations and, in 1869, President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He died in Hyde Park, now a part of Chicago, June 29, 1873.

**FOUKE, Philip B.**, lawyer and Congressman, was born at Kaskaskia, Ill., Jan. 23, 1818; was chiefly self-educated and began his career as a clerk, afterwards acting as a civil engineer; about 1841-42 was associated with the publication of "The Belleville Advocate," later studied law, and, after being admitted to the bar, served as Prosecuting Attorney, being re-elected to that office in 1856. Previous to this, however, he had been elected to the lower branch of the Seventeenth General Assembly (1850), and, in 1853, was elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-sixth Congress and re-elected two years later. While still in Congress he assisted in organizing the Thirtieth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, of which he was commissioned Colonel, but resigned on account of ill health soon after the battle of Shiloh. After leaving the army he removed to New Orleans, where he was appointed Public Administrator and practiced law for some time. He then took up the prosecution of the cotton-claims against the Mexican Government, in which he

was engaged some seven years, finally removing to Washington City and making several trips to Europe in the interest of these suits. He won his cases, but died soon after a decision in his favor, largely in consequence of overtaxing his brain in their prosecution. His death occurred in Washington, Oct. 3, 1876, when he was buried in the Congressional Cemetery. President Grant and a number of Senators and Congressmen acting as pall-bearers at his funeral.

**FOWLER, Charles Henry**, Methodist Episcopal Bishop, born in Burford, Conn., August 11, 1837; was partially educated at Rock River Seminary, Mount Morris, finally graduating at Genesee College, N. Y., in 1859. He then began the study of law in Chicago, but, changing his purpose, entered Garrett Biblical Institute, at Evanston, graduating in 1861. Having been admitted to the Rock River Methodist Episcopal Conference he was appointed successively to Chicago churches till 1872; then became President of the Northwestern University, holding this office four years, when he was elected to the editorship of "The Christian Advocate" of New York. In 1884 he was elected and ordained Bishop. His residence is in San Francisco, his labors as Bishop being devoted largely to the Pacific States.

**FOX RIVER** (of Illinois)—called Pishtaka by the Indians—rises in Waukesha County, Wis., and, after running southward through Kenosha and Racine Counties in that State, passes into Illinois. It intersects McHenry and Kane Counties and runs southward to the city of Aurora, below which point it flows southwestward, until it empties into the Illinois River at Ottawa. Its length is estimated at 230 miles. The chief towns on its banks are Elgin, Aurora and Ottawa. It affords abundant water power.

**FOXES**, an Indian tribe. (See *Sacs and Foxes*.)

**FRANCIS, Simeon**, pioneer journalist, was born at Wethersfield, Conn., May 14, 1796, learned the printer's trade at New Haven, and, in connection with a partner, published a paper at Buffalo, N. Y. In consequence of the excitement growing out of the abduction of Morgan in 1828, (being a Mason) he was compelled to suspend, and, coming to Illinois in the fall of 1831, commenced the publication of "The Sangamo" (now "The Illinois State") "Journal" at Springfield, continuing his connection therewith until 1855, when he sold out to Messrs. Bailhache & Baker. Abraham Lincoln was his close friend and often wrote editorials for his paper. Mr. Francis was active in the organization of the State Agricul-

tural Society (1853), serving as its Recording Secretary for several years. In 1859 he moved to Portland, Ore., where he published "The Oregon Farmer," and served as President of the Oregon State Agricultural Society; in 1861 was appointed by President Lincoln, Paymaster in the regular army, serving until 1870, when he retired on half-pay. Died, at Portland, Ore., Oct. 25, 1872.—**Allen** (Francis), brother of the preceding, was born at Wethersfield, Conn., April 14, 1815; in 1834, joined his brother at Springfield, Ill., and became a partner in the publication of "The Journal" until its sale, in 1855. In 1861 he was appointed United States Consul at Victoria, B. C., serving until 1871, when he engaged in the fur trade. Later he was United States Consul at Port Stanley, Can., dying there, about 1887.—**Josiah** (Francis), cousin of the preceding, born at Wethersfield, Conn., Jan. 17, 1804; was early connected with "The Springfield Journal"; in 1836 engaged in merchandising at Athens, Menard County; returning to Springfield, was elected to the Legislature in 1840, and served one term as Mayor of Springfield. Died in 1867.

**FRANKLIN**, a village of Morgan County, on the Jacksonville & St. Louis Railroad, 12 miles southeast of Jacksonville. The place has a newspaper and two banks; the surrounding country is agricultural. Population (1880), 316; (1890), 578; (1900), 687.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**, located in the south-central part of the State; was organized in 1818, and has an area of 430 square miles. Population (1900), 19,675. The county is well timbered and is drained by the Big Muddy River. The soil is fertile and the products include cereals, potatoes, sorghum, wool, pork and fruit. The county-seat is Benton, with a population (1890) of 939. The county contains no large towns, although large, well-cultivated farms are numerous. The earliest white settlers came from Kentucky and Tennessee, and the hereditary traditions of generous, southwestern hospitality are preserved among the residents of to-day.

**FRANKLIN GROVE**, a town of Lee County, on Council Bluffs Division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, 88 miles west of Chicago. Grain, poultry, and live-stock are shipped from here. It has banks, water-works, high school, and a weekly paper. Population (1890), 736; (1900), 681.

**FAZIER, Robert**, a native of Kentucky, who came to Southern Illinois at an early day and served as State Senator from Edwards County, in the Second and Third General Assemblies, in the



latter being an opponent of the scheme to make Illinois a slave State. He was a farmer by occupation and, at the time he was a member of the Legislature, resided in what afterwards became Wabash County. Subsequently he removed to Edwards County, near Albion, where he died. "Frazier's Prairie," in Edwards County, was named for him.

**FREEBURG**, a village of St. Clair County, on the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad, 8 miles southeast of Belleville. Population (1880), 1,038; (1890), 848; (1900), 1,214.

**FREEMAN, Norman L.**, lawyer and Supreme Court Reporter, was born in Caledonia, Livingston County, N. Y., May 9, 1823; in 1831 accompanied his widowed mother to Ann Arbor, Mich., removing six years afterward to Detroit; was educated at Cleveland and Ohio University, taught school at Lexington, Ky., while studying law, and was admitted to the bar in 1846; removed to Shawneetown, Ill., in 1851, was admitted to the Illinois bar and practiced some eight years. He then began farming in Marion County, Mo., but, in 1862, returned to Shawneetown and, in 1863, was appointed Reporter of Decisions by the Supreme Court of Illinois, serving until his death, which occurred at Springfield near the beginning of his sixth term in office, August 23, 1894.

**FREE MASONS**, the oldest secret fraternity in the State—known as the "Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons"—the first Lodge being instituted at Kaskaskia, June, 3, 1806, with Gen. John Edgar, Worshipful Master; Michael Jones, Senior Warden; James Galbraith, Junior Warden; William Arundel, Secretary; Robert Robinson, Senior Deacon. These are names of persons who were, without exception, prominent in the early history of Illinois. A Grand Lodge was organized at Vandalia in 1822, with Gov. Shadrach Bond as first Grand Master, but the organization of the Grand Lodge, as it now exists, took place at Jacksonville in 1840. The number of Lodges constituting the Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1840 was six, with 157 members; the number of Lodges within the same jurisdiction in 1895 was 713, with a membership of 50,727, of which 47,335 resided in Illinois. The dues for 1895 were \$37,834.50; the contributions to members, their widows and orphans, \$25,038.41; to non-members, \$6,306.38, and to the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home, \$1,315.80.—Apollo Commandery No. 1 of Knights Templar—the pioneer organization of its kind in this or any neighboring State—was organized in Chicago, May 20, 1845,

and the Grand Commandery of the order in Illinois in 1857, with James V. Z. Blaney, Grand Commander. In 1895 it was made up of sixty-five subordinate commanderies, with a total membership of 9,355, and dues amounting to \$7,754.75. The principal officers in 1895-96 were Henry Hunter Montgomery, Grand Commander; John Henry Witbeck, Grand Treasurer, and Gilbert W. Barnard, Grand Recorder.—The Springfield Chapter of Royal Arch-Masons was organized in Springfield, Sept. 17, 1841, and the Royal Arch Chapter of the State at Jacksonville, April 9, 1850, the nine existing Chapters being formally chartered Oct. 14, of the same year. The number of subordinate Chapters, in 1895, was 186, with a total membership of 16,414.—The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, in 1894, embraced 32 subordinate Councils, with a membership of 2,318.

**FREEPORT**, a city and railway center, the county-seat of Stephenson County, 121 miles west of Chicago; has good water-power from the Pecatonica River, with several manufacturing establishments, the output including carriages, wagon-wheels, wind-mills, coffee-mills, organs, piano-stools, leather, mineral paint, foundry products, chicken incubators and vinegar. The Illinois Central Railroad has shops here and the city has a Government postoffice building. Population (1890), 10,139; (1900), 13,258.

**FREEPORT COLLEGE**, an institution at Freeport, Ill., incorporated in 1895; is co-educational; had a faculty of six instructors in 1896, with 116 pupils.

**FREER, Lemuel Covell Paine**, early lawyer, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1815; came to Chicago in 1836, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1840; was a zealous anti-slavery man and an active supporter of the Government during the War of the Rebellion; for many years was President of the Board of Trustees of Rush Medical College. Died, in Chicago, April 14, 1892.

**FRENCH, Augustus C.**, ninth Governor of Illinois (1846-52), was born in New Hampshire, August 2, 1808. After coming to Illinois, he became a resident of Crawford County, and a lawyer by profession. He was a member of the Tenth and Eleventh General Assemblies, and Receiver, for a time, of the Land Office at Palestine. He served as Presidential Elector in 1844, was elected to the office of Governor as a Democrat in 1846 by a majority of nearly 17,000 over two competitors, and was the unanimous choice of his party for a second term in 1848. His adminis-

tration was free from scandals. He was appointed Bank Commissioner by Governor Matteson, and later accepted the chair of Law in McKendree College at Lebanon. In 1858 he was the nominee of the Douglas wing of the Democratic party for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, ex-Gov. John Reynolds being the candidate of the Buchanan branch of the party. Both were defeated. His last public service was as a member from St. Clair County of the Constitutional Convention of 1862. Died, at Lebanon, Sept. 4, 1864.

**FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR.** The first premonition of this struggle in the West was given in 1698, when two English vessels entered the mouth of the Mississippi, to take possession of the French Territory of Louisiana, which then included what afterward became the State of Illinois. This expedition, however, returned without result. Great Britain was anxious to have a colorable pretext for attempting to evict the French, and began negotiation of treaties with the Indian tribes as early as 1724, expecting thereby to fortify her original claim, which was based on the right of prior discovery. The numerous shiftings of the political kaleidoscope in Europe prevented any further steps in this direction on the part of England until 1748-49, when the Ohio Land Company received a royal grant of 500,000 acres along the Ohio River, with exclusive trading privileges. The Company proceeded to explore and survey and, about 1752, established a trading post on Loramie Creek, 47 miles north of Dayton. The French foresaw that hostilities were probable, and advanced their posts as far east as the Allegheny River. Complaints by the Ohio Company induced an ineffectual remonstrance on the part of Virginia. Among the ambassadors sent to the French by the Governor of Virginia was George Washington, who thus, in early manhood, became identified with Illinois history. His report was of such a nature as to induce the erection of counter fortifications by the British, one of which (at the junction of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers) was seized and occupied by the French before its completion. Then ensued a series of engagements which, while not involving large forces of men, were fraught with grave consequences, and in which the French were generally successful. In 1755 occurred "Braddock's defeat" in an expedition to recover Fort Duquesne (where Pittsburg now stands), which had been captured by the French the previous year, and the Government of Great Britain determined to redouble its efforts. The

final result was the termination of French domination in the Ohio Valley. Later came the downfall of French ascendancy in Canada as the result of the battle of Quebec; but the vanquished yet hoped to be able to retain Louisiana and Illinois. But France was forced to indemnify Spain for the loss of Florida, which it did by the cession of all of Louisiana lying west of the Mississippi (including the city of New Orleans), and this virtually ended French hopes in Illinois. The last military post in North America to be garrisoned by French troops was Fort Chartres, in Illinois Territory, where St. Ange remained in command until its evacuation was demanded by the English.

**FRENCH GOVERNORS OF ILLINOIS.** French Governors began to be appointed by the Company of the Indies (which see) in 1722, the "Illinois Country" having previously been treated as a dependency of Canada. The first Governor (or "commandant") was Pierre Duque de Boisbriant, who was commandant for only three years, when he was summoned to New Orleans (1725) to succeed de Bienville as Governor of Louisiana. Capt. du Tisne was in command for a short time after his departure, but was succeeded by another Captain in the royal army, whose name is variously spelled de Liette, de Lielte, De Siette and Delietto. He was followed in turn by St. Ange (the father of St. Ange de Belleverie), who died in 1742. In 1732 the Company of the Indies surrendered its charter to the crown, and the Governors of the Illinois Country were thereafter appointed directly by royal authority. Under the earlier Governors justice had been administered under the civil law; with the change in the method of appointment the code known as the "Common Law of Paris" came into effect, although not rigidly enforced because found in many particulars to be ill-suited to the needs of a new country. The first of the Royal Governors was Pierre d'Artaguiette, who was appointed in 1734, but was captured while engaged in an expedition against the Chickasaws, in 1736, and burned at the stake. (See *D'Artaguiette*.) He was followed by Alphonse de la Buissoniere, who was succeeded, in 1740, by Capt. Benoist de St. Claire. In 1742 he gave way to the Chevalier Bertel or Berthet, but was reinstated about 1748. The last of the French Governors of the "Illinois Country" was Louis St. Ange de Belleverie, who retired to St. Louis, after turning over the command to Captain Stirling, the English officer sent to supersede him, in 1765. (St. Ange de Belleverie died, Dec. 27, 1774.) The administration of the French commandants, while firm, was usually conserva-

tive and benevolent. Local self-government was encouraged as far as practicable, and, while the Governors' power over commerce was virtually unrestricted, they interfered but little with the ordinary life of the people.

**FREW, Calvin Hamill**, lawyer and State Senator, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, educated at Finley (Ohio) High School, Beaver (Pa.) Academy and Vermilion Institute at Hayesville, Ohio.; in 1862 was Principal of the High School at Kalida, Ohio, where he began the study of law, which he continued the next two years with Messrs. Strain & Kidder, at Monmouth, Ill., meanwhile acting as Principal of a high school at Young America; in 1865 removed to Paxton, Ford County, which has since been his home, and the same year was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Illinois. Mr. Frew served as Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Ford County (1865-68); in 1868 was elected Representative in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly, re-elected in 1870, and again in '78. While practicing law he has been connected with some of the most important cases before the courts in that section of the State, and his fidelity and skill in their management are testified by members of the bar, as well as Judges upon the bench. Of late years he has devoted his attention to breeding trotting horses, with a view to the improvement of his health but not with the intention of permanently abandoning his profession.

**FRY, Jacob**, pioneer and soldier, was born in Fayette County, Ky., Sept. 20, 1799; learned the trade of a carpenter and came to Illinois in 1819, working first at Alton, but, in 1820, took up his residence near the present town of Carrollton, in which he built the first house. Greene County was not organized until two years later, and this border settlement was, at that time, the extreme northern white settlement in Illinois. He served as Constable and Deputy Sheriff (simultaneously) for six years, and was then elected Sheriff, being five times re-elected. He served through the Black Hawk War (first as Lieutenant-Colonel and afterwards as Colonel), having in his regiment Abraham Lincoln, O. H. Browning, John Wood (afterwards Governor) and Robert Anderson, of Fort Sumter fame. In 1837 he was appointed Commissioner of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, and re-appointed in 1839 and '41, later becoming Acting Commissioner, with authority to settle up the business of the former commission, which was that year legislated out of office. He was afterwards appointed Canal Trustee by Governor Ford, and, in 1847, retired from connection with

canal management. In 1850 he went to California, where he engaged in mining and trade for three years, meanwhile serving one term in the State Senate. In 1857 he was appointed Collector of the Port at Chicago by President Buchanan, but was removed in 1859 because of his friendship for Senator Douglas. In 1860 he returned to Greene County; in 1861, in spite of his advanced age, was commissioned Colonel of the Sixty-first Illinois Volunteers, and later participated in numerous engagements (among them the battle of Shiloh), was captured by Forrest, and ultimately compelled to resign because of impaired health and failing eyesight, finally becoming totally blind. He died, June 27, 1881, and was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, near Springfield. Two of Colonel Fry's sons achieved distinction during the Civil War.—**James Barnett (Fry)**, son of the preceding, was born at Carrollton, Ill., Feb. 22, 1827; graduated at West Point Military Academy, in 1847, and was assigned to artillery service; after a short experience as Assistant Instructor, joined his regiment, the Third United States Artillery, in Mexico, remaining there through 1847-48. Later, he was employed on frontier and garrison duty, and again as Instructor in 1853-54, and as Adjutant of the Academy during 1854-59; became Assistant Adjutant-General, March 16, 1861, then served as Chief of Staff to General McDowell and General Buell (1861-62), taking part in the battles of Bull Run, Shiloh and Corinth, and in the campaign in Kentucky; was made Provost-Marshal-General of the United States, in March, 1863, and conducted the drafts of that year, receiving the rank of Brigadier-General, April 21, 1864. He continued in this office until August 30, 1866, during which time he put in the army 1,120,621 men, arrested 76,562 deserters, collected \$26,366,316.78 and made an exact enrollment of the National forces. After the war he served as Adjutant-General with the rank of Colonel, till June 1, 1881," when he was retired at his own request. Besides his various official reports, he published a "Sketch of the Adjutant-General's Department, United States Army, from 1775 to 1875," and "History and Legal Effects of Brevets in the Armies of Great Britain and the United States, from their origin in 1692 to the Present Time," (1877). Died, in Newport, R. I., July 11, 1894.—**William M. (Fry)**, another son, was Provost Marshal of the North Illinois District during the Civil War, and rendered valuable service to the Government.

**FULLER, Allen Curtis**, lawyer, jurist and Adjutant-General, was born in Farmington,

Conn., Sept. 24, 1822; studied law at Warsaw, N. Y., was admitted to practice, in 1846 came to Belvidere, Boone County, Ill., and, after practicing there some years, was elected Circuit Judge in 1861. A few months afterward he was induced to accept the office of Adjutant-General by appointment of Governor Yates, entering upon the duties of the office in November, 1861. At first it was understood that his acceptance was only temporary, so that he did not formally resign his place upon the bench until July, 1862. He continued to discharge the duties of Adjutant-General until January, 1865, when, having been elected Representative in the General Assembly, he was succeeded in the Adjutant-General's office by General Isham N. Haynie. He served as Speaker of the House during the following session, and as State Senator from 1867 to 1873—in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh General Assemblies. He was also elected a Republican Presidential Elector in 1860, and again in 1876. Since retiring from office, General Fuller has devoted his attention to the practice of his profession and looking after a large private business at Belvidere.

**FULLER, Charles E.**, lawyer and legislator, was born at Flora, Boone County, Ill., March 31, 1849; attended the district school until 12 years of age, and, between 1861 and '67, served as clerk in stores at Belvidere and Cherry Valley. He then spent a couple of years in the book business in Iowa, when (1869) he began the study of law with Hon. Jesse S. Hildrup, at Belvidere, and was admitted to the bar in 1870. Since then Mr. Fuller has practiced his profession at Belvidere, was Corporation Attorney for that city in 1875-76, the latter year being elected State's Attorney for Boone County. From 1879 to 1891 he served continuously in the Legislature, first as State Senator in the Thirty-first and Thirty-second General Assemblies, then as a member of the House for three sessions, in 1888 being returned to the Senate, where he served the next two sessions. Mr. Fuller established a high reputation in the Legislature as a debater, and was the candidate of his party (the Republican) for Speaker of the House in 1885. He was also a delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1884. Mr. Fuller was elected Judge of the Circuit Court for the Seventeenth Circuit at the judicial election of June, 1897.

**FULLER, Melville Weston**, eighth Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, was born at Augusta, Maine, Feb. 11, 1833, graduated from Bowdoin College in 1853, was admitted to

the bar in 1855, and became City Attorney of his native city, but resigned and removed to Chicago the following year. Through his mother's family he traces his descent back to the Pilgrims of the Mayflower. His literary and legal attainments are of a high order. In politics he has always been a strong Democrat. He served as a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1862 and as a member of the Legislature in 1863, after that time devoting his attention to the practice of his profession in Chicago. In 1888 President Cleveland appointed him Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, since which time he has resided at Washington, although still claiming a residence in Chicago, where he has considerable property interests.

**FULLERTON, Alexander N.**, pioneer settler and lawyer, born in Chester, Vt., in 1804, was educated at Middlebury College and Litchfield Law School, and, coming to Chicago in 1833, finally engaged in real-estate and mercantile business, in which he was very successful. His name has been given to one of the avenues of Chicago, as well as associated with one of the prominent business blocks. He was one of the original members of the Second Presbyterian Church of that city. Died, Sept. 29, 1880.

**FULTON**, a city and railway center in Whiteside County, 135 miles west of Chicago, located on the Mississippi River and the Chicago & Northwestern, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railways. It was formerly the terminus of a line of steamers which annually brought millions of bushels of grain down the Mississippi from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois, returning with merchandise, agricultural implements, etc., but this river trade gradually died out, having been usurped by the various railroads. Fulton has extensive factories for the making of stoves, besides some important lumber industries. The Northern Illinois College is located here. Population (1890), 2,099; (1900), 2,685.

**FULTON COUNTY**, situated west of and bordering on the Illinois River; was originally a part of Pike County, but separately organized in 1823—named for Robert Fulton. It has an area of 870 square miles with a population (1900) of 46,201. The soil is rich, well watered and wooded. Drainage is effected by the Illinois and Spoon Rivers (the former constituting its eastern boundary) and by Copperas Creek. Lewistown became the county-seat immediately after county organization, and so remains to the present time (1899). The surface of the county at a distance from the



river is generally flat, although along the Illinois there are bluffs rising to the height of 125 feet. The soil is rich, and underlying it are rich, workable seams of coal. A thin seam of cannel coal has been mined near Avon, with a contiguous vein of fire-clay. Some of the earliest settlers were Messrs. Craig and Savage, who, in 1818, built a saw mill on Otter Creek; Ossian M. Ross and Stephen Dewey, who laid off Lewistown on his own land in 1822. The first hotel in the entire military tract was opened at Lewistown by Truman Phelps, in 1827. A flat-boat ferry across the Illinois was established at Havana, in 1823. The principal towns are Canton (pop. 6,564), Lewistown (2,166), Farmington (1,375), and Vermont (1,158).

**FULTON COUNTY NARROW-GAUGE RAILWAY**, a line extending from the west bank of the Illinois River, opposite Havana, to Galesburg, 61 miles. It is a single-track, narrow-gauge (3-foot) road, although the excavations and embankments are being widened to accommodate a track of standard gauge. The grades are few, and, as a rule, are light, although, in one instance, the gradient is eighty-four feet to the mile. There are more than 19 miles of curves, the maximum being sixteen degrees. The rails are of iron, thirty-five pounds to the yard, road not ballasted. Capital stock outstanding (1895), \$636,794; bonded debt, \$484,000; miscellaneous obligations, \$462,362; total capitalization, \$1,583,156. The line from Havana to Fairview (31 miles) was chartered in 1878 and opened in 1880 and the extension from Fairview to Galesburg chartered in 1881 and opened in 1882.

**FUNK, Isaac**, pioneer, was born in Clark County, Ky., Nov. 17, 1797; grew up with meager educational advantages and, in 1823, came to Illinois, finally settling at what afterwards became known as Funk's Grove in McLean County. Here, with no other capital than industry, perseverance, and integrity, Mr. Funk began laying the foundation of one of the most ample fortunes ever acquired in Illinois outside the domain of trade or speculation. By agriculture and dealing in live-stock, he became the possessor of a large area of the finest farming lands in the State, which he brought to a high state of cultivation, leaving an estate valued at his death at not less than \$2,000,000. Mr. Funk served three sessions in the General Assembly, first as Representative in the Twelfth (1840-42), and as Senator in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth (1862-66), dying before the close of his last term, Jan. 29, 1865. Originally a Whig in politics, he became a Republican on the organization of that party, and gave

a liberal and patriotic support to the Government during the war for the preservation of the Union. During the session of the Twenty-third General Assembly, in February, 1863, he delivered a speech in the Senate in indignant condemnation of the policy of the anti-war factionists, which, although couched in homely language, aroused the enthusiasm of the friends of the Government throughout the State and won for its author a prominent place in State history.—**Benjamin F. (Funk)**, son of the preceding, was born in Funk's Grove Township, McLean County, Ill., Oct. 17, 1838. After leaving the district schools, he entered the Wesleyan University at Bloomington, but suspended his studies to enter the army in 1862, enlisting as a private in the Sixty-eighth Illinois Volunteers. After five months' service he was honorably discharged, and re-entered the University, completing a three-years' course. For three years after graduation he followed farming as an avocation, and, in 1869, took up his residence at Bloomington. In 1871 he was chosen Mayor, and served seven consecutive terms. He was a delegate to the National Republican Convention of 1888, and was the successful candidate of that party, in 1892, for Representative in Congress from the Fourteenth Illinois District.—**Lafayette (Funk)**, another son of Isaac Funk, was a Representative from McLean County in the Thirty-third General Assembly and Senator in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth. Other sons who have occupied seats in the same body include George W., Representative in the Twenty-seventh, and Duncan M., Representative in the Fortieth and Forty-first Assemblies. The Funk family have been conspicuous in the affairs of McLean County for a generation, and its members have occupied many other positions of importance and influence, besides those named, under the State, County and municipal governments.

**GAGE, Lyman J.**, Secretary of the Treasury, was born in De Ruyter, Madison County, N. Y., June 28, 1836; received a common school education in his native county, and, on the removal of his parents, in 1848, to Rome, N. Y., enjoyed the advantages of instruction in an academy. At the age of 17 he entered the employment of the Oneida Central Bank as office-boy and general utility clerk, but, two years afterwards, came to Chicago, first securing employment in a planing mill, and, in 1858, obtaining a position as book-keeper of the Merchants' Loan and Trust Company, at a salary of \$500 a year. By 1861 he had been advanced to the position of cashier of the

concern, but, in 1868, he accepted the cashiership of the First National Bank of Chicago, of which he became the Vice-President in 1881 and, in 1891, the President. Mr. Gage was also one of the prominent factors in securing the location of the World's Fair at Chicago, becoming one of the guarantors of the \$10,000,000 promised to be raised by the city of Chicago, and being finally chosen the first President of the Exposition Company. He also presided over the bankers' section of the World's Congress Auxiliary in 1893, and, for a number of years, was President of the Civic Federation of Chicago. On the assumption of the Presidency by President McKinley, in March, 1897, Mr. Gage was selected for the position of Secretary of the Treasury, which he has continued to occupy up to the present time (1899).

**GALATIA**, a village of Saline County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 40 miles southeast of Duquoin; has a bank; leading industry is coal-mining. Population (1890), 519; (1900), 642.

**GALE, George Washington, D.D., LL.D.**, clergyman and educator, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., Dec. 3, 1789. Left an orphan at eight years of age, he fell to the care of older sisters who inherited the vigorous character of their father, which they instilled into the son. He graduated at Union College in 1814, and, having taken a course in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, in 1816 was licensed by the Hudson Presbytery and assumed the charge of building up new churches in Jefferson County, N. Y., serving also for six years as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Adams. Here his labors were attended by a revival in which Charles G. Finney, the eloquent evangelist, and other eminent men were converts. Having resigned his charge at Adams on account of illness, he spent the winter of 1823-24 in Virginia, where his views were enlarged by contact with a new class of people. Later, removing to Oneida County, N. Y., by his marriage with Harriet Selden he acquired a considerable property, insuring an income which enabled him to extend the field of his labors. The result was the establishment of the Oneida Institute, a manual labor school, at Whitesboro, with which he remained from 1827 to 1834, and out of which grew Lane Seminary and Oberlin and Knox Colleges. In 1835 he conceived the idea of establishing a colony and an institution of learning in the West, and a committee representing a party of proposed colonists was appointed to make a selection of a site, which resulted, in the following year, in the choice of a location in Knox County, Ill., including the

site of the present city of Galesburg, which was named in honor of Mr. Gale, as the head of the enterprise. Here, in 1837, were taken the first practical steps in carrying out plans which had been previously matured in New York, for the establishment of an institution which first received the name of Knox Manual Labor College. The manual labor feature having been finally discarded, the institution took the name of Knox College in 1857. Mr. Gale was the leading promoter of the enterprise, by a liberal donation of lands contributing to its first endowment, and, for nearly a quarter of a century, being intimately identified with its history. From 1840 to '42 he served in the capacity of acting Professor of Ancient Languages, and, for fifteen years thereafter, as Professor of Moral Philosophy and Rhetoric. Died, at Galesburg, Sept. 31, 1861.

—**William Selden** (Gale), oldest son of the preceding, was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1822, came with his father to Galesburg, Ill., in 1836, and was educated there. Having read law with the Hon. James Knox, he was admitted to the bar in 1845, but practiced only a few years, as he began to turn his attention to measures for the development of the country. One of these was the Central Military Tract Railroad (now the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy), of which he was the most active promoter and a Director. He was also a member of the Board of Supervisors of Knox County, from the adoption of township organization in 1853 to 1895, with the exception of four years, and, during the long controversy which resulted in the location of the county-seat at Galesburg, was the leader of the Galesburg party, and subsequently took a prominent part in the erection of public buildings there. Other positions held by him include the office of Postmaster of the city of Galesburg, 1849-53; member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1862, and Representative in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly (1870-72); Presidential Elector in 1872; Delegate to the National Republican Convention of 1880; City Alderman, 1872-82 and 1891-95; member of the Commission appointed by Governor Oglesby in 1885 to revise the State Revenue Laws; by appointment of President Harrison, Superintendent of the Galesburg Government Building, and a long term Trustee of the Illinois Hospital for the Insane at Rock Island, by appointment of Governor Altgeld. He has also been a frequent representative of his party (the Republican) in State and District Conventions, and, since 1861, has been an active and leading member of the Board of Trustees of

Knox College. Mr. Gale was married, Oct. 6, 1845, to Miss Caroline Ferris, granddaughter of the financial representative of the Galesburg Colony of 1836, and has had eight children, of whom four are living. Died Sep. 1, 1900.

**GALENA**, the county-seat of Jo Daviess County, a city and port of entry, 150 miles in a direct line west by northwest of Chicago, is located on Galena River, about 4½ miles above its junction with the Mississippi, and is an intersecting point for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Northwestern, and the Illinois Central Railroads, with connections by stub with the Chicago Great Western. It is built partially in a valley and partially on the bluffs which overlook the river, the Galena River being made navigable for vessels of deep draught by a system of lockage. The vicinity abounds in rich mines of sulphide of lead (galena), from which the city takes its name. Galena is adorned by handsome public and private buildings and a beautiful park, in which stands a fine bronze statue of General Grant, and a symmetrical monument dedicated to the soldiers and sailors of Jo Daviess County who lost their lives during the Civil War. Its industries include a furniture factory, a table factory, two foundries, a tub factory and a carriage factory. Zinc ore is now being produced in and near the city in large quantities, and its mining interests will become vast at no distant day. It owns an electric light plant, and water is furnished from an artesian well 1,700 feet deep. Galena was one of the earliest towns in Northern Illinois to be settled, its mines having been worked in the latter part of the seventeenth century. Many men of distinction in State and National affairs came from Galena, among whom were Gen. U. S. Grant, Gen. John A. Rawlins, Gen. John E. Smith, Gen. John C. Smith, Gen. A. L. Chetlain, Gen. John O. Duer, Gen. W. R. Rowley, Gen. E. D. Baker, Hon. E. B. Washburne, Secretary of State under Grant, Hon. Thompson Campbell, Secretary of State of Illinois, and Judge Drummond. Population (1890), 5,635; (1900), 5,005.

**GALENA & CHICAGO UNION RAILROAD.**  
(See *Chicago & Northwestern Railway*.)

**GALESBURG**, the county-seat of Knox County and an important educational center. The first settlers were emigrants from the East, a large proportion of them being members of a colony organized by Rev. George W. Gale, of Whitesboro, N. Y., in whose honor the original village was named. It is situated in the heart of a rich agricultural district 53 miles northwest of Peoria, 99 miles northeast of Quincy and 163 miles south-

west of Chicago; is an important railway center, being at the junction of the main line with two branch lines of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroads. It was incorporated as a village in 1841, and as a city by special charter in 1857. There are beautiful parks and the residence streets are well shaded, while 25 miles of street are paved with vitrified brick. The city owns a system of water-works receiving its supply from artesian wells and artificial lakes, has an efficient and well-equipped paid fire-department, an electric street car system with three suburban lines, gas and electric lighting systems, steam-heating plant, etc. It also has a number of flourishing mechanical industries, including two iron foundries, agricultural implement works, flouring mills, carriage and wagon works and a broom factory, besides other industrial enterprises of minor importance. The manufacture of vitrified paving brick is quite extensively carried on at plants near the city limits, the city itself being the shipping-point as well as the point of administrative control. The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company has shops and stockyards here, while considerable coal is mined in the vicinity. The public buildings include a courthouse, Government postoffice building, an opera house, nineteen churches, ten public schools with a high school and free kindergarten, and a handsome public library building erected at a cost of \$100,000, of which one-half was contributed by Mr. Carnegie. Galesburg enjoys its chief distinction as the seat of a large number of high class literary institutions, including Knox College (non-sectarian), Lombard University (Universalist), and Corpus Christi Lyceum and University, and St. Joseph's Academy (both Roman Catholic). Three interurban electric railroad lines connect Galesburg with neighboring towns. Pop. (1890), 15,264; (1900), 18,607.

**GALLATIN COUNTY**, one of three counties organized in Illinois Territory in 1812—the others being Madison and Johnson. Previous to that date the Territory had consisted of only two counties, St. Clair and Randolph. The new county was named in honor of Albert Gallatin, then Secretary of the Treasury. It is situated on the Ohio and Wabash Rivers, in the extreme southeastern part of the State, and has an area of 349 square miles; population (1900), 75,836. The first cabin erected by an American settler was the home of Michael Sprinkle, who settled at Shawneetown in 1800. The place early became an important trading post and distributing point.

A ferry across the Wabash was established in 1803, by Alexander Wilson, whose descendants conducted it for more than seventy-five years. Although Stephen Rector made a Government survey as early as 1807, the public lands were not placed on the market until 1818. Shawneetown, the county-seat, is the most important town, having a population of some 2,200. Bituminous coal is found in large quantities, and mining is an important industry. The prosperity of the county has been much retarded by floods, particularly at Shawneetown and Equality. At the former point the difference between high and low water mark in the Ohio River has been as much as fifty-two feet.

**GALLOWAY, Andrew Jackson**, civil engineer, was born of Scotch ancestry in Butler County, Pa., Dec. 21, 1814; came with his father to Corydon, Ind., in 1820, took a course in Hanover College, graduating as a civil engineer in 1837; then came to Mount Carmel, White County, Ill., with a view to employment on projected Illinois railroads, but engaged in teaching for a year, having among his pupils a number who have since been prominent in State affairs. Later, he obtained employment as an assistant engineer, serving for a time under William Gooding, Chief Engineer of the Illinois & Michigan Canal; was also Assistant Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk of the State Senate in 1840-41, and held the same position in the House in 1846-47, and again in 1848-49, in the meantime having located a farm in La Salle County, where the present city of Streator stands. In 1849 he was appointed Secretary of the Canal Trustees, and, in 1851, became assistant engineer on the Illinois Central Railroad, later superintending its construction, and finally being transferred to the land department, but retiring in 1855 to engage in real-estate business in Chicago, dealing largely in railroad lands. Mr. Galloway was elected a County Commissioner for Cook County, and has since been connected with many measures of local importance.

**GALVA**, a town in Henry County, 45 miles southeast of Rock Island and 48 miles north-northwest of Peoria; the point of intersection of the Rock Island & Peoria and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railways. It stands at the summit of the dividing ridge between the Mississippi and the Illinois Rivers, and is a manufacturing and coal-mining town. It has eight churches, three banks, good schools, and two weekly newspapers. The surrounding country is agricultural and wealthy, and is rich in coal. Population (1890), 2,409; (1900), 2,682.

**GARDNER**, a village in Garfield Township, Grundy County, on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, 65 miles south-southwest of Chicago and 26 miles north-northeast of Pontiac; on the Kankakee and Seneca branch of the "Big Four," and the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern R. R. Coal-mining is the principal industry. Gardner has two banks, four churches, a high school, and a weekly paper. Population (1890), 1,094; (1900), 1,036.

**GARDNER, COAL CITY & NORMANTOWN RAILWAY.** (See *Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway*.)

**GARY, Joseph Easton**, lawyer and jurist, was born of Puritan ancestry, at Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., July 9, 1821. His early educational advantages were such as were furnished by district schools and a village academy, and, until he was 22 years old, he worked at the carpenter's bench. In 1843 he removed to St. Louis, Mo., where he studied law. After admission to the bar, he practiced for five years in Southwest Missouri, thence going to Las Vegas, N. M., in 1849, and to San Francisco, Cal., in 1853. In 1856 he settled in Chicago, where he has since resided. After seven years of active practice he was elected to the bench of the Superior Court of Cook County, where he has sat for thirty years, being four times nominated by both political parties, and his last re-election—for a term of six years, occurring in 1893. He presided at the trial of the Chicago anarchists in 1886—one of the causes celebres of Illinois. Some of his rulings therein were sharply criticised, but he was upheld by the courts of appellate jurisdiction, and his connection with the case has given him world-wide fame. In November, 1888, the Supreme Court of Illinois transferred him to the bench of the Appellate Court, of which tribunal he has been three times Chief Justice.

**GASSETTE, Norman Theodore**, real-estate operator, was born at Townsend, Vt., April 21, 1839, came to Chicago at ten years of age, and, after spending a year at Shurtleff College, took a preparatory collegiate course at the Atwater Institute, Rochester, N. Y. In June, 1861, he enlisted as a private in the Nineteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, rising in the second year to the rank of First Lieutenant, and, at the battle of Chickamauga, by gallantry displayed while serving as an Aid-de-Camp, winning a recommendation for a brevet Lieutenant-Colonelcy. The war over, he served one term as Clerk of the Circuit Court and Recorder, but later engaged in the real-estate and loan business as the head of the extensive firm of Norman T. Gassette & Co. He was a



Republican in politics, active in Grand Army circles and prominent as a Mason, holding the position of Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Illinois on occasion of the Triennial Conclave in Washington in 1889. He also had charge, as President of the Masonic Fraternity Temple Association of Chicago, for some time prior to his decease, of the erection of the Masonic Temple of Chicago. Died, in Chicago, March 26, 1891.

**GATEWOOD, William Jefferson**, early lawyer, was born in Warren County, Ky., came to Franklin County, Ill., in boyhood, removed to Shawneetown in 1823, where he taught school two or three years while studying law; was admitted to the bar in 1828, and served in five General Assemblies—as Representative in 1830-32, and as Senator, 1834-42. He is described as a man of fine education and brilliant talents. Died, Jan. 8, 1842.

**GAULT, John C.**, railway manager, was born at Hooksett, N. H., May 1, 1829; in 1850 entered the local freight office of the Manchester & Lawrence Railroad, later becoming General Freight Agent of the Vermont Central. Coming to Chicago in 1859, he successively filled the positions of Superintendent of Transportation on the Galena & Chicago Union, and (after the consolidation of the latter with the Chicago & Northwestern), that of Division Superintendent, General Freight Agent and Assistant General Manager; Assistant General Manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; General Manager of the Wabash (1879-83); Arbitrator for the trunk lines (1883-85), and General Manager of the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific (1885-90), when he retired. Died, in Chicago, August 29, 1891.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLIES.** The following is a list of the General Assemblies which have met since the admission of Illinois as a State up to 1898—from the First to the Fortieth inclusive—with the more important acts passed by each and the duration of their respective sessions:

FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY held two sessions, the first convening at Kaskaskia, the State Capital, Oct. 5, and adjourning Oct. 13, 1818. The second met, Jan. 4, 1819, continuing to March 31. Lieut.-Gov. Pierre Menard presided over the Senate, consisting of thirteen members, while John Messinger was chosen Speaker of the House, containing twenty-seven members. The most important business transacted at the first session was the election of two United States Senators—Ninian Edwards and Jesse B. Thomas, Sr.—and

the filling of minor State and judicial offices. At the second session a code of laws was enacted, copied chiefly from the Virginia and Kentucky statutes, including the law concerning "negroes and mulattoes," which long remained on the statute book. An act was also passed appointing Commissioners to select a site for a new State Capital, which resulted in its location at Vandalia. The sessions were held in a stone building with gambrel-roof pierced by dormer-windows, the Senate occupying the lower floor and the House the upper. The length of the first session was nine days, and of the second eighty-seven—total, ninety-six days.

SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened at Vandalia, Dec. 4, 1820. It consisted of fourteen Senators and twenty-nine Representatives. John McLean, of Gallatin County, was chosen Speaker of the House. A leading topic of discussion was the incorporation of a State Bank. Money was scarce and there was a strong popular demand for an increase of circulating medium. To appease this clamor, no less than to relieve traders and agriculturists, this General Assembly established a State Bank (see *State Bank*), despite the earnest protest of McLean and the executive veto. A stay-law was also enacted at this session for the benefit of the debtor class. The number of members of the next Legislature was fixed at eighteen Senators and thirty-six Representatives—this provision remaining in force until 1831. The session ended Feb. 15, having lasted seventy-four days.

THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened, Dec. 2, 1822. Lieutenant-Governor Hubbard presided in the Senate, while in the organization of the lower house, William M. Alexander was chosen Speaker. Governor Coles, in his inaugural, called attention to the existence of slavery in Illinois despite the Ordinance of 1787, and urged the adoption of repressive measures. Both branches of the Legislature being pro-slavery in sympathy, the Governor's address provoked bitter and determined opposition. On Jan. 9, 1823, Jesse B. Thomas was re-elected United States Senator, defeating John Reynolds, Leonard White and Samuel D. Lockwood. After electing Mr. Thomas and choosing State officers, the General Assembly proceeded to discuss the majority and minority reports of the committee to which had been referred the Governor's address. The minority report recommended the abolition of slavery, while that of the majority favored the adoption of a resolution calling a convention to amend the Constitution, the avowed object

being to make Illinois a slave State. The latter report was adopted, but the pro-slavery party in the House lacked one vote of the number necessary to carry the resolution by the constitutional two-thirds majority. What followed has always been regarded as a blot upon the record of the Third General Assembly. Nicholas Hansen, who had been awarded the seat from Pike County at the beginning of the session after a contest brought by his opponent, John Shaw, was unseated after the adoption of a resolution to reconsider the vote by which he had been several weeks before declared elected. Shaw having thus been seated, the resolution was carried by the necessary twenty-four votes. Mr. Hansen, although previously regarded as a pro-slavery man, had voted with the minority when the resolution was first put upon its passage. Hence followed his deprivation of his seat. The triumph of the friends of the convention was celebrated by what Gov. John Reynolds (himself a conventionist) characterized as "a wild and indecorous procession by torchlight and liquor." (See *Slavery and Slave Laws*.) The session adjourned Feb. 18, having continued seventy-nine days.

FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. This body held two sessions, the first being convened, Nov. 15, 1824, by proclamation of the Executive, some three weeks before the date for the regular session, in order to correct a defect in the law relative to counting the returns for Presidential Electors. Thomas Mather was elected Speaker of the House, while Lieutenant-Governor Hubbard presided in the Senate. Having amended the law concerning the election returns for Presidential Electors, the Assembly proceeded to the election of two United States Senators—one to fill the unexpired term of ex-Senator Edwards (resigned) and the other for the full term beginning March 4, 1825. John McLean was chosen for the first and Elias Kent Kane for the second. Five circuit judgeships were created, and it was provided that the bench of the Supreme Court should consist of four Judges, and that semi-annual sessions of that tribunal should be held at the State capital. (See *Judicial Department*.) The regular session came to an end, Jan. 18, 1825, but at its own request, the Lieutenant-Governor and acting Governor Hubbard re-convened the body in special session on Jan. 2, 1826, to enact a new apportionment law under the census of 1825. A sine die adjournment was taken, Jan. 23, 1826. One of the important acts of the regular session of 1825 was the adoption of the first free-school law in Illinois, the measure having been intro-

duced by Joseph Duncan, afterwards Governor of the State. This Legislature was in session a total of ninety-two days, of which sixty-five were during the first session and twenty-seven during the second.

FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened, Dec. 4, 1826, Lieutenant-Governor Kinney presiding in the Senate and John McLean in the House. At the request of the Governor an investigation into the management of the bank at Edwardsville was had, resulting, however, in the exoneration of its officers. The circuit judgeships created by the preceding Legislature were abrogated and their incumbents legislated out of office. The State was divided into four circuits, one Justice of the Supreme Court being assigned to each. (See *Judicial Department*.) This General Assembly also elected a State Treasurer to succeed Abner Field, James Hall being chosen on the ninth ballot. The Supreme Court Judges, as directed by the preceding Legislature, presented a well digested report on the revision of the laws, which was adopted without material alteration. One of the important measures enacted at this session was an act establishing a State penitentiary, the funds for its erection being obtained by the sale of saline lands in Gallatin County. (See *Alton Penitentiary*; also *Salt Manufacture*.) The session ended Feb. 19—having continued seventy-eight days.

SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened, Dec. 1, 1828. The Jackson Democrats had a large majority in both houses. John McLean was, for the third time, elected Speaker of the House, and, later in the session, was elected United States Senator by a unanimous vote. A Secretary of State, Treasurer and Attorney-General were also appointed or elected. The most important legislation of the session was as follows: Authorizing the sale of school lands and the borrowing of the proceeds from the school fund for the ordinary governmental expenses; providing for a return to the viva voce method of voting; creating a fifth judicial circuit and appointing a Judge therefor; providing for the appointment of Commissioners to determine upon the route of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, to sell lands and commence its construction. The Assembly adjourned, Jan. 23, 1829, having been in session fifty-four days.

SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY met, Dec. 6, 1830. The newly-elected Lieutenant-Governor, Zadoc Casey, and William L. D. Ewing presided over the two houses, respectively. John Reynolds was Governor, and, the majority of the Senate being made up of his political adversaries,

experienced no little difficulty in securing the confirmation of his nominees. Two United States Senators were elected; Elias K. Kane being chosen to succeed himself and John M. Robinson to serve the unexpired term of John McLean, deceased. The United States census of 1830 gave Illinois three Representatives in Congress instead of one, and this General Assembly passed a re-apportionment law accordingly. The number of State Senators was increased to twenty-six, and of members of the lower house to fifty-five. The criminal code was amended by the substitution of imprisonment in the penitentiary as a penalty in lieu of the stocks and public flogging. This Legislature also authorized the borrowing of \$100,000 to redeem the notes of the State Bank which were to mature the following year. The Assembly adjourned, Feb. 16, 1831, the session having lasted seventy-three days.

**EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.** The session began Dec. 3, 1832, and ended March 2, 1833. William L. D. Ewing was chosen President pro tempore of the Senate, and succeeded Zadoc Casey as Lieutenant-Governor, the latter having been elected a Representative in Congress. Alexander M. Jenkins presided over the House as Speaker. This Legislature enacted the first general incorporation laws of Illinois, their provisions being applicable to towns and public libraries. It also incorporated several railroad companies, —one line from Lake Michigan to the Illinois River (projected as a substitute for the canal), one from Peru to Cairo, and another to cross the State, running through Springfield. Other charters were granted for shorter lines, but the incorporators generally failed to organize under them. A notable incident in connection with this session was the attempt to impeach Theophilus W. Smith, a Justice of the Supreme Court. This was the first and last trial of this character in the State's history, between 1818 and 1899. Failing to secure a conviction in the Senate (where the vote stood twelve for conviction and ten for acquittal, with four Senators excused from voting), the House attempted to remove him by address, but in this the Senate refused to concur. The first mechanics' lien law was enacted by this Legislature, as also a law relating to the "right of way" for "public roads, canals, or other public works." The length of the session was ninety days.

**NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.** This Legislature held two sessions. The first began Dec. 1, 1834, and lasted to Feb. 13, 1835. Lieutenant-Governor Jenkins presided in the Senate and James Semple was elected Speaker of the House without oppo-

sition. On Dec. 20, John M. Robinson was re-elected United States Senator Abraham Lincoln was among the new members, but took no conspicuous part in the discussions of the body. The principal public laws passed at this session were: Providing for the borrowing of \$500,000 to be used in the construction of the Illinois & Michigan Canal and the appointment of a Board of Commissioners to supervise its expenditure; incorporating the Bank of the State of Illinois; and authorizing a loan of \$12,000 by Cook County, at 10 per cent interest per annum from the county school fund, for the erection of a court house in that county. The second session of this Assembly convened, Dec. 7, 1835, adjourning, Jan. 18, 1836. A new canal act was passed, enlarging the Commissioners' powers and pledging the faith of the State for the repayment of money borrowed to aid in its construction. A new apportionment law was also passed providing for the election of forty-one Senators and ninety-one Representatives, and W. L. D. Ewing was elected United States Senator, to succeed Elias K. Kane, deceased. The length of the first session was seventy-five days, and of the second forty-three days—total, 118.

**TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,** like its predecessor, held two sessions. The first convened Dec. 5, 1836, and adjourned March 6, 1837. The Whigs controlled the Senate by a large majority, and elected William H. Davidson, of White County, President, to succeed Alexander M. Jenkins, who had resigned the Lieutenant-Governorship. (See *Jenkins, Alexander M.*) James Semple was re-elected Speaker of the House, which was fully two-thirds Democratic. This Legislature was remarkable for the number of its members who afterwards attained National prominence. Lincoln and Douglas sat in the lower house, both voting for the same candidate for Speaker—Newton Cloud, an independent Democrat. Besides these, the rolls of this Assembly included the names of a future Governor, six future United States Senators, eight Congressmen, three Illinois Supreme Court Judges, seven State officers, and a Cabinet officer. The two absorbing topics for legislative discussion and action were the system of internal improvements and the removal of the State capital. (See *Internal Improvement Policy and State Capitals.*) The friends of Springfield finally effected such a combination that that city was selected as the seat of the State government, while the Internal Improvement Act was passed over the veto of Governor Duncan. A second session of this Legislature met on the call of the

Governor, July 10, 1837, and adjourned July 22. An act legalizing the suspension of State banks was adopted, but the recommendation of the Governor for the repeal of the internal improvement legislation was ignored. The length of the first session was ninety-two days and of the second thirteen—total 105.

**ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.** This body held both a regular and a special session. The former met Dec. 3, 1838, and adjourned March 4, 1839. The Whigs were in a majority in both houses, and controlled the organization of the Senate. In the House, however, their candidate for Speaker—Abraham Lincoln—failing to secure his full party vote, was defeated by W. L. D. Ewing. At this session \$800,000 more was appropriated for the "improvement of water-ways and the construction of railroads," all efforts to put an end to, or even curtail, further expenditures on account of internal improvements meeting with defeat. An appropriation (the first) was made for a library for the Supreme Court; the Illinois Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb was established, and the further issuance of bank notes of a smaller denomination than \$5 was prohibited. By this time the State debt had increased to over \$13,000,000, and both the people and the Governor were becoming apprehensive as to ultimate results of this prodigal outlay. A crisis appeared imminent, and the Governor, on Dec. 9, 1839, convened the Legislature in special session to consider the situation. (This was the first session ever held at Springfield; and, the new State House not being completed, the Senate, the House and the Supreme Court found accommodation in three of the principal church edifices.) The struggle for a change of State policy at this session was long and hard fought, no heed being given to party lines. The outcome was the virtual abrogation of the entire internal improvement system. Provision was made for the calling in and destruction of all unsold bonds and the speedy adjustment of all unsettled accounts of the old Board of Public Works, which was legislated out of office. The special session adjourned Feb. 3, 1840. Length of regular session ninety-two days, of the special, fifty-seven—total, 149.

**TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.** This Legislature was strongly Democratic in both branches. It first convened, by executive proclamation, Nov. 23, 1840, the object being to provide for payment of interest on the public debt. In reference to this matter the following enactments were made: Authorizing the hypothecation of \$300,000 internal improvement bonds, to meet the interest

due Jan. 1, 1841; directing the issue of bonds to be sold in the open market and the proceeds applied toward discharging all amounts due on interest account for which no other provision was made; levying a special tax of ten cents on the \$100 to meet the interest on the last mentioned class of bonds, as it matured. For the completion of the Northern Cross Railroad (from Springfield to Jacksonville) another appropriation of \$100,000 was made. The called session adjourned, sine die, on Dec. 5, and the regular session began two days later. The Senate was presided over by the Lieutenant-Governor (Stinson H. Anderson), and William L. D. Ewing was chosen Speaker of the House. The most vital issue was the propriety of demanding the surrender of the charter of the State Bank, with its branches, and here party lines were drawn. The Whigs finally succeeded in averting the closing of the institutions which had suspended specie payments, and in securing for those institutions the privilege of issuing small bills. A law reorganizing the judiciary was passed by the majority over the executive veto, and in face of the defection of some of its members. On a partisan issue all the Circuit Judges were legislated out of office and five Justices added to the bench of the Supreme Court. The session was stormy, and the Assembly adjourned March 1, 1841. This Legislature was in session ninety-eight days—thirteen during the special session and eighty-five during the regular.

**THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY** consisted of forty-one Senators and 121 Representatives; convened, Dec. 5, 1842. The Senate and House were Democratic by two-thirds majority in each. Lieut.-Gov. John Moore was presiding officer of the Senate and Samuel Hackelton Speaker of the House, with W. L. D. Ewing, who had been acting Governor and United States Senator, as Clerk of the latter. Richard Yates, Isaac N. Arnold, Stephen T. Logan and Gustavus Koerner, were among the new members. The existing situation seemed fraught with peril. The State debt was nearly \$14,000,000; immigration had been checked; the State and Shawneetown banks had gone down and their currency was not worth fifty cents on the dollar; Auditor's warrants were worth no more, and Illinois State bonds were quoted at fourteen cents. On Dec. 18, Judge Sidney Breese was elected United States Senator, having defeated Stephen A. Douglas for the Democratic caucus nomination, on the nineteenth ballot, by a majority of one vote. The State Bank (in which the State had been a large shareholder) was permitted to go into liquidation upon



the surrender of State bonds in exchange for a like amount of bank stock owned by the State. The same conditional release was granted to the bank at Shawneetown. The net result was a reduction of the State debt by about \$3,000,000. The Governor was authorized to negotiate a loan of \$1,600,000 on the credit of the State, for the purpose of prosecuting the work on the canal and meeting the indebtedness already incurred. The Executive was also made sole "Fund Commissioner" and, in that capacity, was empowered (in connection with the Auditor) to sell the railroads, etc., belonging to the State at public auction. Provision was also made for the redemption of the bonds hypothecated with Macalister and Stebbins. (See *Macalister and Stebbins Bonds*.) The Congressional distribution of the moneys arising from the sale of public lands was acquiesced in, and the revenues and resources of the State were pledged to the redemption "of every debt contracted by an authorized agent for a good and valuable consideration." To establish a sinking fund to meet such obligation, a tax of twenty cents on every \$100, payable in coin, was levied. This Legislature also made a re-apportionment of the State into Seven Congressional Districts. The Legislature adjourned, March 6, 1843, after a session of ninety-two days.

FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened Dec. 2, 1844, and adjourned March 3, 1845, the session lasting ninety-two days. The Senate was composed of twenty-six Democrats and fifteen Whigs; the House of eighty Democrats and thirty-nine Whigs. David Davis was among the new members. William A. Richardson defeated Stephen T. Logan for the Speakership, and James Semple was elected United States Senator to succeed Samuel McRoberts, deceased. The canal law was amended by the passage of a supplemental act, transferring the property to Trustees and empowering the Governor to complete the negotiations for the borrowing of \$1,600,000 for its construction. The State revenue being insufficient to meet the ordinary expenses of the government, to say nothing of the arrears of interest on the State debt, a tax of three mills on each dollar's worth of property was imposed for 1845 and of three and one-half mills thereafter. Of the revenue thus raised in 1845, one mill was set apart to pay the interest on the State debt and one and one-half mills for the same purpose from the taxes collected in 1846 "and forever thereafter."

FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened Dec. 7, 1846. The farewell message of Governor Ford

and the inaugural of Governor French were leading incidents. The Democrats had a two-thirds majority in each house. Lieut.-Gov. Joseph B. Wells presided in the Senate, and Newton Clond was elected Speaker of the House, the complimentary vote of the Whigs being given to Stephen T. Logan. Stephen A. Douglas was elected United States Senator, the whigs voting for Cyrus Edwards. State officers were elected as follows: Auditor, Thomas H. Campbell; State Treasurer, Milton Carpenter—both by acclamation; and Horace S. Cooley was nominated and confirmed Secretary of State. A new school law was enacted; the sale of the Gallatin County salines was authorized; the University of Chicago was incorporated, and the Hospital for the Insane at Jacksonville established; the sale of the Northern Cross Railroad was authorized; District Courts were established; and provision was made for refunding the State debt. The Assembly adjourned, March 1, 1847, after a session of eighty-five days.

SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. This was the first Legislature to convene under the Constitution of 1847. There were twenty-five members in the Senate and seventy-five in the House. The body assembled on Jan. 1, 1849, continuing in session until Feb. 12—the session being limited by the Constitution to six weeks. Zadoc Casey was chosen Speaker, defeating Richard Yates by a vote of forty-six to nineteen. After endorsing the policy of the administration in reference to the Mexican War and thanking the soldiers, the Assembly proceeded to the election of United States Senator to succeed Sidney Breese. The choice fell upon Gen. James Shields, the other caucus candidates being Breese and McClernand, while Gen. William F. Thornton led the forlorn hope for the Whigs. The principle of the Wilmot proviso was endorsed. The Governor convened the Legislature in special session on Oct. 22. A question as to the eligibility of Gen. Shields having arisen (growing out of his nativity and naturalization), and the legal obstacles having been removed by the lapse of time, he was re-elected Senator at the special session. Outside of the passage of a general law authorizing the incorporation of railroads, little general legislation was enacted. The special session adjourned Nov. 7. Length of regular session forty-three days; special, seventeen—total sixty.

SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened Jan. 6, 1851, adjourned Feb. 17—length of session forty-three days. Sidney Breese (ex-Senator) was chosen Speaker. The session was

characterized by a vast amount of legislation, not all of which was well considered. By joint resolution of both houses the endorsement of the Wilmot proviso at the previous session was rescinded. The first homestead exemption act was passed, and a stringent liquor law adopted, the sale of liquor in quantities less than one quart being prohibited. Township organization was authorized and what was virtually free-banking was sanctioned. The latter law was ratified by popular vote in November, 1851. An act incorporating the Illinois Central Railroad was also passed at this session, the measure being drafted by James L. D. Morrison. A special session of this Assembly was held in 1852 under a call by the Governor, lasting from June 7 to the 23d—seventeen days. The most important general legislation of the special session was the reapportionment of the State into nine Congressional Districts. This Legislature was in session a total of sixty days.

**EIGHTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.** The first (or regular) session convened Jan. 3, 1853, and adjourned Feb. 14. The Senate was composed of twenty Democrats and five Whigs; the House, of fifty-nine Democrats, sixteen Whigs and one "Free-Soiler." Lieutenant-Governor Koerner presided in the upper, and ex-Gov. John Reynolds in the lower house. Governor Matteson was inaugurated on the 16th; Stephen A. Douglas was re-elected United States Senator, Jan. 5, the Whigs casting a complimentary vote for Joseph Gillespie. More than 450 laws were enacted, the majority being "private acts." The prohibitory temperance legislation of the preceding General Assembly was repealed and the license system re-enacted. This body also passed the famous "black laws" designed to prevent the immigration of free negroes into the State. The sum of \$18,000 was appropriated for the erection and furnishing of an executive mansion; the State Agricultural Society was incorporated; the remainder of the State lands was ordered sold, and any surplus funds in the treasury appropriated toward reducing the State debt. A special session was convened on Feb. 9, 1854, and adjourned March 4. The most important measures adopted were: a legislative re-apportionment, an act providing for the election of a Superintendent of Public Instruction, and a charter for the Mississippi & Atlantic Railroad. The regular session lasted forty-three days, the special twenty-four—total, sixty-seven.

**NINETEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY** met Jan. 1, 1855, and adjourned Feb. 15—the session lasting

forty-six days. Thomas J. Turner was elected Speaker of the House. The political complexion of the Legislature was much mixed, among the members being old-line Whigs, Abolitionists, Free-Soilers, Know-Nothings, Pro-slavery Democrats and Anti-Nebraska Democrats. The Nebraska question was the leading issue, and in reference thereto the Senate stood fourteen Nebraska members and eleven anti-Nebraska; the House, thirty-four straight-out Democrats, while the entire strength of the opposition was forty-one. A United States Senator was to be chosen to succeed Gen. James Shields, and the friends of free-soil had a clear majority of four on joint ballot. Abraham Lincoln was the caucus nominee of the Whigs, and General Shields of the Democrats. The two houses met in joint session Feb. 8. The result of the first ballot was, Lincoln, forty-five; Shields, forty-one; scattering, thirteen; present, but not voting, one. Mr. Lincoln's strength steadily waned, then rallied slightly on the sixth and seventh ballots, but again declined. Shields' forty-one votes rising on the fifth ballot to forty-two, but having dropped on the next ballot to forty-one, his name was withdrawn and that of Gov. Joel A. Matteson substituted. Matteson gained until he received forty-seven votes, which was the limit of his strength. On the ninth ballot, Lincoln's vote having dropped to fifteen, his name was withdrawn at his own request, his support going, on the next ballot, to Lyman Trumbull, an anti-Nebraska Democrat, who received fifty-one votes to forty-seven for Matteson and one for Archibald Williams—one member not voting. Trumbull, having received a majority, was elected. Five members had voted for him from the start. These were Senators John M. Palmer, Norman B. Judd and Burton C. Cook, and Representatives Henry S. Baker and George T. Allen. It had been hoped that they would, in time, come to the support of Mr. Lincoln, but they explained that they had been instructed by their constituents to vote only for an anti-Nebraska Democrat. They were all subsequently prominent leaders in the Republican party. Having inaugurated its work by accomplishing a political revolution, this Legislature proceeded to adopt several measures more or less radical in their tendency. One of these was the Maine liquor law, with the condition that it be submitted to popular vote. It failed of ratification by vote of the people at an election held in the following June. A new common school law was enacted, and railroads were required to fence their tracks. The Assembly also adopted a reso-

lution calling for a Convention to amend the Constitution, but this was defeated at the polls.

TWENTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened Jan. 5, 1857, and adjourned, sine die, Feb. 19. A Republican State administration, with Governor Bissell at its head, had just been elected, but the Legislature was Democratic in both branches. Lieut.-Gov. John Wood presided over the Senate, and Samuel Holmes, of Adams County, defeated Isaac N. Arnold, of Cook, for the Speakership of the House. Among the prominent members were Norman B. Judd, of Cook; A. J. Kuykendall, of Johnson; Shelby M. Cullom, of Sangamon; John A. Logan, of Jackson; William R. Morrison, of Monroe; Isaac N. Arnold, of Cook; Joseph Gillespie, of Madison, and S. W. Moulton, of Shelby. Among the important measures enacted by this General Assembly were the following: Acts establishing and maintaining free schools; establishing a Normal University at Normal; amending the banking law; providing for the general incorporation of railroads; providing for the building of a new penitentiary; and funding the accrued arrears of interest on the public debt. Length of session, forty-six days.

TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened Jan. 3, 1859, and was in session for fifty-three days, adjourning Feb. 24. The Senate consisted of twenty-five, and the House of seventy-five members. The presiding officers were:—of the Senate, Lieut.-Gov. Wood; of the House, W. R. Morrison, of Monroe County, who defeated his Republican opponent, Vital Jarrot, of St. Clair, on a viva voce vote. The Governor's message showed a reduction of \$1,166,877 in the State debt during two years preceding, leaving a balance of principal and arrears of interest amounting to \$11,138,454. On Jan. 6, 1859, the Assembly, in joint session, elected Stephen A. Douglas to succeed himself as United States Senator, by a vote of fifty-four to forty-six for Abraham Lincoln. The Legislature was thrown into great disorder in consequence of an attempt to prevent the receipt from the Governor of a veto of a legislative apportionment bill which had been passed by the Democratic majority in the face of bitter opposition on the part of the Republicans, who denounced it as partisan and unjust.

TWENTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened in regular session on Jan. 7, 1861, consisting of twenty-five Senators and seventy-five Representatives. For the first time in the State's history, the Democrats failed to control the organization of either house. Lieut.-Gov. Francis A. Hoffman presided over the Senate, and S. M. Cullom, of

Sangamon, was chosen Speaker of the House, the Democratic candidate being James W. Singleton. Thomas A. Marshall, of Coles County, was elected President pro tem. of the Senate over A. J. Kuykendall, of Johnson. The message of the retiring Governor (John Wood) reported a reduction of the State debt, during four years of Republican administration, of \$2,860,402, and showed the number of banks to be 110, whose aggregate circulation was \$12,320,964. Lyman Trumbull was re-elected United States Senator on January 10, receiving fifty-four votes, to forty-six cast for Samuel S. Marshall. Governor Yates was inaugurated, Jan. 14. The most important legislation of this session related to the following subjects: the separate property rights of married women; the encouragement of mining and the support of public schools; the payment of certain evidences of State indebtedness; protection of the purity of the ballot-box, and a resolution submitting to the people the question of the calling of a Convention to amend the Constitution. Joint resolutions were passed relative to the death of Governor Bissell; to the appointment of Commissioners to attend a Peace Conference in Washington, and referring to federal relations. The latter deprecated amendments to the United States Constitution, but expressed a willingness to unite with any States which might consider themselves aggrieved, in petitioning Congress to call a convention for the consideration of such amendments, at the same time pledging the entire resources of Illinois to the National Government for the preservation of the Union and the enforcement of the laws. The regular session ended Feb. 22, having lasted forty-seven days.—Immediately following President Lincoln's first call for volunteers to suppress the rebellion, Governor Yates reconvened the General Assembly in special session to consider and adopt methods to aid and support the Federal authority in preserving the Union and protecting the rights and property of the people. The two houses assembled on April 23. On April 25 Senator Douglas addressed the members on the issues of the day, in response to an invitation conveyed in a joint resolution. The special session closed May 3, 1861, and not a few of the legislators promptly volunteered in the Union army. Length of the regular session, forty-seven days; of the special, eleven—total fifty-eight.

TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY was composed of twenty-five Senators and eighty-eight Representatives. It convened Jan. 5, 1863, and was Democratic in both branches. The presiding officer of the Senate was Lieutenant-Governor

Hoffman; Samuel A. Buckmaster was elected Speaker of the House by a vote of fifty-three to twenty-five. On Jan. 12, William A. Richardson was elected United States Senator to succeed S. A. Douglas, deceased, the Republican nominee being Governor Yates, who received thirty-eight votes out of a total of 103 cast. Much of the time of the session was devoted to angry discussion of the policy of the National Government in the prosecution of the war. The views of the opposing parties were expressed in majority and minority reports from the Committee on Federal Relations—the former condemning and the latter upholding the Federal administration. The majority report was adopted in the House on Feb. 12, by a vote of fifty-two to twenty-eight, and the resolutions which it embodied were at once sent to the Senate for concurrence. Before they could be acted upon in that body a Democratic Senator—J. M. Rodgers, of Clinton County—died. This left the Senate politically tied, a Republican presiding officer having the deciding vote. Consequently no action was taken at the time, and, on Feb. 14, the Legislature adjourned till June 2. Immediately upon re-assembling, joint resolutions relating to a sine die adjournment were introduced in both houses. A disagreement regarding the date of such adjournment ensued, when Governor Yates, exercising the power conferred upon him by the Constitution in such cases, sent in a message (June 10, 1863) proroguing the General Assembly until “the Saturday next preceding the first Monday in January, 1865.” The members of the Republican minority at once left the hall. The members of the majority convened and adjourned from day to day until June 24, when, having adopted an address to the people setting forth their grievance and denouncing the State executive, they took a recess until the Tuesday after the first Monday of January, 1864. The action of the Governor, having been submitted to the Supreme Court, was sustained, and no further session of this General Assembly was held. Owing to the prominence of political issues, no important legislation was effected at this session, even the ordinary appropriations for the State institutions failing. This caused much embarrassment to the State Government in meeting current expenses, but banks and capitalists came to its aid, and no important interest was permitted to suffer. The total length of the session was fifty days—forty-one days before the recess and nine days after.

**TWENTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY** convened Jan. 2, 1865, and remained in session forty-six

days. It consisted of twenty-five Senators and eighty-five Representatives. The Republicans had a majority in both houses. Lieutenant-Governor Bross presided over the Senate, and Allen C. Fuller, of Boone County, was chosen Speaker of the House, over Ambrose M. Miller, Democrat, the vote standing 48 to 23. Governor Yates, in his valedictory message, reported that, notwithstanding the heavy expenditure attendant upon the enlistment and maintenance of troops, etc., the State debt had been reduced \$987,786 in four years. On Jan. 4, 1865, Governor Yates was elected to the United States Senate, receiving sixty-four votes to forty three cast for James C. Robinson. Governor Oglesby was inaugurated Jan. 16. The Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified by this Legislature, and sundry special appropriations made. Among the latter was one of \$3,000 toward the State's proportion for the establishment of a National Cemetery at Gettysburg; \$25,000 for the purchase of the land on which is the tomb of the deceased Senator Douglas; besides sums for establishing a home for Soldiers' Orphans and an experimental school for the training of idiots and feeble-minded children. The first act for the registry of legal voters was passed at this session.

**TWENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.** This body held one regular and two special sessions. It first convened and organized on Jan. 7, 1867. Lieutenant-Governor Bross presided over the upper, and Franklin Corwin, of La Salle County, over the lower house. The Governor (Oglesby), in his message, reported a reduction of \$2,607,958 in the State debt during the two years preceding, and recommended various appropriations for public purposes. He also urged the calling of a Convention to amend the Constitution. On Jan. 15, Lyman Trumbull was chosen United States Senator, the complimentary Democratic vote being given to T. Lyle Dickey, who received thirty-three votes out of 109. The regular session lasted fifty-three days, adjourning Feb. 28. The Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified and important legislation enacted relative to State taxation and the regulation of public warehouses; a State Board of Equalization of Assessments was established, and the office of Attorney-General created. (Under this law Robert G. Ingersoll was the first appointee.) Provision was made for the erection of a new State House, to establish a Reform School for Juvenile Offenders, and for the support of other State institutions. The first special session con-



vened on June 11, 1867, having been summoned to consider questions relating to internal revenue. The lessee of the penitentiary having surrendered his lease without notice, the Governor found it necessary to make immediate provision for the management of that institution. Not having included this matter in his original call, no necessity then existing, he at once summoned a second special session, before the adjournment of the first. This convened on June 14, remained in session until June 28, and adopted what is substantially the present penitentiary law of the State. This General Assembly was in session seventy-one days—fifty-three at the regular, three at the first special session and fifteen at the second.

TWENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened Jan. 4, 1869. The Republicans had a majority in each house. The newly elected Lieutenant-Governor, John Dougherty, presided in the Senate, and Franklin Corwin, of Peru, was again chosen Speaker of the House. Governor Oglesby submitted his final message at the opening of the session, showing a total reduction in the State debt during his term of \$4,743,821. Governor John M. Palmer was inaugurated Jan. 11. The most important acts passed by this Legislature were the following: Calling the Constitutional Convention of 1869; ratifying the Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution; granting well behaved convicts a reduction in their terms of imprisonment; for the prevention of cruelty to animals; providing for the regulation of freights and fares on railroads; establishing the Southern Normal University; providing for the erection of the Northern Insane Hospital; and establishing a Board of Commissioners of Public Charities. The celebrated "Lake Front Bill," especially affecting the interests of the city of Chicago, occupied a great deal of time during this session, and though finally passed over the Governor's veto, was repealed in 1873. This session was interrupted by a recess which extended from March 12 to April 13. The Legislature re-assembled April 14, and adjourned, sine die, April 20, having been in actual session seventy-four days.

TWENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY had four sessions, one regular, two special and one adjourned. The first convened Jan. 4, 1871, and adjourned on April 17, having lasted 104 days. When a recess was taken to Nov. 15 following. The body was made up of fifty Senators and 177 Representatives. The Republicans again controlled both houses, electing William M. Smith,

Speaker (over William R. Morrison, Democrat), while Lieutenant-Governor Dougherty presided in the Senate. The latter occupied the Hall of Representatives in the old State Capitol, while the House held its sessions in a new church edifice erected by the Second Presbyterian Church. John A. Logan was elected United States Senator, defeating Thomas J. Turner (Democrat) by a vote, on joint ballot, of 131 to 89. This was the first Illinois Legislature to meet after the adoption of the Constitution of 1870, and its time was mainly devoted to framing, discussing and passing laws required by the changes in the organic law of the State. The first special session opened on May 24 and closed on June 22, 1871, continuing thirty days. It was convened by Governor Palmer to make additional appropriations for the necessary expenses of the State Government and for the continuance of work on the new State House. The purpose of the Governor in summoning the second special session was to provide financial relief for the city of Chicago after the great fire of Oct. 9-11, 1871. Members were summoned by special telegrams and were in their seats Oct. 13, continuing in session to Oct. 24—twelve days. Governor Palmer had already suggested a plan by which the State might aid the stricken city without doing violence to either the spirit or letter of the new Constitution, which expressly prohibited special legislation. Chicago had advanced \$2,500,000 toward the completion of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, under the pledge of the State that this outlay should be made good. The Legislature voted an appropriation sufficient to pay both principal and interest of this loan, amounting, in round numbers, to about \$3,000,000. The adjourned session opened on Nov. 15, 1871, and came to an end on April 9, 1872—having continued 147 days. It was entirely devoted to considering and adopting legislation germane to the new Constitution. The total length of all sessions of this General Assembly was 293 days.

TWENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened Jan. 8, 1873. It was composed of fifty-one Senators and 153 Representatives; the upper house standing thirty-three Republicans to eighteen Democrats, and the lower, eighty-six Republicans to sixty-seven Democrats. The Senate chose John Early, of Winnebago, President pro tempore, and Shelby M. Cullom was elected Speaker of the House. Governor Oglesby was inaugurated Jan. 13, but, eight days later, was elected to the United States Senate, being succeeded in the Governorship by Lieut.-Gov. John L. Beveridge. An

appropriation of \$1,000,000 was made for carrying on the work on the new capitol and various other acts of a public character passed, the most important being an amendment of the railroad law of the previous session. On May 6, the Legislature adjourned until Jan. 8, 1874. The purpose of the recess was to enable a Commission on the Revision of the Laws to complete a report. The work was duly completed and nearly all the titles reported by the Commissioners were adopted at the adjourned session. An adjournment, sine die, was taken March 31, 1874—the two sessions having lasted, respectively, 119 and 83 days—total 202.

**TWENTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY** convened Jan. 6, 1875. While the Republicans had a plurality in both houses, they were defeated in an effort to secure their organization through a fusion of Democrats and Independents. A. A. Glenn (Democrat) was elected President pro tempore of the Senate (becoming acting Lieutenant-Governor), and Elijah M. Haines was chosen presiding officer of the lower house. The leaders on both sides of the Chamber were aggressive, and the session, as a whole, was one of the most turbulent and disorderly in the history of the State. Little legislation of vital importance (outside of regular appropriation bills) was enacted. This Legislature adjourned, April 15, having been in session 100 days.

**THIRTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY** convened Jan. 3, 1877, and adjourned, sine die, on May 24. The Democrats and Independents in the Senate united in securing control of that body, although the House was Republican. Fawcett Plumb, of La Salle County, was chosen President pro tempore of the upper, and James Shaw Speaker of the lower, house. The inauguration of State officers took place Jan. 8, Shelby M. Cullom becoming Governor and Andrew Shuman, Lieutenant-Governor. This was one of the most exciting years in American political history. Both of the dominant parties claimed to have elected the President, and the respective votes in the Electoral College were so close as to excite grave apprehension in many minds. It was also the year for the choice of a Senator by the Illinois Legislature, and the attention of the entire country was directed toward this State. Gen. John M. Palmer was the nominee of the Democratic caucus and John A. Logan of the Republicans. On the twenty-fourth ballot the name of General Logan was withdrawn, most of the Republican vote going to Charles B. Lawrence, and the Democrats going over to David Davis, who, although an original

Republican and friend of Lincoln, and Justice of the Supreme Court by appointment of Mr. Lincoln, had become an Independent Democrat. On the fortieth ballot (taken Jan. 25), Judge Davis received 101 votes, to 94 for Judge Lawrence (Republican) and five scattering, thus securing Davis' election. Not many acts of vital importance were passed by this Legislature. Appellate Courts were established and new judicial districts created; the original jurisdiction of county courts was enlarged; better safeguards were thrown about miners; measures looking at once to the supervision and protection of railroads were passed, as well as various laws relating chiefly to the police administration of the State and of municipalities. The length of the session was 142 days.

**THIRTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY** convened Jan. 8, 1879, with a Republican majority in each house. Andrew Shuman, the newly elected Lieutenant-Governor, presided in the Senate, and William A. James of Lake County was chosen Speaker of the House. John M. Hamilton of McLean County (afterwards Governor), was chosen President pro tempore of the Senate. John A. Logan was elected United States Senator on Jan. 21, the complimentary Democratic vote being given to Gen. John C. Black. Various laws of public importance were enacted by this Legislature, among them being one creating the Bureau of Labor Statistics; the first oleomargarine law; a drainage and levee act; a law for the reorganization of the militia; an act for the regulation of pawnbrokers; a law limiting the pardoning power, and various laws looking toward the supervision and control of railways. The session lasted 144 days, and the Assembly adjourned, sine die, May 31, 1879.

**THIRTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY** convened Jan. 5, 1881, the Republicans having a majority in both branches. Lieutenant-Governor Hamilton presided in the Senate, William J. Campbell of Cook County being elected President pro tempore. Horace H. Thomas, also of Cook, was chosen Speaker of the House. Besides the routine legislation, the most important measures enacted by this Assembly were laws to prevent the spread of pleuro-pneumonia among cattle; regulating the sale of firearms; providing more stringent penalties for the adulteration of food, drink or medicine; regulating the practice of pharmacy and dentistry; amending the revenue and school laws; and requiring annual statements from official custodians of public moneys. The Legislature adjourned May 30, after having been

in session 146 days, but was called together again in special session by the Governor on March 23, 1882, to pass new Legislative and Congressional Apportionment Laws, and for the consideration of other subjects. The special session lasted forty-four days, adjourning May 5—both sessions occupying a total of 190 days.

**THIRTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY** convened Jan. 2, 1883, with the Republicans again in the majority in both houses. William J. Campbell was re-elected President pro tempore of the Senate, but not until the sixty-first ballot, six Republicans refusing to be bound by the nomination of a caucus held prior to their arrival at Springfield. Loren C. Collins, also of Cook, was elected Speaker of the House. The complimentary Democratic vote was given to Thomas M. Shaw in the Senate, and to Austin O. Sexton in the House. Governor Cullom, the Republican caucus nominee, was elected United States Senator, Jan. 16, receiving a majority in each branch of the General Assembly. The celebrated "Harper High-License Bill," and the first "Compulsory School Law" were passed at this session, the other acts being of ordinary character. The Legislature adjourned June 18, having been in session 168 days.

**THIRTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY** convened Jan. 7, 1885. The Senate was Republican by a majority of one, there being twenty-six members of that party, twenty-four Democrats and one greenback Democrat. William J. Campbell, of Cook County, was for the third time chosen President pro tempore. The House stood seventy-six Republicans and seventy-six Democrats, with one member—Elijah M. Haines of Lake County—calling himself an "Independent." The contest for the Speakership continued until Jan. 29, when, neither party being able to elect its nominee, the Democrats took up Haines as a candidate and placed him in the chair, with Haines' assistance, filling the minor offices with their own men. After the inauguration of Governor Oglesby, Jan. 30, the first business was the election of a United States Senator. The balloting proceeded until May 18, when John A. Logan received 103 votes to ninety-six for Lambert Tree and five scattering. Three members—one Republican and two Democrats—had died since the opening of the session; and it was through the election of a Republican in place of one of the deceased Democrats, that the Republicans succeeded in electing their candidate. The session was a stormy one throughout, the Speaker being, much of the time, at odds with the House, and an

unsuccessful effort was made to depose him. Charges of bribery against certain members were preferred and investigated, but no definite result was reached. Among the important measures passed by this Legislature were the following: A joint resolution providing for submission of an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting contract labor in penal institutions; providing by resolution for the appointment of a non-partisan Commission of twelve to draft a new revenue code; the Crawford primary election law; an act amending the code of criminal procedure; establishing a Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, subsequently located at Quincy; creating a Live-Stock Commission and appropriating \$531,712 for the completion of the State House. The Assembly adjourned, sine die, June 26, 1885, after a session of 171 days.

**THIRTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY** convened Jan. 5, 1887. The Republicans had a majority of twelve in the Senate and three in the House. For President pro tempore of the Senate, August W. Berggren was chosen; for Speaker of the House, Dr. William F. Calhoun, of De Witt County. The death of General Logan, which had occurred Dec. 26, 1886, was officially announced by Governor Oglesby, and, on Jan. 18, Charles B. Farwell was elected to succeed him as United States Senator. William R. Morrison and Benjamin W. Goodhue were the candidates of the Democratic and Labor parties, respectively. Some of the most important laws passed by this General Assembly were the following: Amending the law relating to the spread of contagious diseases among cattle, etc.; the Chase bill to prohibit book-making and pool-selling; regulating trust companies; making the Trustees of the University of Illinois elective; inhibiting aliens from holding real estate, and forbidding the marriage of first cousins. An act virtually creating a new State banking system was also passed, subject to ratification by popular vote. Other acts, having more particular reference to Chicago and Cook County, were: a law making cities and counties responsible for three-fourths of the damage resulting from mobs and riots; the Merritt conspiracy law; the Gibbs Jury Commission law, and an act for the suppression of bucket-shop gambling. The session ended June 15, 1887, having continued 162 days.

**THIRTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY** convened Jan. 7, 1889, in its first (or regular) session, the Republicans being largely in the majority. The Senate elected Theodore S. Chapman of Jersey County, President pro tempore, and the House

Asa C. Matthews of Pike County, Speaker. Mr. Matthews was appointed First Comptroller of the Treasury by President Harrison, on May 9 (see *Matthews, Asa C.*), and resigned the Speakership on the following day. He was succeeded by James H. Miller of Stark County. Shelby M. Cullom was re-elected to the United States Senate on January 22, the Democrats again voting for ex-Gov. John M. Palmer. The "Sanitary Drainage District Law," designed for the benefit of the city of Chicago, was enacted at this session; an asylum for insane criminals was established at Chester; the annexation of cities, towns, villages, etc., under certain conditions, was authorized; more stringent legislation was enacted relative to the circulation of obscene literature; a new compulsory education law was passed, and the employment on public works of aliens who had not declared their intention of becoming citizens was prohibited. This session ended, May 28. A special session was convened by Governor Fifer on July 24, 1890, to frame and adopt legislation rendered necessary by the Act of Congress locating the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago. Mr. Miller having died in the interim, William G. Cochran, of Moultrie County, was chosen Speaker of the House. The special session concluded Aug. 1, 1890, having enacted the following measures: An Act granting the use of all State lands, (submerged or other) in or adjacent to Chicago, to the World's Columbian Exposition for a period to extend one year after the closing of the Exposition; authorizing the Chicago Boards of Park Commissioners to grant the use of the public parks, or any part thereof, to promote the objects of such Exposition; a joint resolution providing for the submission to the people of a Constitutional Amendment granting to the city of Chicago the power (provided a majority of the qualified voters desired it) to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding \$5,000,000, the same to bear interest and the proceeds of their sale to be turned over to the Exposition Managers to be devoted to the use and for the benefit of the Exposition. (See also *World's Columbian Exposition*.) The total length of the two sessions was 150 days.

**THIRTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY** convened Jan. 7, 1891, and adjourned June 12 following. Lieut.-Gov. Ray presided in the Senate, Milton W. Matthews (Republican), of Urbana, being elected President pro tem. The Democrats had control in the House and elected Clayton E. Crafts, of Cook County, Speaker. The most exciting feature of the session was the election of a United States Senator to succeed Charles B.

Farwell. Neither of the two leading parties had a majority on joint ballot, the balance of power being held by three "Independent" members of the House, who had been elected as representatives of the Farmers' Mutual Benevolent Alliance. Richard J. Oglesby was the caucus nominee of the Republicans and John M. Palmer of the Democrats. For a time the Independents stood as a unit for A. J. Streeter, but later two of the three voted for ex-Governor Palmer, finally, on March 11, securing his election on the 154th ballot in joint session. Meanwhile, the Republicans had cast tentative ballots for Alson J. Streeter and Cicero J. Lindley, in hope of drawing the Independents to their support, but without effective result. The final ballot stood—Palmer, 103; Lindley, 101, Streeter 1. Of 1,296 bills introduced in both Houses at this session, only 151 became laws, the most important being: The Australian ballot law, and acts regulating building and loan associations; prohibiting the employment of children under thirteen at manual labor; fixing the legal rate of interest at seven per cent; prohibiting the "truck system" of paying employes, and granting the right of suffrage to women in the election of school officers. An amendment of the State Constitution permitting the submission of two Constitutional Amendments to the people at the same time, was submitted by this Legislature and ratified at the election of 1892. The session covered a period of 157 days.

**THIRTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.** This body convened Jan. 4, 1893. The Democrats were in the ascendancy in both houses, having a majority of seven in the Senate and of three in the lower house. Joseph R. Gill, the Lieutenant-Governor, was ex-officio President of the Senate, and John W. Copping, of Alton, was chosen President pro tem. Clayton E. Crafts of Cook County was again chosen Speaker of the House. The inauguration of the new State officers took place on the afternoon of Tuesday, Jan. 10. This Legislature was in session 164 days, adjourning June 16, 1893. Not very much legislation of a general character was enacted. New Congressional and Legislative apportionments were passed, the former dividing the State into twenty-two districts; an Insurance Department was created; a naval militia was established; the scope of the juvenile reformatory was enlarged and the compulsory education law was amended.

**THIRTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.** This Legislature held two sessions—a regular and a special. The former opened Jan. 9, 1895, and



closed June 14, following. The political complexion of the Senate was—Republicans, thirty-three; Democrats, eighteen; of the House, ninety-two Republicans and sixty-one Democrats. John Meyer, of Cook County, was elected Speaker of the House, and Charles Bogardus of Piatt County, President pro tem. of the Senate. Acts were passed making appropriations for improvement of the State Fair Grounds at Springfield; authorizing the establishment of a Western Hospital for the Insane (\$100,000); appropriating \$100,000 for a Western Hospital for the Insane; \$65,000 for an Asylum for Incurable Insane; \$50,000, each, for two additional Normal Schools—one in Northern and the other in Eastern Illinois; \$25,000 for a Soldiers' Widows' Home—all being new institutions—besides \$15,000 for a State exhibition at the Atlanta Exposition; \$65,000 to mark, by monuments, the position of Illinois troops on the battlefields of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. Other acts passed fixed the salaries of members of the General Assembly at \$1,000 each for each regular session; accepted the custody of the Lincoln monument at Springfield, authorized provision for the retirement and pensioning of teachers in public schools, and authorized the adoption of civil service rules for cities. The special session convened, pursuant to a call by the Governor, on June 25, 1895, took a recess, June 28 to July 9, re-assembled on the latter date, and adjourned, sine die, August 2. Outside of routine legislation, no laws were passed except one providing additional necessary revenue for State purposes and one creating a State Board of Arbitration. The regular session continued 157 days and the special twenty-nine—total 186.

FORTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY met in regular session at Springfield, Jan. 6, 1897, and adjourned, sine die, June 4. The Republicans had a majority in both branches, the House standing eighty-eight Republicans to sixty-three Democrats and two Populists, and the Senate, thirty-nine Republicans to eleven Democrats and one Populist, giving the Republicans a majority on joint ballot of fifty votes. Both houses were promptly organized by the election of Republican officers, Edward C. Curtis of Kankakee County being chosen Speaker of the House, and Hendrick V. Fisher, of Henry County, President pro tem. of the Senate. Governor Tanner and the other Republican State officers were formally inaugurated on Jan. 11, and, on Jan. 20, William E. Mason (Republican) was chosen United States Senator to succeed John M. Palmer, receiving in joint

session 125 votes to seventy-seven for John P. Altgeld (Democrat). Among the principal laws enacted at this session were the following: An act concerning aliens and to regulate the right to hold real estate, and prescribing the terms and conditions for the conveyance of the same; empowering the Commissioners who were appointed at the previous session to ascertain and mark the positions occupied by Illinois Volunteers in the battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, to expend the remaining appropriations in their hands for the erection of monuments on the battle-grounds; authorizing the appointment of a similar Commission to ascertain and mark the positions held by Illinois troops in the battle of Shiloh; to reimburse the University of Illinois for the loss of funds resulting from the Spaulding defalcation and affirming the liability of the State for "the endowment fund of the University, amounting to \$456,712.91, and for so much in addition as may be received in future from the sale of lands"; authorizing the adoption of the "Torrens land-title system" in the conveyance and registration of land titles by vote of the people in any county; the consolidation of the three Supreme Court Districts of the State into one and locating the Court at Springfield; creating a State Board of Pardons, and prescribing the manner of applying for pardons and commutations. An act of this session, which produced much agitation and led to a great deal of discussion in the press and elsewhere, was the street railroad law empowering the City Council, or other corporate authority of any city, to grant franchises to street railway companies extending to fifty years. This act was repealed by the General Assembly of 1899 before any street railway corporation had secured a franchise under it. A special session was called by Governor Tanner to meet Dec. 7, 1897, the proclamation naming five topics for legislative action. The session continued to Feb. 24, 1898, only two of the measures named by the Governor in his call being affirmatively acted upon. These included: (1) an elaborate act prescribing the manner of conducting primary elections of delegates to nominating conventions, and (2) a new revenue law regulating the manner of assessing and collecting taxes. One provision of the latter law limits the valuation of property for assessment purposes to one-fifth its cash value. The length of the regular session was 150 days, and that of the special session eighty days—total, 230 days.

GENESE, a city in Henry County, about two miles south of the Green River. It is on the Chi-

cago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, 23 miles east of Rock Island and 75 miles west of Ottawa. It is in the heart of a grain-growing region, and has two large grain elevators. Manufacturing is also carried on to a considerable extent here, furniture, wagons and farming implements constituting the chief output. Geneseo has eleven churches, a graded and a high school, a collegiate institute, two banks, and two newspapers, one issuing a daily edition. Population (1890), 3,182; (1900), 3,356.

**GENEVA**, a city and railway junction on Fox River, and the county-seat of Kane County; 35 miles west of Chicago. It has a fine courthouse, completed in 1892 at a cost of \$250,000, and numerous handsome churches and school buildings. A State Reformatory for juvenile female offenders has been located here. There is an excellent water-power, operating six manufacturing, including extensive glucose works. The town has a bank, creamery, water-works, gas and electric light plant, and two weekly newspapers. The surrounding country is devoted to agriculture and dairy farming. Population (1880), 1,239; (1890), 1,692; (1900), 2,446.

**GENOA**, a village of De Kalb County, on Omaha Division of the Chi., Mil. & St. Paul, the Ill. Cent. and Chi. & N.W. Railroads, 59 miles west of Chicago. Dairying is a leading industry; has two banks, shoe and telephone factories, and two newspapers. Population (1890), 634; (1900), 1,140.

**GEOLOGICAL FORMATIONS.** The geological structure of Illinois embraces a representation, more or less complete, of the whole paleonic series of formations, from the calciferous group of the Lower Silurian to the top of the coal measures. In addition to these older rocks there is a limited area in the extreme southern end of the State covered with Tertiary deposits. Over-spreading these formations are beds of more recent age, comprising sands, clays and gravel, varying in thickness from ten to more than two hundred feet. These superficial deposits may be divided into Alluvium, Loess and Drift, and constitute the Quaternary system of modern geologists.

**LOWER SILURIAN SYSTEM.**—Under this heading may be noted three distinct groups: the Calciferous, the Trenton and the Cincinnati. The first mentioned group comprises the St. Peter's Sandstone and the Lower Magnesian Limestone. The former outcrops only at a single locality, in La Salle County, extending about two miles along the valley of the Illinois River in the vicinity of Utica. The thickness of the strata appearing

above the surface is about 80 feet, thin bands of Magnesian limestone alternating with layers of Calciferous sandstone. Many of the layers contain good hydraulic rock, which is utilized in the manufacture of cement. The entire thickness of the rock below the surface has not been ascertained, but is estimated at about 400 feet. The St. Peter's Sandstone outcrops in the valley of the Illinois, constituting the main portion of the bluffs from Utica to a point beyond Ottawa, and forms the "bed rock" in most of the northern townships of La Salle County. It also outcrops on the Rock River in the vicinity of Oregon City, and forms a conspicuous bluff on the Mississippi in Calhoun County. Its maximum thickness in the State may be estimated at about 200 feet. It is too incoherent in its texture to be valuable as a building stone, though some of the upper strata in Lee County have been utilized for caps and sills. It affords, however, a fine quality of sand for the manufacture of glass. The Trenton group, which immediately overlies the St. Peter's Sandstone, consists of three divisions. The lowest is a brown Magnesian Limestone, or Dolomite, usually found in regular beds, or strata, varying from four inches to two feet in thickness. The aggregate thickness varies from twenty feet, in the northern portion of the State, to sixty or seventy feet at the bluff in Calhoun County. At the quarries in La Salle County, it abounds in fossils, including a large *Lituites* and several specimens of *Orthoceras*, *Maclurea*, etc. The middle division of the Trenton group consists of light gray, compact limestones in the southern and western parts of the State, and of light blue, thin-bedded, shaly limestone in the northern portions. The upper division is the well-known Galena limestone, the lead-bearing rock of the Northwest. It is a buff colored, porous Dolomite, sometimes arenaceous and unevenly textured, giving origin to a ferruginous, sandy clay when decomposed. The lead ores occur in crevices, caverns and horizontal seams. These crevices were probably formed by shrinkage of the strata from crystallization or by some disturbing force from beneath, and have been enlarged by decomposition of the exposed surface. Fossils belonging to a lower order of marine animal than the coral are found in this rock, as are also marine shells, corals and crustaceans. Although this limestone crops out over a considerable portion of the territory between the Mississippi and the Rock River, the productive lead mines are chiefly confined to Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties. All the divisions of the Trenton group afford good build-

ing material, some of the rock being susceptible of a high polish and making a handsome, durable marble. About seventy feet are exposed near Thebes, in Alexander County. All through the Southwest this stone is known as Cape Girardeau marble, from its being extensively quarried at Cape Girardeau, Mo. The Cincinnati group immediately succeeds the Trenton in the ascending scale, and forms the uppermost member of the Lower Silurian system. It usually consists of argillaceous and sandy shales, although, in the northwest portion of the State, Magnesian limestone is found with the shales. The prevailing colors of the beds are light blue and drab, weathering to a light ashen gray. "This group is found well exposed in the vicinity of Thebes, Alexander County, furnishing a durable building stone extensively used for foundation walls. Fossils are found in profusion in all the beds, many fine specimens, in a perfect state of preservation, having been exhumed.

**UPPER SILURIAN SYSTEM.**—The Niagara group in Northern Illinois consists of brown, gray and buff magnesian limestones, sometimes evenly bedded, as at Joliet and Athens, and sometimes concretionary and brecciated, as at Bridgeport and Port Byron. Near Chicago the cells and pockets of this rock are filled with petroleum, but it has been ascertained that only the thirty upper feet of the rock contain bituminous matter. The quarries in Will and Jersey Counties furnish fine building and flagging stone. The rock is of a light gray color, changing to buff on exposure. In Pike and Calhoun Counties, also, there are outcroppings of this rock and quarries are numerous. It is usually evenly bedded, the strata varying in thickness from two inches to two feet, and breaking evenly. Its aggregate thickness in Western and Northern Illinois ranges from fifty to 150 feet. In Union and Alexander Counties, in the southern part of the State, the Upper Silurian series consists chiefly of thin bedded gray or buff-colored limestone, silicious and cherty, flinty material largely preponderating over the limestone. Fossils are not abundant in this formation, although the quarries at Bridgeport, in Cook County, have afforded casts of nearly 100 species of marine organisms, the calcareous portion having been washed away.

**DEVONIAN SYSTEM.**—This system is represented in Illinois by three well marked divisions, corresponding to the Oriskany sandstone, the Onondaga limestone and the Hamilton and Corniferous beds of New York. To these the late Professor Worthen, for many years State Geologist, added,

although with some hesitancy, the black shale formation of Illinois. Although these comprise an aggregate thickness of over 500 feet, their exposure is limited to a few isolated outcroppings along the bluffs of the Illinois, Mississippi and Rock Rivers. The lower division, called "Clear Creek Limestone," is about 250 feet thick, and is only found in the extreme southern end of the State. It consists of chert, or impure flint, and thin-bedded silico-magnesian limestones, rather compact in texture, and of buff or light gray to nearly white colors. When decomposed by atmospheric influences, it forms a fine white clay, resembling common chalk in appearance. Some of the cherty beds resemble burr stones in porosity, and good mill-stones are made therefrom in Union County. Some of the stone is bluish-gray, or mottled and crystalline, capable of receiving a high polish, and making an elegant and durable building stone. The Onondaga group comprises some sixty feet of quartzose sandstone and striped silicious shales. The structure of the rock is almost identical with that of St. Peter's Sandstone. In the vicinity of its outcrop in Union County are found fine beds of potter's clay, also variegated in color. The rock strata are about twenty feet thick, evenly bedded and of a coarse, granular structure, which renders the stone valuable for heavy masonry. The group has not been found north of Jackson County. Large quantities of characteristic fossils abound. The rocks composing the Hamilton group are the most valuable of all the divisions of the Devonian system, and the outcrops can be identified only by their fossils. In Union and Jackson Counties it is found from eighty to 100 feet in thickness, two beds of bluish gray, fetid limestone being separated by about twenty feet of calcareous shales. The limestones are highly bituminous. In Jersey and Calhoun Counties the group is only six to ten feet thick, and consists of a hard, silicious limestone, passing at some points into a quartzose sandstone, and at others becoming argillaceous, as at Grafton. The most northern outcrop is in Rock Island County, where the rock is concretionary in structure and is utilized for building purposes and in the manufacture of quicklime. Fossils are numerous, among them being a few fragments of fishes, which are the oldest remains of vertebrate animals yet found in the State. The black shale probably attains its maximum development in Union County, where it ranges from fifty to seventy-five feet in thickness. Its lower portion is a fine, black, laminated slate, sometimes closely resembling the bituminous

shales associated with the coal seams, which circumstance has led to the fruitless expenditure of much time and money. The bituminous portion of the mass, on distillation, yields an oil closely resembling petroleum. Crystals of iron pyrites are abundant in the argillaceous portion of the group, which does not extend north of the counties of Calhoun, Jersey and Pike.

**LOWER CARBONIFEROUS SYSTEM.**—This is divisible into five groups, as follows: The Kinderhook group, the Burlington limestone, and the Keokuk, St. Louis and Chester groups. Its greatest development is in the southern portion of the State, where it has a thickness of 1,400 or 1,500 feet. It thins out to the northward so rapidly that, in the vicinity of the Lower Rapids on the Mississippi, it is only 300 feet thick, while it wholly disappears below Rock Island. The Kinderhook group is variable in its lithological character, consisting of argillaceous and sandy shales, with thin beds of compact and oolitic limestone, passing locally into calcareous shales or impure limestone. The entire formation is mainly a mechanical sediment, with but a very small portion of organic matter. The Burlington limestone, on the other hand, is composed almost entirely of the fossilized remains of organic beings, with barely enough sedimentary material to act as a cement. Its maximum thickness scarcely exceeds 200 feet, and its principal outcrops are in the counties of Jersey, Greene, Scott, Calhoun, Pike, Adams, Warren and Henderson. The rock is usually a light gray, buff or brown limestone, either coarsely granular or crystalline in structure. The Keokuk group immediately succeeds the Burlington in the ascending order, with no well defined line of demarcation, the chief points of difference between the two being in color and in the character of fossils found. At the upper part of this group is found a bed of calcareo-argillaceous shale, containing a great variety of geodes, which furnish beautiful cabinet specimens of crystallized quartz, chalcedony, dolomite and iron pyrites. In Jersey and Monroe Counties a bed of hydraulic limestone, adapted to the manufacture of cement, is found at the top of this formation. The St. Louis group is partly a fine-grained or semi-crystallized bluish-gray limestone, and partly concretionary, as around Alton. In the extreme southern part of the State the rock is highly bituminous and susceptible of receiving a high polish, being used as a black marble. Beds of magnesian limestone are found here and there, which furnish a good stone for foundation walls. In Hardin County, the rock

is traversed by veins of fluor spar, carrying galena and zinc blende. The Chester group is only found in the southern part of the State, thinning out from a thickness of eight hundred feet in Jackson and Randolph Counties, to about twenty feet at Alton. It consists of hard, gray, crystalline, argillaceous limestones, alternating with sandy and argillaceous shales and sandstones, which locally replace each other. A few species of true carboniferous flora are found in the arenaceous shales and sandstones of this group, the earliest traces of pre-historic land plants found in the State. Outcrops extend in a narrow belt from the southern part of Hardin County to the southern line of St. Clair County, passing around the southwest border of the coal field.

**UPPER CARBONIFEROUS SYSTEM.**—This includes the Conglomerate, or "Mill Stone Grit" of European authors, and the true coal measures. In the southern portion of the State its greatest thickness is about 1,200 feet. It becomes thinner toward the north, scarcely exceeding 400 or 500 feet in the vicinity of La Salle. The word "conglomerate" designates a thick bed of sandstone that lies at the base of the coal measures, and appears to have resulted from the culmination of the arenaceous sedimentary accumulations. It consists of massive quartzose sandstone, sometimes nearly white, but more frequently stained red or brown by the ferruginous matter which it contains, and is frequently composed in part of rounded quartz pebbles, from the size of a pea to several inches in diameter. When highly ferruginous, the oxide of iron cements the sand into a hard crust on the surface of the rock, which successfully resists the denuding influence of the atmosphere, so that the rock forms towering cliffs on the banks of the stream along which are its outcrops. Its thickness varies from 200 feet in the southern part of the State to twenty-five feet in the northern. It has afforded a few species of fossil plants, but no animal remains. The coal measures of Illinois are at least 1,000 feet thick and cover nearly three-fourths of its entire area. The strata are horizontal, the dip rarely exceeding six to ten feet to the mile. The formation is made up of sandstone, shales, thin beds of limestone, coal, and its associated fire clays. The thickness of the workable beds is from six to twenty-four inches in the upper measures, and from two to five feet in the lower measures. The fire clays, on which the coal seams usually rest, probably represent the ancient soil on which grew the trees and plants from which the coal is formed.



When pure, these clays are valuable for the manufacture of fire brick, tile and common pottery. Illinois coal is wholly of the bituminous variety, the metamorphic conditions which resulted in the production of anthracite coal in Pennsylvania not having extended to this State. Fossils, both vegetable and animal, abound in the coal measures.

**TERTIARY SYSTEM.**—This system is represented only in the southern end of the State, where certain deposits of stratified sands, shales and conglomerate are found, which appear to mark the northern boundary of the great Tertiary formation of the Gulf States. Potter's clay, lignite and silicious woods are found in the formation.

**QUATERNARY SYSTEM.**—This system embraces all the superficial material, including sands, clay, gravel and soil which overspreads the older formations in all portions of the State. It gives origin to the soil from which the agricultural wealth of Illinois is derived. It may be properly separated into four divisions: Post-tertiary sands, Drift, Loess and Alluvium. The first-named occupies the lowest position in the series, and consists of stratified beds of yellow sand and blue clay, of variable thickness, overlaid by a black or deep brown, loamy soil, in which are found leaves, branches and trunks of trees in a good state of preservation. Next above lie the drift deposits, consisting of blue, yellow and brown clays, containing gravel and boulders of various sizes, the latter the water-worn fragments of rocks, many of which have been washed down from the northern shores of the great lakes. This drift formation varies in thickness from twenty to 120 feet, and its accumulations are probably due to the combined influence of water currents and moving ice. The subsoil over a large part of the northern and central portions of the State is composed of fine brown clay. Prof. Desquereux (Illinois Geological Survey, Vol. I.) accounts for the origin of this clay and of the black prairie soil above it, by attributing it to the growth and decomposition of a peculiar vegetation. The Loess is a fine mechanical sediment that appears to have accumulated in some body of fresh water. It consists of marly sands and clays, of a thickness varying from five to sixty feet. Its greatest development is along the bluffs of the principal rivers. The fossils found in this formation consist chiefly of the bones and teeth of extinct mammalia, such as the mammoth, mastodon, etc. Stone implements of primeval man are also discovered. The term alluvium is usually restricted to the deposits

forming the bottom lands of the rivers and smaller streams. They consist of irregularly stratified sand, clay and loam, which are frequently found in alternate layers, and contain more or less organic matter from decomposed animal and vegetable substances. When sufficiently elevated, they constitute the richest and most productive farming lands in the State.

**GEORGETOWN**, a village of Vermilion County, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, 10 miles south of Danville. It has a bank, telegraph and express office and a newspaper. Population (1890), 662; (1900), 988.

**GERMAN EVANGELICAL SCHOOL**, located at Addison, Du Page County; incorporated in 1852; has a faculty of three instructors and reports 187 pupils for 1897-98, with a property valuation of \$9,600.

**GERMANTOWN**, a village of Vermilion County, and suburb of Danville; is the center of a coal-mining district. Population (1880), 540; (1890), 1,178; (1900), 1,782.

**GEST**, William H., lawyer and ex-Congressman, was born at Jacksonville, Ill., Jan. 7, 1838. When but four years old his parents removed to Rock Island, where he has since resided. He graduated from Williams College in 1860, was admitted to the bar in 1862, and has always been actively engaged in practice. In 1886 he was elected to Congress by the Republicans of the Eleventh Illinois District, and was re-elected in 1888, but in 1890 was defeated by Benjamin T. Cable, Democrat.

**GIBAULT**, Pierre, a French priest, supposed to have been born at New Madrid in what is now Southeastern Missouri, early in the eighteenth century; was Vicar-General at Kaskaskia, with ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches at Cahokia, St. Genevieve and adjacent points, at the time of the capture of Kaskaskia by Col. George Rogers Clark in 1778, and rendered Clark important aid in conciliating the French citizens of Illinois. He also made a visit to Vincennes and induced the people there to take the oath of allegiance to the new government. He even advanced means to aid Clark's destitute troops, but beyond a formal vote of thanks by the Virginia Legislature, he does not appear to have received any recompense. Governor St. Clair, in a report to Thomas Jefferson, then Secretary of State, dwelt impressively upon the value of Father Gibault's services and sacrifices, and Judge Law said of him, "Next to Clark and (Francis) Vigo, the United States are indebted more to Father Gibault for the accession of the States comprised

in what was the original Northwest Territory than to any other man." The date and place of his death are unknown.

**GIBSON CITY**, a town in Ford County, situated on the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, 34 miles east of Bloomington, and at the intersection of the Wabash Railroad and the Springfield Division of the Illinois Central. The principal mechanical industries are iron works, canning works, a shoe factory, and a tile factory. It has two banks, two newspapers, nine churches and an academy. A college is projected. Population (1890), 1,803; (1900), 2,054; (1903, est.), 3,165.

**GILL, Joseph B.**, Lieutenant-Governor (1893-97), was born on a farm near Marion, Williamson County, Ill., Feb. 17, 1862. In 1868 his father settled at Murphysboro, where Mr. Gill still makes his home. His academic education was received at the school of the Christian Brothers, in St. Louis, and at the Southern Illinois Normal University, Carbondale. In 1886 he graduated from the Law Department of the Michigan State University, at Ann Arbor. Returning home he purchased an interest in "The Murphysboro Independent," which paper he conducted and edited up to January, 1893. In 1888 he was elected to the lower house of the Legislature and re-elected in 1890. As a legislator he was prominent as a champion of the labor interest. In 1892 he was nominated and elected Lieutenant-Governor on the Democratic ticket, serving from January, 1893, to '97.

**GILLESPIE**, a village of Macoupin County, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, 10 miles southwest of Litchfield. This is an agricultural, coal-mining and stock-raising region; the town has a bank and a newspaper. Population (1890), 948; (1900), 873.

**GILLESPIE, Joseph**, lawyer and Judge, was born in New York City, August 22, 1809, of Irish parents, who removed to Illinois in 1819, settling on a farm near Edwardsville. After coming to Illinois, at 10 years, he did not attend school over two months. In 1827 he went to the lead mines at Galena, remaining until 1829. In 1831, at the invitation of Cyrus Edwards, he began the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1837, having been elected Probate Judge in 1836. He also served during two campaigns (1831 and '32) in the Black Hawk War. He was a Whig in politics and a warm personal friend of Abraham Lincoln. In 1840 he was elected to the lower house of the Legislature, serving one term, and was a member of the State Senate from 1847 to 1859. In 1853 he received the few votes of the

Whig members of the Legislature for United States Senator, in opposition to Stephen A. Douglas, and, in 1860, presided over the second Republican State Convention at Decatur, at which elements were set in motion which resulted in the nomination of Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency for the first time, a week later. In 1861 he was elected Judge of the Twenty-fourth Judicial Circuit, and re-elected in 1867 for a second term, serving until 1873. Died, at his home at Edwardsville, Jan. 7, 1885.

**GILLETT, John Dean**, agriculturist and stockman, was born in Connecticut, April 28, 1819; spent several years of his youth in Georgia, but, in 1838, came to Illinois by way of St. Louis, finally reaching "Bald Knob," in Logan County, where an uncle of the same name resided. Here he went to work, and, by frugality and judicious investments, finally acquired a large body of choice lands, adding to his agricultural operations the rearing and feeding of stock for the Chicago and foreign markets. In this he was remarkably successful. In his later years he was President of a National Bank at Lincoln. At the time of his death, August 27, 1888, he was the owner of 16,500 acres of improved lands in the vicinity of Elkhart, Logan County, besides large herds of fine stock, both cattle and horses. He left a large family, one of his daughters being the wife of the late Senator Richard J. Oglesby.

**GILLETT, Philip Goode**, specialist and educator, born in Madison, Ind., March 24, 1833; was educated at Asbury University, Greencastle, Ind., graduating in 1853, and the same year became an instructor in the Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb in that State. In 1856 he became Principal of the Illinois Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb at Jacksonville, remaining there until 1893, when he resigned. Thereafter, for some years, he was President of the Association for the Promotion of Speech by the Deaf, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., but later returned to Jacksonville, where he has since been living in retirement.

**GILLHAM, Daniel B.**, agriculturist and legislator, was born at a place now called Wanda, in Madison County, Ill., April 29, 1826—his father being a farmer and itinerant Methodist preacher, who belonged to one of the pioneer families in the American Bottom at an early day. The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools and at McKendree College, but did not graduate from the latter. In his early life he followed the vocation of a farmer and stock-grower in one of the most prosperous and highly

cultivated portions of the American Bottom, a few miles below Alton, but, in 1872, removed to Alton, where he spent the remainder of his life. He became a member of the State Board of Agriculture in 1866, serving eight years as Superintendent and later as its President; was also a Trustee of Shurtleff College some twenty-five years, and for a time President of the Board. In 1870 he was elected to the lower branch of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, and to the State Senate in 1882, serving a term of four years in the latter. On the night of March 17, 1890, he was assaulted by a burglar in his house, receiving a wound from a pistol-shot in consequence of which he died, April 6, following. The identity of his assailant was never discovered, and the crime consequently went unpunished.

**GILMAN**, a city in Iroquois County, at the intersection of the Illinois Central and the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railways, 81 miles south by west from Chicago and 208 miles northeast of St. Louis. It is in the heart of one of the richest corn districts of the State and has large stock-raising and fruit-growing interests. It has an opera house, a public library, an extensive nursery, brick and tile works, a linseed oil mill, two banks and two weekly newspapers. Artesian well water is obtained by boring from 90 to 200 feet. Population (1890), 1,112; (1900), 1,441.

**GILMAN, Arthur**, was born at Alton, Ill., June 22, 1837, the son of Winthrop S. Gilman, of the firm of Gilman & Godfrey, in whose warehouse the printing press of Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy was stored at the time of its destruction by a mob in 1837; was educated in St. Louis and New York, began business as a banker in 1857, but, in 1870, removed to Cambridge, Mass., and connected himself with "The Riverside Press." Mr. Gilman was one of the prime movers in what is known as "The Harvard Annex" in the interest of equal collegiate advantages for women, and has written much for the periodical press, besides publishing a number of volumes in the line of history and English literature.

**GILMAN, CLINTON & SPRINGFIELD RAILROAD.** (See *Illinois Central Railroad*.)

**GIRARD**, a city in Macoupin County, on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, 25 miles south by west from Springfield and 13 miles north-northeast of Carlinville. Coal-mining is carried on extensively here. The city also has a bank, five churches and a weekly newspaper. Population (1880), 1,024; (1890), 1,524; (1900), 1,661.

**GLENCOE**, a village of Cook County, on the Milwaukee Division of the Chicago & Northwest-

ern Railway, 19 miles north of Chicago. Population (1880), 387; (1890), 569; (1900), 1,020.

**GLENN, Archibald A.**, ex-Lieutenant-Governor, was born in Nicholas County, Ky., Jan. 30, 1819. In 1828 his father's family removed to Illinois, settling first in Vermilion, and later in Schuyler County. At the age of 13, being forced to abandon school, for six years he worked upon the farm of his widowed mother, and, at 19, entered a printing office at Rushville, where he learned the trade of compositor. In 1844 he published a Whig campaign paper, which was discontinued after the defeat of Henry Clay. For eleven years he was Circuit Clerk of Brown County, during which period he was admitted to the bar; was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1862, and of the State Board of Equalization from 1868 to 1872. The latter year he was elected to the State Senate for four years, and, in 1875, chosen its President, thus becoming ex-officio Lieutenant-Governor. He early abandoned legal practice to engage in banking and in mercantile investment. After the expiration of his term in the Senate, he removed to Kansas, where, at latest advices, he still resided.

**GLENN, John J.**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Ashland County, Ohio, March 2, 1831; graduated from Miami University in 1856 and, in 1858, was admitted to the bar at Terre Haute, Ind. Removing to Illinois in 1860, he settled in Mercer County, a year later removing to Monmouth in Warren County, where he still resides. In 1877 he was elected Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit and re-elected in 1879, '85, '91, and '97. After his last election he served for some time, by appointment of the Supreme Court, as a member of the Appellate Court for the Springfield District, but ultimately resigned and returned to Circuit Court duty. His reputation as a cool-headed, impartial Judge stands very high, and his name has been favorably regarded for a place on the Supreme Bench.

**GLOVER, Joseph Otis**, lawyer, was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., April 13, 1810, and educated in the high-school at Aurora in that State. In 1835 he came west to attend to a land case at Galena for his father, and, although not then a lawyer, he managed the case so successfully that he was asked to take charge of two others. This determined the bent of his mind towards the law, to the study of which he turned his attention under the preceptorship of the late Judge Theophilus L. Dickey, then of Ottawa. Soon after being admitted to the bar in 1840, he formed a partnership with the late Burton C. Cook, which

lasted over thirty years. In 1846 he was elected as a Democrat to the lower branch of the Fifteenth General Assembly, but, on the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, he became one of the founders of the Republican party and a close friend of Abraham Lincoln, whom he entertained, at the time of his (Lincoln's) debate with Senator Douglas, at Ottawa, in 1858. In 1868 he served as Presidential Elector at the time of General Grant's first election to the Presidency, and the following year was appointed United States District Attorney for the Northern District, serving until 1875. In 1877 he was appointed by Governor Cullom a member of the Board of Railway and Canal Commissioners, of which he afterwards became President, serving six years. Died, in Chicago, Dec. 10, 1892.

**GODFREY**, a village of Madison County, on the Chicago & Alton Railway, 5 miles north of Alton. It is the seat of Monticello Female Seminary, and named for Capt. Benjamin Godfrey, an early settler who was chiefly instrumental in founding that institution. Population (1890), 228.

**GODFREY, (Capt.) Benjamin**, sea captain and philanthropist, was born at Chatham, Mass., Dec. 4, 1794; at nine years of age he ran away from home and went to sea, his first voyage being to Ireland, where he spent nine years. The War of 1812 coming on, he returned home, spending a part of the next three years in the naval service, also gaining a knowledge of the science of navigation. Later, he became master of a merchant-vessel making voyages to Italy, Spain, the West Indies and other countries, finally, by shipwreck in Cuban waters, losing the bulk of his fortune. In 1824 he engaged in mercantile business at Matamoras, Mex., where he accumulated a handsome fortune; but, in transferring it (amounting to some \$200,000 in silver) across the country on pack-animals, he was attacked and robbed by brigands, with which that country was then infested. Resuming business at New Orleans, he was again successful, and, in 1832, came north, locating near Alton, Ill., the next year engaging in the warehouse and commission business as the partner of Winthrop S. Gilman, under the name of Godfrey & Gilman. It was in the warehouse of this firm at Alton that the printing-press of Elijah P. Lovejoy was stored when it was seized and destroyed by a mob, and Lovejoy was killed, in October, 1837. (See *Lovejoy, Elijah P.*) Soon after establishing himself at Alton, Captain Godfrey made a donation of land and money for the erection of a young ladies' seminary at the village of Godfrey, four miles from Alton. (See *Monticello Female Seminary*.)

The first cost of the erection of buildings, borne by him, was \$53,000. The institution was opened, April 11, 1838, and Captain Godfrey continued to be one of its Trustees as long as he lived. He was also one of the leading spirits in the construction of the Alton & Springfield Railroad (now a part of the Chicago & Alton), in which he invested heavily and unprofitably. Died, at Godfrey, April 13, 1862.

**GOLCONDA**, a village and county-seat of Pope County, on the Ohio River, 80 miles northeast of Cairo; located in agricultural and mining district; zinc, lead and kaolin mined in the vicinity; has a courthouse, eight churches, schools, one bank, a newspaper, a box factory, flour and saw mills, and a flour-spar factory. It is the terminus of a branch of the Illinois Central Railroad. Population (1890), 1,174; (1900), 1,140.

**GOLDZIER, Julius**, ex-Congressman, was born at Vienna, Austria, Jan. 20, 1854, and emigrated to New York in 1866. In 1872 he settled in Chicago, where he was admitted to the bar in 1877, and where he has practiced law ever since. From 1890 to 1892 he was a member of the Chicago City Council, and, in 1892, was the successful Democratic candidate in the Fourth District, for Congress, but was defeated in 1894 by Edward D. Cooke. At the Chicago city election of 1899 he was again returned to the Council as Alderman for the Thirty-second Ward.

**GOODING, James**, pioneer, was born about 1767, and, in 1832, was residing at Bristol, Ontario County, N. Y., when he removed to Cook County, Ill., settling in what was later called "Gooding's Grove," now a part of Will County. The Grove was also called the "Yankee Settlement," from the Eastern origin of the principal settlers. Mr. Gooding was accompanied, or soon after joined, by three sons—James, Jr., William and Jasper—and a nephew, Charles Gooding, all of whom became prominent citizens. The senior Gooding died in 1849, at the age of 82 years.—**William** (Gooding), civil engineer, son of the preceding, was born at Bristol, Ontario County, N. Y., April 1, 1803; educated in the common schools and by private tuition, after which he divided his time chiefly between teaching and working on the farm of his father, James Gooding. Having devoted considerable attention to surveying and civil engineering, he obtained employment in 1826 on the Welland Canal, where he remained three years. He then engaged in mercantile pursuits at Lockport, N. Y., but sold out at the end of the first year and went to Ohio to engage in his profession.



Being unsuccessful in this, he accepted employment for a time as a rodman, but later secured a position as Assistant Engineer on the Ohio Canal. After a brief visit to his father's in 1832, he returned to Ohio and engaged in business there for a short time, but the following year joined his father, who had previously settled in a portion of what is now Will County, but then Cook, making the trip by the first mail steamer around the lakes. He at first settled at "Gooding's Grove" and engaged in farming. In 1836 he was appointed Assistant Engineer on the Illinois & Michigan Canal, but, in 1842, became Chief Engineer, continuing in that position until the completion of the canal in 1848, when he became Secretary of the Canal Board. Died, at Lockport, Will County, in May, 1878.

**GOODRICH, Grant**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Milton, Saratoga County, N. Y., August 7, 1811; grew up in Western New York, studied law and came to Chicago in 1834, becoming one of the most prominent and reputable members of his profession, as well as a leader in many of the movements for the educational, moral and religious advancement of the community. He was one of the founders of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Chicago, an active member of the Union Defense Committee during the war, an incorporator and life-long Trustee of the Northwestern University, and President of the Board of Trustees of Garrett Biblical Institute, besides being identified with many organizations of a strictly benevolent character. In 1859 Judge Goodrich was elected a Judge of the newly organized Superior Court, but, at the end of his term, resumed the practice of his profession. Died, March 15, 1889.

**GORE, David**, ex-State Auditor, was born in Trigg County, Ky., April 5, 1827; came with his parents to Madison County, Ill., in 1834, and served in the Mexican War as Quartermaster, afterwards locating in Macoupin County, where he has been extensively engaged in farming. In 1874 he was an unsuccessful Greenback-Labor candidate for State Treasurer, in 1884 was elected to the State Senate from the Macoupin-Morgan District, and, in 1892, nominated and elected, as a Democrat, Auditor of Public Accounts, serving until 1897. For some sixteen years he was a member of the State Board of Agriculture, the last two years of that period being its President. His home is at Carlinville.

**GOUDY, Calvin**, early printer and physician, was born in Ohio, June 2, 1814; removed with his parents, in childhood, to Indianapolis, and

in 1832 to Vandalia, Ill., where he worked in the State printing office and bindery. In the fall of 1833 the family removed to Jacksonville, and the following year he entered Illinois College, being for a time a college-mate of Richard Yates, afterwards Governor. Here he continued his vocation as a printer, working for a time on "Peck's Gazetteer of Illinois" and "Goudy's Almanac," of which his father was publisher. In association with a brother while in Jacksonville, he began the publication of "The Common School Advocate," the pioneer publication of its kind in the Northwest, which was continued for about a year. Later he studied medicine with Drs. Henry and Merriman in Springfield, finally graduating at the St. Louis Medical College and, in 1844, began practice at Taylorville; in 1847 was elected Probate Judge of Christian County for a term of four years; in 1851 engaged in mercantile business, which he continued nineteen years. In 1856 he was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly and, in the session of the following year, was a leading supporter of the act establishing the State Normal School at Normal, still later serving for some sixteen years on the State Board of Education. Died, at Taylorville, in 1877. Dr. Goudy was an older brother of the late William C. Goudy of Chicago.

**GOUDY, William C.**, lawyer, was born in Indiana, May 15, 1834; came to Illinois, with his father, first to Vandalia and afterwards to Jacksonville, previous to 1833, where the latter began the publication of "The Farmer's Almanac"—a well-known publication of that time. At Jacksonville young Goudy entered Illinois College, graduating in 1845, when he began the study of law with Judge Stephen T. Logan, of Springfield; was admitted to the bar in 1847, and the next year began practice at Lewistown, Fulton County; served as State's Attorney (1852-55) and as State Senator (1856-60); at the close of his term removed to Chicago, where he became prominent as a corporation and railroad lawyer, in 1886 becoming General Solicitor of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. During President Cleveland's first term, Mr. Goudy was believed to exert a large influence with the administration, and was credited with having been largely instrumental in securing the appointment of his partner, Melville W. Fuller, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Died, April 27, 1893.

**GRAFF, Joseph V.**, lawyer and Congressman, was born at Terre Haute, Ind., July 1, 1854; after graduating from the Terre Haute high-school, spent one year in Wabash College at Crawfords-

ville, but did not graduate; studied law and was admitted to the bar at Delavan, Ill., in 1879; in 1892 was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Minneapolis, but, with the exception of President of the Board of Education, never held any public office until elected to Congress from the Fourteenth Illinois District, as a Republican, in November, 1894. Mr. Graff was a successful candidate for re-election in 1896, and again in '98.

**GRAFTON**, a town in Jersey County, situated on the Mississippi one and a half miles below the mouth of the Illinois River. The bluffs are high and fine river views are obtainable. A fine quality of fossiliferous limestone is quarried here and exported by the river. The town has a bank, three churches and a graded school. Population (1880), 807, (1890), 927; (1900), 988.

**GRAIN INSPECTION**, a mode of regulating the grain-trade in accordance with State law, and under the general supervision of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission. The principal executive officer of the department is the Chief Inspector of Grain, the expenses of whose administration are borne by fees. The chief business of the inspection department is transacted in Chicago, where the principal offices are located. (See *Railroad and Warehouse Commission*.)

**GRAMMAR, John**, pioneer and early legislator, came to Southern Illinois at a very early date and served as a member of the Third Territorial Council for Johnson County (1816-18); was a citizen of Union County when it was organized in 1818, and served as State Senator from that county in the Third and Fourth General Assemblies (1822-26), and again in the Seventh and Eighth General Assemblies (1830-34), for the District composed of Union, Johnson and Alexander Counties. He is described as having been very illiterate, but a man of much shrewdness and considerable influence.

**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**, a fraternal, charitable and patriotic association, limited to men who served in the Union army or navy during the Civil War, and received honorable discharge. Its founder was Dr. B. F. Stephenson, who served as Surgeon of the Fourteenth Illinois Infantry. In this task he had the coöperation of Rev. William J. Rutledge, Chaplain of the same regiment, Col. John M. Snyder, Dr. James Hamilton, Maj. Robert M. Woods, Maj. Robert Allen, Col. Martin Flood, Col. Daniel Grass, Col. Edward Prince, Capt. John S. Phelps, Capt. John A. Lightfoot, Col. B. F. Smith, Maj. A. A. North, Capt. Henry E.

Howe, and Col. B. F. Hawkes, all Illinois veterans. Numerous conferences were held at Springfield, in this State, a ritual was prepared, and the first post was chartered at Decatur, Ill., April 6, 1866. The charter members were Col. I. C. Pugh, George R. Steele, J. W. Routh, Joseph Prior, J. H. Nale, J. T. Bishop, G. H. Dunning, B. F. Sibley, M. F. Kanan, C. Reibsame, I. N. Coltrin, and Aquila Toland. All but one of these had served in Illinois regiments. At first, the work of organization proceeded slowly, the ex-soldiers generally being somewhat doubtful of the result of the project; but, before July 12, 1866, the date fixed for the assembling of a State Convention to form the Department of Illinois, thirty-nine posts had been chartered, and, by 1869, there were 330 reported in Illinois. By October, 1866, Departments had been formed in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota, and posts established in Ohio, Missouri, Kentucky, Arkansas, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia, and the first National Encampment was held at Indianapolis, November 20 of that year. In 1894 there were 7,500 posts, located in every State and Territory of the Union, with a membership of 450,000. The scheme of organization provides for precinct, State and National bodies. The first are known as posts, each having a number, to which the name of some battle or locality, or of some deceased soldier may be prefixed; the second (State organizations) are known as Departments; and the supreme power of the Order is vested in the National Encampment, which meets annually. As has been said, the G. A. R. had its inception in Illinois. The aim and dream of Dr. Stephenson and his associates was to create a grand organization of veterans which, through its cohesion, no less than its incisiveness, should constitute a potential factor in the inculcation and development of patriotism as well as mutual support. While he died sorrowing that he had not seen the fruition of his hopes, the present has witnessed the fullest realization of his dream. (See *Stephenson, B. F.*) The constitution of the order expressly prohibits any attempt to use the organization for partisan purposes, or even the discussion, at any meeting, of partisan questions. Its aims are to foster and strengthen fraternal feelings among members; to assist comrades needing help or protection and aid comrades' widows and orphans, and to inculcate unswerving loyalty. The "Woman's Relief Corps" is an auxiliary organization, originating at Portland, Maine, in 1869. The following is a list of Illinois Department Commanders, chronolog-

ically arranged: B. F. Stephenson (Provisional, 1866), John M. Palmer (1866-68), Thomas O. Osborne (1869-70), Charles E. Lippincott (1871), Hubert Dilger (1872), Guy T. Gould (1873), Hiram Hilliard (1874-76), Joseph S. Reynolds (1877), T. B. Coulter (1878), Edgar D. Swain (1879-80), J. W. Burst (1881), Thomas G. Lawler (1882), S. A. Harper (1883), L. T. Dickason (1884), William W. Berry (1885), Philip Sidney Post (1886), A. C. Sweetser (1887), James A. Sexton (1888), James S. Martin (1889), William L. Distin (1890), Horace S. Clark (1891), Edwin Harlan (1892), Edward A. Blodgett (1893), H. H. McDowell (1894), W. H. Powell (1895), William G. Cochran (1896), A. L. Schimpff (1897), John C. Black (1898), John B. Inman (1899). The following Illinoisans have held the position of Commander-in-Chief: S. A. Hurlbut, (two terms) 1866-67; John A. Logan, (three terms) 1868-70; Thomas G. Lawler, 1894; James A. Sexton, 1898.

**GRAND PRAIRIE SEMINARY**, a co-educational institution at Onarga, Iroquois County, incorporated in 1863; had a faculty of eleven teachers in 1897-98, with 285 pupils—145 male and 140 female. It reports an endowment of \$10,000 and property valued at \$55,000. Besides the usual classical and scientific departments, instruction is given in music, oratory, fine arts and preparatory studies.

**GRAND TOWER**, a town in Jackson County, situated on the Mississippi River, 27 miles southwest of Carbondale; the western terminus of the Grand Tower & Carbondale Railroad. It received its name from a high, rocky island, lying in the river opposite the village. It has four churches, a weekly newspaper, and two blast furnaces for iron. Population (1890), 624; (1900), 881.

**GRAND TOWER & CAPE GIRARDEAU RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago & Texas Railroad.*)

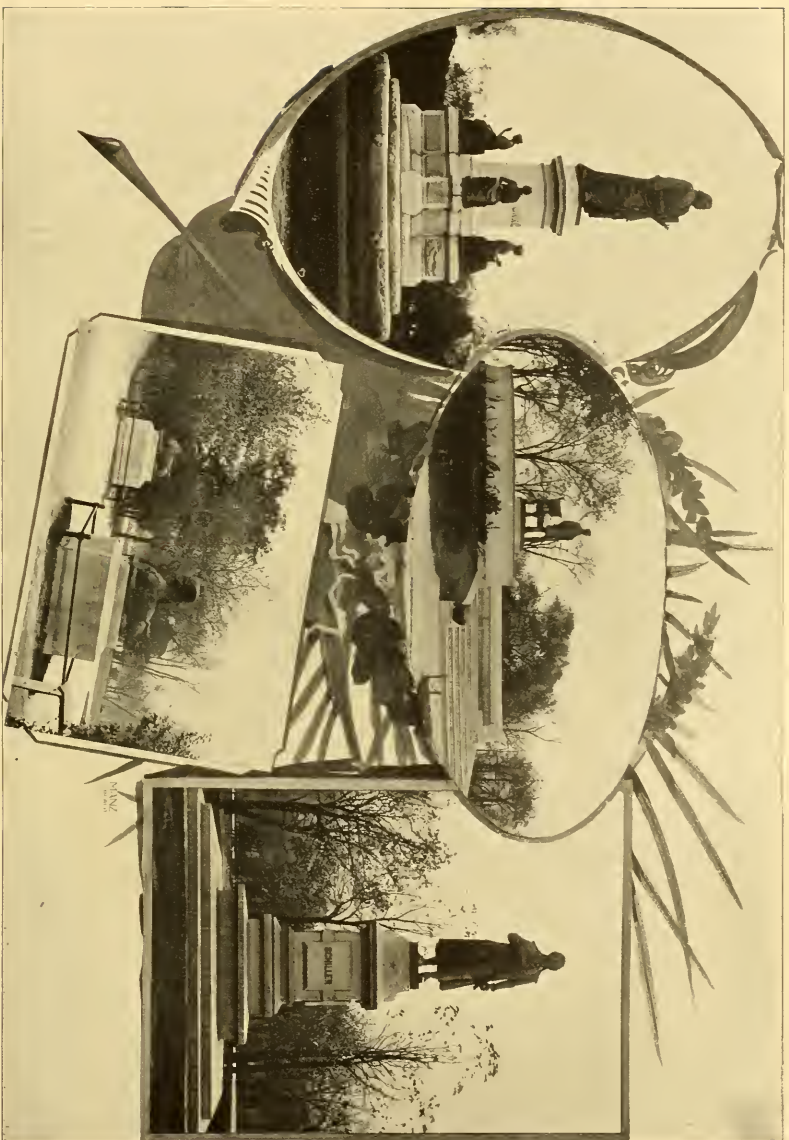
**GRAND TOWER & CARBONDALE RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago & Texas Railroad.*)

**GRANGER, Flavel K.**, lawyer, farmer and legislator, was born in Wayne County, N. Y., May 16, 1832, educated in public schools at Sodus in the same State, and settled at Waukegan, Ill., in 1853. Here, having studied law, he was admitted to the bar in 1855, removing to McHenry County the same year, and soon after engaging in the live-stock and wool business. In 1872 he was elected as a Republican Representative in the Twenty-eighth General Assembly, being successively re-elected to the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first, and being chosen Temporary Speaker of the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth. He is now a member of the State Senate for the

Eighth District, having been elected in 1896. His home is at West McHenry.

**GRANT, Alexander Fraeser**, early lawyer and jurist, was born at Inverness, Scotland, in 1804; came to Illinois at an early day and located at Shawneetown, where he studied law with Henry Eddy, the pioneer lawyer and editor of that place. Mr. Grant is described as a man of marked ability, as were many of the early settlers of that region. In February, 1835, he was elected by the General Assembly Judge for the Third Circuit, as successor to his preceptor, Mr. Eddy, but served only a few months, dying at Vandalia the same year.

**GRANT, Ulysses Simpson**, (originally Hiram Ulysses), Lieutenant-General and President, was born at Point Pleasant, Clermont County, Ohio, April 27, 1822; graduated from West Point Military Academy, in 1843, and served through the Mexican War. After a short residence at St. Louis, he became a resident of Galena in 1860. His war-record is a glorious part of the Nation's history. Entering the service of the State as a clerk in the office of the Quartermaster-General at Springfield, soon after the breaking out of the war in 1861, and still later serving as a drill-master at Camp Yates, in June following he was commissioned by Governor Yates Colonel of the Twenty-first Illinois Volunteers, which he immediately led into the field in the State of Missouri; was soon after promoted to a Brigadier-Generalship and became a full Major-General of Volunteers on the fall of Forts Donelson and Henry, in February following. His successes at Fort Gibson, Raymond, Champion Hill, and Big Black River, ending with the capture of Vicksburg, were the leading victories of the Union armies in 1863. His successful defense of Chattanooga was also one of his victories in the West in the same year. Commissioned a Major-General of the Regular Army after the fall of Vicksburg, he became Lieutenant-General in 1864, and, in March of that year, assumed command of all the Northern armies. Taking personal command of the Army of the Potomac, he directed the campaign against Richmond, which resulted in the final evacuation and downfall of the Confederate capital and the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox on April 8, 1865. In July, 1866, he was made General—the office being created for him. He also served as Secretary of War, ad interim, under President Johnson, from August, 1867, to January, 1868. In 1868 he was elected President of the United States and re-elected in 1872. His administration may not have been free from mistakes, but it was charac-



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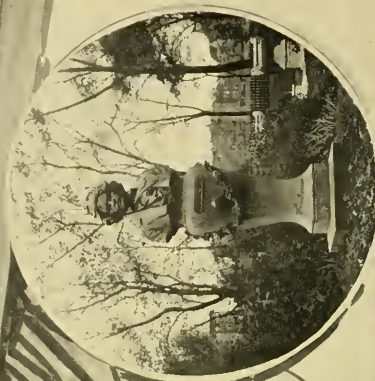
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terized by patriotism and integrity of purpose. During 1877-79 he made a tour of the world, being received everywhere with the highest honors. In 1880 his friends made an unsuccessful effort to secure his renomination as a Presidential candidate on the Republican ticket. Died, at Mount McGregor, N. Y., July 23, 1885. His chief literary work was his "Memoirs" (two volumes, 1885-86), which was very extensively sold.

**GRAPE CREEK**, a suburban mining village in Vermilion County, on the Big Vermilion River and the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, six miles south of Danville. The chief industry is coal mining, which is extensively carried on. Population (1890), 778; (1900), 610.

**GRATIOT, Charles**, of Huguenot parentage, born at Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1752. After receiving a mercantile training in the counting house of an uncle in London, he emigrated to Canada, entering the employ of another uncle at Montreal. He first came to the "Illinois Country" in 1775, as an Indian trader, remaining one year. In 1777 he returned and formed a partnership with David McRae and John Kay, two young Scotchmen from Montreal. He established depots at Cahokia and Kaskaskia. Upon the arrival of Col. George Rogers Clark, in 1778, he rendered that commander material financial assistance, becoming personally responsible for the supplies needed by the penniless American army. When the transfer of sovereignty took place at St. Louis, on March 10, 1804, and Louisiana Territory became a part of the United States, it was from the balcony of his house that the first American flag was unfurled in Upper Louisiana. In recompense for his liberal expenditure, he was promised 30,000 acres of land near the present site of Louisville, but this he never received. Died, at St. Louis, April 21, 1817.

**GRAVIER, Father Jacques**, a Jesuit missionary, born in France, but at what date cannot be stated with certainty. After some years spent in Canada he was sent by his ecclesiastical superiors to the Illinois Mission (1688), succeeding Allouez as Superior two years later, and being made Vicar-General in 1691. He labored among the Miamis, Peorias and Kaskaskias—his most numerous conversions being among the latter tribe—as also among the Cahokias, Osages, Tamaraos and Missouris. It is said to have been largely through his influence that the Illinois were induced to settle at Kaskaskia instead of going south. In 1705 he received a severe wound during an attack by the Illinois Indians, incited, if not actually led, by one of their medicine men. It is said

that he visited Paris for treatment, but failed to find a cure. Accounts of his death vary as to time and place, but all agree that it resulted from the wound above mentioned. Some of his biographers assert that he died at sea; others that he returned from France, yet suffering from the Indian poison, to Louisiana in February, 1708, and died near Mobile, Ala., the same year.

**GRAY, Elisha**, electrician and inventor, was born at Barnesville, Ohio, August 2, 1835; after serving as an apprentice at various trades, took a course at Oberlin College, devoting especial attention to the physical sciences, meanwhile supporting himself by manual labor. In 1865 he began his career as an electrician and, in 1867, received his first patent; devised a method of transmitting telephone signals, and, in 1875, succeeded in transmitting four messages simultaneously on one wire to New York and Boston, a year later accomplishing the same with eight messages to New York and Philadelphia. Professor Gray has invented a telegraph switch, a repeater, enunciator and type-writing telegraph. From 1869 to '73 he was employed in the manufacture of telegraph apparatus at Cleveland and Chicago, but has since been electrician of the Western Electric Company of Chicago. His latest invention, the "telautograph"—for reproducing by telegraph the handwriting of the sender of a telegram—attracted great interest at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893. He is author of "Telegraphy and Telephony" and "Experimental Researches in Electro-Harmonic Telegraphy and Telephony."

**GRAY, William C., Ph.D.**, editor, was born in Butler County, Ohio, in 1830; graduated from the Farmers' (now Belmont) College in 1850, read law and began secular editorial work in 1852, being connected, in the next fourteen years, with "The Tiffin Tribune," "Cleveland Herald" and "Newark American." Then, after several years spent in general publishing business in Cincinnati, after the great fire of 1871 he came to Chicago, to take charge of "The Interior," the organ of the Presbyterian Church, which he has since conducted. The success of the paper under his management affords the best evidence of his practical good sense. He holds the degree of Ph.D., received from Wooster University in 1881.

**GRAYVILLE**, a city situated on the border of White and Edwards Counties, lying chiefly in the former, on the Wabash River, 35 miles northwest of Evansville, Ind., 16 miles northeast of Carmi, and forty miles southwest of Vincennes. It is located in the heart of a heavily timbered

region and is an important hard-wood market. Valuable coal deposits exist. The industries include flour, saw and planing mills, stove factories and creamery. The city has an electric light and water plant, two banks, eight churches, and two weekly papers. Population (1900), 1,048.

**GRAYVILLE & MATTOON RAILROAD.** (See *Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway.*)

**GREATHOUSE, Lucien**, soldier, was born at Carlinville, Ill., in 1843; graduated at Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, and studied law; enlisted as a private at the beginning of the War of the Rebellion and rose to the rank of Colonel of the Forty-eighth Illinois Volunteers; bore a conspicuous part in the movements of the Army of the Tennessee; was killed in battle near Atlanta, Ga., June 21, 1864.

**GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD** (of 1843 and '49). (See *Illinois Central Railroad.*)

**GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD** (2). (See *Wabash Railway.*)

**GREEN RIVER**, rises in Lee County, and, after draining part of Bureau County, flows westward through Henry County, and enters Rock River about 10 miles east by south from Rock Island. It is nearly 120 miles long.

**GREEN, William H.**, State Senator and Judge, was born at Danville, Ky., Dec. 8, 1830. In 1847 he accompanied his father's family to Illinois, and, for three years following, taught school, at the same time reading law. He was admitted to the bar in 1852 and began practice at Mount Vernon, removing to Metropolis the next year, and to Cairo in 1863. In 1858 he was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly, was re-elected in 1860 and, two years later, was elected to the State Senate for four years. In December, 1865, he was elected Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, to fill the unexpired term of Judge Mulkey, retiring with the expiration of his term in 1867. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Conventions of 1860, '64, '68, '80, '84 and '88, besides being for many years a member of the State Central Committee of that party, and also, for four terms, a member of the State Board of Education, of which he has been for several years the President. He is at present (1899) engaged in the practice of his profession at Cairo.

**GREENE, Henry Sacheverel**, attorney, was born in the North of Ireland, July, 1833, brought to Canada at five years of age, and from nine compelled to support himself, sometimes as a clerk and at others setting type in a printing office. After spending some time in Western New York,

in 1853 he commenced the study of law at Danville, Ind., with Hugh Crea, now of Decatur, Ill.; four years later settled at Clinton, DeWitt County, where he taught and studied law with Lawrence Weldon, now of the Court of Claims, Washington. In 1859 he was admitted to the bar at Springfield, on the motion of Abraham Lincoln, and was associated in practice, for a time, with Hon. Clifton H. Moore of Clinton; later served as Prosecuting Attorney and one term (1867-69) as Representative in the General Assembly. At the close of his term in the Legislature he removed to Springfield, forming a law partnership with Milton Hay and David T. Littler, under the firm name of Hay, Greene & Littler, still later becoming the head of the firm of Greene & Humphrey. From the date of his removal to Springfield, for some thirty years his chief employment was as a corporation lawyer, for the most part in the service of the Chicago & Alton and the Wabash Railways. His death occurred at his home in Springfield, after a protracted illness, Feb. 25, 1899. Of recognized ability, thoroughly devoted to his profession, high minded and honorable in all his dealings, he commanded respect wherever he was known.

**GREENE, William G.**, pioneer, was born in Tennessee in 1812; came to Illinois in 1822 with his father (Bowling Greene), who settled in the vicinity of New Salem, now in Menard County. The younger Greene was an intimate friend and fellow-student, at Illinois College, of Richard Yates (afterwards Governor), and also an early friend and admirer of Abraham Lincoln, under whom he held an appointment in Utah for some years. He died at Tallula, Menard County, in 1894.

**GREENFIELD**, a city in the eastern part of Greene County, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Quincy, Carrollton & St. Louis Railways, 12 miles east of Carrollton and 55 miles north of St. Louis; is an agricultural, coal-mining and stock-raising region. The city has several churches, public schools, a seminary, electric light plant, steam flouring mill, and one weekly paper. It is an important shipping point for cattle, horses, swine, corn, grain and produce. Population (1890), 1,131; (1900), 1,085.

**GREENE COUNTY**, cut off from Madison and separately organized in 1821; has an area of 544 square miles; population (1900), 23,402; named for Gen. Nathaniel Greene, a Revolutionary soldier. The soil and climate are varied and adapted to a diversity of products, wheat and fruit being among the principal. Building stone and clay

are abundant. Probably the first English-speaking settlers were David Stockton and James Whiteside, who located south of Macoupin Creek in June, 1817. Samuel Thomas and others (among them Gen. Jacob Fry) followed soon afterward. The Indians were numerous and aggressive, and had destroyed not a few of the monuments of the Government surveys, erected some years before. Immigration of the whites, however, was rapid, and it was not long before the nucleus of a village was established at Carrollton, where General Fry erected the first house and made the first coffin needed in the settlement. This town, the county-seat and most important place in the county, was laid off by Thomas Carlin in 1821. Other flourishing towns are Whitehall (population, 1,961), and Roodhouse (an important railroad center) with a population of 2,360.

**GREENUP**, village of Cumberland County, at intersection of the Vandalia Line and Evansville branch Ill. Cent. Ry.; in farming and fruit-growing region; has powder mill, bank, broom factory, five churches, public library and good schools. Population (1890), 858; (1900), 1,085.

**GREENVIEW**, a village in Menard County, on the Jacksonville branch of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, 23 miles north-northwest of Springfield and 36 miles northeast of Jacksonville. It has a coal mine, bank, two weekly papers, seven churches, and a graded and high school. Population (1890), 1,106; (1900), 1,019; (1903), 1,245.

**GREENVILLE**, an incorporated city, the county-seat of Bond County, on the East Fork of Big Shoal Creek and the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad, 50 miles east-northeast of St. Louis; is in a rich agricultural and coal-mining region. Corn and wheat are raised extensively in the surrounding country, and there are extensive coal mines adjacent to the city. The leading manufacturing product is in the line of wagons. It is the seat of Greenville College (a coeducational institution); has several banks and three weekly newspapers. Population (1890), 1,868; (1900), 2,504.

**GREENVILLE, TREATY OF**, a treaty negotiated by Gen. Anthony Wayne with a number of Indian tribes (see *Indian Treaties*), at Greenville, after his victory over the savages at the battle of Maumee Rapids, in August, 1795. This was the first treaty relating to Illinois lands in which a number of tribes united. The lands conveyed within the present limits of the State of Illinois were as follows: A tract six miles square at the mouth of the Chicago River;

another, twelve miles square, near the mouth of the Illinois River; another, six miles square, around the old fort at Peoria; the post of Fort Massac; the 150,000 acres set apart as bounty lands for the army of Gen. George Rogers Clark, and "the lands at all other places in the possession of the French people and other white settlers among them, the Indian title to which has been thus extinguished." On the other hand, the United States relinquished all claim to all other Indian lands north of the Ohio, east of the Mississippi and south of the great lakes. The cash consideration paid by the Government was \$210,000.

**GREGG, David L.**, lawyer and Secretary of State, emigrated from Albany, N. Y., and began the practice of law at Joliet, Ill., where, in 1839, he also edited "The Juliet Courier," the first paper established in Will County. From 1842 to 1846, he represented Will, Du Page and Iroquois Counties in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth General Assemblies; later removed to Chicago, after which he served for a time as United States District Attorney; in 1847 was chosen one of the Delegates from Cook County to the State Constitutional Convention of that year, and served as Secretary of State from 1850 to 1853, as successor to Horace S. Cooley, who died in office the former year. In the Democratic State Convention of 1852, Mr. Gregg was a leading candidate for the nomination for Governor, though finally defeated by Joel A. Matteson; served as Presidential Elector for that year, and, in 1853, was appointed by President Pierce Commissioner to the Sandwich Islands, still later for a time acting as the minister or adviser of King Kamehameha IV, who died in 1863. Returning to California he was appointed by President Lincoln Receiver of Public Moneys at Carson City, Nev., where he died, Dec. 23, 1868.

**GREGORY, John Milton**, clergyman and educator, was born at Sand Lake, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., July 6, 1822; graduated from Union College in 1846 and, after devoting two years to the study of law, studied theology and entered the Baptist ministry. After a brief pastorate in the East he came West, becoming Principal of a classical school at Detroit. His ability as an educator was soon recognized, and, in 1858, he was elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Michigan, but declined a re-election in 1863. In 1854, he assisted in founding "The Michigan Journal of Education," of which he was editor-in-chief. In 1863 he accepted the Presidency of Kalamazoo College, and four years



later was called to that of the newly founded University of Illinois, at Champaign, where he remained until 1880. He was United States Commissioner to the Vienna Exposition in 1873, Illinois State Commissioner to the Paris Exposition of 1878, also serving as one of the judges in the educational department of the Philadelphia Centennial of 1876. From 1882 to '85 he was a member of the United States Civil Service Commission. The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by Madison University (Hamilton, N. Y.) in 1866. While State Superintendent he published a "Compend of School Laws" of Michigan, besides numerous addresses on educational subjects. Other works of his are "Handbook of History" and "Map of Time" (Chicago, 1866); "A New Political Economy" (Cincinnati, 1882); and "Seven Laws of Teaching" (Chicago, 1883). While holding a chair as Professor Emeritus of Political Economy in the University of Illinois during the latter years of his life, he resided in Washington, D. C., where he died, Oct. 20, 1898. By his special request he was buried on the grounds of the University at Champaign.

**GRESHAM, Walter Quinton**, soldier, jurist and statesman, was born near Lanesville, Harrison County, Ind., March 17, 1832. Two years at a seminary at Corydon, followed by one year at Bloomington University, completed his early education, which was commenced at the common schools. He read law at Corydon, and was admitted to the bar in 1853. In 1860 he was elected to the Indiana Legislature, but resigned to become Lieutenant-Colonel of the Thirty-eighth Indiana Volunteers, and was almost immediately commissioned Colonel of the Fifty-third Regiment. After the fall of Vicksburg he was promoted to a Brigadier-Generalship, and was brevetted Major-General on March 13, 1865. At Atlanta he was severely wounded, and disabled from service for a year. After the war he resumed practice at New Albany, Ind. His political career began in 1856, when he stumped his county for Fremont. From that time until 1892 he was always prominently identified with the Republican party. In 1866 he was an unsuccessful Republican candidate for Congress, and, in 1867-68, was the financial agent of his State (Indiana) in New York. In 1869 President Grant appointed him Judge of the United States District Court for Indiana. In 1883 he resigned this position to accept the portfolio of Postmaster-General in the Cabinet of President Arthur. In July, 1884, upon the death of Secretary Folger, he was made Secretary of the Treasury. In Oct. 1884,

he was appointed United States Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, and thereafter made his home in Chicago. He was an earnest advocate of the renomination of Grant in that year, but subsequently took no active personal part in politics. In 1888 he was the substantially unanimous choice of Illinois Republicans for the Presidency, but was defeated in convention. In 1892 he was tendered the Populist nomination for President, but declined. In 1893 President Cleveland offered him the portfolio of Secretary of State, which he accepted, dying in office at Washington, D. C., May 28, 1895.

**GREUSEL, Nicholas**, soldier, was born in Germany, July 4, 1817, the son of a soldier of Murat; came to New York in 1833 and to Detroit, Mich., in 1835; served as a Captain of the First Michigan Volunteers in the Mexican War; in 1857, came to Chicago and was employed on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, until the firing on Fort Sumter, when he promptly enrolled himself as a private in a company organized at Aurora, of which he was elected Captain and attached to the Seventh Illinois (three-months' men), later being advanced to the rank of Major. Re-enlisting for three years, he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel, but, in August following, was commissioned Colonel of the Thirty-sixth Illinois; took part in the battles of Pea Ridge and Perryville and the campaign against Corinth; compelled to resign on account of failing health, in February, 1863, he removed to Mount Pleasant, Iowa, whence he returned to Aurora in 1893. Died at Aurora, April 25, 1896.

**GRIDLEY, Asahel**, lawyer and banker, was born at Cazenovia, N. Y., April 21, 1810; was educated at Pompey Academy and, at the age of 21, came to Illinois, locating at Bloomington and engaging in the mercantile business, which he carried on quite extensively some eight years. He served as First Lieutenant of a cavalry company during the Black Hawk War of 1832, and soon after was elected a Brigadier-General of militia, thereby acquiring the title of "General." In 1840 he was elected to the lower branch of the Twelfth General Assembly, and soon after began to turn his attention to the study of law, subsequently forming a partnership with Col. J. H. Wickizer, which continued for a number of years. Having been elected to the State Senate in 1850, he took a conspicuous part in the two succeeding sessions of the General Assembly in securing the location of the Chicago & Alton and the Illinois Central Railroads by way of Bloomington; was also, at a later period, a leading promoter of the

Indiana, Bloomington & Western and other lines. In 1858 he joined J. Y. Scammon and J. H. Burch of Chicago, in the establishment of the McLean County Bank at Bloomington, of which he became President and ultimately sole proprietor; also became proprietor, in 1857, of the Bloomington Gas-Light & Coke Company, which he managed some twenty-five years. Originally a Whig, he identified himself with the Republican cause in 1856, serving upon the State Central Committee during the campaign of that year, but, in 1872, took part in the Liberal Republican movement, serving as a delegate to the Cincinnati Convention, where he was a zealous supporter of David Davis for the Presidency. Died, at Bloomington, Jan. 20, 1881.

**GRIER, (Col.) David Perkins**, soldier and merchant, was born near Wilkesbarre, Pa., in 1837; received a common school education and, in 1852, came to Peoria, Ill., where he engaged in the grain business, subsequently, in partnership with his brother, erecting the first grain-elevator in Peoria, with three or four at other points. Early in the war he recruited a company of which he was elected Captain, but, as the State quota was already full, it was not accepted in Illinois, but was mustered in, in June, as a part of the Eighth Missouri Volunteers. With this organization he took part in the capture of Forts Henry and Donelson, the battle of Shiloh and the siege and capture of Corinth. In August, 1862, he was ordered to report to Governor Yates at Springfield, and, on his arrival, was presented with a commission as Colonel of the Seventy-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, of which he retained command up to the siege of Vicksburg. During that siege he commanded a brigade and, in subsequent operations in Louisiana, was in command of the Second Brigade, Fourth Division of the Thirteenth Army Corps. Later he had command of all the troops on Dauphin Island, and took a conspicuous part in the capture of Fort Morgan and Mobile, as well as other operations in Alabama. He subsequently had command of a division until his muster-out, July 10, 1865, with the rank of brevet Brigadier-General. After the war, General Grier resumed his business as a grain merchant at Peoria, but, in 1879, removed to East St. Louis, where he had charge of the erection and management of the Union Elevator there—was also Vice-President and Director of the St. Louis Merchants' Exchange. Died, April 22, 1891.

**GRIERSON, Benjamin H.**, soldier, was born in Pittsburg, Pa., July 8, 1826; removed in boyhood

to Trumbull County, Ohio, and, about 1850, to Jacksonville, Ill., where he was engaged for a time in teaching music, later embarking in the grain and produce business at Meredosia. He enlisted promptly at the beginning of the Civil War, becoming Aid-de-camp to General Prentiss at Cairo during the three-months' service, later being commissioned Major of the Sixth Illinois Cavalry. From this time his promotion was rapid. He was commissioned Colonel of the same regiment in March, 1863, and was commander of a brigade in December following. He was prominent in nearly all the cavalry skirmishes between Memphis and the Tennessee river, and, in April and May, 1863, led the famous raid from La Grange, Tenn., through the States of Mississippi and Louisiana to Baton Rouge in the latter—for the first time penetrating the heart of the Confederacy and causing consternation among the rebel leaders, while materially aiding General Grant's movement against Vicksburg. This demonstration was generally regarded as one of the most brilliant events of the war, and attracted the attention of the whole country. In recognition of this service he was, on June 3, 1863, made a Brigadier-General, and May 27, 1865, a full Major-General of Volunteers. Soon after the close of the war he entered the regular army as Colonel of the Tenth United States Cavalry and was successively brevetted Brigadier- and Major-General for bravery shown in a raid in Arkansas during December, 1864. His subsequent service was in the West and Southwest conducting campaigns against the Indians, in the meanwhile being in command at Santa Fe, San Antonio and elsewhere. On the promotion of General Miles to a Major-Generalship following the death of Maj.-Gen. George Crook in Chicago, March 19, 1890, General Grierson, who had been the senior Colonel for some years, was promoted Brigadier-General and retired with that rank in July following. His home is at Jacksonville.

**GRIGGS, Samuel Chapman**, publisher, was born in Tolland, Conn., July 20, 1819; began business as a bookseller at Hamilton, N. Y., but removed to Chicago, where he established the largest bookselling trade in the Northwest. Mr. Griggs was a heavy loser by the fire of 1871, and the following year, having sold out to his partners, established himself in the publishing business, which he conducted until 1896, when he retired. The class of books published by him include many educational and classical, with others of a high order of merit. Died in Chicago, April 5, 1897.

**GRIGGSVILLE**, a city in Pike County, on the Wabash Railroad, 4 miles west of the Illinois River, and 50 miles east of Quincy. Flour, camp stoves, and brooms are manufactured here. The city has churches, graded schools, a public library, fair grounds, opera house, and a weekly newspaper. Population (1890), 1,400; (1900), 1,404.

**GRIMSHAW, Jackson**, lawyer and politician, was born in Philadelphia, Nov. 22, 1820, of Anglo-Irish and Revolutionary ancestry. He was partially educated at Bristol College, Pa., and began the study of law with his father, who was a lawyer and an author of repute. His professional studies were interrupted for a few years, during which he was employed at surveying and civil engineering, but he was admitted to the bar at Harrisburg, in 1843. The same year he settled at Pittsfield, Ill., where he formed a partnership with his brother, William A. Grimshaw. In 1857 he removed to Quincy, where he resided for the remainder of his life. He was a member of the first Republican Convention, at Bloomington, in 1856, and was twice an unsuccessful candidate for Congress (1856 and '58) in a strongly Democratic District. He was a warm personal friend and trusted counsellor of Governor Yates, on whose staff he served as Colonel. During 1861 the latter sent Mr. Grimshaw to Washington with dispatches announcing the capture of Jefferson Barracks, Mo. On arriving at Annapolis, learning that the railroads had been torn up by rebel sympathizers, he walked from that city to the capital, and was summoned into the presence of the President and General Scott with his feet protruding from his boots. In 1865 Mr. Lincoln appointed him Collector of Internal Revenue for the Quincy District, which office he held until 1869. Died, at Quincy, Dec. 13, 1875.

**GRIMSHAW, William A.**, early lawyer, was born in Philadelphia and admitted to the bar in his native city at the age of 19; in 1833 came to Pike County, Ill., where he continued to practice until his death. He served in the State Constitutional Convention of 1847, and had the credit of preparing the article in the second Constitution prohibiting dueling. In 1864 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention which nominated Mr. Lincoln for President a second time; also served as Presidential Elector in 1880. He was, for a time, one of the Trustees of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Jacksonville, and, from 1877 to 1882, a member of the State Board of Public Charities, being for a time President of the Board. Died, at Pittsfield, Jan. 7, 1895.

**GRINNELL, Julius S.**, lawyer and ex-Judge, was born in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., in 1842, of New England parents, who were of French descent. He graduated from Middlebury College in 1866, and, two years later, was admitted to the bar at Ogdensburg, N. Y. In 1870 he removed to Chicago, where he soon attained a prominent position at the bar; was elected City Attorney in 1879, and re-elected in 1881 and 1883. In 1884 he was elected State's Attorney for Cook County, in which capacity he successfully conducted some of the most celebrated criminal prosecutions in the history of Illinois. Among these may be mentioned the cases against Joseph T. Mackin and William J. Gallagher, growing out of an election conspiracy in Chicago in 1884; the conviction of a number of Cook County Commissioners for accepting bribes in 1885, and the conviction of seven anarchistic leaders charged with complicity in the Haymarket riot and massacre in Chicago, in May, 1886—the latter trial being held in 1887. The same year (1887) he was elected to the Circuit bench of Cook County, but resigned his seat in 1890 to become counsel for the Chicago City Railway. Died, in Chicago, June 8, 1898.

**GROSS, Jacob**, ex-State Treasurer and banker, was born in Germany, Feb. 11, 1840; having lost his father by death at 13, came to the United States two years later, spent a year in Chicago schools, learned the trade of a tinsmith and clerked in a store until August, 1862, when he enlisted in the Eighty-Second Illinois Volunteers (the second "Hecker Regiment"); afterwards participated in some of the most important battles of the war, including Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain, Resaca and others. At Dallas, Ga., he had his right leg badly shattered by a bullet-wound above the knee, four successive amputations being found necessary in order to save his life. Having been discharged from the service in February, 1865, he took a course in a commercial college, became deputy clerk of the Police Court, served three terms as Collector of the West Town of Chicago, and an equal number of terms (12 years) as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County; and, in 1884, was elected State Treasurer. Since retiring from the latter office, Mr. Gross has been engaged in the banking business, being President, for several years, of the Commercial Bank of Chicago.

**GROSS, William L.**, lawyer, was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., Feb. 21, 1839, came with his father to Illinois in 1844, was admitted to the bar at Springfield in 1862, but almost immediately

entered the service of the Government, and, a year later, was appointed by President Lincoln Captain and Assistant Quartermaster, and, under command of General Stager, assigned to the Department of the Ohio as Military Superintendent of Telegraphs. At the close of the war he was transferred to the Department of the Gulf, taking control of military telegraphs in that Department with headquarters at New Orleans, remaining until August, 1866, meanwhile being brevetted Major and Lieutenant-Colonel. For the next two years he occupied various positions in the civil telegraph service, but, in 1868, resumed the practice of law at Springfield, in conjunction with his brother (Eugene L.) issuing the first volume of "Gross' Statutes of Illinois," followed in subsequent years by two additional volumes, besides an Index to all the Laws of the State. In 1878 he was elected as a Republican to the General Assembly from Sangamon County, and, in 1884, was appointed by Governor Hamilton Circuit Judge to succeed Judge C. S. Zane, who had been appointed Chief Justice of Utah. Upon the organization of the Illinois State Bar Association, Judge Gross became its first Secretary, serving until 1883, when he was elected President, again serving as Secretary and Treasurer in 1893-94.

**GROSSCUP, Peter Stenger**, jurist, born in Ashland, Ohio, Feb. 15, 1852; was educated in the local schools and Wittenberg College, graduating from the latter in 1872; read law in Boston, Mass., and settled down to practice in his native town, in 1874. He was a candidate for Congress in a Democratic District before he was 25 years old, but, being a Republican, was defeated. Two years later, being thrown by a reapportionment into the same district with William McKinley, he put that gentleman in nomination for the seat in Congress to which he was elected. He removed to Chicago in 1883, and, for several years, was the partner of the late Leonard Swett; in December, 1892, was appointed by President Harrison Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois as successor to Judge Henry W. Blodgett. On the death of Judge Showalter, in December, 1898, Judge Grosscup was appointed his successor as Judge of the United States Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial District. Although one of the youngest incumbents upon the bench of the United States Court, Judge Grosscup has given ample evidence of his ability as a jurist, besides proving himself in harmony with the progressive spirit of the time on questions of national and international interest.

**GRUNDY COUNTY**, situated in the northeastern quarter of the State, having an area of 440 square miles and a population (1900) of 24,136. The surface is mainly rolling prairie, beneath which is a continuous coal seam, three feet thick. Building stone is abundant (particularly near Morris), and there are considerable beds of potter's clay. The county is crossed by the Illinois River and the Illinois & Michigan Canal, also by the Rock Island and the Chicago & Alton Railways. The chief occupation of the people is agriculture, although there are several manufacturing establishments. The first white settler of whom any record has been preserved, was William Marquis, who arrived at the mouth of the Mazon in a "prairie schooner" in 1828. Other pioneers were Colonel Sayers, W. A. Holloway, Alexander K. Owen, John Taylor, James McCartney and Joab Chappell. The first public land sale was made in 1835, and, in 1841, the county was organized out of a part of La Salle, and named after Felix Grundy, the eminent Tennessean. The first pollbook showed 148 voters. Morris was chosen the county-seat and has so remained. Its present population is 3,653. Another prosperous town is Gardner, with 1,100 inhabitants.

**GULLIVER, John Putnam, D.D., LL.D.**, clergyman and educator, was born in Boston, Mass., May 12, 1819; graduated at Yale College, in 1840, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1845, meanwhile serving two years as Principal of Randolph Academy. From 1845 to 1865 he was pastor of a church at Norwich, Conn., in 1865-68, of the New England Church, of Chicago, and, 1868-72, President of Knox College at Galesburg, Ill. The latter year he became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Binghamton, N. Y., remaining until 1878, when he was elected Professor of the "Relations of Christianity and Secular Science" at Andover, holding this position actively until 1891, and then, as Professor Emeritus, until his death, Jan. 25, 1894. He was a member of the Corporation of Yale College and had been honored with the degrees of D.D. and LL.D.

**GURLEY, William F. E.**, State Geologist, was born at Oswego, N. Y., June 5, 1854; brought by his parents to Danville, Ill., in 1864, and educated in the public schools of that city and Cornell University, N. Y.; served as city engineer of Danville in 1885-87, and again in 1891-93. In July of the latter year he was appointed by Governor Altgeld State Geologist as successor to Prof. Joshua Lindahl.



**HACKER, John S.**, pioneer and soldier of the Mexican War, was born at Owensburg, Ky., November, 1797; in early life removed to Missouri, where he was employed in the stock and produce trade with New Orleans. Having married in 1817, he settled at Jonesboro, Union County, Ill., where he kept a tavern for a number of years, and was also engaged some thirty years in mercantile business. It is said that he was unable to read until taught after marriage by his wife, who appears to have been a woman of intelligence and many graces. In 1824 he was elected Representative in the Fourth General Assembly and, in 1834, to the State Senate, serving by re-election in 1838 until 1842, and being a supporter of the internal improvement scheme. In 1837 he voted for the removal of the State capital from Vandalia to Springfield, and, though differing from Abraham Lincoln politically, was one of his warm personal friends. He served in the War of 1812 as a private in the Missouri militia, and, in the Mexican War, as Captain of a company in the Second Regiment, Illinois Volunteers—Col. W. H. Bissell's. By service on the staff of Governor Duncan, he had already obtained the title of Colonel. He received the nomination for Lieutenant-Governor from the first formal State Convention of the Democratic party in December, 1837, but the head of the ticket (Col. J. W. Stephenson) having withdrawn on account of charges connected with his administration of the Land Office at Dixon, Colonel Hacker also declined, and a new ticket was put in the field headed by Col. Thomas L. Carlin, which was elected in 1838. In 1849 Colonel Hacker made the overland journey to California, but returning with impaired health in 1852, located in Cairo, where he held the position of Surveyor of the Port for three years, when he was removed by President Buchanan on account of his friendship for Senator Douglas. He also served, from 1854 to '56, as Secretary of the Senate Committee on Territories under the Chairmanship of Senator Douglas, and, in 1856, as Assistant Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives in Washington. In 1857 he returned to Jonesboro and spent the remainder of his life in practical retirement, dying at the home of his daughter, in Anna, May 18, 1878.

**HADLEY, William F. L.**, lawyer and Congressman, was born near Collinsville, Ill., June 15, 1847; grew up on a farm, receiving his education in the common schools and at McKendree College, where he graduated in 1867. In 1871 he graduated from the Law Department of the

University of Michigan, and established himself in the practice of his profession at Edwardsville. He was elected to the State Senate from Madison County in 1886, serving four years, and was nominated for a second term, but declined; was a delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention of 1888, and, in 1895, was nominated and elected, in the Eighteenth District, as a Republican, to the Fifty-fourth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Frederick Remann, who had been elected in 1894, but died before taking his seat. Mr. Hadley was a candidate for re-election in 1896, but was prevented by protracted illness from making a canvass, and suffered a defeat. He is a son-in-law of the late Edward M. West, long a prominent business man of Edwardsville, and since his retirement from Congress, has devoted his attention to his profession and the banking business.

**HAHNEMANN HOSPITAL**, a homeopathic hospital located in Chicago. It was first opened with twenty beds, in November, 1870, in a block of wooden buildings, the use of which was given rent free by Mr. J. Young Scammon, and was known as the Scammon Hospital. After the fire of October, 1871, Mr. Scammon deeded the property to the Trustees of the Hahnemann Medical College, and the hospital was placed on the list of public charities. It also received a donation of \$10,000 from the Relief and Aid Society, besides numerous private benefactions. In April, 1873, at the suggestion of Mr. Scammon, the name of the institution was changed to the Hahnemann Hospital, by which designation it has since been known. In 1893 the corner-stone of a new hospital was laid and the building completed in 1894. It is seven stories in height, with a capacity for 225 beds, and is equipped with all the improved appliances and facilities for the care and protection of the sick. It has also about sixty private rooms for paying patients.

**HAHNEMANN MEDICAL COLLEGE**, located in Chicago, chartered in 1834-35, but not organized until 1860, when temporary quarters were secured over a drug-store, and the first college term opened, with a teaching faculty numbering nine professors, besides clinical lecturers, demonstrators, etc. In 1866-67 the institution moved into larger quarters and, in 1870, the corner-stone of a new college building was laid. The six succeeding years were marked by internal dissension, ten of the professors withdrawing to establish a rival school. The faculty was curtailed in numbers and re-organized. In August,

1892, the corner-stone of a second building was laid with appropriate Masonic ceremonies, the new structure occupying the site of the old, but being larger, better arranged and better equipped. Women were admitted as students in 1870-71 and co-education of the sexes has ever since continued an established feature of the institution. For more than thirty-five years a free dispensary has been in operation in connection with the college.

**HAINES, John Charles**, Mayor of Chicago and legislator, was born in Oneida County, N. Y., May 26, 1818; came to Chicago in 1835, and, for the next eleven years, was employed in various pursuits; served three terms (1848-54) in the City Council; was twice elected Water Commissioner (1853 and '56), and, in 1858, was chosen Mayor, serving two terms. He also served as Delegate from Cook County in the Constitutional Convention of 1869-70, and, in 1874, was elected to the State Senate from the First District, serving in the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth General Assemblies. At the session of 1877 he received sixty-nine votes for the seat in the United States Senate to which Judge David Davis was afterwards elected. Mr. Haines was a member of the Chicago Historical Society, was interested in the old Chicago West Division Railway and President of the Savings Institute. During his later years he was a resident of Waukegan, dying there, July 4, 1896. — **Elijah Middlebrook** (Haines), brother of the preceding, lawyer, politician and legislator, was born in Oneida County, N. Y., April 21, 1822; came to Illinois in boyhood, locating first at Chicago, but, a year later, went to Lake County, where he resided until his death. His education, rudimentary, classical and professional, was self-acquired. He began to occupy and cultivate a farm for himself before attaining his majority; studied law, and, in 1851, was admitted to the bar, beginning practice at Waukegan; in 1860 opened an office in Chicago, still, however, making his home at Waukegan. In 1855 he published a compilation of the Illinois township laws, followed by a "Treatise on the Powers and Duties of Justices of the Peace." He made similar compilations of the township laws of Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Missouri. By nature Mr. Haines was an agitator, and his career as a politician both checkered and unique. Originally a Democrat, he abandoned that organization upon the formation of the Republican party, and was elected by the latter to the Legislature from Lake County in 1858, '60 and '62. In 1867 he came into prominence as an anti-monopolist, and on this issue was elected to the Consti-

tutional Convention of 1869-70. In 1870 he was again chosen to the Legislature as an "independent," and, as such, re-elected in '74, '82, '84, '86 and '88, receiving the support, however, of the Democrats in a District normally Republican. He served as Speaker during the sessions of 1875 and '85, the party strength in each of these Assemblies being so equally divided that he either held, or was able to control, the balance of power. He was an adroit parliamentarian, but his decisions were the cause of much severe criticism, being regarded by both Democrats and Republicans as often arbitrary and unjust. The two sessions over which he presided were among the stormiest in the State's history. Died, at Waukegan, April 25, 1889.

**HALE, Albert**, pioneer clergyman, was born at Glastonbury, Conn., Nov. 29, 1799; after some years spent as a clerk in a country store at Wethersfield, completed a course in the theological department of Yale College, later serving as a home missionary, in Georgia; came to Illinois in 1831, doing home missionary work in Bond County, and, in 1833, was sent to Chicago, where his open candor, benignity and blameless conduct enabled him to exert a powerful influence over the drunken aborigines who constituted a large and menacing class of the population of what was then a frontier town. In 1839 he assumed the pastorate of the Second Presbyterian Church in Springfield, continuing that connection until 1865. From that time until his death, his life was largely devoted to missionary work among the extremely poor and the pariahs of society. Among these he wielded a large influence and always commanded genuine respect from all denominations. His forte was love rather than argument, and in this lay the secret of his success. Died, in Springfield, Jan. 30, 1891.

**HALE, (Dr.) Edwin M.**, physician, was born in Newport, N. H., in 1829, commenced the study of medicine in 1848 and, in 1850, entered the Cleveland Homeopathic College, at the end of the session locating at Jonesville, Mich. From 1855 he labored in the interest of a representation of homeopathy in the University of Michigan. When this was finally accomplished, he was offered the chair of *Materia Medica* and Therapeutics, but was compelled to decline in consequence of having been elected to the same position in the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago. In 1876 he made a visit to Europe, and, on his return, severed his connection with the Hahnemann and accepted a similar position in the Chicago Homeopathic College, where he remained

five years, when he retired with the rank of Professor Emeritus. Dr. Hale was the author of several volumes held in high esteem by members of the profession, and maintained a high reputation for professional skill and benevolence of character. He was a member of the Chicago Academy of Sciences and an honorary member of various home and foreign associations. Died, in Chicago, Jan. 18, 1899.

**HALL, (Col.) Cyrus**, soldier, was born in Fayette County, Ill., August 29, 1822—the son of a pioneer who came to Illinois about the time of its admission as a State. He served as Second Lieutenant in the Third Illinois Volunteers (Col. Foreman's regiment), during the Mexican War, and, in 1860, removed to Shelbyville to engage in hotel-keeping. The Civil War coming on, he raised the first company for the war in Shelby County, which was attached to the Fourteenth Illinois (Col. John M. Palmer's regiment); was promptly promoted from Captain to Major and finally to Lieutenant-Colonel, on the promotion of Palmer to Brigadier-General, succeeding to command of the regiment. The Fourteenth Regiment having been finally consolidated with the Fifteenth, Lieutenant-Colonel Hall was transferred, with the rank of Colonel, to the command of the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Illinois, which he resigned in March, 1864, was brevetted Brigadier-General for gallant and meritorious service in the field, in March, 1865, and mustered out Sept. 16, 1865. Returning to Shelbyville, he engaged in the furniture trade, later was appointed Postmaster, serving some ten years and until his death, Sept. 6, 1878.

**HALL, James**, legislator, jurist, State Treasurer and author, was born in Philadelphia, August 19, 1793; after serving in the War of 1812 and spending some time with Com. Stephen Decatur in the Mediterranean, in 1815, he studied law, beginning practice at Shawneetown, in 1820. He at once assumed prominence as a citizen, was appointed State's Attorney in 1821, and elevated to the bench of the Circuit Court in 1825. He was legislated out of office two years later and resumed private practice, making his home at Vandalia, where he was associated with Robert Blackwell in the publication of "The Illinois Intelligencer." The same year (1827) he was elected by the Legislature State Treasurer, continuing in office four years. Later he removed to Cincinnati, where he died, July 5, 1868. He conducted "The Western Monthly Magazine," the first periodical published in Illinois. Among his published volumes may be mentioned "Tales of

the Border," "Notes on the Western States," "Sketches of the West," "Romance of Western History," and "History of the Indian Tribes."

**HAMER, Thomas**, soldier and legislator, was born in Union County, Pa., June 1, 1818; came to Illinois in 1846 and began business as a merchant at Vermont, Fulton County; in 1862 assisted in recruiting the Eighty-fourth Illinois Volunteers and was elected Lieutenant-Colonel; was wounded in the battle of Stone River, returned to duty after partial recovery, but was finally compelled to retire on account of disability. Returning home he resumed business, but retired in 1878; was elected Representative in the General Assembly in 1886 and to the Senate in 1888, and re-elected to the latter in 1892, making ten years of continuous service.

**HAMILTON, a city** in Hancock County, on the Mississippi River opposite Keokuk, Iowa; at junction of the Toledo, Peoria & Western and Keokuk branch of the Wabash Railway. Its position at the foot of the lower rapids insures abundant water power for manufacturing purposes. An iron railroad and wagon bridge connects the Illinois city with Keokuk. It has two banks, electric lights, one newspaper, six churches, a high school, and an apiary. The surrounding country is a farming and fruit district. A sanitarium is located here. Population (1890), 1,301; (1900), 1,344.

**HAMILTON, John B., M.D., LL.D.**, surgeon, was born of a pioneer family in Jersey County, Ill., Dec. 1, 1847, his grandfather, Thomas M. Hamilton, having removed from Ohio in 1818 to Monroe County, Ill., where the father of the subject of this sketch was born. The latter (Elder Benjamin B. Hamilton) was for fifty years a Baptist preacher, chiefly in Greene County, and, from 1862 to '65, Chaplain of the Sixty-first Illinois Volunteers. Young Hamilton, having received his literary education at home and with a classical teacher at Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1863 began the study of medicine, and the following year attempted to enlist as a soldier, but was rejected on account of being a minor. In 1869 he graduated from Rush Medical College in Chicago, and, for the next five years, was engaged in general practice. Then, having passed an examination before an Army Examining Board, he was appointed Assistant Surgeon in the regular army with the rank of First Lieutenant, serving successively at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis; Fort Colville, Washington, and in the Marine Hospital at Boston; in 1879 became Supervising Surgeon-General as successor to Gen. John M. Woodworth

and, during the yellow-fever epidemic in the South, a few years later, rendered efficient service in checking the spread of the disease by taking charge of the camp of refugees from Jacksonville and other stricken points. Resigning the position of Surgeon-General in 1891, he took charge of the Marine Hospital at Chicago and became Professor of Surgery in Rush Medical College, besides holding other allied positions; was also editor of "The Journal of the American Medical Association." In 1896 he resigned his position in the Medical Department of the United States Army, in 1897 was appointed Superintendent for the Northern Hospital for the Insane at Elgin, but died, Dec. 24, 1898.

**HAMILTON, John L.**, farmer and legislator, was born at Newry, Ireland, Nov. 9, 1829; emigrated to Jersey County, Ill., in 1851, where he began life working on a farm. Later, he followed the occupation of a farmer in Mason and Macoupin Counties, finally locating, in 1864, in Iroquois County, which has since been his home. After filling various local offices, in 1875 he was elected County Treasurer of Iroquois County as a Republican, and twice re-elected (1877 and '79), also, in 1880, being Chairman of the Republican County Central Committee. In 1884 he was elected to the House of Representatives, being one of the "103" who stood by General Logan in the memorable Senatorial contest of 1885; was re-elected in 1886, and again returned to the same body in 1890 and '98.

**HAMILTON, John Marshall**, lawyer and ex-Governor, was born in Union County, Ohio, May 28, 1847; when 7 years of age, was brought to Illinois by his father, who settled on a farm in Marshall County. In 1864 (at the age of 17) he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-first Illinois Volunteers—a 100-day regiment. After being mustered out, he matriculated at the Wesleyan (Ohio) University, from which he graduated in 1868. For a year he taught school at Henry, and later became Professor of Languages at the Wesleyan (Ill.) University at Bloomington. He was admitted to the bar in 1870, and has been a successful practitioner at the bar. In 1876 he was elected State Senator from McLean County, and, in 1880, Lieutenant-Governor on the ticket with Gov. Shelby M. Cullom. On Feb. 6, 1883, he was inaugurated Governor, to succeed Governor Cullom, who had been chosen United States Senator. In 1884 he was a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination before the Republican State Convention at Peoria, but that body selected ex-Gov. and ex-Senator Richard J.

Oglesby to head the State ticket. Since then Governor Hamilton has been a prominent practitioner at the Chicago bar.

**HAMILTON, Richard Jones**, pioneer lawyer, was born near Danville, Ky., August 21, 1799; studied law and, about 1830, came to Jonesboro, Union County, Ill., in company with Abner Field, afterwards State Treasurer; in 1821 was appointed cashier of the newly established Branch State Bank at Brownsville, Jackson County, but, in 1831, removed to Chicago, Governor Reynolds having appointed him the first Probate Judge of Cook County. At the same time he also held the offices of Circuit and County Clerk, Recorder and Commissioner of School lands—the sale of the Chicago school section being made under his administration. He was a Colonel of State militia and, in 1832, took an active part in raising volunteers for defense during the Black Hawk War; also was a candidate for the colonelcy of the Fifth Regiment for the Mexican War (1847), but was defeated by Colonel Newby. In 1856 he was an unsuccessful candidate for Lieutenant-Governor on the Democratic ticket. Died, Dec. 26, 1860.

**HAMILTON, William Stephen**, pioneer—son of Alexander Hamilton, first United States Secretary of the Treasury—was born in New York City, August 4, 1797; spent three years (1814-17), at West Point; came west and located at an early day at Springfield, Ill.; was a deputy surveyor of public lands, elected Representative from Sangamon County, in the Fourth General Assembly (1824-26); in 1827 removed to the Lead Mine region and engaged in mining at "Hamilton's Diggings" (now Wiotia) in southwest Wisconsin, and occasionally practiced law at Galena; was a member of the Wisconsin Territorial Legislature of 1842-43, emigrated to California in 1849, and died in Sacramento, Oct. 9, 1850, where, some twenty years later, a monument was erected to his memory. Colonel Hamilton was an aid-de-camp of Governor Coles, who sent him forward to meet General La Fayette on his way from New Orleans, on occasion of La Fayette's visit to Illinois in 1825.

**HAMILTON COUNTY**, situated in the southeastern part of the State; has an area of 440 square miles, and population (1900) of 20,197—named for Alexander Hamilton. It was organized in 1831, with McLeansboro as the county-seat. The surface of the county is rolling and the fertile soil well watered and drained by numerous creeks, flowing east and south into the Wabash, which constitutes its southeastern



boundary. Coal crops out at various points in the southwestern portion. Originally Hamilton County was a dense forest, and timber is still abundant and saw-mills numerous. Among the hard woods found are black and white oak, black walnut, ash and hickory. The softer woods are in unusual variety. Corn and tobacco are the principal crops, although considerable fruit is cultivated, besides oats, winter wheat and potatoes. Sorghum is also extensively produced. Among the pioneer settlers was a Mr. Auxier (for whom a water course was named), in 1815; Adam Crouch, the Biggerstaffs and T. Stelle, in 1818, and W. T. Golson and Louis Baxter, in 1821. The most important town is McLeansboro, whose population in 1890 was 1,355.

**HAMMOND, Charles Goodrich**, Railway Manager, was born at Bolton, Conn., June 4, 1804, spent his youth in Chenango County, N. Y., where he became Principal of the Whitesboro Seminary (in which he was partially educated), and entered mercantile life at Canandaigua; in 1834 removed to Michigan, where he held various offices, including member of the Legislature and Auditor; in 1852 completed the construction of the Michigan Central Railroad (the first line from the East) to Chicago, and took up his residence in that city. In 1855 he became Superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, but soon resigned to take a trip to Europe for the benefit of his health. Returning from Europe in 1869, he accepted the Superintendency of the Union Pacific Railroad, but was compelled to resign by failing health, later becoming Vice-President of the Pullman Palace Car Company. He was Treasurer of the Chicago Relief & Aid Society after the fire of 1871, and one of the founders of the Chicago Theological Seminary (Congregational); also President, for several years, of the Chicago Home for the Friendless. Died, April 15, 1884.

**HAMPSHIRE**, a village of Kane County, on the Omaha Division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, 51 miles west-northwest from Chicago. There are brick and tile works, a large canning factory, pickle factory, and machine shop; dairy and stock interests are large. The place has a bank, electric lights and water-works, and a weekly paper. Pop. (1890), 696; (1900), 760.

**HANCOCK COUNTY**, on the western border of the State, bounded on the west by the Mississippi River; was organized in 1825 and named for John Hancock; has an area of 769 square miles; population (1900), 32,215. Its early settlers were chiefly from the Middle and Southern States,

among them being I. J. Waggen, for nearly sixty years a resident of Montebello Township. Black Hawk, the famous Indian Chief, is reputed to have been born within the limits of Camp Creek Township, in this county. Fort Edwards was erected on the present site of Warsaw, soon after the War of 1812, but was shortly afterwards evacuated. Abraham Lincoln, a cousin of the President of that name, was one of the early settlers. Among the earliest were John Day, Abraham Brewer, Jacob Compton, D. F. Parker, the Dixons, Mendenhalls, Logans, and Luther Whitney. James White, George Y. Cutler and Henry Nichols were the first Commissioners. In 1839 the Mormons crossed the Mississippi, after being expelled from Missouri, and founded the city of Nauvoo in this county. (See *Mormons, Nauvoo*.) Carthage and Appanoose were surveyed and laid out in 1835 and 1836. A ferry across the Mississippi was established at Montebello (near the present site of Hamilton) in 1829, and another, two years later, near the site of old Fort Edwards. The county is crossed by six lines of railway, has a fine public school system, numerous thriving towns, and is among the wealthy counties of the State.

**HANDY, Moses Purnell**, journalist, was born at Warsaw, Mo., April 14, 1847; before he was one year old was taken back to Maryland, his parents' native State. He was educated at Portsmouth, Va., and was a student at the Virginia Collegiate Institute at the breaking out of the Civil War, when he joined the Confederate army at the age of seventeen. When the war ended Handy found himself penniless. He was school-teacher and book-canvasser by turns, meantime writing some for a New York paper. Later he became a clerk in the office of "The Christian Observer" in Richmond. In 1867, by some clever reporting for "The Richmond Dispatch," he was able to secure a regular position on the local staff of that paper, quickly gaining a reputation as a successful reporter, and, in 1869, becoming city editor. From this time until 1887 his promotion was rapid, being employed at different times upon many of the most prominent and influential papers in the East, including "The New York Tribune," "Richmond Enquirer," and, in Philadelphia, upon "The Times," "The Press" and "Daily News." In 1893, at the request of Director-General Davis of the World's Columbian Exposition, Mr. Handy accepted the position of Chief of the Department of Publicity and Promotion, preferring this to the Consul-Generalship to Egypt, tendered him about the same time by President

Harrison. Later, as a member of the National Commission to Europe, he did much to arouse the interest of foreign countries in the Exposition. For some time after the World's Fair, he was associate editor of "The Chicago Times-Herald." In 1897, having been appointed by President McKinley United States Commissioner to the Paris Exposition of 1900, he visited Paris. Upon his return to this country he found himself in very poor health, and went South in a vain attempt to regain his lost strength and vigor, but died, at Augusta, Ga., Jan. 8, 1898.

**HANKS, Dennis**, pioneer, born in Hardin County, Ky., May 15, 1799; was a cousin of the mother of Abraham Lincoln and, although ten years the senior of the latter, was his intimate friend in boyhood. Being of a sportive disposition, he often led the future President in boyish pranks. About 1818, he joined the Lincoln household in Spencer County, Ind., and finally married Sarah Johnston, the step-sister of Mr. Lincoln, the families removing to Macon County, Ill., together, in 1830. A year or so later, Mr. Hanks removed to Coles County, where he remained until some three years before his death, when he went to reside with a daughter at Paris, Edgar County. It has been claimed that he first taught the youthful Abraham to read and write, and this has secured for him the title of Mr. Lincoln's teacher. He has also been credited with having once saved Lincoln from death by drowning while crossing a swollen stream. Austin Gollaher, a school- and play-mate of Lincoln's, has also made the same claim for himself—the two stories presumably referring to the same event. After the riot at Charleston, Ill., in March, 1863, in which several persons were killed, Hanks made a visit to President Lincoln in Washington in the interest of some of the arrested rioters, and, although they were not immediately released, the fact that they were ordered returned to Charleston for trial and finally escaped punishment, has been attributed to Hanks' influence with the President. He died at Paris, Edgar County, Oct. 31, 1892, in the 94th year of his age, as the result of injuries received from being run over by a buggy while returning from an Emancipation-Day celebration, near that city, on the 22d day of September previous.

**HANKS, John**, pioneer, a cousin of the mother of Abraham Lincoln, was born near Bardstown, Ky., Feb. 9, 1802; joined the Lincolns in Spencer County, Ind., in 1822, and made his home with them two years; engaged in flat-boating, making numerous trips to New Orleans, in one of them

being accompanied by Abraham Lincoln, then about 19 years of age, who then had his feelings aroused against slavery by his first sight of a slave-mart. In 1828 Mr. Hanks removed to Macon County, Ill., locating about four miles west of Decatur, and it was partly through his influence that the Lincolns were induced to emigrate to the same locality in 1830. Hanks had cut enough logs to build the Lincolns a house when they arrived, and these were hauled by Abraham Lincoln to the site of the house, which was erected on the north bank of the Sangamon River, near the present site of Harristown. During the following summer he and Abraham Lincoln worked together splitting rails to fence a portion of the land taken up by the elder Lincoln—some of these rails being the ones displayed during the campaign of 1860. In 1831 Hanks and Lincoln worked together in the construction of a flat-boat on the Sangamon River, near Springfield, for a man named Offutt, which Lincoln took to New Orleans—Hanks only going as far as St. Louis, when he returned home. In 1832, Hanks served as a soldier of the Mexican War in the company commanded by Capt. I. C. Pugh, afterwards Colonel of the Forty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. He followed the occupation of a farmer until 1850, when he went to California, where he spent three years, returning in 1853. In 1861 he enlisted as a soldier in the Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry (afterwards commanded by General Grant), but being already 59 years of age, was placed by Grant in charge of the baggage-train, in which capacity he remained two years, serving in Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky, Alabama and Mississippi. While Grant was with the regiment, Hanks had charge of the staff team. Being disabled by rheumatism, he was finally discharged at Winchester, Tenn. He made three trips to California after the war. Died, July 1, 1891.

**HANNIBAL & NAPLES RAILROAD.** (See *Wabash Railroad*.)

**HANON, Martin**, pioneer, was born near Nashville, Tenn., April, 1799; came with his father to Gallatin County, Illinois Territory, in 1812, and, in 1818, to what is now a portion of Christian County, being the first white settler in that region. Died, near Sharpsburg, Christian County, April 5, 1879.

**HANOVER**, a village in Jo Daviess County, on Apple River, 14 miles south-southeast of Galena. It has a woolen factory, besides five churches and a graded school. The Township (also called Han-

over) extends to the Mississippi, and has a population of about 1,700. Population of the village (1890), 743; (1900), 785.

**HARDIN**, the county-seat of Calhoun County, situated in Hardin Township, on the west bank of the Illinois River, some 30 miles northwest of Alton. It has two churches, a graded school and two newspaper offices. Population (1880), 500; (1890), 311; (1900), 494.

**HARDIN**, John J., lawyer, Congressman and soldier, was born at Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 6, 1810. After graduating from Transylvania University and being admitted to the bar, he began practice at Jacksonville, Ill., in 1830; for several years he was Prosecuting Attorney of Morgan County, later being elected to the lower house of the Legislature, where he served from 1836 to '42. The latter year he was elected to Congress, his term expiring in 1845. During the later period of his professional career at Jacksonville he was the partner of David A. Smith, a prominent lawyer of that city, and had Richard Yates for a pupil. At the outbreak of the Mexican War he was commissioned Colonel of the First Illinois Volunteers (June 30, 1846) and was killed on the second day of the battle of Buena Vista (Feb. 27, 1847) while leading the final charge. His remains were brought to Jacksonville and buried with distinguished honors in the cemetery there, his former pupil, Richard Yates, delivering the funeral oration.—**Gen. Martin D.** (Hardin), soldier, son of the preceding, was born in Jacksonville, Ill., June 26, 1837; graduated at West Point Military Academy, in 1859, and entered the service as brevet Second Lieutenant of the Third Artillery, a few months later becoming full Second Lieutenant, and, in May, 1861, First Lieutenant. Being assigned to the command of volunteer troops, he passed through various grades until May, 1864, when he was brevetted Colonel of Volunteers for meritorious conduct at North River, Va., became Brigadier-General of Volunteers, July 2, 1864, was brevetted Brigadier-General of the regular army in March, 1865, for service during the war, and was finally mustered out of the volunteer service in January, 1866. He continued in the regular service, however, until December 15, 1870, when he was retired with the rank of Brigadier-General. General Hardin lost an arm and suffered other wounds during the war. His home is in Chicago.—**Ellen Hardin** (Walworth), author, daughter of Col. John J. Hardin, was born in Jacksonville, Ill., Oct. 20, 1832, and educated at the Female Seminary in that place; was married about 1854

to Mansfield Tracy Walworth (son of Chancellor R. H. Walworth of New York). Her husband became an author of considerable repute, chiefly in the line of fiction, but was assassinated in 1873 by a son who was acquitted of the charge of murder on the ground of insanity. Mrs. Walworth is a leader of the Daughters of the Revolution, and has given much attention, of late years, to literary pursuits. Among her works are accounts of the Burgoyne Campaign and of the battle of Buena Vista—the latter contributed to "The Magazine of American History"; a "Life of Col. John J. Hardin and History of the Hardin Family," besides a number of patriotic and miscellaneous poems and essays. She served for several years as a member of the Board of Education, and was for six years principal of a young ladies' school at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

**HARDIN COUNTY**, situated on the southeast border of the State, and bounded on the east and south by the Ohio River. It has an area of 194 square miles, and was named for a county in Kentucky. The surface is broken by ridges and deep gorges, or ravines, and well timbered with oak, hickory, elm, maple, locust and cottonwood. Corn, wheat and oats are the staple agricultural products. The minerals found are iron, coal and lead, besides carboniferous limestone of the Keokuk group. Elizabethtown is the county-seat. Population (1880), 6,024; (1890), 7,234; (1900), 7,448.

**HARDING**, Abner Clark, soldier and Member of Congress, born in East Hampton, Middlesex County, Conn., Feb. 10, 1807; was educated chiefly at Hamilton Academy, N. Y., and, after practicing law for a time, in Oneida County, removed to Illinois, resuming practice and managing several farms for twenty-five years. He was also a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1847 from Warren County, and of the lower branch of the Sixteenth General Assembly (1848-50). Between 1850 and 1860 he was engaged in railroad enterprises. In 1862 he enlisted as a private in the Eighty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, was commissioned Colonel and, in less than a year, was promoted to Brigadier-General. In 1864 he was elected to Congress and re-elected in 1866. He did much for the development of the western part of the State in the construction of railroads, the Peoria & Oquawka (now a part of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy) being one of the lines constructed by him. He left a fortune of about \$2,000,000, and, before his death, endowed a professorship in Monmouth College. Died, July 19, 1874.

**HARGRAVE, Willis**, pioneer, came from Kentucky to Illinois in 1816, settling near Carmi in White County; served in the Third Territorial Legislature (1817-18) and in the First General Assembly of the State (1818-20). His business-life in Illinois was devoted to farming and salt-manufacture.

**HARLAN, James**, statesman, was born in Clark County, Ill., August 25, 1820; graduated at Asbury University, Ind.; was State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Iowa (1847), President of Iowa Wesleyan University (1853), United States Senator (1855-65), Secretary of the Interior (1865-66), but re-elected to the Senate the latter year, and, in 1869, chosen President of Iowa University. He was also a member of the Peace Conference of 1861, and a delegate to the Philadelphia Loyalists' Convention of 1866; in 1873, after leaving the Senate, was editor of "The Washington Chronicle," and, from 1882 to 1885, presiding Judge of the Court of Commissioners of the Alabama Claims. A daughter of ex Senator Harlan married Hon. Robert T. Lincoln, son of President Lincoln, and (1889-93) United States Minister to England. Mr. Harlan's home is at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Died, Oct. 5, 1899.

**HARLAN, Justin**, jurist, was born in Ohio about 1801 and, at the age of 25, settled in Clark County, Ill.; served in the Black Hawk War of 1832 and, in 1835, was appointed a Justice of the Circuit Court; was a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1847 and the following year was elected to the Circuit bench under the new Constitution, being re-elected in 1855. In 1862 he was appointed by President Lincoln Indian Agent, continuing in office until 1865; in 1872 was elected County Judge of Clark County. Died, while on a visit in Kentucky, in March, 1879.

**HARLOW, George H.**, ex-Secretary of State, born at Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., in 1830, removed to Tazewell County, Ill., in 1854, and engaged in business as a commission merchant; also served a term as Mayor of Pekin. For many years he took a prominent part in the history of the State. Early in the '60's he was one of seven to organize, at Pekin, the "Union League of America," a patriotic secret organization sworn to preserve the Union, working in harmony with the war party and against the "Sons of Liberty." In 1862 he enlisted, and was about to go to the front, when Governor Yates requested him to remain at home and continue his effective work in the Union League, saying that he could accomplish more for the cause in this way than in the field.

Accordingly Mr. Harlow continued to labor as an organizer, and the League became a powerful factor in State politics. In 1865 he was made First Assistant Secretary of the State Senate, but soon after became Governor Oglesby's private secretary. For a time he also served as Inspector-General on the Governor's staff, and had charge of the troops as they were mustered out. During a portion of Mr. Rummel's term (1869-73) as Secretary of State, he served as Assistant Secretary, and, in 1872, was elected as successor to Secretary Rummel and re-elected in 1876. While in Springfield he acted as correspondent for several newspapers, and, for a year, was city editor of "The Illinois State Journal." In 1881 he took up his residence in Chicago, where he was engaged at different periods in the commission and real estate business, but has been retired of late years on account of ill health. Died May 16, 1900.

**HARPER, William H.**, legislator and commission merchant, born in Tippecanoe County, Ind., May 4, 1845; was brought by his parents in boyhood to Woodford County, Ill., and served in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Illinois Volunteers; took a course in a commercial college and engaged in the stock and grain-shipping business in Woodford County until 1868, when he entered upon the commission business in Chicago. From 1872 to '75 he served, by appointment of the Governor, as Chief of the Grain Inspection Department of the city of Chicago; in 1882 was elected to the Thirty-third General Assembly and re-elected in 1884. During his first term in the Legislature, Mr. Harper introduced and secured the passage of the "High License Law," which has received his name. Of late years he has been engaged in the grain commission business in Chicago.

**HARPER, William Rainey**, clergyman and educator, was born at New Concord, Ohio, July 26, 1856; graduated at Muskingum College at the age of 14, delivering the Hebrew oration, this being one of the principal commencement honors in that institution. After three years' private study he took a post-graduate course in philology at Yale, receiving the degree of Ph.D., at the age of 19. For several years he was engaged in teaching, at Macon, Tenn., and Denison University, Ohio, meanwhile continuing his philological studies and devoting special attention to Hebrew. In 1879 he accepted the chair of Hebrew in the Baptist Union Theological Seminary at Morgan Park, a suburb of Chicago. Here he laid the foundation of the "inductive method" of Hebraic study, which rapidly grew in favor. The school by correspondence was known as the



"American Institute of Hebrew," and increased so rapidly that, by 1885, it had enrolled 800 students, from all parts of the world, many leading professors co-operating. In 1886 he accepted the professorship of Semitic Language and Literature at Yale University, having in the previous year become Principal of the Chautauqua College of Liberal Arts, and, in 1891, Principal of the entire Chautauqua system. During the winters of 1889-91, Dr. Harper delivered courses of lectures on the Bible in various cities and before several universities and colleges, having been, in 1889, made Woolsey Professor of Biblical Literature at Yale, although still filling his former chair. In 1891 he accepted an invitation to the Presidency of the then incipient new Chicago University, which has rapidly increased in wealth, extent and influence. (See *University of Chicago*.) He is also at present (1899) a member of the Chicago Board of Education. Dr. Harper is the author of numerous philological text-books, relating chiefly to Hebrew, but applying the "inductive method" to the study of Latin and Greek, and has also sought to improve the study of English along these same lines. In addition, he has edited two scientific periodicals, and published numerous monographs.

**HARRIS, Thomas L.**, lawyer, soldier and Member of Congress, was born at Norwich, Conn., Oct. 29, 1816; graduated at Trinity College, Hartford, in 1841, studied law with Gov. Isaac Toucey, and was admitted to the bar in Virginia in 1842, the same year removing to Petersburg, Menard County, Ill. Here, in 1845, he was elected School Commissioner, in 1846 raised a company for the Mexican War, joined the Fourth Regiment (Col. E. D. Baker's) and was elected Major. He was present at the capture of Vera Cruz and the battle of Cerro Gordo, after the wounding of General Shields at the latter, taking command of the regiment in place of Colonel Baker, who had assumed command of the brigade. During his absence in the army (1846) he was chosen to the State Senate; in 1848 was elected to the Thirty-first Congress, but was defeated by Richard Yates in 1850; was re-elected in 1854, '56, and '58, but died Nov. 24, 1858, a few days after his fourth election and before completing his preceding term.

**HARRIS, William Logan**, Methodist Episcopal Bishop, born near Mansfield, Ohio, Nov. 14, 1817; was educated at Norwalk Seminary, licensed to preach in 1836 and soon after admitted to the Michigan Conference, being transferred to the Ohio Conference in 1840. In 1845-46 he was a

tutor in the Ohio Wesleyan University; then, after two years' pastoral work and some three years as Principal of Baldwin Seminary, in 1851 returned to the Wesleyan, filling the position first of Principal of the Academic Department and then a professorship; was Secretary of the General Conferences (1856-72) and, during 1860-72, Secretary of the Church Missionary Society; in 1872 was elected Bishop, and visited the Methodist Mission stations in China, Japan and Europe; joined the Illinois Conference in 1874, remaining until his death, which occurred in New York, Sept. 2, 1887. Bishop Harris was a recognized authority on Methodist Church law, and published a small work entitled "Powers of the General Conference" (1859), and, in connection with Judge William J. Henry, of this State, a treatise on "Ecclesiastical Law," having special reference to the Methodist Church.

**HARRISBURG**, county-seat of Saline County, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, 70 miles northeast of Cairo. The region is devoted to agriculture and fruit-growing, and valuable deposits of salt, coal and iron are found. The town has flour and saw mills, coal mines, dairy, brick and tile works, carriage and other wood-working establishments, two banks and three weekly newspapers. Population (1890), 1,723; (1900), 2,202.

**HARRISON, Carter Henry**, politician, Congressman and Mayor of Chicago, was born in Fayette County, Ky., Feb. 15, 1825; at the age of 20 years graduated from Yale College and began reading law, but later engaged in farming. After spending two years in foreign travel, he entered the Law Department of Transylvania University, at Lexington, Ky., and, after graduation, settled at Chicago, where he soon became an operator in real estate. In 1871 he was elected a Commissioner of Cook County, serving three years. In 1874 he again visited Europe, and, on his return, was elected to Congress as a Democrat, being re-elected in 1876. In 1879 he was chosen Mayor of Chicago, filling that office for four successive biennial terms, but was defeated for re-election in 1887 by his Republican competitor, John A. Roche. He was the Democratic candidate for Governor in 1888, but failed of election. He thereafter made a trip around the world, and, on his return, published an entertaining account of his journey under the title, "A Race with the Sun." In 1891 he was an Independent Democratic candidate for the Chicago mayoralty, but was defeated by Hempstead Washburne, Republican. In 1893 he received the regular nomina-

tion of his party for the office, and was elected. In 1892, in connection with a few associates, he purchased the plant of "The Chicago Times," placing his sons in charge. He was a man of strong character and intense personality, making warm friends and bitter enemies; genial, generous and kindly, and accessible to any one at all times, at either his office or his home. Taking advantage of this latter trait, one Prendergast, on the night of Oct. 28, 1893—immediately following the closing exercises of the World's Columbian Exposition—gained admission to his residence, and, without the slightest provocation, shot him down in his library. He lived but a few hours. The assassin was subsequently tried, convicted and hung.

**HARRISON, Carter Henry, Jr.**, son of the preceding, was born in Chicago, April 23, 1860, being a lineal descendant of Benjamin Harrison, an early Colonial Governor of Virginia, and laterally related to the signer of the Declaration of Independence of that name, and to President William Henry Harrison. Mr. Harrison was educated in the public schools of Chicago, at the Gymnasium, Altenburg, Germany, and St. Ignatius College, Chicago, graduating from the latter in 1881. Having taken a course in Yale Law School, he began practice in Chicago in 1883, remaining until 1889, when he turned his attention to real estate. His father having purchased the "Chicago Times" about 1892, he became associated with the editorship of that paper and, for a time, had charge of its publication until its consolidation with "The Herald" in 1895. In 1897, he received the Democratic nomination for Mayor of Chicago, his popularity being shown by receiving a majority of the total vote. Again in 1899, he was re-elected to the same office, receiving a plurality over his Republican competitor of over 40,000. Mayor Harrison is one of the youngest men who ever held the office.

**HARRISON, William Henry**, first Governor of Indiana Territory (including the present State of Illinois), was born at Berkeley, Va., Feb. 9, 1773, being the son of Benjamin Harrison, a signer of the Declaration of Independence; was educated at Hampden Sidney College, and began the study of medicine, but never finished it. In 1791 he was commissioned an Ensign in the First U. S. Infantry at Fort Washington (the present site of Cincinnati), was promoted a Lieutenant a year later, and, in 1797, assigned to command of the Fort with the rank of Captain. He had previously served as Aid-de-Camp to Gen. Wayne, by whom he was complimented for gallantry at the battle of Miami. In 1798 he was appointed by

President Adams Secretary of the Northwest Territory, but resigned in 1799 to become Delegate in Congress; in 1800 he was appointed Governor of the newly created Territory of Indiana, serving by reappointment some 12 years. During his incumbency and as Commissioner, a few years later, he negotiated many important treaties with the Indians. In 1811 he won the decisive victory over Chief Tecumseh and his followers at Tippecanoe. Having been made a Brigadier-General in the War of 1812, he was promoted to Major-General in 1813 and, as Commander of the Army of the Northwest, he won the important battle of the Thames. Resigning his commission in 1814, he afterwards served as Representative in Congress from Ohio (1816-1819); Presidential Elector in 1820 and 1824; United States Senator (1824-1828), and Minister to the United States of Colombia (1828-29). Returning to the United States, he was elected Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Hamilton County, serving twelve years. In 1836 he was an unsuccessful Whig candidate for President, but was elected in 1840, dying in Washington City, April 4, 1841, just one month after his inauguration.

**HARTZELL, William**, Congressman, was born in Stark County, Ohio, Feb. 20, 1837. When he was three years old his parents removed to Illinois, and, four years later (1844) to Texas. In 1853 he returned to Illinois, settling in Randolph County, which became his permanent home. He was brought up on a farm, but graduated at McKendree College, Lebanon, in June, 1859. Five years later he was admitted to the bar, and began practice. He was Representative in Congress for two terms, being elected as a Democrat, in 1874, and again in 1876.

**HARVARD**, an incorporated city in McHenry County, 63 miles northwest of Chicago on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. It has electric light plant, artesian water system, hardware and bicycle factories, malt house, cold storage and packing plant, a flouring mill, a carriage-wheel factory and two weekly papers. The region is agricultural. Population (1890), 1,967; (1900), 2,602.

**HASKELL, Harriet Newell**, educator and third Principal of Monticello Female Seminary, was born at Waldboro, Lincoln County, Maine, Jan. 14, 1835; educated at Castleton Seminary, Vt., and Mount Holyoke Seminary, Mass., graduating from the latter in 1855. Later, she served as Principal of high schools in Maine and Boston until 1862, when she was called to the principalship of Castleton Seminary. She resigned this

position in 1867 to assume a similar one at Monticello Female Seminary, at Godfrey, Ill., where she has since remained. The main building of this institution having been burned in November, 1889, it was rebuilt on an enlarged and improved plan, largely through the earnest efforts of Miss Haskell. (See *Monticello Female Seminary*.)

**HATCH, Ozias Mather**, Secretary of the State of Illinois (1857-'65), was born at Hillsborough Center, N. H., April 11, 1814, and removed to Griggsville, Ill., in 1836. In 1829 he began life as a clerk for a wholesale and retail grocer in Boston. From 1836 to 1841 he was engaged in store-keeping at Griggsville. In the latter year he was appointed Circuit Court Clerk of Pike County, holding the office seven years. In 1858 he again embarked in business at Meredosia, Ill. In 1850 he was elected to the Legislature, serving one term. An earnest anti-slavery man, he was, in 1856, nominated by the newly organized Republican party for Secretary of State and elected, being re-elected in 1860, on the same ticket with Mr. Lincoln, of whom he was a warm personal friend and admirer. During the war he gave a zealous and effective support to Governor Yates' administration. In 1864 he declined a renomination and retired from political life. He was an original and active member of the Lincoln Monument Association from its organization in 1865 to his death, and, in company with Gov. R. J. Oglesby, made a canvass of Eastern cities to collect funds for statutory to be placed on the monument. After retiring from office he was interested to some extent in the banking business at Griggsville, and was influential in securing the construction of the branch of the Wabash Railway from Naples to Hannibal, Mo. He was, for over thirty-five years, a resident of Springfield, dying there, March 12, 1893.

**HATFIELD, (Rev.) Robert Miller**, clergyman, was born at Mount Pleasant, Westchester County, N. Y., Feb. 19, 1819; in early life enjoyed only such educational advantages as could be obtained while living on a farm; later, was employed as a clerk at White Plains and in New York City, but, in 1841, was admitted to the Providence Methodist Episcopal Conference, during the next eleven years supplying churches in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. In 1852 he went to Brooklyn and occupied pulpits in that vicinity until 1865, when he assumed the pastorate of the Wabash Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church in Chicago, two years later going to the Centenary Church in the same city. He subse-

quently had charge of churches in Cincinnati and Philadelphia, but, returning to Illinois in 1877, he occupied pulpits for the next nine years in Evanston and Chicago. In 1886 he went to Summerfield Methodist Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, which was his last regular charge, as, in 1889, he became Financial Agent of the Northwestern University at Evanston, of which he had been a Trustee from 1878. As a temporary supply for pulpits or as a speaker in popular assemblies, his services were in constant demand during this period. Dr. Hatfield served as a Delegate to the General Conferences of 1860, '64, '76, '80 and '84, and was a leader in some of the most important debates in those bodies. Died, at Evanston, March 31, 1891.

**HATTON, Frank**, journalist and Postmaster-General, was born at Cambridge, Ohio, April 28, 1846; entered his father's newspaper office at Cadiz, as an apprentice, at 11 years of age, becoming foreman and local editor; in 1862, at the age of 16, he enlisted in the Ninety-eighth Ohio Infantry, but, in 1864, was transferred to the One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Ohio and commissioned Second Lieutenant — his service being chiefly in the Army of the Cumberland, but participating in Sherman's March to the Sea. After the war he went to Iowa, whither his father had preceded him, and where he edited "The Mount Pleasant Journal" (1869-74); then removed to Burlington, where he secured a controlling interest in "The Hawkeye," which he brought to a point of great prosperity; was Postmaster of that city under President Grant, and, in 1881, became First Assistant Postmaster-General. On the retirement of Postmaster-General Gresham in 1884, he was appointed successor to the latter, serving to the end of President Arthur's administration, being the youngest man who ever held a cabinet position, except Alexander Hamilton. From 1882 to 1884, Mr. Hatton managed "The National Republican" in Washington; in 1885 removed to Chicago, where he became one of the proprietors and editor-in-chief of "The Evening Mail"; retired from the latter in 1887, and, purchasing the plant of "The National Republican" in Washington, commenced the publication of "The Washington Post," with which he was connected until his death, April 30, 1894.

**HAVANA**, the county-seat of Mason County, an incorporated city founded in 1827 on the Illinois River, opposite the mouth of Spoon River, and a point of junction for three railroads. It is a shipping-point for corn and osage orange hedge plants. A number of manufactories are located

here. The city has several churches, three public schools and three newspapers. Population (1890), 2,525; (1900), 3,268.

**HAVANA, RANTOUL & EASTERN RAILROAD.** (See *Illinois Central Railroad*.)

**HAVEN, Erastus Otis**, Methodist Episcopal Bishop, was born in Boston, Mass., Nov. 1, 1820; graduated at the Wesleyan University in 1842, and taught in various institutions in Massachusetts and New York, meanwhile studying theology. In 1848 he entered the Methodist ministry as a member of the New York Conference; five years later accepted a professorship in Michigan University, but resigned in 1856 to become editor of "Zion's Herald," Boston, for seven years—in that time serving two terms in the State Senate and a part of the time being an Overseer of Harvard University. In 1863 he accepted the Presidency of Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill.; in 1872 became Secretary of the Methodist Board of Education, but resigned in 1874 to become Chancellor of Syracuse University, N.Y. In 1880 he was elected a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Died, in Salem, Oregon, in August, 1881. Bishop Haven was a man of great versatility and power as an orator, wrote much for the periodical press and published several volumes on religious topics, besides a treatise on rhetoric.

**HAVEN, Luther**, educator, was born near Framingham, Mass., August 6, 1806. With a meager country-school education, at the age of 17 he began teaching, continuing in this occupation six or seven years, after which he spent three years in a more liberal course of study in a private academy at Ellington, Conn. He was next employed at Leicester Academy, first as a teacher, and, for eleven years, as Principal. He then engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1849, when he removed to Chicago. After several years spent in manufacturing and real-estate business, in 1854 he became proprietor of "The Prairie Farmer," of which he remained in control until 1858. Mr. Haven took an active interest in public affairs, and was an untiring worker for the promotion of popular education. For ten years following 1853, he was officially connected with the Chicago Board of Education, being for four years its President. The comptrollership of the city was offered him in 1860, but declined. During the war he was a zealous supporter of the Union cause. In October, 1861, he was appointed by President Lincoln Collector for the Port of Chicago, and Sub-Treasurer of the United States for the Department of the Northwest, serving in

this capacity during a part of President Johnson's administration. In 1866 he was attacked with congestion of the lungs, dying on March 6, of that year.

**HAWK, Robert M. A.**, Congressman, was born in Hancock County, Ind., April 23, 1839; came to Carroll County, Ill., in boyhood, where he attended the common schools and later graduated from Eureka College. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union army, was commissioned First Lieutenant, next promoted to a Captaincy and, finally, brevetted Major for soldierly conduct in the field. In 1865 he was elected County Clerk of Carroll County, and three times re-elected, serving from 1865 to 1879. The latter year he resigned, having been elected to Congress on the Republican ticket in 1878. In 1880 he was re-elected, but died before the expiration of his term, his successor being Robert R. Hitt, of Mount Morris, who was chosen at a special election to fill the vacancy.

**HAWLEY, John B.**, Congressman and First Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, was born in Fairfield County, Conn., Feb. 9, 1831; accompanied his parents to Illinois in childhood, residing in his early manhood at Carthage, Hancock County. At the age of 23 (1854) he was admitted to the bar and began practice at Rock Island. From 1856 to 1860 he was State's Attorney of Rock Island County. In 1861 he entered the Union army as Captain, but was so severely wounded at Fort Donelson (1862) that he was obliged to quit the service. In 1865 President Lincoln appointed him Postmaster at Rock Island, but one year afterward he was removed by President Johnson. In 1868 he was elected to Congress as a Republican, being twice re-elected, and, in 1876, was Presidential Elector on the Hayes-Wheeler ticket. In the following year he was appointed by President Hayes First Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, serving until 1880, when he resigned. During the last six years of his life he was Solicitor for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, with headquarters at Omaha, Neb. Died, at Hot Springs, South Dakota, May 24, 1895.

**HAY, John**, author, diplomatist and Secretary of State, was born in Salem, Ind., Oct. 8, 1838, of Scottish ancestry; graduated at Brown University, 1858, and studied law at Springfield, Ill., his father, in the meantime, having become a resident of Warsaw, Ill.; was admitted to practice in 1861, but immediately went to Washington as assistant private secretary of President Lincoln, acting part of the time as the President's aid-de-camp, also serving for some time under General



Hunter and Gilmore, with the rank of Major and Adjutant-General. After President Lincoln's assassination he served as Secretary of Legation at Paris and Madrid, and as Charge d'Affaires at Vienna; was also editor for a time of "The Illinois State Journal" at Springfield, and a leading editorial writer on "The New York Tribune." Colonel Hay's more important literary works include "Castilian Days," "Pike County Ballads," and the ten-volume "History of the Life and Times of Abraham Lincoln," written in collaboration with John G. Nicolay. In 1875 he settled at Cleveland, Ohio, but, after retiring from "The New York Tribune," made Washington his home. In 1897 President McKinley appointed him Ambassador to England, where, by his tact, good judgment and sound discretion manifested as a diplomatist and speaker on public occasions, he won a reputation as one of the most able and accomplished foreign representatives America has produced. His promotion to the position of Secretary of State on the retirement of Secretary William R. Day, at the close of the Spanish-American War, in September, 1898, followed naturally as a just tribute to the rank which he had won as a diplomatist, and was universally approved throughout the nation.

**HAY, John B.,** ex-Congressman, was born at Belleville, Ill., Jan. 8, 1834; attended the common schools and worked on a farm until he was 16 years of age, when he learned the printer's trade. Subsequently he studied law, and won considerable local prominence in his profession, being for eight years State's Attorney for the Twenty-fourth Judicial Circuit. He served in the Union army during the War of the Rebellion, and, in 1868, was elected a Representative in the Forty-first Congress, being re-elected in 1870.

**HAY, Milton,** lawyer and legislator, was born in Fayette County, Ky., July 3, 1817; removed with his father's family to Springfield, Ill., in 1832; in 1838 became a student in the law office of Stuart & Lincoln; was admitted to the bar in 1840, and began practice at Pittsfield, Pike County. In 1858 he returned to Springfield and formed a partnership with Judge Stephen T. Logan (afterwards his father-in-law), which ended by the retirement of the latter from practice in 1861. Others who were associated with him as partners, at a later date, were Hon. Shelby M. Cullom, Gen. John M. Palmer, Henry S. Greene and D. T. Littler. In 1869 he was elected a Delegate to the State Constitutional Convention and, as Chairman of the Committee on Revenue and member of the Judiciary Committee, was

prominent in shaping the Constitution of 1870. Again, as a member of the lower branch of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly (1873-74), he assisted in revising and adapting the laws to the new order of things under the new Constitution. The estimate in which he was held by his associates is shown in the fact that he was a member of the Joint Committee of five appointed by the Legislature to revise the revenue laws of the State, which was especially complimented for the manner in which it performed its work by concurrent resolution of the two houses. A conservative Republican in politics, gentle and unobtrusive in manner, and of calm, dispassionate judgment and unimpeachable integrity, no man was more frequently consulted by State executives on questions of great delicacy and public importance, during the last thirty years of his life, than Mr. Hay. In 1881 he retired from the active prosecution of his profession, devoting his time to the care of a handsome estate. Died, Sept. 15, 1893.

**HAYES, Phillip C.,** ex-Congressman, was born at Granby, Conn., Feb. 3, 1833. Before he was a year old his parents removed to La Salle County, Ill., where the first twenty years of his life were spent upon a farm. In 1860 he graduated from Oberlin College, Ohio, and, in April, 1861, enlisted in the Union army, being commissioned successively, Captain, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel, and finally brevetted Brigadier-General. After the war he engaged in journalism, becoming the publisher and senior editor of "The Morris Herald," a weekly periodical issued at Morris, Grundy County. In 1872 he was a delegate to the National Republican Convention at Philadelphia which renominated Grant, and represented his district in Congress from 1877 to 1881. Later he became editor and part proprietor of "The Republican" at Joliet, Ill., but retired some years since.

**HAYES, Samuel Snowden,** lawyer and politician, was born at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 25, 1820; settled at Shawneetown in 1838, and engaged in the drug business for two years; then began the study of law and was admitted to practice in 1842, settling first at Mount Vernon and later at Carmi. He early took an interest in politics, stumping the southern counties for the Democratic party in 1843 and '44. In 1845 he was a delegate to the Memphis Commercial Convention and, in 1846, was elected to the lower House of the State Legislature, being re-elected in '48. In 1847 he raised a company for service in the Mexican War, but, owing to its distance from the seat of government, its muster rolls were not

received until the quota of the State had been filled. The same year he was chosen a Delegate to the State Constitutional Convention for White County, and, in 1848, was a Democratic Presidential Elector. About 1852 he removed to Chicago, where he was afterwards City Solicitor and (1862-65) City Comptroller. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Conventions at Charleston and Baltimore in 1860, and an earnest worker for Douglas in the campaign which followed. While in favor of the Union, he was strongly opposed to the policy of the administration, particularly in its attitude on the question of slavery. His last public service was as a Delegate from Cook County to the State Constitutional Convention of 1869-70. His talents as an orator, displayed both at the bar and before popular assemblies, were of a very high order.

**HAYMARKET RIOT, THE**, an anarchistic outbreak which occurred in Chicago on the evening of May 4, 1886. For several days prior, meetings of dissatisfied workmen had been addressed by orators who sought to inflame the worst passions of their hearers. The excitement (previously more or less under restraint) culminated on the date mentioned. Haymarket Square, in Chicago, is a broad, open space formed by the widening of West Randolph Street for an open-air produce-market. An immense concourse assembled there on the evening named; inflammatory speeches were made from a cart, which was used as a sort of improvised platform. During the earlier part of the meeting the Mayor (Carter H. Harrison) was present, but upon his withdrawal, the oratory became more impassioned and incendiary. Towards midnight, some one whose identity has never been thoroughly proved, threw a dynamite bomb into the ranks of the police, who, under command of Inspector John Bonfield, had ordered the dispersal of the crowd and were endeavoring to enforce the command. Simultaneously a score of men lay dead or bleeding in the street. The majority of the crowd fled, pursued by the officers. Numerous arrests followed during the night and the succeeding morning, and search was made in the office of the principal Anarchistic organ, which resulted in the discovery of considerable evidence of an incriminating character. A Grand Jury of Cook County found indictments for murder against eight of the suspected leaders, all of whom were convicted after a trial extending over several months, both the State and the defense being represented by some of the ablest counsel at the Chicago bar. Seven of the accused were con-

demned to death, and one (Oscar Neebe) was given twenty years' imprisonment. The death sentence of two—Samuel Fielden and Justus Schwab—was subsequently commuted by Governor Oglesby to life-imprisonment, but executive clemency was extended in 1893 by Governor Altgeld to all three of those serving terms in the penitentiary. Of those condemned to execution, one (Louis Lingg) committed suicide in the county-jail by exploding, between his teeth, a small dynamite bomb which he had surreptitiously obtained; the remaining four (August Spies, Albert D. Parsons, Louis Engel and Adolph Fischer) were hanged in the county-jail at Chicago, on November 14, 1887. The affair attracted wide attention, not only throughout the United States but in other countries also.

**HAYNIE, Isham Nicolas**, soldier and Adjutant-General, was born at Dover, Tenn., Nov. 18, 1834; came to Illinois in boyhood and received but little education at school, but worked on a farm to obtain means to study law, and was licensed to practice in 1846. Throughout the Mexican War he served as a Lieutenant in the Sixth Illinois Volunteers, but, on his return, resumed practice in 1849, and, in 1850, was elected to the Legislature from Marion County. He graduated from the Kentucky Law School in 1852 and, in 1856, was appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas at Cairo. In 1860 he was a candidate for Presidential Elector on the Douglas ticket. In 1861 he entered the army as Colonel of the Forty-eighth Illinois Infantry, which he had assisted in organizing. He participated in the battles of Fort Donelson and Shiloh, and was severely wounded at the latter. In 1862 he was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress as a War Democrat, being defeated by W. J. Allen, and the same year was commissioned Brigadier-General of Volunteers. He resumed practice at Cairo in 1864, and, in 1865, was appointed by Governor Oglesby Adjutant-General as successor to Adjutant-General Fuller, but died in office, at Springfield, November, 1868.

**HAYWARD COLLEGE AND COMMERCIAL SCHOOL**, at Fairfield, Wayne County; incorporated in 1886; is co-educational; had 160 pupils in 1898, with a faculty of nine instructors.

**HEACOCK, Russell E.**, pioneer lawyer, was born in Litchfield, Conn., in 1770; having lost his father at 7 years of age, learned the carpenter's trade and came west early in life; in 1806 was studying law in Missouri, and two years later, was licensed to practice in Indiana Territory, of which Illinois then formed a part, locating first

at Kaskaskia and afterwards at Jonesboro, in Union County; in 1823 went to Buffalo, N. Y., but returned west in 1827, arriving where Chicago now stands on July 4; in 1828 was living inside Fort Dearborn, but subsequently located several miles up the South Branch of the Chicago River, where he opened a small farm at a place which went by the name of "Heacock's Point." In 1831 he obtained a license to keep a tavern, in 1833 became a Justice of the Peace, and, in 1835, had a law office in the village of Chicago. He took a prominent part in the organization of Cook County, invested liberally in real estate, but lost it in the crash of 1837. He was disabled by paralysis in 1843 and died of cholera, June 28, 1849. —**Reuben E. (Heacock)**, a son of Mr. Heacock, was member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1847, from Cook County.

**HEALTH, BOARD OF**, a bureau of the State Government, created by act of May 25, 1877. It consists of seven members, named by the Governor, who hold office for seven years. It is charged with "general supervision of the interests connected with the health and life of the citizens of the State." All matters pertaining to quarantine fall within its purview, and in this respect it is invested with a power which, while discretionary, is well-nigh autocratic. The same standard holds good, although to a far less extent, as to its supervisory power over contagious diseases, of man or beast. The Board also has a modified control over medical practitioners, under the terms of the statute popularly known as the "Medical Practice Act." Through its powers thereunder, it has kept out or expelled from the State an army of irregular practitioners, and has done much toward raising the standard of professional qualification.

**HEALY, George P. A.**, artist, was born in Boston, July 15, 1808, and early manifested a predilection for art, in which he was encouraged by the painter Scully. He struggled in the face of difficulties until 1836, when, having earned some money by his art, he went to Europe to study, spending two years in Paris and a like period in London. In 1855 he came to Chicago, contemplating a stay of three weeks, but remained until 1867. During this time he is said to have painted 575 portraits, many of them being likenesses of prominent citizens of Chicago and of the State. Many of his pictures, deposited in the rooms of the Chicago Historical Society for safe-keeping, were destroyed by the fire of 1871. From 1869 to '91 his time was spent chiefly in Rome. During his several visits to Europe he

painted the portraits of a large number of royal personages, including Louis Philippe of France, as also, in this country, the portraits of Presidents and other distinguished persons. One of his historical pictures was "Webster Replying to Hayne," in which 150 figures are introduced. A few years before his death, Mr. Healy donated a large number of his pictures to the Newberry Library of Chicago. He died in Chicago, June 24, 1894.

**HEATON, William Weed**, lawyer and jurist, was born at Western, Oneida County, N. Y., April 18, 1814. After completing his academic studies he engaged, for a short time, in teaching, but soon began the study of law, and, in 1838, was admitted to the bar at Terre Haute, Ind. In 1840 he removed to Dixon, Ill., where he resided until his death. In 1861 he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court for the Twenty-second Circuit, and occupied a seat upon the bench, through repeated re-elections, until his death, which occurred Dec. 26, 1877, while serving as a member of the Appellate Court for the First District.

**HECKER, Friedrich Karl Franz**, German patriot and soldier, was born at Baden, Germany, Sept. 28, 1811. He attained eminence in his native country as a lawyer and politician; was a member of the Baden Assembly of 1842 and a leader in the Diet of 1846-47, but, in 1848, was forced, with many of his compatriots, to find a refuge in the United States. In 1849 he settled as a farmer at Summerfield, in St. Clair County, Ill. He took a deep interest in politics and, being earnestly opposed to slavery, ultimately joined the Republican party, and took an active part in the campaigns of 1856 and '60. In 1861 he was commissioned Colonel of the Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteers, and was later transferred to the command of the Eighty-second. He was a brave soldier, and actively participated in the battles of Missionary Ridge and Chancellorsville. In 1864 he resigned his commission and returned to his farm in St. Clair County. Died, at St. Louis, Mo., March 24, 1881.

**HEDDING COLLEGE**, an institution incorporated in 1875 and conducted under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Abingdon, Knox County, Ill.; has a faculty of seventeen instructors, and reports (1895-96), 403 students, of whom 212 were male and 181 female. The branches taught include the sciences, the classics, music, fine arts, oratory and preparatory courses. The institution has funds and endowment amounting to \$55,000, and property valued at \$158,000.

**HEMPSTEAD, Charles S.**, pioneer lawyer and first Mayor of Galena, was born at Hebron, Tolland County, Conn., Sept. 10, 1794—the son of Stephen Hempstead, a patriot of the Revolution. In 1809 he came west in company with a brother, descending the Ohio River in a canoe from Marietta to Shawneetown, and making his way across the "Illinois Country" on foot to Kaskaskia and finally to St. Louis, where he joined another brother (Edward), with whom he soon began the study of law. Having been admitted to the bar in both Missouri Territory and Illinois, he removed to St. Genevieve, where he held the office of Prosecuting Attorney by appointment of the Governor, but returned to St. Louis in 1818-19 and later became a member of the Missouri Legislature. In 1829 Mr. Hempstead located at Galena, Ill., which continued to be his home for the remainder of his life, and where he was one of the earliest and best known lawyers. The late Minister E. B. Washburne became a clerk in Mr. Hempstead's law office in 1840, and, in 1845, a partner. Mr. Hempstead was one of the promoters of the old Chicago & Galena Union Railroad (now a part of the Chicago & Northwestern), serving upon the first Board of Directors; was elected the first Mayor of Galena in 1841, and, in the early days of the Civil War, was appointed by President Lincoln a Paymaster in the Army. Died, in Galena, Dec. 10, 1874.—**Edward** (Hempstead), an older brother of the preceding, already mentioned, came west in 1804, and, after holding various positions at Vincennes, Indiana Territory, under Gov. William Henry Harrison, located at St. Louis and became the first Territorial Delegate in Congress from Missouri Territory (1811-14). His death occurred as the result of an accident, August 10, 1817.—**Stephen** (Hempstead), another member of this historic family, was Governor of Iowa from 1850 to '54. Died, Feb. 16, 1883.

**HENDERSON, Thomas J.**, ex-Congressman, was born at Brownsville, Tenn., Nov. 19, 1824; came to Illinois in 1837, and was reared upon a farm, but received an academic education. In 1847 he was elected Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court of Stark County, and, in 1849, Clerk of the County Court of the same county, serving in that capacity for four years. Meanwhile he had studied law and had been admitted to the bar in 1852. In 1855 and '56 he was a member of the lower house of the Legislature, and State Senator from 1857 to '60. He entered the Union army, in 1862, as Colonel of the One Hundred and Twelfth Illinois Volunteers, and

served until the close of the war, being brevetted Brigadier-General in January, 1865. He was a Republican Presidential Elector for the State at-large in 1868, and, in 1874, was elected to Congress from the Seventh Illinois District, serving continuously until March, 1895. His home is at Princeton.

**HENDERSON, William H.**, politician and legislator, was born in Garrard County, Ky., Nov. 16, 1793. After serving in the War of 1812, he settled in Tennessee, where he held many positions of public trust, including that of State Senator. In 1836 he removed to Illinois, and, two years later, was elected to the General Assembly as Representative from Bureau and Putnam Counties, being re-elected in 1840. In 1842 he was the unsuccessful Whig candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, being defeated by John Moore. In 1845 he migrated to Iowa, where he died in 1864.

**HENDERSON COUNTY**, a county comprising 380 square miles of territory, located in the western section of the State and bordering on the Mississippi River. The first settlements were made about 1827-28 at Yellow Banks, now Oquawka. Immigration was checked by the Black Hawk War, but revived after the removal of the Indians across the Mississippi. The county was set off from Warren in 1841, with Oquawka as the county-seat. Population (1880), 10,732; (1890), 9,876. The soil is fertile, and underlaid by limestone. The surface is undulating, and well timbered. Population (1900), 10,836.

**HENNEPIN**, the county-seat of Putnam County, situated on the left bank of the Illinois River, about 28 miles below Ottawa, 100 miles southwest of Chicago, and 3 miles southeast of Bureau Junction. It has a courthouse, a bank, two grain elevators, three churches, a graded school, a newspaper. It is a prominent shipping point for produce by the river. The Hennepin Canal, now in process of construction from the Illinois River to the Mississippi at the mouth of Rock River, leaves the Illinois about two miles above Hennepin. Population (1880), 623; (1890), 574; (1900), 523.

**HENNEPIN, Lonis**, a Franciscan (Recollect) friar and explorer, born at Ath, Belgium, about 1640. After several years of clerical service in Belgium and Holland, he was ordered (1675) by his ecclesiastical superiors to proceed to Canada. In 1679 he accompanied La Salle on his explorations of the great lakes and the upper Mississippi. Having reached the Illinois by way of Lake Michigan, early in the following year (1680), La Salle proceeded to construct a fort on the east



side of the Illinois River, a little below the present site of Peoria, which afterwards received the name of Fort Creve-Cœur. In February, 1680, Father Hennepin was dispatched by La Salle, with two companions, by way of the mouth of the Illinois, to explore the upper Mississippi. Ascending the latter stream, his party was captured by the Sioux and carried to the villages of that tribe among the Minnesota lakes, but finally rescued. During his captivity he discovered the Falls of St. Anthony, which he named. After his rescue Hennepin returned to Quebec, and thence sailed to France. There he published a work describing La Salle's first expedition and his own explorations. Although egotistical and necessarily incorrect, this work was a valuable contribution to history. Because of ecclesiastical insubordination he left France for Holland. In 1697 he published an extraordinary volume, in which he set forth claims as a discoverer which have been wholly discredited. His third and last work, published at Utrecht, in 1698, was entitled a "New Voyage in a Country Larger than Europe." It was a compilation describing La Salle's voyage to the mouth of the Mississippi. His three works have been translated into twenty-four different languages. He died, at Utrecht, between 1702 and 1705.

**HENNEPIN CANAL.** (See *Illinois & Mississippi Canal*.)

**HENRY**, a city in Marshall County, situated on the west bank of the Illinois River and on the Peoria branch of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, 33 miles north-northeast of Peoria. There is a combination railroad and wagon bridge, lock and dam across the river at this point. The city is a thriving commercial center, among its industries being grain elevators, flour mills, and a windmill factory; has two national banks, eight churches and two newspapers. Population (1880), 1,728; (1890) 1,512; (1900), 1,637.

**HENRY, James D.**, pioneer and soldier, was born in Pennsylvania, came to Illinois in 1822, locating at Edwardsville, where, being of limited education, he labored as a mechanic during the day and attended school at night; engaged in merchandising, removed to Springfield in 1826, and was soon after elected Sheriff; served in the Winnebago War (1827) as Adjutant, and, in the Black Hawk War (1831-32) as Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel, finally being placed in command of a brigade at the battle of Wisconsin and the Bad Axe, his success in both winning for him great popularity. His exposures brought on disease of

the lungs, and, going South, he died at New Orleans, March 4, 1834.

**HENRY COUNTY**, one of the middle tier of counties of Northern Illinois, near the western border of the State, having an area of 830 square miles,—named for Patrick Henry. The American pioneer of the region was Dr. Baker, who located in 1835 on what afterwards became the town of Colona. During the two years following several colonies from the eastern States settled at different points (Geneseo, Wethersfield, etc.). The act creating it was passed in 1825, though organization was not completed until 1837. The first county court was held at Dayton. Subsequent county-seats have been Richmond (1837); Geneseo (1840); Morristown (1842); and Cambridge (1843). Population (1870), 36,597; (1890), 33,338, (1900), 30,049.

**HERNDON, Archer G.**, one of the celebrated "Long Nine" members of the General Assembly of 1836-37, was born in Culpepper County, Va., Feb. 13, 1795; spent his youth in Green County, Ky., came to Madison County, Ill., 1820, and to Sangamon in 1821, becoming a citizen of Springfield in 1825, where he engaged in mercantile business; served eight years in the State Senate (1834-42), and as Receiver of the Land Office 1842-49. Died, Jan. 3, 1867. Mr. Herndon was the father of William H. Herndon, the law partner of Abraham Lincoln.

**HERNDON, William H.**, lawyer, was born at Greensburg, Ky., Dec. 25, 1818; brought to Illinois by his father, Archer G. Herndon, in 1820, and to Sangamon County in 1821; entered Illinois College in 1836, but remained only one year on account of his father's hostility to the supposed abolition influences prevailing at that institution; spent several years as clerk in a store at Springfield, studied law two years with the firm of Lincoln & Logan (1842-44), was admitted to the bar and became the partner of Mr. Lincoln, so continuing until the election of the latter to the Presidency. Mr. Herndon was a radical opponent of slavery and labored zealously to promote the advancement of his distinguished partner. The offices he held were those of City Attorney, Mayor and Bank Commissioner under three Governors. Some years before his death he wrote, and, in conjunction with Jesse W. Weik, published a Life of Abraham Lincoln in three volumes—afterwards revised and issued in a two-volume edition by the Messrs. Appleton, New York. Died, near Springfield, March 18, 1891.

**HERRINGTON, Augustus M.**, lawyer and politician, was born at or near Meadville, Pa., in 1823;

when ten years of age was brought by his father to Chicago, the family removing two years later (1835) to Geneva, Kane County, where the elder Herrington opened the first store. Augustus was admitted to the bar in 1844; obtained great prominence as a Democratic politician, serving as Presidential Elector for the State-at-large in 1856, and as a delegate to Democratic National Conventions in 1860, '64, '68, '76 and '80, and was almost invariably a member of the State Conventions of his party during the same period. He also served for many years as Solicitor of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. Died, at Geneva, Kane County, August 14, 1883.—**JAMES** (Herrington), brother of the preceding, was born in Mercer County, Pa., June 6, 1824; came to Chicago in 1833, but, two years later, was taken by his parents to Geneva, Kane County. In 1843 he was apprenticed to the printing business on the old "Chicago Democrat" (John Wentworth, publisher), remaining until 1848, when he returned to Geneva, where he engaged in farming, being also connected for a year or two with a local paper. In 1849 he was elected County Clerk, remaining in office eight years; also served three terms on the Board of Supervisors, later serving continuously in the lower branch of the General Assembly from 1872 to 1886. He was also a member of the State Board of Agriculture and a frequent delegate to Democratic State Conventions. Died, July 7, 1890.—**JAMES HERRINGTON, Sr.**, father of the two preceding, was a Representative in the Fifteenth General Assembly (1846-48) for the District embracing the counties of Kane, McHenry, Boone and De Kalb.

**HERTZ, Henry L.**, ex-State Treasurer, was born at Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1847; graduated from the University of Copenhagen in 1866, and after pursuing the study of medicine for two years, emigrated to this country in 1869. After various experiences in selling sewing-machines, as bank-clerk, and as a farm-hand, in 1876 Mr. Hertz was employed in the Recorder's office of Cook County; in 1878 was record-writer in the Criminal Court Clerk's office; in 1884 was elected Coroner of Cook County, and re-elected in 1888. In 1892, as Republican candidate for State Treasurer, he was defeated, but, in 1896, again a candidate for the same office, was elected by a majority of 115,000, serving until 1899. He is now a resident of Chicago.

**HESING, Antone Caspar**, journalist and politician, was born in Prussia in 1823; left an orphan at the age of 15, he soon after emigrated to America, landing at Baltimore and going thence to Cin-

cinnati. From 1840 to 1842 he worked in a grocery store in Cincinnati, and later opened a small hotel. In 1854 he removed to Chicago, where he was for a time engaged in the manufacture of brick. In 1860 he was elected Sheriff of Cook County, as a Republican. In 1862 he purchased an interest in "The Chicago Staats Zeitung," and in 1867 became sole proprietor. In 1871 he admitted his son, Washington Hesing, to a partnership, installing him as general manager. Died, in Chicago, March 31, 1895.—**WASHINGTON** (Hesing), son of the preceding, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 14, 1849, educated at Chicago and Yale College, graduating from the latter in 1870. After a year spent in study abroad, he returned to Chicago and began work upon "The Staats Zeitung," later becoming managing editor, and finally editor-in-chief. While yet a young man he was made a member of the Chicago Board of Education, but declined to serve a second term. In 1872 he entered actively into politics, making speeches in both English and German in support of General Grant's Presidential candidacy. Later he affiliated with the Democratic party, as did his father, and, in 1893, was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Chicago mayoralty, being defeated by Carter H. Harrison. In December, 1893, he was appointed by President Cleveland Postmaster of the city of Chicago, serving four years. His administration was characterized by a high degree of efficiency and many improvements in the service were adopted, one of the most important being the introduction of postal cars on the street-railroads for the collection of mail matter. In April, 1897, he became an Independent candidate for Mayor, but was defeated by Carter H. Harrison, the regular Democratic nominee. Died, Dec. 18, 1897.

**HEYWORTH**, a village of McLean County, on the Illinois Central Railway, 10 miles south of Bloomington; has a bank, churches, gas wells, and a newspaper. Pop (1890), 566; (1900), 683.

**HIBBARD**, Homer Nash, lawyer, was born at Bethel, Windsor County, Vt., Nov. 7, 1824, his early life being spent upon a farm and in attendance upon the common schools. After a short term in an academy at Randolph, Vt., at the age of 18 he began the study of law at Rutland—also fitting himself for college with a private tutor. Later, having obtained means by teaching, he took a course in Castleton Academy and Vermont University, graduating from the latter in 1850. Then, having spent some years in teaching, he entered the Dane Law School at Harvard,

later continuing his studies at Burlington and finally, in the fall of 1853, removing to Chicago. Here he opened a law office in connection with his old classmate, the late Judge John A. Jameson, but early in the following year removed to Freeport, where he subsequently served as City Attorney, Master in Chancery and President of the City School Board. Returning to Chicago in 1860, he became a member of the law firm of Cornell, Jameson & Hibbard, and still later the head of the firm of Hibbard, Rich & Noble. In 1870 he was appointed by Judge Drummond Register in Bankruptcy for the Chicago District, serving during the life of the law. He was also, for some time, a Director of the National Bank of Illinois, and Vice-President of the American Insurance Company. Died, Nov. 14, 1897.

**HICKS, Stephen G.**, lawyer and soldier of three wars, was born in Jackson County, Ga., Feb. 22, 1807—the son of John Hicks, one of the seven soldiers killed at the battle of New Orleans, Jan. 8, 1815. Leaving the roof of a step-father at an early age, he found his way to Illinois, working for a time in the lead mines near Galena, and later at the carpenter's trade with an uncle; served as a Sergeant in the Black Hawk War, finally locating in Jefferson County, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar. Here he was elected to the lower branch of the Twelfth General Assembly (1840) and re-elected successively to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth. Early in the Mexican War (1846) he recruited a company for the Third Regiment, of which he was chosen Captain, a year later becoming Lieutenant-Colonel of the Sixth. At the beginning of the Civil War Colonel Hicks was practicing his profession at Salem, Marion County. He promptly raised a company which became a part of the Fortieth Regiment Volunteer Infantry, of which he was commissioned Colonel. The regiment saw active service in the campaign in Western Tennessee, including the battle of Shiloh, where Colonel Hicks was dangerously wounded through the lungs, only recovering after some months in hospital and at his home. He rejoined his regiment in July following, but found himself compelled to accept an honorable discharge, a few months later, on account of disability. Having finally recovered, he was restored to his old command, and served to the close of the war. In October, 1863, he was placed in command at Paducah, Ky., where he remained eighteen months, after which he was transferred to Columbus, Ky. While in command at Paducah, the place was desperately assaulted by the rebel

Colonel Forrest, but successfully defended, the rebel assailants sustaining a loss of some 1,300 killed and wounded. After the war Colonel Hicks returned to Salem, where he died, Dec. 14, 1869, and was buried, in accordance with his request, in the folds of the American flag. Born on Washington's birthday, it is a somewhat curious coincidence that the death of this brave soldier should have occurred on the anniversary of that of the "Father of His Country."

**HIGBEE, Chauncey L.**, lawyer and Judge, was born in Clermont County, Ohio, Sept. 7, 1821, and settled in Pike County, Ill., in 1844. He early took an interest in politics, being elected to the lower house of the Legislature in 1854, and two years later to the State Senate. In 1861 he was elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit Court, and was re-elected in 1867, '73, and '79. In 1877, and again in '79, he was assigned to the bench of the Appellate Court. Died, at Pittsfield, Dec. 7, 1884.

**HIGGINS, Van Hollis**, lawyer, was born in Genesee County, N. Y., and received his early education at Auburn and Seneca Falls; came to Chicago in 1837 and, after spending some time as clerk in his brother's store, taught some months in Vermilion County; then went to St. Louis, where he spent a year or two as reporter on "The Missouri Argus," later engaging in commercial pursuits; in 1842 removed to Iroquois County, Ill., where he read law and was admitted to the bar; in 1845, established himself in practice in Galena, served two years as City Attorney there, but returned to Chicago in 1852, where he continued to reside for the remainder of his life. In 1858 he was elected as a Republican Representative in the Twenty-first General Assembly; served several years as Judge of the Chicago City Court, and was a zealous supporter of the Government during the War of the Rebellion. Judge Higgins was successful as a lawyer and business man, and was connected with a number of important business enterprises, especially in connection with real-estate operations; was also a member of several local societies of a professional, social and patriotic character. Died, at Darien, Wis., April 17, 1893.

**HIGGINSON, Charles M.**, civil engineer and Assistant Railway President, was born in Chicago, July 11, 1846—the son of George M. Higginson, who located in Chicago about 1843 and engaged in the real-estate business; was educated at the Lawrence Scientific School, Cambridge, Mass., and entered the engineering department of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad in 1867, remaining until 1875. He then became the pur-

chasing agent of the Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw Railroad, but, a year later, returned to Chicago, and soon after assumed the same position in connection with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, being transferred to the Auditorship of the latter road in 1879. Later, he became assistant to President Ripley of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Line, where he remained until his death, which occurred at Riverside, Ill., May 6, 1899. Mr. Higginson was, for several years, President of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, and a member of the Board of Managers of the Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago.

**HIGH, James L.**, lawyer and author, was born at Belleville, Ohio, Oct. 6, 1844; in boyhood came to Wisconsin, and graduated at Wisconsin State University, at Madison, in 1864, also serving for a time as Adjutant of the Forty-ninth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers; studied law at the Michigan University Law School and, in 1867, came to Chicago, where he began practice. He spent the winter of 1871-72 in Salt Lake City and, in the absence of the United States District Attorney, conducted the trial of certain Mormon leaders for connection with the celebrated Mountain Meadow Massacre, also acting as correspondent of "The New York Times," his letters being widely copied. Returning to Chicago he took a high rank in his profession. He was the author of several volumes, including treatises on "The Law of Injunctions as administered in the Courts of England and America," and "Extraordinary Legal Remedies, Mandamus, Quo Warranto and Prohibitions," which are accepted as high authority with the profession. In 1870 he published a revised edition of Lord Erskine's Works, including all his legal arguments, together with a memoir of his life. Died, Oct. 3, 1898.

**HIGHLAND**, a city in the southeastern part of Madison County, founded in 1836 and located on the Vandalia line, 32 miles east of St. Louis. Its manufacturing industries include a milk-condensing plant, creamery, flour and planing mills, breweries, embroidery works, etc. It contains several churches and schools, a Roman Catholic Seminary, a hospital, and has three newspapers—one German. The early settlers were Germans of the most thrifty and enterprising classes. The surrounding country is agricultural. Population (1880), 1,960; (1890), 1,857; (1900, decennial census), 1,970.

**HIGHLAND PARK**, an incorporated city of Lake County, on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, 23 miles north-northwest of Chicago. It has a salubrious site on a bluff 100 feet above

Lake Michigan, and is a favorite residence and health resort. It has a large hotel, several churches, a military academy, and a weekly paper. Two Waukegan papers issue editions here. Population (1890), 2,163; (1900), 2,806.

**HILDRUP, Jesse S.**, lawyer and legislator, was born in Middletown, Conn., March 14, 1833; at 15 removed to the State of New York and afterwards to Harrisburg, Pa.; in 1860 came to Belvidere, Ill., where he began the practice of law, also serving as Corporation Trustee and Township Supervisor, and, during the latter years of the war, as Deputy Provost Marshal. His first important elective office was that of Delegate to the State Constitutional Convention of 1870, but he was elected Representative in the General Assembly the same year, and again in 1872. While in the House he took a prominent part in the legislation which resulted in the organization of the Railroad and Warehouse Board. Mr. Hildrup was also a Republican Presidential Elector in 1868, and United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois from 1877 to 1881. During the last few years much of his time has been spent in California for the benefit of the health of some members of his family.

**HILL, Charles Augustus**, ex-Congressman, was born at Truxton, Cortland County, N. Y., August 23, 1833. He acquired his early education by dint of hard labor, and much privation. In 1854 he removed to Illinois, settling in Will County, where, for several years, he taught school, as he had done while in New York. Meanwhile he read law, his last instructor being Hon. H. C. Newcomb, of Indianapolis, where he was admitted to the bar. He returned to Will County in 1860, and, in 1862, enlisted in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, participating in the battle of Antietam. Later he was commissioned First Lieutenant in the First United States Regiment of Colored Troops, with which he remained until the close of the war, rising to the rank of Captain. In 1865 he returned to Joliet and to the practice of his profession. In 1868 he was elected State's Attorney for the district comprising Will and Grundy Counties, but declined a re-nomination. In 1888 he was the successful Republican candidate for Congress from the Eighth Illinois District, but was defeated for re-election in 1890 by Lewis Steward, Democrat.

**HILLSBORO**, an incorporated city, the county-seat of Montgomery County, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, 67 miles northeast of St. Louis. Its manufactures are flour, brick and tile, carriages and harness,



furniture and woolen goods. It has a high school, banks and two weekly newspapers. The surrounding region is agricultural, though considerable coal is mined in the vicinity. Population (1880), 2,858; (1890), 2,500; (1900), 1,937.

**HINCKLEY**, a village of De Kalb County, on the Rochelle Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 18 miles west of Aurora; in rich agricultural and dairying region; has grain elevators, brick and tile works, water system and electric light plant. Pop. (1890), 496; (1900), 587.

**HINRICHSSEN, William H.**, ex-Secretary of State and ex-Congressman, was born at Franklin, Morgan County, Ill., May 27, 1850; educated at the University of Illinois, spent four years in the office of his father, who was stock-agent of the Wabash Railroad, and six years (1874-80) as Deputy Sheriff of Morgan County; then went into the newspaper business, editing the Jacksonville "Evening Courier," until 1886, after which he was connected with "The Quincy Herald," to 1890, when he returned to Jacksonville and resumed his place on "The Courier." He was Clerk of the House of Representatives in 1891, and elected Secretary of State in 1892, serving until January, 1897. Mr. Hinrichsen has been a member of the Democratic State Central Committee since 1890, and was Chairman of that body during 1894-96. In 1896 Mr. Hinrichsen was the nominee of his party for Congress in the Sixteenth District and was elected by over 6,000 majority, but failed to secure a renomination in 1898.

**HINSDALE**, a village in Du Page County and popular residence suburb, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 17 miles west-southwest of Chicago. It has four churches, a graded school, an academy, electric light plant, water-works, sewerage system, and two weekly newspapers. Population (1890), 1,584; (1900), 2,578.

**HITCHCOCK, Charles**, lawyer, was born at Hanson, Plymouth County, Mass., April 4, 1827; studied at Dartmouth College and at Harvard Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1854, soon afterward establishing himself for the practice of his profession in Chicago. In 1869 Mr. Hitchcock was elected to the State Constitutional Convention, which was the only important public office that he held, though his capacity was recognized by his election to the Presidency of that body. Died, May 6, 1881.

**HITCHCOCK, Luke**, clergyman, was born April 13, 1813, at Lebanon, N. Y., entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1834, and, after supplying various charges in

that State during the next five years, in 1839 came to Chicago, becoming one of the most influential factors in the Methodist denomination in Northern Illinois. Between that date and 1860 he was identified, as regular pastor or Presiding Elder, with churches at Dixon, Ottawa, Belvidere, Rockford, Mount Morris, St. Charles and Chicago (the old Clark Street church), with two years' service (1841-43) as agent of Rock River Seminary at Mount Morris—his itinerant labors being interrupted at two or three periods by ill-health, compelling him to assume a superannuated relation. From 1852 to '80, inclusive, he was a delegate every four years to the General Conference. In 1860 he was appointed Agent of the Western Book Concern, and, as the junior representative, was placed in charge of the depository at Chicago—in 1868 becoming the Senior Agent, and so remaining until 1880. His subsequent service included two terms as Presiding Elder for the Dixon and Chicago Districts; the position of Superintendent of the Chicago Home Missionary and Church Extension Society; Superintendent of the Wesley Hospital (which he assisted to organize), his last position being that of Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuates' Relief Association. He was also influential in securing the establishment of a church paper in Chicago and the founding of the Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute. Died, while on a visit to a daughter at East Orange, N. J., Nov. 12, 1898.

**HITT, Daniel F.**, civil engineer and soldier, was born in Bourbon County, Ky., June 13, 1810—the son of a Methodist preacher who freed his slaves and removed to Urbana, Ohio, in 1814. In 1829 the son began the study of engineering and, removing to Illinois the following year, was appointed Assistant Engineer on the Illinois & Michigan Canal, later being employed in surveying some sixteen years. Being stationed at Prairie du Chien at the time of the Black Hawk War (1832), he was attached to the Stephenson Rangers for a year, but at the end of that period resumed surveying and, having settled in La Salle County, became the first Surveyor of that county. In 1861 he joined Colonel Cushman, of Ottawa, in the organization of the Fifty-third Illinois Volunteers, was mustered into the service in March, 1862, and commissioned its Lieutenant-Colonel. The regiment took part in various battles, including those of Shiloh, Corinth and La Grange, Tenn. In the latter Colonel Hitt received an injury by being thrown from his horse which compelled his resignation and from

which he never fully recovered. Returning to Ottawa, he continued to reside there until his death, May 11, 1899. Colonel Hitt was father of Andrew J. Hitt, General Superintendent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, and uncle of Congressman Robert R. Hitt of Mount Morris. Originally a Democrat, he allied himself with the Republican party on the breaking out of the Civil War. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and prominent in Grand Army circles.

**HITT, Isaac R.**, real-estate operator, was born at Boonsboro, Md., June 2, 1828; in 1845 entered the freshman class at Asbury University, Ind., graduating in 1849. Then, removing to Ottawa, Ill., he was engaged for a time in farming, but, in 1852, entered into the forwarding and commission business at La Salle. Having meanwhile devoted some attention to real-estate law, in 1853 he began buying and selling real estate while continuing his farming operations, adding thereto coal-mining. In May, 1856, he was a delegate from La Salle County to the State Convention at Bloomington which resulted in the organization of the Republican party in Illinois. Removing to Chicago in 1860, he engaged in the real-estate business there; in 1862 was appointed on a committee of citizens to look after the interests of wounded Illinois soldiers after the battle of Fort Donelson, in that capacity visiting hospitals at Cairo, Evansville, Paducah and Nashville. During the war he engaged to some extent in the business of prosecuting soldiers' claims. Mr. Hitt has been a member of both the Chicago and the National Academy of Sciences, and, in 1869, was appointed by Governor Palmer on the Commission to lay out the park system of Chicago. Since 1871 he has resided at Evanston, where he aided in the erection of the Woman's College in connection with the Northwestern University. In 1876 he was appointed by the Governor agent to prosecute the claims of the State for swamp lands within its limits, and has given much of his attention to that business since.

**HITT, Robert Roberts**, Congressman, was born at Urbana, Ohio, Jan. 16, 1834. When he was three years old his parents removed to Illinois, settling in Ogle County. His education was acquired at Rock River Seminary (now Mount Morris College), and at De Pauw University, Ind. In 1858 Mr. Hitt was one of the reporters who reported the celebrated debate of that year between Lincoln and Douglas. From December, 1874, until March, '81, he was connected with the United States embassy at Paris, serving as First Secretary of Legation and Chargé d'Affaires ad

interim. He was Assistant Secretary of State in 1881, but resigned the post in 1882, having been elected to Congress from the Sixth Illinois District to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of R. M. A. Hawk. By eight successive re-elections he has represented the District continuously since, his career being conspicuous for long service. In that time he has taken an important part in the deliberations of the House, serving as Chairman of many important committees, notably that on Foreign Affairs, of which he has been Chairman for several terms, and for which his diplomatic experience well qualifies him. In 1898 he was appointed by President McKinley a member of the Committee to visit Hawaii and report upon a form of government for that portion of the newly acquired national domain. Mr. Hitt was strongly supported as a candidate for the United States Senate in 1895, and favorably considered for the position of Minister to England after the retirement of Secretary Day in 1898.

**HOBART, Horace R.**, was born in Wisconsin in 1839; graduated at Beloit College and, after a brief experience in newspaper work, enlisted, in 1861, in the First Wisconsin Cavalry and was assigned to duty as Battalion Quartermaster. Being wounded at Helena, Ark., he was compelled to resign, but afterwards served as Deputy Provost Marshal of the Second Wisconsin District. In 1866 he re-entered newspaper work as reporter on "The Chicago Tribune," and later was associated, as city editor, with "The Chicago Evening Post" and "Evening Mail"; later was editor of "The Jacksonville Daily Journal" and "The Chicago Morning Courier," also being, for some years from 1869, Western Manager of the American Press Association. In 1876, Mr. Hobart became one of the editors of "The Railway Age" (Chicago), with which he remained until the close of the year 1898, when he retired to give his attention to real-estate matters.

**HOFFMAN, Francis A.**, Lieutenant-Governor (1861-65), was born at Herford, Prussia, in 1822, and emigrated to America in 1839, reaching Chicago the same year. There he became a boot-black in a leading hotel, but within a month was teaching a small German school at Dunkley's Grove (now Addison), Du Page County, and later officiating as a Lutheran minister. In 1847 he represented that county in the River and Harbor Convention at Chicago. In 1852 he removed to Chicago, and, the following year, entered the City Council. Later, he embarked in the real-estate business, and, in 1854, opened a banking house, but was

forced to assign in 1861. He early became a recognized anti-slavery leader and a contributor to the German press, and, in 1856, was nominated for Lieutenant-Governor on the first Republican State ticket with William H. Bissell, but was found ineligible by reason of his short residence in the United States, and withdrew, giving place to John Wood of Quincy. In 1860 he was again nominated, and having in the meantime become eligible, was elected. In 1864 he was a Republican candidate for Presidential Elector, and assisted in Mr. Lincoln's second election. He was at one time Foreign Land Commissioner for the Illinois Central Railroad, and acted as Consul at Chicago for several German States. For a number of years past Mr. Hoffman has been editor of an agricultural paper in Southern Wisconsin.

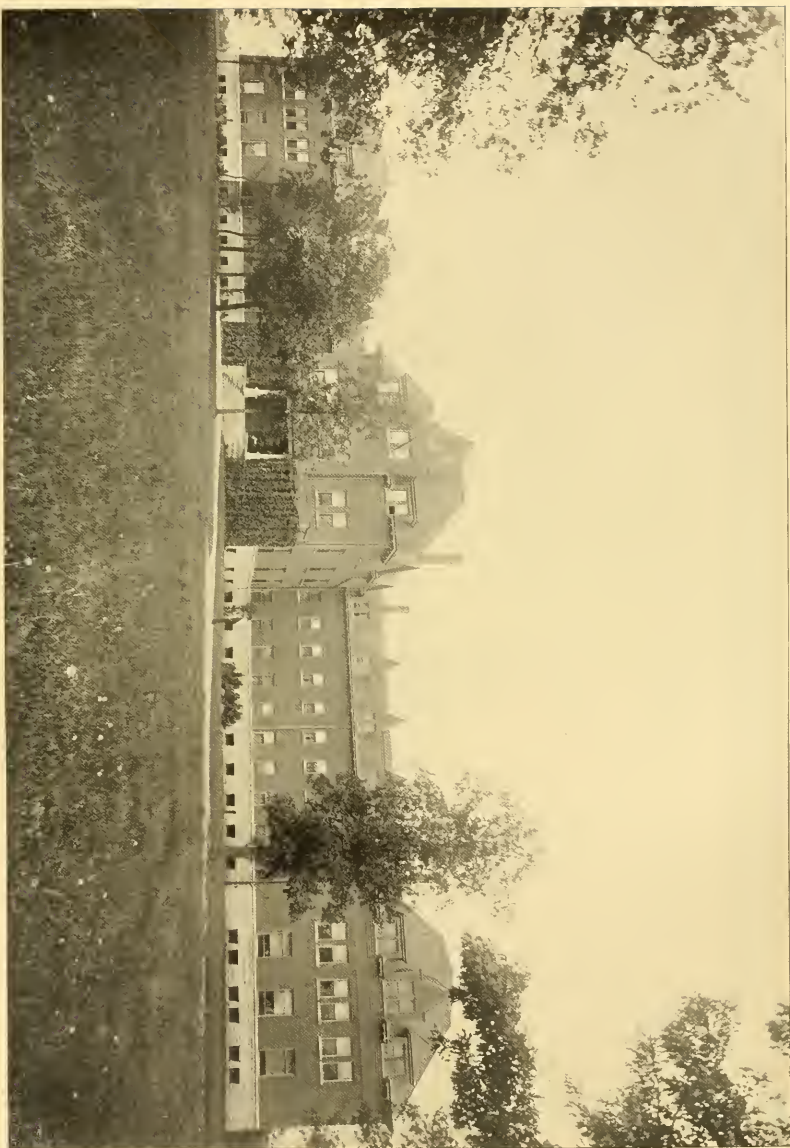
**HOGAN, John**, clergyman and early politician, was born in the city of Mallow, County of Cork, Ireland, Jan. 2, 1805; brought in childhood to Baltimore, Md., and having been left an orphan at eight years of age, learned the trade of a shoemaker. In 1826 he became an itinerant Methodist preacher, and, coming west the same year, preached at various points in Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. In 1830 he was married to Miss Mary Mitchell West, of Belleville, Ill., and soon after, having retired from the itinerancy, engaged in mercantile business at Edwardsville and Alton. In 1836 he was elected Representative in the Tenth General Assembly from Madison County, two years later was appointed a Commissioner of Public Works and, being re-elected in 1840, was made President of the Board; in 1841 was appointed by President Harrison Register of the Land Office at Dixon, where he remained until 1845. During the anti-slavery excitement which attended the assassination of Elijah P. Lovejoy in 1837, he was a resident of Alton and was regarded by the friends of Lovejoy as favoring the pro-slavery faction. After retiring from the Land Office at Dixon, he removed to St. Louis, where he engaged in the wholesale grocery business. In his early political life he was a Whig, but later co-operated with the Democratic party; in 1837 he was appointed by President Buchanan Postmaster of the city of St. Louis, serving until the accession of Lincoln in 1861; in 1864 was elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-ninth Congress, serving two years. He was also a delegate to the National Union (Democratic) Convention at Philadelphia in 1866. After his retirement from the Methodist itinerancy he continued to officiate as a "local" preacher and was esteemed

a speaker of unusual eloquence and ability. His death occurred, Feb. 5, 1892. He is author of several volumes, including "The Resources of Missouri," "Commerce and Manufactures of St. Louis," and a "History of Methodism."

**HOGG, Joseph P.**, Congressman, was born in Ohio early in the century and came to Galena, Ill., in 1836, where he attained prominence as a lawyer. In 1842 he was elected Representative in Congress, as claimed at the time by the aid of the Mormon vote at Nauvoo, serving one term. In 1853 he went to San Francisco, Cal., and became a Judge in that State, dying a few years since at the age of over 80 years. He is represented to have been a man of much ability and a graceful and eloquent orator. Mr. Hogg was a son-in-law of Thomas C. Browne, one of the Justices of the first Supreme Court of Illinois who held office until 1848.

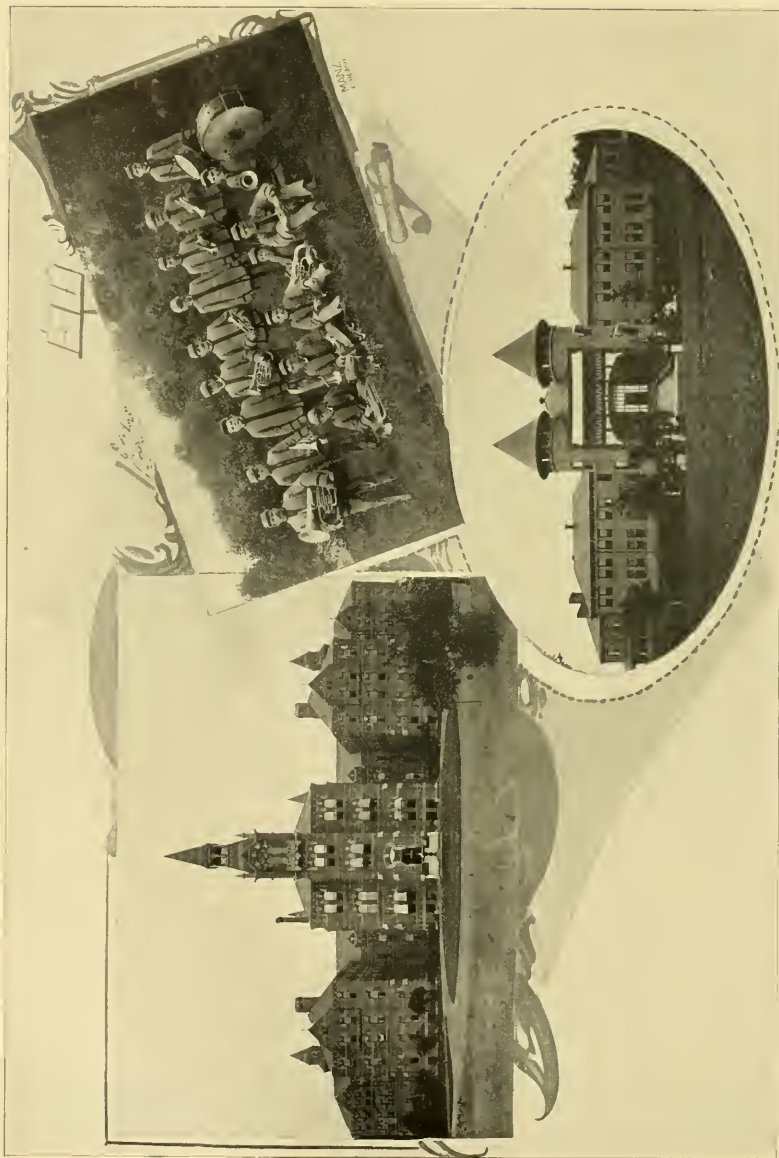
**HOLLISTER, (Dr.) John Hamilton**, physician, was born at Riga, N. Y., in 1824; was brought to Romeo, Mich., by his parents in infancy, but his father having died, at the age of 17 went to Rochester, N. Y., to be educated, finally graduating in medicine at Berkshire College, Mass., in 1847, and beginning practice at Otisco, Mich. Two years later he removed to Grand Rapids and, in 1855, to Chicago, where he held, for a time, the position of demonstrator of anatomy in Rush Medical College, and, in 1856, became one of the founders of the Chicago Medical College, in which he has held various chairs. He also served as Surgeon of Mercy Hospital and was, for twenty years, Clinical Professor in the same institution; was President of the State Medical Society, and, for twenty years, its Treasurer. Other positions held by him have been those of Trustee of the American Medical Association and editor of its journal, President of the Young Men's Christian Association and of the Chicago Congregational Club. He has also been prominent in Sunday School and church work in connection with the Armour Mission, with which he has been associated for many years.

**HOME FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS, (FEMALE).** The establishment of this institution was authorized by act of June 22, 1893, which appropriated \$75,000 towards its erection and maintenance, not more than \$15,000 to be expended for a site. (See also *State Guardians for Girls*.) It is designed to receive girls between the ages of 10 and 16 committed thereto by any court of record upon conviction of a misdemeanor, the term of commitment not to be less than one year, or to exceed minority. Justices of the



HOME FOR JUVENILE FEMALE OFFENDERS, GENEVA.





Main Building,  
ASYLUM FOR FEEBLE MINDED CHILDREN, LINCOLN.

Custodian Building.

Asylum Band.

Peace, however, may send girls for a term not less than three months. The act of incorporation provides for a commutation of sentence to be earned by good conduct and a prolongation of the sentence by bad behavior. The Trustees are empowered, in their discretion, either to apprentice the girls or to adopt them out during their minority. Temporary quarters were furnished for the Home during the first two years of its existence in Chicago, but permanent buildings for the institution have been erected on the banks of Fox River, near Geneva, in Kane County.

**HOMER**, a village in Champaign County, on the Wabash Railway, 20 miles west-southwest from Danville and about 18 miles east-southeast from Champaign. It supports a carriage factory; also has two banks, several churches, a seminary, an opera house, and one weekly paper. The region is chiefly agricultural. Population (1880), 924; (1890), 917; (1900), 1,080.

**HOMESTEAD LAWS.** In general such laws have been defined to be "legislation enacted to secure, to some extent, the enjoyment of a home and shelter for a family or individual by exempting, under certain conditions, the residence occupied by the family or individual, from liability to be sold for the payment of the debts of its owner, and by restricting his rights of free alienation." In Illinois, this exemption extends to the farm and dwelling thereon of every householder having a family, and occupied as a residence, whether owned or possessed under a lease, to the value of \$1,000. The exemption continues after death, for the benefit of decedent's wife or husband occupying the homestead, and also of the children, if any, until the youngest attain the age of 21 years. Husband and wife must join in releasing the exemption, but the property is always liable for improvements thereon.—In 1862 Congress passed an act known as the "Homestead Law" for the protection of the rights of settlers on public lands under certain restrictions as to active occupancy, under which most of that class of lands since taken for settlement have been purchased.

**HOMEWOOD**, a village of Cook County, on the Illinois Central Railway, 23 miles south of Chicago. Population, (1900), 352.

**HOOLEY, Richard M.**, theatrical manager, was born in Ireland, April 13, 1822; at the age of 18 entered the theater as a musician and, four years later, came to America, soon after forming an association with E. P. Christy, the originator of negro minstrelsy entertainments which went under his name. In 1848 Mr. Hooley conducted

a company of minstrels through the principal towns of England, Scotland and Ireland, and to some of the chief cities on the continent; returned to America five years later, and subsequently managed houses in San Francisco, Philadelphia, Brooklyn and New York, finally locating in Chicago in 1869, where he remained the rest of his life,—his theater becoming one of the most widely known and popular in the city. Died, Sept. 8, 1893.

**HOOPSTON**, a prosperous city in Vermilion County, at the intersection of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois and the Lake Erie & Western Railroads, 99 miles south of Chicago. It has grain elevators, a nail factory, brick and tile works, carriage and machine shops, and two large canning factories, besides two banks and one daily and three weekly newspapers, several churches, a high school and a business college. Population (1890), 1,911; (1900), 3,823; (1904), about 4,500.

**HOPKINS, Albert J.**, Congressman, was born in De Kalb County, Ill., August 15, 1846. After graduating from Hillsdale College, Mich., in 1870, he studied law and began practice at Aurora. He rapidly attained prominence at the bar, and, in 1872, was elected State's Attorney for Kane County, serving in that capacity for four years. He is an ardent Republican and high in the party's councils, having been Chairman of the State Central Committee from 1878 to 1880, and a Presidential Elector on the Blaine & Logan ticket in 1884. The same year he was elected to the Forty-ninth Congress from the Fifth District (now the Eighth) and has been continuously re-elected ever since, receiving a clear majority in 1898 of more than 18,000 votes over two competitors. At present (1898) he is Chairman of the Select House Committee on Census and a member of the Committees on Ways and Means, and Merchant Marine and Fisheries. In 1896 he was strongly supported for the Republican nomination for Governor.

**HOUGHTON, Horace Hocking**, pioneer printer and journalist, was born at Springfield, Vt., Oct. 26, 1806, spent his youth on a farm, and at eighteen began learning the printer's trade in the office of "The Woodstock Overseer"; on arriving at his majority became a journeyman printer and, in 1828, went to New York, spending some time in the employment of the Harper Brothers. After a brief season spent in Boston, he took charge of "The Statesman" at Castleton, Vt., but, in 1834, again went to New York, taking with him a device for throwing the printed sheet off the press, which was afterwards adopted on the

Adams and Hoe printing presses. His next move was to Marietta, Ohio, in 1834, thence by way of Cincinnati and Louisville to St. Louis, working for a time in the office of the old "St. Louis Republican." He soon after went to Galena and engaged in lead-mining, but later became associated with Sylvester M. Bartlett in the management of "The Northwestern Gazette and Galena Advertiser," finally becoming sole proprietor. In 1842 he sold out the paper, but resumed his connection with it the following year, remaining until 1863, when he finally sold out. He afterwards spent some time on the Pacific slope, was for a time American Consul to the Sandwich Islands, but finally returned to Galena and, during the later years of his life, was Postmaster there, dying April 30, 1879.

**HOVEY, Charles Edward**, educator, soldier and lawyer, was born in Orange County, Vt., April 26, 1827; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1852, and became successively Principal of high schools at Farmington, Mass., and Peoria, Ill. Later, he assisted in organizing the Illinois State Normal School at Normal, of which he was President from 1857 to 1861—being also President of the State Teachers' Association (1856), member of the State Board of Education, and, for some years, editor of "The Illinois Teacher." In August, 1861, he assisted in organizing, and was commissioned Colonel of, the Thirty-third Illinois Volunteers, known as the "Normal" or "School-Masters' Regiment," from the fact that it was composed largely of teachers and young men from the State colleges. In 1862 he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General and, a few months later, to brevet Major-General for gallant and meritorious conduct. Leaving the military service in May, 1863, he engaged in the practice of law in Washington, D. C. Died, in Washington, Nov. 17, 1897.

**HOWLAND, George**, educator and author, was born (of Pilgrim ancestry) at Conway, Mass., July 30, 1824. After graduating from Amherst College in 1850, he devoted two years to teaching in the public schools, and three years to a tutorship in his Alma Mater, giving instruction in Latin, Greek and French. He began the study of law, but, after a year's reading, he abandoned it, removing to Chicago, where he became Assistant Principal of the city's one high school, in 1858. He became its Principal in 1860, and, in 1880, was elected Superintendent of Chicago City Schools. This position he filled until August, 1891, when he resigned. He also served as Trustee of Amherst College for several years, and as a

member of the Illinois State Board of Education, being President of that body in 1883. As an author he was of some note; his work being chiefly on educational lines. He published a translation of the *Æneid* adapted to the use of schools, besides translations of some of Horace's Odes and portions of the *Iliad* and *Odyssey*. He was also the author of an English grammar. Died, in Chicago, Oct. 21, 1892.

**HOYNE, Philip A.**, lawyer and United States Commissioner, was born in New York City, Nov. 20, 1824; came to Chicago in 1841, and, after spending eleven years alternately in Galena and Chicago, finally located permanently in Chicago, in 1852; in 1853 was elected Clerk of the Recorder's Court of Chicago, retaining the position five years; was admitted to the bar in March, 1856, and appointed United States Commissioner the same year, remaining in office until his death, Nov. 3, 1894. Mr. Hoyne was an officer of the Chicago Pioneers and one of the founders of the Union League Club.

**HUBBARD, Gurdon Saltonstall**, pioneer and Indian trader, was born at Windsor, Vt., August 22, 1802. His early youth was passed in Canada, chiefly in the employ of the American Fur Company. In 1818 he first visited Fort Dearborn, and for nine years traveled back and forth in the interest of his employers. In 1827, having embarked in business on his own account, he established several trading posts in Illinois, becoming a resident of Chicago in 1832. From this time forward he became identified with the history and development of the State. He served with distinction during the Black Hawk and Winnebago Wars, was enterprising and public-spirited, and did much to promote the early development of Chicago. He was elected to the Legislature from Vermilion County in 1832, and, in 1835, was appointed by Governor Duncan one of the Commissioners of the Illinois & Michigan Canal. Died, at Chicago, Sept. 14, 1886. From the time he became a citizen of Chicago, for fifty years, no man was more active or public-spirited in promoting its commercial development and general prosperity. He was identified with almost every branch of business upon which its growth as a commercial city depended, from that of an early Indian trader to that of a real-estate operator, being manager of one of the largest packing houses of his time, as well as promoter of early railroad enterprises. A zealous Republican, he was one of the most earnest supporters of Abraham Lincoln in the campaign of 1860, was prominently identified with every local measure

for the maintenance of the Union cause, and, for a year, held a commission as Captain in the Eighty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, known as the "Second Board of Trade Regiment."

**HUGHITT, Marvin**, Railway President, was born, August, 1837, and, in 1856, began his railroad experience on the Chicago & Alton Railway as Superintendent of Telegraph and Train-despatcher. In 1862 he entered the service of the Illinois Central Company in a similar capacity, still later occupying the positions of Assistant Superintendent and General Superintendent, remaining in the latter from 1865 to 1870, when he resigned to become Assistant General Manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul. In 1872 he became associated with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, in connection with which he has held the positions of Superintendent, General Manager, Second Vice-President and President—the last of which (1899) he still occupies.

**HULETT, Alta M.**, lawyer, was born near Rockford, Ill., June 4, 1854; early learned telegraphy and became a successful operator, but subsequently engaged in teaching and the study of law. In 1872, having passed the required examination, she applied for admission to the bar, but was rejected on account of sex. She then, in conjunction with Mrs. Bradwell and others, interested herself in securing the passage of an act by the Legislature giving women the right that had been denied her, which having been accomplished, she went to Chicago, was admitted to the bar and began practice. Died, in California, March 27, 1877.

**HUNT, Daniel D.**, legislator, was born in Wyoming County, N. Y., Sept. 19, 1835, came to De Kalb County, Ill., in 1857, and has since been engaged in hotel, mercantile and farming business. He was elected as a Republican Representative in the Thirty-fifth General Assembly in 1896, and re-elected in 1898. Two years later he was elected to the State Senate, re-elected in 1894, and again in 1898—giving him a continuous service in one or the other branch of the General Assembly of sixteen years. During the session of 1895, Senator Hunt was especially active in the legislation which resulted in the location of the Northern Illinois Normal Institute at De Kalb.

**HUNT, George**, lawyer and ex-Attorney-General, was born in Knox County, Ohio, in 1841; having lost both parents in childhood, came, with an uncle, to Edgar County, Ill., in 1855. In July, 1861, at the age of 20, he enlisted in the Twelfth Illinois Infantry, re-enlisting as a veteran

in 1864, and rising from the ranks to a captaincy. After the close of the war, he studied law, was admitted to the bar, and, locating at Paris, Edgar County, soon acquired a large practice. He was elected State Senator on the Republican ticket in 1874, and re-elected in 1878 and '82. In 1884 he received his first nomination for Attorney-General, was renominated in 1888, and elected both times, serving eight years. Among the important questions with which General Hunt had to deal during his two terms were the celebrated "anarchist cases" of 1887 and of 1890-92. In the former the condemned Chicago anarchists applied through their counsel to the Supreme Court of the United States, for a writ of error to the Supreme Court of Illinois to compel the latter to grant them a new trial, which was refused. The case, on the part of the State, was conducted by General Hunt, while Gen. B. F. Butler of Massachusetts, John Randolph Tucker of Virginia, Roger A. Pryor of New York, and Messrs. W. P. Black and Solomon of Chicago appeared for the plaintiffs. Again, in 1890, Fielden and Schwab, who had been condemned to life imprisonment, attempted to secure their release—the former by an application similar to that of 1887, and the latter by appeal from a decision of Judge Gresham of the United States Circuit Court refusing a writ of habeas corpus. The final hearing of these cases was had before the Supreme Court of the United States in January, 1892, General Butler again appearing as leading counsel for the plaintiffs—but with the same result as in 1887. General Hunt's management of these cases won for him much deserved commendation both at home and abroad.

**HUNTER, Andrew J.**, was born in Greencastle, Ind., Dec. 17, 1831, and removed in infancy by his parents, to Edgar County, this State. His early education was received in the common schools and at Edgar Academy. He commenced his business life as a civil engineer, but, after three years spent in that profession, began the study of law and was admitted to the bar. He has since been actively engaged in practice at Paris, Edgar County. From 1864 to 1868 he represented that county in the State Senate, and, in 1870, led the Democratic forlorn hope in the Fifteenth Congressional District against General Jesse H. Moore, and rendered a like service to his party in 1882, when Joseph G. Cannon was his Republican antagonist. In 1886 he was elected Judge of the Edgar County Court, and, in 1890, was re-elected, but resigned this office in 1892, having been elected Congressman for the State—



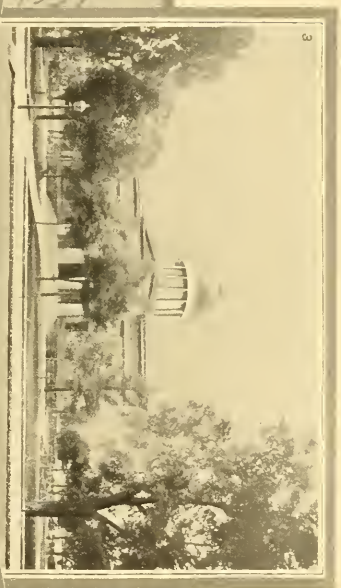
at-large on the Democratic ticket. He was a candidate for Congress from the Nineteenth District again in 1896, and was again elected, receiving a majority of 1,200 over Hon. Benson Wood, his Republican opponent and immediate predecessor.

**HUNTER, (Gen.) David**, soldier, was born in Washington, D. C., July 21, 1802; graduated at the United States Military Academy in 1822, and assigned to the Fifth Infantry with the rank of Second Lieutenant, becoming First Lieutenant in 1828 and Captain of Dragoons in 1833. During this period he twice crossed the plains to the Rocky Mountains, but, in 1836, resigned his commission and engaged in business in Chicago. Re-entering the service as Paymaster in 1842, he was Chief Paymaster of General Wool's command in the Mexican War, and was afterwards stationed at New Orleans, Washington, Detroit, St. Louis and on the frontier. He was a personal friend of President Lincoln, whom he accompanied when the latter set out for Washington in February, 1861, but was disabled at Buffalo, having his collar-bone dislocated by the crowd. He was appointed Colonel of the Sixth United States Cavalry, May 14, 1861, three days later commissioned Brigadier-General and, in August, made Major-General. In the Manassas campaign he commanded the main column of McDowell's army and was severely wounded at Bull Run; served under Fremont in Missouri and succeeded him in command in November, 1861, remaining until March, 1862. Being transferred to the Department of the South in May following, he issued an order declaring the persons held as slaves in Georgia, Florida and South Carolina free, which order was revoked by President Lincoln ten days later. On account of the steps taken by him for the organization of colored troops, Jefferson Davis issued an order declaring him, in case of capture, subject to execution as a felon. In May, 1864, he was placed in command of the Department of the West, and, in 1865, served on various courts-martial, being President of the commission that tried Mr. Lincoln's assassins; was brevetted Major-General in March, 1865, retired from active service July, 1866, and died in Washington, Feb. 2, 1886. General Hunter married a daughter of John Kinzie, the first permanent citizen of Chicago.

**HURD, Harvey B.**, lawyer, was born in Fairfield County, Conn., Feb. 24, 1827. At the age of 15 he walked to Bridgeport, where he began life as office-boy in "The Bridgeport Standard," a journal of pronounced Whig proclivities. In 1844 he came to Illinois, entering Jubilee College,

but, after a brief attendance, came to Chicago in 1846. There he found temporary employment as a compositor, later commencing the study of law, and being admitted to the bar in 1848. A portion of the present city of Evanston is built upon a 248-acre tract owned and subdivided by Mr. Hurd and his partner. Always in sympathy with the old school and most radical type of Abolitionists, he took a deep interest in the Kansas-Missouri troubles of 1856, and became a member of the "National Kansas Committee" appointed by the Buffalo (N. Y.) Convention, of which body he was a member. He was chosen Secretary of the executive committee, and it is not too much to say that, largely through his earnest and poorly requited labors, Kansas was finally admitted into the Union as a free State. It was mainly through his efforts that seed for planting was gratuitously distributed among the free-soil settlers. In 1869 he was appointed a member of the Commission to revise the statutes of Illinois, a large part of the work devolving upon him in consequence of the withdrawal of his colleagues. The revision was completed in 1874, in conjunction with a Joint Committee of Revision of both Houses appointed by the Legislature of 1873. While no statutory revision has been ordered by subsequent Legislatures, Mr. Hurd has carried on the same character of work on independent lines, issuing new editions of the statutes from time to time, which are regarded as standard works by the bar. In 1875 he was nominated by the Republican party for a seat on the Supreme bench, but was defeated by the late Judge T. Lyle Dickey. For several years he filled a chair in the faculty of the Union College of Law. His home is in Evanston.

**HURLBUT, Stephen A.**, soldier, Congressman and Foreign Minister, was born at Charleston, S. C., Nov. 29, 1815, received a thorough liberal education, and was admitted to the bar in 1837. Soon afterwards he removed to Illinois, making his home at Belvidere. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1847, in 1848 was an unsuccessful candidate for Presidential Elector on the Whig ticket, but, on the organization of the Republican party in 1856, promptly identified himself with that party and was elected to the lower branch of the General Assembly as a Republican in 1858 and again in 1860. During the War of the Rebellion he served with distinction from May, 1861, to July, 1865. He entered the service as Brigadier-General, commanding the Fourth Division of Grant's army at Pittsburg Landing; was made a Major-General in Septem-



Illinois State Capitol (First), Kaskaskia.

Illinois State Capitol (Third), Springfield.

Illinois State Capitol (Second), Vandalia.



STATE CAPITOL.

ber, 1862, and later assigned to the command of the Sixteenth Army Corps, at Memphis, and subsequently to the command of the Department of the Gulf (1864-65). After the close of the war he served another term in the General Assembly (1867), was chosen Presidential Elector for the State-at-large in 1868, and, in 1869, was appointed by President Grant Minister Resident to the United States of Colombia, serving until 1872. The latter year he was elected Representative to Congress, and re-elected two years later. In 1876 he was a candidate for re-election as an independent Republican, but was defeated by William Lathrop, the regular nominee. In 1881 he was appointed Minister Resident to Peru, and died at Lima, March 27, 1882.

**HUTCHINS, Thomas**, was born in Monmouth, N. J., in 1780, died in Pittsburg, Pa., April 28, 1789. He was the first Government Surveyor, frequently called the "Geographer"; was also an

officer of the Sixtieth Royal (British) regiment, and assistant engineer under Bouquet. At the outbreak of the Revolution, while stationed at Fort Chartres, he resigned his commission because of his sympathy with the patriots. Three years later he was charged with being in treasonable correspondence with Franklin, and imprisoned in the Tower of London. He is said to have devised the present system of Government surveys in this country, and his services in carrying it into effect were certainly of great value. He was the author of several valuable works, the best known being a "Topographical Description of Virginia."

**HUTSONVILLE**, a village of Crawford County, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, and the Wabash River, 34 miles south of Paris. The district is agricultural. The town has a bank and a weekly paper. Population (1890), 582; (1900), 743.

## ILLINOIS.

### (GENERAL HISTORY.)

ILLINOIS is the twenty-first State of the Federal Union in the order of its admission, the twentieth in present area and the third in point of population. A concise history of the region, of which it constituted the central portion at an early period, will be found in the following pages:

The greater part of the territory now comprised within the State of Illinois was known and attracted eager attention from the nations of the old world—especially in France, Germany and England—before the close of the third quarter of the seventeenth century. More than one hundred years before the struggle for American Independence began, or the geographical division known as the "Territory of the Northwest" had an existence; before the names of Kentucky, Tennessee, Vermont or Ohio had been heard of, and while the early settlers of New England and Virginia were still struggling for a foothold among the Indian tribes on the Atlantic coast, the "Illinois Country" occupied a place on the maps of North America as distinct and definite as New York or Pennsylvania. And from that time forward, until it assumed its position in the Union with the rank of a State, no other section has been the theater of more momentous and stirring events or has contributed more material, affording interest and instruction to the archæologist, the ethnologist and the historian, than

that portion of the American Continent now known as the "State of Illinois."

THE "ILLINOIS COUNTRY."—What was known to the early French explorers and their followers and descendants, for the ninety years which intervened between the discoveries of Joliet and La Salle, down to the surrender of this region to the English, as the "Illinois Country," is described with great clearness and definiteness by Capt. Philip Pittman, an English engineer who made the first survey of the Mississippi River soon after the transfer of the French possessions east of the Mississippi to the British, and who published the result of his observations in London in 1770. In this report, which is evidently a work of the highest authenticity, and is the more valuable because written at a transition period when it was of the first importance to preserve and hand down the facts of early French history to the new occupants of the soil, the boundaries of the "Illinois Country" are defined as follows: "The Country of the Illinois is bounded by the Mississippi on the west, by the river Illinois on the north, by the Ouabache and Miamis on the east and the Ohio on the south."

From this it would appear that the country lying between the Illinois and the Mississippi Rivers to the west and northwest of the former, was not considered a part of the "Illinois Country," and



this agrees generally with the records of the early French explorers, except that they regarded the region which comprehends the site of the present city of Chicago—the importance of which appears to have been appreciated from the first as a connecting link between the Lakes and the upper tributaries of the rivers falling into the Gulf of Mexico—as belonging thereto.

**ORIGIN OF THE NAME.**—The “Country” appears to have derived its name from *Inini*, a word of Algonquin origin, signifying “the men,” euphemized by the French into *Illini* with the suffix *ois*, signifying “tribe.” The root of the term, applied both to the country and the Indians occupying it, has been still further defined as “a perfect man” (Haines on “Indian Names”), and the derivative has been used by the French chroniclers in various forms though always with the same signification—a signification of which the earliest claimants of the appellation, as well as their successors of a different race, have not failed to be duly proud.

**BOUNDARIES AND AREA.**—It is this region which gave the name to the State of which it constituted so large and important a part. Its boundaries, so far as the Wabash and the Ohio Rivers (as well as the Mississippi from the mouth of the Ohio to the mouth of the Illinois) are concerned, are identical with those given to the “Illinois Country” by Pittman. The State is bounded on the north by Wisconsin; on the east by Lake Michigan, the State of Indiana and the Wabash River; southeast by the Ohio, flowing between it and the State of Kentucky; and west and southwest by the Mississippi, which separates it from the States of Iowa and Missouri. A peculiarity of the Act of Congress defining the boundaries of the State, is the fact that, while the jurisdiction of Illinois extends to the middle of Lake Michigan and also of the channels of the Wabash and the Mississippi, it stops at the north bank of the Ohio River; this seems to have been a sort of concession on the part of the framers of the Act to our proud neighbors of the “Dark and Bloody Ground.” Geographically, the State lies between the parallels of 36° 59' and 42° 30' north latitude, and the meridian of 10° 30' and 14° of longitude west from the city of Washington. From its extreme southern limit at the mouth of the Ohio to the Wisconsin boundary on the north, its estimated length is 385 miles, with an extreme breadth, from the Indiana State line to the Mississippi River at a point between Quincy and Warsaw, of 218 miles. Owing to the tortuous course of its river and lake boundaries, which

comprise about three-fourths of the whole, its physical outline is extremely irregular. Between the limits described, it has an estimated area of 56,650 square miles, of which 650 square miles is water—the latter being chiefly in Lake Michigan. This area is more than one and one-half times that of all New England (Maine being excepted), and is greater than that of any other State east of the Mississippi, except Michigan, Georgia and Florida—Wisconsin lacking only a few hundred square miles of the same.

When these figures are taken into account some idea may be formed of the magnificence of the domain comprised within the limits of the State of Illinois—a domain larger in extent than that of England, more than one-fourth of that of all France and nearly half that of the British Islands, including Scotland and Ireland. The possibilities of such a country, possessing a soil unequaled in fertility, in proportion to its area, by any other State of the Union and with resources in agriculture, manufactures and commerce unsurpassed in any country on the face of the globe, transcend all human conception.

**STREAMS AND NAVIGATION.**—Lying between the Mississippi and its chief eastern tributary, the Ohio, with the Wabash on the east, and intersected from northeast to southwest by the Illinois and its numerous affluents, and with no mountainous region within its limits, Illinois is at once one of the best watered, as well as one of the most level States in the Union. Besides the Sangamon, Kankakee, Fox and Des Plaines Rivers, chief tributaries of the Illinois, and the Kaskaskia draining the region between the Illinois and the Wabash, Rock River, in the northwestern portion of the State, is most important on account of its valuable water-power. All of these streams were regarded as navigable for some sort of craft, during at least a portion of the year, in the early history of the country, and with the magnificent Mississippi along the whole western border, gave to Illinois a larger extent of navigable waters than that of any other single State. Although practical navigation, apart from the lake and by natural water courses, is now limited to the Mississippi, Illinois and Ohio—making an aggregate of about 1,000 miles—the importance of the smaller streams, when the people were dependent almost wholly upon some means of water communication for the transportation of heavy commodities as well as for travel, could not be over-estimated, and it is not without its effect upon the productiveness of the soil, now that water transportation has given place to railroads.

The whole number of streams shown upon the best maps exceeds 280.

**TOPOGRAPHY.**—In physical conformation the surface of the State presents the aspect of an inclined plane with a moderate descent in the general direction of the streams toward the south and southwest. Cairo, at the extreme southern end of the State and the point of lowest depression, has an elevation above sea-level of about 300 feet, while the altitude of Lake Michigan at Chicago is 583 feet. The greatest elevation is reached near Scale's Mound in the northwestern part of the State—1,257 feet—while a spur from the Ozark Mountains of Missouri, projected across the southern part of the State, rises in Jackson and Union Counties to a height of over 900 feet. The eastern end of this spur, in the northeast corner of Pope County, reaches an elevation of 1,046 feet. South of this ridge, the surface of the country between the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers was originally covered with dense forests. These included some of the most valuable species of timber for lumber manufacture, such as the different varieties of oak, walnut, poplar, ash, sugar-maple and cypress, besides elm, linden, hickory, honey-locust, pecan, hack-berry, cottonwood, sycamore, sassafras, black-gum and beech. The native fruits included the persimmon, wild plum, grape and paw-paw, with various kinds of berries, such as blackberries, raspberries, strawberries (in the prairie districts) and some others. Most of the native growths of woods common to the south were found along the streams farther north, except the cypress, beech, pecan and a few others.

**PRAIRIES.**—A peculiar feature of the country, in the middle and northern portion of the State, which excited the amazement of early explorers, was the vast extent of the prairies or natural meadows. The origin of these has been attributed to various causes, such as some peculiarity of the soil, absence or excess of moisture, recent upheaval of the surface from lakes or some other bodies of water, the action of fires, etc. In many sections there appears little to distinguish the soil of the prairies from that of the adjacent woodlands, that may not be accounted for by the character of their vegetation and other causes, for the luxuriant growth of native grasses and other productions has demonstrated that they do not lack in fertility, and the readiness with which trees take root when artificially propagated and protected, has shown that there is nothing in the soil itself unfavorable to their growth. Whatever may have been the original

cause of the prairies, however, there is no doubt that annually recurring fires have had much to do in perpetuating their existence, and even extending their limits, as the absence of the same agent has tended to favor the encroachments of the forests. While originally regarded as an obstacle to the occupation of the country by a dense population, there is no doubt that their existence has contributed to its rapid development when it was discovered with what ease these apparent wastes could be subdued, and how productive they were capable of becoming when once brought under cultivation.

In spite of the uniformity in altitude of the State as a whole, many sections present a variety of surface and a mingling of plain and woodland of the most pleasing character. This is especially the case in some of the prairie districts where the undulating landscape covered with rich herbage and brilliant flowers must have presented to the first explorers a scene of ravishing beauty, which has been enhanced rather than diminished in recent times by the hand of cultivation. Along some of the streams also, especially on the upper Mississippi and Illinois, and at some points on the Ohio, is found scenery of a most picturesque variety.

**ANIMALS, ETC.**—From this description of the country it will be easy to infer what must have been the varieties of the animal kingdom which here found a home. These included the buffalo, various kinds of deer, the bear, panther, fox, wolf, and wild-cat, while swans, geese and ducks covered the lakes and streams. It was a veritable paradise for game, both large and small, as well as for their native hunters. "One can scarcely travel," wrote one of the earliest priestly explorers, "without finding a prodigious multitude of turkeys, that keep together in flocks often to the number of ten hundred." Beaver, otter, and mink were found along the streams. Most of these, especially the larger species of game, have disappeared before the tide of civilization, but the smaller, such as quail, prairie chicken, duck and the different varieties of fish in the streams, protected by law during certain seasons of the year, continue to exist in considerable numbers.

**SOIL AND CLIMATE.**—The capabilities of the soil in a region thus situated can be readily understood. In proportion to the extent of its surface, Illinois has a larger area of cultivable land than any other State in the Union, with a soil of superior quality, much of it unsurpassed in natural fertility. This is especially true of the "American Bottom," a region extending a distance of ninety

miles along the east bank of the Mississippi, from a few miles below Alton nearly to Chester, and of an average width of five to eight miles. This was the seat of the first permanent white settlement in the Mississippi Valley, and portions of it have been under cultivation from one hundred to one hundred and fifty years without exhaustion. Other smaller areas of scarcely less fertility are found both upon the bottom-lands and in the prairies in the central portions of the State.

Extending through five and one-half degrees of latitude, Illinois has a great variety of climate. Though subject at times to sudden alternations of temperature, these occasions have been rare since the country has been thoroughly settled. Its mean average for a series of years has been 48° in the northern part of the State and 56° in the southern, differing little from other States upon the same latitude. The mean winter temperature has ranged from 25° in the north to 34° in the south, and the summer mean from 67° in the north to 78° in the south. The extreme winter temperature has seldom fallen below 20° below zero in the northern portion, while the highest summer temperature ranges from 95° to 102°. The average difference in temperature between the northern and southern portions of the State is about 10°, and the difference in the progress of the seasons for the same sections, from four to six weeks. Such a wide variety of climate is favorable to the production of nearly all the grains and fruits peculiar to the temperate zone.

CONTEST FOR OCCUPATION. — Three powers early became contestants for the supremacy on the North American Continent. The first of these was Spain, claiming possession on the ground of the discovery by Columbus; England, basing her claim upon the discoveries of the Cabots, and France, maintaining her right to a considerable part of the continent by virtue of the discovery and exploration by Jacques Cartier of the Gulf and River St. Lawrence, in 1534-35, and the settlement of Quebec by Champlain seventy-four years later. The claim of Spain was general, extending to both North and South America; and, while she early established her colonies in Mexico, the West Indies and Peru, the country was too vast and her agents too busy seeking for gold to interfere materially with her competitors. The Dutch, Swedes and Germans established small, though flourishing colonies, but they were not colonizers nor were they numerically as strong as their neighbors, and their settlements were ultimately absorbed by the latter. Both the Spaniards and the French were zealous

in proselyting the aborigines, but while the former did not hesitate to torture their victims in order to extort their gold while claiming to save their souls, the latter were more gentle and beneficent in their policy, and, by their kindness, succeeded in winning and retaining the friendship of the Indians in a remarkable degree. They were traders as well as missionaries, and this fact and the readiness with which they adapted themselves to the habits of those whom they found in possession of the soil, enabled them to make the most extensive explorations in small numbers and at little cost, and even to remain for unlimited periods among their aboriginal friends. On the other hand, the English were artisans and tillers of the soil with a due proportion engaged in commerce or upon the sea; and, while they were later in planting their colonies in Virginia and New England, and less aggressive in the work of exploration, they maintained a surer foothold on the soil when they had once established themselves. To this fact is due the permanence and steady growth of the English colonies in the New World, and the virtual dominance of the Anglo-Saxon race over more than five-sevenths of the North American Continent—a result which has been illustrated in the history of every people that has made agriculture, manufactures and legitimate commerce the basis of their prosperity.

EARLY EXPLORATIONS. — The French explorers were the first Europeans to visit the "Country of the Illinois," and, for nearly a century, they and their successors and descendants held undisputed possession of the country, as well as the greater part of the Mississippi Valley. It is true that Spain put in a feeble and indefinite claim to this whole region, but she was kept too busy elsewhere to make her claim good, and, in 1763, she relinquished it entirely as to the Mississippi Valley and west to the Pacific Ocean, in order to strengthen herself elsewhere.

There is a peculiar coincidence in the fact that, while the English colonists who settled about Massachusetts Bay named that region "New England," the French gave to their possessions, from the St. Lawrence to the mouth of the Mississippi, the name of "New France," and the Spaniards called all the region claimed by them, extending from Panama to Puget Sound, "New Spain." The boundaries of each were very indefinite and often conflicting, but were settled by the treaty of 1763.

As early as 1634, Jean Nicolet, coming by way of Canada, discovered Lake Michigan — then

called by the French, "Lac des Illinois"—entered Green Bay and visited some of the tribes of Indians in that region. In 1641 zealous missionaries had reached the Falls of St. Mary (called by the French "Sault Ste. Marie"), and, in 1658, two French fur-traders are alleged to have penetrated as far west as "La Pointe" on Lake Superior, where they opened up a trade with the Sioux Indians and wintered in the neighborhood of the Apostle Islands near where the towns of Ashland and Bayfield, Wis., now stand. A few years later (1665), Fathers Allouez and Dablon, French missionaries, visited the Chippewas on the southern shore of Lake Superior, and missions were established at Green Bay, Ste. Marie and La Pointe. About the same time the mission of St. Ignace was established on the north shore of the Straits of Mackinaw (spelled by the French "Michillimacinae"). It is also claimed that the French traveler, Radisson, during the year of 1658-59, reached the upper Mississippi, antedating the claims of Joliet and Marquette as its discoverers by fourteen years. Nicholas Perrot, an intelligent chronicler who left a manuscript account of his travels, is said to have made extensive explorations about the head of the great lakes as far south as the Fox River of Wisconsin, between 1670 and 1690, and to have held an important conference with representatives of numerous tribes of Indians at Sault Ste. Marie in June, 1671. Perrot is also said to have made the first discovery of lead mines in the West.

Up to this time, however, no white man appears to have reached the "Illinois Country," though much had been heard of its beauty and its wealth in game. On May 17, 1673, Louis Joliet, an enterprising explorer who had already visited the Lake Superior region in search of copper mines, under a commission from the Governor of Canada, in company with Father Jacques Marquette and five voyageurs, with a meager stock of provisions and a few trinkets for trading with the natives, set out in two birch-bark canoes from St. Ignace on a tour of exploration southward. Coasting along the west shore of Lake Michigan and Green Bay and through Lake Winnebago, they reached the country of the Mascoutins on Fox River, ascended that stream to the portage to the Wisconsin, then descended the latter to the Mississippi, which they discovered on June 17. Descending the Mississippi, which they named "Rio de la Conception," they passed the mouth of the Des Moines, where they are supposed to have encountered the first Indians of the Illinois tribes, by whom they were hospitably enter-

tained. Later they discovered a rude painting upon the rocks on the east side of the river, which, from the description, is supposed to have been the famous "Piasa Bird," which was still to be seen, a short distance above Alton, within the present generation. (See *Piasa Bird, The Legend of.*) Passing the mouth of the Missouri River and the present site of the city of St. Louis, and continuing past the mouth of the Ohio, they finally reached what Marquette called the village of the Akansas, which has been assumed to be identical with the mouth of the Arkansas, though it has been questioned whether they proceeded so far south. Convinced that the Mississippi "had its mouth in Florida or the Gulf of Mexico," and fearing capture by the Spaniards, they started on their return. Reaching the mouth of the Illinois, they entered that stream and ascended past the village of the Peorias and the "Illinois town of the Kaskaskias"—the latter being about where the town of Utica, La Salle County, now stands—at each of which they made a brief stay. Escorted by guides from the Kaskaskias, they crossed the portage to Lake Michigan where Chicago now stands, and returned to Green Bay, which they reached in the latter part of September. (See *Joliet and Marquette.*)

The next and most important expedition to Illinois—important because it led to the first permanent settlements—was undertaken by Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle, in 1679. This eager and intelligent, but finally unfortunate, discoverer had spent several years in exploration in the lake region and among the streams south of the lakes and west of the Alleghenies. It has been claimed that, during this tour, he descended the Ohio to its junction with the Mississippi; also that he reached the Illinois by way of the head of Lake Michigan and the Chicago portage, and even descended the Mississippi to the 36th parallel, antedating Marquette's first visit to that stream by two years. The chief authority for this claim is La Salle's biographer, Pierre Margry, who bases his statement on alleged conversations with La Salle and letters of his friends. The absence of any allusion to these discoveries in La Salle's own papers, of a later date, addressed to the King, is regarded as fatal to this claim. However this may have been, there is conclusive evidence that, during this period, he met with Joliet while the latter was returning from one of his trips to the Lake Superior country. With an imagination fired by what he then learned, he made a visit to his native country, receiving a



liberal grant from the French Government which enabled him to carry out his plans. With the aid of Henry de Tonty, an Italian who afterward accompanied him in his most important expeditions, and who proved a most valuable and efficient co-laborer, under the auspices of Frontenac, then Governor of Canada, he constructed a small vessel at the foot of Lake Erie, in which, with a company of thirty-four persons, he set sail on the seventh of August, 1679, for the West. This vessel (named the "Griffon") is believed to have been the first sailing-vessel that ever navigated the lakes. His object was to reach the Illinois, and he carried with him material for a boat which he intended to put together on that stream. Arriving in Green Bay early in September, by way of Lake Huron and the straits of Mackinaw, he disembarked his stores, and, loading the Griffon with furs, started it on its return with instructions, after discharging its cargo at the starting point, to join him at the head of Lake Michigan. With a force of seventeen men and three missionaries in four canoes, he started southward, following the western shore of Lake Michigan past the mouth of the Chicago River, on Nov. 1, 1679, and reached the mouth of the St. Joseph River, at the southeast corner of the lake, which had been selected as a rendezvous. Here he was joined by Tonty, three weeks later, with a force of twenty Frenchmen who had come by the eastern shore, but the Griffon never was heard from again, and is supposed to have been lost on the return voyage. While waiting for Tonty he erected a fort, afterward called Fort Miami. The two parties here united, and, leaving four men in charge of the fort, with the remaining thirty-three, he resumed his journey on the third of December. Ascending the St. Joseph to about where South Bend, Ind., now stands, he made a portage with his canoes and stores across to the headwaters of the Kankakee, which he descended to the Illinois. On the first of January he arrived at the great Indian town of the Kaskaskias, which Marquette had left for the last time nearly five years before, but found it deserted, the Indians being absent on a hunting expedition. Proceeding down the Illinois, on Jan. 4, 1680, he passed through Peoria Lake and the next morning reached the Indian village of that name at the foot of the lake, and established friendly relations with its people. Having determined to set up his vessel here, he constructed a rude fort on the eastern bank of the river about four miles south of the village. With the exception of the cabin built for Mar-

quette on the South Branch of the Chicago River in the winter of 1674-75, this was probably the first structure erected by white men in Illinois. This received the name "Creve-Cœur—"Broken Heart"—which, from its subsequent history, proved exceedingly appropriate. Having dispatched Father Louis Hennepin with two companions to the Upper Mississippi, by way of the mouth of the Illinois, on an expedition which resulted in the discovery of the Falls of St. Anthony, La Salle started on his return to Canada for additional assistance and the stores which he had failed to receive in consequence of the loss of the Griffon. Soon after his departure, a majority of the men left with Tonty at Fort Creve-Cœur mutinied, and, having plundered the fort, partially destroyed it. This compelled Tonty and five companions who had remained true, to retreat to the Indian village of the Illinois near "Starved Rock," between where the cities of Ottawa and La Salle now stand, where he spent the summer awaiting the return of La Salle. In September, Tonty's Indian allies having been attacked and defeated by the Iroquois, he and his companions were again compelled to flee, reaching Green Bay the next spring, after having spent the winter among the Pottawatomies in the present State of Wisconsin.

During the next three years (1681-83) La Salle made two other visits to Illinois, encountering and partially overcoming formidable obstacles at each end of the journey. At the last visit, in company with the faithful Tonty, whom he had met at Mackinaw in the spring of 1681, after a separation of more than a year, he extended his exploration to the mouth of the Mississippi, of which he took formal possession on April 9, 1682, in the name of "Louis the Grand, King of France and Navarre." This was the first expedition of white men to pass down the river and determine the problem of its discharge into the Gulf of Mexico.

Returning to Mackinaw, and again to Illinois, in the fall of 1682, Tonty set about carrying into effect La Salle's scheme of fortifying "The Rock," to which reference has been made under the name of "Starved Rock." The buildings are said to have included store-houses (it was intended as a trading post), dwellings and a block-house erected on the summit of the rock, and to which the name of "Fort St. Louis" was given, while a village of confederated Indian tribes gathered about its base on the south which bore the name of La Vantum. According to the historian, Parkman, the population of this colony, in the



LA SALLE.



HENRY DE TONTY.



FORT DEARBORN FROM THE WEST, 1808.



WAR EAGLE.



CHIEF CHICAGO.



FORT DEARBORN 2D, IN 1853, FROM THE SOUTHWEST.

days of its greatest prosperity, was not less than 20 000. Tonty retained his headquarters at Fort St. Louis for eighteen years, during which he made extensive excursions throughout the West. The proprietorship of the fort was granted to him in 1690, but, in 1702, it was ordered by the Governor of Canada to be discontinued on the plea that the charter had been violated. It continued to be used as a trading post, however, as late as 1718, when it was raided by the Indians and burned. (See *La Salle; Tonty; Hennepin, and Starved Rock.*)

Other explorers who were the contemporaries or early successors of Marquette, Joliet, La Salle, Tonty, Hennepin and their companions in the Northwest, and many of whom are known to have visited the "Illinois Country," and probably all of whom did so, were Daniel Greysolon du Lhut (called by La Salle, du Luth), a cousin of Tonty, who was the first to reach the Mississippi directly from Lake Superior, and from whom the city of Duluth has been named; Henry Joutel, a townsman of La Salle, who was one of the survivors of the ill-fated Matagorda Bay colony; Pierre Le Sueur, the discoverer of the Minnesota River, and Baron la Hontan, who made a tour through Illinois in 1688-89, of which he published an account in 1703.

Chicago River early became a prominent point in the estimation of the French explorers and was a favorite line of travel in reaching the Illinois by way of the Des Plaines, though probably sometimes confounded with other streams about the head of the lake. The Calumet and Grand Calumet, allowing easy portage to the Des Plaines, were also used, while the St. Joseph, from which portage was had into the Kankakee, seems to have been a part of the route first used by La Salle.

**ABORIGINES AND EARLY MISSIONS.**—When the early French explorers arrived in the "Illinois Country" they found it occupied by a number of tribes of Indians, the most numerous being the "Illinois," which consisted of several families or bands that spread themselves over the country on both sides of the Illinois River, extending even west of the Mississippi; the Piankeshaws on the east, extending beyond the present western boundary of Indiana, and the Miamis in the northeast, with whom a weaker tribe called the Weas were allied. The Illinois confederation included the Kaskaskias, Peorias, Cahokias, Tamaroas and Mitchigamies—the last being the tribe from which Lake Michigan took its name. (See *Illinois Indians.*) There seems to have been

a general drift of some of the stronger tribes toward the south and east about this time, as Allouez represents that he found the Miamis and their neighbors, the Mascoutins, about Green Bay when he arrived there in 1670. At the same time, there is evidence that the Pottawatomies were located along the southern shore of Lake Superior and about the Sault Ste. Marie (now known as "The Soo"), though within the next fifty years they had advanced southward along the western shore of Lake Michigan until they reached where Chicago now stands. Other tribes from the north were the Kickapoos, Sacs and Foxes, and Winnebagoes, while the Shawnees were a branch of a stronger tribe from the southeast. Charlevoix, who wrote an account of his visit to the "Illinois Country" in 1721, says: "Fifty years ago the Miamis were settled on the southern extremity of Lake Michigan, in a place called Chicago from the name of a small river which runs into the lake, the source of which is not far distant from that of the River Illinois." It does not follow necessarily that this was the Chicago River of to-day, as the name appears to have been applied somewhat indefinitely, by the early explorers, both to a region of country between the head of the lake and the Illinois River, and to more than one stream emptying into the lake in that vicinity. It has been conjectured that the river meant by Charlevoix was the Calumet, as his description would apply as well to that as to the Chicago, and there is other evidence that the Miamis, who were found about the mouth of the St. Joseph River during the eighteenth century, occupied a portion of Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana, extending as far east as the Scioto River in Ohio.

From the first, the Illinois seem to have conceived a strong liking for the French, and being pressed by the Iroquois on the east, the Sacs and Foxes, Pottawatomies and Kickapoos on the north and the Sioux on the west, by the beginning of the eighteenth century we find them, much reduced in numbers, gathered about the French settlements near the mouth of the Kaskaskia (or Okaw) River, in the western part of the present counties of Randolph, Monroe and St. Clair. In spite of the zealous efforts of the missionaries, the contact of these tribes with the whites was attended with the usual results—demoralization, degradation and gradual extermination. The latter result was hastened by the frequent attacks to which they were exposed from their more warlike enemies, so that by the latter part of the eighteenth century, they were



reduced to a few hundred dissolute and depraved survivors of a once vigorous and warlike race.

During the early part of the French occupation, there arose a chief named Chicagou (from whom the city of Chicago received its name) who appears, like Red Jacket, Tecumseh and Logan, to have been a man of unusual intelligence and vigor of character, and to have exercised great influence with his people. In 1725 he was sent to Paris, where he received the attentions due to a foreign potentate, and, on his return, was given a command in an expedition against the Chickasaws, who had been making incursions from the south.

Such was the general distribution of the Indians in the northern and central portions of the State, within the first fifty years after the arrival of the French. At a later period the Kickapoos advanced farther south and occupied a considerable share of the central portion of the State, and even extended to the mouth of the Wabash. The southern part was roamed over by bands from beyond the Ohio and the Mississippi, including the Cherokees and Chickasaws, and the Arkansas tribes, some of whom were very powerful and ranged over a vast extent of country.

The earliest civilized dwellings in Illinois, after the forts erected for purposes of defense, were undoubtedly the posts of the fur-traders and the missionary stations. Fort Miami, the first military post, established by La Salle in the winter of 1679-80, was at the mouth of the St. Joseph River within the boundaries of what is now the State of Michigan. Fort Creve-Cœur, partially erected a few months later on the east side of the Illinois a few miles below where the city of Peoria now stands, was never occupied. Mr. Charles Ballance, the historian of Peoria, locates this fort at the present village of Wesley, in Tazewell County, nearly opposite Lower Peoria. Fort St. Louis, built by Tonty on the summit of "Starved Rock," in the fall and winter of 1682, was the second erected in the "Illinois Country," but the first occupied. It has been claimed that Marquette established a mission among the Kaskaskias, opposite "The Rock," on occasion of his first visit, in September, 1673, and that he renewed it in the spring of 1675, when he visited it for the last time. It is doubtful if this mission was more than a season of preaching to the natives, celebrating mass, administering baptism, etc.; at least the story of an established mission has been denied. That this devoted and zealous propagandist regarded it as a mission, however, is evident from his own journal. He gave to it

the name of the "Mission of the Immaculate Conception," and, although he was compelled by failing health to abandon it almost immediately, it is claimed that it was renewed in 1677 by Father Allouez, who had been active in founding missions in the Lake Superior region, and that it was maintained until the arrival of La Salle in 1680. The hostility of La Salle to the Jesuits led to Allouez' withdrawal, but he subsequently returned and was succeeded in 1688 by Father Gravier, whose labors extended from Mackinaw to Biloxi on the Gulf of Mexico.

There is evidence that a mission had been established among the Miamis as early as 1698, under the name "Chicago," as it is mentioned by St. Cosme in the report of his visit in 1699-1700. This, for the reasons already given showing the indefinite use made of the name Chicago as applied to streams about the head of Lake Michigan, probably referred to some other locality in the vicinity, and not to the site of the present city of Chicago. Even at an earlier date there appears, from a statement in Tonty's Memoirs, to have been a fort at Chicago—probably about the same locality as the mission. Speaking of his return from Canada to the "Illinois Country" in 1685, he says: "I embarked for the Illinois Oct. 30, 1685, but being stopped by the ice, I was obliged to leave my canoe and proceed by land. After going 120 leagues, I arrived at Fort Chicagou, where M. de la Durantaye commanded."

According to the best authorities it was during the year 1700 that a mission and permanent settlement was established by Father Jacques Pinet among the Tamaraos at a village called Cahokia (or "Sainte Famille de Caquiwas"), a few miles south of the present site of the city of East St. Louis. This was the first permanent settlement by Europeans in Illinois, as that at Kaskaskia on the Illinois was broken up the same year.

A few months after the establishment of the mission at Cahokia (which received the name of "St. Sulpice"), but during the same year, the Kaskaskias, having abandoned their village on the upper Illinois, were induced to settle near the mouth of the river which bears their name, and the mission and village—the latter afterward becoming the first capital of the Territory and State of Illinois—came into being. This identity of names has led to some confusion in determining the date and place of the first permanent settlement in Illinois, the date of Marquette's first arrival at Kaskaskia on the Illinois being given by some authors as that of the settlement

at Kaskaskia on the Mississippi, twenty-seven years later.

PERIOD OF FRENCH OCCUPATION.—As may be readily inferred from the methods of French colonization, the first permanent settlements gathered about the missions at Cahokia and Kaskaskia, or rather were parts of them. At later periods, but during the French occupation of the country, other villages were established, the most important being St. Philip and Prairie du Rocher; all of these being located in the fertile valley now known as the "American Bottom," between the older towns of Cahokia and Kaskaskia. There were several Indian villages in the vicinity of the French settlements, and this became, for a time, the most populous locality in the Mississippi Valley and the center of an active trade carried on with the settlements near the mouth of the Mississippi. Large quantities of the products of the country, such as flour, bacon, pork, tallow, lumber, lead, peltries, and even wine, were transported in keel-boats or batteaus to New Orleans; rice, manufactured tobacco, cotton goods and such other fabrics as the simple wants of the people required, being brought back in return. These boats went in convoys of seven to twelve in number for mutual protection, three months being required to make a trip, of which two were made annually—one in the spring and the other in the autumn.

The French possessions in North America went under the general name of "New France," but their boundaries were never clearly defined, though an attempt was made to do so through Commissioners who met at Paris, in 1752. They were understood by the French to include the valley of the St. Lawrence, with Labrador and Nova Scotia, to the northern boundaries of the British colonies; the region of the Great Lakes; and the Valley of the Mississippi from the headwaters of the Ohio westward to the Pacific Ocean and south to the Gulf of Mexico. While these claims were contested by England on the east and Spain on the southwest, they comprehended the very heart of the North American continent, a region unsurpassed in fertility and natural resources and now the home of more than half of the entire population of the American Republic. That the French should have reluctantly yielded up so magnificent a domain is natural. And yet they did this by the treaty of 1763, surrendering the region east of the Mississippi (except a comparatively small district near the mouth of that stream) to England, and the remainder to Spain—an evidence of the straits to

which they had been reduced by a long series of devastating wars. (See *French and Indian Wars*.)

In 1712 Antoine Crozat, under royal letters-patent, obtained from Louis XIV. of France a monopoly of the commerce, with control of the country, "from the edge of the sea (Gulf of Mexico) as far as the Illinois." This grant having been surrendered a few years later, was renewed in 1717 to the "Company of the West," of which the celebrated John Law was the head, and under it jurisdiction was exercised over the trade of Illinois. On September 27 of the same year (1717), the "Illinois Country," which had been a dependency of Canada, was incorporated with Louisiana and became part of that province. Law's company received enlarged powers under the name of the "East Indies Company," and although it went out of existence in 1721 with the opprobrious title of the "South Sea Bubble," leaving in its wake hundreds of ruined private fortunes in France and England, it did much to stimulate the population and development of the Mississippi Valley. During its existence (in 1718) New Orleans was founded and Fort Chartres erected, being named after the Duc de Chartres, son of the Regent of France. Pierre Duque Boisbriant was the first commandant of Illinois and superintended the erection of the fort. (See *Fort Chartres*.)

One of the privileges granted to Law's company was the importation of slaves; and under it, in 1721, Philip F. Renault brought to the country five hundred slaves, besides two hundred artisans, mechanics and laborers. Two years later he received a large grant of land, and founded the village of St. Philip, a few miles north of Fort Chartres. Thus Illinois became slave territory before a white settlement of any sort existed in what afterward became the slave State of Missouri.

During 1721 the country under control of the East Indies Company was divided into nine civil and military districts, each presided over by a commandant and a judge, with a superior council at New Orleans. Of these, Illinois, the largest and, next to New Orleans, the most populous, was the seventh. It embraced over one-half the present State, with the country west of the Mississippi, between the Arkansas and the 43d degree of latitude, to the Rocky Mountains, and included the present States of Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and parts of Arkansas and Colorado. In 1732, the Indies Company surrendered its charter, and Louisiana, including the District of Illinois,

was afterwards governed by officers appointed directly by the crown. (See *French Governors*.)

As early as September, 1699, an attempt was made by an expedition fitted out by the English Government, under command of Captains Barr and Clements, to take possession of the country about the mouth of the Mississippi on the ground of prior discovery; but they found the French under Bienville already in possession at Biloxi, and they sailed away without making any further effort to carry the scheme into effect. Meanwhile, in the early part of the next century, the English were successful in attaching to their interests the Iroquois, who were the deadly foes of the French, and held possession of Western New York and the region around the headwaters of the Ohio River, extending their incursions against the Indian allies of the French as far west as Illinois. The real struggle for territory between the English and French began with the formation of the Ohio Land Company in 1748-49, and the grant to it by the English Government of half a million acres of land along the Ohio River, with the exclusive right of trading with the Indian tribes in that region. Out of this grew the establishment, in the next two years, of trading posts and forts on the Miami and Maumee in Western Ohio, followed by the protracted French and Indian War, which was prosecuted with varied fortunes until the final defeat of the French at Quebec, on the thirteenth of September, 1759, which broke their power on the American continent. Among those who took part in this struggle, was a contingent from the French garrison of Fort Chartres. Neyon de Villiers, commandant of the fort, was one of these, being the only survivor of seven brothers who participated in the defense of Canada. Still hopeful of saving Louisiana and Illinois, he departed with a few followers for New Orleans, but the treaty of Paris, Feb. 10, 1763, destroyed all hope, for by its terms Canada, and all other territory east of the Mississippi as far south as the northern boundary of Florida, was surrendered to Great Britain, while the remainder, including the vast territory between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains, was given up to Spain.

Thus the "Illinois Country" fell into the hands of the British, although the actual transfer of Fort Chartres and the country dependent upon it did not take place until Oct. 10, 1765, when its veteran commandant, St. Ange—who had come from Vincennes to assume command on the retirement of Villiers, and who held it faithfully for the conqueror—surrendered it to Capt.

Thomas Stirling as the representative of the English Government. It is worthy of note that this was the last place on the North American continent to lower the French flag.

BRITISH OCCUPATION.—The delay of the British in taking possession of the "Illinois Country," after the defeat of the French at Quebec and the surrender of their possessions in America by the treaty of 1763, was due to its isolated position and the difficulty of reaching it with sufficient force to establish the British authority. The first attempt was made in the spring of 1764, when Maj. Arthur Loftus, starting from Pensacola, attempted to ascend the Mississippi with a force of four hundred regulars, but, being met by a superior Indian force, was compelled to retreat. In August of the same year, Capt. Thomas Morris was dispatched from Western Pennsylvania with a small force "to take possession of the Illinois Country." This expedition got as far as Fort Miami on the Maumee, when its progress was arrested, and its commander narrowly escaped death. The next attempt was made in 1765, when Maj. George Croghan, a Deputy Superintendent of Indian affairs whose name has been made historical by the celebrated speech of the Indian Chief Logan, was detailed from Fort Pitt, to visit Illinois. Croghan being detained, Lient. Alexander Frazer, who was to accompany him, proceeded alone. Frazer reached Kaskaskia, but met with so rough a reception from both the French and Indians, that he thought it advisable to leave in disguise, and escaped by descending the Mississippi to New Orleans. Croghan started on his journey on the fifteenth of May, proceeding down the Ohio, accompanied by a party of friendly Indians, but having been captured near the mouth of the Wabash, he finally returned to Detroit without reaching his destination. The first British official to reach Fort Chartres was Capt. Thomas Stirling. Descending the Ohio with a force of one hundred men, he reached Fort Chartres, Oct. 10, 1765, and received the surrender of the fort from the faithful and courteous St. Ange. It is estimated that at least one-third of the French citizens, including the more wealthy left rather than become British subjects. Those about Fort Chartres left almost in a body. Some joined the French colonies on the lower Mississippi, while others, crossing the river, settled in St. Genevieve, then in Spanish territory. Much the larger number followed St. Ange to St. Louis, which had been established as a trading post by Pierre La Cede, during the previous year, and which now received

what, in these later days, would be called a great "boom."

Captain Stirling was relieved of his command at Fort Chartres, Dec. 4, by Maj. Robert Farmer. Other British Commandants at Fort Chartres were Col. Edward Cole, Col. John Reed, Colonel Wilkins, Capt. Hugh Lord and Francois de Rastel, Chevalier de Rocheblave. The last had been an officer in the French army, and, having resided at Kaskaskia, transferred his allegiance on occupation of the country by the British. He was the last official representative of the British Government in Illinois.

The total population of the French villages in Illinois, at the time of their transfer to England, has been estimated at about 1,600, of which 700 were about Kaskaskia and 450 in the vicinity of Cahokia. Captain Pittman estimated the population of all the French villages in Illinois and on the Wabash, at the time of his visit in 1770, at about 2,000. Of St. Louis—or "Paincourt," as it was called—Captain Pittman said: "There are about forty private houses and as many families." Most of these, if not all, had emigrated from the French villages. In fact, although nominally in Spanish territory, it was essentially a French town, protected, as Pittman said, by "a French garrison" consisting of "a Captain-Commandant, two Lieutenants, a Fort Major, one Sergeant one Corporal and twenty men."

ACTION OF CONTINENTAL CONGRESS.—The first official notice taken of the "Illinois Country" by the Continental Congress, was the adoption by that body, July 13, 1775, of an act creating three Indian Departments—a Northern, Middle and Southern. Illinois was assigned to the second, with Benjamin Franklin and James Wilson, of Pennsylvania, and Patrick Henry, of Virginia, as Commissioners. In April, 1776, Col. George Morgan, who had been a trader at Kaskaskia, was appointed agent and successor to these Commissioners, with headquarters at Fort Pitt. The promulgation of the Declaration of Independence, on the Fourth of July, 1776, and the events immediately preceding and following that event, directed attention to the colonies on the Atlantic coast; yet the frontiersmen of Virginia were watching an opportunity to deliver a blow to the Government of King George in a quarter where it was least expected, and where it was destined to have an immense influence upon the future of the new nation, as well as that of the American continent.

COL. GEORGE ROGERS CLARK'S EXPEDITION.—During the year 1777, Col. George Rogers Clark,

a native of Virginia, then scarcely twenty-five years of age, having conceived a plan of seizing the settlements in the Mississippi Valley, sent trusty spies to learn the sentiments of the people and the condition of affairs at Kaskaskia. The report brought to him gave him encouragement, and, in December of the same year, he laid before Gov. Patrick Henry, of Virginia, his plans for the reduction of the posts in Illinois. These were approved, and, on Jan. 2, 1778, Clark received authority to recruit seven companies of fifty men each for three months' service, and Governor Henry gave him \$6,000 for expenses. Proceeding to Fort Pitt, he succeeded in recruiting three companies, who were directed to rendezvous at Corn Island, opposite the present city of Louisville. It has been claimed that, in order to deceive the British as to his real destination, Clark authorized the announcement that the object of the expedition was to protect the settlements in Kentucky from the Indians. At Corn Island another company was organized, making four in all, under the command of Captains Bowman, Montgomery, Helm and Harrod, and having embarked on keel-boats, they passed the Falls of the Ohio, June 24. Reaching the island at the mouth of the Tennessee on the 28th, he was met by a party of eight American hunters, who had left Kaskaskia a few days before, and who, joining his command, rendered good service as guides. He disembarked his force at the mouth of a small creek one mile above Fort Massac. June 29, and, directing his course across the country, on the evening of the sixth day (July 4, 1778) arrived within three miles of Kaskaskia. The surprise of the unsuspecting citizens of Kaskaskia and its small garrison was complete. His force having, under cover of darkness, been ferried across the Kaskaskia River, about a mile above the town, one detachment surrounded the town, while the other seized the fort, capturing Rocheblave and his little command without firing a gun. The famous Indian fighter and hunter, Simon Kenton, led the way to the fort. This is supposed to have been what Captain Pittman called the "Jesuits' house," which had been sold by the French Government after the country was ceded to England, the Jesuit order having been suppressed. A wooden fort, erected in 1736, and known afterward by the British as Fort Gage, had stood on the bluff opposite the town, but, according to Pittman, this was burnt in 1766, and there is no evidence that it was ever rebuilt.

Clark's expedition was thus far a complete success. Rocheblave, proving recalcitrant, was



placed in irons and sent as a prisoner of war to Williamsburg, while his slaves were confiscated, the proceeds of their sale being divided among Clark's troops. The inhabitants were easily conciliated, and Cahokia having been captured without bloodshed, Clark turned his attention to Vincennes. Through the influence of Pierre Gibault—the Vicar-General in charge at Kaskaskia—the people of Vincennes were induced to swear allegiance to the United States, and, although the place was afterward captured by a British force from Detroit, it was, on Feb. 24, 1779, recaptured by Colonel Clark, together with a body of prisoners but little smaller than the attacking force, and \$50,000 worth of property. (See *Clark, Col. George Rogers*.)

UNDER GOVERNMENT OF VIRGINIA.—Seldom in the history of the world have such important results been achieved by such insignificant instrumentalities and with so little sacrifice of life, as in this almost bloodless campaign of the youthful conqueror of Illinois. Having been won largely through Virginia enterprise and valor and by material aid furnished through Governor Henry, the Virginia House of Delegates, in October, 1778, proceeded to assert the jurisdiction of that commonwealth over the settlements of the Northwest, by organizing all the country west and north of the Ohio River into a county to be called "Illinois," (see *Illinois County*), and empowering the Governor to appoint a "County-Lieutenant or Commandant-in-Chief" to exercise civil authority during the pleasure of the appointing power. Thus "Illinois County" was older than the States of Ohio or Indiana, while Patrick Henry, the eloquent orator of the Revolution, became ex-officio its first Governor. Col. John Todd, a citizen of Kentucky, was appointed "County-Lieutenant," Dec. 12, 1778, entering upon his duties in May following. The militia was organized, Deputy-Commandants for Kaskaskia and Cahokia appointed, and the first election of civil officers ever had in Illinois, was held under Colonel Todd's direction. His record-book, now in possession of the Chicago Historical Society, shows that he was accustomed to exercise powers scarcely inferior to those of a State Executive. (See *Todd, Col. John*.)

In 1782 one "Thimothé Demunbrunt" subscribed himself as "Lt. comd'g par interim, etc."—but the origin of his authority is not clearly understood. He assumed to act as Commandant until the arrival of Gov. Arthur St. Clair, first Territorial Governor of the Northwest Territory, in 1790. After the close of the Revolution, courts

ceased to be held and civil affairs fell into great disorder. "In effect, there was neither law nor order in the 'Illinois Country' for the seven years from 1783 to 1790."

During the progress of the Revolution, there were the usual rumors and alarms in the "Illinois Country" peculiar to frontier life in time of war. The country, however, was singularly exempt from any serious calamity such as a general massacre. One reason for this was the friendly relations which had existed between the French and their Indian neighbors previous to the conquest, and which the new masters, after the capture of Kaskaskia, took pains to perpetuate. Several movements were projected by the British and their Indian allies about Detroit and in Canada, but they were kept so busy elsewhere that they had little time to put their plans into execution. One of these was a proposed movement from Pensacola against the Spanish posts on the lower Mississippi, to punish Spain for having engaged in the war of 1779, but the promptness with which the Spanish Governor of New Orleans proceeded to capture Fort Manchac, Baton Rouge and Natchez from their British possessors, convinced the latter that this was a "game at which two could play." In ignorance of these results, an expedition, 750 strong, composed largely of Indians, fitted out at Mackinaw under command of Capt. Patrick St. Clair, started in the early part of May, 1780, to co-operate with the expedition on the lower Mississippi, but intending to deal a destructive blow to the Illinois villages and the Spanish towns of St. Louis and St. Genevieve on the way. This expedition reached St. Louis, May 26, but Col. George Rogers Clark, having arrived at Cahokia with a small force twenty-four hours earlier, prepared to co-operate with the Spaniards on the western shore of the Mississippi, and the invading force confined their depredations to killing seven or eight villagers, and then beat a hasty retreat in the direction they had come. These were the last expeditions organized to regain the "Country of the Illinois" or capture Spanish posts on the Mississippi.

EXPEDITIONS AGAINST FORT ST. JOSEPH.—An expedition of a different sort is worthy of mention in this connection, as it originated in Illinois. This consisted of a company of seventeen men, led by one Thomas Brady, a citizen of Cahokia, who, marching across the country, in the month of October, 1780, after the retreat of Sinclair, from St. Louis, succeeded in surprising and capturing Fort St. Joseph about where La Salle had erected Fort Miami, near the mouth of the St.

Joseph River, a hundred years before. Brady and his party captured a few British prisoners, and a large quantity of goods. On their return, while encamped on the Calumet, they were attacked by a band of Pottawatomies, and all were killed, wounded or taken prisoners except Brady and two others, who escaped. Early in January, 1781, a party consisting of sixty-five whites, organized from St. Louis and Cahokia, with some 200 Indians, and headed by Don Eugenio Pourre, a Spaniard, started on a second expedition against Fort St. Joseph. By silencing the Indians, whom they met on their way, with promises of plunder, they were able to reach the fort without discovery, captured it and, raising the Spanish flag, formally took possession in the name of the King of Spain. After retaining possession for a few days, the party returned to St. Louis, but in negotiating the treaty of peace at Paris, in 1783, this incident was made the basis of a claim put forth by Spain to ownership of the "Illinois Country" "by right of conquest."

THE TERRITORIAL PERIOD.—At the very outset of its existence, the new Government of the United States was confronted with an embarrassing question which deeply affected the interests of the territory of which Illinois formed a part. This was the claim of certain States to lands lying between their western boundaries and the Mississippi River, then the western boundary of the Republic. These claims were based either upon the terms of their original charters or upon the cession of lands by the Indians, and it was under a claim of the former character, as well as by right of conquest, that Virginia assumed to exercise authority over the "Illinois Country" after its capture by the Clark expedition. This construction was opposed by the States which, from their geographical position or other cause, had no claim to lands beyond their own boundaries, and the controversy was waged with considerable bitterness for several years, proving a formidable obstacle to the ratification of the Articles of Confederation. As early as 1779 the subject received the attention of Congress in the adoption of a resolution requesting the States having such claims to "forbear settling or issuing warrants for unappropriated lands or granting the same during the continuance of the present (Revolutionary) War." In the following year, New York authorized her Delegates in Congress to limit its boundaries in such manner as they might think expedient, and to cede to the Government its claim to western lands. The case was further complicated by the claims of certain land companies

which had been previously organized. New York filed her cession to the General Government of lands claimed by her in October, 1782, followed by Virginia nearly a year later, and by Massachusetts and Connecticut in 1785 and 1786. Other States followed somewhat tardily, Georgia being the last, in 1802. The only claims of this character affecting lands in Illinois were those of Virginia covering the southern part of the State, and Connecticut and Massachusetts applying to the northern portion. It was from the splendid domain north and west of the Ohio thus acquired from Virginia and other States, that the Northwest Territory was finally organized.

ORDINANCE OF 1787.—The first step was taken in the passage by Congress, in 1784, of a resolution providing for the temporary government of the Western Territory, and this was followed three years later by the enactment of the celebrated Ordinance of 1787. While this latter document contained numerous provisions which marked a new departure in the science of free government—as, for instance, that declaring that "religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged"—its crowning feature was the sixth article, as follows: "There shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in the said Territory, otherwise than in the punishment of crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted."

Although there has been considerable controversy as to the authorship of the above and other provisions of this immortal document, it is worthy of note that substantially the same language was introduced in the resolutions of 1784, by a Delegate from a slave State—Thomas Jefferson, of Virginia—though not, at that time, adopted. Jefferson was not a member of the Congress of 1787 (being then Minister to France), and could have had nothing directly to do with the later Ordinance; yet it is evident that the principle which he had advocated finally received the approval of eight out of the thirteen States,—all that were represented in that Congress—including the slave States of Virginia, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. (See *Ordinance of 1787*.)

NORTHWEST TERRITORY ORGANIZED.—Under the Ordinance of 1787, organizing the Northwest Territory, Gen. Arthur St. Clair, who had been a soldier of the Revolution, was appointed the first Governor on Feb. 1, 1788, with Winthrop Sargent, Secretary, and Samuel Holden Parsons,

James Mitchell Varnum and John Cleves Symmes, Judges. All these were reappointed by President Washington in 1789. The new Territorial Government was organized at Marietta, a settlement on the Ohio, July 15, 1788, but it was nearly two years later before Governor St. Clair visited Illinois, arriving at Kaskaskia, March 5, 1790. The County of St. Clair (named after him) was organized at this time, embracing all the settlements between the Wabash and the Mississippi. (See *St. Clair County*.) He found the inhabitants generally in a deplorable condition, neglected by the Government, the courts of justice practically abolished and many of the citizens sadly in need of the obligations due them from the Government for supplies furnished to Colonel Clark twelve years before. After a stay of three months, the Governor returned east. In 1795, Judge Turner held the first court in St. Clair County, at Cahokia, as the county-seat, although both Cahokia and Kaskaskia had been named as county-seats by Governor St. Clair. Out of the disposition of the local authorities to retain the official records at Cahokia, and consequent disagreement over the county-seat question, at least in part, grew the order of 1795 organizing the second county (Randolph), and Kaskaskia became its county-seat. In 1796 Governor St. Clair paid a second visit to Illinois, accompanied by Judge Symmes, who held court at both county-seats. On Nov. 4, 1791, occurred the defeat of Governor St. Clair, in the western part of the present State of Ohio, by a force of Indians under command of Little Turtle, in which the whites sustained a heavy loss of both men and property—an event which had an unfavorable effect upon conditions throughout the Northwest Territory generally. St. Clair, having resigned his command of the army, was succeeded by Gen. Anthony Wayne, who, in a vigorous campaign, overwhelmed the Indians with defeat. This resulted in the treaty with the Western tribes at Greenville, August 3, 1795, which was the beginning of a period of comparative peace with the Indians all over the Western Country. (See *Wayne, Gen.*) *Anthony*.)

**FIRST TERRITORIAL LEGISLATION.**—In 1798, the Territory having gained the requisite population, an election of members of a Legislative Council and House of Representatives was held in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance of 1787. This was the first Territorial Legislature organized in the history of the Republic. It met at Cincinnati, Feb. 4, 1799, Shadrach Bond being the Delegate from St. Clair County and John Edgar

from Randolph. Gen. William Henry Harrison, who had succeeded Sargent as Secretary of the Territory, June 26, 1798, was elected Delegate to Congress, receiving a majority of one vote over Arthur St. Clair, Jr., son of the Governor.

**OHIO AND INDIANA TERRITORIES.**—By act of Congress, May 7, 1800, the Northwest Territory was divided into Ohio and Indiana Territories; the latter embracing the region west of the present State of Ohio, and having its capital at "Saint Vincent" (Vincennes). May 13, William Henry Harrison, who had been the first Delegate in Congress from the Northwest Territory, was appointed Governor of Indiana Territory, which at first consisted of three counties: Knox, St. Clair and Randolph—the two latter being within the boundaries of the present State of Illinois. Their aggregate population at this time was estimated at less than 5,000. During his administration Governor Harrison concluded thirteen treaties with the Indians, of which six related to the cession of lands in Illinois. The first treaty relating to lands in Illinois was that of Greenville, concluded by General Wayne in 1795. By this the Government acquired six miles square at the mouth of the Chicago River; twelve miles square at the mouth of the Illinois; six miles square at the old Peoria fort; the post of Fort Massac; and 150,000 acres assigned to General Clark and his soldiers, besides all other lands "in possession of the French people and all other white settlers among them, the Indian title to which had been thus extinguished." (See *Indian Treaties*; also, *Greenville, Treaty of*.)

During the year 1803, the treaty with France for the purchase of Louisiana and West Florida was concluded, and on March 26, 1804, an act was passed by Congress attaching all that portion of Louisiana lying north of the thirty-third parallel of latitude and west of the Mississippi to Indiana Territory for governmental purposes. This included the present States of Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, the two Dakotas and parts of Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. This arrangement continued only until the following March, when Louisiana was placed under a separate Territorial organization.

For four years Indiana Territory was governed under laws framed by the Governor and Judges, but, the population having increased to the required number, an election was held, Sept. 11, 1804, on the proposition to advance the government to the "second grade" by the election of a Territorial Legislature. The smallness of the vote indicated the indifference of the people on

the subject Out of 400 votes cast, the proposition received a majority of 138. The two Illinois counties cast a total of 142 votes, of which St. Clair furnished 81 and Randolph 61. The former gave a majority of 37 against the measure and the latter 19 in its favor, showing a net negative majority of 18. The adoption of the proposition was due, therefore, to the affirmative vote in the other counties. There were in the Territory at this time six counties; one of these (Wayne) was in Michigau, which was set off, in 1805, as a separate Territory. At the election of Delegates to a Territorial Legislature, held Jan. 3, 1805, Shadrach Bond, Sr., and William Biggs were elected for St. Clair County and George Fisher for Randolph. Bond having meanwhile become a member of the Legislative Council, Shadrach Bond, Jr., was chosen his successor. The Legislature convened at Vincennes, Feb. 7, 1805, but only to recommend a list of persons from whom it was the duty of Congress to select a Legislative Council. In addition to Bond, Pierre Menard was chosen for Randolph and John Hay for St. Clair.

ILLINOIS TERRITORY ORGANIZED.—The Illinois counties were represented in two regular and one special session of the Territorial Legislature during the time they were a part of Indiana Territory. By act of Congress, which became a law Feb. 3, 1809, the Territory was divided, the western part being named Illinois.

At this point the history of Illinois, as a separate political division, begins. While its boundaries in all other directions were as now, on the north it extended to the Canada line. From what has already been said, it appears that the earliest white settlements were established by French-Canadians, chiefly at Kaskaskia, Cahokia and the other villages in the southern part of the American Bottom. At the time of Clark's invasion, there were not known to have been more than two Americans among these people, except such hunters and trappers as paid them occasional visits. One of the earliest American settlers in Southern Illinois was Capt. Nathan Hull, who came from Massachusetts and settled at an early day on the Ohio, near where Golconda now stands, afterward removing to the vicinity of Kaskaskia, where he died in 1806. In 1781, a company of immigrants, consisting (with one or two exceptions) of members of Clark's command in 1778, arrived with their families from Maryland and Virginia and established themselves on the American Bottom. The "New Design" settlement, on the boundary line between St. Clair

and Monroe Counties, and the first distinctively American colony in the "Illinois Country," was established by this party. Some of its members afterward became prominent in the history of the Territory and the State. William Biggs, a member of the first Territorial Legislature, with others, settled in or near Kaskaskia about 1783, and William Arundel, the first American merchant at Cahokia, came there from Peoria during the same year. Gen. John Edgar, for many years a leading citizen and merchant at the capital, arrived at Kaskaskia in 1784, and William Morrison, Kaskaskia's principal merchant, came from Philadelphia as early as 1790, followed some years afterward by several brothers. James Lemen came before the beginning of the present century, and was the founder of a large and influential family in the vicinity of Shiloh, St. Clair County, and Rev. David Badgley headed a colony of 154 from Virginia, who arrived in 1797. Among other prominent arrivals of this period were John Rice Jones, Pierre Menard (first Lieutenant-Governor of the State), Shadrach Bond, Jr. (first Governor), John Hay, John Messinger, William Kinney, Capt. Joseph Ogle; and of a later date, Nathaniel Pope (afterward Secretary of the Territory, Delegate to Congress, Justice of the United States Court and father of the late Maj.-Gen. John Pope), Elias Kent Kane (first Secretary of State and afterward United States Senator), Daniel P. Cook (first Attorney-General and second Representative in Congress), George Forquer (at one time Secretary of State), and Dr. George Fisher—all prominent in Territorial or State history. (See biographical sketches of these early settlers under their respective names.)

The government of the new Territory was organized by the appointment of Ninian Edwards, Governor; Nathaniel Pope, Secretary, and Alexander Stuart, Obadiah Jones and Jesse B. Thomas, Territorial Judges. (See *Edwards, Ninian*.) Stuart having been transferred to Missouri, Stanley Griswold was appointed in his stead. Governor Edwards arrived at Kaskaskia, the capital, in June, 1809. At that time the two counties of St. Clair and Randolph comprised the settled portion of the Territory, with a white population estimated at about 9,000. The Governor and Judges immediately proceeded to formulate a code of laws, and the appointments made by Secretary Pope, who had preceded the Governor in his arrival in the Territory, were confirmed. Benjamin H. Doyle was the first Attorney-General, but he resigned in a few



months, when the place was offered to John J. Crittenden—the well-known United States Senator from Kentucky at the beginning of the Civil War—but by him declined. Thomas T. Crittenden was then appointed.

An incident of the year 1811 was the battle of Tippecanoe, resulting in the defeat of Tecumseh, the great chief of the Shawnees, by Gen. William Henry Harrison. Four companies of mounted rangers were raised in Illinois this year under direction of Col. William Russell, of Kentucky, who built Camp Russell near Edwardsville the following year. They were commanded by Captains Samuel Whiteside, William B. Whiteside, James B. Moore and Jacob Short. The memorable earthquake which had its center about New Madrid, Mo., occurred in December of this year, and was quite violent in some portions of Southern Illinois. (See *Earthquake of 1811.*)

WAR OF 1812.—During the following year the second war with England began, but no serious outbreak occurred in Illinois until August, 1812, when the massacre at Fort Dearborn, where Chicago now stands, took place. This had long been a favorite trading post of the Indians, at first under French occupation and afterward under the Americans. Sometime during 1803-04, a fort had been built near the mouth of Chicago River on the south side, on land acquired from the Indians by the treaty of Greenville in 1795. (See *Fort Dearborn.*) In the spring of 1812 some alarm had been caused by outrages committed by Indians in the vicinity, and in the early part of August, Capt. Nathan Heald, commanding the garrison of less than seventy-five men, received instructions from General Hull, in command at Detroit, to evacuate the fort, disposing of the public property as he might see fit. Friendly Indians advised Heald either to make preparations for a vigorous defense, or evacuate at once. Instead of this, he notified the Indians of his intention to retire and divide the stores among them, with the conditions subsequently agreed upon in council, that his garrison should be afforded an escort and safe passage to Fort Wayne. On the 14th of August he proceeded to distribute the bulk of the goods as promised, but the ammunition, guns and liquors were destroyed. This he justified on the ground that a bad use would be made of them, while the Indians construed it as a violation of the agreement. The tragedy which followed, is thus described in Moses' "History of Illinois:"

"Black Partridge, a Pottawatomie Chief, who had been on terms of friendship with the whites,

appeared before Captain Heald and informed him plainly that his young men intended to imbrue their hands in the blood of the whites; that he was no longer able to restrain them, and, surrendering a medal he had worn in token of amity, closed by saying: 'I will not wear a token of peace while I am compelled to act as an enemy.' In the meantime the Indians were rioting upon the provisions, and becoming so aggressive in their bearing that it was resolved to march out the next day. The fatal fifteenth arrived. To each soldier was distributed twenty-five rounds of reserved ammunition. The baggage and ambulance wagons were laden, and the garrison slowly wended its way outside the protecting walls of the fort—the Indian escort of 500 following in the rear. What next occurred in this disastrous movement is narrated by Captain Heald in his report, as follows: 'The situation of the country rendered it necessary for us to take the beach, with the lake on our left, and a high sand bank on our right at about three hundred yards distance. We had proceeded about a mile and a half, when it was discovered (by Captain Wells) that the Indians were prepared to attack us from behind the bank. I immediately marched up with the company to the top of the bank, when the action commenced; after firing one round, we charged, and the Indians gave way in front and joined those on our flanks. In about fifteen minutes they got possession of all our horses, provisions and baggage of every description, and finding the Miamis (who had come from Fort Wayne with Captain Wells to act as an escort) did not assist us, I drew off the few men I had left and took possession of a small elevation in the open prairie out of shot of the bank, or any other cover. The Indians did not follow me but assembled in a body on top of the bank, and after some consultation among themselves, made signs for me to approach them. I advanced toward them alone, and was met by one of the Pottawatomie chiefs called Black Bird, with an interpreter. After shaking hands, he requested me to surrender, promising to spare the lives of all the prisoners. On a few moments' consideration I concluded it would be most prudent to comply with this request, although I did not put entire confidence in his promise. The troops had made a brave defense, but what could so small a force do against such overwhelming numbers? It was evident with over half their number dead upon the field, or wounded, further resistance would be hopeless. Twenty-six regulars and twelve militia, with two women and twelve children, were killed. Among the slain were Captain Wells, Dr. Van Voorhis and Ensign George Roman. (Captain Wells, when young, had been captured by Indians and had married among them.) He (Wells) was familiar with all the wiles, stratagems, as well as the vindictiveness of the Indian character, and when the conflict began, he said to his niece (Mrs. Heald), by whose side he was standing, 'We have not the slightest chance for life; we must part to meet no more in this world. God bless you.' With these words he dashed forward into the thickest of the fight. He refused to be taken prisoner, knowing what his fate would be, when a young

red-skin cut him down with his tomahawk, jumped upon his body, cut out his heart and ate a portion of it with savage delight.

"The prisoners taken were Captain Heald and wife, both wounded, Lieutenant Helm, also wounded, and wife, with twenty-five non-commissioned officers and privates, and eleven women and children. The loss of the Indians was fifteen killed. Mr. Kinzie's family had been entrusted to the care of some friendly Indians and were not with the retiring garrison. The Indians engaged in this outrage were principally Pottawatomes, with a few Chippewas, Ottawas, Winnebagoes, and Kickapoos. Fort Dearborn was plundered and burned on the next morning." (See *Fort Dearborn*; also *War of 1812*.)

Thus ended the most bloody tragedy that ever occurred on the soil of Illinois with Americans as victims. The place where this affair occurred, as described by Captain Heald, was on the lake shore about the foot of Eighteenth Street in the present city of Chicago. After the destruction of the fort, the site of the present city of Chicago remained unoccupied until 1816, when the fort was rebuilt. At that time the bones of the victims of the massacre of 1812 still lay bleaching upon the sands near the lake shore, but they were gathered up a few years later and buried. The new fort continued to be occupied somewhat irregularly until 1837, when it was finally abandoned, there being no longer any reason for maintaining it as a defense against the Indians.

OTHER EVENTS OF THE WAR.—The part played by Illinois in the War of 1812, consisted chiefly in looking after the large Indian population within and near its borders. Two expeditions were undertaken to Peoria Lake in the Fall of 1812; the first of these, under the direction of Governor Edwards, burned two Kickapoo villages, one of them being that of "Black Partridge," who had befriended the whites at Fort Dearborn. A few weeks later Capt. Thomas E. Craig, at the head of a company of militia, made a descent upon the ancient French village of Peoria, on the pretext that the inhabitants had harbored hostile Indians and fired on his boats. He burned a part of the town and, taking the people as prisoners down the river, put them ashore below Alton, in the beginning of winter. Both these affairs were severely censured.

There were expeditions against the Indians on the Illinois and Upper Mississippi in 1813 and 1814. In the latter year, Illinois troops took part with credit in two engagements at Rock Island—the last of these being in co-operation with regulars, under command of Maj. Zachary Taylor, afterwards President, against a force of Indians supported by the British. Fort Clark at Peoria

was erected in 1813, and Fort Edwards at Warsaw, opposite the mouth of the Des Moines, at the close of the campaign of 1814. A council with the Indians, conducted by Governors Edwards of Illinois and Clarke of Missouri, and Auguste Chouteau, a merchant of St. Louis, as Government Commissioners, on the Mississippi just below Alton, in July, 1815, concluded a treaty of peace with the principal Northwestern tribes, thus ending the war.

FIRST TERRITORIAL LEGISLATURE.—By act of Congress, adopted May 21, 1812, the Territory of Illinois was raised to the second grade—i. e., empowered to elect a Territorial Legislature. In September, three additional counties—Madison, Gallatin and Johnson—were organized, making five in all, and, in October, an election for the choice of five members of the Council and seven Representatives was held, resulting as follows: Councilmen—Pierre Menard of Randolph County; William Biggs of St. Clair; Samuel Judy of Madison; Thomas Ferguson of Johnson, and Benjamin Talbot of Gallatin. Representatives—George Fisher of Randolph; Joshua Oglesby and Jacob Short of St. Clair; William Jones of Madison; Philip Trammel and Alexander Wilson of Gallatin, and John Grammar of Johnson. The Legislature met at Kaskaskia, Nov. 25, the Council organizing with Pierre Menard as President and John Thomas, Secretary; and the House, with George Fisher as Speaker and William C. Greenup, Clerk. Shadrach Bond was elected the first Delegate to Congress.

A second Legislature was elected in 1814, convening at Kaskaskia, Nov. 14. Menard was continued President of the Council during the whole Territorial period; while George Fisher was Speaker of each House, except the Second. The county of Edwards was organized in 1814, and White in 1815. Other counties organized under the Territorial Government were Jackson, Monroe, Crawford and Pope in 1816; Bond in 1817, and Franklin, Union and Washington in 1818, making fifteen in all. Of these all but the three last-named were organized previous to the passage by Congress of the enabling act authorizing the Territory of Illinois to organize a State government. In 1816 the Bank of Illinois was established at Shawneetown, with branches at Edwardsville and Kaskaskia.

EARLY TOWNS.—Besides the French villages in the American Bottom, there is said to have been a French and Indian village on the west bank of Peoria Lake, as early as 1711. This site appears to have been abandoned about 1775 and a new

village established on the present site of Peoria soon after, which was maintained until 1812, when it was broken up by Captain Craig. Other early towns were Shawneetown, laid out in 1808; Belleville, established as the county-seat of St. Clair County, in 1814; Edwardsville, founded in 1815; Upper Alton, in 1816, and Alton, in 1818. Carmi, Fairfield, Waterloo, Golconda, Lawrenceville, Mount Carmel and Vienna also belonged to this period; while Jacksonville, Springfield and Galena were settled a few years later. Chicago is mentioned in "Beck's Gazetteer" of 1823, as "a village of Pike County."

**ADMISSION AS A STATE.**—The preliminary steps for the admission of Illinois as a State, were taken in the passage of an Enabling Act by Congress, April 13, 1818. An important incident in this connection was the amendment of the act, making the parallel of 42° 30' from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River the northern boundary, instead of a line extending from the southern extremity of the Lake. This was obtained through the influence of Hon. Nathaniel Pope, then Delegate from Illinois, and by it the State secured a strip of country fifty-one miles in width, from the Lake to the Mississippi, embracing what have since become fourteen of the most populous counties of the State, including the city of Chicago. The political, material and moral results which have followed this important act, have been the subject of much interesting discussion and cannot be easily over-estimated. (See *Northern Boundary Question*; also *Pope, Nathaniel*.)

Another measure of great importance, which Mr. Pope secured, was a modification of the provision of the Enabling Act requiring the appropriation of five per cent of the proceeds from the sale of public lands within the State, to the construction of roads and canals. The amendment which he secured authorizes the application of two-fifths of this fund to the making of roads leading to the State, but requires "the residue to be appropriated by the Legislature of the State for the encouragement of learning, of which one-sixth part shall be exclusively bestowed on a college or university." This was the beginning of that system of liberal encouragement of education by the General Government, which has been attended with such beneficent results in the younger States, and has reflected so much honor upon the Nation. (See *Education*; *Railroads*, and *Illinois & Michigan Canal*.)

The Enabling Act required as a precedent condition that a census of the Territory, to be taken

that year, should show a population of 40,000. Such a result was shown, but it is now confessed that the number was greatly exaggerated, the true population, as afterwards given, being 34,020. According to the decennial census of 1820, the population of the State at that time was 55,162. If there was any short-coming in this respect in 1818, the State has fully compensated for it by its unexampled growth in later years.

An election of Delegates to a Convention to frame a State Constitution was held July 6 to 8, 1818 (extending through three days), thirty-three Delegates being chosen from the fifteen counties of the State. The Convention met at Kaskaskia, August 3, and organized by the election of Jesse B. Thomas, President, and William C. Greenup, Secretary, closing its labors, August 26. The Constitution, which was modeled largely upon the Constitutions of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, was not submitted to a vote of the people. (See *Constitutional Conventions*, especially *Convention of 1818*.) Objection was made to its acceptance by Congress on the ground that the population of the Territory was insufficient and that the prohibition of slavery was not as explicit as required by the Ordinance of 1787; but these arguments were overcome and the document accepted by a vote of 117 yeas to 34 nays. The only officers whose election was provided for by popular vote, were the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Sheriffs, Coroners and County Commissioners. The Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Public Printer and Supreme and Circuit Judges were all appointive either by the Governor or General Assembly. The elective franchise was granted to all white male inhabitants, above the age of 21 years, who had resided in the State six months.

The first State election was held Sept. 17, 1818, resulting in the choice of Shadrach Bond for Governor, and Pierre Menard, Lieutenant-Governor. The Legislature, chosen at the same time, consisted of thirteen Senators and twenty-seven Representatives. It commenced its session at Kaskaskia, Oct. 5, 1818, and adjourned after a session of ten days, awaiting the formal admission of the State, which took place Dec. 3. A second session of the same Legislature was held, extending from Jan. 4 to March 31, 1819. Risdon Moore was Speaker of the first House. The other State officers elected at the first session were Elijah C. Berry, Auditor; John Thomas, Treasurer, and Daniel P. Cook, Attorney-General. Elias Kent Kane, having been appointed Secretary of State by the Governor, was confirmed by

the Senate. Ex-Governor Edwards and Jesse B. Thomas were elected United States Senators, the former drawing the short term and serving one year, when he was re-elected. Thomas served two terms, retiring in 1829. The first Supreme Court consisted of Joseph Phillips, Chief Justice, with Thomas C. Browne, William P. Foster and John Reynolds, Associate Justices. Foster, who was a mere adventurer without any legal knowledge, left the State in a few months and was succeeded by William Wilson. (See *State Officers, United States Senators, and Judiciary.*)

Menard, who served as Lieutenant-Governor four years, was a noteworthy man. A native of Canada and of French descent, he came to Kaskaskia in 1790, at the age of 24 years, and engaged in mercantile pursuits. He was hospitable, frank, liberal and enterprising. The following story related of him illustrates a pleasant feature of his character: "At one time there was a scarcity of salt in the country, and Menard held the only supply outside of St. Louis. A number of his neighbors called upon him for what they wanted; he declined to let them know whether he could supply them or not, but told them to come to his store on a certain day, when he would inform them. They came at the time appointed, and were seated. Menard passed around among them and inquired of each, 'You got money?' Some said they had and some that they had not, but would pay as soon as they killed their hogs. Those who had money he directed to range themselves on one side of the room and those who had none, on the other. Of course, those who had the means expected to get the salt and the others looked very much distressed and crestfallen. Menard then spoke up in his brusque way, and said, 'You men who got de money, can go to St. Louis for your salt. Dese poor men who got no money shall have my salt, by gar.' Such was the man—noble-hearted and large-minded, if unpolished and uncouth." (See *Menard, Pierre.*)

REMOVAL OF THE CAPITAL TO VANDALIA.—At the second session of the General Assembly, five Commissioners were appointed to select a new site for the State Capital. What is now the city of Vandalia was selected, and, in December, 1820, the entire archives of the State were removed to the new capital, being transported in one small wagon, at a cost of \$25.00, under the supervision of the late Sidney Breese, who afterwards became United States Senator and Justice of the Supreme Court. (See *State Capitals.*)

During the session of the Second General

Assembly, which met at Vandalia, Dec. 4, 1820, a bill was passed establishing a State Bank at Vandalia, with branches at Shawneetown, Edwardsville and Brownsville. John McLean, who had been the first Representative in Congress, was Speaker of the House at this session. He was twice elected to the United States Senate, though he served only about two years, dying in 1830. (See *State Bank.*)

INTRODUCTION OF THE SLAVERY QUESTION.—The second State election, which occurred in August, 1822, proved the beginning of a turbulent period through the introduction of some exciting questions into State politics. There were four candidates for gubernatorial honors in the field: Chief-Justice Phillips, of the Supreme Court, supported by the friends of Governor Bond; Associate-Justice Browne, of the same court, supported by the friends of Governor Edwards; Gen. James B. Moore, a noted Indian fighter and the candidate of the "Old Rangers," and Edward Coles. The latter was a native of Virginia, who had served as private secretary of President Monroe, and had been employed as a special messenger to Russia. He had made two visits to Illinois, the first in 1815 and the second in 1818. The Convention to form a State Constitution being in session at the date of the latter visit, he took a deep interest in the discussion of the slavery question and exerted his influence in securing the adoption of the prohibitory article in the organic law. On April 1, 1819, he started from his home in Virginia to remove to Edwardsville, Ill., taking with him his ten slaves. The journey from Brownsville, Pa., was made in two flat-boats to a point below Louisville, where he disembarked, traveling by land to Edwardsville. While descending the Ohio River he surprised his slaves by announcing that they were free. The scene, as described by himself, was most dramatic. Having declined to avail themselves of the privilege of leaving him, he took them with him to his destination, where he eventually gave each head of a family 160 acres of land. Arrived at Edwardsville, he assumed the position of Register of the Land Office, to which he had been appointed by President Monroe, before leaving Virginia.

The act of Coles with reference to his slaves established his reputation as an opponent of slavery, and it was in this attitude that he stood as a candidate for Governor—both Phillips and Browne being friendly to "the institution," which had had a virtual existence in the "Illinois Country" from the time Renault brought 500



slaves to the vicinity of Kaskaskia, one hundred years before. Although the Constitution declared that "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall hereafter be introduced into the State," this had not been effectual in eliminating it. In fact, while this language was construed, so long as it remained in the Constitution, as prohibiting legislation authorizing the admission of slaves from without, it was not regarded as inimical to the institution as it already existed; and, as the population came largely from the slave States, there had been a rapidly growing sentiment in favor of removing the inhibitory clause. Although the pro-slavery party was divided between two candidates for Governor, it had hardly contemplated the possibility of defeat, and it was consequently a surprise when the returns showed that Coles was elected, receiving 2,854 votes to 2,687 for Phillips, 2,443 for Browne and 622 for Moore—Coles' plurality being 167 in a total of 8,606. Coles thus became Governor on less than one-third of the popular vote. Daniel P. Cook, who had made the race for Congress at the same election against McLean, as an avowed opponent of slavery, was successful by a majority of 876. (See *Coles, Edward*; also *Cook, Daniel Pope*.)

The real struggle was now to occur in the Legislature, which met Dec. 2, 1822. The House organized with William M. Alexander as Speaker, while the Senate elected Thomas Lippincott (afterwards a prominent Presbyterian minister and the father of the late Gen. Charles E. Lippincott), Secretary, and Henry S. Dodge, Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk. The other State officers appointed by the Governor, or elected by the Legislature, were Samuel D. Lockwood, Secretary of State; Elijah C. Berry, Auditor; Abner Field, Treasurer, and James Turney, Attorney-General. Lockwood had served nearly two years previously as Attorney-General, but remained in the office of Secretary of State only three months, when he resigned to accept the position of Receiver for the Land Office. (See *Lockwood, Samuel Drake*.)

The slavery question came up in the Legislature on the reference to a special committee of a portion of the Governor's message, calling attention to the continued existence of slavery in spite of the ordinance of 1787, and recommending that steps be taken for its extinction. Majority and minority reports were submitted, the former claiming the right of the State to amend its Constitution and thereby make such disposition of the slaves as it saw proper. Out of this grew a resolution submitting to the electors at the next

election a proposition for a convention to revise the Constitution. This passed the Senate by the necessary two-thirds vote, and, having come up in the House (Feb. 11, 1823), it failed by a single vote—Nicholas Hansen, a Representative from Pike County, whose seat had been unsuccessfully contested by John Shaw at the beginning of the session, being one of those voting in the negative. The next day, without further investigation, the majority proceeded to reconsider its action in seating Hansen two and a half months previously, and Shaw was seated in his place; though, in order to do this, some crooked work was necessary to evade the rules. Shaw being seated, the submission resolution was then passed. No more exciting campaign was ever had in Illinois. Of five papers then published in the State, "The Edwardsville Spectator," edited by Hooper Warren, opposed the measure, being finally reinforced by "The Illinois Intelligencer," which had been removed to Vandalia; "The Illinois Gazette," at Shawneetown, published articles on both sides of the question, though rather favoring the anti-slavery cause, while "The Republican Advocate," at Kaskaskia, the organ of Senator Elias Kent Kane, and "The Republican," at Edwardsville, under direction of Judge Theophilus W. Smith, Emanuel J. West and Judge Samuel McRoberts (afterwards United States Senator), favored the Convention. The latter paper was established for the especial purpose of supporting the Convention scheme and was promptly discontinued on the defeat of the measure. (See *Newspapers, Early*.) Among other supporters of the Convention proposition were Senator Jesse B. Thomas, John McLean, Richard M. Young, Judges Phillips, Browne and Reynolds, of the Supreme Court, and many more; while among the leading champions of the opposition, were Judge Lockwood, George Forquer (afterward Secretary of State), Morris Birkbeck, George Churchill, Thomas Mather and Rev. Thomas Lippincott. Daniel P. Cook, then Representative in Congress, was the leading champion of freedom on the stump, while Governor Coles contributed the salary of his entire term (\$4,000), as well as his influence, to the support of the cause. Governor Edwards (then in the Senate) was the owner of slaves and occupied a non-committal position. The election was held August 2, 1824, resulting in 4,972 votes for a Convention, to 6,640 against it, defeating the proposition by a majority of 1,668. Considering the size of the aggregate vote (11,612), the result was a decisive one. By it Illinois escaped the greatest danger it ever en-

countered previous to the War of the Rebellion. (See *Slavery and Slave Laws*.)

At the same election Cook was re-elected to Congress by 3,016 majority over Shadrach Bond. The vote for President was divided between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, Henry Clay and William H. Crawford—Adams receiving a plurality, but much below a majority. The Electoral College failing to elect a President, the decision of the question passed into the hands of the Congressional House of Representatives, when Adams was elected, receiving the vote of Illinois through its only Representative, Mr. Cook.

During the remainder of his term, Governor Coles was made the victim of much vexatious litigation at the hands of his enemies, a verdict being rendered against him in the sum of \$2,000 for bringing his emancipated negroes into the State, in violation of the law of 1819. The Legislature having passed an act releasing him from the penalty, it was declared unconstitutional by a malicious Circuit Judge, though his decision was promptly reversed by the Supreme Court. Having lived a few years on his farm near Edwardsville, in 1832 he removed to Philadelphia, where he spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring there, July 7, 1868. In the face of opprobrium and defamation, and sometimes in danger of mob violence, Governor Coles performed a service to the State which has scarcely yet been fully recognized. (See *Coles, Edward*.)

A ridiculous incident of the closing year of Coles' administration was the attempt of Lieut.-Gov. Frederick Adolphus Hubbard, after having tasted the sweets of executive power during the Governor's temporary absence from the State, to usurp the position after the Governor's return. The ambitious aspirations of the would-be usurper were suppressed by the Supreme Court.

An interesting event of the year 1825, was the visit of General La Fayette to Kaskaskia. He was welcomed in an address by Governor Coles, and the event was made the occasion of much festivity by the French citizens of the ancient capital. (See *La Fayette, Visit of*.)

The first State House at Vandalia having been destroyed by fire, Dec. 9, 1823, a new one was erected during the following year at a cost of \$12,381.50, toward which the people of Vandalia contributed \$5,000.

EDWARDS' ADMINISTRATION.—The State election of 1826 resulted in again calling Ninian Edwards to the gubernatorial chair, which he had filled during nearly the whole of the existence of Illinois as a Territory. Elected one of the

first United States Senators, and re-elected for a second term in 1819, he had resigned this office in 1824 to accept the position of Minister to Mexico, by appointment of President Monroe. Having become involved in a controversy with William H. Crawford, Secretary of the Treasury, he resigned the Mexican mission, and, after a period of retirement to private life for the first time after he came to Illinois, he appealed to the people of the State for endorsement, with the result stated. His administration was uneventful except for the "Winnebago War," which caused considerable commotion on the frontier, without resulting in much bloodshed. Governor Edwards was a fine specimen of the "old school gentleman" of that period—dignified and polished in his manners, courtly and precise in his address, proud and ambitious, with a tendency to the despotic in his bearing in consequence of having been reared in a slave State and his long connection with the executive office. His early education had been under the direction of the celebrated William Wirt, between whom and himself a close friendship existed. He was wealthy for the time, being an extensive land-owner as well as slave-holder and the proprietor of stores and mills, which were managed by agents, but he lost heavily by bad debts. He was for many years a close friend of Hooper Warren, the pioneer printer, furnishing the material with which the latter published his papers at Springfield and Galena. At the expiration of his term of office near the close of 1830, he retired to his home at Belleville, where, after making an unsuccessful campaign for Congress in 1832, in which he was defeated by Charles Slade, he died of cholera, July 20, 1833. (See *Edwards, Ninian*.)

William Kinney, of Belleville, who was a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor on the ticket opposed to Edwards, was elected over Samuel M. Thompson. In 1830, Kinney became a candidate for Governor but was defeated by John Reynolds, known as the "Old Ranger." One of the arguments used against Kinney in this campaign was that, in the Legislature of 1823, he was one of three members who voted against the Illinois & Michigan Canal, on the ground that "it (the canal) would make an opening for the Yankees to come to the country."

During Edwards' administration the first steps were taken towards the erection of a State penitentiary at Alton, funds therefor being secured by the sale of a portion of the saline lands in Galatin County. (See *Alton Penitentiary*.) The first

Commissioners having charge of its construction were Shadrach Bond, William P. McKee and Dr. Gershom Jayne—the last-named the father of Dr. William Jayne of Springfield, and father-in-law of the late Senator Lyman Trumbull.

**GOVERNOR REYNOLDS—BLACK HAWK WAR.**—The election of 1830 resulted in the choice of John Reynolds for Governor over William Kinney, by a majority of 3,899, in a total vote of 49,051, while Zadoc Casey, the candidate on the Kinney ticket, was elected Lieutenant-Governor. (See *Reynolds, John.*)

The most important event of Reynolds' administration was the "Black-Hawk War." Eight thousand militia were called out during this war to reinforce 1,500 regular troops, the final result being the driving of 400 Indians west of the Mississippi. Rock Island, which had been the favorite rallying point of the Indians for generations, was the central point at the beginning of this war. It is impossible to give the details of this complicated struggle, which was protracted through two campaigns (1831 and 1832), though there was no fighting worth speaking of except in the last, and no serious loss to the whites in that, except the surprise and defeat of Stillman's command. Beardstown was the base of operations in each of these campaigns, and that city has probably never witnessed such scenes of bustle and excitement since. The Indian village at Rock Island was destroyed, and the fugitives, after being pursued through Northern Illinois and Southwestern Wisconsin without being allowed to surrender, were driven beyond the Mississippi in a famishing condition and with spirits completely broken. Galena, at that time the emporium of the "Lead Mine Region," and the largest town in the State north of Springfield, was the center of great excitement, as the war was waged in the region surrounding it. (See *Black Hawk War.*) Although cool judges have not regarded this campaign as reflecting honor upon either the prowess or the magnanimity of the whites, it was remarkable for the number of those connected with it whose names afterwards became famous in the history of the State and the Nation. Among them were two who afterwards became Presidents of the United States—Col. Zachary Taylor of the regular army, and Abraham Lincoln, a Captain in the State militia—besides Jefferson Davis, then a Lieutenant in the regular army and afterwards head of the Southern Confederacy; three subsequent Governors—Duncan, Carlin and Ford—besides Governor Reynolds, who at that time occupied the

gubernatorial chair; James Semple, afterwards United States Senator; John T. Stuart, Lincoln's law preceptor and partner, and later a Member of Congress, to say nothing of many others, who, in after years, occupied prominent positions as members of Congress, the Legislature or otherwise. Among the latter were Gen. John J. Hardin; the late Joseph Gillespie, of Edwardsville; Col. John Dement; William Thomas of Jacksonville; Lieut.-Col. Jacob Fry; Henry Dodge and others.

Under the census of 1830, Illinois became entitled to three Representatives in Congress instead of one, by whom it had been represented from the date of its admission as a State. Lieutenant-Governor Casey, having been elected to the Twenty-third Congress for the Second District under the new apportionment, on March 1, 1833, tendered his resignation of the Lieutenant-Governorship, and was succeeded by William L. D. Ewing, Temporary President of the Senate. (See *Apportionment, Congressional; Casey, Zadoc, and Representatives in Congress.*) Within two weeks of the close of his term (Nov. 17, 1834), Governor Reynolds followed the example of his associate in office by resigning the Governorship to accept the seat in Congress for the First (or Southern) District, which had been rendered vacant by the death of Hon. Charles Slade, the incumbent in office, in July previous. This opened the way for a new promotion of acting Lieutenant-Governor Ewing, who thus had the distinction of occupying the gubernatorial office for the brief space of two weeks. (See *Reynolds, John, and Slade, Charles.*)

Ewing probably held a greater variety of offices under the State, than any other man who ever lived in it. Repeatedly elected to each branch of the General Assembly, he more than once filled the chair of Speaker of the House and President of the Senate; served as Acting Lieutenant-Governor and Governor by virtue of the resignation of his superiors; was United States Senator from 1835 to 1837; still later became Clerk of the House where he had presided as Speaker, finally, in 1843, being elected Auditor of Public Accounts, and dying in that office three years later. In less than twenty years, he held eight or ten different offices, including the highest in the State. (See *Ewing, William Lee Davidson.*)

**DUNCAN'S ADMINISTRATION.**—Joseph Duncan, who had served the State as its only Representative in three Congresses, was elected Governor, August, 1834, over four competitors—William

Kinney, Robert K. McLaughlin, James Evans and W. B. Archer. (See *Duncan, Joseph.*)

His administration was made memorable by the large number of distinguished men who either entered public life at this period or gained additional prominence by their connection with public affairs. Among these were Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas; Col. E. D. Baker, who afterward and at different times represented Illinois and Oregon in the councils of the Nation, and who fell at Ball's Bluff in 1862; Orville H. Browning, a prospective United States Senator and future cabinet officer; Lieut.-Gov. John Dougherty; Gen. James Shields, Col. John J. Hardin, Archibald Williams, Cyrus and Ninian W. Edwards; Dr. John Logan, father of Gen. John A. Logan; Stephen T. Logan, and many more.

During this administration was begun that gigantic scheme of "internal improvements," which proved so disastrous to the financial interests of the State. The estimated cost of the various works undertaken, was over \$11,000,000, and though little of substantial value was realized, yet, in 1852, the debt (principal and interest) thereby incurred (including that of the canal), aggregated nearly \$17,000,000. The collapse of the scheme was, no doubt, hastened by the unexpected suspension of specie payments by the banks all over the country, which followed soon after its adoption. (See *Internal Improvement Policy*; also *State Debt.*)

**CAPITAL REMOVED TO SPRINGFIELD.**—At the session of the General Assembly of 1836-37, an act was passed removing the State capital to Springfield, and an appropriation of \$50,000 was made to erect a building; to this amount the city of Springfield added a like sum, besides donating a site. In securing the passage of these acts, the famous "Long Nine," consisting of A. G. Herndon and Job Fletcher, in the Senate; and Abraham Lincoln, Ninian W. Edwards, John Dawson, Andrew McCormick, Dan Stone, William F. Elkin and Robert L. Wilson, in the House—all Representatives from Sangamon County—played a leading part.

**THE MURDER OF LOVEJOY.**—An event occurred near the close of Governor Duncan's term, which left a stain upon the locality, but for which his administration had no direct responsibility; to-wit, the murder of Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy, by a pro-slavery mob at Alton. Lovejoy was a native of Maine, who, coming to St. Louis in 1827, had been employed upon various papers, the last being "The St. Louis Observer." The outspoken

hostility of this paper to slavery aroused a bitter local opposition which led to its removal to Alton, where the first number of "The Alton Observer" was issued, Sept. 8, 1836, though not until one press and a considerable portion of the material had been destroyed by a mob. On the night of August 21, 1837, there was a second destruction of the material, when a third press having been procured, it was taken from the warehouse and thrown into the Mississippi. A fourth press was ordered, and, pending its arrival, Lovejoy appeared before a public meeting of his opponents and, in an impassioned address, maintained his right to freedom of speech, declaring in conclusion: "If the civil authorities refuse to protect me, I must look to God; and if I die, I have determined to make my grave in Alton." These words proved prophetic. The new press was stored in the warehouse of Goldfrey, Gillman & Co., on the night of Nov. 6, 1837. A guard of sixty volunteers remained about the building the next day, but when night came all but nineteen retired to their homes. During the night a mob attacked the building, when a shot from the inside killed Lyman Bishop. An attempt was then made by the rioters to fire the warehouse by sending a man to the roof. To dislodge the incendiary, Lovejoy, with two others, emerged from the building, when two or three men in concealment fired upon him, the shots taking effect in a vital part of his body, causing his death almost instantly. He was buried the following day without an inquest. Several of the attacking party and the defenders of the building were tried for riot and acquitted—the former probably on account of popular sympathy with the crime, and the latter because they were guiltless of any crime except that of defending private property and attempting to preserve the law. The act of firing the fatal shots has been charged upon two men—a Dr. Jennings and his comrade, Dr. Beall. The former, it is said, was afterwards cut to pieces in a bar-room fight in Vicksburg, Miss., while the latter, having been captured by Comanche Indians in Texas, was burned alive. On the other hand, Lovejoy has been honored as a martyr and the sentiments for which he died have triumphed. (See *Lovejoy, Elijah Parish*; also *Alton Riots.*)

**CARLIN SUCCEEDS TO THE GOVERNORSHIP.**—Duncan was succeeded by Gov. Thomas Carlin, who was chosen at the election of 1838 over Cyrus Edwards (a younger brother of Gov. Ninian Edwards), who was the Whig candidate.



The successful candidate for Lieutenant-Governor was Stinson H. Anderson of Jefferson County. (See *Carlin, (Gov.) Thomas; Anderson, Stinson H.*)

Among the members of the Legislature chosen at this time we find the names of Orville H. Browning, Robert Blackwell, George Churchill, William G. Gatewood, Ebenezer Peck (of Cook County), William A. Richardson, Newton Cloud, Jesse K. Dubois, O. B. Ficklin, Vital Jarrot, John Logan, William F. Thornton and Archibald Williams—all men of prominence in the subsequent history of the State. This was the last Legislature that assembled at Vandalia, Springfield becoming the capital, July 4, 1839. The corner-stone of the first State capitol at Springfield was laid with imposing ceremonies, July 4, 1837, Col. E. D. Baker delivering an eloquent address. Its estimated cost was \$130,000, but \$240,000 was expended upon it before its completion.

An incident of this campaign was the election to Congress, after a bitter struggle, of John T. Stuart over Stephen A. Douglas from the Third District, by a majority of fourteen votes. Stuart was re-elected in 1840, but in 1842 he was succeeded, under a new apportionment, by Col. John J. Hardin, while Douglas, elected from the Quincy District, then entered the National Councils for the first time.

**FIELD-McCLERNAND CONTEST.**—An exciting event connected with Carlin's administration was the attempt to remove Alexander P. Field from the office of Secretary of State, which he had held since 1823. Under the Constitution of 1818, this office was filled by nomination by the Governor "with the advice and consent of the Senate." Carlin nominated John A. McClelland to supersede Field, but the Senate refused to confirm the nomination. After adjournment of the Legislature, McClelland attempted to obtain possession of the office by writ of quo warranto. The Judge of a Circuit Court decided the case in his favor, but this decision was overruled by the Supreme Court. A special session having been called, in November, 1840, Stephen A. Douglas, then of Morgan County, was nominated and confirmed Secretary of State, but held the position only a few months, when he resigned to accept a place on the Supreme bench, being succeeded as Secretary by Lyman Trumbull.

**SUPREME COURT REVOLUTIONIZED.**—Certain decisions of some of the lower courts about this time, bearing upon the suffrage of aliens, excited the apprehension of the Democrats, who had heretofore been in political control of the State,

and a movement was started in the Legislature to reorganize the Supreme Court, a majority of whom were Whigs. The Democrats were not unanimous in favor of the measure, but, after a bitter struggle, it was adopted, receiving a bare majority of one in the House. Under this act five additional Judges were elected, viz.: Thomas Ford, Sidney Breese, Walter B. Scates, Samuel H. Treat and Stephen A. Douglas—all Democrats. Mr. Ford, one of the new Judges, and afterwards Governor, has characterized this step as "a confessedly violent and somewhat revolutionary measure, which could never have succeeded except in times of great party excitement."

The great Whig mass-meeting at Springfield, in June, 1840, was an incident of the political campaign of that year. No such popular assemblage had ever been seen in the State before. It is estimated that 20,000 people—nearly five per cent of the entire population of the State—were present, including a large delegation from Chicago who marched overland, under command of the late Maj.-Gen. David Hunter, bearing with them many devices so popular in that memorable campaign.

**FORD ELECTED GOVERNOR.**—Judge Thomas Ford became the Democratic candidate for Governor in 1842, taking the place on the ticket of Col. Adam W. Snyder, who had died after nomination. Ford was elected by more than 8,000 majority over ex-Governor Duncan, the Whig candidate. John Moore, of McLean County (who had been a member of the Legislature for several terms and was afterwards State Treasurer), was elected Lieutenant-Governor. (See *Ford, Thomas; Snyder, Adam W., and Moore, John.*)

**EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS.**—The failure of the State and the Shawneetown banks, near the close of Carlin's administration, had produced a condition of business depression that was felt all over the State. At the beginning of Ford's administration, the State debt was estimated at \$15,657,950—within about one million of the highest point it ever reached—while the total population was a little over half a million. In addition to these drawbacks, the Mormon question became a source of embarrassment. This people, after having been driven from Missouri, settled at Nauvoo, in Hancock County; they increased rapidly in numbers, and, by the arrogant course of their leaders and their odious doctrines—especially with reference to "celestial marriage," and their assumptions of authority—aroused the bitter hostility of neighboring communities not

of their faith. The popular indignation became greatly intensified by the course of unscrupulous politicians and the granting to the Mormons, by the Legislature, of certain charters and special privileges. Various charges were made against the obnoxious sect, including rioting, kidnaping, robbery, counterfeiting, etc., and the Governor called out the militia of the neighboring counties to preserve the peace. Joseph Smith—the founder of the sect—with his brother Hyrum and three others, were induced to surrender to the authorities at Carthage, on the 23d of June, 1844, under promise of protection of their persons. Then the charge was changed to treason and they were thrown into jail, a guard of eight men being placed about the building. A considerable portion of the militia had disbanded and returned home, while others were openly hostile to the prisoners. On June 27 a band of 150 disguised men attacked the jail, finding little opposition among those set to guard it. In the assault which followed both of the Smiths were killed, while John Taylor, another of the prisoners, was wounded. The trial of the murderers was a farce and they were acquitted. A state of virtual war continued for a year, in which Governor Ford's authority was openly defied or treated with contempt by those whom he had called upon to preserve the peace. In the fall of 1845 the Mormons agreed to leave the State, and the following spring the pilgrimage to Salt Lake began. Gen. John J. Hardin, who afterward fell at Buena Vista, was twice called on by Governor Ford to head parties of militia to restore order, while Gen. Mason Brayman conducted the negotiations which resulted in the promise of removal. The great body of the refugees spent the following winter at Council Bluffs, Iowa, arriving at Salt Lake in June following. Another considerable body entered the service of the Government to obtain safe conduct and sustenance across the plains. While the conduct of the Mormons during their stay at Nauvoo was, no doubt, very irritating and often lawless, it is equally true that the disordered condition of affairs was taken advantage of by unscrupulous demagogues for dishonest purposes, and this episode has left a stigma upon the name of more than one over-zealous anti-Mormon hero. (See *Mormons; Smith, Joseph.*)

Though Governor Ford's integrity and ability in certain directions have not been questioned, his administration was not a successful one, largely on account of the conditions which prevailed at the time and the embarrassments which

he met from his own party. (See *Ford, Thomas.*)

**MEXICAN WAR.**—A still more tragic chapter opened during the last year of Ford's administration, in the beginning of the war with Mexico. Three regiments of twelve months' volunteers, called for by the General Government from the State of Illinois, were furnished with alacrity, and many more men offered their services than could be accepted. The names of their respective commanders—Cols. John J. Hardin, William H. Bissell and Ferris Forman—have been accorded a high place in the annals of the State and the Nation. Hardin was of an honorable Kentucky family; he had achieved distinction at the bar and served in the State Legislature and in Congress, and his death on the battlefield of Buena Vista was universally deplored. (See *Hardin, John J.*) Bissell afterward served with distinction in Congress and was the first Republican Governor of Illinois, elected in 1856. Edward D. Baker, then a Whig member of Congress, received authority to raise an additional regiment, and laid the foundation of a reputation as broad as the Nation. Two other regiments were raised in the State "for the war" during the next year, led respectively by Col. Edward W. B. Newby and James Collins, beside four independent companies of mounted volunteers. The whole number of volunteers furnished by Illinois in this conflict was 6,123, of whom 86 were killed, and 182 wounded, 12 dying of their wounds. Their loss in killed was greater than that of any other State, and the number of wounded only exceeded by those from South Carolina and Pennsylvania. Among other Illinoisans who participated in this struggle, were Thomas L. Harris, William A. Richardson, J. L. D. Morrison, Murray F. Tuley and Charles C. P. Holden, while still others, either in the ranks or in subordinate positions, received the "baptism of fire" which prepared them to win distinction as commanders of corps, divisions, brigades and regiments during the War of the Rebellion, including such names as John A. Logan, Richard J. Oglesby, Benjamin M. Prentiss, James D. Morgan, W. H. L. Wallace (who fell at Pittsburg Landing), Stephen G. Hicks, Michael K. Lawler, Leonard F. Ross, Isham N. Haynie, Theophilus Lyle Dickey, Dudley Wickersham, Isaac C. Pugh, Thomas H. Flynn, J. P. Post, Nathaniel Niles, W. R. Morrison, and others. (See *Mexican War.*)

**FRENCH'S ADMINISTRATION—MASSAC REBELLION.**—Except for the Mexican War, which was still in progress, and acts of mob violence in certain portions of the State—especially by a band of self-

styled "regulators" in Pope and Massac Counties—the administration of Augustus C. French, which began with the close of the year 1846, was a quiet one. French was elected at the previous August election by a vote of 58,700 to 36,775 for Thomas M. Kilpatrick, the Whig candidate, and 5,112 for Richard Eels, the Free-Soil (or Abolition) candidate. The Whigs held their first State Convention this year for the nomination of a State ticket, meeting at Peoria. At the same election Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress, defeating Peter Cartwright, the famous pioneer Methodist preacher, who was the Democratic candidate. At the session of the Legislature which followed, Stephen A. Douglas was elected to the United States Senate as successor to James Semple.

NEW CONVENTION MOVEMENT. — Governor French was a native of New Hampshire, born August 2, 1808; he had practiced his profession as a lawyer in Crawford County, had been a member of the Tenth and Eleventh General Assemblies and Receiver of the Land Office at Palestine. The State had now begun to recover from the depression caused by the reverses of 1837 and subsequent years, and for some time its growth in population had been satisfactory. The old Constitution, however, had been felt to be a hampering influence, especially in dealing with the State debt, and, as early as 1842, the question of a State Convention to frame a new Constitution had been submitted to popular vote, but was defeated by the narrow margin of 1,039 votes. The Legislature of 1844-45 adopted a resolution for resubmission, and at the election of 1846 it was approved by the people by a majority of 35,326 in a total vote of 81,352. The State then contained ninety-nine counties, with an aggregate population of 662,150. The assessed valuation of property one year later was \$92,206,493, while the State debt was \$16,661,795—or more than eighteen per cent of the entire assessed value of the property of the State.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 1847. — The election of members of a State Convention to form a second Constitution for the State of Illinois, was held April 19, 1847. Of one hundred and sixty-two members chosen, ninety-two were Democrats, leaving seventy members to all shades of the opposition. The Convention assembled at Springfield, June 7, 1847; it was organized by the election of Newton Cloud, Permanent President, and concluded its labors after a session of nearly three months, adjourning August 31. The Constitution was submitted to

a vote of the people, March 6, 1848, and was ratified by 59,887 votes in its favor to 15,859 against. A special article prohibiting free persons of color from settling in the State was adopted by 49,060 votes for, to 20,883 against it; and another, providing for a two-mill tax, by 41,017 for, to 30,586 against. The Constitution went into effect April 1, 1848. (See *Constitutions*; also *Constitutional Convention of 1847*.)

The provision imposing a special two-mill tax, to be applied to the payment of the State indebtedness, was the means of restoring the State credit, while that prohibiting the immigration of free persons of color, though in accordance with the spirit of the times, brought upon the State much opprobrium and was repudiated with emphasis during the War of the Rebellion. The demand for retrenchment, caused by the financial depression following the wild legislation of 1837, led to the adoption of many radical provisions in the new Constitution, some of which were afterward found to be serious errors opening the way for grave abuses. Among these was the practical limitation of the biennial sessions of the General Assembly to forty-two days, while the per diem of members was fixed at two dollars. The salaries of State officers were also fixed at what would now be recognized as an absurdly low figure, that of Governor being \$1,500; Supreme Court Judges, \$1,200 each; Circuit Judges, \$1,000; State Auditor, \$1,000; Secretary of State, and State Treasurer, \$800 each. Among less objectionable provisions were those restricting the right of suffrage to white male citizens above the age of 21 years, which excluded (except as to residents of the State at the time of the adoption of the Constitution) a class of unnaturalized foreigners who had exercised the privilege as "inhabitants" under the Constitution of 1818; providing for the election of all State, judicial and county officers by popular vote; prohibiting the State from incurring indebtedness in excess of \$50,000 without a special vote of the people, or granting the credit of the State in aid of any individual association or corporation; fixing the date of the State election on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in every fourth year, instead of the first Monday in August, as had been the rule under the old Constitution. The tenure of office of all State officers was fixed at four years, except that of State Treasurer, which was made two years, and the Governor alone was made ineligible to immediate re-election. The number of members of the General Assembly was fixed at twenty-five

in the Senate and seventy-five in the House, subject to a certain specified ratio of increase when the population should exceed 1,000,000.

As the Constitution of 1818 had been modeled upon the form then most popular in the Southern States—especially with reference to the large number of officers made appointive by the Governor, or elective by the Legislature—so the new Constitution was, in some of its features, more in harmony with those of other Northern States, and indicated the growing influence of New England sentiment. This was especially the case with reference to the section providing for a system of township organization in the several counties of the State at the pleasure of a majority of the voters of each county.

ELECTIONS OF 1848.—Besides the election for the ratification of the State Constitution, three other State elections were held in 1848, viz.: (1) for the election of State officers in August; (2) an election of Judges in September, and (3) the Presidential election in November. At the first of these, Governor French, whose first term had been cut short two years by the adoption of the new Constitution, was re-elected for a second term, practically without opposition, the vote against him being divided between Pierre Menard and Dr. C. V. Dyer. French thus became his own successor, being the first Illinois Governor to be re-elected, and, though two years of his first term had been cut off by the adoption of the Constitution, he served in the gubernatorial office six years. The other State officers elected, were William McMurtry, of Knox, Lieutenant-Governor; Horace S. Cooley, of Adams, Secretary of State; Thomas H. Campbell, of Randolph, Auditor; and Milton Carpenter, of Hamilton, State Treasurer—all Democrats, and all but McMurtry being their own successors. At the Presidential election in November, the electoral vote was given to Lewis Cass, the Democratic candidate, who received 56,300 votes, to 53,047 for Taylor, the Whig candidate, and 15,774 for Martin Van Buren, the candidate of the Free Democracy or Free-Soil party. Thus, for the first time in the history of the State after 1824, the Democratic candidate for President failed to receive an absolute majority of the popular vote, being in a minority of 12,521, while having a plurality over the Whig candidate of 3,253. The only noteworthy results in the election of Congressmen this year were the election of Col. E. D. Baker (Whig), from the Galena District, and that of Maj. Thomas L. Harris (Democrat), from

the Springfield District. Both Baker and Harris had been soldiers in the Mexican War, which probably accounted for their election in Districts usually opposed to them politically. The other five Congressmen elected from the State at the same time—including John Wentworth, then chosen for a fourth term from the Chicago District—were Democrats. The Judges elected to the Supreme bench were Lyman Trumbull, from the Southern Division; Samuel H. Treat, from the Central, and John Dean Caton, from the Northern—all Democrats.

A leading event of this session was the election of a United States Senator in place of Sidney Breese. Gen. James Shields, who had been severely wounded on the battle-field of Cerro Gordo; Sidney Breese, who had been the United States Senator for six years, and John A. McClernand, then a member of Congress, were arrayed against each other before the Democratic caucus. After a bitter contest, Shields was declared the choice of his party and was finally elected. He did not immediately obtain his seat, however. On presentation of his credentials, after a heated controversy in Congress and out of it, in which he injudiciously assailed his predecessor in very intemperate language, he was declared ineligible on the ground that, being of foreign birth, the nine years of citizenship required by the Constitution after naturalization had not elapsed previous to his election. In October, following, the Legislature was called together in special session, and, Shields' disability having now been removed by the expiration of the constitutional period, he was re-elected, though not without a renewal of the bitter contest of the regular session. Another noteworthy event of this special session was the adoption of a joint resolution favoring the principles of the "Wilmot Proviso." Although this was rescinded at the next regular session, on the ground that the points at issue had been settled in the Compromise measures of 1850, it indicated the drift of sentiment in Illinois toward opposition to the spread of the institution of slavery, and this was still more strongly emphasized by the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD.—Two important measures which passed the General Assembly at the session of 1851, were the Free-Banking Law, and the act incorporating the Illinois Central Railroad Company. The credit of first suggesting this great thoroughfare has been claimed for William Smith Waite, a citizen of Bond County, Ill., as early as 1835, although a special charter



for a road over a part of this line had been passed by the Legislature in 1834. W. K. Ackerman, in his "Historical Sketch" of the Illinois Central Railroad, awards the credit of originating this enterprise to Lieut.-Gov. Alexander M. Jenkins, in the Legislature of 1832, of which he was a member, and Speaker of the House at the time. He afterwards became President of the first Illinois Central Railroad Company, organized under an act passed at the session of 1836, which provided for the construction of a line from Cairo to Peru, Ill., but resigned the next year on the surrender by the road of its charter. The first step toward legislation in Congress on this subject was taken in the introduction, by Senator Breese, of a bill in March, 1843; but it was not until 1850 that the measure took the form of a direct grant of lands to the State, finally passing the Senate in May, and the House in September, following. The act ceded to the State of Illinois, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a line of railroad from the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi, with branches to Chicago and Dubuque, Iowa, respectively, alternate sections of land on each side of said railroad, aggregating 2,595,000 acres, the length of the main line and branches exceeding seven hundred miles. An act incorporating the Illinois Central Railroad Company passed the Illinois Legislature in February, 1851. The company was thereupon promptly organized with a number of New York capitalists at its head, including Robert Schuyler, George Griswold and Gouverneur Morris, and the grant was placed in the hands of trustees to be used for the purpose designated, under the pledge of the Company to build the road by July 4, 1854, and to pay seven per cent of its gross earnings into the State Treasury perpetually. A large proportion of the line was constructed through sections of country either sparsely settled or wholly unpopulated, but which have since become among the richest and most populous portions of the State. The fund already received by the State from the road exceeds the amount of the State debt incurred under the internal improvement scheme of 1837. (See *Illinois Central Railroad*.)

ELECTION OF 1852.—Joel A. Matteson (Democrat) was elected Governor at the November election, in 1852, receiving 80,645 votes to 64,405 for Edwin B. Webb, Whig, and 8,809 for Dexter A. Knowlton, Free Soil. The other State officers elected, were Gustavus Koerner, Lieutenant-Governor; Alexander Starne, Secretary of State; Thomas H. Campbell, Auditor; and John Moore, Treasurer. The Whig candidates for these

offices, respectively, were James L. D. Morrison, Buckner S. Morris, Charles A. Betts and Francis Arenz. John A. Logan appeared among the new members of the House chosen at this election as a Representative from Jackson County; while Henry W. Blodgett, since United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and late Counsel of the American Arbitrators of the Behring Sea Commission, was the only Free-Soil member, being the Representative from Lake County. John Reynolds, who had been Governor, a Justice of the Supreme Court and Member of Congress, was a member of the House and was elected Speaker. (See *Webb, Edwin B.*; *Knowlton, Dexter A.*; *Koerner, Gustavus*; *Starne, Alexander*; *Moore, John*; *Morrison, James L. D.*; *Morris, Buckner S.*; *Arenz, Francis A.*; *Blodgett Henry W.*)

REDUCTION OF STATE DEBT BEGINS.—The State debt reached its maximum at the beginning of Matteson's administration, amounting to \$16,724,177, of which \$7,359,822 was canal debt. The State had now entered upon a new and prosperous period, and, in the next four years, the debt was reduced by the sum of \$4,564,840, leaving the amount outstanding, Jan. 1, 1857, \$12,834,144. The three State institutions at Jacksonville—the Asylums for the Deaf and Dumb, the Blind and Insane—had been in successful operation several years, but now internal dissensions and dissatisfaction with their management seriously interfered with their prosperity and finally led to revolutions which, for a time, impaired their usefulness.

KANSAS-NEBRASKA EXCITEMENT.—During Matteson's administration a period of political excitement began, caused by the introduction in the United States Senate, in January, 1854, by Senator Douglas, of Illinois, of the bill for the repeal of the Missouri Compromise—otherwise known as the Kansas-Nebraska Bill. Although this belongs rather to National history, the prominent part played in it by an Illinois statesman who had won applause three or four years before, by the service he had performed in securing the passage of the Illinois Central Railroad grant, and the effect which his course had in revolutionizing the politics of the State, justifies reference to it here. After a debate, almost unprecedented in bitterness, it became a law, May 30, 1854. The agitation in Illinois was intense. At Chicago, Douglas was practically denied a hearing. Going to Springfield, where the State Fair was in progress, during the first week of October, 1854, he made a speech in the

State Capitol in his defense. This was replied to by Abraham Lincoln, then a private citizen, to whom Douglas made a rejoinder. Speeches were also made in criticism of Douglas' position by Judges Breese and Trumbull (both of whom had been prominent Democrats), and other Democratic leaders were understood to be ready to assail the champion of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, though they afterwards reversed their position under partisan pressure and became supporters of the measure. The first State Convention of the opponents of the Nebraska Bill was held at the same time, but the attendance was small and the attempt to effect a permanent organization was not successful. At the session of the Nineteenth General Assembly, which met in January, following, Lyman Trumbull was chosen the first Republican United States Senator from Illinois, in place of General Shields, whose term was about to expire. Trumbull was elected on the tenth ballot, receiving fifty-one votes to forty-seven for Governor Matteson, though Lincoln had led on the Republican side at every previous ballot, and on the first had come within six votes of an election. Although he was then the choice of a large majority of the opposition to the Democratic candidate, when Lincoln saw that the original supporters of Trumbull would not cast their votes for himself, he generously insisted that his friends should support his rival, thus determining the result. (See *Matteson*, *Joel A.*; *Trumbull*, *Lyman*, and *Lincoln*, *Abraham*.)

DECATUR EDITORIAL CONVENTION.—On Feb. 22, 1856, occurred the convention of Anti-Nebraska (Republican) editors at Decatur, which proved the first effective step in consolidating the opposition to the Kansas-Nebraska Bill into a compact political organization. The main business of this convention consisted in the adoption of a series of resolutions defining the position of their authors on National questions—especially with reference to the institution of slavery—and appointing a State Convention to be held at Bloomington, May 29, following. A State Central Committee to represent the new party was also appointed at this convention. With two or three exceptions the Committeemen accepted and joined in the call for the State Convention, which was held at the time designated, when the first Republican State ticket was put in the field. Among the distinguished men who participated in this Convention were Abraham Lincoln, O. H. Browning, Richard Yates, Owen Lovejoy, John M. Palmer, Isaac N. Arnold and John Wentworth. Palmer presided, while Abraham Lin-

coln, who was one of the chief speakers, was one of the delegates appointed to the National Convention, held at Philadelphia on the 17th of June. The candidates put in nomination for State offices were: William H. Bissell for Governor; Francis A. Hoffman for Lieutenant-Governor (afterward replaced by John Wood on account of Hoffman's ineligibility); Ozias M. Hatch for Secretary of State; Jesse K. Dubois for Auditor; James H. Miller for State Treasurer, and William H. Powell for Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Democratic ticket was composed of William A. Richardson for Governor; R. J. Hamilton, Lieutenant-Governor; W. H. Snyder, Secretary of State; S. K. Casey, Auditor; John Moore, Treasurer, and J. H. St. Matthew, Superintendent of Public Instruction. The American organization also nominated a ticket headed by Buckner S. Morris for Governor. Although the Democrats carried the State for Buchanan, their candidate for President, by a plurality of 9,159, the entire Republican State ticket was elected by pluralities ranging from 3,031 to 20,213—the latter being the majority for Miller, candidate for State Treasurer, whose name was on both the Republican and American tickets. (See *Anti-Nebraska Editorial Convention*, and *Bloomington Convention of 1856*.)

ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNOR BISSELL.—With the inauguration of Governor Bissell, the Republican party entered upon the control of the State Government, which was maintained without interruption until the close of the administration of Governor Fifer, in January, 1893—a period of thirty-six years. On account of physical disability Bissell's inauguration took place in the executive mansion, Jan. 12, 1857. He was immediately made the object of virulent personal abuse in the House, being charged with perjury in taking the oath of office in face of the fact that, while a member of Congress, he had accepted a challenge to fight a duel with Jefferson Davis. To this, the reply was made that the offense charged took place outside of the State and beyond the legal jurisdiction of the Constitution of Illinois. (See *Bissell*, *William H.*)

While the State continued to prosper under Bissell's administration, the most important events of this period related rather to general than to State policy. One of these was the delivery by Abraham Lincoln, in the Hall of Representatives, on the evening of June 17, 1858, of the celebrated speech in which he announced the doctrine that "a house divided against itself cannot stand." This was followed during the next

few months by the series of memorable debates between those two great champions of their respective parties—Lincoln and Douglas—which attracted the attention of the whole land. The result was the re-election of Douglas to the United States Senate for a third term, but it also made Abraham Lincoln President of the United States. (See *Lincoln and Douglas Debates*.)

About the middle of Bissell's term (February, 1859), came the discovery of what has since been known as the celebrated "Canal Scrip Fraud." This consisted in the fraudulent funding in State bonds of a large amount of State scrip which had been issued for temporary purposes during the construction of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, but which had been subsequently redeemed. A legislative investigation proved the amount illegally funded to have been \$223,182, and that the bulk of the bonds issued therefor—so far as they could be traced—had been delivered to ex-Gov. Joel A. Matteson. For this amount, with accrued interest, he gave to the State an indemnity bond, secured by real-estate mortgages, from which the State eventually realized \$238,000 out of \$255,000 then due. Further investigation proved additional frauds of like character, aggregating \$165,346, which the State never recovered. An attempt was made to prosecute Matteson criminally in the Sangamon County Circuit Court, but the grand jury failed, by a close vote, to find an indictment against him. (See *Canal Scrip Fraud*.)

An attempt was made during Bissell's administration to secure the refunding (at par and in violation of an existing law) of one hundred and fourteen \$1,000 bonds hypothecated with Macalister & Stebbins of New York in 1841, and for which the State had received an insignificant consideration. The error was discovered when new bonds for the principal had been issued, but the process was immediately stopped and the new bonds surrendered—the claimants being limited by law to 28.64 cents on the dollar. This subject is treated at length elsewhere in this volume. (See *Macalister & Stebbins Bonds*.) Governor Bissell's administration was otherwise uneventful, although the State continued to prosper under it as it had not done since the "internal improvement craze" of 1837 had resulted in imposing such a burden of debt upon it. At the time of his election Governor Bissell was an invalid in consequence of an injury to his spine, from which he never recovered. He died in office, March 18, 1860, a little over two months

after having entered upon the last year of his term of office, and was succeeded by Lieut.-Gov. John Wood, who served out the unexpired term. (See *Bissell, William H.*; also *Wood, John*.)

**POLITICAL CAMPAIGN OF 1860.**—The political campaign of 1860 was one of unparalleled excitement throughout the nation, but especially in Illinois, which became, in a certain sense, the chief battle-ground, furnishing the successful candidate for the Presidency, as well as being the State in which the convention which nominated him met. The Republican State Convention, held at Decatur, May 9, put in nomination Richard Yates of Morgan County, for Governor; Francis A. Hoffman for Lieutenant-Governor, O. M. Hatch for Secretary of State, Jesse K. Dubois for Auditor, William Butler for Treasurer, and Newton Bateman for Superintendent of Public Instruction. If this campaign was memorable for its excitement, it was also memorable for the large number of National and State tickets in the field. The National Republican Convention assembled at Chicago, May 16, and, on the third ballot, Abraham Lincoln was nominated for President amid a whirlwind of enthusiasm unsurpassed in the history of National Conventions, of which so many have been held in the "convention city" of the Northwest. The campaign was what might have been expected from such a beginning. Lincoln, though receiving considerably less than one-half the popular vote, had a plurality over his highest competitor of nearly half a million votes, and a majority in the electoral colleges of fifty-seven. In Illinois he received 172,161 votes to 160,215 for Douglas, his leading opponent. The vote for Governor stood: Yates (Republican), 173,196; Allen (Douglas-Democrat), 159,253; Hope (Breckinridge-Democrat), 2,049; Stuart (American), 1,626.

Among the prominent men of different parties who appeared for the first time in the General Assembly chosen at this time, were William B. Ogden, Richard J. Oglesby, Washington Bushnell, and Henry E. Dummer, of the Senate, and William R. Archer, J. Russell Jones, Robert H. McClellan, J. Young Scammon, William H. Brown, Lawrence Weldon, N. M. Broadwell, and John Scholfield, in the House. Shelby M. Culom, who had entered the Legislature at the previous session, was re-elected to this and was chosen Speaker of the House over J. W. Singleton. Lyman Trumbull was re-elected to the United States Senate by the votes of the Republicans over Samuel S. Marshall, the Democratic candidate.

**BEGINNING OF THE REBELLION.**—Almost simultaneously with the accession of the new State Government, and before the inauguration of the President at Washington, began that series of startling events which ultimately culminated in the attempted secession of eleven States of the Union—the first acts in the great drama of war which occupied the attention of the world for the next four years. On Jan. 14, 1861, the new State administration was inaugurated; on Feb. 2, Commissioners to the futile Peace Convention held at Washington, were appointed from Illinois, consisting of Stephen T. Logan, John M. Palmer, ex-Gov. John Wood, B. C. Cook and T. J. Turner; and on Feb. 11, Abraham Lincoln took leave of his friends and neighbors at Springfield on his departure for Washington, in that simple, touching speech which has taken a place beside his inaugural addresses and his Gettysburg speech, as an American classic. The events which followed; the firing on Fort Sumter on the twelfth of April and its surrender; the call for 75,000 troops and the excitement which prevailed all over the country, are matters of National history. Illinoisans responded with promptness and enthusiasm to the call for six regiments of State militia for three months' service, and one week later (April 21), Gen. R. K. Swift, of Chicago, at the head of seven companies numbering 595 men, was en route for Cairo to execute the order of the Secretary of War for the occupation of that place. The offer of military organizations proceeded rapidly, and by the eighteenth of April, fifty companies had been tendered, while the public-spirited and patriotic bankers of the principal cities were offering to supply the State with money to arm and equip the hastily organized troops. Following in order the six regiments which Illinois had sent to the Mexican War, those called out for the three months' service in 1861 were numbered consecutively from seven to twelve, and were commanded by the following officers, respectively: Cols. John Cook, Richard J. Oglesby, Eleazer A. Paine, James D. Morgan, W. H. L. Wallace and John McArthur, with Gen. Benjamin M. Prentiss as brigade commander. The rank and file numbered 4,680 men, of whom 2,000, at the end of their term of service, re-enlisted for three years. (See *War of the Rebellion*.)

Among the many who visited the State Capitol in the early months of war to offer their services to the Government in suppressing the Rebellion, one of the most modest and unassuming was a gentleman from Galena who brought a letter of

introduction to Governor Yates from Congressman E. B. Washburne. Though he had been a Captain in the regular army and had seen service in the war with Mexico, he set up no pretension on that account, but after days of patient waiting, was given temporary employment as a clerk in the office of the Adjutant-General, Col. T. S. Mather. Finally, an emergency having arisen requiring the services of an officer of military experience as commandant at Camp Yates (a camp of rendezvous and instruction near Springfield), he was assigned to the place, rather as an experiment and from necessity than from conviction of any peculiar fitness for the position. Having acquitted himself creditably here, he was assigned, a few weeks later, to the command of a regiment (The Twenty-first Illinois Volunteers) which, from previous bad management, had manifested a mutinous tendency. And thus Ulysses S. Grant, the most successful leader of the war, the organizer of final victory over the Rebellion, the Lieutenant-General of the armies of the Union and twice elected President of the United States, started upon that career which won for him the plaudits of the Nation and the title of the greatest soldier of his time. (See *Grant, Ulysses S.*)

The responses of Illinois, under the leadership of its patriotic "War Governor," Richard Yates, to the repeated calls for volunteers through the four years of war, were cheerful and prompt. Illinois troops took part in nearly every important battle in the Mississippi Valley and in many of those in the East, besides accompanying Sherman in his triumphal "March to the Sea." Illinois blood stained the field at Belmont, at Wilson's Creek, Lexington, Forts Donelson and Henry; at Shiloh, Corinth, Nashville, Stone River and Chickamauga; at Jackson, during the siege of Vicksburg, at Allatoona Pass, Kenesaw Mountain, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek and Atlanta, in the South and West; and at Chancellorsville, Antietam, Gettysburg, Petersburg and in the battles of "the Wilderness" in Virginia. Of all the States of the Union, Illinois alone, up to Feb. 1, 1864, presented the proud record of having answered every call upon her for troops without a draft. The whole number of enlistments from the State under the various calls from 1861 to 1865, according to the records of the War Department, was 255,057 to meet quotas aggregating 244,496. The ratio of troops furnished to population was 15.1 per cent, which was only exceeded by the District of Columbia (which had a large influx from the States), and Kansas



and Nevada, each of which had a much larger proportion of adult male population. The whole number of regimental organizations, according to the returns in the Adjutant General's office, was 151 regiments of infantry (numbered consecutively from the Sixth to the One Hundred and Fifty-seventh), 17 regiments of cavalry and 2 regiments of artillery, besides 9 independent batteries. The total losses of Illinois troops, officially reported by the War Department, were 34,834 (13.65 per cent), of which 5,874 were killed in battle, 4,020 died of wounds, 22,786 died of disease, and 2,154 from other causes. Besides the great Commander-in-Chief, Abraham Lincoln, and Lieut.-Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, Illinois furnished 11 full Major-Generals of volunteers, viz.: Generals John Pope, John A. McClernand, S. A. Hurlbut, B. M. Prentiss, John M. Palmer, R. J. Oglesby, John A. Logan, John M. Schofield, Giles A. Smith, Wesley Merritt and Benjamin H. Grierson; 20 Brevet Major-Generals; 24 Brigadier-Generals, and over 120 Brevet Brigadier-Generals. (See sketches of these officers under their respective names.) Among the long list of regimental officers who fell upon the field or died from wounds, appear the names of Col. J. R. Scott of the Nineteenth; Col. Thomas D. Williams of the Twenty-fifth, and Col. F. A. Harrington of the Twenty-seventh—all killed at Stone River; Col. John W. S. Alexander of the Twenty-first; Col. Daniel Gilmer of the Thirty-eighth; Lieut.-Col. Duncan J. Hall of the Eighty-ninth; Col. Timothy O'Meara of the Ninetieth, and Col. Holden Putnam, at Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge; Col. John B. Wyman of the Thirteenth, at Chickasaw Bayou; Lieut.-Col. Thomas W. Ross, of the Thirty-second, at Shiloh; Col. John A. Davis of the Forty-sixth, at Hatchie; Col. William A. Dickerman of the One Hundred and Third, at Resaca; Col. Oscar Harmon, at Kennesaw; Col. John A. Bross, at Petersburg, besides Col. Mihalotzy, Col. Silas Miller, Lieut.-Col. Melancthon Smith, Maj. Zenas Applington, Col. John J. Mudd, Col. Matthew H. Starr, Maj. Wm. H. Medill, Col. Warren Stewart and many more on other battle-fields. (Biographical sketches of many of these officers will be found under the proper heads elsewhere in this volume.) It would be a grateful task to record here the names of a host of others, who, after acquitting themselves bravely on the field, survived to enjoy the plaudits of a grateful people, were this within the design and scope of the present work. One of the most brilliant exploits of the War was the raid from La Grange, Tenn., to Baton Rouge,

La., in May, 1863, led by Col. B. H. Grierson, of the Sixth Illinois Cavalry, in co-operation with the Seventh under command of Col. Edward Prince.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 1862.—An incident of a different character was the calling of a convention to revise the State Constitution, which met at Springfield, Jan. 7, 1862. A majority of this body was composed of those opposed to the war policy of the Government, and a disposition to interfere with the affairs of the State administration and the General Government was soon manifested, which was resented by the executive and many of the soldiers in the field. The convention adjourned March 24, and its work was submitted to vote of the people, June 17, 1862, when it was rejected by a majority of more than 16,000, not counting the soldiers in the field, who were permitted, as a matter of policy, to vote upon it, but who were practically unanimous in opposition to it.

DEATH OF DOUGLAS.—A few days before this election (June 3, 1862), United States Senator Stephen A. Douglas died, at the Tremont House in Chicago, depriving the Democratic party of the State of its most sagacious and patriotic adviser. (See *Douglas, Stephen A.*)

LEGISLATURE OF 1863.—Another political incident of this period grew out of the session of the General Assembly of 1863. This body having been elected on the tide of the political revulsion which followed the issuance of President Lincoln's preliminary Proclamation of Emancipation, was Democratic in both branches. One of its first acts was the election of William A. Richardson United States Senator, in place of O. H. Browning, who had been appointed by Governor Yates to the vacancy caused by the death of Douglas. This Legislature early showed a tendency to follow in the footsteps of the Constitutional Convention of 1862, by attempting to cripple the State and General Governments in the prosecution of the war. Resolutions on the subject of the war, which the friends of the Union regarded as of a most mischievous character, were introduced and passed in the House, but owing to the death of a member on the majority side, they failed to pass the Senate. These denounced the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus; condemned "the attempted enforcement of compensated emancipation" and "the transportation of negroes into the State;" accused the General Government of "usurpation," of "subverting the Constitution" and attempting to establish a "consolidated military despotism;"

charged that the war had been "diverted from its first avowed object to that of subjugation and the abolition of slavery;" declared the belief of the authors that its "further prosecution . . . cannot result in the restoration of the Union . . . unless the President's Emancipation Proclamation be withdrawn;" appealed to Congress to secure an armistice with the rebel States, and closed by appointing six Commissioners (who were named) to confer with Congress, with a view to the holding of a National Convention to adjust the differences between the States. These measures occupied the attention of the Legislature to the exclusion of subjects of State interest, so that little legislation was accomplished—not even the ordinary appropriation bills being passed.

**LEGISLATURE PROROGUED.**—At this juncture, the two Houses having disagreed as to the date of adjournment, Governor Yates exercised the constitutional prerogative of proroguing them, which he did in a message on June 10, declaring them adjourned to the last day of their constitutional term. The Republicans accepted the result and withdrew, but the Democratic majority in the House and a minority in the Senate continued in session for some days, without being able to transact any business except the filing of an empty protest, when they adjourned to the first Monday of January, 1864. The excitement produced by this affair, in the Legislature and throughout the State, was intense; but the action of Governor Yates was sustained by the Supreme Court and the adjourned session was never held. The failure of the Legislature to make provision for the expenses of the State Government and the relief of the soldiers in the field, made it necessary for Governor Yates to accept that aid from the public-spirited bankers and capitalists of the State which was never wanting when needed during this critical period. (See *Twenty-Third General Assembly*.)

**PEACE CONVENTIONS.**—Largely attended "peace conventions" were held during this year, at Springfield on June 17, and at Peoria in September, at which resolutions opposing the "further offensive prosecution of the war" were adopted. An immense Union mass-meeting was also held at Springfield on Sept. 3, which was addressed by distinguished speakers, including both Republicans and War-Democrats. An important incident of this meeting was the reading of the letter from President Lincoln to Hon. James C. Conkling, in which he defended his war policy, and especially his Emancipation Proclamation, in a characteristically logical manner.

**POLITICAL CAMPAIGN OF 1864.**—The year 1864 was full of exciting political and military events. Among the former was the nomination of George B. McClellan for President by the Democratic Convention held at Chicago, August 29, on a platform declaring the war a "failure" as an "experiment" for restoring the Union, and demanding a "cessation of hostilities" with a view to a convention for the restoration of peace. Mr. Lincoln had been renominated by the Republicans at Philadelphia, in June previous, with Andrew Johnson as the candidate for Vice-President. The leaders of the respective State tickets were Gen. Richard J. Oglesby, on the part of the Republicans, for Governor, with William Bross, for Lieutenant-Governor, and James C. Robinson as the Democratic candidate for Governor.

**CAMP DOUGLAS CONSPIRACY.**—For months rumors had been rife concerning a conspiracy of rebels from the South and their sympathizers in the North, to release the rebel prisoners confined in Camp Douglas, Chicago, and at Rock Island, Springfield and Alton—aggregating over 25,000 men. It was charged that the scheme was to be put into effect simultaneously with the November election, but the activity of the military authorities in arresting the leaders and seizing their arms, defeated it. The investigations of a military court before whom a number of the arrested parties were tried, proved the existence of an extensive organization, calling itself "American Knights" or "Sons of Liberty," of which a number of well-known politicians in Illinois were members. (See *Camp Douglas Conspiracy*.)

At the November election Illinois gave a majority for Lincoln of 30,756, and for Oglesby, for Governor, of 33,675, with a proportionate majority for the rest of the ticket. Lincoln's total vote in the electoral college was 212, to 21 for McClellan.

**LEGISLATURE OF 1865.**—The Republicans had a decided majority in both branches of the Legislature of 1865, and one of its earliest acts was the election of Governor Yates, United States Senator, in place of William A. Richardson, who had been elected two years before to the seat formerly held by Douglas. This was the last public position held by the popular Illinois "War Governor." During his official term no more popular public servant ever occupied the executive chair—a fact demonstrated by the promptness with which, on retiring from it, he was elected to the United States Senate. His personal and political integrity was never questioned by his most bitter political opponents, while those who had known

him longest and most intimately, trusted him most implicitly. The service which he performed in giving direction to the patriotic sentiment of the State and in marshaling its heroic soldiers for the defense of the Union can never be overestimated. (See *Yates, Richard*.)

OGLESBY'S ADMINISTRATION.—Governor Oglesby and the other State officers were inaugurated Jan. 17, 1865. Entering upon its duties with a Legislature in full sympathy with it, the new administration was confronted by no such difficulties as those with which its predecessor had to contend. Its head, who had been identified with the war from its beginning, was one of the first Illinoisans promoted to the rank of Major-General, was personally popular and enjoyed the confidence and respect of the people of the State. Allen C. Fuller, who had retired from a position on the Circuit bench to accept that of Adjutant-General, which he held during the last three years of the war, was Speaker of the House. This Legislature was the first among those of all the States to ratify the Thirteenth Amendment of the National Constitution, abolishing slavery, which it did in both Houses, on the evening of Feb. 1, 1865—the same day the resolution had been finally acted on by Congress and received the sanction of the President. The odious "black laws," which had disgraced the State for twelve years, were wiped from the statute-book at this session. The Legislature adjourned after a session of forty-six days, leaving a record as creditable in the disposal of business as that of its predecessor had been discreditable. (See *Oglesby, Richard J.*)

ASSASSINATION OF LINCOLN.—The war was now rapidly approaching a successful termination. Lee had surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, April 9, 1865, and the people were celebrating this event with joyful festivities through all the loyal States, but nowhere with more enthusiasm than in Illinois, the home of the two great leaders—Lincoln and Grant. In the midst of these jublations came the assassination of President Lincoln by John Wilkes Booth, on the evening of April 14, 1865, in Ford's Theater, Washington. The appalling news was borne on the wings of the telegraph to every corner of the land, and instantly a nation in rejoicing was changed to a nation in mourning. A pall of gloom hung over every part of the land. Public buildings, business houses and dwellings in every city, village and hamlet throughout the loyal States were draped with the insignia of a universal sorrow. Millions of strong men, and tender,

patriotic women who had given their husbands, sons and brothers for the defense of the Union, wept as if overtaken by a great personal calamity. If the nation mourned, much more did Illinois, at the taking off of its chief citizen, the grandest character of the age, who had served both State and Nation with such patriotic fidelity, and perished in the very zenith of his fame and in the hour of his country's triumph.

THE FUNERAL.—Then came the sorrowful march of the funeral cortege from Washington to Springfield—the most impressive spectacle witnessed since the Day of the Crucifixion. In all this, Illinois bore a conspicuous part, as on the fourth day of May, 1865, amid the most solemn ceremonies and in the presence of sorrowing thousands, she received to her bosom, near his old home at the State Capital, the remains of the Great Liberator.

The part which Illinois played in the great struggle has already been dwelt upon as fully as the scope of this work will permit. It only remains to be said that the patriotic service of the men of the State was grandly supplemented by the equally patriotic service of its women in "Soldiers' Aid Societies," "Sisters of the Good Samaritan," "Needle Pickets," and in sanitary organizations for the purpose of contributing to the comfort and health of the soldiers in camp and in hospital, and in giving them generous receptions on their return to their homes. The work done by these organizations, and by individual nurses in the field, illustrates one of the brightest pages in the history of the war.

ELECTION OF 1866.—The administration of Governor Oglesby was as peaceful as it was prosperous. The chief political events of 1866 were the election of Newton Bateman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Gen. Geo. W. Smith, Treasurer, while Gen. John A. Logan, as Representative from the State-at-large, re-entered Congress, from which he had retired in 1861 to enter the Union army. His majority was unprecedented, reaching 55,987. The Legislature of 1867 re-elected Judge Trumbull to the United States Senate for a third term, his chief competitor in the Republican caucus being Gen. John M. Palmer. The Fourteenth Amendment to the National Constitution, conferring citizenship upon persons of color, was ratified by this Legislature.

ELECTION OF 1868.—The Republican State Convention of 1868, held at Peoria, May 6, nominated the following ticket: For Governor, John M. Palmer, Lieutenant-Governor, John Dougherty;

Secretary of State, Edward Rummell; Auditor, Charles E. Lippincott, State Treasurer, Erastus N. Bates; Attorney General, Washington Bushnell. John R. Eden, afterward a member of Congress for three terms, headed the Democratic ticket as candidate for Governor, with William H. Van Epps for Lieutenant-Governor.

The Republican National Convention was held at Chicago, May 21, nominating Gen. U. S. Grant for President and Schuyler Colfax for Vice-President. They were opposed by Horatio Seymour for President, and F. P. Blair for Vice-President. The result in November was the election of Grant and Colfax, who received 214 electoral votes from 26 States, to 80 electoral votes for Seymour and Blair from 8 States—three States not voting. Grant's majority in Illinois was 51,150. Of course the Republican State ticket was elected. The Legislature elected at the same time consisted of eighteen Republicans to nine Democrats in the Senate and fifty-eight Republicans to twenty-seven Democrats in the House.

**PALMER'S ADMINISTRATION.**—Governor Palmer's administration began auspiciously, at a time when the passions aroused by the war were subsiding and the State was recovering its normal prosperity. (See *Palmer, John M.*) Leading events of the next four years were the adoption of a new State Constitution and the Chicago fire. The first steps in legislation looking to the control of railroads were taken at the session of 1869, and although a stringent law on the subject passed both Houses, it was vetoed by the Governor. A milder measure was afterward enacted, and, although superseded by the Constitution of 1870, it furnished the key-note for much of the legislation since had on the subject. The celebrated "Lake Front Bill," conveying to the city of Chicago and the Illinois Central Railroad the title of the State to certain lands included in what was known as the "Lake Front Park," was passed, and although vetoed by the Governor, was re-enacted over his veto. This act was finally repealed by the Legislature of 1873, and after many years of litigation, the rights claimed under it by the Illinois Central Railroad Company have been recently declared void by the Supreme Court of the United States. The Fifteenth Amendment of the National Constitution, prohibiting the denial of the right of suffrage to "citizens of the United States . . . on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude," was ratified by a strictly party vote in each House, on March 5.

The first step toward the erection of a new State Capitol at Springfield had been taken in an appropriation of \$450,000, at the session of 1867, the total cost being limited to \$3,000,000. A second appropriation of \$650,000 was made at the session of 1869. The Constitution of 1870 limited the cost to \$3,500,000, but an act passed by the Legislature of 1883, making a final appropriation of \$531,712 for completing and furnishing the building, was ratified by the people in 1884. The original cost of the building and its furniture exceeded \$4,000,000. (See *State Houses*.)

The State Convention for framing a new Constitution met at Springfield, Dec. 13, 1869. It consisted of eighty-five members—forty-four Republicans and forty-one Democrats. A number classed as Republicans, however, were elected as "Independents" and co-operated with the Democrats in the organization. Charles Hitchcock was elected President. The Convention terminated its labors, May 13, 1870; the Constitution was ratified by vote of the people, July 2, and went into effect, August 8, 1870. A special provision establishing the principle of "minority representation" in the election of Representatives in the General Assembly, was adopted by a smaller vote than the main instrument. A leading feature of the latter was the general restriction upon special legislation and the enumeration of a large variety of subjects to be provided for under general laws. It laid the basis of our present railroad and warehouse laws; declared the inviolability of the Illinois Central Railroad tax; prohibited the sale or lease of the Illinois & Michigan Canal without a vote of the people; prohibited municipalities from becoming subscribers to the stock of any railroad or private corporation; limited the rate of taxation and amount of indebtedness to be incurred; required the enactment of laws for the protection of miners, etc. The restriction in the old Constitution against the re-election of a Governor as his own immediate successor was removed, but placed upon the office of State Treasurer. The Legislature consists of 204 members—51 Senators and 153 Representatives—one Senator and three Representatives being chosen from each district. (See *Constitutional Convention of 1869-70*; also *Constitution of 1870*.)

At the election of 1870, General Logan was re-elected Congressman-at-large by 24,672 majority; Gen. E. N. Bates, Treasurer, and Newton Bateman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**LEGISLATURE OF 1871.**—The Twenty-seventh General Assembly (1871), in its various sessions,



spent more time in legislation than any other in the history of the State—a fact to be accounted for, in part, by the Chicago Fire and the extensive revision of the laws required in consequence of the adoption of the new Constitution. Besides the regular session, there were two special, or called, sessions and an adjourned session, covering, in all, a period of 292 days. This Legislature adopted the system of "State control" in the management of the labor and discipline of the convicts of the State penitentiary, which was strongly urged by Governor Palmer in a special message. General Logan having been elected United States Senator at this session, Gen. John L. Beveridge was elected to the vacant position of Congressman-at-large at a special election held Oct. 4.

CHICAGO FIRE OF 1871.—The calamitous fire at Chicago, Oct. 8-9, 1871, though belonging rather to local than to general State history, excited the profound sympathy, not only of the people of the State and the Nation, but of the civilized world. The area burned over, including streets, covered 2,124 acres, with 13,500 buildings out of 18,000, leaving 92,000 persons homeless. The loss of life is estimated at 250, and of property at \$187,927,000. Governor Palmer called the Legislature together in special session to act upon the emergency, Oct. 13, but as the State was precluded from affording direct aid, the plan was adopted of reimbursing the city for the amount it had expended in the enlargement of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, amounting to \$2,955,340. The unfortunate shooting of a citizen by a cadet in a regiment of United States troops organized for guard duty, led to some controversy between Governor Palmer, on one side, and the Mayor of Chicago and the military authorities, including President Grant, on the other; but the general verdict was, that, while nice distinctions between civil and military authority may not have been observed, the service rendered by the military, in a great emergency, was of the highest value and was prompted by the best intentions. (See *Fire of 1871* under title *Chicago*.)

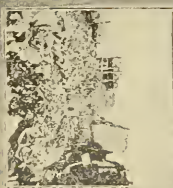
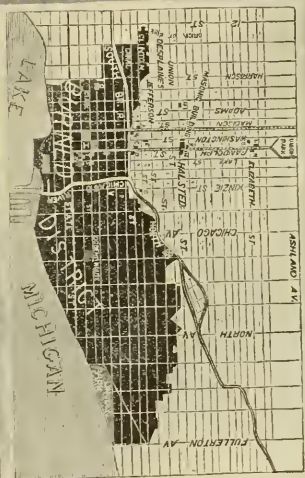
POLITICAL CAMPAIGN OF 1872.—The political campaign of 1872 in Illinois resulted in much confusion and a partial reorganization of parties. Dissatisfied with the administration of President Grant, a number of the State officers (including Governor Palmer) and other prominent Republicans of the State, joined in what was called the "Liberal Republican" movement, and supported Horace Greeley for the Presidency. Ex-Governor Oglesby again became the standard-bearer

of the Republicans for Governor, with Gen. John L. Beveridge for Lieutenant-Governor. At the November election, the Grant and Wilson (Republican) Electors in Illinois received 241,944 votes, to 184,938 for Greeley, and 3,138 for O'Connor. The plurality for Oglesby, for Governor, was 40,690.

Governor Oglesby's second administration was of brief duration. Within a week after his inauguration he was nominated by a legislative caucus of his party for United States Senator to succeed Judge Trumbull, and was elected, receiving an aggregate of 117 votes in the two Houses against 78 for Trumbull, who was supported by the party whose candidates he had defeated at three previous elections. (See *Oglesby*, *Richard J.*) Lieutenant-Governor Beveridge thus became Governor, filling out the unexpired term of his chief. His administration was high-minded, clean and honorable. (See *Beveridge*, *John L.*)

REPUBLICAN REVERSE OF 1874.—The election of 1874 resulted in the first serious reverse the Republican party had experienced in Illinois since 1862. Although Thomas S. Ridgway, the Republican candidate for State Treasurer, was elected by a plurality of nearly 35,000, by a combination of the opposition, S. M. Etter (Fusion) was at the same time elected State Superintendent, while the Fusionists secured a majority in each House of the General Assembly. After a protracted contest, E. M. Haines—who had been a Democrat, a Republican, and had been elected to this Legislature as an "Independent"—was elected Speaker of the House over Shelby M. Cullom, and A. A. Glenn (Democrat) was chosen President of the Senate, thus becoming ex-officio Lieutenant-Governor. The session which followed—especially in the House—was one of the most turbulent and disorderly in the history of the State, coming to a termination, April 15, after having enacted very few laws of any importance. (See *Twenty-ninth General Assembly*.)

CAMPAIGN OF 1876.—Shelby M. Cullom was the candidate of the Republican party for Governor in 1876, with Rutherford B. Hayes heading the National ticket. The excitement which attended the campaign, the closeness of the vote between the two Presidential candidates—Hayes and Tilden—and the determination of the result through the medium of an Electoral Commission, are fresh in the memory of the present generation. In Illinois the Republican plurality for President was 19,631, but owing to the combination of the Democratic and Greenback vote on Lewis Steward for Governor, the majority for



1. Water Works. 2. Wells Street Bridge. 3. Clark Street Bridge. 4. Mouth of Chicago River. 5. Old St. James Church. 6. Great Jones & R. Taylor. 7. Randolph Street. 8. Clark Street. 9. Sherman Hotel. 10. LaSalle Street.  
11. Court House. 12. Post Office. 13. Franklin Street. 14. Washington Street. 15. Madison Street. 16. Taylor Street. 17. Dearborn St. 18. R. Taylor. 19. LaSalle Street.

THE HEART OF CHICAGO IN RUINS. PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE BURNED DISTRICT, LOOKING EASTWARD TOWARD THE LAKE.



BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING, CHICAGO.



Cullom was reduced to 6,798. The other State officers elected were: Andrew Shuman, Lieutenant-Governor; George H. Harlow, Secretary of State; Thomas B. Needles, Auditor; Edward Rutz, Treasurer, and James K. Edsall, Attorney-General. Each of these had pluralities exceeding 20,000, except Needles, who, having a single competitor, had a smaller majority than Cullom. The new State House was occupied for the first time by the State officers and the Legislature chosen at this time. Although the Republicans had a majority in the House, the Independents held the "balance of power" in joint session of the General Assembly. After a stubborn and protracted struggle in the effort to choose a United States Senator to succeed Senator John A. Logan, David Davis, of Bloomington, was elected on the fortieth ballot. He had been a Whig and a warm personal friend of Lincoln, by whom he was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1862. His election to the United States Senate by the Democrats and Independents led to his retirement from the Supreme bench, thus preventing his appointment on the Electoral Commission of 1877—a circumstance which, in the opinion of many, may have had an important bearing upon the decision of that tribunal. In the latter part of his term he served as President pro tempore of the Senate, and more frequently acted with the Republicans than with their opponents. He supported Blaine and Logan for President and Vice-President, in 1884. (See *Davis, David*.)

**STRIKE OF 1877.**—The extensive railroad strike, in July, 1877, caused widespread demoralization of business, especially in the railroad centers of the State and throughout the country generally. The newly-organized National Guard was called out and rendered efficient service in restoring order. Governor Cullom's action in the premises was prompt, and has been generally commended as eminently wise and discreet.

**ELECTION OF 1878.**—Four sets of candidates were in the field for the offices of State Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1878—Republican, Democratic, Greenback and Prohibition. The Republicans were successful, Gen. John C. Smith being elected Treasurer, and James P. Slade, Superintendent, by pluralities averaging about 35,000. The same party also elected eleven out of nineteen members of Congress, and, for the first time in six years, secured a majority in each branch of the General Assembly. At the session of this Legislature, in January following, John A. Logan was elected to the

United States Senate as successor to Gen. R. J. Oglesby, whose term expired in March following. Col. William A. James, of Lake County, served as Speaker of the House at this session. (See *Smith, John Corson*; *Slade, James P.*; also *Thirty-first General Assembly*.)

**CAMPAIGN OF 1880.**—The political campaign of 1880 is memorable for the determined struggle made by the friends of General Grant to secure his nomination for the Presidency for a third term. The Republican State Convention, beginning at Springfield, May 19, lasted three days, ending in instructions in favor of General Grant by a vote of 399 to 285. These were nullified, however, by the action of the National Convention two weeks later. Governor Cullom was nominated for re-election; John M. Hamilton for Lieutenant-Governor; Henry D. Dement for Secretary of State; Charles P. Swigert for Auditor; Edward Rutz (for a third term) for Treasurer, and James McCartney for Attorney-General. (See *Dement, Henry D.*; *Swigert, Charles P.*; *Rutz, Edward*, and *McCartney, James*.) Ex-Senator Trumbull headed the Democratic ticket as its candidate for Governor, with General L. B. Parsons for Lieutenant-Governor.

The Republican National Convention met in Chicago, June 2. After thirty-six ballots, in which 306 delegates stood unwaveringly by General Grant, James A. Garfield, of Ohio, was nominated, with Chester A. Arthur, of New York, for Vice-President. Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock was the Democratic candidate and Gen. James B. Weaver, the Greenback nominee. In Illinois, 622,156 votes were cast, Garfield receiving a plurality of 40,716. The entire Republican State ticket was elected by nearly the same pluralities, and the Republicans again had decisive majorities in both branches of the Legislature.

No startling events occurred during Governor Cullom's second term. The State continued to increase in wealth, population and prosperity, and the heavy debt, by which it had been burdened thirty years before, was practically "wiped out."

**ELECTION OF 1882.**—At the election of 1882, Gen. John C. Smith, who had been elected State Treasurer in 1878, was re-elected for a second term, over Alfred Orendorff, while Charles T. Strattan, the Republican candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was defeated by Henry Raab. The Republicans again had a majority in each House of the General Assembly, amounting to twelve on joint ballot. Loren C. Collins was elected Speaker of the



House. In the election of United States Senator, which occurred at this session, Governor Cullom was chosen as the successor to David Davis, Gen. John M. Palmer receiving the Democratic vote. Lieut.-Gov. John M. Hamilton thus became Governor, nearly in the middle of his term. (See *Cullom, Shelby M.; Hamilton, John M.; Collins, Loren C., and Raab, Henry.*)

The "Harper High License Law," enacted by the Thirty-third General Assembly (1883), has become one of the permanent features of the Illinois statutes for the control of the liquor traffic, and has been more or less closely copied in other States.

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN OF 1884.—In 1884, Gen. R. J. Oglesby again became the choice of the Republican party for Governor, receiving at Peoria the conspicuous compliment of a nomination for a third term, by acclamation. Carter H. Harrison was the candidate of the Democrats. The Republican National Convention was again held in Chicago, meeting June 3, 1884; Gen. John A. Logan was the choice of the Illinois Republicans for President, and was put in nomination in the Convention by Senator Cullom. The choice of the Convention, however, fell upon James G. Blaine, on the fourth ballot, his leading competitor being President Arthur. Logan was then nominated for Vice-President by acclamation.

At the election in November the Republican party met its first reverse on the National battlefield since 1856, Grover Cleveland and Thomas A. Hendricks, the Democratic candidates, being elected President and Vice-President by the narrow margin of less than 1,200 votes in the State of New York. The result was in doubt for several days, and the excitement throughout the country was scarcely less intense than it had been in the close election of 1876. The Greenback and Prohibition parties both had tickets in Illinois, polling a total of nearly 23,000 votes. The plurality in the State for Blaine was 25,118. The Republican State officers elected were Richard J. Oglesby, Governor; John C. Smith, Lieutenant-Governor; Henry D. Dement, Secretary of State; Charles P. Swigert, Auditor; Jacob Gross, State Treasurer; and George Hunt, Attorney-General—receiving pluralities ranging from 14,000 to 25,000. Both Dement and Swigert were elected for a second time, while Gross and Hunt were chosen for first terms. (See *Gross, Jacob, and Hunt, George.*)

CHICAGO ELECTION FRAUDS.—An incident of this election was the fraudulent attempt to seat

Rudolph Brand (Democrat) as Senator in place of Henry W. Leman, in the Sixth Senatorial District of Cook County. The fraud was exposed and Joseph C. Mackin, one of its alleged perpetrators, was sentenced to the penitentiary for four years for perjury growing out of the investigation. A motive for this attempted fraud was found in the close vote in the Legislature for United States Senator—Senator Logan being a candidate for re-election, while the Legislature stood 102 Republicans to 100 Democrats and two Greenbackers on joint ballot. A tedious contest on the election of Speaker of the House finally resulted in the success of E. M. Haines. Pending the struggle over the Senatorship, two seats in the House and one in the Senate were rendered vacant by death—the deceased Senator and one of the Representatives being Democrats, and the other Representative a Republican. The special election for Senator resulted in filling the vacancy with a new member of the same political faith as his predecessor; but both vacancies in the House were filled by Republicans. The gain of a Republican member in place of a Democrat in the House was brought about by the election of Captain William H. Weaver Representative from the Thirty-fourth District (composed of Mason, Menard, Cass and Schuyler Counties) over the Democratic candidate, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative J. Henry Shaw, Democrat. This was accomplished by what is called a "still hunt" on the part of the Republicans, in which the Democrats, being taken by surprise, suffered a defeat. It furnished the sensation not only of the session, but of special elections generally, especially as every county in the District was strongly Democratic. This gave the Republicans a majority in each House, and the re-election of Logan followed, though not until two months had been consumed in the contest. (See *Logan, John A.*)

OGLESBY'S THIRD TERM.—The only disturbing events during Governor Oglesby's third term were strikes among the quarrymen at Joliet and Lemont, in May, 1885; by the railroad switchmen at East St. Louis, in April, 1886, and among the employés at the Union Stock-Yards, in November of the same year. In each case troops were called out and order finally restored, but not until several persons had been killed in the two former, and both strikers and employers had lost heavily in the interruption of business.

At the election of 1886, John R. Tanner and Dr. Richard Edwards (Republicans) were respectively elected State Treasurer and State Superin-

tendent of Public Instruction, by 34,816 plurality for the former and 29,928 for the latter. (See *Tanner, John R.*; *Edwards, Richard.*)

In the Thirty-fifth General Assembly, which met January, 1887, the Republicans had a majority in each House, and Charles B. Farwell was elected to the United States Senate in place of Gen. John A. Logan, deceased. (See *Farwell, Charles B.*)

**FIFER ELECTED GOVERNOR.**—The political campaign of 1888 was a spirited one, though less bitter than the one of four years previous. Ex-Senator Joseph W. Fifer, of McLean County, and Ex-Gov. John M. Palmer were pitted against each other as opposing candidates for Governor. (See *Fifer, Joseph W.*) Prohibition and Labor tickets were also in the field. The Republican National Convention was again held in Chicago, June 20-25, resulting in the nomination of Benjamin Harrison for President, on the eighth ballot. The delegates from Illinois, with two or three exceptions, voted steadily for Judge Walter Q. Gresham. (See *Gresham, Walter Q.*) Grover Cleveland headed the Democratic ticket as a candidate for re-election. At the November election, 747,683 votes were cast in Illinois, giving the Republican Electors a plurality of 22,104. Fifer's plurality over Palmer was 12,547, and that of the remainder of the Republican State ticket, still larger. Those elected were Lyman B. Ray, Lieutenant-Governor; Isaac N. Pearson, Secretary of State; Gen. Charles W. Pavey, Auditor; Charles Becker, Treasurer, and George Hunt, Attorney-General. (See *Ray, Lyman B.*; *Pearson, Isaac N.*; *Pavey, Charles W.*; and *Becker, Charles.*) The Republicans secured twenty-six majority on joint ballot in the Legislature—the largest since 1881. Among the acts of the Legislature of 1889 were the re-election of Senator Cullom to the United States Senate, practically without a contest; the revision of the compulsory education law, and the enactment of the Chicago drainage law. At a special session held in July, 1890, the first steps in the preliminary legislation looking to the holding of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 in the city of Chicago, were taken. (See *World's Columbian Exposition.*)

**REPUBLICAN DEFEAT OF 1890.**—The campaign of 1890 resulted in a defeat for the Republicans on both the State and Legislative tickets. Edward S. Wilson was elected Treasurer by a plurality of 9,847 and Prof. Henry Raab, who had been Superintendent of Public Instruction between 1883 and 1887, was elected for a second term by 34,042. Though lacking two of an absolute majority on

joint ballot in the Legislature, the Democrats were able, with the aid of two members belonging to the Farmers' Alliance, after a prolonged and exciting contest, to elect Ex-Gov. John M. Palmer United States Senator, as successor to C. B. Farwell. The election took place on March 11, resulting, on the 154th ballot, in 103 votes for Palmer to 100 for Cicero J. Lindley (Republican) and one for A. J. Streeter. (See *Palmer, John M.*)

**ELECTIONS OF 1892.**—At the elections of 1892 the Republicans of Illinois sustained their first defeat on both State and National issues since 1856. The Democratic State Convention was held at Springfield, April 27, and that of the Republicans on May 4. The Democrats put in nomination John P. Altgeld for Governor; Joseph B. Gill for Lieutenant-Governor; William H. Hinrichsen for Secretary of State; Rufus N. Ramsay for State Treasurer; David Gore for Auditor; Maurice T. Moloney for Attorney-General, with John C. Black and Andrew J. Hunter for Congressmen-at-large and three candidates for Trustees of the University of Illinois. The candidates on the Republican ticket were: For Governor, Joseph W. Fifer; Lieutenant-Governor, Lyman B. Ray; Secretary of State, Isaac N. Pearson; Auditor, Charles W. Pavey; Attorney-General, George W. Prince; State Treasurer, Henry L. Hertz; Congressmen-at-large, George S. Willits and Richard Yates, with three University Trustees. The first four were all incumbents nominated to succeed themselves. The Republican National Convention held its session at Minneapolis June 7-10, nominating President Harrison for re-election, while that of the Democrats met in Chicago, on June 21, remaining in session until June 24, for the third time choosing, as its standard-bearer, Grover Cleveland, with Adlai T. Stevenson, of Bloomington, Ill., as his running-mate for Vice-President. The Prohibition and People's Party also had complete National and State tickets in the field. The State campaign was conducted with great vigor on both sides, the Democrats, under the leadership of Altgeld, making an especially bitter contest upon some features of the compulsory school law, and gaining many votes from the ranks of the German-Republicans. The result in the State showed a plurality for Cleveland of 26,993 votes out of a total 873,646—the combined Prohibition and People's Party vote amounting to 48,977. The votes for the respective heads of the State tickets were: Altgeld (Dem.), 425,498; Fifer (Rep.), 402,659; Link (Pro.), 25,628; Barnett (Peo.), 20,108—plurality for Altgeld, 22,808. The vote for Fifer was the high-

est given to any Republican candidate on either the National or the State ticket, leading that of President Harrison by nearly 3,400, while the vote for Altgeld, though falling behind that of Cleveland, led the votes of all his associates on the Democratic State ticket with the single exception of Ramsay, the Democratic Candidate for Treasurer. Of the twenty-two Representatives in Congress from the State chosen at this time, eleven were Republicans and eleven Democrats, including among the latter the two Congressmen from the State-at-large. The Thirty-eighth General Assembly stood twenty-nine Democrats to twenty-two Republicans in the Senate, and seventy-eight Democrats to seventy-five Republicans in the House.

The administration of Governor Fifer—the last in a long and unbroken line under Republican Governors—closed with the financial and industrial interests of the State in a prosperous condition, the State out of debt with an ample surplus in its treasury. Fifer was the first private soldier of the Civil War to be elected to the Governorship, though the result of the next two elections have shown that he was not to be the last—both of his successors belonging to the same class. Governor Altgeld was the first foreign-born citizen of the State to be elected Governor, though the State has had four Lieutenant-Governors of foreign birth, viz.: Pierre Menard, a French Canadian; John Moore, an Englishman, and Gustavus Koerner and Francis A. Hoffman, both Germans.

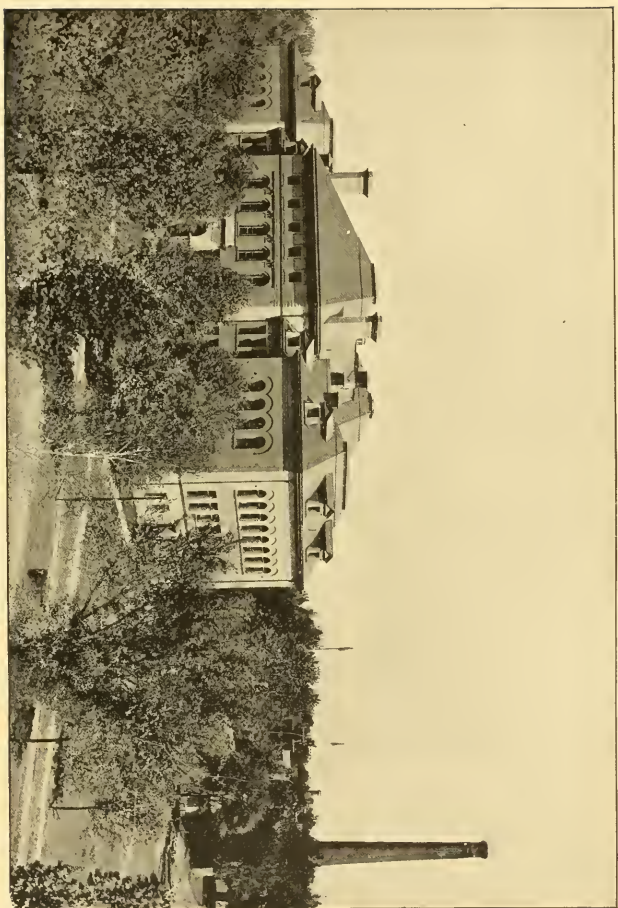
ALTGELD'S ADMINISTRATION. — The Thirty-eighth General Assembly began its session, Jan. 4, 1893, the Democrats having a majority in each House. (See *Thirty-eighth General Assembly*.) The inauguration of the State officers occurred on January 10. The most important events connected with Governor Altgeld's administration were the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, and the strike of railway employes in 1894. Both of these have been treated in detail under their proper heads. (See *World's Columbian Exposition*, and *Labor Troubles*.) A serious disaster befell the State in the destruction by fire, on the night of Jan. 3, 1895, of a portion of the buildings connected with the Southern Hospital for the Insane at Anna, involving a loss to the State of nearly \$200,000, and subjecting the inmates and officers of the institution to great risk and no small amount of suffering, although no lives were lost. The Thirty-ninth General Assembly, which met a few days after the fire, made an appropriation of \$171,970 for the restoration of the buildings destroyed, and work was begun immediately.

The defalcation of Charles W. Spalding, Treasurer of the University of Illinois, which came to light near the close of Governor Altgeld's term, involved the State in heavy loss (the exact amount of which is not even yet fully known), and operated unfortunately for the credit of the retiring administration, in view of the adoption of a policy which made the Governor more directly responsible for the management of the State institutions than that pursued by most of his predecessors. The Governor's course in connection with the strike of 1894 was also severely criticised in some quarters, especially as it brought him in opposition to the policy of the National administration, and exposed him to the charge of sympathizing with the strikers at a time when they were regarded as acting in open violation of law.

ELECTION OF 1894. — The election of 1894 showed as surprising a reaction against the Democratic party, as that of 1892 had been in an opposite direction. The two State offices to be vacated this year—State Treasurer and State Superintendent of Public Instruction—were filled by the election of Republicans by unprecedented majorities. The plurality for Henry Wulff for State Treasurer, was 133,427, and that in favor of Samuel M. Inglis for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, scarcely 10,000 less. Of twenty-two Representatives in Congress, all but two returned as elected were Republicans, and these two were unseated as the result of contests. The Legislature stood thirty-three Republicans to eighteen Democrats in the Senate, and eighty-eight Republicans to sixty-one Democrats in the House.

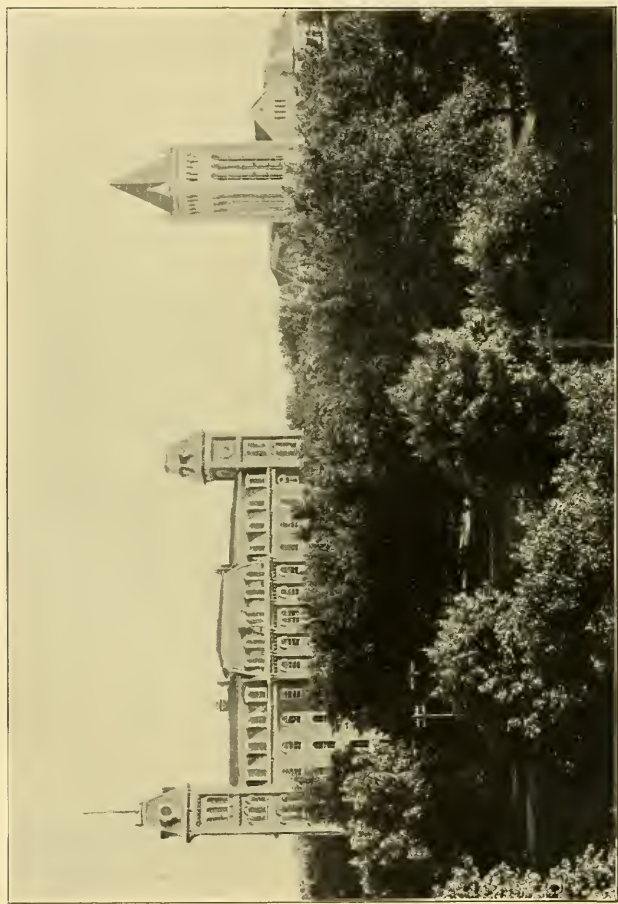
One of the most important acts of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, at the following session, was the enactment of a law fixing the compensation of members of the General Assembly at \$1,000 for each regular session, with five dollars per day and mileage for called, or extra, sessions. This Legislature also passed acts making appropriations for the erection of buildings for the use of the State Fair, which had been permanently located at Springfield; for the establishment of two additional hospitals for the insane, one near Rock Island and the other (for incurables) near Peoria; for the Northern and Eastern Illinois Normal Schools, and for a Soldiers' Widows' Home at Wilmington.

PERMANENT LOCATION OF THE STATE FAIR. — In consequence of the absorption of public attention—especially among the industrial and manufacturing classes—by the World's Columbian Exposition, the holding of the Annual Fair of the Illinois State Board of Agriculture for 1893 was



ENGINEERING HALL, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.





VIEW FROM ENGINEERING HALL, (Looking South), UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

omitted for the first time since the Civil War. The initial steps were taken by the Board at its annual meeting in Springfield, in January of that year, looking to the permanent location of the Fair; and, at a meeting of the Board held in Chicago, in October following, formal specifications were adopted prescribing the conditions to be met in securing the prize. These were sent to cities intending to compete for the location as the basis of proposals to be submitted by them. Responses were received from the cities of Bloomington, Decatur, Peoria and Springfield, at the annual meeting in January, 1894, with the result that, on the eighth ballot, the bid of Springfield was accepted and the Fair permanently located at that place by a vote of eleven for Springfield to ten divided between five other points. The Springfield proposal provided for conveyance to the State Board of Agriculture of 155 acres of land—embracing the old Sangamon County Fair Grounds immediately north of the city—besides a cash contribution of \$50,000 voted by the Sangamon County Board of Supervisors for the erection of permanent buildings. Other contributions increased the estimated value of the donations from Sangamon County (including the land) to \$139,800, not including the pledge of the city of Springfield to pave two streets to the gates of the Fair Grounds and furnish water free, besides an agreement on the part of the electric light company to furnish light for two years free of charge. The construction of buildings was begun the same year, and the first Fair held on the site in September following. Additional buildings have been erected and other improvements introduced each year, until the grounds are now regarded as among the best equipped for exhibition purposes in the United States. In the meantime, the increasing success of the Fair from year to year has demonstrated the wisdom of the action taken by the Board of Agriculture in the matter of location.

**CAMPAIGN OF 1896.**—The political campaign of 1896 was one of almost unprecedented activity in Illinois, as well as remarkable for the variety and character of the issues involved and the number of party candidates in the field. As usual, the Democratic and the Republican parties were the chief factors in the contest, although there was a wide diversity of sentiment in each, which tended to the introduction of new issues and the organization of parties on new lines. The Republicans took the lead in organizing for the canvass, holding their State Convention at Springfield on April 29 and 30, while the Demo-

crats followed, at Peoria, on June 23. The former put in nomination John R. Tanner for Governor; William A. Northcott for Lieutenant-Governor; James A. Rose for Secretary of State; James S. McCullough for Auditor; Henry L. Hertz for Treasurer, and Edward C. Akin for Attorney-General, with Mary Turner Carriel, Thomas J. Smyth and Francis M. McKay for University Trustees. The ticket put in nomination by the Democracy for State officers embraced John P. Altgeld for re-election to the Governorship; for Lieutenant-Governor, Monroe C. Crawford; Secretary of State, Finis E. Downing; Auditor, Andrew L. Maxwell; Attorney-General, George A. Trude, with three candidates for Trustees.

The National Republican Convention met at St. Louis on June 16, and, after a three days' session, put in nomination William McKinley, of Ohio, for President, and Garret A. Hobart, of New Jersey, for Vice-President; while their Democratic opponents, following a policy which had been maintained almost continuously by one or the other party since 1860, set in motion its party machinery in Chicago—holding its National Convention in that city, July 7-11, when, for the first time in the history of the nation, a native of Illinois was nominated for the Presidency in the person of William J. Bryan of Nebraska, with Arthur Sewall, a ship-builder of Maine, for the second place on the ticket. The main issues, as enunciated in the platforms of the respective parties, were industrial and financial, as shown by the prominence given to the tariff and monetary questions in each. This was the natural result of the business depression which had prevailed since 1893. While the Republican platform adhered to the traditional position of the party on the tariff issue, and declared in favor of maintaining the gold standard as the basis of the monetary system of the country, that of the Democracy took a new departure by declaring unreservedly for the "free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1;" and this became the leading issue of the campaign. The fact that Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, who had been favored by the Populists as a candidate for Vice President, and was afterwards formally nominated by a convention of that party, with Mr. Bryan at its head, was ignored by the Chicago Convention, led to much friction between the Populist and Democratic wings of the party. At the same time a very considerable body—in influence and political prestige, if not in numbers—in the ranks of the old-line Democratic party, refused to accept the doctrine of the free-silver

section on the monetary question, and, adopting the name of "Gold Democrats," put in nomination a ticket composed of John M. Palmer, of Illinois, for President, and Simon B. Buckner, of Kentucky, for Vice-President. Besides these, the Prohibitionists, Nationalists, Socialist-Labor Party and "Middle-of-the-Road" (or "straight-out") Populists, had more or less complete tickets in the field, making a total of seven sets of candidates appealing for the votes of the people on issues assumed to be of National importance.

The fact that the two great parties—Democratic and Republican—established their principal headquarters for the prosecution of the campaign in Chicago, had the effect to make that city and the State of Illinois the center of political activity for the nation. Demonstrations of an imposing character were held by both parties. At the November election the Republicans carried the day by a plurality, in Illinois, of 141,517 for their national ticket out of a total of 1,090,869 votes, while the leading candidates on the State ticket received the following pluralities: John R. Tanner (for Governor), 113,381; Northcott (for Lieutenant-Governor), 137,354; Rose (for Secretary of State), 136,611; McCullough (for Auditor), 138,013; Hertz (for Treasurer), 116,064; Akin (for Attorney-General), 132,650. The Republicans also elected seventeen Representatives in Congress to three Democrats and two People's Party men. The total vote cast, in this campaign, for the "Gold Democratic" candidate for Governor was 8,100.

GOV. TANNER'S ADMINISTRATION.—The Fortieth General Assembly met Jan. 6, 1897, consisting of eighty-eight Republicans to sixty-three Democrats and two Populists in the House, and thirty-nine Republicans to eleven Democrats and one Populist in the Senate. The Republicans finally gained one member in each house by contests. Edward C. Curtis, of Kankakee County, was chosen Speaker of the House and Hendrick V. Fisher, of Henry County, President pro tem. of the Senate, with a full set of Republican officers in the subordinate positions. The inauguration of the newly elected State officers took place on the 11th, the inaugural address of Governor Tanner taking strong ground in favor of maintaining the issues indorsed by the people at the late election. On Jan. 20, William E. Mason, of Chicago, was elected United States Senator, as the successor of Senator Palmer, whose term was about to expire. Mr. Mason received the full Republican strength (125 votes) in the two Houses, to the 77 Democratic votes cast for John P. Altgeld. (See *Fortieth General Assembly*.)

Among the principal measures enacted by the Fortieth General Assembly at its regular session were: The "Torrens Land Title System," regulating the conveyance and registration of land titles (which see); the consolidation of the three Supreme Court Districts into one and locating the Supreme Court at Springfield, and the Allen Street-Railroad Law, empowering City Councils and other corporate authorities of cities to grant street railway franchises for a period of fifty years. On Dec. 7, 1897, the Legislature met in special session under a call of the Governor, naming five subjects upon which legislation was suggested. Of these only two were acted upon affirmatively, viz.: a law prescribing the manner of conducting the election of delegates to nominating political conventions, and a new revenue law regulating the assessment and collection of taxes. The main feature of the latter act is the requirement that property shall be entered upon the books of the assessor at its cash value, subject to revision by a Board of Review, the basis of valuation for purposes of taxation being one-fifth of this amount.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.—The most notable event in the history of Illinois during the year 1898 was the Spanish-American War, and the part Illinois played in it. In this contest Illinoisans manifested the same eagerness to serve their country as did their fathers and fellow-citizens in the War of the Rebellion, a third of a century ago. The first call for volunteers was responded to with alacrity by the men composing the Illinois National Guard, seven regiments of infantry, from the First to Seventh inclusive, besides one regiment of Cavalry and one Battery of Artillery—in all about 9,000 men—being mustered in between May 7 and May 21. Although only one of these—the First, under the command of Col. Henry L. Turner of Chicago—saw practical service in Cuba before the surrender at Santiago, others in camps of instruction in the South stood ready to respond to the demand for their service in the field. Under the second call for troops two other regiments—the Eighth and the Ninth—were organized and the former (composed of Afro-Americans officered by men of their own race) relieved the First Illinois on guard duty at Santiago after the surrender. A body of engineers from Company E of the Second United States Engineers, recruited in Chicago, were among the first to see service in Cuba, while many Illinoisans belonging to the Naval Reserve were assigned to duty on United States war vessels, and rendered most valuable service in the

naval engagements in Cuban waters. The Third Regiment (Col. Fred. Bennett) also took part in the movement for the occupation of Porto Rico. The several regiments on their return for muster-out, after the conclusion of terms of peace with Spain, received most enthusiastic ovations from their fellow-citizens at home. Besides the regiments mentioned, several Provisional Regiments were organized and stood ready to respond to the call of the Government for their services had the emergency required. (See *War, The Spanish American.*)

**LABOR DISTURBANCES.**—The principal labor disturbances in the State, under Governor Tanner's administration, occurred during the coal-miners' strike of 1897, and the lock-out at the Pana and Virden mines in 1898. The attempt to introduce colored laborers from the South to operate these mines led to violence between the adherents of the "Miners' Union" and the mine-owners and operators, and their employes, at these points, during which it was necessary to call out the National Guard, and a number of lives were sacrificed on both sides.

A flood in the Ohio, during the spring of 1898, caused the breaking of the levee at Shawneetown, Ill., on the 3d day of April, in consequence of which a large proportion of the city was flooded, many homes and business houses wrecked or greatly injured, and much other property destroyed. The most serious disaster, however, was the loss of some twenty-five lives, for the most part of women and children who, being surprised in their homes, were unable to escape. Aid was promptly furnished by the State Government in the form of tents to shelter the survivors and rations to feed them; and contributions of money and provisions from the citizens of the State, collected by relief organizations during the next two or three months, were needed to moderate the suffering. (See *Inundations, Remarkable.*)

**CAMPAIGN OF 1898.**—The political campaign of 1898 was a quiet one, at least nominally conducted on the same general issues as that of 1896, although the gradual return of business prosperity had greatly modified the intensity of interest with which some of the economic questions of the preceding campaign had been regarded. The only State officers to be elected were a State-Treasurer, a Superintendent of Public Instruction, and three State University Trustees—the total vote cast for the former being 878,622 against 1,090,869 for President in 1896. Of the former, Floyd K. Whittemore (Republican candidate for State Treasurer) received 448,940 to 405,490 for

M. F. Dunlap (Democrat), with 24,192 divided between three other candidates; while Alfred Bayliss (Republican) received a plurality of 68,899 over his Democratic competitor, with 23,190 votes cast for three others. The Republican candidates for University Trustees were, of course, elected. The Republicans lost heavily in their representation in Congress, though electing thirteen out of twenty-two members of the Fifty-sixth Congress, leaving nine to their Democratic opponents, who were practically consolidated in this campaign with the Populists.

**FORTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**—The Forty-first General Assembly met, Jan. 4, 1899, and adjourned, April 14, after a session of 101 days, with one exception (that of 1875), the shortest regular session in the history of the State Government since the adoption of the Constitution of 1870. The House of Representatives consisted of eighty-one Republicans to seventy-one Democrats and one Prohibitionist; and the Senate, of thirty-four Republicans to sixteen Democrats and one Populist—giving a Republican majority on joint ballot of twenty-six. Of 176 bills which passed both Houses, received the approval of the Governor and became laws, some of the more important were the following: Amending the State Arbitration Law by extending its scope and the general powers of the Board; creating the office of State Architect at a salary of \$5,000 per annum, to furnish plans and specifications for public buildings and supervise the construction and care of the same; authorizing the consolidation of the territory of cities under township organization, and consisting of five or more Congressional townships, into one township; empowering each Justice of the Supreme Court to employ a private secretary at a salary of \$2,000 per annum, to be paid by the State; amending the State Revenue Law of 1898; authorizing the establishment and maintenance of parental or truant schools; and empowering the State to establish Free Employment Offices, in the proportion of one to each city of 50,000 inhabitants, or three in cities of 1,000,000 and over. An act was also passed requiring the Secretary of State, when an amendment of the State Constitution is to be voted upon by the electors at any general election, to prepare a statement setting forth the provisions of the same and furnish copies thereof to each County Clerk, whose duty it is to have said copies published and posted at the places of voting for the information of voters. One of the most important acts of this Legislature was the repeal, by a practically unanimous vote, of the Street-



## CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD.

## Important Events in Illinois History.

railway Franchise Law of the previous session, the provisions of which, empowering City Councils to grant street-railway franchises extending over a period of fifty years, had been severely criticised by a portion of the press and excited intense hostility, especially in some of the larger cities of the State. Although in force nearly two years, not a single corporation had succeeded in obtaining a franchise under it.

## A RETROSPECT AND A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE.—

The history of Illinois has been traced concisely and in outline from the earliest period to the present time. Previous to the visit of Joliet and Marquette, in 1673, as unknown as Central Africa, for a century it continued the hunting ground of savages and the home of wild animals common to the plains and forests of the Mississippi Valley. The region, brought under the influence of civilization, such as then existed, comprised a small area, scarcely larger than two ordinarily sized counties of the present day. Thirteen years of nominal British control (1765-78) saw little change, except the exodus of a part of the old French population, who preferred Spanish to British rule.

The period of development began with the occupation of Illinois by Clark in 1778. That saw the "Illinois County," created for the government of the settlements northwest of the Ohio, expanded into five States, with an area of 250,000 square miles and a population, in 1890, of 13,500,000. In 1880 the population of the State equaled that of the Thirteen Colonies at the close of the Revolution. The eleventh State in the Union in this respect in 1850, in 1890 it had advanced to third rank. With its unsurpassed fertility of soil, its inexhaustible supplies of fuel for manufacturing purposes, its system of railroads, surpassing in extent that of any other State, there is little risk in predicting that the next forty years will see it advanced to second, if not first rank, in both wealth and population.

But if the development of Illinois on material lines has been marvelous, its contributions to the Nation in philanthropists and educators, soldiers and statesmen, have rendered it conspicuous. A long list of these might be mentioned, but two names from the ranks of Illinoisans have been, by common consent, assigned a higher place than all others, and have left a deeper impress upon the history of the Nation than any others since the days of Washington. These are, Ulysses S. Grant, the Organizer of Victory for the Union arms and Conqueror of the Rebellion, and Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator, the Preserver of the Republic, and its Martyred President.

- 1673.—Joliet and Marquette reach Illinois from Green Bay by way of the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers.  
 1674-5.—Marquette makes a second visit to Illinois and spends the winter on the present site of Chicago.  
 1680.—La Salle and Tonty descend the Illinois to Peoria Lake.  
 1681.—Tonty begins the erection of Fort St. Louis on "Starved Rock" in La Salle County.  
 1682.—La Salle and Tonty descend the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers to the mouth of the latter, and take possession (April 9, 1682) in the name of the King of France.  
 1700.—First permanent French settlement in Illinois and Mission of St. Sulpice established at Cahokia.  
 1700.—Kaskaskia Indians remove from the Upper Illinois and locate near the mouth of the Kaskaskia River. French settlement established here the same year becomes the town of Kaskaskia and future capital of Illinois.  
 1718.—The first Fort Chartres, erected near Kaskaskia.  
 1719.—Fort St. Louis, on the Upper Illinois, burned by Indians.  
 1754.—Fort Chartres rebuilt and strengthened.  
 1765.—The Illinois country surrendered by the French to the British under the treaty of 1763.  
 1778.—July 4 Col. George Rogers Clark, at the head of an expedition organized under authority of Gov. Patrick Henry of Virginia, arrives at Kaskaskia. The occupation of Illinois by the American troops follows.  
 1778.—Illinois County created by Act of the Virginia House of Delegates, for the government of the settlements northwest of the Ohio River.  
 1787.—Congress adopts the Ordinance of 1787, organizing the Northwest Territory, embracing the present States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.  
 1788.—General Arthur St. Clair appointed Governor of Northwest Territory.  
 1790.—St. Clair County organized.  
 1795.—Randolph County organized.  
 1800.—Northwest Territory divided into Ohio and Indiana Territories, Illinois being embraced in the latter.  
 1809.—Illinois Territory set off from Indiana, and Ninian Edwards appointed Governor.  
 1818.—(Dec. 3) Illinois admitted as a State.  
 1820.—State capital removed from Kaskaskia to Vandalia.  
 1822-24.—Unsuccessful attempt to make Illinois a slave State.  
 1825.—(April 30) General La Fayette visits Kaskaskia.  
 1832.—Black Hawk War.  
 1839.—July 4 Springfield becomes the third capital of the State under an Act of the Legislature passed in 1837.  
 1848.—The second Constitution adopted.  
 1860.—Abraham Lincoln is elected President.  
 1861.—War of the Rebellion begins.  
 1863.—Jan. 1 Lincoln issues his final Proclamation of Emancipation.  
 1864.—Lincoln's second election to the Presidency.  
 1865.—(April 14) Abraham Lincoln assassinated in Washington.  
 1865.—May 4 President Lincoln's funeral in Springfield.  
 1865.—The War of the Rebellion ends.  
 1868.—Gen. U. S. Grant elected to the Presidency.  
 1870.—The third State Constitution adopted.

## POPULATION OF ILLINOIS

## At Each Decennial Census from 1810 to 1900.

1810 (23).....	12,282	1860 (4).....	1,711,551
1820 (24).....	55,162	1870 (5).....	2,536,891
1830 (29).....	157,445	1880 (4).....	3,077,721
1840 (14).....	476,183	1890 (3).....	3,826,351
1850 (11).....	851,470	1900 (3).....	4,521,550

NOTE.—Figures in parenthesis indicate the rank of the State in order of population.

## ILLINOIS CITIES

## Having a Population of 10,000 and Over (1900).

Name.	Population.	Name.	Population.
Chicago.....	1,698,755	Galesburg.....	18,607
Peoria.....	56,100	Belleleville.....	17,481
Quincy.....	36,252	Moline.....	17,248
Springfield.....	34,139	Danville.....	16,354
Rockford.....	31,051	Jacksonville.....	15,073
Joliet.....	29,353	Alton.....	14,210
East St. Louis.....	29,053	Streator.....	14,079
Aurora.....	24,147	Kankakee.....	13,595
Bloomington.....	23,286	Freeport.....	13,258
Elgin.....	22,453	Chgo.....	12,568
Decatur.....	20,724	Ottawa.....	10,588
Rock Island.....	19,498	La Salle.....	10,446
Evanston.....	19,259		

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**ILES, Elijah**, pioneer merchant, was born in Kentucky, March 28, 1796; received the rudiments of an education in two winters' schooling, and began his business career by purchasing 100 head of yearling cattle upon which, after herding them three years in the valleys of Eastern Kentucky, he realized a profit of nearly \$3,000. In 1818 he went to St. Louis, then a French village of 2,500 inhabitants, and, after spending three years as clerk in a frontier store at "Old Franklin," on the Missouri River, nearly opposite the present town of Boonville, in 1821 made a horseback tour through Central Illinois, finally locating at Springfield, which had just been selected by a board of Commissioners as the temporary county-seat of Sangamon County. Here he soon brought a stock of goods by keel-boat from St. Louis and opened the first store in the new town. Two years later (1823), in conjunction with Pascal P. Enos, Daniel P. Cook and Thomas Cox, he entered a section of land comprised within the present area of the city of Springfield, which later became the permanent county-seat and finally the State capital. Mr. Iles became the first postmaster of Springfield, and, in 1826, was elected State Senator, served as Major in the Winnebago War (1827), enlisted as a private in the Black Hawk War (1831-32), but was soon advanced to the rank of Captain. In 1830 he sold his store to John Williams, who had been his clerk, and, in 1838-39, built the "American House," which afterwards became the temporary stopping-place of many of Illinois' most famous statesmen. He invested largely in valuable farming lands, and, at his death, left a large estate. Died, Sept. 4, 1883.

**ILLINOIS ASYLUM FOR INCURABLE INSANE**, an institution founded under an act of the General Assembly, passed at the session of 1895, making an appropriation of \$65,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of buildings with capacity for the accommodation of 200 patients. The institution was located by the Trustees at Bartonville, a suburb of the city of Peoria, and the erection of buildings begun in 1896. Later these were found to be located on ground which had been undermined in excavating for coal, and their removal to a different location was undertaken in 1898. The institution is intended to relieve the other hospitals for the Insane by the reception of patients deemed incurable.

**ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL**, a waterway connecting Lake Michigan with the Illinois River, and forming a connecting link in the water-route between the St. Lawrence and the

Gulf of Mexico. Its summit level is about 580 feet above tide water. Its point of beginning is at the South Branch of the Chicago River, about five miles from the lake. Thence it flows some eight miles to the valley of the Des Plaines, following the valley to the mouth of the Kankakee (forty-two miles), thence to its southwestern terminus at La Salle, the head of navigation on the Illinois. Between these points the canal has four feeders—the Calumet, Des Plaines, Du Page and Kankakee. It passes through Lockport, Joliet, Morris, and Ottawa, receiving accessions from the waters of the Fox River at the latter point. The canal proper is 96 miles long, and it has five feeders whose aggregate length is twenty-five miles, forty feet wide and four feet deep, with four aqueducts and seven dams. The difference in level between Lake Michigan and the Illinois River at La Salle is one hundred and forty-five feet. To permit the ascent of vessels, there are seventeen locks, ranging from three and one half to twelve and one-half feet in lift, their dimensions being 110x18 feet, and admitting the passage of boats carrying 150 tons. At Lockport, Joliet, Du Page, Ottawa and La Salle are large basins, three of which supply power to factories. To increase the water supply, rendered necessary by the high summit level, pumping works were erected at Bridgeport, having two thirty-eight foot independent wheels, each capable of delivering (through buckets of ten feet length or width) 15,000 cubic feet of water per minute. These pumping works were erected in 1848, at a cost of \$15,000, and were in almost continuous use until 1870. It was soon found that these machines might be utilized for the benefit of Chicago, by forcing the sewage of the Chicago River to the summit level of the canal, and allowing its place to be filled by pure water from the lake. This pumping, however, cost a large sum, and to obviate this expense \$2,955,340 was expended by Chicago in deepening the canal between 1865 and 1871, so that the sewage of the south division of the city might be carried through the canal to the Des Plaines. This sum was returned to the City by the State after the great fire of 1871. (As to further measures for carrying off Chicago sewage, see *Chicago Drainage Canal*.)

In connection with the canal three locks and dams have been built on the Illinois River,—one at Henry, about twenty-eight miles below La Salle; one at the mouth of Copperas Creek, about sixty miles below Henry; and another at La Grange. The object of these works (the first

two being practically an extension of the canal) is to furnish slack-water navigation throughout the year. The cost of that at Henry (\$400,000) was defrayed by direct appropriation from the State treasury. Copperas Creek dam cost \$410,831, of which amount the United States Government paid \$62,360. The General Government also constructed a dam at La Grange and appropriated funds for the building of another at Kampsville Landing, with a view to making the river thoroughly navigable the year round. The beneficial results expected from these works have not been realized and their demolition is advocated.

**HISTORY.**—The early missionaries and fur-traders first directed attention to the nearness of the waters of Lake Michigan and the Illinois. The project of the construction of a canal was made the subject of a report by Albert Gallatin, Secretary of the Treasury in 1808, and, in 1811, a bill on the subject was introduced in Congress in connection with the Erie and other canal enterprises. In 1822 Congress granted the right of way across the public lands "for the route of a canal connecting the Illinois River with the south bend of Lake Michigan," which was followed five years later by a grant of 300,000 acres of land to aid in its construction, which was to be undertaken by the State of Illinois. The earliest surveys contemplated a channel 100 miles long, and the original estimates of cost varied between \$639,000 and \$716,000. Later surveys and estimates (1833) placed the cost of a canal forty feet wide and four feet deep at \$4,040,000. In 1836 another Board of Commissioners was created and surveys were made looking to the construction of a waterway sixty feet wide at the surface, thirty-six feet at bottom, and six feet in depth. Work was begun in June of that year; was suspended in 1841; and renewed in 1846, when a canal loan of \$1,000,000 was negotiated. The channel was opened for navigation in April, 1848, by which time the total outlay had reached \$6,170,226. By 1871, Illinois had liquidated its entire indebtedness on account of the canal and the latter reverted to the State. The total cost up to 1879—including amount refunded to Chicago—was \$9,513,831, while the sum returned to the State from earnings, sale of canal lands, etc., amounted to \$8,819,731. In 1882 an offer was made to cede the canal to the United States upon condition that it should be enlarged and extended to the Mississippi, was repeated in 1887, but has been declined.

**ILLINOIS AND MISSISSIPPI CANAL** (generally known as "Hennepin Canal"), a projected

navigable water-way in course of construction (1899) by the General Government, designed to connect the Upper Illinois with the Mississippi River. Its object is to furnish a continuous navigable water-channel from Lake Michigan, at or near Chicago, by way of the Illinois & Michigan Canal (or the Sanitary Drainage Canal) and the Illinois River, to the Mississippi at the mouth of Rock River, and finally to the Gulf of Mexico.

**THE ROUTE.**—The canal, at its eastern end, leaves the Illinois River one and three-fourths miles above the city of Hennepin, where the river makes the great bend to the south. Ascending the Bureau Creek valley, the route passes over the dividing ridge between the Illinois River and the Mississippi to Rock River at the mouth of Green River; thence by slack-water down Rock River, and around the lower rapids in that stream at Milan, to the Mississippi. The estimated length of the main channel between its eastern and western termini is seventy-five miles—the distance having been reduced by changes in the route after the first survey. To this is to be added a "feeder" extending from the vicinity of Sheffield, on the summit-level (twenty-eight miles west of the starting point on the Illinois), north to Rock Falls on Rock River opposite the city of Sterling in Whiteside County, for the purpose of obtaining an adequate supply of water for the main canal on its highest level. The length of this feeder is twenty-nine miles and, as its dimensions are the same as those of the main channel, it will be navigable for vessels of the same class as the latter. A dam to be constructed at Sterling, to turn water into the feeder, will furnish slack-water navigation on Rock River to Dixon, practically lengthening the entire route to that extent.

**HISTORY.**—The subject of such a work began to be actively agitated as early as 1871, and, under authority of various acts of Congress, preliminary surveys began to be made by Government engineers that year. In 1890 detailed plans and estimates, based upon these preliminary surveys, were submitted to Congress in accordance with the river and harbor act of August, 1888. This report became the basis of an appropriation in the river and harbor act of Sept. 19, 1890, for carrying the work into practical execution. Actual work was begun on the western end of the canal in July, 1892, and at the eastern end in the spring of 1894. Since then it has been prosecuted as continuously as the appropriations made by Congress from year to year would permit. According to the report of Major Marshall, Chief of



Engineers in charge of the work, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, the construction of the canal around the lower rapids of Rock River (four and one-half miles), with three locks, three swing bridges, two dams, besides various buildings, was completed and that portion of the canal opened to navigation on April 17, 1895. In the early part of 1899, the bulk of the excavation and masonry on the eastern section was practically completed, the feeder line under contract, and five out of the eighteen bridges required to be constructed in place; and it was estimated that the whole line, with locks, bridges, culverts and aqueducts, will be completed within two years, at the farthest, by 1902.

**DIMENSIONS, METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION, COST, ETC.**—As already stated, the length of the main line is seventy-five miles, of which twenty-eight miles (the eastern section) is east of the junction of the feeder, and forty-seven miles (the western section) west of that point—making, with the twenty-nine miles of feeder, a total of one hundred and four miles, or seven miles longer than the Illinois & Michigan Canal. The rise from the Illinois River datum to the summit-level on the eastern section is accomplished by twenty-one locks with a lift of six to fourteen feet each, to reach an altitude of 196 feet; while the descent of ninety-three feet to the low-water level of the Mississippi on the western end is accomplished through ten locks, varying from six to fourteen feet each. The width of the canal, at the water surface, is eighty feet, with a depth below the surface-line of seven feet. The banks are riprapped with stone the entire length of the canal. The locks are one hundred and seventy feet long, between the quoins, by thirty-five feet in width, admitting the passage of vessels of one hundred and forty feet in length and thirty-two feet beam and each capable of carrying six hundred tons of freight.

The bulk of the masonry employed in the construction of locks, as well as abutments for bridges and aqueducts, is solid concrete manufactured in place, while the lock-gates and aqueducts proper are of steel—the use of these materials resulting in a large saving in the first cost as to the former, and securing greater solidity and permanence in all. The concrete work, already completed, is found to have withstood the effects of ice even more successfully than natural stone. The smaller culverts are of iron piping and the framework of all the bridges of steel.

The earlier estimates placed the entire cost of

construction of the canal, locks, bridges, buildings, etc., at \$5,068,000 for the main channel and \$1,858,000 for the Rock River feeder—a total of \$6,926,000. This has been reduced, however, by changes in the route and unexpected saving in the material employed for masonry work. The total expenditure, as shown by official reports, up to June 30, 1898, was \$1,748,905.13. The amount expended up to March 1, 1899, approximated \$2,500,000, while the amount necessary to complete the work (exclusive of an unexpended balance) was estimated, in round numbers, at \$3,500,000.

The completion of this work, it is estimated, will result in a saving of over 400 miles in water transportation between Chicago and the western terminus of the canal. In order to make the canal available to its full capacity between lake points and the Mississippi, the enlargement of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, both as to width and depth of channel, will be an indispensable necessity; and it is anticipated that an effort will be made to secure action in this direction by the Illinois Legislature at its next session. Another expedient likely to receive strong support will be, to induce the General Government to accept the tender of the Illinois & Michigan Canal and, by the enlargement of the latter through its whole length—or, from Lockport to the Illinois River at La Salle, with the utilization of the Chicago Drainage Canal—furnish a national water-way between the lakes and the Gulf of Mexico of sufficient capacity to accommodate steamers and other vessels of at least 600 tons burthen.

**ILLINOIS BAND, THE**, an association consisting of seven young men, then students in Yale College, who, in the winter of 1828-29, entered into a mutual compact to devote their lives to the promotion of Christian education in the West, especially in Illinois. It was composed of Theron Baldwin, John F. Brooks, Mason Grosvenor, Elisha Jenney, William Kirby, Julian M. Sturtevant and Asa Turner. All of these came to Illinois at an early day, and one of the first results of their efforts was the founding of Illinois College at Jacksonville, in 1829, with which all became associated as members of the first Board of Trustees, several of them so remaining to the close of their lives, while most of them were connected with the institution for a considerable period, either as members of the faculty or financial agents—Dr. Sturtevant having been President for thirty-two years and an instructor or professor fifty-six years. (See *Baldwin, Theron; Brooks, John F.; and Sturtevant, Julian M.*)

**ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD**, a corporation controlling the principal line of railroad extending through the entire length of the State from north to south, besides numerous side branches acquired by lease during the past few years. The main lines are made up of three general divisions, extending from Chicago to Cairo, Ill. (364.73 miles); from Centralia to Dubuque, Iowa, (340.77 miles), and from Cairo to New Orleans, La. (547.79 miles)—making a total of 1,253.29 miles of main line, of which 705.5 miles are in Illinois. Besides this the company controls, through lease and stock ownership, a large number of lateral branches which are operated by the company, making the total mileage officially reported up to June 30, 1898, 3,130.21 miles.—(HISTORY.) The Illinois Central Railroad is not only one of the lines earliest projected in the history of the State, but has been most intimately connected with its development. The project of a road starting from the mouth of the Ohio and extending northward through the State is said to have been suggested by Lieut.-Gov. Alexander M. Jenkins as early as 1832; was advocated by the late Judge Sidney Breese and others in 1835 under the name of the Wabash & Mississippi Railroad, and took the form of a charter granted by the Legislature in January, 1836, to the first "Illinois Central Railroad Company," to construct a road from Cairo to a point near the southern terminus of the Illinois & Michigan Canal. Nothing was done under this act, although an organization was effected, with Governor Jenkins as President of the Company. The Company surrendered its charter the next year and the work was undertaken by the State, under the internal improvement act of 1837, and considerable money expended without completing any portion of the line. The State having abandoned the enterprise, the Legislature, in 1843, incorporated the "Great Western Railway Company" under what came to be known as the "Holbrook charter," to be organized under the auspices of the Cairo City & Canal Company, the line to connect the termini named in the charter of 1836, via Vandalia, Shelbyville, Decatur and Bloomington. Considerable money was expended under this charter, but the scheme again failed of completion, and the act was repealed in 1845. A charter under the same name, with some modification as to organization, was renewed in 1849.—In January, 1850, Senator Douglas introduced a bill in the United States Senate making a grant to the State of Illinois of alternate sections of land along the line of a

proposed road extending from Cairo to Dunleith in the northwest corner of the State, with a branch to Chicago, which bill passed the Senate in May of the same year and the House in September, and became the basis of the Illinois Central Railroad Company as it exists to-day. Previous to the passage of this act, however, the Cairo City & Canal Company had been induced to execute a full surrender to the State of its rights and privileges under the "Holbrook charter." This was followed in February, 1851, by the act of the Legislature incorporating the Illinois Central Railroad Company, and assigning thereto (under specified conditions) the grant of lands received from the General Government. This grant covered alternate sections within six miles of the line, or the equivalent thereof (when such lands were not vacant), to be placed on lands within fifteen miles of the line. The number of acres thus assigned to the Company was 2,595,000, (about 3,840 acres per mile), which were conveyed to Trustees as security for the performance of the work. An engineering party, organized at Chicago, May 21, 1851, began the preliminary survey of the Chicago branch, and before the end of the year the whole line was surveyed and staked out. The first contract for grading was let on March 15, 1852, being for that portion between Chicago and Kensington (then known as Calumet), 14 miles. This was opened for traffic, May 24, 1852, and over it the Michigan Central, which had been in course of construction from the east, obtained trackage rights to enter Chicago. Later, contracts were let for other sections, some of them in June, and the last on Oct. 14, 1852. In May, 1853, the section from La Salle to Bloomington (61 miles) was completed and opened for business, a temporary bridge being constructed over the Illinois near La Salle, and cars hauled to the top of the bluff with chains and cable by means of a stationary engine. In July, 1854, the Chicago Division was put in operation to Urbana, 128 miles; the main line from Cairo to La Salle (301 miles), completed Jan. 8, 1855, and the line from La Salle to Dunleith (now East Dubuque), 146.73 miles, on June 12, 1855—the entire road (705.5 miles) being completed, Sept. 27, 1856.—(FINANCIAL STATEMENT.) The share capital of the road was originally fixed at \$17,000,000, but previous to 1869 it had been increased to \$25,500,000, and during 1873-74 to \$29,000,000. The present capitalization (1898) is \$163,352,593, of which \$52,500,000 is in stock, \$52,680,925 in bonds, and \$51,367,000 in miscellaneous obligations. The total cost of the road

in Illinois, as shown by a report made in 1889, was \$35,110,609. By the terms of its charter the corporation is exempt from taxation, but in lieu thereof is required to pay into the State treasury, semi-annually, seven per cent upon the gross earnings of the line in Illinois. The sum thus paid into the State treasury from Oct. 31, 1855, when the first payment of \$29,751.59 was made, up to and including Oct. 31, 1898, aggregated \$17,315,193.24. The last payment (October, 1898), amounted to \$334,527.01. The largest payment in the history of the road was that of October, 1893, amounting, for the preceding six months, to \$450,176.34. The net income of the main line in Illinois, for the year ending June 30, 1898, was \$12,299,021, and the total expenditures within the State \$12,831,161.—(LEASED LINES) The first addition to the Illinois Central System was made in 1867 in the acquisition, by lease, of the Dubuque & Sioux City Railroad, extending from Dubuque to Sioux Falls, Iowa. Since then it has extended its Iowa connections, by the construction of new lines and the acquisition or extension of others. The most important addition to the line outside of the State of Illinois was an arrangement effected, in 1872, with the New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern, and the Mississippi Central Railroads—with which it previously had traffic connections—giving it control of a line from Jackson, Tenn., to New Orleans, La. At first, connection was had between the Illinois Central at Cairo and the Southern Divisions of the system, by means of transfer steamers, but subsequently the gap was filled in and the through line opened to traffic in December, 1873. In 1874 the New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern and the Mississippi Central roads were consolidated under the title of the New Orleans, St. Louis & Chicago Railroad, but the new corporation defaulted on its interest in 1876. The Illinois Central, which was the owner of a majority of the bonds of the constituent lines which went to make up the New Orleans, St. Louis & Chicago Railroad, then acquired ownership of the whole line by foreclosure proceedings in 1877, and it was reorganized, on Jan. 1, 1878, under the name of the Chicago, St. Louis & New Orleans Railroad, and placed in charge of one of the Vice-Presidents of the Illinois Central Company.—(ILLINOIS BRANCHES.) The more important branches of the Illinois Central within the State include: (1) The Springfield Division from Chicago to Springfield (111.47 miles), chartered in 1867, and opened in 1871 as the Gilman, Clinton & Springfield Railroad; passed into the hands of a receiver in 1873, sold under foreclosure in 1876,

and leased, in 1878, for fifty years, to the Illinois Central Railroad; (2) The Rantoul Division from Leroy to the Indiana State line (66.21 miles in Illinois), chartered in 1876 as the Havana, Rantoul & Eastern Railroad, built as a narrow-gauge line and operated in 1881; afterwards changed to standard-gauge, and controlled by the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific until May, 1884, when it passed into the hands of a receiver; in December of the same year taken in charge by the bondholders; in 1885 again placed in the hands of a receiver, and, in October, 1886, sold to the Illinois Central; (3) The Chicago, Havana & Western Railroad, from Havana to Champaign, with a branch from Whiteheath to Decatur (total, 131.62 miles), constructed as the western extension of the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western, and opened in 1873; sold under foreclosure in 1879 and organized as the Champaign, Havana & Western; in 1880 purchased by the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific; in 1884 taken possession of by the mortgage trustees and, in September, 1886, sold under foreclosure to the Illinois Central Railroad; (4) The Freeport Division, from Chicago by way of Freeport to Madison, Wis. (140 miles in Illinois), constructed under a charter granted to the Chicago, Madison & Northern Railroad (which see), opened for traffic in 1888, and transferred to the Illinois Central Railroad Company in January, 1889; (5) The Kankakee & Southwestern (131.26 miles), constructed from Kankakee to Bloomington under the charters of the Kankakee & Western and the Kankakee & Southwestern Railroads; acquired by the Illinois Central in 1878, begun in 1880, and extended to Bloomington in 1883; and (6) The St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute (which see under its old name). Other Illinois branch lines of less importance embrace the Blue Island; the Chicago & Texas; the Mound City; the South Chicago; the St. Louis, Belleville & Southern, and the St. Charles Air-Line, which furnishes an entrance to the City of Chicago over an elevated track. The total length of these Illinois branches in 1898 was 919.72 miles, with the main lines making the total mileage of the company within the State 1,624.22 miles. For several years up to 1895 the Illinois Central had a connection with St. Louis over the line of the Terre Haute & Indianapolis from Effingham, but this is now secured by way of the Springfield Division and the main line to Pana, whence its trains pass over the old Indianapolis & St. Louis—now the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway. Between June 30, 1897 and April 30, 1898, branch lines in the Southern States (chiefly in Kentucky

and Tennessee), to the extent of 670 miles, were added to the Illinois Central System. The Cairo Bridge, constructed across the Ohio River near its mouth, at a cost of \$3,000,000, for the purpose of connecting the Northern and Southern Divisions of the Illinois Central System, and one of the most stupendous structures of its kind in the world, belongs wholly to the Illinois Central Railroad Company. (See *Cairo Bridge*.)

**ILLINOIS COLLEGE**, an institution of learning at Jacksonville, Ill., which was the first to graduate a collegiate class in the history of the State. It had its origin in a movement inaugurated about 1827 or 1828 to secure the location, at some point in Illinois, of a seminary or college which would give the youth of the State the opportunity of acquiring a higher education. Some of the most influential factors in this movement were already citizens of Jacksonville, or contemplated becoming such. In January, 1828, the outline of a plan for such an institution was drawn up by Rev. John M. Ellis, a home missionary of the Presbyterian Church, and Hon. Samuel D. Lockwood, then a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State, as a basis for soliciting subscriptions for the organization of a stock-company to carry the enterprise into execution. The plan, as then proposed, contemplated provision for a department of female education, at least until a separate institution could be furnished—which, if not a forerunner of the co-educational system now so much in vogue, at least foreshadowed the establishment of the Jacksonville Female Seminary, which soon followed the founding of the college. A few months after these preliminary steps were taken, Mr. Ellis was brought into communication with a group of young men at Yale College (see "*Illinois Band*") who had entered into a compact to devote their lives to the cause of educational and missionary work in the West, and out of the union of these two forces, soon afterwards effected, grew Illinois College. The organization of the "Illinois" or "Yale Band," was formally consummated in February, 1829, and before the close of the year a fund of \$10,000 for the purpose of laying the foundation of the proposed institution in Illinois had been pledged by friends of education in the East, a beginning had been made in the erection of buildings on the present site of Illinois College at Jacksonville, and, in December of the same year, the work of instruction of a preparatory class had been begun by Rev. Julian M. Sturtevant, who had taken the place of "avant-courier" of the movement. A year later (1831) Rev. Edward Beecher, the oldest son of the inde-

fatigable Lyman Beecher, and brother of Henry Ward—already then well known as a leader in the ranks of those opposed to slavery—had become identified with the new enterprise and assumed the position of its first President. Such was the prejudice against "Yankees" in Illinois at that time, and the jealousy of theological influence in education, that it was not until 1835 that the friends of the institution were able to secure a charter from the Legislature. An ineffectual attempt had been made in 1830, and when it was finally granted, it was in the form of an "omnibus bill" including three other institutions, but with restrictions as to the amount of real estate that might be held, and prohibiting the organization of theological departments, both of which were subsequently repealed. (See *Early Colleges*.) The same year the college graduated its first class, consisting of two members—Richard Yates, afterwards War Governor and United States Senator, and Rev. Jonathan Spillman, the composer of "Sweet Afton." Limited as was this first output of alumni, it was politically and morally strong. In 1843 a medical department was established, but it was abandoned five years later for want of adequate support. Dr. Beecher retired from the Presidency in 1844, when he was succeeded by Dr. Sturtevant, who continued in that capacity until 1876 (thirty-two years), when he became Professor Emeritus, remaining until 1885—his connection with the institution covering a period of fifty-six years. Others who have occupied the position of President include Rufus C. Crampton (acting), 1876-82; Rev. Edward A. Tanner, 1882-92; and Dr. John E. Bradley, the incumbent from 1892 to 1899. Among the earliest and influential friends of the institution, besides Judge Lockwood already mentioned, may be enumerated such names as Gov. Joseph Duncan, Thomas Mather, Winthrop S. Gilman, Frederick Collins and William H. Brown (of Chicago), all of whom were members of the early Board of Trustees. It was found necessary to maintain a preparatory department for many years to fit pupils for the college classes proper, and, in 1866, Whipple Academy was established and provided with a separate building for this purpose. The standard of admission to the college course has been gradually advanced, keeping abreast, in this respect, of other American colleges. At present the institution has a faculty of 15 members and an endowment of some \$150,000, with a library (1898) numbering over 15,000 volumes and property valued at \$360,000. Degrees are conferred in both classical and scientific



courses in the college proper. The list of alumni embraces some 750 names, including many who have been prominent in State and National affairs.

**ILLINOIS COUNTY**, the name given to the first civil organization of the territory northwest of the Ohio River, after its conquest by Col. George Rogers Clark in 1778. This was done by act of the Virginia House of Delegates, passed in October of the same year, which, among other things, provided as follows: "The citizens of the commonwealth of Virginia, who are already settled, or shall hereafter settle, on the western side of the Ohio, shall be included in a distinct county which shall be called Illinois County; and the Governor of this commonwealth, with the advice of the Council, may appoint a County-Lieutenant or Commandant-in-chief of the county during pleasure, who shall take the oath of fidelity to this commonwealth and the oath of office according to the form of their own religion. And all civil offices to which the inhabitants have been accustomed, necessary for the preservation of the peace and the administration of justice, shall be chosen by a majority of the citizens of their respective districts, to be convened for that purpose by the County-Lieutenant or Commandant, or his deputy, and shall be commissioned by said County-Lieutenant." As the Commonwealth of Virginia, by virtue of Colonel Clark's conquest, then claimed jurisdiction over the entire region west of the Ohio River and east of the Mississippi, Illinois County nominally embraced the territory comprised within the limits of the present States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, though the settlements were limited to the vicinity of Kaskaskia, Vincennes (in the present State of Indiana) and Detroit. Col. John Todd, of Kentucky, was appointed by Gov. Patrick Henry, the first Lieutenant-Commandant under this act, holding office two years. Out of Illinois County were subsequently organized the following counties by "order" of Gov. Arthur St. Clair, after his assumption of the duties of Governor, following the passage, by Congress, of the Ordinance of 1787, creating the Northwest Territory, viz.:

NAME	COUNTY-SEAT	DATE OF ORGANIZATION
Washington	Marietta	July 27, 1788
Hamilton	Cincinnati	Jan. 4, 1790
St. Clair	{ Cahokia	April 27, 1790
	{ Prairie du Rocher	
Knox	{ Kaskaskia	June 20, 1790
Randolph	{ Post St. Vincennes	
	Kaskaskia	Oct. 5, 1795

Washington, originally comprising the State of Ohio, was reduced, on the organization of Hamilton County, to the eastern portion, Hamilton

County embracing the west, with Cincinnati (originally called "Losantiville," near old Fort Washington) as the county-seat. St. Clair, the third county organized out of this territory, at first had virtually three county-seats, but divisions and jealousies among the people and officials in reference to the place of deposit for the records, resulted in the issue, five years later, of an order creating the new county of Randolph, the second in the "Illinois Country"—these (St. Clair and Randolph) constituting the two counties into which it was divided at the date of organization of Illinois Territory. Out of these events grew the title of "Mother of Counties" given to Illinois County as the original of all the counties in the five States northwest of the Ohio, while St. Clair County inherited the title as to the State of Illinois. (See *Illinois*; also *St. Clair*, *Arthur*, and *Todd*, (Col.) *John*.)

**ILLINOIS FARMERS' RAILROAD.** (See *Jacksonville & St. Louis Railway*.)

**ILLINOIS FEMALE COLLEGE**, a flourishing institution for the education of women, located at Jacksonville and incorporated in 1847. While essentially unsectarian in teaching, it is controlled by the Methodist Episcopal denomination. Its first charter was granted to the "Illinois Conference Female Academy" in 1847, but four years later the charter was amended and the name changed to the present cognomen. The cost of building and meager support in early years brought on bankruptcy. The friends of the institution rallied to its support, however, and the purchasers at the foreclosure sale (all of whom were friends of Methodist education) donated the property to what was technically a new institution. A second charter was obtained from the State in 1863, and the restrictions imposed upon the grant were such as to prevent alienation of title, by either conveyance or mortgage. While the college has only a small endowment fund (\$2,000) it owns \$60,000 worth of real property, besides \$9,000 invested in apparatus and library. Preparatory and collegiate departments are maintained, both classical and scientific courses being established in the latter. Instruction is also given in fine arts, elocution and music. The faculty (1898) numbers 15, and there are about 170 students.

**ILLINOIS FEMALE REFORM SCHOOL.** (See *Home for Female Offenders*.)

**ILLINOIS INDIANS**, a confederation belonging to the Algonquin family and embracing five tribes, viz.: the Cahokias, Kaskaskias, Mitchagamis, Peorias and Tamaroas. They early occu-

pled Illinois, with adjacent portions of Iowa, Wisconsin and Missouri. The name is derived from Illini, "man," the Indian plural "ek" being changed by the French to "ois." They were intensely warlike, being almost constantly in conflict with the Winnebagoes, the Iroquois, Sioux and other tribes. They were migratory and depended for subsistence largely on the summer and winter hunts. They dwelt in rudely constructed cabins, each accommodating about eight families. They were always faithful allies of the French, whom they heartily welcomed in 1673. French missionaries labored earnestly among them—notably Fathers Marquette, Allouez and Gravier—who reduced their language to grammatical rules. Their most distinguished Chief was Chicagou, who was sent to France, where he was welcomed with the honors accorded to a foreign prince. In their wars with the Foxes, from 1712 to 1719, they suffered severely, their numbers being reduced to 3,000 souls. The assassination of Pontiac by a Kaskaskian in 1765, was avenged by the lake tribes in a war of extermination. After taking part with the Miamis in a war against the United States, they participated in the treaties of Greenville and Vincennes, and were gradually removed farther and farther toward the West, the small remnant of about 175 being at present (1896) on the Quapaw reservation in Indian Territory. (See also *Cahokias; Foxes; Iroquois; Kaskaskias; Mitchagamies; Peorias; Tamaroas*; and *Winnebagoes*.)

**ILLINOIS INSTITUTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND**, located at Jacksonville. The institution had its inception in a school for the blind, opened in that town in 1847, by Samuel Bacon, who was himself blind. The State Institution was created by act of the Legislature, passed Jan. 13, 1849, which was introduced by Richard Yates, then a Representative, and was first opened in a rented house, early in 1850, under the temporary supervision of Mr. Bacon. Soon afterward twenty-two acres of ground were purchased in the eastern part of the city and the erection of permanent buildings commenced. By January, 1854, they were ready for use, but fifteen years later were destroyed by fire. Work on a new building was begun without unnecessary delay and the same was completed by 1874. Numerous additions of wings and shops have since been made, and the institution, in its buildings and appointments, is now one of the most complete in the country. Instruction (as far as practicable) is given in rudimentary English branches, and in such mechanical trades and

avocations as may best qualify the inmates to become self-supporting upon their return to active life.

**ILLINOIS MASONIC ORPHANS' HOME**, an institution established in the city of Chicago under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity of Illinois, for the purpose of furnishing a home for the destitute children of deceased members of the Order. The total receipts of the institution, during the year 1895, were \$29,204.98, and the expenditures, \$27,258.70. The number of beneficiaries in the Home, Dec. 31, 1895, was 61. The Institution owns real estate valued at \$75,000.

**ILLINOIS MIDLAND RAILROAD**. (See *Terre Haute & Peoria Railroad*.)

**ILLINOIS RIVER**, the most important stream within the State; has a length of about 500 miles, of which about 245 are navigable. It is formed by the junction of the Kankakee and Des Plaines Rivers at a point in Grundy County, some 45 miles southwest of Chicago. Its course is west, then southwest, and finally south, until it empties into the Mississippi about 20 miles north of the mouth of the Missouri. The Illinois & Michigan Canal connects its waters with Lake Michigan. Marquette and Joliet ascended the stream in 1673 and were probably its first white visitants. Later (1679-82) it was explored by La Salle, Tonty, Hennepin and others.

**ILLINOIS RIVER RAILROAD**. (See *Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad of Illinois*.)

**ILLINOIS SANITARY COMMISSION**, a voluntary organization formed pursuant to a suggestion of Governor Yates, shortly after the battle of Fort Donelson (1862). Its object was the relief of soldiers in actual service, whether on the march, in camp, or in hospitals. State Agents were appointed for the distribution of relief, for which purpose large sums were collected and distributed. The work of the Commission was later formally recognized by the Legislature in the enactment of a law authorizing the Governor to appoint "Military State Agents," who should receive compensation from the State treasury. Many of these "agents" were selected from the ranks of the workers in the Sanitary Commission, and a great impetus was thereby imparted to its voluntary work. Auxiliary associations were formed all over the State, and funds were readily obtained, a considerable proportion of which was derived from "Sanitary Fairs."

**ILLINOIS SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND MANUAL TRAINING FOR BOYS**, an institution for the training of dependent boys, organized under the act of March 28, 1895, which was in

effect a re-enactment of the statute approved in 1883 and amended in 1885. Its legally defined object is to provide a home and proper training for such boys as may be committed to its charge. Commitments are made by the County Courts of Cook and contiguous counties. The school is located at Glenwood, in the county of Cook, and was first opened for the reception of inmates in 1888. Its revenues are derived, in part, from voluntary contributions, and in part from payments by the counties sending boys to the institution, which payments are fixed by law at ten dollars per month for each boy, during the time he is actually an inmate. In 1898 nearly one-half of the entire income came from the former source, but the surplus remaining in the treasury at the end of any fiscal year is never large. The school is under the inspectional control of the State Commissioners of Public Charities, as though it were an institution founded and maintained by the State. The educational curriculum closely follows that of the ordinary grammar schools, pupils being trained in eight grades, substantially along the lines established in the public schools. In addition, a military drill is taught, with a view to developing physical strength, command of limbs, and a graceful, manly carriage. Since the Home was organized there have been received (down to 1899), 2,333 boys. The industrial training given the inmates is both agricultural and mechanical,—the institution owning a good, fairly-sized farm, and operating well equipped industrial shops for the education of pupils. A fair proportion of the boys devote themselves to learning trades, and not a few develop into excellent workmen. One of the purposes of the school is to secure homes for those thought likely to prove creditable members of respectable households. During the eleven years of its existence nearly 2,200 boys have been placed in homes, and usually with the most satisfactory results. The legal safeguards thrown around the ward are of a comprehensive and binding sort, so far as regards the parties who take the children for either adoption or apprenticeship—the welfare of the ward always being the object primarily aimed at. Adoption is preferred to institutional life by the administration, and the result usually justifies their judgment. Many of the pupils are returned to their families or friends, after a mild course of correctional treatment. The system of government adopted is analogous to that of the "cottage plan" employed in many reformatory institutions throughout the country. An "administration building" stands

in the center of a group of structures, each of which has its own individual name:—Clancy Hall, Wallace, Plymouth, Beecher, Pope, Windsor, Lincoln, Sunnyside and Sheridan. While never a suppliant for benefactions, the Home has always attracted the attention of philanthropists who are interested in the care of society's waifs. The average annual number of inmates is about 275.

**ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**, the leading educational institution of the Methodist Church in Illinois, south of Chicago; incorporated in 1853 and located at Bloomington. It is co-educational, has a faculty of 34 instructors, and reports 1,106 students in 1896—458 male and 648 female. Besides the usual literary and scientific departments, instruction is given in theology, music and oratory. It also has preparatory and business courses. It has a library of 6,000 volumes and reports funds and endowment aggregating \$187,999, and property to the value of \$880,999.

**ILLINOIS & INDIANA RAILROAD.** (See *Indiana, Decatur & Western Railway*.)

**ILLINOIS & SOUTHEASTERN RAILROAD.** (See *Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad*.)

**ILLINOIS & SOUTHERN IOWA RAILROAD.** (See *Wabash Railroad*.)

**ILLINOIS & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD & COAL COMPANY.** (Down to 1899), 2,333 boys. The industrial training given the inmates is both agricultural and mechanical,—the institution owning a good, fairly-sized farm, and operating well equipped industrial shops for the education of pupils. A fair proportion of the boys devote themselves to learning trades, and not a few develop into excellent workmen. One of the purposes of the school is to secure homes for those thought likely to prove creditable members of respectable households. During the eleven years of its existence nearly 2,200 boys have been placed in homes, and usually with the most satisfactory results. The legal safeguards thrown around the ward are of a comprehensive and binding sort, so far as regards the parties who take the children for either adoption or apprenticeship—the welfare of the ward always being the object primarily aimed at. Adoption is preferred to institutional life by the administration, and the result usually justifies their judgment. Many of the pupils are returned to their families or friends, after a mild course of correctional treatment. The system of government adopted is analogous to that of the "cottage plan" employed in many reformatory institutions throughout the country. An "administration building" stands

**ILLINOIS & WISCONSIN RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago & Northwestern Railway*.)

**ILLIOPOLIS**, a village in Sangamon County, on the Wabash Railway, 20 miles east of Springfield. It occupies a position nearly in the geographical center of the State and is in the heart of what is generally termed the corn belt of Central Illinois. It has banks, several churches, a graded school and three newspapers. Population (1880), 686; (1890), 689; (1900), 744.

**INDIAN MOUNDS.** (See *Mound-Builders, Works of The*.)

**INDIAN TREATIES.** The various treaties made by the General Government with the Indians, which affected Illinois, may be summarized as follows: Treaty of Greenville, August 3, 1795—ceded 11,808,409 acres of land for the sum of \$210,000; negotiated by Gen. Anthony Wayne with the Delawares, Ottawas, Miamis, Wyandots, Shawnees, Pottawatomies, Chippewas, Kaskaskias, Kickapoos, Piankeshaws and Eel River Indians: First Treaty of Fort Wayne, June 7, 1803—ceded 2,038,400 acres in consideration of \$4,000; negotiated by Governor Harrison with the Delawares, Kickapoos, Miamis, Pottawato-

mies, and Shawnees: First Treaty of Vincennes, August 13, 1803—ceded 8,911,850 acres for \$12,000; negotiated by Governor Harrison with the Cahokias, Kaskaskias and Mitchagamies. First Treaty of St. Louis, Nov. 3, 1804—ceded 14,803,520 acres in consideration of \$22,234; negotiated by Governor Harrison with the Sacs and Foxes. Second Treaty of Vincennes, Dec. 30, 1805—ceded 2,676,150 acres for \$4,100; negotiated by Governor Harrison with the Piankeshaws. Second Treaty of Fort Wayne, Sept. 30, 1809—ceded 2,900,000 acres; negotiated by Governor Harrison with the Delawares, Eel River, Miamis, Pottawatomies and Weas. Third Treaty of Vincennes, Dec. 9, 1809—ceded 138,240 acres for \$27,000; negotiated by Governor Harrison with the Kickapoos. Second Treaty of St. Louis, Aug. 24, 1816—ceded 1,418,400 acres in consideration of \$12,000; negotiated by Governor Edwards, William Clark and A. Chouteau with the Chippewas, Ottawas and Pottawatomies. Treaty of Edwardsville, Sept. 30, 1818—ceded 6,865,280 acres for \$6,400; negotiated by Governor Edwards and A. Chouteau with the Illinois and Peorias. Treaty of St. Mary's, Oct. 2, 1818—ceded 11,000,000 acres for \$33,000; negotiated by Gen. Lewis Cass and others with the Weas. Treaty of Fort Harrison, Aug. 30, 1819—negotiated by Benjamin Parke with the Kickapoos of the Vermilion, ceding 3,173,120 acres for \$23,000. Treaty of St. Joseph, Sept. 20, 1828—ceded 990,720 acres in consideration of \$189,795; negotiated by Lewis Cass and Pierre Menard with the Pottawatomies. Treaty of Prairie du Chien, Jan. 2, 1830—ceded 4,160,000 acres for \$390,601; negotiated by Pierre Menard and others with the Chippewas, Ottawas and Pottawatomies. First Treaty of Chicago, Oct. 20, 1832—ceded 1,536,000 acres for \$460,348; negotiated with the Pottawatomies of the Prairie. Treaty of Tippecanoe, Oct. 27, 1832—by it the Pottawatomies of Indiana ceded 737,000 acres, in consideration of \$406,121. Second Treaty of Chicago, Sept. 26, 1833—by it the Chippewas, Ottawas and Pottawatomies ceded 5,104,960 acres for \$7,624,289. Treaties of Fort Armstrong and Prairie du Chien, negotiated 1829 and '32—by which the Winnebagoes ceded 10,346,000 acres in exchange for \$5,195,252. Second Treaty of St. Louis, Oct. 27, 1832—the Kaskaskias and Peorias ceding 1,900 acres in consideration of \$153,750 (See also *Greenville, Treaty of.*)

**INDIAN TRIBES.** (See *Algonquins; Illinois Indians; Kaskaskias; Kickapoos; Miamis; Outagamies; Piankeshaws; Pottawatomies; Sacs and Foxes; Weas; Winnebagoes.*)

## INDIANA, BLOOMINGTON & WESTERN RAILWAY. (See *Peoria & Eastern Railroad.*)

**INDIANA, DECATUR & WESTERN RAILWAY.** The entire length of line is 152.5 miles, of which 75.75 miles (with yard-tracks and sidings amounting to 8.86 miles) lie within Illinois. It extends from Decatur almost due east to the Indiana State line, and has a single track of standard gauge, with a right of way of 100 feet. The rails are of steel, well adapted to the traffic, and the ballasting is of gravel, earth and cinders. The bridges (chiefly of wood) are of standard design and well maintained. The amount of capital stock outstanding (1898) is \$1,824,000, or 11,998 per mile; total capitalization (including stock and all indebtedness) 3,733,983. The total earnings and income in Illinois, \$240,850. (HISTORY.) The first organization of this road embraced two companies—the Indiana & Illinois and the Illinois & Indiana—which were consolidated, in 1853, under the name of the Indiana & Illinois Central Railroad Company. In 1875 the latter was sold under foreclosure and organized as the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railway Company, at which time the section from Decatur to Montezuma, Ind., was opened. It was completed to Indianapolis in 1880. In 1882 it was leased to the Indiana, Bloomington & Western Railroad Company, and operated to 1885, when it passed into the hands of a receiver, was sold under foreclosure in 1887 and reorganized under the name of the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western. Again, in 1889, default was made and the property, after being operated by trustees, was sold in 1894 to two companies called the Indiana, Decatur & Western Railway Company (in Indiana) and the Decatur & Eastern Railway Company (in Illinois). These were consolidated in July, 1895, under the present name (Indiana, Decatur & Western Railway Company). In December, 1895, the entire capital stock was purchased by the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway Company, and the line is now operated as a part of that system.

## INDIANA, ILLINOIS & IOWA RAILROAD.

This line extends from Streator Junction 1.8 miles south of Streator, on the line of the Streator Division of the Wabash Railroad, easterly to the Indiana State Line. The total length of the line is 151.78 miles, of which 69.61 miles are in Illinois. Between Streator Junction and Streator, the line is owned by the Wabash Company, but this company pays rental for trackage facilities. About 75 per cent of the ties are of white-oak, the remainder being of cedar; the rails are 56-lb.



steel, and the ballasting is of broken stone, gravel, sand, cinders and earth. A policy of permanent improvements has been adopted, and is being carried forward. The principal traffic is the transportation of freight. The outstanding capital stock (June 30, 1898) was \$3,597,800; bonded debt, \$1,800,000; total capitalization, \$5,517,739; total earnings and income in Illinois for 1898, \$413,967; total expenditures in the State, \$303,344.—(HISTORY.) This road was chartered Dec. 27, 1881, and organized by the consolidation of three roads of the same name (Indiana, Illinois & Iowa, respectively), opened to Momence, Ill., in 1882, and through its entire length, Sept. 15, 1883.

**INDIANA & ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD.** (See *Indiana, Decatur & Western Railway.*)

**INDIANA & ILLINOIS RAILROAD.** (See *Indiana, Decatur & Western Railway.*)

**INDIANA & ILLINOIS SOUTHERN RAILROAD.** (See *St. Louis, Indianapolis & Eastern Railroad.*)

**INDIANAPOLIS, BLOOMINGTON & WESTERN RAILROAD.** (See *Illinois Central Railroad*; also *Peoria & Eastern Railroad.*)

**INDIANAPOLIS, DECATUR & SPRINGFIELD RAILROAD.** (See *Indiana, Decatur & Western Railway.*)

**INDIANAPOLIS, DECATUR & WESTERN RAILWAY.** (See *Indiana, Decatur & Western Railway.*)

**INDIANAPOLIS & ST. LOUIS RAILWAY.** (See *St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad.*)

**INDUSTRIAL HOME FOR THE BLIND,** a State Institution designed to furnish the means of employment to dependent blind persons of both sexes, established under authority of an act of the Legislature passed at the session of 1893. The institution is located at Douglas Park Boulevard and West Nineteenth Street, in the city of Chicago. It includes a four-story factory with steam-plant attached, besides a four-story building for residence purposes. It was opened in 1894, and, in December, 1897, had 62 inmates, of whom 12 were females. The Fortieth General Assembly appropriated \$13,900 for repairs, appliances, library, etc., and \$8,000 per annum for ordinary expenses.

**INGERSOLL, Ebon C.,** Congressman, was born in Oneida County, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1831. His first remove was to Paducah, Ky., where he completed his education. He studied law and was admitted to the bar; removing this time to Illinois and settling in Gallatin County, in 1842. In 1856 he was elected to represent Gallatin County

in the lower house of the General Assembly; in 1862 was the Republican candidate for Congress for the State-at-large, but defeated by J. C. Allen; and, in 1864, was chosen to fill the unexpired term of Owen Lovejoy, deceased, as Representative in the Thirty-eighth Congress. He was re-elected to the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first Congresses, his term expiring, March 4, 1871. He was a brother of Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, and was, for some years, associated with him in the practice of law at Peoria, his home. Died, in Washington, May 31, 1879.

**INGERSOLL, Robert Green,** lawyer and soldier, was born at Dresden, Oneida County, N. Y., August 11, 1833. His father, a Congregational clergyman of pronounced liberal tendencies, removed to the West in 1843, and Robert's boyhood was spent in Wisconsin and Illinois. After being admitted to the bar, he opened an office at Shawneetown, in partnership with his brother Ebon, afterwards a Congressman from Illinois. In 1857 they removed to Peoria, and, in 1860, Robert G. was an unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Congress. In 1862 he was commissioned Colonel of the Eleventh Illinois Cavalry, which had been mustered in in December, 1861, and, in 1864, identified himself with the Republican party. In February, 1867, he was appointed by Governor Oglesby the first Attorney-General of the State under the new law enacted that year. As a lawyer and orator he won great distinction. He nominated James G. Blaine for the Presidency in the Republican Convention of 1876, at Cincinnati, in a speech that attracted wide attention by its eloquence. Other oratorical efforts which added greatly to his fame include "The Dream of the Union Soldier," delivered at a Soldiers' Reunion at Indianapolis, his eulogy at his brother Ebon's grave, and his memorial address on occasion of the death of Roscoe Conkling. For some twenty years he was the most popular stump orator in the West, and his services in political campaigns were in constant request throughout the Union. To the country at large, in his later years, he was known as an uncompromising assailant of revealed religion, by both voice and pen. Among his best-known publications are "The Gods" (Washington, 1878); "Ghosts" (1879); "Mistakes of Moses" (1879); "Prose Poems and Selections" (1884); "The Brain and the Bible" (Cincinnati, 1882). Colonel Ingersoll's home for some twenty years, in the later part of his life, was in the city of New York. Died, suddenly, from heart disease, at his summer home at Dobb's Ferry, Long Island, July 21, 1899.

**INGLIS, Samuel M.**, Superintendent of Public Instruction, born at Marietta, Pa., August 15, 1838; received his early education in Ohio and, in 1856, came to Illinois, graduating with first honors from the Mendota Collegiate Institute in 1861. The following year he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fourth Illinois Infantry, but, having been discharged for disability, his place was filled by a brother, who was killed at Knoxville, Tenn. In 1865 he took charge of an Academy at Hillsboro, meanwhile studying law with the late Judge E. Y. Rice; in 1868 he assumed the superintendency of the public schools at Greenville, Bond County, remaining until 1883, when he became Professor of Mathematics in the Southern Normal University at Carbondale, being transferred, three years later, to the chair of Literature, Rhetoric and Elocution. In 1894 he was nominated as the Republican candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, receiving a plurality at the November election of 123,593 votes over his Democratic opponent. Died, suddenly, at Kenosha, Wis., June 1, 1898.

**INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT POLICY**, a name given to a scheme or plan of internal improvement adopted by the Tenth General Assembly (1837), in compliance with a general wish of the people voiced at many public gatherings. It contemplated the construction of an extensive system of public works, chiefly in lines of railroad which were not demanded by the commerce or business of the State at the time, but which, it was believed, would induce immigration and materially aid in the development of the State's latent resources. The plan adopted provided for the construction of such works by the State, and contemplated State ownership and management of all the lines of traffic thus constructed. The bill passed the Legislature in February, 1837, but was disapproved by the Executive and the Council of Revision, on the ground that such enterprises might be more successfully undertaken and conducted by individuals or private corporations. It was, however, subsequently passed over the veto and became a law, the disastrous effects of whose enactment were felt for many years. The total amount appropriated by the act was \$10,200,000, of which \$400,000 was devoted to the improvement of waterways; \$250,000 to the improvement of the "Great Western Mail Route"; \$9,350,000 to the construction of railroads, and \$300,000 was given outright to counties not favored by the location of railroads or other improvements within their borders. In addition, the sale of \$1,000,000 worth of canal

lands and the issuance of \$500,000 in canal bonds were authorized, the proceeds to be used in the construction of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, \$500,000 of this amount to be expended in 1838. Work began at once. Routes were surveyed and contracts for construction let, and an era of reckless speculation began. Large sums were rapidly expended and nearly \$6,500,000 quickly added to the State debt. The system was soon demonstrated to be a failure and was abandoned for lack of funds, some of the "improvements" already made being sold to private parties at a heavy loss. This scheme furnished the basis of the State debt under which Illinois labored for many years, and which, at its maximum, reached nearly \$17,000,000. (See *Macallister & Stebbins Bonds; State Debt; Tenth General Assembly; Eleventh General Assembly.*)

**INUNDATIONS, REMARKABLE.** The most remarkable freshets (or floods) in Illinois history have been those occurring in the Mississippi River; though, of course, the smaller tributaries of that stream have been subject to similar conditions. Probably the best account of early floods has been furnished by Gov. John Reynolds in his "Pioneer History of Illinois,"—he having been a witness of a number of them. The first of which any historical record has been preserved, occurred in 1770. At that time the only white settlements within the present limits of the State were in the American Bottom in the vicinity of Kaskaskia, and there the most serious results were produced. Governor Reynolds says the flood of that year (1770) made considerable encroachments on the east bank of the river adjacent to Fort Chartres, which had originally been erected by the French in 1718 at a distance of three-quarters of a mile from the main channel. The stream continued to advance in this direction until 1772, when the whole bottom was again inundated, and the west wall of the fort, having been undermined, fell into the river. The next extraordinary freshet was in 1784, when the American Bottom was again submerged and the residents of Kaskaskia and the neighboring villages were forced to seek a refuge on the bluffs—some of the people of Cahokia being driven to St. Louis, then a small French village on Spanish soil. The most remarkable flood of the present century occurred in May and June, 1844, as the result of extraordinary rains preceded by heavy winter snows in the Rocky Mountains and rapid spring thaws. At this time the American Bottom, opposite St. Louis, was inundated from bluff to bluff, and large steamers passed over the sub-

merged lands, gathering up cattle and other kinds of property and rescuing the imperiled owners. Some of the villages affected by this flood—as Cahokia, Prairie du Rocher and Kaskaskia—have never fully recovered from the disaster. Another considerable flood occurred in 1826, but it was inferior to those of 1784 and 1844. A notable flood occurred in 1851, when the Mississippi, though not so high opposite St. Louis as in 1844, is said to have been several feet higher at Quincy than in the previous year—the difference being due to the fact that the larger portion of the flood of 1844 came from the Missouri River, its effects being most noticeable below the mouth of that stream. Again, in 1868, a flood did considerable damage on the Upper Mississippi, reaching the highest point since 1851. Floods of a more or less serious character also occurred in 1876, 1880 and again in 1893. Although not so high as some of those previously named, the loss was proportionately greater owing to the larger area of improved lands. The flood of 1893 did a great deal of damage at East St. Louis to buildings and railroads, and in the destruction of other classes of property.—Floods in the Ohio River have been frequent and very disastrous, especially in the upper portions of that stream—usually resulting from sudden thaws and ice-gorges in the early spring. With one exception, the highest flood in the Ohio, during the present century, was that of February, 1832, when the water at Cincinnati reached an altitude of sixty-four feet three inches. The recorded altitudes of others of more recent occurrence have been as follows: Dec. 17, 1847—sixty-three feet seven inches; 1862—fifty-seven feet four inches; 1882—fifty-eight feet seven inches. The highest point reached at New Albany, Ind., in 1883, was seventy-three feet—or four feet higher than the flood of 1832. The greatest altitude reached in historic times, at Cincinnati, was in 1884—the recorded height being three-quarters of an inch in excess of seventy-one feet. Owing to the smaller area of cultivated lands and other improvements in the Ohio River bottoms within the State of Illinois, the loss has been comparatively smaller than on the Mississippi, although Cairo has suffered from both streams. The most serious disasters in Illinois territory from overflow of the Ohio, occurred in connection with the flood of 1883, at Shawneetown, when, out of six hundred houses, all but twenty-eight were flooded to the second story and water ran to a depth of fifteen feet in the main street. A levee, which had been constructed for the protection of the city at great

expense, was almost entirely destroyed, and an appropriation of \$60,000 was made by the Legislature to indemnify the corporation. On April 3, 1898, the Ohio River broke through the levee at Shawneetown, inundating the whole city and causing the loss of twenty-five lives. Much suffering was caused among the people driven from their homes and deprived of the means of subsistence, and it was found necessary to send them tents from Springfield and supplies of food by the State Government and by private contributions from the various cities of the State. The inundation continued for some two or three weeks.—Some destructive floods have occurred in the Chicago River—the most remarkable, since the settlement of the city of Chicago, being that of March 12, 1849. This was the result of an ice-gorge in the Des Plaines River, turning the waters of that stream across “the divide” into Mud Lake, and thence, by way of the South Branch, into the Chicago River. The accumulation of waters in the latter broke up the ice, which, forming into packs and gorges, deluged the region between the two rivers. When the superabundant mass of waters and ice in the Chicago River began to flow towards the lake, it bore before it not only the accumulated pack-ice, but the vessels which had been tied up at the wharves and other points along the banks for the winter. A contemporaneous history of the event says that there were scattered along the stream at the time, four steamers, six propellers, two sloops, twenty-four brigs and fifty-seven canal boats. Those in the upper part of the stream, being hemmed in by surrounding ice, soon became a part of the moving mass; chains and hawsers were snapped as if they had been whip-cord, and the whole borne lakeward in indescribable confusion. The bridges at Madison, Randolph and Wells Streets gave way in succession before the immense mass, adding, as it moved along, to the general wreck by falling spars, crushed keels and crashing bridge timbers. “Opposite Kinzie wharf,” says the record, “the river was choked with sailing-craft of every description, piled together in inextricable confusion.” While those vessels near the mouth of the river escaped into the lake with comparatively little damage, a large number of those higher up the stream were caught in the gorge and either badly injured or totally wrecked. The loss to the city, from the destruction of bridges, was estimated at \$20,000, and to vessels at \$88,000—a large sum for that time. The wreck of bridges compelled a return to the primitive system of ferries or extemporized bridges made

of boats, to furnish means of communication between the several divisions of the city—a condition of affairs which lasted for several months. —Floods about the same time did considerable damage on the Illinois, Fox and Rock Rivers, their waters being higher than in 1838 or 1833, which were memorable flood years on these interior streams. On the former, the village of Peru was partially destroyed, while the bridges on Rock River were all swept away. A flood in the Illinois River, in the spring of 1855, resulted in serious damage to bridges and other property in the vicinity of Ottawa, and there were extensive inundations of the bottom lands along that stream in 1859 and subsequent years.—In February, 1857, a second flood in the Chicago River, similar to that of 1849, caused considerable damage, but was less destructive than that of the earlier date, as the bridges were more substantially constructed.—One of the most extensive floods, in recent times, occurred in the Mississippi River during the latter part of the month of April and early in May, 1897. The value of property destroyed on the lower Mississippi was estimated at many millions of dollars, and many lives were lost. At Warsaw, Ill., the water reached a height of nineteen feet four inches above low-water mark on April 24, and, at Quincy, nearly nineteen feet on the 28th, while the river, at points between these two cities, was from ten to fifteen miles wide. Some 25,000 acres of farming lands between Quincy and Warsaw were flooded and the growing crops destroyed. At Alton the height reached by the water was twenty-two feet, but in consequence of the strength of the levees protecting the American Bottom, the farmers in that region suffered less than on some previous years.

**IPAVA**, a town in Fulton County, on one of the branches of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 10 miles west-southwest of Lewistown, and some 44 miles north of Jacksonville. The county abounds in coal, and coal-mining, as well as agriculture, is a leading industry in the surrounding country. Other industries are the manufacture of flour and woollen goods; two banks, four churches, a sanitarium, and a weekly newspaper are also located here. Population (1880), 675; (1890), 667; (1900), 749.

**IRON MANUFACTURES.** The manufacture of iron, both pig and castings, direct from the furnace, has steadily increased in this State. In 1880, Illinois ranked seventh in the list of States producing manufactured iron, while, in 1890, it had risen to fourth place, Pennsylvania (which

produces nearly fifty per cent of the total product of the country) retaining the lead, with Ohio and Alabama following. In 1890 Illinois had fifteen complete furnace stacks (as against ten in 1880), turning out 674,506 tons, or seven per cent of the entire output. Since then four additional furnaces have been completed, but no figures are at hand to show the increase in production. During the decade between 1880 and 1890, the percentage of increase in output was 616.53. The fuel used is chiefly the native bituminous coal, which is abundant and cheap. Of this, 674,506 tons were used; of anthracite coal, only 38,618 tons. Of the total output of pig-iron in the State, during 1890, 616,659 tons were of Bessemer. Charcoal pig is not made in Illinois.

**IRON MOUNTAIN, CHESTER & EASTERN RAILROAD.** (See *Wabash, Chester & Western Railroad.*)

**IROQUOIS COUNTY**, a large county on the eastern border of the State; area, 1,120 square miles; population (1900), 38,014. In 1830 two pioneer settlements were made almost simultaneously,—one at Buukum (now Concord) and the other at Milford. Among those taking up homes at the former were Gurdou S. Hubbard, Benjamin Fry, and Messrs. Cartwright, Thomas, Newcomb, and Miller. At Milford located Robert Hill, Samuel Rush, Messrs. Miles, Pickell and Parker, besides the Cox, Moore and Stanley families. Iroquois County was set off from Vermillion and organized in 1833,—named from the Iroquois Indians, or Iroquois River, which flows through it. The Kickapoos and Pottawatomies did not remove west of the Mississippi until 1836-37, but were always friendly. The seat of government was first located at Montgomery, whence it was removed to Middleport, and finally to Watseka. The county is well timbered and the soil underlaid by both coal and building stone. Clay suitable for brick making and the manufacture of crockery is also found. The Iroquois River and the Sugar, Spring and Beaver Creeks thoroughly drain the county. An abundance of pure, cold water may be found anywhere by boring to the depth of from thirty to eighty feet, a fact which encourages grazing and the manufacture of dairy products. The soil is rich, and well adapted to fruit growing. The principal towns are Gilman (population 1,112), Watseka (2,017), and Milford (957).

**IROQUOIS RIVER**, (sometimes called Pickamink), rises in Western Indiana and runs westward to Watseka, Ill.: thence it flows northward through Iroquois and part of Kankakee



Counties, entering the Kankakee River some five miles southeast of Kankakee. It is nearly 120 miles long.

**IRVING**, a village in Montgomery County, on the line of the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railroad, 54 miles east-northeast of Alton, and 17 miles east by north of Litchfield; has five churches, flouring and saw mills, creamery, and a weekly newspaper. Population (1890), 630; (1900), 675.

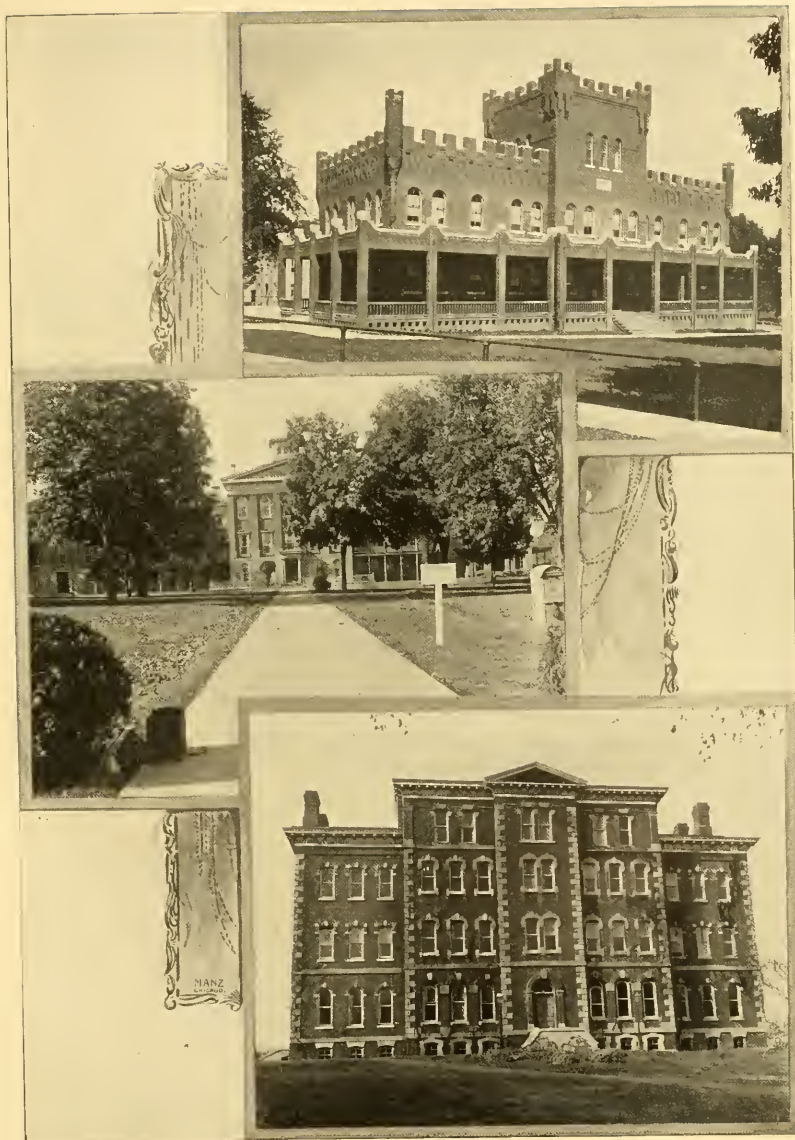
**ISHAM, Edward S.**, lawyer, was born at Bennington, Vt., Jan. 15, 1836; educated at Lawrence Academy and Williams College, Mass., taking his degree at the latter in 1857; was admitted to the bar at Rutland, Vt., in 1858, coming to Chicago the same year. Mr. Isham was a Representative in the Twenty-fourth General Assembly (1864-66) and, in 1881, his name was prominently considered for a position on the Supreme bench of the United States. He is the senior member of the firm of Isham, Lincoln & Beale, which has had the management of some of the most important cases coming before the Chicago courts.

**JACKSON, Huntington Wolcott**, lawyer, born in Newark, N. J., Jan. 28, 1841, being descended on the maternal side from Oliver Wolcott, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence; received his education at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and at Princeton College, leaving the latter at the close of his junior year to enter the army, and taking part in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, a part of the time being on the staff of Maj.-Gen. John Newton, and, later, with Sherman from Chattanooga to Atlanta, finally receiving the rank of Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel for gallant and meritorious service. Returning to civil life in 1865, he entered Harvard Law School for one term, then spent a year in Europe, on his return resuming his legal studies at Newark, N. J.; came to Chicago in 1867, and the following year was admitted to the bar; has served as Supervisor of South Chicago, as President of the Chicago Bar Association, and (by appointment of the Comptroller of the Currency) as receiver and attorney of the Third National Bank of Chicago. Under the will of the late John Crerar he became an executor of the estate, and a trustee of the Crerar Library. Died at Newark, N. J., Jan. 3, 1901.

**JACKSON COUNTY**, organized in 1816, and named in honor of Andrew Jackson; area, 580 square miles; population (1900), 33,871. It lies in the southwest portion of the State, the Mississippi River forming its principal western

boundary. The bottom lands along the river are wonderfully fertile, but liable to overflow. It is crossed by a range of hills regarded as a branch of the Ozark range. Toward the east the soil is warm, and well adapted to fruit-growing. One of the richest beds of bituminous coal in the State crops out at various points, varying in depth from a few inches to four or five hundred feet below the surface. Valuable timber and good building stone are found and there are numerous saline springs. Wheat, tobacco and fruit are principal crops. Early pioneers, with the date of their arrival, were as follows: 1814, W. Boon; 1815, Joseph Duncan (afterwards Governor); 1817, Oliver Cross, Mrs. William Kimmel, S. Lewis, E. Harrold, George Butcher and W. Eakin; 1818, the Bysleys, Mark Bradley, James Hughes and John Barron. Brownsville was the first county-seat and an important town, but owing to a disastrous fire in 1843, the government was removed to Murphysboro, where Dr. Logan (father of Gen. John A. Logan) donated a tract of land for county-buildings. John A. Logan was born here. The principal towns (with their respective population, as shown by the United States Census of 1890), were: Murphysboro, 3,880; Carbondale, 2,382; and Grand Tower, 634.

**JACKSONVILLE**, the county-seat of Morgan County, and an important railroad center; population (1890) about 13,000. The town was laid out in 1825, and named in honor of Gen. Andrew Jackson. The first court house was erected in 1826, and among early lawyers were Josiah Lam-born, John J. Hardin, Stephen A. Douglas, and later Richard Yates, afterwards the "War Governor" of Illinois. It is the seat of several important State institutions, notably the Central Hospital for the Insane, and Institutions for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind—besides private educational institutions, including Illinois College, Illinois Conference Female College (Methodist), Jacksonville Female Academy, a Business College and others. The city has several banks, a large woolen mill, carriage factories, brick yards, planing mills, and two newspaper establishments, each publishing daily and weekly editions. It justly ranks as one of the most attractive and interesting cities of the State, noted for the hospitality and intelligence of its citizens. Although immigrants from Kentucky and other Southern States predominated in its early settlement, the location there of Illinois College and the Jacksonville Female Academy, about 1830, brought to it many settlers of New England birth, so that it early came to be



INSTITUTION FOR DEAF AND DUMB, JACKSONVILLE.



Main Building and Girls' Cottage.  
INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND, JACKSONVILLE.

regarded as more distinctively New England in the character of its population than any other town in Southern Illinois. Pop. (1900), 15,078.

**JACKSONVILLE FEMALE ACADEMY**, an institution for the education of young ladies, at Jacksonville, the oldest of its class in the State. The initial steps for its organization were taken in 1830, the year after the establishment of Illinois College. It may be said to have been an offshoot of the latter, these two constituting the originals of that remarkable group of educational and State Institutions which now exist in that city. Instruction began to be given in the Academy in May, 1833, under the principalship of Miss Sarah C. Crocker, and, in 1835, it was formally incorporated by act of the Legislature, being the first educational institution to receive a charter from that body; though Illinois, McKendree and Shurtleff Colleges were incorporated at a later period of the same session. Among its founders appear the names of Gov. Joseph Duncan, Judge Samuel D. Lockwood, Rev. Julian M. Sturtevant (for fifty years the President or a Professor of Illinois College), John P. Wilkinson, Rev. John M. Ellis, David B. Ayers and Dr. Ero Chandler, all of whom, except the last, were prominently identified with the early history of Illinois College. The list of the alumne embraces over five hundred names. The Illinois Conservatory of Music (founded in 1871) and a School of Fine Arts are attached to the Academy, all being under the management of Prof. E. F. Bullard, A.M.

**JACKSONVILLE, LOUISVILLE & ST. LOUIS RAILWAY.** (See *Jacksonville & St. Louis Railway*.)

**JACKSONVILLE, NORTH WESTERN & SOUTHEASTERN RAILROAD.** (See *Jacksonville & St. Louis Railway*.)

**JACKSONVILLE & ST. LOUIS RAILWAY.** Originally chartered as the Illinois Farmers' Railroad, and constructed from Jacksonville to Waverly in 1870; later changed to the Jacksonville, Northwestern & Southeastern and track extended to Virden (31 miles); in 1879 passed into the hands of a new company under the title of the Jacksonville Southeastern, and was extended as follows: to Litchfield (1880), 23 miles; to Smithboro (1882), 29 miles; to Centralia (1883), 29 miles—total, 112 miles. In 1887 a section between Centralia and Driver's (16½ miles) was constructed by the Jacksonville Southeastern, and operated under lease by the successor to that line, but, in 1893, was separated from it under the name of the Louisville & St. Louis Railway. By the use of five miles of trackage on the Louis-

ville & Nashville Railroad, connection was obtained between Driver's and Mount Vernon. The same year (1887) the Jacksonville Southeastern obtained control of the Litchfield, Carrollton & Western Railroad, from Litchfield to Columbiana on the Illinois River, and the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis, embracing lines from Peoria to St. Louis, via Springfield and Jacksonville. The Jacksonville Southeastern was reorganized in 1890 under the name of the Jacksonville, Louisville & St. Louis Railway, and, in 1893, was placed in the hands of a receiver. The Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Divisions were subsequently separated from the Jacksonville line and placed in charge of a separate receiver. Foreclosure proceedings began in 1894 and, during 1896, the road was sold under foreclosure and reorganized under its present title. (See *Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad* of Illinois.) The capital stock of the Jacksonville & St. Louis Railway (June 30, 1897) was \$1,500,000; funded debt, \$2,300,000—total, \$3,800,000.

**JAMES, Colin D.**, clergyman, was born in Randolph County, now in West Virginia, Jan. 15, 1808; died at Bonita, Kan., Jan. 30, 1888. He was the son of Rev. Dr. William B. James, a pioneer preacher in the Ohio Valley, who removed to Ohio in 1812, settling first in Jefferson County in that State, and later (1814) at Mansfield. Subsequently the family took up its residence at Holt's Prairie in Vigo (now Vermilion) County, Ind. Before 1830 Colin D. James came to Illinois, and, in 1834, became a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, remaining in active ministerial work until 1871, after which he accepted a superannuated relation. During his connection with the church in Illinois he served as station preacher or Presiding Elder at the following points: Rock Island (1834); Platteville (1836); Apple River (1837); Paris (1838, '42 and '43); Eugene (1839); Georgetown (1840); Shelbyville (1841); Grafton (1844 and '45); Sparta District (1845-47); Lebanon District (1848-49); Alton District (1850); Bloomington District (1851-52); and later at Jacksonville, Winchester, Greenfield, Island Grove, Oldtown, Heyworth, Normal, Atlanta, McLean and Shirley. During 1861-62 he acted as agent for the Illinois Female College at Jacksonville, and, in 1871, for the erection of a Methodist church at Normal. He was twice married. His first wife (Eliza A. Plasters of Livingston) died in 1849. The following year he married Amanda K. Casad, daughter of Dr. Anthony W. Casad. He removed from Normal to Evans-ton in 1876, and from the latter place to



Kansas in 1879. Of his surviving children, Edmund J. is (1898) Professor in the University of Chicago; John N. is in charge of the magnetic laboratory in the National Observatory at Washington, D. C.; Benjamin B. is Professor in the State Normal School at St. Cloud, Minn., and George F. is instructor in the Cambridge Preparatory School of Chicago.

**JAMES, Edmund James**, was born, May 21, 1855, at Jacksonville, Morgan County, Ill., the fourth son of Rev. Colin Dew James of the Illinois Conference, grandson on his mother's side of Rev. Dr. Anthony Wayne Casad and great-grandson of Samuel Stites (all of whose sketches appear elsewhere in this volume); was educated in the Model Department of the Illinois State Normal School at Bloomington (Normal), from which he graduated in June, 1873, and entered the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill., in November of the same year. On May 1, 1874, he was appointed Recorder on the United States Lake Survey, where he continued during one season engaged in work on the lower part of Lake Ontario and the upper St. Lawrence. He entered Harvard College, Nov. 2, 1874, but went to Europe in August, 1875, entering the University of Halle, Oct. 16, 1875, where he graduated, August 4, 1877, with the degrees of A.M. and Ph.D. On his return to the United States he was elected Principal of the Public High School in Evanston, Ill., Jan. 1, 1878, but resigned in June, 1879, to accept a position in the Illinois State Normal School at Bloomington as Professor of Latin and Greek, and Principal of the High School Department in connection with the Model School. Resigning this position at Christmas time, 1882, he went to Europe for study; accepted a position in the University of Pennsylvania as Professor of Public Administration, in September, 1883, where he remained for over thirteen years. While here he was, for a time, Secretary of the Graduate Faculty and organized the instruction in this Department. He was also Director of the Wharton School of Finance and Economy, the first attempt to organize a college course in the field of commerce and industry. During this time he officiated as editor of "The Political Economy and Public Law Series" issued by the University of Pennsylvania. Resigning his position in the University of Pennsylvania on Feb. 1, 1896, he accepted that of Professor of Public Administration and Director of the University Extension Division in the University of Chicago, where he has since continued. Professor James has been identified with the progress of economic

studies in the United States since the early eighties. He was one of the organizers and one of the first Vice-Presidents of the American Economic Association. On Dec. 14, 1889, he founded the American Academy of Political and Social Science with headquarters at Philadelphia, became its first President, and has continued such to the present time. He was also, for some years, editor of its publications. The Academy has now become the largest Association in the world devoted to the cultivation of economic and social subjects. He was one of the originators of, and one of the most frequent contributors to, "Lalor's Cyclopaedia of Political Science"; was also the pioneer in the movement to introduce into the United States the scheme of public instruction known as University Extension; was the first President of the American Society for the Extension of University Teaching, under whose auspices the first effective extension work was done in this country, and has been Director of the Extension Division in the University of Chicago since February, 1896. He has been especially identified with the development of higher commercial education in the United States. From his position as Director of the Wharton School of Finance and Economy he has affected the course of instruction in this Department in a most marked way. He was invited by the American Bankers' Association, in the year 1892, to make a careful study of the subject of Commercial Education in Europe, and his report to this association on the Education of Business Men in Europe, republished by the University of Chicago in the year 1898, has become a standard authority on this subject. Owing largely to his efforts, departments similar to the Wharton School of Finance and Economy have been established under the title of College of Commerce, College of Commerce and Politics, and Collegiate Course in Commerce, in the Universities of California and Chicago, and Columbia University. He has been identified with the progress of college education in general, especially in its relation to secondary and elementary education, and was one of the early advocates of the establishment of departments of education in our colleges and universities, the policy of which is now adopted by nearly all the leading institutions. He was, for a time, State Examiner of High Schools in Illinois, and was founder of "The Illinois School Journal," long one of the most influential educational periodicals in the State, now changed in name to "School and Home." He has been especially active in the establishment of public kindergartens in different cities,

and has been repeatedly offered the headship of important institutions, among them being the University of Iowa, the University of Illinois, and the University of Cincinnati. He has served as Vice-President of the National Municipal League; of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Economic Association, and of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library; is a member of the American Philosophical Society, of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, of the National Council of Education, and of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. He was a member of the Committee of Thirteen of the National Teachers' Association on college entrance requirements; is a member of various patriotic and historical societies, including the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of the Colonial Wars, the Holland and the Huguenot Society. He is the author of more than one hundred papers and monographs on various economic, educational, legal and administrative subjects. Professor James was married, August 23, 1879, to Anna Margarethe Lange, of Halle, Prussia, daughter of the Rev. Wilhelm Roderich Lange, and granddaughter of the famous Professor Gerlach of the University of Halle.

**JAMESON, John Alexander**, lawyer and jurist, was born at Irasburgh, Vt., Jan. 25, 1824; graduated from the University of Vermont in 1846. After several years spent in teaching, he began the study of law, and graduated from the Dane Law School (of Harvard College) in 1853. Coming west the same year he located at Freeport, Ill., but removed to Chicago in 1856. In 1865 he was elected to the bench of the Superior Court of Chicago, remaining in office until 1883. During a portion of this period he acted as lecturer in the Union College of Law at Chicago, and as editor of "The American Law Register." His literary labors were unceasing, his most notable work being entitled "Constitutional Conventions; their History, Power and Modes of Proceeding." He was also a fine classical scholar, speaking and reading German, French, Spanish and Italian, and was deeply interested in charitable and reformatory work. Died, suddenly, in Chicago, June 16, 1890.

**JARROT, Nicholas**, early French settler of St. Clair County, was born in France, received a liberal education and, on account of the disturbed condition there in the latter part of the last century, left his native country about 1790. After spending some time at Baltimore and New Orleans, he arrived at Cahokia, Ill., in 1794, and

became a permanent settler there. He early became a Major of militia and engaged in trade with the Indians, frequently visiting Prairie du Chien, St. Anthony's Falls (now Minneapolis) and the Illinois River in his trading expeditions, and, on one or two occasions, incurring great risk of life from hostile savages. He acquired a large property, especially in lands, built mills and erected one of the earliest and finest brick houses in that part of the country. He also served as Justice of the Peace and Judge of the County Court of St. Clair County. Died, in 1823.—Vital (Jarrot), son of the preceding, inherited a large landed fortune from his father, and was an enterprising and public-spirited citizen of St. Clair County during the last generation. He served as Representative from St. Clair County in the Eleventh, Twentieth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second General Assemblies, in the first being an associate of Abraham Lincoln and always his firm friend and admirer. At the organization of the Twenty-second General Assembly (1857), he received the support of the Republican members for Speaker of the House in opposition to Col. W. R. Morrison, who was elected. He sacrificed a large share of his property in a public-spirited effort to build up a rolling mill at East St. Louis, being reduced thereby from affluence to poverty. President Lincoln appointed him an Indian Agent, which took him to the Black Hills region, where he died, some years after, from toil and exposure, at the age of 73 years.

**JASPER COUNTY**, in the eastern part of Southern Illinois, having an area of 506 square miles, and a population (in 1900) of 20,160. It was organized in 1831 and named for Sergeant Jasper of Revolutionary fame. The county was placed under township organization in 1860. The first Board of County Commissioners consisted of B. Reynolds, W. Richards and George Mattingley. The Embarras River crosses the county. The general surface is level, although gently undulating in some portions. Manufacturing is carried on in a small way; but the people are principally interested in agriculture, the chief products consisting of wheat, potatoes, sorghum, fruit and tobacco. Wool-growing is an important industry. Newton is the county-seat, with a population (in 1890) of 1,428.

**JAYNE, (Dr.) Gershom**, early physician, was born in Orange County, N. Y., October, 1791; served as Surgeon in the War of 1812, and came to Illinois in 1819, settling in Springfield in 1821; was one of the Commissioners appointed to construct the

first State Penitentiary (1827), and one of the first Commissioners of the Illinois & Michigan Canal. His oldest daughter (Julia Maria) became the wife of Senator Trumbull. Dr. Jayne died at Springfield, in 1867.—**Dr. William** (Jayne), son of the preceding, was born in Springfield, Ill., Oct. 8, 1826; educated by private tutors and at Illinois College, being a member of the class of 1847, later receiving the degree of A.M. He was one of the founders of the Phi Alpha Society while in that institution; graduated from the Medical Department of Missouri State University; in 1860 was elected State Senator for Sangamon County, and, the following year, was appointed by President Lincoln Governor of the Territory of Dakota, later serving as Delegate in Congress from that Territory. In 1869 he was appointed Pension Agent for Illinois, also served for four terms as Mayor of his native city, and is now Vice-President of the First National Bank, Springfield.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY**, a south-central county, cut off from Edwards and White Counties, in 1819, when it was separately organized, being named in honor of Thomas Jefferson. Its area is 589 square miles, and its population (1900), 28,133. The Big Muddy River, with one or two tributaries, flows through the county in a southerly direction. Along the banks of streams a variety of hardwood timber is found. The railroad facilities are advantageous. The surface is level and the soil rich. Cereals and fruit are easily produced. A fine bed of limestone (seven to fifteen feet thick) crosses the middle of the county. It has been quarried and found well adapted to building purposes. The county possesses an abundance of running water, much of which is slightly impregnated with salt. The upper coal measure underlies the entire county, but the seam is scarcely more than two feet thick at any point. The chief industry is agriculture, though lumber is manufactured to some extent. Mount Vernon, the county-seat, was incorporated as a city in 1872. Its population in 1890 was 3,233. It has several manufactories and is the seat of the Appellate Court for the Southern Judicial District of the State.

**JEFFERY, Edward Turner**, Railway President and Manager, born in Liverpool, Eng., April 6, 1843, his father being an engineer in the British navy; about 1850 came with his widowed mother to Wheeling, Va., and, in 1856, to Chicago, where he secured employment as office-boy in the machinery department of the Illinois Central Railroad. Here he finally became an apprentice and, passing through various grades of the me-

chanical department, in May, 1877, became General Superintendent of the Road, and, in 1885, General Manager of the entire line. In 1889 he withdrew from the Illinois Central and, for several years past, has been President and General Manager of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway, with headquarters at Denver, Colo. Mr. Jeffery's career as a railway man has been one of the most conspicuous and successful in the history of American railroads.

**JENKINS, Alexander M.**, Lieutenant-Governor (1834-36), came to Illinois in his youth and located in Jackson County, being for a time a resident of Brownsville, the first county-seat of Jackson County, where he was engaged in trade. Later he studied law and became eminent in his profession in Southern Illinois. In 1830 Mr. Jenkins was elected Representative in the Seventh General Assembly, was re-elected in 1832, serving during his second term as Speaker of the House, and took part the latter year in the Black Hawk War as Captain of a company. In 1834 Mr. Jenkins was elected Lieutenant-Governor at the same time with Governor Duncan, though on an opposing ticket, but resigned, in 1836, to become President of the first Illinois Central Railroad Company, which was chartered that year. The charter of the road was surrendered in 1837, when the State had in contemplation the policy of building a system of roads at its own cost. For a time he was Receiver of Public Moneys in the Land Office at Edwardsville, and, in 1847, was elected to the State Constitutional Convention of that year. Other positions held by him included that of Justice of the Circuit Court for the Third Judicial Circuit, to which he was elected in 1859, and re-elected in 1861, but died in office, February 13, 1864. Mr. Jenkins was an uncle of Gen. John A. Logan, who read law with him after his return from the Mexican War.

**JENNEY, William Le Baron**, engineer and architect, born at Fairhaven, Mass., Sept. 25, 1832; was educated at Phillips Academy, Andover, graduating in 1849; at 17 took a trip around the world, and, after a year spent in the Scientific Department of Harvard College, took a course in the Ecole Centrale des Artes et Manufactures in Paris, graduating in 1856. He then served for a year as engineer on the Tehuantepec Railroad, and, in 1861, was made an Aid on the staff of General Grant, being transferred the next year to the staff of General Sherman, with whom he remained three years, participating in many of the most important battles of the war in the West. Later, he was engaged in the preparation

of maps of General Sherman's campaigns, which were published in the "Memoirs" of the latter. In 1868 he located in Chicago, and has since given his attention almost solely to architecture, the result being seen in some of Chicago's most noteworthy buildings.

**JERSEY COUNTY**, situated in the western portion of the middle division of the State, bordering on the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. Originally a part of Greene County, it was separately organized in 1839, with an area of 360 square miles. There were a few settlers in the county as early as 1816-17. Jerseyville, the county-seat, was platted in 1834, a majority of the early residents being natives of, or at least emigrants from, New Jersey. The mild climate, added to the character of the soil, is especially adapted to fruit-growing and stock-raising. The census of 1900 gave the population of the county as 14,612 and of Jerseyville, 3,517. Grafton, near the junction of the Mississippi with the Illinois, had a population of 927. The last mentioned town is noted for its stone quarries, which employ a number of men.

**JERSEYVILLE**, a city and county-seat of Jersey County, the point of junction of the Chicago & Alton and the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railways, 19 miles north of Alton and 45 miles north of St. Louis, Mo. The city is in an agricultural district, but has manufactories of flour, plows, carriages and wagons, shoe factory and watch-making machinery. It contains a handsome courthouse, completed in 1894, nine churches, a graded public school, besides a separate school for colored children, a convent, library, telephone system, electric lights, artesian wells, and three papers. Population (1890), 3,207; (1900), 3,517; (1903, est.), 4,117.

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY**, situated in the north-west corner of the State; has an area of 663 square miles; population (1900), 24,533. It was first explored by Le Seuer, who reported the discovery of lead in 1700. Another Frenchman (Bouthillier) was the first permanent white settler, locating on the site of the present city of Galena in 1820. About the same time came several American families; a trading post was established, and the hamlet was known as Fredericks' Point, so called after one of the pioneers. In 1823 the Government reserved from settlement a tract 10 miles square along the Mississippi, with a view of controlling the mining interest. In 1823 mining privileges were granted upon a royalty of one-sixth, and the first smelting furnace was erected the same year. Immigration increased rapidly

and, inside of three years, the "Point" had a population of 150, and a post-office was established with a fortnightly mail to and from Vandalia, then the State capital. In 1827 county organization was effected, the county being named in honor of Gen. Joseph Hamilton Daviess, who was killed in the Battle of Tippecanoe. The original tract, however, has been subdivided until it now constitutes nine counties. The settlers took an active part in both the Winnebago and Black Hawk Wars. In 1846-47 the mineral lauds were placed on the market by the Government, and quickly taken by corporations and individuals. The scenery is varied, and the soil (particularly in the east) well suited to the cultivation of grain. The county is well wooded and well watered, and thoroughly drained by the Fever and Apple Rivers. The name Galena was given to the county-seat (originally, as has been said, Fredericks' Point) by Lieutenant Thomas, Government Surveyor, in 1827, in which year it was platted. Its general appearance is picturesque. Its early growth was extraordinary, but later (particularly after the growth of Chicago) it received a set-back. In 1841 it claimed 2,000 population and was incorporated, in 1870 it had about 7,000 population, and, in 1900, 5,005. The names of Grant, Rawlins and E. B. Washburne are associated with its history. Other important towns in the county are Warren (population 1,327), East Dubuque (1,146) and Elizabeth (659).

**JOHNSON, Caleb C.**, lawyer and legislator, was born in Whiteside County, Ill., May 23, 1844, educated in the common schools and at the Military Academy at Fulton, Ill.; served during the Civil War in the Sixty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth Regiments Illinois Volunteers; in 1877 was admitted to the bar and, two years later, began practice. He has served upon the Board of Township Supervisors of Whiteside County; in 1884 was elected to the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, was re-elected in 1886, and again in 1896. He also held the position of Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for his District during the first Cleveland administration, and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention of 1888.

**JOHNSON, (Rev.) Herrick**, clergyman and educator, was born near Fonda, N. Y., Sept. 21, 1832; graduated at Hamilton College, 1857, and at Auburn Theological Seminary, 1860; held Presbyterian pastorates in Troy, Pittsburg and Philadelphia; in 1874 became Professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology in Auburn Theological



Seminary, and, in 1880, accepted a pastorate in Chicago, also becoming Lecturer on Sacred Rhetoric in McCormick Theological Seminary. In 1883 he resigned his pastorate, devoting his attention thereafter to the duties of his professorship. He was Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly at Springfield, in 1882, and has served as President, for many years, of the Presbyterian Church Board of Aid for Colleges, and of the Board of Trustees of Lake Forest University. Besides many periodical articles, he has published several volumes on religious subjects.

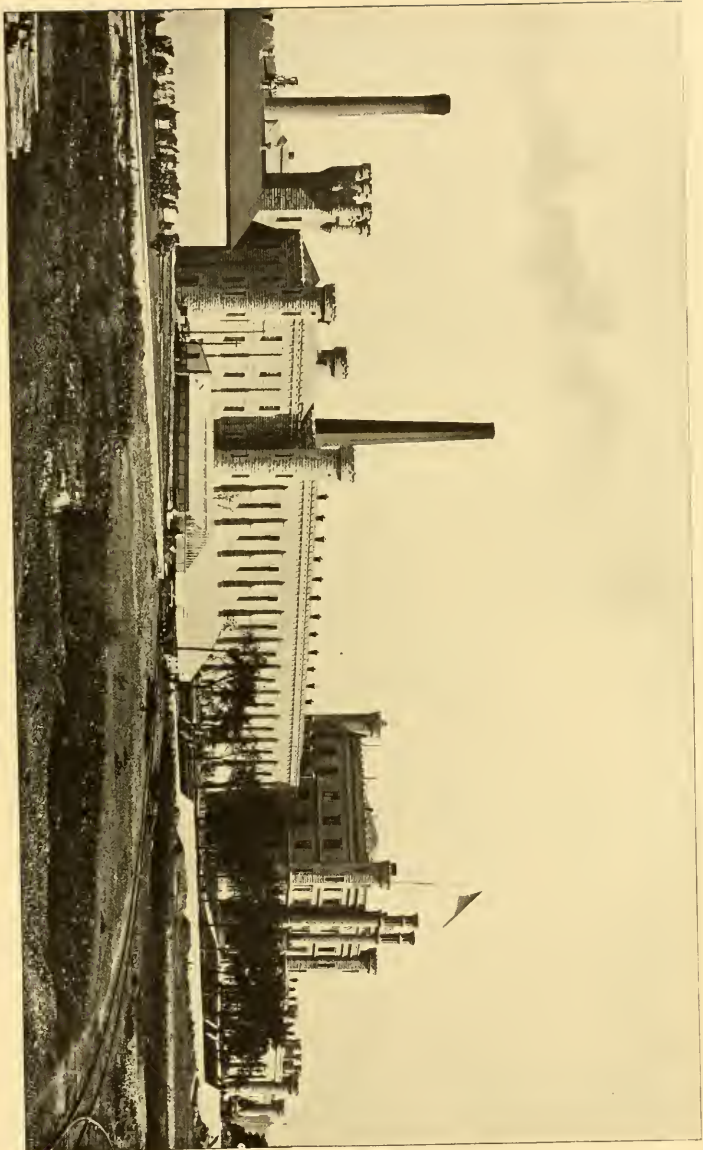
**JOHNSON, Hosmer A., M.D., LL.D.**, physician, was born near Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 6, 1822; at twelve removed to a farm in Lapeer County, Mich. In spite of limited school privileges, at eighteen he secured a teachers' certificate, and, by teaching in the winter and attending an academy in the summer, prepared for college, entering the University of Michigan in 1846 and graduating in 1849. In 1850 he became a student of medicine at Rush Medical College in Chicago, graduating in 1852, and the same year becoming Secretary of the Cook County Medical Society, and, the year following, associate editor of "The Illinois Medical and Surgical Journal." For three years he was a member of the faculty of Rush, but, in 1855, resigned to become one of the founders of a new medical school, which has now become a part of Northwestern University. During the Civil War, Dr. Johnson was Chairman of the State Board of Medical Examiners; later serving upon the Board of Health of Chicago, and upon the National Board of Health. He was also attending physician of Cook County Hospital and consulting physician of the Chicago Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary. At the time of the great fire of 1871, he was one of the Directors of the Chicago Relief and Aid Society. His connections with local, State and National Societies and organizations (medical, scientific, social and otherwise) were very numerous. He traveled extensively, both in this country and in Europe, during his visits to the latter devoting much time to the study of foreign sanitary conditions, and making further attainments in medicine and surgery. In 1883 the degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by Northwestern University. During his later years, Dr. Johnson was engaged almost wholly in consultations. Died, Feb. 26, 1891.

**JOHNSON COUNTY**, lies in the southern portion of the State, and is one of the smallest counties, having an area of only 340 square miles, and a population (1900) of 15,667—named for Col.

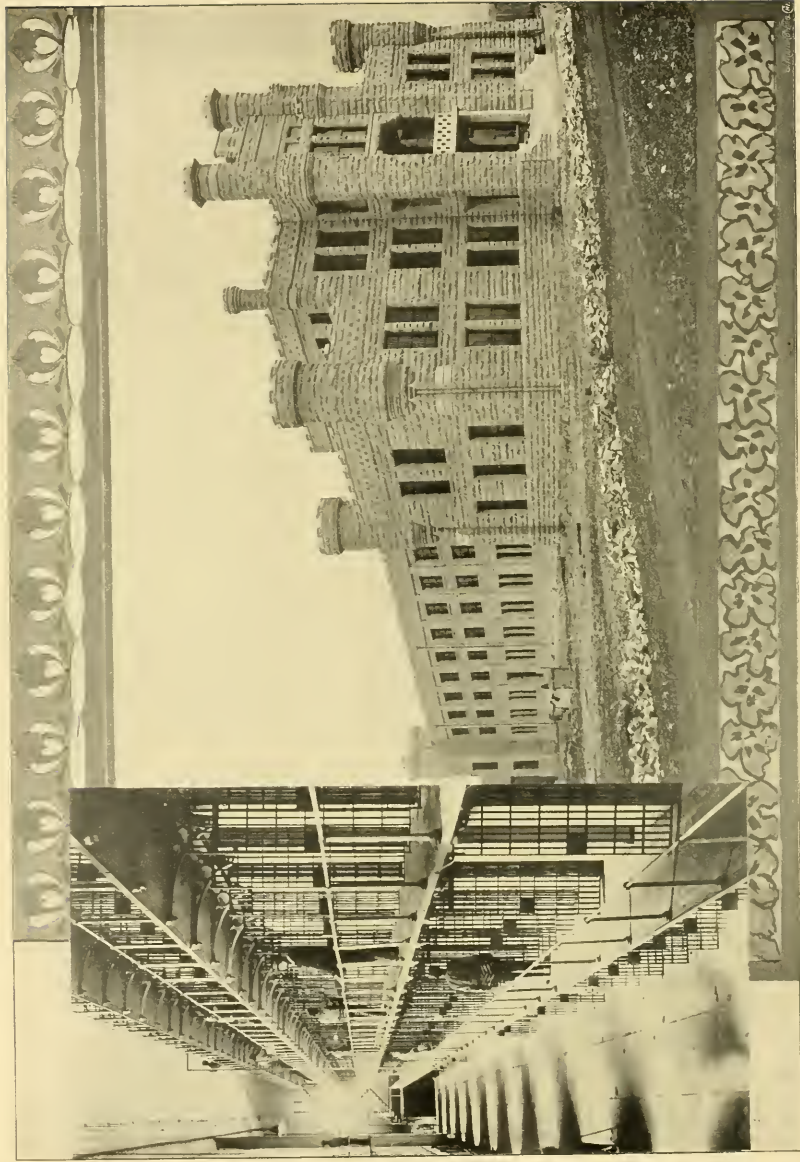
Richard M. Johnson. Its organization dates back to 1812. A dividing ridge (forming a sort of water shed) extends from east to west, the waters of the Cache and Bay Rivers running south, and those of the Big Muddy and Saline toward the north. A minor coal seam of variable thickness (perhaps a spur from the regular coal-measures) crops out here and there. Sandstone and limestone are abundant, and, under cliffs along the bluffs, saltpeter has been obtained in small quantities. Weak copperas springs are numerous. The soil is rich, the principal crops being wheat, corn and tobacco. Cotton is raised for home consumption and fruit-culture receives some attention. Vienna is the county-seat, with a population, in 1890, of 828.

**JOHNSTON, Noah**, pioneer and banker, was born in Hardy County, Va., Dec. 20, 1799, and, at the age of 12 years, emigrated with his father to Woodford County, Ky. In 1824 he removed to Indiana, and, a few years later, to Jefferson County, Ill., where he began farming. He subsequently engaged in merchandising, but proving unfortunate, turned his attention to politics, serving first as County Commissioner and then as County Clerk. In 1838 he was elected to the State Senate for the counties of Hamilton and Jefferson, serving four years; was Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk of the Senate during the session of 1844-45, and, in 1846, elected Representative in the Fifteenth General Assembly. The following year he was made Paymaster in the United States Army, serving through the Mexican War; in 1853 served with Abraham Lincoln and Judge Hugh T. Dickey of Chicago, on a Commission appointed to investigate claims against the State for the construction of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, and, in 1854, was appointed Clerk of the Supreme Court for the Third Division, being elected to the same position in 1861. Other positions held by him included those of Deputy United States Marshal under the administration of President Polk, Commissioner to superintend the construction of the Supreme Court Building at Mount Vernon, and Postmaster of that city. He was also elected Representative again in 1866. The later years of his life were spent as President of the Mount Vernon National Bank. Died, November, 1891, in his 92d year.

**JOLIET**, the county-seat of Will County, situated in the Des Plaines River Valley, 36 miles southwest of Chicago, on the Illinois & Michigan Canal, and the intersecting point of five lines of railway. A good quality of calcareous building stone underlies the entire region, and is exten-



ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, JOLIET.



Women's Prison.

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sively quarried. Gravel, sand, and clay are also easily obtained in considerable quantities. Within twenty miles are productive coal mines. The Northern Illinois Penitentiary and a female penal institute stand just outside the city limits on the north. Joliet is an important manufacturing center, the census of 1900 crediting the city with 455 establishments, having \$13,452,136 capital, employing 6,523 hands, paying \$3,957,529 wages and \$17,891,836 for raw material, turning out an annual product valued at \$27,765,104. The leading industries are the manufacture of foundry and machine-shop products, engines, agricultural implements, pig-iron. Bessemer steel, steel bridges, rods, tin cans, wallpaper, matches, beer, saddles, paint, furniture, pianos, and stoves, besides quarrying and stone cutting. The Chicago Drainage Canal supplies valuable water-power. The city has many handsome public buildings and private residences, among the former being four high schools, Government postoffice building, two public libraries, and two public hospitals. It also has two public and two school parks. Population (1880), 11,657; (1890), 23,254, (including suburbs), 34,473; (1900), 29,353.

**JOLIET, AURORA & NORTHERN RAILWAY.** (See *Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway*.)

**JOLIET, Louis**, a French explorer, born at Quebec, Canada, Sept. 21, 1645, educated at the Jesuits' College, and early engaged in the fur-trade. In 1669 he was sent to investigate the copper mines on Lake Superior, but his most important service began in 1673, when Frontenac commissioned him to explore. Starting from the missionary station of St. Ignace, with Father Marquette, he went up the Fox River within the present State of Wisconsin and down the Wisconsin to the Mississippi, which he descended as far as the mouth of the Arkansas. He was the first to discover that the Mississippi flows to the Gulf rather than to the Pacific. He returned to Green Bay via the Illinois River, and (as believed) the sites of the present cities of Joliet and Chicago. Although later appointed royal hydrographer and given the island of Anticosti, he never revisited the Mississippi. Some historians assert that this was largely due to the influential jealousy of La Salle. Died, in Canada, in May, 1700.

**JOLIET & BLUE ISLAND RAILWAY**, constituting a part of and operated by the Calumet & Blue Island—a belt line, 21 miles in length, of standard gauge and laid with 60-lb. steel rails. The company provides terminal facilities at Joliet, although originally projected to merely run from that city to a connection with the Calumet &

Blue Island Railway. The capital stock authorized and paid in is \$100,000. The company's general offices are in Chicago.

**JOLIET & NORTHERN INDIANA RAILROAD**, a road running from Lake, Ind., to Joliet, Ill., 45 miles (of which 29 miles are in Illinois), and leased in perpetuity, from Sept. 7, 1854 (the date of completion), to the Michigan Central Railroad Company, which owns nearly all its stock. Its capital stock is \$300,000, and its funded debt, \$80,000. Other forms of indebtedness swell the total amount of capital invested (1895) to \$1,143,201. Total earnings and income in Illinois in 1894, \$89,017; total expenditures, \$62,370. (See *Michigan Central Railroad*.)

**JONES, Alfred M.**, politician and legislator, was born in New Hampshire, Feb. 5, 1837, brought to McHenry County, Ill., at 10 years of age, and, at 16, began life in the pineries and engaged in rafting on the Mississippi. Then, after two winters in school at Rockford, and a short season in teaching, he spent a year in the book and jewelry business at Warren, Jo Daviess County. The following year (1858) he made a trip to Pike's Peak, but meeting disappointment in his expectations in regard to mining, returned almost immediately. The next few years were spent in various occupations, including law and real estate business, until 1872, when he was elected to the Twenty-eighth General Assembly, and re-elected two years later. Other positions successively held by him were those of Commissioner of the Joliet Penitentiary, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Sterling District, and United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois. He was, for fourteen years, a member of the Republican State Central Committee, during twelve years of that period being its chairman. Since 1885, Mr. Jones has been manager of the Bethesda Mineral Springs at Waukesha, Wis., but has found time to make his mark in Wisconsin politics also.

**JONES, John Rice**, first English lawyer in Illinois, was born in Wales, Feb. 11, 1759; educated at Oxford in medicine and law, and, after practicing the latter in London for a short time, came to America in 1784, spending two years in Philadelphia, where he made the acquaintance of Dr. Benjamin Rush and Benjamin Franklin; in 1786, having reached the Falls of the Ohio, he joined Col. George Rogers Clark's expedition against the Indians on the Wabash. This having partially failed through the discontent and desertion of the troops, he remained at Vincennes four years, part of the time as Commissary-



General of the garrison there. In 1790 he went to Kaskaskia, but eleven years later returned to Vincennes, being commissioned the same year by Gov. William Henry Harrison, Attorney-General of Indiana Territory, and, in 1803, becoming a member of the first Legislative Council. He was Secretary of the convention at Vincennes, in December, 1802, which memorialized Congress to suspend, for ten years, the article in the Ordinance of 1787 forbidding slavery in the Northwest Territory. In 1808 he removed a second time to Kaskaskia, remaining two years, when he located within the present limits of the State of Missouri (then the Territory of Louisiana), residing successively at St. Genevieve, St. Louis and Potosi, at the latter place acquiring large interests in mineral lands. He became prominent in Missouri politics, served as a member of the Convention which framed the first State Constitution, was a prominent candidate for United States Senator before the first Legislature, and finally elected by the same a Justice of the Supreme Court, dying in office at St. Louis, Feb. 1, 1834. He appears to have enjoyed an extensive practice among the early residents, as shown by the fact that, the year of his return to Kaskaskia, he paid taxes on more than 16,000 acres of land in Monroe County, to say nothing of his possessions about Vincennes and his subsequent acquisitions in Missouri. He also prepared the first revision of laws for Indiana Territory when Illinois composed a part of it.—**Rice (Jones)**, son of the preceding by a first marriage, was born in Wales, Sept. 28, 1781; came to America with his parents, and was educated at Transylvania University and the University of Pennsylvania, taking a medical degree at the latter, but later studying law at Litchfield, Conn., and locating at Kaskaskia in 1806. Described as a young man of brilliant talents, he took a prominent part in politics and, at a special election held in September, 1808, was elected to the Indiana Territorial Legislature, by the party known as "Divisionists"—i. e., in favor of the division of the Territory—which proved successful in the organization of Illinois Territory the following year. Bitterness engendered in this contest led to a challenge from Shadrach Bond (afterwards first Governor of the State), which Jones accepted; but the affair was amicably adjusted on the field without an exchange of shots. One Dr. James Dunlap, who had been Bond's second, expressed dissatisfaction with the settlement; a bitter factional fight was maintained between the friends of the respective parties, ending in the assassination of Jones, who

was shot by Dunlap on the street in Kaskaskia, Dec. 7, 1808—Jones dying in a few minutes, while Dunlap fled, ending his days in Texas.—**Gen. John Rice (Jones)**, Jr., another son, was born at Kaskaskia, Jan. 8, 1792, served under Capt. Henry Dodge in the War of 1812, and, in 1831, went to Texas, where he bore a conspicuous part in securing the independence of that State from Mexico, dying there in 1845—the year of its annexation to the United States.—**George Wallace (Jones)**, fourth son of John Rice Jones (1st), was born at Vincennes, Indiana Territory, April 12, 1804; graduated at Transylvania University, in 1825; served as Clerk of the United States District Court in Missouri in 1826, and as Aid to Gen. Dodge in the Black Hawk War; in 1834 was elected Delegate in Congress from Michigan Territory (then including the present States of Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa), later serving two terms as Delegate from Iowa Territory, and, on its admission as a State, being elected one of the first United States Senators and re-elected in 1852; in 1859, was appointed by President Buchanan Minister to Bogota, Colombia, but recalled in 1861 on account of a letter to Jefferson Davis expressing sympathy with the cause of the South, and was imprisoned for two months in Fort Lafayette. In 1838 he was the second of Senator Cilley in the famous Cilley-Graves duel near Washington, which resulted in the death of the former. After his retirement from office, General Jones' residence was at Dubuque, Iowa, where he died, July 22, 1896, in the 93d year of his age.

**JONES, Michael**, early politician, was a Pennsylvanian by birth, who came to Illinois in Territorial days, and, as early as 1809, was Register of the Land Office at Kaskaskia; afterwards removed to Shawneetown and represented Gallatin County as a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1818 and as Senator in the first four General Assemblies, and also as Representative in the Eighth. He was a candidate for United States Senator in 1819, but was defeated by Governor Edwards, and was a Presidential Elector in 1820. He is represented to have been a man of considerable ability but of bitter passions, a supporter of the scheme for a pro-slavery constitution and a bitter opponent of Governor Edwards.

**JONES, J. Russell**, capitalist, was born at Conneaut, Ashtabula County, Ohio, Feb. 17, 1823; after spending two years as clerk in a store in his native town, came to Chicago in 1838; spent the next two years at Rockton, when he accepted a

clerkship in a leading mercantile establishment at Galena, finally being advanced to a partnership, which was dissolved in 1856. In 1860 he was elected, as a Republican, Representative in the Twenty-second General Assembly, and, in March following, was appointed by President Lincoln United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois. In 1869, by appointment of President Grant, he became Minister to Belgium, remaining in office until 1875, when he resigned and returned to Chicago. Subsequently he declined the position of Secretary of the Interior, but was appointed Collector of the Port of Chicago, from which he retired in 1888. Mr. Jones served as member of the National Republican Committee for Illinois in 1868. In 1863 he organized the West Division Street Railway, laying the foundation of an ample fortune.

**JONES, William**, pioneer merchant, was born at Charlemont, Mass., Oct. 22, 1789, but spent his boyhood and early manhood in New York State, ultimately locating at Buffalo, where he engaged in business as a grocer, and also held various public positions. In 1831 he made a tour of observation westward by way of Detroit, finally reaching Fort Dearborn, which he again visited in 1832 and in '33, making small investments each time in real estate, which afterwards appreciated immensely in value. In 1834, in partnership with Byram King of Buffalo, Mr. Jones engaged in the stove and hardware business, founding in Chicago the firm of Jones & King, and the next year brought his family. While he never held any important public office, he was one of the most prominent of those early residents of Chicago through whose enterprise and public spirit the city was made to prosper. He held the office of Justice of the Peace, served in the City Council, was one of the founders of the city fire department, served for twelve years (1840-52) on the Board of School Inspectors (for a considerable time as its President), and contributed liberally to the cause of education, including gifts of \$50,000 to the old Chicago University, of which he was a Trustee and, for some time, President of its Executive Committee. Died, Jan. 18, 1868.—**Fernando (Jones)**, son of the preceding, was born at Forestville, Chautauqua County, N. Y., May 26, 1820, having, for some time in his boyhood, Millard Fillmore (afterwards President) as his teacher at Buffalo, and, still later, Reuben E. Fenton (afterwards Governor and a United States Senator) as classmate. After coming to Chicago, in 1835, he was employed for some time as a clerk in Government offices and by the Trustees of the

Illinois & Michigan Canal; spent a season at Canandaigua Academy, N. Y.; edited a periodical at Jackson, Mich., for a year or two, but finally coming to Chicago, opened an abstract and title office, in which he was engaged at the time of the fire of 1871, and which, by consolidation with two other firms, became the foundation of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, which still plays an important part in the real-estate business of Chicago. Mr. Jones has held various public positions, including that of Trustee of the Hospital for the Insane at Jacksonville, and has for years been a Trustee of the University of Chicago.—**Kiler Kent (Jones)**, another son, was one of the founders of "The Gem of the Prairies" newspaper, out of which grew "The Chicago Tribune"; was for many years a citizen of Quincy, Ill., and prominent member of the Republican State Central Committee, and, for a time, one of the publishers of "The Prairie Farmer." Died, in Quincy, August 20, 1886.

**JONESBORO**, the county-seat of Union County, situated about a mile west of the line of the Illinois Central Railroad. It is some 30 miles north of Cairo, with which it is connected by the Mobile & Ohio R. R. It stands in the center of a fertile territory, largely devoted to fruit-growing, and is an important shipping-point for fruit and early vegetables; has a silica mill, pickle factory and a bank. There are also four churches, and one weekly newspaper, as well as a graded school. Population (1900), 1,130.

**JOSLYN, Merritt L.**, lawyer, was born in Livingston County, N. Y., in 1827, came to Illinois in 1839, his father settling in McHenry County, where the son, on arriving at manhood, engaged in the practice of the law. The latter became prominent in political circles and, in 1856, was a Buchanan Presidential Elector. On the breaking out of the war he allied himself with the Republican party; served as a Captain in the Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and, in 1864, was elected to the Twenty-fourth General Assembly from McHenry County, later serving as Senator during the sessions of the Thirtieth and Thirty-first Assemblies (1876-80). After the death of President Garfield, he was appointed by President Arthur Assistant Secretary of the Interior, serving to the close of the administration. Returning to his home at Woodstock, Ill., he resumed the practice of his profession, and, since 1889, has discharged the duties of Master in Chancery for McHenry County.

**JOUETT, Charles**, Chicago's first lawyer, was born in Virginia in 1772, studied law at Charlotte-

ville in that State; in 1802 was appointed by President Jefferson Indian Agent at Detroit and, in 1805, acted as Commissioner in conducting a treaty with the Wyandottes, Ottawas and other Indians of Northwestern Ohio and Michigan at Maumee City, Ohio. In the fall of the latter year he was appointed Indian Agent at Fort Dearborn, serving there until the year before the Fort Dearborn Massacre. Removing to Mercer County, Ky., in 1811, he was elected to a Judgeship there, but, in 1815, was reappointed by President Madison Indian Agent at Fort Dearborn, remaining until 1818, when he again returned to Kentucky. In 1819 he was appointed to a United States Judgeship in the newly organized Territory of Arkansas, but remained only a few months, when he resumed his residence in Kentucky, dying there, May 28, 1834.

**JOURNALISM.** (See *Newspapers, Early*.)

**JUDD, Norman Buel**, lawyer, legislator, Foreign Minister, was born at Rome, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1815, where he read law and was admitted to the bar. In 1836 he removed to Chicago and commenced practice in the (then) frontier settlement. He early rose to a position of prominence and influence in public affairs, holding various municipal offices and being a member of the State Senate from 1844 to 1860 continuously. In 1860 he was a Delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention, and, in 1861, President Lincoln appointed him Minister Plenipotentiary to Prussia, where he represented this country for four years. He was a warm personal friend of Lincoln, and accompanied him on his memorable journey from Springfield to Washington in 1861. In 1870 he was elected to the Forty-first Congress. Died, at Chicago, Nov. 10, 1878.

**JUDD, S. Corning**, lawyer and politician, born in Onondaga County, N. Y., July 21, 1827; was educated at Aurora Academy, taught for a time in Canada and was admitted to the bar in New York in 1843; edited "The Syracuse Daily Star" in 1849, and, in 1850, accepted a position in the Interior Department in Washington. Later, he resumed his place upon "The Star," but, in 1854, removed to Lewistown, Fulton County, Ill., and began practice with his brother-in-law, the late W. C. Goudy. In 1873 he removed to Chicago, entering into partnership with William Fitzhugh Whitehouse, son of Bishop Whitehouse, and became prominent in connection with some ecclesiastical trials which followed. In 1860 he was a Democratic candidate for Presidential Elector and, during the war, was a determined opponent of the war policy of the Government, as such mak-

ing an unsuccessful campaign for Lieutenant-Governor in 1864. In 1885 he was appointed Postmaster of the city of Chicago, serving until 1889. Died, in Chicago, Sept. 23, 1895.

**JUDICIAL SYSTEM, THE.** The Constitution of 1818 vested the judicial power of the State in one Supreme Court, and such inferior courts as the Legislature might establish. The former consisted of one Chief Justice and three Associates, appointed by joint ballot of the Legislature; but, until 1825, when a new act went into effect, they were required to perform circuit duties in the several counties, while exercising appellate jurisdiction in their united capacity. In 1824 the Legislature divided the State into five circuits, appointing one Circuit Judge for each, but, two years later, these were legislated out of office, and circuit court duty again devolved upon the Supreme Judges, the State being divided into four circuits. In 1829 a new act authorized the appointment of one Circuit Judge, who was assigned to duty in the territory northwest of the Illinois River, the Supreme Justices continuing to perform circuit duty in the four other circuits. This arrangement continued until 1835, when the State was divided into six judicial circuits, and, five additional Circuit Judges having been elected, the Supreme Judges were again relieved from circuit court service. After this no material changes occurred except in the increase of the number of circuits until 1841, the whole number then being nine. At this time political reasons led to an entire reorganization of the courts. An act passed Feb. 10, 1841, repealed all laws authorizing the election of Circuit Judges, and provided for the appointment of five additional Associate Judges of the Supreme Court, making nine in all; and, for a third time, circuit duties devolved upon the Supreme Court Judges, the State being divided at the same time into nine circuits.

By the adoption of the Constitution of 1848 the judiciary system underwent an entire change, all judicial officers being made elective by the people. The Constitution provided for a Supreme Court, consisting of three Judges, Circuit Courts, County Courts, and courts to be held by Justices of the Peace. In addition to these, the Legislature had the power to create inferior civil and criminal courts in cities, but only upon a uniform plan. For the election of Supreme Judges, the State was divided into three Grand Judicial Divisions. The Legislature might, however, if it saw fit, provide for the election of all three Judges on a general ticket, to be voted throughout the State-at-large; but this power was never exer-

cised. Appeals lay from the Circuit Courts to the Supreme Court for the particular division in which the county might be located, although, by unanimous consent of all parties in interest, an appeal might be transferred to another district. Nine Circuit Courts were established, but the number might be increased at the discretion of the General Assembly. Availing itself of its constitutional power and providing for the needs of a rapidly growing community, the Legislature gradually increased the number of circuits to thirty. The term of office for Supreme Court Judges was nine, and, for Circuit Judges, six years. Vacancies were to be filled by popular election, unless the unexpired term of the deceased or retiring incumbent was less than one year, in which case the Governor was authorized to appoint. Circuit Courts were vested with appellate jurisdiction from inferior tribunals, and each was required to hold at least two terms annually in each county, as might be fixed by statute.

The Constitution of 1870, without changing the mode of election or term of office, made several changes adapted to altered conditions. As regards the Supreme Court, the three Grand Divisions were retained, but the number of Judges was increased to seven, chosen from a like number of districts, but sitting together to constitute a full court, of which four members constitute a quorum. A Chief Justice is chosen by the Court, and is usually one of the Judges nearing the expiration of his term. The minor officers include a Reporter of Decisions, and one Clerk in each Division. By an act passed in 1897, the three Supreme Court Divisions were consolidated in one, the Court being required to hold its sittings in Springfield, and hereafter only one Clerk will be elected instead of three as heretofore. The salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court are fixed by law at \$5,000 each.

The State was divided in 1873 into twenty-seven circuits (Cook County being a circuit by itself), and one or more terms of the circuit court are required to be held each year in each county in the State. The jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts is both original and appellate, and includes matters civil and criminal, in law and in equity. The Judges are elected by districts, and hold office for six years. In 1877 the State was divided into thirteen judicial circuits (exclusive of Cook County), but without reducing the number of Judges (twenty-six) already in office, and the election of one additional Judge (to serve two years) was ordered in each district, thus increas-

ing the number of Judges to thirty-nine. Again in 1897 the Legislature passed an act increasing the number of judicial circuits, exclusive of Cook County, to seventeen, while the number of Judges in each circuit remained the same, so that the whole number of Judges elected that year outside of Cook County was fifty-one. The salaries of Circuit Judges are \$3,500 per year, except in Cook County, where they are \$7,000. The Constitution also provided for the organization of Appellate Courts after the year 1874, having uniform jurisdiction in districts created for that purpose. These courts are a connecting link between the Circuit and the Supreme Courts, and greatly relieve the crowded calendar of the latter. In 1877 the Legislature established four of these tribunals: one for the County of Cook; one to include all the Northern Grand Division except Cook County; the third to embrace the Central Grand Division, and the fourth the Southern. Each Appellate Court is held by three Circuit Court Judges, named by the Judges of the Supreme Court, each assignment covering three years, and no Judge either allowed to receive extra compensation or sit in review of his own rulings or decisions. Two terms are held in each District every year, and these courts have no original jurisdiction.

**COOK COUNTY.**—The judicial system of Cook County is different from that of the rest of the State. The Constitution of 1870 made the county an independent district, and exempted it from being subject to any subsequent redistricting. The bench of the Circuit Court in Cook County, at first fixed at five Judges, has been increased under the Constitution to fourteen, who receive additional compensation from the county treasury. The Legislature has the constitutional right to increase the number of Judges according to population. In 1849 the Legislature established the Cook County Court of Common Pleas. Later, this became the Superior Court of Cook County, which now (1898) consists of thirteen Judges. For this court there exists the same constitutional provision relative to an increase of Judges as in the case of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**JUDY, Jacob**, pioneer, a native of Switzerland, who, having come to the United States at an early day, remained some years in Maryland, when, in 1786, he started west, spending two years near Louisville, Ky., finally arriving at Kaskaskia, Ill., in 1788. In 1792 he removed to New Design, in Monroe County, and, in 1800, located within the present limits of Madison



County, where he died in 1807.—**Samuel (Judy)**, son of the preceding, born August 19, 1773, was brought by his father to Illinois in 1788, and afterwards became prominent in political affairs and famous as an Indian fighter. On the organization of Madison County he became one of the first County Commissioners, serving many years. He also commanded a body of "Rangers" in the Indian campaigns during the War of 1812, gaining the title of Colonel, and served as a member from Madison County in the Second Territorial Council (1814-15). Previous to 1811 he built the first brick house within the limits of Madison County, which still stood, not many years since, a few miles from Edwardsville. Colonel Judy died in 1838.—**Jacob (Judy)**, eldest son of Samuel, was Register of the Land Office at Edwardsville, 1845-49.—**Thomas (Judy)**, younger son of Samuel, was born, Dec. 19, 1804, and represented Madison County in the Eighteenth General Assembly (1852-54). His death occurred Oct. 4, 1880.

**JUDY, James William**, soldier, was born in Clark County, Ky., May 8, 1822—his ancestors on his father's side being from Switzerland, and those on his mother's from Scotland; grew up on a farm and, in 1852, removed to Menard County, Ill., where he has since resided. In August, 1862, he enlisted as a private soldier, was elected Captain of his company, and, on its incorporation as part of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteers at Camp Butler, was chosen Colonel by acclamation. The One Hundred and Fourteenth, as part of the Fifteenth Army Corps under command of that brilliant soldier, Gen. Wm. T. Sherman, was attached to the Army of the Tennessee, and took part in the entire siege of Vicksburg, from May, 1863, to the surrender on the 3d of July following. It also participated in the siege of Jackson, Miss., and numerous other engagements. After one year's service, Colonel Judy was compelled to resign by domestic affliction, having lost two children by death within eight days of each other, while others of his family were dangerously ill. On his retirement from the army, he became deeply interested in thorough-bred cattle, and is now the most noted stock auctioneer in the United States—having, in the past thirty years, sold more thorough-bred cattle than any other man living—his operations extending from Canada to California, and from Minnesota to Texas. Colonel Judy was elected a member of the State Board of Agriculture in 1874, and so remained continuously until 1896—except two years—also serving as President of the Board from 1894 to 1896. He

bore a conspicuous part in securing the location of the State Fair at Springfield in 1894, and the improvements there made under his administration have not been paralleled in any other State. Originally, and up to 1856, an old-line Whig, Colonel Judy has since been an ardent Republican; and though active in political campaigns, has never held a political office nor desired one, being content with the discharge of his duty as a patriotic private citizen.

**KANAN, Michael F.**, soldier and legislator, was born in Essex County, N. Y., in November, 1837, at twenty years of age removed to Macon County, Ill., and engaged in farming. During the Civil War he enlisted in the Forty-first Illinois Volunteers (Col. I. C. Pugh's regiment), serving nearly four years and retiring with the rank of Captain. After the war he served six years as Mayor of the city of Decatur. In 1894 he was elected State Senator, serving in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth General Assemblies. Captain Kanan was one of the founders of the Grand Army of the Republic, and a member of the first Post of the order ever established—that at Decatur.

**KANE**, a village of Greene County, on the Jacksonville Division of the Chicago & Alton Railway, 40 miles south of Jacksonville. It has a bank and a weekly paper. Population (1890), 408; (1890), 531; (1900), 588.

**KANE, Elias Kent**, early United States Senator, is said by Lanman's "Dictionary of Congress" to have been born in New York, June 7, 1796. The late Gen. Geo. W. Smith, of Chicago, a relative of Senator Kane's by marriage, in a paper read before the Illinois State Bar Association (1895), rejecting other statements assigning the date of the Illinois Senator's birth to various years from 1786 to 1796, expresses the opinion, based on family letters, that he was really born in 1794. He was educated at Yale College, graduating in 1812, read law in New York, and emigrated to Tennessee in 1813 or early in 1814, but, before the close of the latter year, removed to Illinois, settling at Kaskaskia. His abilities were recognized by his appointment, early in 1818, as Judge of the eastern circuit under the Territorial Government. Before the close of the same year he served as a member of the first State Constitutional Convention, and was appointed by Governor Bond the first Secretary of State under the new State Government, but resigned on the accession of Governor Coles in 1822. Two years later he was elected to the General Assembly as Representative from Randolph County, but

resigned before the close of the year to accept a seat in the United States Senate, to which he was elected in 1824, and re-elected in 1830. Before the expiration of his second term (Dec. 12, 1835), having reached the age of a little more than 40 years, he died in Washington, deeply mourned by his fellow-members of Congress and by his constituents. Senator Kane was a cousin of the distinguished Chancellor Kent of New York, through his mother's family, while, on his father's side, he was a relative of the celebrated Arctic explorer, Elisha Kent Kane.

**KANE COUNTY**, one of the wealthiest and most progressive counties in the State, situated in the northeastern quarter. It has an area of 540 square miles, and population (1900) of 78,792; was named for Senator Elias Kent Kane. Timber and water are abundant, Fox River flowing through the county from north to south. Immigration began in 1833, and received a new impetus in 1835, when the Pottawatomies were removed west of the Mississippi. A school was established in 1834, and a church organized in 1835. County organization was effected in June, 1836, and the public lands came on the market in 1842. The Civil War record of the county is more than creditable, the number of volunteers exceeding the assessed quota. Farming, grazing, manufacturing and dairy industries chiefly engage the attention of the people. The county has many flourishing cities and towns. Geneva is the county-seat. (See *Aurora, Dundee, Eldora, Elgin, Geneva* and *St. Charles*.)

**KANGLEY**, a village of La Salle County, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, three miles northwest of Streator. There are several coal shafts here. Population (1900), 1,004.

**KANKAKEE**, a city and county-seat of Kankakee County, on Kankakee River and Ill. Cent. Railroad, at intersection of the "Big Four" with the Indiana, Ill. & Iowa Railroad, 56 miles south of Chicago. It is an agricultural and stock-raising region, near extensive coal fields and bog iron ore; has water-power, flour and paper mills, agricultural implement, furniture, and piano factories, knitting and novelty works, besides two quarries of valuable building stone. The Eastern Hospital for the Insane is located here. There are four papers, four banks, five schools, water-works, gas and electric light, electric car lines, and Government postoffice building. Population (1890), 9,025; (1900), 13,595.

**KANKAKEE COUNTY**, a wealthy and populous county in the northeast section of the State, having an area of 680 square miles—receiving its

name from its principal river. It was set apart from Will and Iroquois Counties under the act passed in 1851, the owners of the site of the present city of Kankakee contributing \$5,000 toward the erection of county buildings. Agriculture, manufacturing and coal-mining are the principal pursuits. The first white settler was one Noah Vasseur, a Frenchman, and the first American, Thomas Durham. Population (1880), 25,047; (1890), 28,732; (1900), 37,154.

**KANKAKEE RIVER**, a sluggish stream, rising in St. Joseph County, Ind., and flowing west-southwest through English Lake and a flat marshy region, into Illinois. In Kankakee County it unites with the Iroquois from the south and the Des Plaines from the north, after the junction with the latter, taking the name of the Illinois.

**KANKAKEE & SENECA RAILROAD**, a line lying wholly in Illinois, 42.08 miles in length. It has a capital stock of \$10,000, bonded debt of \$650,000 and other forms of indebtedness (1895) reaching \$557,629; total capitalization, \$1,217,629. This road was chartered in 1881, and opened in 1882. It connects with the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and is owned jointly by these two lines, but operated by the former. (See *Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad*.)

**KANSAS**, a village in Edgar County, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and the Chicago & Ohio River Railways, 156 miles northeast of St. Louis, 104 miles west of Indianapolis, 13 miles east of Charleston and 11 miles west-southwest of Paris. The surrounding region is agricultural and stock-raising. Kansas has tile works, two grain elevators, a canning factory, and railway machine shops, beside four churches, a collegiate institute, a National bank and a weekly newspaper. Population (1880), 723; (1890), 1,037; (1900), 1,049.

**KASKASKIA**, a village of the Illinois Indians, and later a French trading post, first occupied in 1700. It passed into the hands of the British after the French-Indian War in 1765, and was captured by Col. George Rogers Clark, at the head of a force of Virginia troops, in 1778. (See *Clark, George Rogers*.) At that time the white inhabitants were almost entirely of French descent. The first exercise of the elective franchise in Illinois occurred here in the year last named, and, in 1804, the United States Government opened a land office there. For many years the most important commercial town in the Territory, it remained the Territorial and State capital down

to 1819, when the seat of government was removed to Vandalia. Originally situated on the west side of the Kaskaskia River, some six miles from the Mississippi, early in 1899 its site had been swept away by the encroachments of the latter stream, so that all that is left of the principal town of Illinois, in Territorial days, is simply its name.

**KASKASKIA INDIANS**, one of the five tribes constituting the Illinois confederation of Algonquin Indians. About the year 1700 they removed from what is now La Salle County, to Southern Illinois, where they established themselves along the banks of the river which bears their name. They were finally removed, with their brethren of the Illinois, west of the Mississippi, and, as a distinct tribe, have become extinct.

**KASKASKIA RIVER**, rises in Champaign County, and flows southwest through the counties of Douglas, Coles, Moultrie, Shelby, Fayette, Clinton and St. Clair, thence southward through Randolph, and empties into the Mississippi River near Chester. It is nearly 300 miles long, and flows through a fertile, undulating country, which forms part of the great coal field of the State.

**KEITH, Edson, Sr.**, merchant and manufacturer, born at Barre, Vt., Jan. 28, 1833, was educated at home and in the district schools; spent 1850-54 in Montpelier, coming to Chicago the latter year and obtaining employment in a retail dry-goods store. In 1860 he assisted in establishing the firm of Keith, Faxon & Co., now Edson Keith & Co.; is also President of the corporation of Keith Brothers & Co., a Director of the Metropolitan National Bank, and the Edison Electric Light Company.—**Elbridge G. (Keith)**, banker, brother of the preceding, was born at Barre, Vt., July 16, 1840; attended local schools and Barre Academy; came to Chicago in 1857, the next year taking a position as clerk in the house of Keith, Faxon & Co., in 1865 becoming a partner and, in 1884, being chosen President of the Metropolitan National Bank, where he still remains. Mr. Keith was a member of the Republican National Convention of 1880, and belongs to several local literary, political and social clubs; was also one of the Directors of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1892-93.

**KEITHSBURG**, a town in Mercer County on the Mississippi River, at the intersection of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Iowa Central Railways; 100 miles west-northwest of Peoria. Principal industries are fisheries, shipping, manufacture of pearl buttons and oilers; has one paper. Pop. (1900), 1,566; (1903, est.), 2,000.

**KELLOGG, Hiram Huntington**, clergyman and educator, was born at Clinton (then Whites-town), N. Y., in February, 1803, graduated at Hamilton College and Auburn Seminary, after which he served for some years as pastor at various places in Central New York. Later, he established the Young Ladies' Domestic Seminary at Clinton, claimed to be the first ladies' seminary in the State, and the first experiment in the country uniting manual training of girls with scholastic instruction, antedating Mount Holyoke, Oberlin and other institutions which adopted this system. Color was no bar to admission to the institution, though the daughters of some of the wealthiest families of the State were among its pupils. Mr. Kellogg was a co-laborer with Gerritt Smith, Beriah Green, the Tappans, Garrison and others, in the effort to arouse public sentiment in opposition to slavery. In 1836 he united with Prof. George W. Gale and others in the movement for the establishment of a colony and the building up of a Christian and anti-slavery institution in the West, which resulted in the location of the town of Galesburg and the founding there of Knox College. Mr. Kellogg was chosen the first President of the institution and, in 1841, left his thriving school at Clinton to identify himself with the new enterprise, which, in its infancy, was a manual-labor school. In the West he soon became the ally and co-laborer of such men as Owen Lovejoy, Ichabod Coddington, Dr. C. V. Dyer and others, in the work of extirpating slavery. In 1843 he visited England as a member of the World's Peace Convention, remaining abroad about a year, during which time he made the acquaintance of Jacob Bright and others of the most prominent men of that day in England and Scotland. Resigning the Presidency of Knox College in 1847, he returned to Clinton Seminary, and was later engaged in various business enterprises until 1861, when he again removed to Illinois, and was engaged in preaching and teaching at various points during the remainder of his life, dying suddenly, at his home school at Mount Forest, Ill., Jan. 1, 1881.

**KELLOGG, William Pitt**, was born at Orwell, Vt., Dec. 8, 1831, removed to Illinois in 1848, studied law at Peoria, was admitted to the bar in 1854, and began practice in Fulton County. He was a candidate for Presidential Elector on the Republican ticket in 1856 and 1860, being elected the latter year. Appointed Chief Justice of Nebraska in 1861, he resigned to accept the colonelcy of the Seventh Illinois Cavalry. Failing health caused his retirement from the army



1.—Old Kaskaskia from Garrison Hill (1893). 2.—Kaskaskia Hotel where LaFayette was feted in 1825. 3.—First Illinois State House, 1818. 4.—Interior of Room (1893) where LaFayette banquet was held. 5.—Pierre Menard Mansion. 6.—House of Chief Ducoign, last of the Cascasquias (Kaskaskias).





1.—Remnant of Old Kaskaskia (1898). 2.—View on Principal Street (1891). 3.—Gen. John Edgar's House (1891). 4.—House of Gov. Bond (1891). 5.—"Chenu Mansion" where Lafayette was entertained, as it appeared in 1898. 6.—Old State House (1900).

after the battle of Corinth. In 1865 he was appointed Collector of the Port at New Orleans. Thereafter he became a conspicuous figure in both Louisiana and National politics, serving as United States Senator from Louisiana from 1868 to 1871, and as Governor from 1872 to 1876, during the stormiest period of reconstruction, and making hosts of bitter personal and political enemies as well as warm friends. An unsuccessful attempt was made to impeach him in 1876. In 1877 he was elected a second time to the United States Senate by one of two rival Legislatures, being awarded his seat after a bitter contest. At the close of his term (1883) he took his seat in the lower house to which he was elected in 1882, serving until 1885. While retaining his residence in Louisiana, Mr. Kellogg has spent much of his time of late years in Washington City.

**KENDALL COUNTY**, a northeastern county, with an area of 330 square miles and a population (1900) of 11,467. The surface is rolling and the soil fertile, although generally a light, sandy loam. The county was organized in 1841, out of parts of Kane and La Salle, and was named in honor of President Jackson's Postmaster General. The Fox River (running southwestwardly through the county), with its tributaries, affords ample drainage and considerable water power; the railroad facilities are admirable; timber is abundant. Yorkville and Oswego have been rivals for the county-seat, the distinction finally resting with the former. Among the pioneers may be mentioned Messrs. John Wilson, Edward Ament, David Carpenter, Samuel Smith, the Wormley and Pierce brothers, and E. Morgan.

**KENDRICK, Adin A.**, educator, was born at Ticonderoga, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1836; educated at Granville Academy, N. Y., and Middlebury College; removed to Janesville, Wis., in 1857, studied law and began practice at Monroe, in that State, a year later removing to St. Louis, where he continued practice for a short time. Then, having abandoned the law, after a course in the Theological Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., in 1861 he became pastor of the North Baptist Church in Chicago, but, in 1865, removed to St. Louis, where he remained in pastoral work until 1872, when he assumed the Presidency of Shurtleff College at Upper Alton, Ill.

**KENNEY**, a village and railway station in Dewitt County, at the intersection of the Springfield Division of the Illinois Central and the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railroads, 36 miles northeast of Springfield. The town has two banks

and two newspapers; the district is agricultural. Population (1880), 418; (1890), 497; (1900), 584.

**KENT, (Rev.) Aratus**, pioneer and Congregational missionary, was born in Suffield, Conn. in 1794, educated at Yale and Princeton and, in 1829, as a Congregational missionary, came to the Galena lead mines—then esteemed "a place so hard no one else would take it." In less than two years he had a Sunday-school with ten teachers and sixty to ninety scholars, and had also established a day-school, which he conducted himself. In 1831 he organized the First Presbyterian Church of Galena, of which he remained pastor until 1848, when he became Agent of the Home Missionary Society. He was prominent in laying the foundations of Beloit College and Rockford Female Seminary, meanwhile contributing freely from his meager salary to charitable purposes. Died at Galena, Nov. 8, 1869.

**KEOKUK**, (interpretation, "The Watchful Fox"), a Chief of the Sacs and Foxes, born on Rock River, about 1780. He had the credit of shrewdness and bravery, which enabled him finally to displace his rival, Black Hawk. He always professed ardent friendship for the whites, although this was not infrequently attributed to a far-seeing policy. He earnestly dissuaded Black Hawk from the formation of his confederacy, and when the latter was forced to surrender himself to the United States authorities, he was formally delivered to the custody of Keokuk. By the Rock Island treaty, of September, 1832, Keokuk was formally recognized as the principal Chief of the Sacs and Foxes, and granted a reservation on the Iowa River, 40 miles square. Here he lived until 1845, when he removed to Kansas, where, in June, 1848, he fell a victim to poison, supposedly administered by some partisan of Black Hawk. (See *Black Hawk* and *Black Hawk War*.)

**KERFOOT, Samuel II.**, real-estate operator, was born in Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 18, 1823, and educated under the tutelage of Rev. Dr. Muhlenburg at St. Paul's College, Flushing, Long Island, graduating at the age of 19. He was then associated with a brother in founding St. James College, in Washington County, Md., but, in 1848, removed to Chicago and engaged in the real-estate business, in which he was one of the oldest operators at the time of his death, Dec. 28, 1896. He was one of the founders and a life member of the Chicago Historical Society and of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, and associated with other learned and social organizations. He was also a member of the original Real Estate

and Stock Board of Chicago and its first President.

**KEWANEE**, a city in Henry County, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 131 miles southwest of Chicago. Agriculture and coal-mining are chief industries of the surrounding country. The city contains eighteen churches, six graded schools, a public library of 10,000 volumes, three national banks, one weekly and two daily papers. It has extensive manufactories employing four to five thousand hands, the output including tubing and soil-pipe, boilers, pumps and heating apparatus, agricultural implements, etc. Population (1890), 4,569; (1900), 8,382; (1903, est.), 10,000.

**KEYES, Willard**, pioneer, was born at Newfane, Windsor County, Vt., Oct. 28, 1792; spent his early life on a farm, enjoying only such educational advantages as could be secured by a few months' attendance on school in winter; in 1817 started west by way of Mackinaw and, crossing Wisconsin (then an unbroken wilderness), finally reached Prairie du Chien, after which he spent a year in the "pineries." In 1819 he descended the Mississippi with a raft, his attention en route being attracted by the present site of the city of Quincy, to which, after two years spent in extensive exploration of the "Military Tract" in the interest of certain owners of bounty lands, he again returned, finding it still unoccupied. Then, after two years spent in farming in Pike County, in 1824 he joined his friend, the late Gov. John Wood, who had built the first house in Quincy two years previous. Mr. Keyes thus became one of the three earliest settlers of Quincy, the other two being John Wood and a Major Rose. On the organization of Adams County, in January, 1825, he was appointed a member of the first Board of County Commissioners, which held its first meeting in his house. Mr. Keyes acquired considerable landed property about Quincy, a portion of which he donated to the Chicago Theological Seminary, thereby furnishing means for the erection of "Willard Hall" in connection with that institution. His death occurred in Quincy, Feb. 7, 1872.

**KICKAPOOS**, a tribe of Indians whose ethnology is closely related to that of the Mascoutins. The French orthography of the word was various, the early explorers designating them as "Kic-a-pous," "Kick-a-poux," "Kick-a-bou," and "Quick-a-pous." The significance of the name is uncertain, different authorities construing it to mean "the otter's foot" and the "rabbit's ghost," according to dialect. From 1602, when the tribe

was first visited by Samuel Champlain, the Kickapoos were noted as a nation of warriors. They fought against Christianization, and were, for some time, hostile to the French, although they proved efficient allies of the latter during the French and Indian War. Their first formal recognition of the authority of the United States was in the treaty of Edwardsville (1819), in which reference was made to the treaties executed at Vincennes (1805 and 1809). Nearly a century before, they had left their seats in Wisconsin and established villages along the Rock River and near Chicago (1712-15). At the time of the Edwardsville treaty they had settlements in the valleys of the Wabash, Embarras, Kaskaskia, Sangamon and Illinois Rivers. While they fought bravely at the battle of Tippecanoe, their chief military skill lay in predatory warfare. As compared with other tribes, they were industrious, intelligent and cleanly. In 1832-33 they were removed to a reservation in Kansas. Thence many of them drifted to the southwest, joining roving, plundering bands. In language, manners and customs, the Kickapoos closely resembled the Sacs and Foxes, with whom some ethnologists believe them to have been more or less closely connected.

**KILPATRICK, Thomas M.**, legislator and soldier, was born in Crawford County, Pa., June 1, 1807. He learned the potter's trade, and, at the age of 27, removed to Scott County, Ill. He was a deep thinker, an apt and reflective student of public affairs, and naturally eloquent. He was twice elected to the State Senate (1840 and '44), and, in 1846, was the Whig candidate for Governor, but was defeated by Augustus C. French, Democrat. In 1850 he emigrated to California, but, after a few years, returned to Illinois and took an active part in the campaigns of 1858 and 1860. On the outbreak of the Civil War he was commissioned Colonel of the Twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteers, for which regiment he had recruited a company. He was killed at the battle of Shiloh, April 6, 1862, while leading a charge.

**KINDERHOOK**, a village and railway station in Pike County, on the Hannibal Division of the Wabash Railway, 13 miles east of Hannibal. Population (1890), 473; (1900), 370.

**KING, John Lyle**, lawyer, was born in Madison, Ind., in 1825—the son of a pioneer settler who was one of the founders of Hanover College and of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary there, which afterwards became the "Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the Northwest,"

now the McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago. After graduating at Hanover, Mr. King began the study of law with an uncle at Madison, and the following year was admitted to the bar. In 1852 he was elected to the Indiana Legislature and, while a member of that body, acted as Chairman of the Committee to present Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot and exile, to the Legislature; also took a prominent part, during the next few years, in the organization of the Republican party. Removing to Chicago in 1856, he soon became prominent in his profession there, and, in 1860, was elected City Attorney over Col. James A. Mulligan, who became eminent a year or two later, in connection with the war for the Union. Having a fondness for literature, Mr. King wrote much for the press and, in 1878, published a volume of sporting experiences with a party of professional friends in the woods and waters of Northern Wisconsin and Michigan, under the title, "Trouting on the Brule River, or Summer Wayfaring in the Northern Wilderness." Died in Chicago, April 17, 1892.

**KING, William H.**, lawyer, was born at Clifton Park, Saratoga County, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1817; graduated from Union College in 1846, studied law at Watford and, having been admitted to the bar the following year, began practice at the same place. In 1853 he removed to Chicago, where he held a number of important positions, including the Presidency of the Chicago Law Institute, the Chicago Bar Association, the Chicago Board of Education, and the Union College Alumni Association of the Northwest. In 1870 he was elected to the lower branch of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, and, during the sessions following the fire of 1871 prepared the act for the protection of titles to real estate, made necessary by the destruction of the records in the Recorder's office. Mr. King received the degree of LL.D. from his Alma Mater in 1879. Died, in Chicago, Feb. 6, 1892.

**KINGMAN, Martin**, was born at Deer Creek, Tazewell County, Ill., April 1, 1844; attended school at Washington, Ill., then taught two or three years, and, in June, 1862, enlisted in the Eighty-sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, serving three years without the loss of a day—a part of the time on detached service in charge of an ambulance corps and, later, as Assistant Quartermaster. Returning from the war with the rank of First Lieutenant, in August, 1865, he went to Peoria, where he engaged in business and has remained ever since. He is now connected with the following business concerns: Kingman & Co.,

manufacturers and dealers in farm machinery, buggies, wagons, etc.; The Kingman Plow Company, Bank of Illinois, Peoria Cordage Company, Peoria General Electric Company, and National Hotel Company, besides various outside enterprises—all large concerns in each of which he is a large stockholder and a Director. Mr. Kingman was Casual Commissioner for six years—this being his only connection with politics. During 1898 he was also chosen Lieutenant-Colonel of the Peoria Provisional Regiment organized for the Spanish-American War. His career in connection with the industrial development of Peoria has been especially conspicuous and successful.

**KINKADE (or Kinkead), William**, a native of Tennessee, settled in what is now Lawrence County, in 1817, and was elected to the State Senate in 1822, but appears to have served only one session, as he was succeeded in the Fourth General Assembly by James Bird. Although a Tennessean by birth, he was one of the most aggressive opponents of the scheme for making Illinois a slave State, being the only man who made a speech against the pro-slavery convention resolution, though this was cut short by the determination of the pro-conventionists to permit no debate. Mr. Kinkade was appointed Postmaster at Lawrenceville by President John Quincy Adams, and held the position for many years. He died in 1846.

**KINMUNDY**, a city in Marion County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 229 miles south of Chicago and 24 miles northeast of Centralia. Agriculture, stock-raising, fruit-growing and coal-mining are the principal industries of the surrounding country. Kinmundy has flouring mills and brick-making plants, with other manufacturing establishments of minor importance. There are five churches, a bank and a weekly newspaper. Population (1880), 1,096; (1890), 1,045; (1900), 1,221.

**KINNEY, William**, Lieutenant-Governor of Illinois from 1826 to 1830; was born in Kentucky in 1781 and came to Illinois early in life, finally settling in St. Clair County. Of limited educational advantages, he was taught to read by his wife after marriage. He became a Baptist preacher, was a good stump-orator; served two sessions in the State Senate (the First and Third), was a candidate for Governor in 1834, but was defeated by Joseph Duncan; in 1838 was elected by the Legislature a member of the Board of Public Works, becoming its President. Died in 1843.—**William C. (Kinney)**, son of the preceding, was born in Illinois, served as a member of



the Constitutional Convention of 1847 and as Representative in the Nineteenth General Assembly (1855), and, in 1857, was appointed by Governor Bissell Adjutant-General of the State, dying in office the following year.

**KINZIE, John**, Indian-trader and earliest citizen of Chicago, was born in Quebec, Canada, in 1763. His father was a Scotchman named McKenzie, but the son dropped the prefix "Mc," and the name soon came to be spelled "Kinzie"—an orthography recognized by the family. During his early childhood his father died, and his mother gave him a stepfather by the name of William Forsythe. When ten years old he left home and, for three years, devoted himself to learning the jeweler's trade at Quebec. Fascinated by stories of adventure in the West, he removed thither and became an Indian-trader. In 1804 he established a trading post at what is now the site of Chicago, being the first solitary white settler. Later he established other posts on the Rock, Illinois and Kankakee Rivers. He was twice married, and the father of a numerous family. His daughter Maria married Gen. David Hunter, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. John H. Kinzie, achieved literary distinction as the authoress of "Wau Bun," etc. (N. Y. 1850.) Died in Chicago, Jan. 6, 1828.—**John Harris** (Kinzie), son of the preceding, was born at Sandwich, Canada, July 7, 1803, brought by his parents to Chicago, and taken to Detroit after the massacre of 1812, but returned to Chicago in 1816. Two years later his father placed him at Mackinac Agency of the American Fur Company, and, in 1824, he was transferred to Prairie du Chien. The following year he was Sub-Agent of Indian affairs at Fort Winnebago, where he witnessed several important Indian treaties. In 1830 he went to Connecticut, where he was married, and, in 1833, took up his permanent residence in Chicago, forming a partnership with Gen. David Hunter, his brother-in-law, in the forwarding business. In 1841 he was appointed Registrar of Public Lands by President Harrison, but was removed by Tyler. In 1848 he was appointed Canal Collector, and, in 1849, President Taylor commissioned him Receiver of Public Moneys. In 1861 he was commissioned Paymaster in the army by President Lincoln, which office he held until his death, which occurred on a railroad train near Pittsburg, Pa., June 21, 1865.

**KIRBY, Edward P.**, lawyer and legislator, was born in Putnam County, Ill., Oct. 28, 1834—the son of Rev. William Kirby, one of the founders and early professors of Illinois College at

Jacksonville; graduated at Illinois College in 1854, then taught several years at St. Louis and Jacksonville; was admitted to the bar in 1864, and, in 1873, was elected County Judge of Morgan County as a Republican; was Representative in the General Assembly from Morgan County (1891-93); also served for several years as Trustee of the Central Hospital for the Insane and, for a long period, as Trustee and Treasurer of Illinois College.

**KIRK, (Gen.) Edward N.**, soldier, was born of Quaker parentage in Jefferson County, Ohio, Feb. 29, 1828; graduated at the Friends' Academy, at Mount Pleasant in the same State, and, after teaching for a time, began the study of law, completing it at Baltimore, Md., where he was admitted to the bar in 1853. A year later he removed to Sterling, Ill., where he continued in his profession until after the battle of the first Bull Run, when he raised a regiment. The quota of the State being already full, this was not immediately accepted; but, after some delay, was mustered in in September, 1861, as the Thirty-fourth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, with the subject of this sketch as Colonel. In the field he soon proved himself a brave and dashing officer; at the battle of Shiloh, though wounded through the shoulder, he refused to leave the field. After remaining with the army several days, inflammatory fever set in, necessitating his removal to the hospital at Louisville, where he lay between life and death for some time. Having partially recovered, in August, 1862, he set out to rejoin his regiment, but was stopped en route by an order assigning him to command at Louisville. In November following he was commissioned Brigadier-General for "heroic action, gallantry and ability" displayed on the field. In the last days of December, 1862, he had sufficiently recovered to take part in the series of engagements at Stone River, where he was again wounded, this time fatally. He was taken to his home in Illinois, and, although he survived several months, the career of one of the most brilliant and promising soldiers of the war was cut short by his death, July 21, 1863.

**KIRKLAND, Joseph**, journalist and author, was born at Geneva, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1830—the son of Prof. William Kirkland of Hamilton College; was brought by his parents to Michigan in 1835, where he remained until 1856, when he came to the city of Chicago. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in the Twelfth Illinois Infantry (three-months' men), was elected Second Lieutenant, but later became Aid-de-Camp on the staff of

**General McClellan**, serving there and on the staff of General Fitz-John Porter until the retirement of the latter, meanwhile taking part in the Peninsular campaign and in the battle of Antietam. Returning to Chicago he gave attention to some coal-mining property near Danville, but later studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1880. A few years later he produced his first novel, and, from 1890, devoted his attention solely to literary pursuits, for several years being literary editor of "The Chicago Tribune." His works—several of which first appeared as serials in the magazines—include "Zury, the Meanest Mau in Spring County" (1885); "The McVeys" (1887); "The Captain of Co. K." (1889), besides the "History of the Chicago Massacre of 1812," and "The Story of Chicago"—the latter in two volumes. At the time of his death he had just concluded, in collaboration with Hon. John Moses, the work of editing a two-volume "History of Chicago," published by Messrs. Munsell & Co. (1895). Died, in Chicago, April 29, 1894.—**Elizabeth Stansbury** (Kirkland), sister of the preceding—teacher and author—was born at Geneva, N. Y., came to Chicago in 1867 and, five years later, established a select school for young ladies, out of which grew what is known as the "Kirkland Social Settlement," which was continued until her death, July 30, 1896. She was the author of a number of volumes of decided merit, written with the especial object of giving entertainment and instruction to the young—including "Six Little Cooks," "Dora's Housekeeping," "Speech and Manners," a Child's "History of France," a "History of England," "History of English Literature," etc. At her death she left a "History of Italy" ready for the hands of the publishers.

**KIRKPATRICK, John**, pioneer Methodist preacher, was born in Georgia, whence he emigrated in 1802; located at Springfield, Ill., at an early day, where he built the first horse-mill in that vicinity; in 1829 removed to Adams County, and finally to Ottumwa, Iowa, where he died in 1845. Mr. Kirkpatrick is believed to have been the first local Methodist preacher licensed in Illinois. Having inherited three slaves (a woman and two boys) while in Adams County, he brought them to Illinois and gave them their freedom. The boys were bound to a man in Quincy to learn a trade, but mysteriously disappeared—presumably having been kidnaped with the connivance of the man in whose charge they had been placed.

**KIRKWOOD**, a city in Warren County, once known as "Young America," situated about six miles southwest of Monmouth, on the Chicago,

Burlington & Quincy Railroad; is a stock-shipping point and in an agricultural region. The town has two banks, five churches, and two weekly newspapers. Pop. (1890), 949; (1900), 1,008.

**KISHWAUKEE RIVER**, rises in McHenry County, runs west through Boone, and enters Rock River in Winnebago County, eight miles below Rockford. It is 75 miles long. An affluent called the South Kishwaukee River runs north-northeast and northwest through De Kalb County, and enters the Kiskwaukee in Winnebago County, about eight miles southeast of Rockford.

**KITCHELL, Wickliff**, lawyer and Attorney-General of Illinois, was born in New Jersey, May 21, 1789. Feb. 29, 1812, he was married, at Newark, N. J., to Miss Elizabeth Ross, and the same year emigrated west, passing down the Ohio on a flat-boat from Pittsburg, Pa., and settled near Cincinnati. In 1814 he became a resident of Southern Indiana, where he was elected sheriff, studied law and was admitted to the bar, finally becoming a successful practitioner. In 1817 he removed to Palestine, Crawford County, Ill., where, in 1820, he was elected Representative in the Second General Assembly, and was also a member of the State Senate from 1828 to 1832. In 1838 he removed to Hillsboro, Montgomery County, was appointed Attorney-General in 1839, serving until near the close of the following year, when he resigned to take his seat as Representative in the Twelfth General Assembly. Between 1846 and 1854 he was a resident of Fort Madison, Iowa, but the latter year returned to Hillsboro. During his early political career Mr. Kittell had been a Democrat; but, on the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska act, became an earnest Republican. Public-spirited and progressive, he was in advance of his time on many public questions. Died, Jan. 2, 1869.—**Alfred (Kitchell)**, son of the preceding, lawyer and Judge, born at Palestine, Ill., March 29, 1820; was educated at Indiana State University and Hillsboro Academy, admitted to the bar in 1841, and, the following year, commenced practice at Olney; was elected State's Attorney in 1843, through repeated re-elections holding the office ten years; was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1847 and, in 1849, was elected Judge of Richland County; later assisted in establishing the first newspaper published in Olney, and in organizing the Republican party there in 1856; in 1859 was elected Judge of the Twenty-fifth Judicial Circuit, serving one term. He was also influential in procuring a charter for

the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad, and in the construction of the line, being an original incorporator and subsequently a Director of the Company. Later he removed to Galesburg, where he died, Nov. 11, 1876.—**Edward** (Kitchell), another son, was born at Palestine, Ill., Dec. 21, 1829; was educated at Hillsboro Academy until 1846, when he removed with his father's family to Fort Madison, Iowa, but later returned to Hillsboro to continue his studies; in 1852 made the trip across the plains to California to engage in gold mining, but the following year went to Walla Walla, Washington Territory, where he opened a law office; in 1854 returned to Illinois, locating at Olney, Richland County, forming a partnership with Horace Hayward, a relative, in the practice of law. Here, having taken position against the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, he became, in 1856, the editor of the first Republican newspaper published in that part of Illinois known as "Egypt," with his brother, Judge Alfred Kitchell, being one of the original thirty-nine Republicans in Richland County. In 1862 he assisted in organizing the Ninety-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteers at Centralia, which, in the following year having been mounted, became a part of the famous "Wilder Brigade." At first he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel, but succeeded to the command of the regiment after the wounding of Colonel Funkhouser at Chickamauga in September, 1863; was finally promoted to the colonelcy in July, 1865, and mustered out with the rank of Brigadier-General by brevet. Resuming the practice of his profession at Olney, he was, in 1866, the Republican candidate for Congress in a district strongly Democratic; also served as Collector of Internal Revenue for a short time and, in 1868, was Presidential Elector for the same District. Died, at Olney, July 11, 1869.—**John Wickliff** (Kitchell), youngest son of Wickliff Kitchell, was born at Palestine, Crawford County, Ill., May 30, 1835, educated at Hillsboro, read law at Fort Madison, Iowa, and admitted to the bar in that State. At the age of 19 years he served as Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives at Springfield, and was Reading Clerk of the same body at the session of 1861. Previous to the latter date he had edited "The Montgomery County Herald," and later, "The Charleston Courier." Resigning his position as Reading Clerk in 1861, he enlisted under the first call of President Lincoln in the Ninth Illinois Volunteers, served as Adjutant of the regiment and afterwards as Captain of his company. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he established

"The Union Monitor" at Hillsboro, which he conducted until drafted into the service in 1864, serving until the close of the war. In 1866 he removed to Pana (his present residence), resuming practice there; was a candidate for the State Senate the same year, and, in 1870, was the Republican nominee for Congress in that District.

**KNICKERBOCKER, Joshua C.**, lawyer, was born in Gallatin, Columbia County, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1827; brought by his father to Alden, McHenry County, Ill., in 1844, and educated in the common schools of that place; removed to Chicago in 1860, studied law and was admitted to practice in 1862; served on the Board of Supervisors and in the City Council and, in 1868, was elected Representative in the General Assembly, serving one term. He was also a member of the State Board of Education from 1875 to '77, and the latter year was elected Probate Judge for Cook County, serving until his death, Jan. 5, 1890.

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS**, a secret semi-military and benevolent association founded in the City of Washington, D. C., Feb. 19, 1864, Justus H. Rathbone (who died Dec. 9, 1889) being its recognized founder. The order was established in Illinois, May 4, 1869, by the organization of "Welcome Lodge, No. 1," in the city of Chicago. On July 1, 1869, this Lodge had nineteen members. At the close of the year four additional Lodges had been instituted, having an aggregate membership of 245. Early in the following year, on petition of these five Lodges, approved by the Grand Chancellor, a Grand Lodge of the Order for the State of Illinois was instituted in Chicago, with a membership of twenty-nine Past Chancellors as representatives of the five subordinate Lodges—the total membership of these Lodges at that date being 382. December 31, 1870, the total membership in Illinois had increased to 850. June 30, 1895, the total number of Lodges in the State was 525, and the membership 38,411. The assets belonging to the Lodges in Illinois, on Jan. 1, 1894, amounted to \$418,151.77.

**KNOWLTON, Dexter A.**, pioneer and banker, was born in Fairfield, Herkimer County, N. Y., March 3, 1812, taken to Chautauqua County in infancy and passed his childhood and youth on a farm. Having determined on a mercantile career, he entered an academy at Fredonia, paying his own way; in 1838 started on a peddling tour for the West, and, in the following year, settled at Freeport, Ill., where he opened a general store; in 1843 began investments in real estate, finally laying off sundry additions to the city of Freeport, from which he realized large profits. He

was also prominently connected with the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad and, in 1850, became a Director of the Company, remaining in office some twelve years. In 1852 he was the Free-Soil candidate for Governor of Illinois, but a few years later became extensively interested in the Congress & Empire Spring Company at Saratoga, N. Y.; then, after a four years' residence in Brooklyn, returned to Freeport in 1870, where he engaged in banking business, dying in that city, March 10, 1876.

**KNOX, Joseph**, lawyer, was born at Blanford, Mass., Jan. 11, 1805; studied law with his brother, Gen. Alanson Knox, in his native town, was admitted to the bar in 1828, subsequently removing to Worcester, in the same State, where he began the practice of his profession. In 1837 he removed west, locating at Stephenson, now Rock Island, Ill., where he continued in practice for twenty-three years. During the greater part of that time he was associated with Hon. John W. Drury, under the firm name of Knox & Drury, gaining a wide reputation as a lawyer throughout Northern Illinois. Among the important cases in which he took part during his residence in Rock Island was the prosecution of the murderers of Colonel Davenport in 1845. In 1852 he served as a Democratic Presidential Elector, but in the next campaign identified himself with the Republican party as a supporter of John C. Fremont for the Presidency. In 1860 he removed to Chicago and, two years later, was appointed State's Attorney by Governor Yates, remaining in office until succeeded by his partner, Charles H. Reed. After coming to Chicago he was identified with a number of notable cases. His death occurred, August 6, 1881.

**KNOX COLLEGE**, a non-sectarian institution for the higher education of the youth of both sexes, located at Galesburg, Knox County. It was founded in 1837, fully organized in 1841, and graduated its first class in 1846. The number of graduates from that date until 1894, aggregated 867. In 1893 it had 663 students in attendance, and a faculty of 20 professors. Its library contains about 6,000 volumes. Its endowment amounts to \$300,000 and its buildings are valued at \$150,000. Dr. Newton Bateman was at its head for more than twenty years, and, on his resignation (1893), John H. Finley, Ph.D., became its President, but resigned in 1899.

**KNOX COUNTY**, a wealthy interior county west of the Illinois River, having an area of 720 square miles and a population (1900) of 43,612. It was named in honor of Gen. Henry Knox. Its

territorial limits were defined by legislative enactment in 1825, but the actual organization dates from 1830, when Riggs Pennington, Philip Hash and Charles Hansford were named the first Commissioners. Knoxville was the first county-seat selected, and here (in the winter of 1830-31) was erected the first court house, constructed of logs, two stories in height, at a cost of \$192. The soil is rich, and agriculture flourishes. The present county-seat (1899) is Galesburg, well known for its educational institutions, the best known of which are Knox College, founded in 1837, and Lombard University, founded in 1851. A flourishing Episcopal Seminary is located at Knoxville, and Hedding College at Abingdon.

**KNOXVILLE**, a city in Knox County, on the Galesburg-Peoria Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 50 miles west of Peoria, and 5 miles east of Galesburg; was formerly the county-seat, and still contains the fair grounds and almshouse. The municipal government is composed of a mayor, six aldermen, with seven heads of departments. It has electric lighting and street-car service, good water-works, banks, numerous churches, three public schools, and is the seat of St. Mary's school for girls, and St. Alban's, for boys. Population (1890), 1,728; (1900), 1,857.

**KOERNER, Gustavus**, lawyer and Lieutenant-Governor, was born in Germany in 1809, and received a university education. He was a lawyer by profession, and emigrated to Illinois in 1833, settling finally at Belleville. He at once affiliated with the Democratic party, and soon became prominent in politics. In 1842 he was elected to the General Assembly, and three years later was appointed to the bench of the State Supreme Court. In 1852 he was elected Lieutenant-Governor on the ticket headed by Joel A. Matteson; but, at the close of his term, became identified with the Republican party and was a staunch Union man during the Civil War, serving for a time as Colonel on General Fremont's and General Halleck's staffs. In 1862 President Lincoln made him Minister to Spain, a post which he resigned in January, 1865. He was a member of the Chicago Convention of 1860 that nominated Lincoln for the Presidency; was a Republican Presidential Elector in 1868, and a delegate to the Cincinnati Convention of 1872 that named Horace Greeley for the Presidency. In 1867 he served as President of the first Board of Trustees of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, and, in 1870, was elected to the Legislature a second time. The



following year he was appointed a member of the first Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, and served as its President. He is the author of "Collection of the Important General Laws of Illinois, with Comments" (in German, St. Louis, 1838); "From Spain" (Frankfort on-the-Main, 1866); "Das Deutsche Element in den Vereinigten Staaten" (Cincinnati, 1880, second edition, New York, 1885); and a number of monographs. Died, at Belleville, April 9, 1896.

**KOHLSAAT, Christian C.**, Judge of United States Court, was born in Edwards County, Ill., Jan. 8, 1844—his father being a native of Germany who settled in Edwards County in 1825, while his mother was born in England. The family removed to Galena in 1854, where young Kohlsaat attended the public schools, later taking a course in Chicago University, after which he began the study of law. In 1867 he became a reporter on "The Chicago Evening Journal," was admitted to the bar in the same year, and, in 1868, accepted a position in the office of the County Clerk, where he kept the records of the County Court under Judge Bradwell's administration. During the sessions of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly (1871-72), he served as First Assistant Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk of the House, after which he began practice; in 1881 was the Republican nominee for County Judge, but was defeated by Judge Prendergast; served as member of the Board of West Side Park Commissioners, 1884-90; in 1890 was appointed Probate Judge of Cook County (as successor to Judge Knickerbocker, who died in January of that year), and was elected to the office in November following, and re-elected in 1894, as he was again in 1898. Early in 1899 he was appointed, by President McKinley, Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, as successor to Judge Grosscup, who had been appointed United States Circuit Judge in place of Judge Showalter, deceased.

**KOHLSAAT, Herman H.**, editor and newspaper publisher, was born in Edwards County, Ill., March 23, 1853, and taken the following year to Galena, where he remained until 12 years of age, when the family removed to Chicago. Here, after attending the public schools some three years, he became a cash-boy in the store of Carson, Pirie & Co., a year later rising to the position of cashier, remaining two years. Then, after having been connected with various business concerns, he became the junior member of the firm of Blake, Shaw & Co., for whom he had been a traveling salesman some five years. In 1880 he

became associated with the Dake Bakery, in connection with which he laid the foundation of an extensive business by establishing a system of restaurants and lunch counters in the business portions of the city. In 1891, after a somewhat protracted visit to Europe Mr. Kohlsaat bought a controlling interest in "The Chicago Inter Ocean," but withdrew early in 1894. In April, 1895, he became principal proprietor of "The Chicago Times-Herald," as the successor of the late James W. Scott, who died suddenly in New York, soon after effecting a consolidation of Chicago's two Democratic papers, "The Times" and "Herald," in one concern. Although changing the political status of the paper from Democratic to Independent, Mr. Kohlsaat's liberal enterprise has won for it an assured success. He is also owner and publisher of "The Chicago Evening Post." His whole business career has been one of almost phenomenal success attained by vigorous enterprise and high-minded, honorable methods. Mr. Kohlsaat is one of the original incorporators of the University of Chicago, of which he continues to be one of the Trustees.

**KROME, William Henry**, lawyer, born of German parentage, in Louisville, Ky., July 1, 1842; in 1851 was brought by his father to Madison County, Ill., where he lived and worked for some years on a farm. He acquired his education in the common schools and at McKendree College, graduating from the latter in 1863. After spending his summer months in farm labor and teaching school during the winter, for a year or two, he read law for a time with Judge M. G. Dale of Edwardsville, and, in 1866, entered the law department of Michigan University, graduating in 1869, though admitted the year previous to practice by the Supreme Court of Illinois. Mr. Krome has been successively the partner of Judge John G. Irwin, Hon. W. F. L. Hadley (late Congressman from the Eighteenth District) and C. W. Terry. He has held the office of Mayor of Edwardsville (1873), State Senator (1874-78), and, in 1893, was a prominent candidate before the Democratic judicial convention for the nomination for Justice of the Supreme Court, to succeed Justice Scholfeld, deceased. He is also President of the Madison County State Bank.

**KUEFFNER, William C.**, lawyer and soldier, was born in Germany and came to St. Clair County, Ill., in 1861. Early in 1865 he was commissioned Colonel of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, one of the latest regiments organized for the Civil War, and was soon after promoted to the rank of Brevet

Brigadier-General, serving until January, 1866. Later, General Kueffner studied law at St. Louis, and having graduated in 1871, established himself in practice at Belleville, where he has since resided. He was a successful contestant for a seat in the Republican National Convention of 1880 from the Seventeenth District.

**KUYKENDALL**, Andrew J., lawyer and legislator, was born of pioneer parents in Gallatin (now Hardin) County, Ill., March 3, 1815; was self-educated chiefly, but in his early manhood adopted the law as a profession, locating at Vienna in Johnson County, where he continued to reside to the end of his life. In 1842 he was elected a Representative in the Thirteenth General Assembly, and re-elected two years later; in 1850 became State Senator, serving continuously in the same body for twelve years; in 1861 enlisted, and was commissioned Major, in the Thirty-first Illinois Volunteers (Gen. John A. Logan's regiment), but was compelled to resign, in May following, on account of impaired health. Two years later (1864) he was elected Representative in the Thirty-ninth Congress, serving one term; and, after several years in private life, was again returned to the State Senate in 1878, serving in the Thirty-first and Thirty-second General Assemblies. In all, Major Kuykendall saw twenty years' service in the State Legislature, of which sixteen were spent in the Senate and four in the House, besides two years in Congress. A zealous Democrat previous to the war, he was an ardent supporter of the war policy of the Government, and, in 1864, presided over the "Union" (Republican) State Convention of that year. He was also a member of the Senate Finance Committee in the session of 1859, which had the duty of investigating the Matteson "canal scrip fraud." Died, at Vienna, Ill., May 11, 1891.

**LABOR TROUBLES.** 1. **THE RAILROAD STRIKE OF 1877.**—By this name is generally characterized the labor disturbances of 1877, which, beginning at Pittsburg in July, spread over the entire country, interrupting transportation, and, for a time, threatening to paralyze trade. Illinois suffered severely. The primary cause of the troubles was the general prostration of business resulting from the depression of values, which affected manufacturers and merchants alike. A reduction of expenses became necessary, and the wages of employes were lowered. Dissatisfaction and restlessness on the part of the latter ensued, which found expression in the ordering of a strike among railroad operatives on a larger scale than

had ever been witnessed in this country. In Illinois, Peoria, Decatur, Braidwood, East St. Louis, Galesburg, La Salle and Chicago were the principal points affected. In all these cities angry, excited men formed themselves into mobs, which tore up tracks, took possession of machine shops, in some cases destroyed roundhouses, applied the torch to warehouses, and, for a time, held commerce by the throat, not only defying the law, but even contending in arms against the military sent to disperse them. The entire force of the State militia was called into service, Major-General Arthur C. Ducat being in command. The State troops were divided into three brigades, commanded respectively by Brigadier-Generals Torrence, Bates and Pavey. General Ducat assumed personal command at Braidwood, where were sent the Third Regiment and the Tenth Battalion, who suppressed the riots at that point with ease. Col. Joseph W. Stambaugh and Lieut.-Col. J. B. Parsons were the respective regimental commanders. Generals Bates and Pavey were in command at East St. Louis, where the excitement was at fever heat, the mobs terrorizing peaceable citizens and destroying much property. Governor Cullom went to this point in person. Chicago, however, was the chief railroad center of the State, and only prompt and severely repressive measures held in check one of the most dangerous mobs which ever threatened property and life in that city. The local police force was inadequate to control the rioters, and Mayor Heath felt himself forced to call for aid from the State. Brig.-Gen. Joseph T. Torrence then commanded the First Brigade, I. N. G., with headquarters at Chicago. Under instructions from Governor Cullom, he promptly and effectively co-operated with the municipal authorities in quelling the uprising. He received valuable support from volunteer companies, some of which were largely composed of Union veterans. The latter were commanded by such experienced commanders as Generals Reynolds, Martin Beem, and O. L. Mann, and Colonel Owen Stuart. General Lieb also led a company of veterans enlisted by himself, and General Shaffner and Major James H. D. Daly organized a cavalry force of 150 old soldiers, who rendered efficient service. The disturbance was promptly subdued, transportation resumed, and trade once more began to move in its accustomed channels.

2. **THE STRIKE OF 1894.**—This was an uprising which originated in Chicago and was incited by a comparatively young labor organization called the American Railway Union. In its inception it

was sympathetic, its ostensible motive, at the outset, being the righting of wrongs alleged to have been suffered by employes of the Pullman Palace Car Company. The latter quit work on May 11, and, on June 23, the American Railway Union ordered a general boycott against all railroad companies hauling Pullman cars after June 26. The General Managers of the lines entering Chicago took prompt action (June 25) looking toward mutual protection, protesting against the proposed boycott, and affirming their resolution to adhere to existing contracts, any action on the part of the strikers to the contrary notwithstanding. Trouble began on the 26th. The hauling of freight was necessarily soon discontinued; suburban traffic was interrupted; switching had to be done by inexperienced hands under police or military protection (officials and clerks sometimes throwing the levers), and in the presence of large crowds of law-defying hoodlums gathered along the tracks, avowedly through sympathy with the strikers, but actually in the hope of plunder. Trains were sidetracked, derailed, and, in not a few instances, valuable freight was burned. Passengers were forced to undergo the inconvenience of being cooped up for hours in crowded cars, in transit, without food or water, sometimes almost within sight of their destination, and sometimes threatened with death should they attempt to leave their prison houses. The mobs, intoxicated by seeming success, finally ventured to interfere with the passage of trains carrying the United States mails, and, at this juncture, the Federal authorities interfered. President Cleveland at once ordered the protection of all mail trains by armed guards, to be appointed by the United States Marshal. An additional force of Deputy Sheriffs was also sworn in by the Sheriff of Cook County, and the city police force was augmented. The United States District Court also issued a restraining order, directed against the officers and members of the American Railway Union, as well as against all other persons interfering with the business of railroads carrying the mails. Service was readily accepted by the officers of the Union, but the copies distributed among the insurgent mob were torn and trampled upon. Thereupon the President ordered Federal troops to Chicago, both to protect Government property (notably the Sub-treasury) and to guard mail trains. The Governor (John P. Altgeld) protested, but without avail. A few days later, the Mayor of Chicago requested the State Executive to place a force of State militia at his control for the protection of

property and the prevention of bloodshed. General Wheeler, with the entire second division of the I. N. G., at once received orders to report to the municipal authorities. The presence of the militia greatly incensed the turbulent crowds, yet it proved most salutary. The troops displayed exemplary firmness under most trying circumstances, dispersing jeering and threatening crowds by physical force or bayonet charges, the rioters being fired upon only twice. Gradually order was restored. The disreputable element subsided, and wiser and more conservative counsels prevailed among the ranks of the strikers. Impediments to traffic were removed and trains were soon running as though no interruption had occurred. The troops were withdrawn (first the Federal and afterwards those of the State), and the courts were left to deal with the subject in accordance with the statutes. The entire executive board of the American Railway Union were indicted for conspiracy, but the indictments were never pressed. The officers, however, were all found guilty of contempt of court in having disobeyed the restraining order of the Federal court, and sentenced to terms in the county jail. Eugene V. Debs, the President of the Union, was convicted on two charges and given a sentence of six months on each, but the two sentences were afterward made concurrent. The other members of the Board received a similar sentence for three months each. All but the Vice-President, George W. Howard, served their terms at Woodstock, McHenry County. Howard was sent to the Will County jail at Joliet.

**LACEY, Lyman**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Tompkins County, N. Y., May 6, 1832. In 1837 his parents settled in Fulton County, Ill. He graduated from Illinois College in 1855 and was admitted to the bar in 1856, commencing practice at Havana, Mason County, the same year. In 1862 he was elected, as a Democrat, to represent the counties of Mason and Menard in the lower house of the Legislature; was elected to the Circuit Court bench in 1873, and re-elected in 1879, '85 and '91; also served for several years upon the bench of the Appellate Court.

**LACON**, a city and county-seat of Marshall County, situated on the Illinois River, and on the Dwight and Lacon branch of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, 130 miles southwest of Chicago. A pontoon bridge connects it with Sparland on the opposite bank of the Illinois. The surrounding country raises large quantities of grain, for which Lacon is a shipping point. The river is navigable by steamboats to this point. The city

has grain elevators, woolen mills, marble works, a carriage factory and a national bank. It also has water works, an excellent telephone system, good drainage, and is lighted by electricity. There are seven churches, a graded school and two weekly newspapers. Population (1880), 1,814; (1890), 1,649; (1900), 1,601.

**LA FAYETTE** (*Marquis de*), **VISIT OF**. An event of profound interest in the history of Illinois, during the year 1825, was the visit to the State by the Marquis de La Fayette, who had been the ally of the American people during their struggle for independence. The distinguished Frenchman having arrived in the country during the latter part of 1824, the General Assembly in session at Vandalia, in December of that year, adopted an address inviting him to visit Illinois. This was communicated to La Fayette by Gov. Edward Coles, who had met the General in Europe seven years before. Governor Coles' letter and the address of the General Assembly were answered with an acceptance by La Fayette from Washington, under date of Jan. 16, 1825. The approach of the latter was made by way of New Orleans, the steamer *Natchez* (by which General La Fayette ascended the Mississippi) arriving at the old French village of Carondelet, below St. Louis, on the 28th of April. Col. William S. Hamilton, a son of Alexander Hamilton, and at that time a Representative in the General Assembly from Sangamon County, as well as an Aid-de-Camp on the staff of Governor Coles, was dispatched from the home of the latter at Edwardsville, to meet the distinguished visitor, which he did at St. Louis. On Saturday, April 30, the boat bearing General La Fayette, with a large delegation of prominent citizens of Missouri, left St. Louis, arriving at Kaskaskia, where a reception awaited him at the elegant residence of Gen. John Edgar, Governor Coles delivering an address of welcome. The presence of a number of old soldiers, who had fought under La Fayette at Brandywine and Yorktown, constituted an interesting feature of the occasion. This was followed by a banquet at the tavern kept by Colonel Sweet, and a closing reception at the house of William Morrison, Sr., a member of the celebrated family of that name, and one of the leading merchants of Kaskaskia. Among those participating in the reception ceremonies, who were then, or afterwards became, prominent factors in State history, appear the names of Gen. John Edgar, ex-Governor Bond, Judge Nathaniel Pope, Elias Kent Kane, ex-Lieutenant-Governor Menard, Col. Thomas Mather and Sidney Breeze,

a future United States Senator and Justice of the Supreme Court. The boat left Kaskaskia at midnight for Nashville, Tenn., Governor Coles accompanying the party and returning with it to Shawneetown, where an imposing reception was given and an address of welcome delivered by Judge James Hall, on May 14, 1825. A few hours later General La Fayette left on his way up the Ohio.

**LAFAYETTE, BLOOMINGTON & MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD.** (See *Lake Erie & Western Railroad*.)

**LAFLIN, Matthew**, manufacturer, was born at Southwick, Hampden County, Mass., Dec. 16, 1803; in his youth was clerk for a time in the store of Lafin & Loomis, powder manufacturers, at Lee, Mass., later becoming a partner in the Canton Powder Mills. About 1832 he engaged in the manufacture of axes at Saugerties, N. Y., which proving a failure, he again engaged in powder manufacture, and, in 1837, came to Chicago, where he finally established a factory—his firm, in 1840, becoming Lafin & Smith, and, later, Lafin, Smith & Co. Becoming largely interested in real estate, he devoted his attention chiefly to that business after 1849, with great success, not only in Chicago but elsewhere, having done much for the development of Waukesha, Wis., where he erected one of the principal hotels—the 'Fountain Spring House'—also being one of the original stockholders of the Elgin Watch Company. Mr. Lafin was a zealous supporter of the Government during the war for the preservation of the Union, and, before his death, made a donation of \$75,000 for a building for the Chicago Academy of Sciences, which was erected in the western part of Lincoln Park. Died, in Chicago, May 20, 1897.

**LA GRANGE**, a village in Cook County, and one of the handsomest suburbs of Chicago, from which it is distant 15 miles, south-southwest, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. The streets are broad and shaded and there are many handsome residences. The village is lighted by electricity, and has public water-works, seven churches, a high school and a weekly paper. Population (1880), 531; (1890), 2,314; (1900), 3,969.

**LA HARPE**, a city in Hancock County, on the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway, 70 miles west by south from Peoria and 20 miles south-southeast of Burlington, Iowa. Brick, tile and cigars constitute the manufactured output. La Harpe has two banks, five churches, a graded and a high school, a seminary, and two newspapers. Population (1880), 958; (1890), 1,113; (1900), 1,591.



**LAKE COUNTY**, in the extreme northeast corner of the State, having an area of 490 square miles, and a population (1900) of 34,504. It was cut off from McHenry County and separately organized in 1839. Pioneer settlers began to arrive in 1839, locating chiefly along the Des Plaines River. The Indians vacated the region the following year. The first County Commissioners (E. E. Hunter, William Brown and E. C. Berrey) located the county-seat at Libertyville, but, in 1841, it was removed to Little Fort, now Waukegan. The county derives its name from the fact that some forty small lakes are found within its limits. The surface is undulating and about equally divided between sand, prairie and second-growth timber. At Waukegan there are several manufacturing establishments, and the Glen Flora medicinal spring attracts many invalids. Highland Park and Lake Forest are residence towns of great beauty situated on the lake bluff, populated largely by the families of Chicago business men.

**LAKE ERIE & MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD.**  
(See *Lake Erie & Western Railroad.*)

**LAKE ERIE & WESTERN RAILROAD.** Of the 710.61 miles which constitute the entire length of this line, only 118.6 are within Illinois. This portion extends from the junction of the Peoria & Pekin Union Railway, on the east side of the Illinois River opposite Peoria, to the Indiana State line. It is a single-track road of standard gauge. About one-sixth of the line in Illinois is level, the grade nowhere exceeding 40 feet to the mile. The track is of 56 and 60-pound steel rails, and lightly ballasted. The total capital of the road (1898)—including \$23,680,000 capital stock, \$10,875,000 bonded debt and a floating debt of \$1,479,809—was \$36,034,809, or \$50.708 per mile. The total earnings and income in Illinois for 1898 were \$559,743, and the total expenditures for the same period, \$457,713.—(HISTORY.) The main line of the Illinois Division of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad was acquired by consolidation, in 1880, of the Lafayette, Bloomington & Mississippi Railroad (81 miles in length), which had been opened in 1871, with certain Ohio and Indiana lines. In May, 1885, the line thus formed was consolidated, without change of name, with the Lake Erie & Mississippi Railroad, organized to build an extension of the Lake Erie & Western from Bloomington to Peoria (43 miles). The road was sold under foreclosure in 1886, and the present company organized, Feb. 9, 1887.

**LAKE FOREST**, a city in Lake County, on Lake Michigan and Chicago & Northwestern Rail-

way, 28 miles north by west from Chicago. It is the seat of Lake Forest University; has four schools, five churches, one bank, gas and electric light system, electric car line, water system, fire department and hospital. Population (1890), 1,203; (1900), 2,215; (1904, est.), 2,800.

**LAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY**, an institution of learning comprising six distinct schools, viz.: Lake Forest Academy, Ferry Hall Seminary, Lake Forest College, Rush Medical College, Chicago College of Dental Surgery, and the Chicago College of Law. The three first named are located at Lake Forest, while the three professional schools are in the city of Chicago. The college charter was granted in 1857, but the institution was not opened until nineteen years later, and the professional schools, which were originally independent, were not associated until 1887. In 1894 there were 316 undergraduates at Lake Forest, in charge of forty instructors. During the same year there were in attendance at the professional schools, 1,557 students, making a total enrollment in the University of 1,873. While the institution is affiliated with the Presbyterian denomination, the Board of Trustees is self-perpetuating. The Academy and Seminary are preparatory schools for the two sexes, respectively. Lake Forest College is co-educational and organized upon the elective plan, having seventeen departments, a certain number of studies being required for graduation, and work upon a major subject being required for three years. The schools at Lake Forest occupy fifteen buildings, standing within a campus of sixty-five acres.

**LAKE MICHIGAN**, one of the chain of five great northern lakes, and the largest lake lying wholly within the United States. It lies between the parallels of 41° 35' and 46° North latitude, its length being about 335 miles. Its width varies from 50 to 88 miles, its greatest breadth being opposite Milwaukee. Its surface is nearly 600 feet above the sea-level and its maximum depth is estimated at 840 feet. It has an area of about 20,000 square miles. It forms the eastern boundary of Wisconsin, the western boundary of the lower peninsula of Michigan and a part of the northern boundary of Illinois and Indiana. Its waters find their outlet into Lake Huron through the straits of Mackinaw, at its northeast extremity, and are connected with Lake Superior by the Sault Ste. Marie River. It contains few islands, and these mainly in its northern part, the largest being some fifteen miles long. The principal rivers which empty into this lake are the Fox,

Menominee, Manistee, Muskegon, Kalamazoo, Grand and St. Joseph. Chicago, Milwaukee, Racine and Manitowoc are the chief cities on its banks.

**LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY.** The main line extends from Buffalo, N. Y., to Chicago, Ill., a distance of 539 miles, with various branches of leased and proprietary lines located in the States of Michigan, New York and Ohio, making the mileage of lines operated 1,415.63 miles, of which 862.15 are owned by the company—only 14 miles being in Illinois. The total earnings and income in Illinois, in 1898, were \$453,946, and the expenditures for the same period, \$360,971.—(HISTORY.) The company was formed in 1869, from the consolidation of the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana, the Cleveland, Painesville & Ashtabula, and the Buffalo & Erie Railroad Companies. The proprietary roads have been acquired since the consolidation.

**LAMB, James L.,** pioneer merchant, was born in Connellsville, Pa., Nov. 7, 1800; at 12 years of age went to Cincinnati to serve as clerk in the store of a distant relative, came to Kaskaskia, Ill., in 1820, and soon after engaged in mercantile business with Thomas Mather, who had come to Illinois two years earlier. Later, the firm established a store at Chester and shipped the first barrels of pork from Illinois to the New Orleans market. In 1831 Mr. Lamb located in Springfield, afterwards carrying on merchandising and pork-packing extensively; also established an iron foundry, which continued in operation until a few years ago. Died, Dec. 3, 1873. \*

**LAMB, Martha J. R. N.,** magazine editor and historian, was born (Martha Joan Reade Nash) at Plainfield, Mass., August 13, 1829, received a thorough education and, after her marriage in 1852 to Charles A. Lamb, resided for eight years in Chicago, Ill., where she was one of the principal founders of the Home for the Friendless and Half Orphan Asylum, and Secretary of the Sanitary Fair of 1863. In 1866 she removed to New York and gave her after life to literary work, from 1883 until her death being editor of "The Magazine of American History," besides furnishing numerous papers on historical and other subjects; also publishing some sixteen volumes, one of her most important works being a "History of New York City," in two volumes. She was a member of nearly thirty historical and other learned societies. Died, Jan. 2, 1893.

**LAMBORN, Josiah,** early lawyer and Attorney-General; born in Washington County, Ky.,

and educated at Transylvania University; was Attorney-General of the State by appointment of Governor Carlin, 1840-43, at that time being a resident of Jacksonville. He is described by his contemporaries as an able and brilliant man, but of convivial habits and unscrupulous to such a degree that his name was mixed up with a number of official scandals. Separated from his family, he died of delirium tremens, at Whitehall, Greene County.

**LAMOILLE,** a village of Bureau County, on the Mendota-Fulton branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, 9 miles northwest of Mendota; in rich farming and stock-raising region; has a bank, three churches, fine school-building, and a newspaper. Pop. (1890), 516; (1900), 576.

**LAMON, Ward Hill,** lawyer, was born at Mill Creek, Frederick County, W. Va., Jan. 6, 1828; received a common school education and was engaged in teaching for a time; also began the study of medicine, but relinquished it for the law. About 1847-48 he located at Danville, Ill., subsequently read law with the late Judge Oliver L. Davis, attending lectures at the Louisville Law School, where he had Gen. John A. Logan for a class-mate. On admission to the bar, he became the Danville partner of Abraham Lincoln—the partnership being in existence as early as 1852. In 1859 he removed to Bloomington, and, in the Presidential campaign of 1860, was a zealous supporter of Mr. Lincoln. In February, 1861, he was chosen by Mr. Lincoln to accompany him to Washington, making the perilous night journey through Baltimore in Mr. Lincoln's company. Being a man of undoubted courage, as well as almost giant stature, he soon received the appointment of Marshal of the District of Columbia, and, in the first weeks of the new administration, made a confidential visit to Colonel Anderson, then in command at Fort Sumter, to secure accurate information as to the situation there. In May, 1861, he obtained authority to raise a regiment, of which he was commissioned Colonel, remaining in the field to December, when he returned to the discharge of his duties as Marshal at Washington, but was absent from Washington on the night of the assassination—April 14, 1865. Resigning his office after this event, he entered into partnership for the practice of law with the late Jeremiah S. Black of Pennsylvania. Some years later he published the first volume of a proposed Life of Lincoln, using material which he obtained from Mr. Lincoln's Springfield partner, William H. Herndon, but the second volume was never issued. His death occurred at Martins-

burg, W. Va., not far from his birthplace, May 7, 1893. Colonel Lamon married a daughter of Judge Stephen T. Logan, of Springfield.

**LANARK**, a city in Carroll County, 19 miles by rail southwest of Freeport, and 7 miles east of Mount Carroll. The surrounding country is largely devoted to grain-growing, and Lanark has two elevators and is an important shipping-point. Manufacturing of various descriptions is carried on. The city has two banks (one National and one State), eight churches, a graded and high school, and a weekly newspaper. Population (1880), 1,198; (1890), 1,295; (1900), 1,306.

**LANDES, Silas Z.**, ex-Congressman, was born in Augusta County, Va., May 15, 1842. In early youth he removed to Illinois, and was admitted to the bar of this State in August, 1863, and has been in active practice at Mount Carmel since 1864. In 1872 he was elected State's Attorney for Wabash County, was re-elected in 1876, and again in 1880. He represented the Sixteenth Illinois District in Congress from 1885 to 1889, being elected on the Democratic ticket.

**LANDRIGAN, John**, farmer and legislator, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1832, and brought to America at one year of age, his parents stopping for a time in New Jersey. His early life was spent at Lafayette, Ind. After completing his education in the seminary there, he engaged in railroad and canal contracting. Coming to Illinois in 1858, he purchased a farm near Albion, Edwards County, where he has since resided. He has been twice elected as a Democrat to the House of Representatives (1868 and '74) and twice to the State Senate (1870 and '96), and has been, for over twenty years, a member of the State Agricultural Society—for four years of that time being President of the Board, and some sixteen years Vice-President.

**LANE, Albert Grannis**, educator, was born in Cook County, Ill., March 15, 1841, and educated in the public schools, graduating with the first class from the Chicago High School in 1858. He immediately entered upon the business of teaching as Principal, but, in 1869, was elected Superintendent of Schools for Cook County. After three years' service as cashier of a bank, he was elected County Superintendent, a second time, in 1877, and regularly every four years thereafter until 1890. In 1891 he was chosen Superintendent of Schools for the city of Chicago, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Superintendent Howland—a position which he continued to fill until the appointment of E. B. Andrews,

Superintendent, when he became First Assistant Superintendent.

**LANE, Edward**, ex-Congressman, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, March 27, 1842, and became a resident of Illinois at the age of 16. After receiving an academic education he studied law and was admitted to the Illinois bar in February, 1865. Since then he has been a successful practitioner at Hillsboro. From 1869 to 1873 he served as County Judge. In 1886 he was the successful Democratic candidate for Congress from the Seventeenth Illinois District and re-elected for three successive terms, but was defeated by Frederick Remann (Republican) in 1894, and again by W. F. L. Hadley, at a special election, in 1895, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Remann.

**LANPHER, Charles H.**, journalist, was born at Alexandria, Va., April 14, 1820; from 4 years of age lived in Washington City; in 1836 entered the office as an apprentice of "The State Register" at Vandalia, Ill., (then owned by his brother-in-law, William Walters). Later, the paper was removed to Springfield, and Walters, having enlisted for the Mexican war in 1846, died at St. Louis, en route to the field. Lanphier, having thus succeeded to the management, and, finally, to the proprietorship of the paper, was elected public printer at the next session of the Legislature, and, in 1847, took into partnership George Walker, who acted as editor until 1858. Mr. Lanphier continued the publication of the paper until 1863, and then sold out. During the war he was one of the State Board of Army Auditors appointed by Governor Yates; was elected Circuit Clerk in 1864 and re-elected in 1868, and, in 1872, was Democratic candidate for County Treasurer but defeated with the rest of his party.

**LARCOM, Lucy**, author and teacher, born at Beverly, Mass., in 1826; attended a grammar school and worked in a cotton mill at Lowell, becoming one of the most popular contributors to "The Lowell Offering," a magazine conducted by the factory girls, thereby winning the acquaintance and friendship of the poet Whittier. In 1846 she came to Illinois and, for three years, was a student at Monticello Female Seminary, near Alton, meanwhile teaching at intervals in the vicinity. Returning to Massachusetts she taught for six years; in 1865 established "Our Young Folks," of which she was editor until 1874. Her books, both poetical and prose, have taken a high rank for their elevated literary and moral tone. Died, in Boston, April 17, 1893.

**LARNED, Edward Channing**, lawyer, was born in Providence, R. I., July 14, 1820; graduated at Brown University in 1840; was Professor of Mathematics one year in Kemper College, Wis., then studied law and, in 1847, came to Chicago. He was an earnest opponent of slavery and gained considerable deserved celebrity by a speech which he delivered in 1851, in opposition to the fugitive slave law. He was a warm friend of Abraham Lincoln and, in 1860, made speeches in his support; was an active member of the Union Defense Committee of Chicago during the war, and, in 1861, was appointed by Mr. Lincoln United States District Attorney of the Northern District of Illinois, but compelled to resign by failing health. Being absent in Europe at the time of the fire of 1871, he returned immediately and devoted his attention to the work of the Relief and Aid Society. Making a second visit to Europe in 1873-73, he wrote many letters for the press, also doing much other literary work in spite of declining health. Died at Lake Forest, Ill., September, 1884.

**LA SALLE**, a city in La Salle County, 99 miles southwest of Chicago, situated on the Illinois River at southern terminus of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, and at intersection of three trunk lines of railroads. Bituminous coal abounds and is extensively mined; zinc smelting and the manufacture of glass and hydraulic and Portland cement are leading industries; also has a large ice trade with the South annually. It is connected with adjacent towns by electric railways, and with Peoria by daily river packets. Population (1890), 9,855; (1900), 10,446.

**LA SALLE, Reni Robert Cavellier, Sieur de**, a famous explorer, born at Rouen, France, in 1643; entered the Jesuit order, but conceiving that he had mistaken his vocation, came to America in 1666. He obtained a grant of land about the Lachine Rapids of the St. Lawrence, above Montreal. It was probably his intention to settle there as a grand seigneur; but, becoming interested in stories told him by some Seneca Indians, he started two years later in quest of a great waterway, which he believed led to the South Sea (Pacific Ocean) and afforded a short route to China. He passed through Lake Ontario, and is believed to have discovered the Ohio. The claim that he reached the Illinois River at this time has been questioned. Having re-visited France in 1677 he was given a patent of nobility and extensive land-grants in Canada. In 1679 he visited the Northwest and explored the great lakes, finally reaching the head of Lake Michi-

gan and erecting a fort near the mouth of the St. Joseph River. From there he made a portage to the Illinois, which he descended early in 1680 to Lake Peoria, where he began the erection of a fort to which, in consequence of the misfortunes attending the expedition, was given the name of Creve-Cœur. Returning from here to Canada for supplies, in the following fall he again appeared in Illinois, but found his fort at Lake Peoria a ruin and his followers, whom he had left there, gone. Compelled again to return to Canada, in the latter part of 1681 he set out on his third expedition to Illinois, and making the portage by way of the Chicago and Des Plaines Rivers, reached "Starved Rock," near the present city of Ottawa, where his lieutenant, Tonty, had already begun the erection of a fort. In 1682, accompanied by Tonty, he descended the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, reaching the Gulf of Mexico on April 9. He gave the region the name of Louisiana. In 1683 he again returned to France and was commissioned to found a colony at the mouth of the Mississippi, which he unsuccessfully attempted to do in 1684, the expedition finally landing about Matagorda Bay in Texas. After other fruitless attempts (death and desertions having seriously reduced the number of his colonists), while attempting to reach Canada, he was murdered by his companions near Trinity River in the present State of Texas, March 19, 1687. Another theory regarding La Salle's ill-starred Texas expedition is, that he intended to establish a colony west of the Mississippi, with a view to contesting with the Spaniards for the possession of that region, but that the French government failed to give him the support which had been promised, leaving him to his fate.

**LA SALLE COUNTY**, one of the wealthiest counties in the northeastern section, being second in size and in population in the State. It was organized in 1831, and has an area of 1,152 square miles; population (1900), 87,776. The history of this region dates back to 1675, when Marquette established a mission at an Indian village on the Illinois River about where Utica now stands, eight miles west of Ottawa. La Salle (for whom the county is named) erected a fort here in 1682, which was, for many years, the headquarters for French missionaries and traders. Later, the Illinois Indians were well-nigh exterminated by starvation, at the same point, which has become famous in Western history as "Starved Rock." The surface of the county is undulating and slopes toward the Illinois River. The soil is rich, and timber abounds on the bluffs and



along the streams. Water is easily procured. Four beds of coal underlie the entire county, and good building stone is quarried at a depth of 150 to 200 feet. Excellent hydraulic cement is made from the calciferous deposit, Utica being especially noted for this industry. The First American settlers came about the time of Captain Long's survey of a canal route (1816). The Illinois & Michigan Canal was located by a joint corps of State and National engineers in 1830. (See *Illinois & Michigan Canal*.) During the Black Hawk War, La Salle County was a prominent base of military operations.

**LATHROP, William**, lawyer and Congressman, was born in Genesee County, N. Y., April 17, 1825. His early education was acquired in the common schools. Later he read law and was admitted to the bar, commencing practice in 1851, making his home in Central New York until his removal to Illinois. In 1856 he represented the Rockford District in the lower house of the General Assembly, and, in 1876, was elected, as a Republican, to represent the (then) Fourth Illinois District in Congress.

**LA VANTUM**, the name given, in the latter part of the seventeenth century, to the principal village of the Illinois Indians, situated on the Illinois River, near the present town of Utica, in La Salle County. (See *Starved Rock*.)

**LAWLER, Frank**, was born at Rochester, N. Y., June 25, 1842. His first active occupation was as a news-agent on railroads, which business he followed for three years. He learned the trade of a ship-calker, and was elected to the Presidency of the Ship-Carpenters' and Ship-Calkers' Association. While yet a young man he settled in Chicago and, in 1869, was appointed to a clerical position in the postoffice in that city; later, served as a letter-carrier, and as a member of the City Council (1876-84). In 1884 he was elected to Congress from the Second District, which he represented in that body for three successive terms. While serving his last year in Congress (1890) he was an unsuccessful candidate on the Democratic ticket for Sheriff of Cook County; in 1893 was an unsuccessful applicant for the Chicago postmastership, was defeated as an Independent-Democrat for Congress in 1894, but, in 1895, was elected Alderman for the Nineteenth Ward of the city of Chicago. Died, Jan. 17, 1896.

**LAWLER, (Gen.) Michael K.**, soldier, was born in County Kildare, Ireland, Nov. 16, 1814, brought to the United States in 1816, and, in 1819, to Gallatin County, Ill., where his father began

farming. The younger Lawler early evinced a military taste by organizing a military company in 1842, of which he served as Captain three or four years. In 1846 he organized a company for the Mexican War, which was attached to the Third Regiment Illinois Volunteers (Colonel Forman's), and, at the end of its term of enlistment, raised a company of cavalry, with which he served to the end of the war—in all, seeing two and a half years' service. He then resumed the peaceful life of a farmer; but, on the breaking out of the rebellion, again gave proof of his patriotism by recruiting the Eighteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry—the first regiment organized in the Eighteenth Congressional District—of which he was commissioned Colonel, entering into the three years' service in May, 1861. His regiment took part in most of the early engagements in Western Kentucky and Tennessee, including the capture of Fort Donelson, where it lost heavily, Colonel Lawler himself being severely wounded. Later, he was in command, for some time, at Jackson, Tenn., and, in November, 1862, was commissioned Brigadier-General "for gallant and meritorious service." He was also an active participant in the operations against Vicksburg, and was thanked on the field by General Grant for his service at the battle of Big Black, pronounced by Charles A. Dana (then Assistant Secretary of War) "one of the most splendid exploits of the war." After the fall of Vicksburg he took part in the siege of Jackson, Miss., and in the campaigns on the Teche and Red River, and in Texas, also being in command, for six months, at Baton Rouge, La. In March, 1865, he was brevetted Major-General, and mustered out, January, 1866, after a service of four years and seven months. He then returned to his Gallatin County farm, where he died, July 26, 1882.

**LAWLER, Thomas G.**, soldier and Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was born in Liverpool, Eng., April 7, 1844; was brought to Illinois by his parents in childhood, and, at 17 years of age, enlisted in the Nineteenth Illinois Volunteers, serving first as a private, then as Sergeant, later being elected First Lieutenant, and (although not mustered in, for two months) during the Atlanta campaign being in command of his company, and placed on the roll of honor by order of General Rosecrans. He participated in every battle in which his regiment was engaged, and, at the battle of Missionary Ridge, was the first man of his command over the enemy's works. After the war he became prominent as an officer

of the Illinois National Guard, organizing the Rockford Rifles, in 1876, and serving as Colonel of the Third Regiment for seven years; was appointed Postmaster at Rockford by President Hayes, but removed by Cleveland in 1885; re-appointed by Harrison and again displaced on the accession of Cleveland. He was one of the organizers of G. L. Nevius Post, G. A. R., of which he served as Commander twenty-six years; in 1882 was elected Department Commander for the State of Illinois and, in 1894, Commander-in-Chief, serving one year.

**LAWRENCE, Charles B.**, jurist, was born at Vergennes, Vt., Dec. 17, 1820. After two years spent at Middlebury College, he entered the junior class at Union College, graduating from the latter in 1841. He devoted two years to teaching in Alabama, and began reading law at Cincinnati in 1843, completing his studies at St. Louis, where he was admitted to the bar and began practice in 1844. The following year he removed to Quincy, Ill., where he was a prominent practitioner for ten years. The years 1856-58 he spent in foreign travel, with the primary object of restoring his impaired health. On his return home he began farming in Warren County, with the same end in view. In 1861 he accepted a nomination to the Circuit Court bench and was elected without opposition. Before the expiration of his term, in 1864, he was elected a Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court for the Northern Grand Division, and, in 1870, became Chief Justice. At this time his home was at Galesburg. Failing of a re-election in 1873, he removed to Chicago, and at once became one of the leaders of the Cook County bar. Although persistently urged by personal and political friends, to permit his name to be used in connection with a vacancy on the bench of the United States Supreme Court, he steadfastly declined. In 1877 he received the votes of the Republicans in the State Legislature for United States Senator against David Davis, who was elected. Died, at Decatur, Ala., April 9, 1883.

**LAWRENCE COUNTY**, one of the eastern counties in the "southern tier," originally a part of Edwards, but separated from the latter in 1821, and named for Commodore Lawrence. In 1900 its area was 360 square miles, and its population, 16,523. The first English speaking settlers seem to have emigrated from the colony at Vincennes, Ind. St. Francisville, in the southeastern portion, and Allison prairie, in the northeast, were favored by the American pioneers. Settlement was more or less desultory until after the

War of 1812. Game was abundant and the soil productive. About a dozen negro families found homes, in 1819, near Lawrenceville, and a Shaker colony was established about Charlottesville the same year. Among the best remembered pioneers are the families of Lautermann, Chubb, Kincaid, Buchanan and Laus—the latter having come from South Carolina. Toussaint Dubois, a Frenchman and father of Jesse K. Dubois, State Auditor (1857-64), was a large land proprietor at an early day, and his house was first utilized as a court house. The county is richer in historic associations than in populous towns. Lawrenceville, the county-seat, was credited with 865 inhabitants by the census of 1890. St. Francisville and Sumner are flourishing towns.

**LAWRENCEVILLE**, the county-seat of Lawrence County, is situated on the Embarras River, at the intersection of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern and the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railways, 9 miles west of Vincennes, Ind., and 139 miles east of St. Louis. It has a courthouse, four churches, a graded school and two weekly newspapers. Population (1890), 865; (1900), 1,300; (1903, est.), 1,600.

**LAWSON, Victor F.**, journalist and newspaper proprietor, was born in Chicago, of Scandinavian parentage, Sept. 9, 1850. After graduating at the Chicago High School, he prosecuted his studies at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and at Harvard University. In August, 1876, he purchased an interest in "The Chicago Daily News," being for some time a partner of Melville E. Stone, but became sole proprietor in 1888, publishing morning and evening editions. He reduced the price of the morning edition to one cent, and changed its name to "The Chicago Record." He has always taken a deep interest in the cause of popular education, and, in 1888, established a fund to provide for the distribution of medals among public school children of Chicago, the award to be made upon the basis of comparative excellence in the preparation of essays upon topics connected with American history.

**LEBANON**, a city in St. Clair County, situated on Silver Creek, and on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, 11 miles northeast of Belleville and 24 miles east of St. Louis; is located in an agricultural and coal-mining region. Its manufacturing interests are limited, a flouring mill being the chief industry of this character. The city has electric lights and electric trolley line connecting with Belleville and St. Louis; also has a bank, eight churches, two

newspapers and is an important educational center, being the seat of McKendree College, founded in 1828. Population (1890), 1,636; (1900), 1,812.

**LEE COUNTY**, one of the third tier of counties south of the Wisconsin State line; named for Richard Henry Lee of Revolutionary fame: area, 740 square miles; population (1900), 29,894. It was cut off from Ogle County, and separately organized in 1839. In 1840 the population was but little over 2,000. Charles F. Ingals, Nathan R. Whitney and James P. Dixon were the first County-Commissioners. Agriculture is the principal pursuit, although stone quarries are found here and there, notably at Ashton. The county-seat is Dixon, where, in 1828, one Ogee, a half-breed, built a cabin and established a ferry across the Rock River. In 1830, John Dixon, of New York, purchased Ogee's interest for \$1,800. Settlement and progress were greatly retarded by the Black Hawk War, but immigration fairly set in in 1838. The first court house was built in 1840, and the same year the United States Land Office was removed from Galena to Dixon, Colo., John Dement, an early pioneer, being appointed Receiver. Dixon was incorporated as a city in 1859, and, in 1900, had a population of 7,917.

**LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT.** (See *Apportionment, Legislative.*)

**LEGISLATURE.** (See *General Assemblies.*)

**LELAND**, a village of La Salle County, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, 29 miles southwest of Aurora. Population (1900), 634.

**LELAND, Edwin S.**, lawyer and Judge, was born at Dennysville, Me., August 28, 1812, and admitted to the bar at Dedham, Mass., in 1834. In 1835 he removed to Ottawa, Ill., and, in 1839, to Oregon, Ogle County, where he practiced for four years. Returning to Ottawa in 1843, he rapidly rose in his profession, until, in 1852, he was elected to the Circuit Court bench to fill the unexpired term of Judge T. Lyle Dickey, who had resigned. In 1866 Governor Oglesby appointed him Circuit Judge to fill the unexpired term of Judge Hollister. He was elected by popular vote in 1867, and re-elected in 1873, being assigned to the Appellate Court of the Second District in 1877. He was prominently identified with the genesis of the Republican party, whose tenets he zealously championed. He was also prominent in local affairs, having been elected the first Republican Mayor of Ottawa (1856), President of the Board of Education and County Treasurer. Died, June, 24, 1889.

**LEMEN, James, Sr.**, pioneer, was born in Berkeley County, Va., Nov. 20, 1760; served as a soldier

in the War of the Revolution, being present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown in 1781; in 1786 came to Illinois, settling at the village of New Design, near the present site of Waterloo, in Monroe County. He was a man of enterprise and sterling integrity, and ultimately became the head of one of the most prominent and influential families in Southern Illinois. He is said to have been the first person admitted to the Baptist Church by immersion in Illinois, finally becoming a minister of that denomination. Of a family of eight children, four of his sons became ministers. Mr. Lemen's prominence was indicated by the fact that he was approached by Aaron Burr, with offers of large rewards for his influence in founding that ambitious schemer's projected Southwestern Empire, but the proposals were indignantly rejected and the scheme denounced. Died, at Waterloo, Jan. 8, 1822.—**Robert (Lemen)**, oldest son of the preceding, was born in Berkeley County, Va., Sept. 25, 1783; came with his father to Illinois, and, after his marriage, settled in St. Clair County. He held a commission as magistrate and, for a time, was United States Marshal for Illinois under the administration of John Quincy Adams. Died in Ridge Prairie, St. Clair County, August 24, 1860.—**Rev. Joseph (Lemen)**, the second son, was born in Berkeley County, Va., Sept. 8, 1785, brought to Illinois in 1786, and, on reaching manhood, married Mary Kinney, a daughter of Rev. William Kinney, who afterwards became Lieutenant-Governor of the State. Joseph Lemen settled in Ridge Prairie, in the northern part of St. Clair County, and for many years supplied the pulpit of the Bethel Baptist church, which had been founded in 1809 on the principle of opposition to human slavery. His death occurred at his home, June 29, 1861.—**Rev. James (Lemen), Jr.**, the third son, was born in Monroe County, Ill., Oct. 8, 1787; early united with the Baptist Church and became a minister—assisting in the ordination of his father, whose sketch stands at the head of this article. He served as a Delegate from St. Clair County in the first State Constitutional Convention (1818), and as Senator in the Second, Fourth and Fifth General Assemblies. He also preached extensively in Illinois, Missouri, and Kentucky, and assisted in the organization of many churches, although his labors were chiefly within his own. Mr. Lemen was the second child of American parents born in Illinois—Enoch Moore being the first. Died, Feb. 8, 1870.—**William (Lemen)**, the fourth son, born in Monroe County, Ill., in 1791; served as a soldier in the Black Hawk War. Died in Monroe

County, in 1857.—**Rev. Josiah (Lemen)**, the fifth son, born in Monroe County, Ill., August 15, 1794; was a Baptist preacher. Died near Duquoin, July 11, 1867.—**Rev. Moses (Lemen)**, the sixth son, born in Monroe County, Ill., in 1797; became a Baptist minister early in life, served as Representative in the Sixth General Assembly (1828-30) for Monroe County. Died, in Montgomery County, Ill., March 5, 1859.

**LEMONT**, a city in Cook County, 25 miles southwest of Chicago, on the Des Plaines River and the Chicago & Alton Railroad. A thick vein of Silurian limestone (Athena marble) is extensively quarried here, constituting the chief industry. Owing to the number of industrial enterprises, Lemont is at times the temporary home of a large number of workmen. The city has a bank, electric lights, six churches, two papers, five public and four private schools, one business college, aluminum and concrete works. Population of the township (1890), 5,539; (1900), 4,441.

**LE MOYNE, John V.**, ex-Congressman, was born in Washington County, Pa., in 1828, and graduated from Washington College, Pa., in 1847. He studied law at Pittsburg, where he was admitted to the bar in 1852. He at once removed to Chicago, where he continued a permanent resident and active practitioner. In 1872 he was a candidate for Congress on the Liberal Republican ticket, but was defeated by Charles B. Farwell, Republican. In 1874 he was again a candidate against Mr. Farwell. Both claimed the election, and a contest ensued which was decided by the House in favor of Mr. Le Moyne.

**LENA**, a village in Stephenson County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 13 miles northwest of Freeport and 33 miles east of Galena. It is in a farming and dairying district, but has some manufactures, the making of caskets being the principal industry in this line. There are six churches, two banks, and two newspapers. Population (1890), 1,270; (1900), 1,252.

**LEONARD, Edward F.**, Railway President, was born in Connecticut in 1836; graduated from Union College, N. Y., was admitted to the bar and came to Springfield, Ill., in 1858; served for several years as clerk in the office of the State Auditor, was afterwards connected with the construction of the "St. Louis Short Line" (now a part of the Illinois Central Railway), and was private secretary of Governor Cullom during his first term. For several years he has been President of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad, with headquarters at Peoria.

**LEROY**, a city in McLean County, 15 miles southwest of Bloomington; has two banks, several churches, a graded school and a plow factory. Two weekly papers are published there. Population (1880), 1,068; (1890), 1,238; (1900), 1,629.

**LEVERETT**, Washington and Warren, educators and twin-brothers, whose careers were strikingly similar; born at Brookline, Mass., Dec. 19, 1805, and passed their boyhood on a farm; in 1827 began a preparatory course of study under an elder brother at Roxbury, Mass., entered Brown University as freshmen, the next year, and graduated in 1832. Warren, being in bad health, spent the following winter in South Carolina, afterwards engaging in teaching, for a time, and in study in Newton Theological Seminary, while Washington served as tutor two years in his Alma Mater and in Columbian College in Washington, D. C., then took a course at Newton, graduating there in 1836. The same year he accepted the chair of Mathematics in Shurtleff College at Upper Alton, remaining, with slight interruption, until 1868. Warren, after suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs, came west in the fall of 1837, and, after teaching for a few months at Greenville, Bond County, in 1839 joined his brother at Shurtleff College as Principal of the preparatory department, subsequently being advanced to the chair of Ancient Languages, which he continued to occupy until June, 1868, when he retired in the same year with his brother. After resigning he established himself in the book business, which was continued until his death, Nov. 8, 1872. Washington, the surviving brother, continued to be a member of the Board of Trustees of Shurtleff College, and to discharge the duties of Librarian and Treasurer of the institution. Died, Dec. 13, 1889.

**LEWIS INSTITUTE**, an educational institution based upon a bequest of Allen C. Lewis, in the city of Chicago, established in 1895. It maintains departments in law, the classics, preparatory studies and manual training, and owns property valued at \$1,600,000, with funds and endowment amounting to \$1,100,000. No report is made of the number of pupils.

**LEWIS, John H.**, ex-Congressman, was born in Tompkins County, N. Y., July 21, 1830. When six years old he accompanied his parents to Knox County, Ill., where he attended the public schools, read law, and was admitted to the bar in 1860. The same year he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of Knox County. In 1874 he was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly, and, in 1880, was the successful Repub-



hican candidate for Congress from the old Ninth District. In 1882, he was a candidate for reelection from the same district (then the Tenth), but was defeated by Nicholas E. Worthington, his Democratic opponent.

**LEWISTOWN**, the county-seat of Fulton County, located on two lines of railway, fifty miles southwest of Peoria and sixty miles northwest of Springfield. It contains flour and saw-mills, carriage and wagon, can-making, duplex-scales and evener factories, six churches and four newspapers, one issuing a daily edition; also excellent public schools. Population (1880), 1,771; (1890), 2,166; (1900), 2,504.

**LINGTON**, a city in McLean County, on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, 110 miles south of Chicago and 16 miles northeast of Bloomington. The surrounding region is agricultural and stock-raising, and the town has a flourishing trade in horses and other live-stock. Tile is manufactured here, and the town has two banks, five churches, a high school and two weekly newspapers. Population (1890), 1,187; (1900), 1,415.

**LIBERTYVILLE**, a village of Lake County, on the main line of the Chicago & Madison Division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, 35 miles north-northwest of Chicago. The region is agricultural. The town has some manufactures, two banks and a weekly paper. Population (1890), 550; (1900), 864.

**LIBRARIES.** (STATISTICAL).—A report of the Commissioner of Education for 1895-96, on the subject of "Public, Society and School Libraries in the United States," presents some approximate statistics of libraries in the several States, based upon the reports of librarians, so far as they could be obtained in reply to inquiries sent out from the Bureau of Education in Washington. As shown by the statistical tables embodied in this report, there were 348 libraries in Illinois reporting 300 volumes and over, of which 134 belonged to the smallest class noted, or those containing less than 1,000 volumes. The remaining 214 were divided into the following classes:

Containing 300,000 and less than 500,000 volumes	1
"    100,000    "    "    300,000    "	2
"    50,000    "    "    100,000    "	1
"    25,000    "    "    50,000    "	5
"    10,000    "    "    25,000    "	27
"    5,000    "    "    10,000    "	34
"    1,000    "    "    5,000    "	144

A general classification of libraries of 1,000 volumes and over, as to character, divides them into, General, 91; School, 36; College, 42; College Society, 7; Law, 3; Theological, 7; State, 2; Asy-

lum and Reformatory, 4; Young Men's Christian Association, 2; Scientific, 6; Historical, 3; Society, 8; Medical, Odd Fellows and Social, 1 each. The total number of volumes belonging to the class of 1,000 volumes and over was 1,822,580 with 447,168 pamphlets; and, of the class between 300 and 1,000 volumes, 66,992—making a grand total of 1,889,572 volumes. The library belonging to the largest (or 300,000) class, is that of the University of Chicago, reporting 305,000 volumes, with 180,000 pamphlets, while the Chicago Public Library and the Newberry Library belong to the second class, reporting, respectively, 217,065 volumes with 42,000 pamphlets, and 135,244 volumes and 35,654 pamphlets. (The report of the Chicago Public Library for 1898 shows a total, for that year, of 235,385 volumes and 44,069 pamphlets.)

As to sources of support or method of administration, 42 of the class reporting 1,000 volumes and over, are supported by taxation; 27, by appropriations by State, County or City; 20, from endowment funds; 54, from membership fees and dues; 16, from book-rents; 26, from donations, leaving 53 to be supported from sources not stated. The total income of 131 reporting on this subject is \$787,262; the aggregate endowment of 17 of this class is \$2,283,197, and the value of buildings belonging to 36 is estimated at \$2,981,575. Of the 214 libraries reporting 1,000 volumes and over, 88 are free, 28 are reference, and 158 are both circulating and reference.

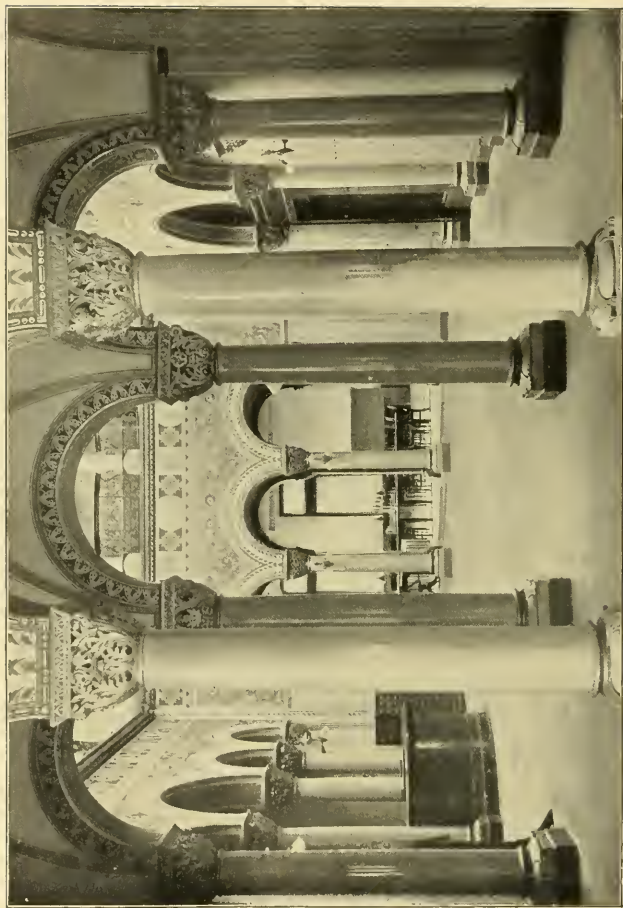
The free public libraries in the State containing 3,000 volumes and over, in 1896, amounted to 39. The following list includes those of this class containing 10,000 volumes and over:

Chicago, Public Library	(1896)	217,065
Peoria, " " "		57,604
Springfield, " " "		28,639
Rockford, " " "		28,000
Quincy, " " and Reading Room		19,400
Galesburg, " " "		18,469
Elgin, Gail Borden Public Library		17,000
Bloomington, Withers " "		16,068
Evanston, Free " "		15,515
Decatur, " " "		14,766
Belleville, " " "		14,511
Aurora, " " "		14,350
Rock Island, " " "		12,634
Joliet, " " "		22,325

The John Crerar Library (a scientific reference library)—established in the City of Chicago in 1894, on the basis of a bequest of the late John Crerar, estimated as amounting to fully \$3,000,000—is rapidly adding to its resources, having, in the four years of its history, acquired over 40,000 volumes. With its princely endowment,



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it is destined, in the course of a few years, to be reckoned one of the leading libraries of its class in the United States, as it is one of the most modern and carefully selected.

The Newberry and Chicago Historical Society Libraries fill an important place for reference purposes, especially on historical subjects. A tardy beginning has been made in building up a State Historical Library in Springfield; but, owing to the indifference of the Legislature and the meager support it has received, the State which was, for nearly a hundred years, the theater of the most important events in the development of the Mississippi Valley, has, as yet, scarcely accomplished anything worthy of its name in collecting and preserving the records of its own history.

In point of historical origin, next to the Illinois State Library, which dates from the admission of the State into the Union in 1818, the oldest library in the State is that of the McCormick Theological Seminary, which is set down as having had its origin in 1825, though this occurred in another State. The early State College Libraries follow next in chronological order: Shurtleff College, at Upper Alton, 1827; Illinois College, at Jacksonville, 1829; McKendree College, at Lebanon, 1834; Rockford College, 1849; Lombard University, at Galesburg, 1852. In most cases, however, these are simply the dates of the establishment of the institution, or the period at which instruction began to be given in the school which finally developed into the college.

The school library is constantly becoming a more important factor in the liberal education of the youth of the State. Adding to this the "Illinois Pupils' Reading Circle," organized by the State Teachers' Association some ten years ago, but still in the experimental stage, and the system of "traveling libraries," set on foot at a later period, there is a constant tendency to enlarge the range of popular reading and bring the public library, in some of its various forms, within the reach of a larger class.

**THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY LAW OF ILLINOIS.**  
—The following history and analysis of the Free Public Library Law of Illinois is contributed, for the "Historical Encyclopedia," by E. S. Willcox, Librarian of the Peoria Public Library:

The Library Law passed by the Legislature of Illinois in 1872 was the first broadly planned, comprehensive and complete Free Public Library Law placed on the statute book of any State in the Union. It is true, New Hampshire, in 1849, and Massachusetts, in 1851, had taken steps in this direction, with three or four brief sections of laws, permissive in their

character rather than directive, but lacking the vitalizing qualities of our Illinois law, in that they provided no sufficiently specific working method—no sailing directions—for starting and administering such free public libraries. They seem to have had no influence on subsequent library legislation, while, to quote the language of Mr. Fletcher in his "Public Libraries in America," "the wisdom of the Illinois law, in this regard, is probably the reason why it has been so widely copied in other States."

By this law of 1872 Illinois placed herself at the head of her sister States in encouraging the spread of general intelligence among the people; but it is also a record to be equally proud of, that, within less than five years after her admission to the Union, Dec. 3, 1818—that is, at the first session of her Third General Assembly—a general Act was passed and approved, Jan. 31, 1823, entitled: "An act to incorporate such persons as may associate for the purpose of procuring and erecting public libraries in this State," with the following preamble:

"WHEREAS, a disposition for improvement in useful knowledge has manifested itself in various parts of this State, by associating for procuring and erecting public libraries; and, whereas, it is of the utmost importance to the public that the sources of information should be multiplied, and institutions for that purpose encouraged and promoted; Sec. 1. Be it enacted," etc.

Then follow ten sections, covering five and a half pages of the published laws of that session, giving explicit directions as to the organizing and maintaining of such Associations, with provisions as enlightened and liberal as we could ask for to-day. The libraries contemplated in this act are, of course, subscription libraries, the only kind known at that time, free public libraries supported by taxation not having come into vogue in that early day.

It is the one vivifying quality of the Illinois law of 1872, that it showed how to start a free public library, how to manage it when started and how to provide it with the necessary funds. It furnished a full and minute set of sailing directions for the ship it launched, and, moreover, was not loaded down with useless limitations.

With a few exceptions—notably the Boston Public Library, working under a special charter, and an occasional endowed library, like the Astor Library—all public libraries in those days were subscription libraries, like the great Mercantile Libraries of New York, St. Louis and Cincinnati, with dues of from \$3 to \$10 from each member per year. With dues at \$4 a year, our Peoria Mercantile Library, at its best, never had over 286 members in any one year. Compare this with our present public membership of 6,500, and it will be seen that some kind of a free public library law was needed. That was the conclusion I, as one of the Directors of the Peoria Mercantile Library, came to in 1869. We had tried every expedient for years, in the way of lecture courses, concerts, spelling matches, "Drummer Boy of Shiloh," and begging, to increase our membership and revenue. So far, and no farther, seemed to be the rule with all subscription libraries. They did not reach the masses who needed them most. And, for this manifest rea-



son: the necessary cost of annual dues stood in the way; the women and young people who wanted something to read, who thirsted for knowledge, and who are the principal patrons of the free public library to-day, did not hold the family purse-strings; while the men, who did hold the purse-strings, did not particularly care for books.

It was my experience, derived as a Director in the Peoria Mercantile Library when it was still a small, struggling subscription library, that suggested the need of a State law authorizing cities and towns to tax themselves for the support of public libraries, as they already did for the support of public schools. When, in 1870, I submitted the plan to some of my friends, they pronounced it Quixotic—the people would never consent to pay taxes for libraries. To which I replied, that, until sometime in the '50's, we had no free public schools in this State.

I then drew up the form of a law, substantially as it now stands; and, after submitting it to Justin Winsor, then of the Boston Public Library; William F. Poole, then in Cincinnati, and William T. Harris, then in St. Louis, I placed it in the hands of my friend, Mr. Samuel Caldwell, in December, 1870, who took it with him to Springfield, promising to do what he could to get it through the Legislature, of which he was a member from Peoria. The bill was introduced by Mr. Caldwell, March 23, 1871, as House bill No. 563, and as House bill No. 563 it finally received the Governor's signature and became a law, March 7, 1872.

The essential features of our Illinois law are:

*I. The power of initiative in starting a free public library lies in the City Council, and not in an appeal to the voters of the city at a general election.*

It is a weak point in the English public libraries act that this initiative is left to the electors or voters of a city, and, in several London and provincial districts, the proposed law has been repeatedly voted down by the very people it was most calculated to benefit, from fear of a little extra taxation.

*II. The amount of tax to be levied is permissive, not mandatory.*

We can trust to the public spirit of our city authorities, supported by an intelligent public sentiment, to provide for the library needs. A mandatory law, requiring the levying of a certain fixed percentage of the city's total assessment, might invite extravagance, as it has in several instances where a mandatory law is in force.

*III. The Library Board has exclusive control of library appropriations.*

This is to be interpreted that Public Library Boards are separate and distinct departments of the city administration; and experience has shown that they are as capable and honest in handling money as School Boards or City Councils.

*IV. Library Boards consist of nine members to serve for three years.*

*V. The members of the Board are appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the City Council, from the citizens at large with reference to their fitness for such office.*

*VI. An annual report is to be made by the Board to the City Council, stating the condition of their trust on the first day of June of each year.*

This, with slight modifications adapting it to villages, towns and townships, is, in substance, the Free Public Library Law of Illinois. Under its beneficent operation flourishing free public libraries have been established in the principal cities and towns of our State—slowly, at first, but, of late years, more rapidly as their usefulness has become apparent.

No argument is now needed to show the importance—the imperative necessity—of the widest possible diffusion of intelligence among the people of a free State. Knowledge and ignorance—the one means civilization, the other, barbarism. Give a man the taste for good books and the means of gratifying it, and you can hardly fail of making him a better, happier man and a wiser citizen. You place him in contact with the best society in every period of history; you set before him nobler examples to imitate and safer paths to follow.

We have no way of foretelling how many and how great benefits will accrue to society and the State, in the future, from the comparatively modern introduction of the free public library into our educational system; but when some youthful Abraham Lincoln, poring over Æsop's Fables, Weems' Life of Washington and a United States History, by the flickering light of a pine-knot in a log-cabin, rises at length to be the hope and bulwark of a nation, then we learn what the world may owe to a taste for books. In the general spread of intelligence through our free schools, our free press and our free libraries, lies our only hope that our free American institutions shall not decay and perish from the earth.

"Knowledge is the only good, ignorance the only evil."

"Let knowledge grow from more to more."

#### LIEUTENANT-GOVERNORS OF ILLINOIS.

The office of Lieutenant-Governor, created by the Constitution of 1818, has been retained in each of the subsequent Constitutions, being elective by the people at the same time with that of Governor. The following is a list of the Lieutenant-Governors of the State, from the date of its admission into the Union to the present time (1899), with the date and length of each incumbent's term: Pierre Menard, 1818-22; Adolphus Frederick Hubbard, 1822-26; William Kinney, 1826-30; Zadoc Casey, 1830-33; William Lee D. Ewing (succeeded to the office as President of the Senate), 1833-34; Alexander M. Jenkins, 1834-36; William H. Davidson (as President of the Senate), 1836-38; Stinson H. Anderson, 1838-42; John Moore, 1842-46; Joseph B. Wells, 1846-49; William McMurry, 1849-53; Gustavus Koerner, 1853-57; John Wood, 1857-60; Thomas A. Marshall (as President of the Senate), Jan. 7-14, 1861; Francis A. Hoffmau, 1861-65; William Bross, 1865-69; John Dougherty, 1869-73; John L.

Beveridge, Jan. 13-23, 1873; John Early (as President of the Senate), 1873-75; Archibald A. Glenn (as President of the Senate), 1875-77; Andrew Shuman, 1877-81; John M. Hamilton, 1881-83; William J. Campbell (as President of the Senate), 1883-85; John C. Smith, 1885-89; Lyman B. Ray, 1889-93; Joseph B. Gill, 1893-97; William A. Northcott, 1897 —.

**LIMESTONE.** Illinois ranks next to Pennsylvania in its output of limestone, the United States Census Report for 1890 giving the number of quarries as 104, and the total value of the product as \$2,190,604. In the value of stone used for building purposes Illinois far exceeds any other State, the greater proportion of the output in Pennsylvania being suitable only for flux. Next to its employment as building stone, Illinois limestone is chiefly used for street-work, a small percentage being used for flux, and still less for bridge-work, and but little for burning into lime. The quarries in this State employ 3,383 hands, and represent a capital of \$3,316,616, in the latter particular also ranking next to Pennsylvania. The quarries are found in various parts of the State, but the most productive and most valuable are in the northern section.

**LINCOLN**, an incorporated city, and county-seat of Logan County, at the intersection of the Chicago & Alton, the Champaign and Havana and the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville Divisions of the Illinois Central Railroad; is 28 miles northeast of Springfield, and 157 miles southwest of Chicago. The surrounding country is devoted to agriculture, stock-raising and coal-mining. Considerable manufacturing is carried on, among the products being flour, brick and drain tile. The city has water-works, fire department, gas and electric lighting plant, telephone system, machine shops, eighteen churches, good schools, three national banks, a public library, electric street railways, and several newspapers. Besides possessing good schools, it is the seat of Lincoln University (a Cumberland Presbyterian institution, founded in 1865). The Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home and the Illinois (State) Asylum for Feeble-Minded Children are also located here. Population (1890), 6,725; (1900), 8,962; (1903, est.), 12,000.

**LINCOLN**, Abraham, sixteenth President of the United States, was born in Hardin County, Ky., Feb. 12, 1809, of Quaker-English descent, his grandfather having emigrated from Virginia to Kentucky about 1780, where he was killed by the Indians in 1784. Thomas Lincoln, the father of Abraham, settled in Indiana in 1816, and removed

to Macon County in 1830. Abraham was the issue of his father's first marriage, his mother's maiden name being Nancy Hanks. The early occupations of the future President were varied. He served at different times as farm-laborer, flat-boatman, country salesman, merchant, surveyor, lawyer, State legislator, Congressman and President. In 1832 he enlisted for the Black Hawk War, and was chosen Captain of his company, was an unsuccessful candidate for the Legislature the same year, but elected two years later. About this time he turned his attention to the study of law, was admitted to the bar in 1836, and, one year later, began practice at Springfield. By successive re-elections he served in the House until 1842, when he declined a re-election. In 1838, and again in 1840, he was the Whig candidate for Speaker of the House, on both occasions being defeated by William L. D. Ewing. In 1841 he was an applicant to President William Henry Harrison for the position of Commissioner of the General Land Office, the appointment going to Justin Butterfield. His next official position was that of Representative in the Thirtieth Congress (1847-49). From that time he gave his attention to his profession until 1855, when he was a leading candidate for the United States Senate in opposition to the principles of the Nebraska Bill, but failed of election, Lyman Trumbull being chosen. In 1856, he took a leading part in the organization of the Republican party at Bloomington, and, in 1858, was formally nominated by the Republican State Convention for the United States Senate, later engaging in a joint debate with Senator Douglas on party issues, during which they delivered speeches at seven different cities of the State. Although he again failed to secure the prize of an election, owing to the character of the legislative apportionment then in force, which gave a majority of the Senators and Representatives to a Democratic minority of the voters, his burning, incisive utterances on the subject of slavery attracted the attention of the whole country, and prepared the way for the future triumph of the Republican party. Previous to this he had been four times (1840, '44, '52, and '56) on the ticket of his party as candidate for Presidential Elector. In 1860, he was the nominee of the Republican party for the Presidency and was chosen by a decisive majority in the Electoral College, though receiving a minority of the aggregate popular vote. Unquestionably his candidacy was aided by internal dissensions in the Democratic party. His election and his inauguration (on March 4, 1861) were

made a pretext for secession, and he met the issue with promptitude and firmness, tempered with kindness and moderation towards the secessionists. He was re-elected to the Presidency in 1864, the vote in the Electoral College standing 212 for Lincoln to 21 for his opponent, Gen. George B. McClellan. The history of Mr. Lincoln's life in the Presidential chair is the history of the whole country during its most dramatic period. Next to his success in restoring the authority of the Government over the whole Union, history will, no doubt, record his issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation of January, 1863, as the most important and far-reaching act of his administration. And yet to this act, which has embalmed his memory in the hearts of the lovers of freedom and human justice in all ages and in all lands, the world over, is due his death at the hands of the assassin, J. Wilkes Booth, in Washington City, April 15, 1865, as the result of an assault made upon him in Ford's Theater the evening previous—his death occurring one week after the fall of Richmond and the surrender of Lee's army—just as peace, with the restoration of the Union, was assured. A period of National mourning ensued, and he was accorded the honor of a National funeral, his remains being finally laid to rest in a mausoleum in Springfield. His profound sympathy with every class of sufferers during the War of the Rebellion; his forbearance in the treatment of enemies; his sagacity in giving direction to public sentiment at home and in dealing with international questions abroad; his courage in preparing the way for the removal of slavery—the bone of contention between the warring sections—have given him a place in the affections of the people beside that of Washington himself, and won for him the respect and admiration of all civilized nations.

**LINCOLN, Robert Todd**, lawyer, member of the Cabinet and Foreign Minister, the son of Abraham Lincoln, was born in Springfield, Ill., August 1, 1843, and educated in the home schools and at Harvard University, graduating from the latter in 1864. During the last few months of the Civil War, he served on the staff of General Grant with the rank of Captain. After the war he studied law and, on his admission to the bar, settled in Chicago, finally becoming a member of the firm of Lincoln & Isham. In 1880, he was chosen a Presidential Elector on the Republican ticket, and, in March following, appointed Secretary of War by President Garfield, serving to the close of the term. In 1889 he became Minister to England by appointment of President Harrison,

gaining high distinction as a diplomatist. This was the last public office held by him. After the death of George M. Pullman he became Acting President of the Pullman Palace Car Company, later being formally elected to that office, which (1899) he still holds. Mr. Lincoln's name has been frequently mentioned in connection with the Republican nomination for the Presidency, but its use has not been encouraged by him.

**LINCOLN AND DOUGLAS DEBATE**, a name popularly given to a series of joint discussions between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas, held at different points in the State during the summer and autumn of 1858, while both were candidates for the position of United States Senator. The places and dates of holding these discussions were as follows: At Ottawa, August 21; at Freeport, August 27; at Jonesboro, Sept. 15; at Charleston, Sept. 18; at Galesburg, Oct. 7; at Quincy, Oct. 13; at Alton, Oct. 15. Immense audiences gathered to hear these debates, which have become famous in the political history of the Nation, and the campaign was the most noted in the history of any State. It resulted in the securing by Douglas of a re-election to the Senate; but his answers to the shrewdly-couched interrogatories of Lincoln led to the alienation of his Southern following, the disruption of the Democratic party in 1860, and the defeat of his Presidential aspirations, with the placing of Mr. Lincoln prominently before the Nation as a sagacious political leader, and his final election to the Presidency.

**LINCOLN UNIVERSITY**, an institution located at Lincoln, Logan County, Ill., incorporated in 1865. It is co-educational, has a faculty of eleven instructors and, for 1896-8, reports 209 pupils—ninety-one male and 118 female. Instruction is given in the classics, the sciences, music, fine arts and preparatory studies. The institution has a library of 3,000 volumes, and reports funds and endowment amounting to \$60,000, with property valued at \$55,000.

**LINDER, Usher F.**, lawyer and politician, was born in Elizabethtown, Hardin County, Ky. (ten miles from the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln), March 20, 1809; came to Illinois in 1835, finally locating at Charleston, Coles County; after traveling the circuit a few months was elected Representative in the Tenth General Assembly (1836), but resigned before the close of the session to accept the office of Attorney-General, which he held less than a year and a half, when he resigned that also. Again, in 1846, he was elected to the Fifteenth General Assembly and re-elected to the

Sixteenth and Seventeenth, afterwards giving his attention to the practice of his profession. Mr. Linder, in his best days, was a fluent speaker with some elements of eloquence which gave him a wide popularity as a campaign orator. Originally a Whig, on the dissolution of that party he became a Democrat, and, in 1860, was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Charleston, S. C., and at Baltimore. During the last four years of his life he wrote a series of articles under the title of "Reminiscences of the Early Bench and Bar of Illinois," which was published in book form in 1876. Died in Chicago, June 5, 1876.

**LINERAR, David T.**, legislator, was born in Ohio, Feb. 12, 1830; came to Spencer County, Ind., in 1840, and to Wayne County, Ill., in 1858, afterward locating at Cairo, where he served as Postmaster during the Civil War; was a Republican Presidential Elector in 1872, but afterwards became a Democrat, and served as such in the lower branch of the General Assembly (1880-86). Died at Cairo, Feb. 2, 1886.

**LIPPINCOTT, Charles E.**, State Auditor, was born at Edwardsville, Ill., Jan. 26, 1825; attended Illinois College at Jacksonville, but did not graduate; in 1849 graduated from the St. Louis Medical College, and began the practice of medicine at Chandlerville, Cass County. In 1852 he went to California, remaining there five years, taking an active part in the anti-slavery contest, and serving as State Senator (1853-55). In 1857, having returned to Illinois, he resumed practice at Chandlerville, and, in 1861, under authority of Governor Yates, recruited a company which was attached to the Thirty-third Illinois Infantry as Company K, and of which he was commissioned Captain, having declined the lieutenant-colonelcy. Within twelve months he became Colonel, and, on Sept. 16, 1865, was mustered out as brevet Brigadier-General. In 1866 he reluctantly consented to lead the Republican forlorn hope as a candidate for Congress in the (then) Ninth Congressional District, largely reducing the Democratic majority. In 1867 he was elected Secretary of the State Senate, and the same year chosen Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives at Washington. In 1868 he was elected State Auditor, and re-elected in 1872; also served as Permanent President of the Republican State Convention of 1878. On the establishment of the Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, he became its first Superintendent, assuming his duties in March, 1887, but died Sept. 13, following, as a result of injuries received from a runaway team

while driving through the grounds of the institution a few days previous. — **Emily Webster Chandler** (Lippincott), wife of the preceding, was born March 13, 1833, at Chandlerville, Cass County, Ill., the daughter of Dr. Charles Chandler, a prominent physician widely known in that section of the State; was educated at Jacksonville Female Academy, and married, Dec. 25, 1851, to Dr. (afterwards General) Charles E. Lippincott. Soon after the death of her husband, in September, 1887, Mrs. Lippincott, who had already endeared herself by her acts of kindness to the veterans in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, was appointed Matron of the institution, serving until her death, May 21, 1895. The respect in which she was held by the old soldiers, to whose comfort and necessities she had ministered in hospital and elsewhere, was shown in a most touching manner at the time of her death, and on the removal of her remains to be laid by the side of her husband, in Oak Ridge Cemetery at Springfield.

**LIPPINCOTT, (Rev.) Thomas**, early clergyman, was born in Salem, N. J., in 1791; in 1817 started west, arriving in St. Louis in February, 1818; the same year established himself in mercantile business at Milton, then a place of some importance near Alton. This place proving unhealthy, he subsequently removed to Edwardsville, where he was for a time employed as clerk in the Land Office. He afterwards served as Secretary of the Senate (1822-23). That he was a man of education and high intelligence, as well as a strong opponent of slavery, is shown by his writings, in conjunction with Judge Samuel D. Lockwood, George Churchill and others, in opposition to the scheme for securing the adoption of a pro-slavery Constitution in Illinois in 1824. In 1825 he purchased from Hooper Warren "The Edwardsville Spectator," which he edited for a year or more, but soon after entered the ministry of the Presbyterian Church and became an influential factor in building up that denomination in Illinois. He was also partly instrumental in securing the location of Illinois College at Jacksonville. He died at Pana, Ill., April 13, 1869. Gen. Charles E. Lippincott, State Auditor (1869-77) was a son of the subject of this sketch.

**LIQUOR LAWS.** In the early history of the State, the question of the regulation of the sale of intoxicants was virtually relegated to the control of the local authorities, who granted license, collected fees, and fixed the tariff of charges. As early as 1851, however, the General Assembly, with a view to mitigating what it was felt had



became a growing evil, enacted a law popularly known as the "quart law," which, it was hoped, would do away with the indiscriminate sale of liquor by the glass. The law failed to meet the expectation of its framers and supporters, and, in 1855, a prohibitory law was submitted to the electors, which was rejected at the polls. Since that date a general license system has prevailed, except in certain towns and cities where prohibitory ordinances were adopted. The regulations governing the traffic, therefore, have been widely variant in different localities. The Legislature, however, has always possessed the same constitutional power to regulate the sale of intoxicants, as aconite, henbane, strychnine, or other poisons. In 1879 the Woman's Christian Temperance Union began the agitation of the license question from a new standpoint. In March of that year, a delegation of Illinois women, headed by Miss Frances E. Willard, presented to the Legislature a monster petition, signed by 80,000 voters and 100,000 women, praying for the amendment of the State Constitution, so as to give females above the age of 21 the right to vote upon the granting of licenses in the localities of their residences. Miss Willard and Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, of Iowa, addressed the House in its favor, and Miss Willard spoke to the Senate on the same lines. The measure was defeated in the House by a vote of fifty-five to fifty-three, and the Senate took no action. In 1881 the same bill was introduced anew, but again failed of passage. Nevertheless, persistent agitation was not without its results. In 1883 the Legislature enacted what is generally termed the "High License Law," by the provisions of which a minimum license of \$500 per annum was imposed for the sale of alcoholic drinks, and \$150 for malt liquors, with the authority on the part of municipalities to impose a still higher rate by ordinance. This measure was made largely a partisan issue, the Republicans voting almost solidly for it, and the Democrats almost solidly opposing it. The bill was promptly signed by Governor Hamilton. The liquor laws of Illinois, therefore, at the present time are based upon local option, high license and local supervision. The criminal code of the State contains the customary provisions respecting the sale of stimulants to minors and other prohibited parties, or at forbidden times, but, in the larger cities, many of the provisions of the State law are rendered practically inoperative by the municipal ordinances, or absolutely nullified by the indifference or studied neglect of the local officials.

**LITCHFIELD**, the principal city of Montgomery County, at the intersection of Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, the Wabash and the Illinois Central, with three other short-line railways, 43 miles south of Springfield and 47 miles northeast of St. Louis. The surrounding country is fertile, undulating prairie, in which are found coal, oil and natural gas. A coal mine is operated within the corporate limits. Grain is extensively raised, and Litchfield has several elevators, flouring mills, a can factory, briquette works, etc. The output of the manufacturing establishments also includes foundry and machine shop products, brick and tile, brooms, ginger ale and cider. The city is lighted by both gas and electricity, and has a Holly water-works system, a public library and public parks, two banks, twelve churches, high and graded schools, and an Ursuline convent, a Catholic hospital, and two monthly, two weekly, and two daily periodicals. Population (1890), 5,811; (1900), 5,918; (1903, est.), 7,000.

**LITCHFIELD, CARROLLTON & WESTERN RAILROAD**, a line which extends from Columbiana, on the Illinois River, to Barnett, Ill., 51.5 miles; is of standard gauge, the track being laid with fifty-six pound steel rails. It was opened for business, in three different sections, from 1883 to 1887, and for three years was operated in connection with the Jacksonville Southeastern Railway. In May, 1890, the latter was sold under foreclosure, and, in November, 1893, the Litchfield, Carrollton & Western reverted to the former owners. Six months later it passed into the hands of a receiver, by whom (up to 1898) it has since been operated. The general offices are at Carlinville.

**LITTLE**, George, merchant and banker, was born in Columbia, Pa., in 1808; came to Rushville, Ill., in 1836, embarking in the mercantile business, which he prosecuted sixty years. In 1865 he established the Bank of Rushville, of which he was President, in these two branches of business amassing a large fortune. Died, March 5, 1896.

**LITTLE VERMILION RIVER** rises in Vermilion County, Ill., and flows eastwardly into Indiana, emptying into the Wabash in Vermilion County, Ind.

**LITTLE WABASH RIVER**, rises in Effingham and Cumberland Counties, flows east and south through Clay, Wayne and White, and enters the Wabash River about 8 miles above the mouth of the latter. Its estimated length is about 180 miles.

**LITTLER, David T.**, lawyer and State Senator, was born at Clifton, Greene County, Ohio, Feb. 7, 1836; was educated in the common schools in his native State and, at twenty-one, removed to Lincoln, Ill., where he worked at the carpenter's trade for two years, meanwhile studying law. He was admitted to the bar in 1860, soon after was elected a Justice of the Peace, and later appointed Master in Chancery. In 1866 he was appointed by President Johnson Collector of Internal Revenue for the Eighth District, but resigned in 1868, removing to Springfield the same year, where he entered into partnership with the late Henry S. Greene, Milton Hay being admitted to the firm soon after, the partnership continuing until 1881. In 1882 Mr. Littler was elected Representative in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly from Sangamon County, was re-elected in 1886, and returned to the Senate in 1894, serving in the latter body four years. In both Houses Mr. Littler took a specially prominent part in legislation on the revenue question.

**LIVERMORE, Mary Ashton**, reformer and philanthropist, was born (Mary Ashton Rice) in Boston, Mass., Dec. 10, 1821; taught for a time in a female seminary in Charlestown, and spent two years as a governess in Southern Virginia; later married Rev. Daniel P. Livermore, a Universalist minister, who held pastorates at various places in Massachusetts and at Quincy, Ill., becoming editor of "The New Covenant" at Chicago, in 1857. During this time Mrs. Livermore wrote much for denominational papers and in assisting her husband; in 1862 was appointed an agent, and traveled extensively in the interest of the United States Sanitary Commission, visiting hospitals and camps in the Mississippi Valley; also took a prominent part in the great Northwestern Sanitary Fair at Chicago in 1863. Of late years she has labored and lectured extensively in the interest of woman suffrage and temperance, besides being the author of several volumes, one of these being "Pen Pictures of Chicago" (1865). Her home is in Boston.

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY**, situated about midway between Chicago and Springfield. The surface is rolling toward the east, but is level in the west; area, 1,026 square miles; population (1900), 42,035, named for Edward Livingston. It was organized in 1837, the first Commissioners being Robert Brockenridge, Jonathan Moon and Daniel Rockwood. Pontiac was selected as the county-seat, the proprietors donating ample lands and \$3,000 in cash for the erection of public buildings. Vermilion River and Indian Creek are the prin-

cipal streams. Coal underlies the entire county, and shafts are in successful operation at various points. It is one of the chief agricultural counties of the State, the yield of oats and corn being large. Stock-raising is also extensively carried on. The development of the county really dates from the opening of the Chicago & Alton Railroad in 1854, since which date it has been crossed by numerous other lines. Pontiac, the county-seat, is situated on the Vermilion, is a railroad center and the site of the State Reform School. Its population in 1890 was 2,784. Dwight has attained a wide reputation as the seat of the parent "Keeley" Institute for the cure of the liquor habit.

**LOCKPORT**, a village in Will County, laid out in 1837 and incorporated in 1853; situated 33 miles southwest of Chicago, on the Des Plaines River, the Illinois & Michigan Canal, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and the Chicago & Alton Railroads. The surrounding region is agricultural; limestone is extensively quarried. Manufactures are flour, oatmeal, brass goods, paper and strawboard. It has ten churches, a public and high school, parochial schools, a bank, gas plant, electric car lines, and one weekly paper. The controlling works of the Chicago Drainage Canal and offices of the Illinois & Michigan Canal are located here. Population (1890), 2,449; (1900), 2,659.

**LOCKWOOD, Samuel Drake**, jurist, was born at Poundridge, Westchester County, N. Y., August 2, 1789, left fatherless at the age of ten, after a few months at a private school in New Jersey, he went to live with an uncle (Francis Drake) at Waterford, N. Y., with whom he studied law, being admitted to the bar at Batavia, N. Y., in 1811. In 1813 he removed to Auburn, and later became Master in Chancery. In 1818 he descended the Ohio River upon a flat-boat in company with William H. Brown, afterwards of Chicago, and walking across the country from Shawneetown, arrived at Kaskaskia in December, but finally settled at Carmi, where he remained a year. In 1821 he was elected Attorney-General of the State, but resigned the following year to accept the position of Secretary of State, to which he was appointed by Governor Coles, and which he filled only three months, when President Monroe made him Receiver of Public Moneys at Edwardsville. About the same time he was also appointed agent of the First Board of Canal Commissioners. The Legislature of 1824-25 elected him Judge of the Supreme Court, his service extending until the adoption

of the Constitution of 1848, which he assisted in framing as a Delegate from Morgan County. In 1851 he was made State Trustee of the Illinois Central Railroad, which office he held until his death. He was always an uncompromising antagonist of slavery and a leading supporter of Governor Coles in opposition to the plan to secure a pro-slavery Constitution in 1824. His personal and political integrity was recognized by all parties. From 1828 to 1853 Judge Lockwood was a citizen of Jacksonville, where he proved himself an efficient friend and patron of Illinois College, serving for over a quarter of a century as one of its Trustees, and was also influential in securing several of the State charitable institutions there. His later years were spent at Batavia, where he died, April 23, 1874, in the 85th year of his age.

**LODA**, a village of Iroquois County, on the Chicago Division of the Illinois Central Railway, 4 miles north of Paxton. The region is agricultural, and the town has considerable local trade. It also has a bank and one weekly paper. Population (1880), 635; (1890), 593; (1900), 668.

**LOGAN**, Cornelius Ambrose, physician and diplomatist, born at Deerfield, Mass., August 6, 1836, the son of a dramatist of the same name; was educated at Auburn Academy and served as Medical Superintendent of St. John's Hospital, Cincinnati, and, later, as Professor in the Hospital at Leavenworth, Kan. In 1873 he was appointed United States Minister to Chili, afterwards served as Minister to Guatemala, and again (1881) as Minister to Chili, remaining until 1883. He was for twelve years editor of "The Medical Herald," Leavenworth, Kan., and edited the works of his relative, Gen. John A. Logan (1886), besides contributing to foreign medical publications and publishing two or three volumes on medical and sanitary questions. Resides in Chicago.

**LOGAN, John**, physician and soldier, was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, Dec. 30, 1809; at six years of age was taken to Missouri, his family settling near the Grand Tower among the Shawnee and Delaware Indians. He began business as clerk in a New Orleans commission house, but returning to Illinois in 1830, engaged in the blacksmith trade for two years; in 1831 enlisted in the Ninth Regiment Illinois Militia and took part in the Indian troubles of that year and the Black Hawk War of 1832, later being Colonel of the Forty-fourth Regiment State Militia. At the close of the Black Hawk War he settled in Carlinville, and having graduated in medicine,

engaged in practice in that place until 1861. At the beginning of the war he raised a company for the Seventh Illinois Volunteers, but the quota being already full, it was not accepted. He was finally commissioned Colonel of the Thirty-second Illinois Volunteers, and reported to General Grant at Cairo, in January, 1862, a few weeks later taking part in the battles of Forts Henry and Donelson. Subsequently he had command of the Fourth Division of the Army of the Tennessee under General Hurlbut. His regiment lost heavily at the battle of Shiloh, he himself being severely wounded and compelled to leave the field. In December, 1864, he was discharged with the brevet rank of Brigadier-General. In 1866 Colonel Logan was appointed by President Johnson United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois, serving until 1870, when he resumed the practice of his profession at Carlinville. Originally a Democrat, he became a Republican on the organization of that party, serving as a delegate to the first Republican State Convention at Bloomington in 1856. He was a man of strong personal characteristics and an earnest patriot. Died at his home at Carlinville, August 24, 1885.

**LOGAN, John Alexander**, soldier and statesman, was born at old Brownsville, the original county-seat of Jackson County, Ill., Feb. 9, 1826, the son of Dr. John Logan, a native of Ireland and an early immigrant into Illinois, where he attained prominence as a public man. Young Logan volunteered as a private in the Mexican War, but was soon promoted to a lieutenancy, and afterwards became Quartermaster of his regiment. He was elected Clerk of Jackson County in 1849, but resigned the office to prosecute his law studies. Having graduated from Louisville University in 1851, he entered into partnership with his uncle, Alexander M. Jenkins; was elected to the Legislature as a Democrat in 1852, and again in 1856, having been Prosecuting Attorney in the interim. He was chosen a Presidential Elector on the Democratic ticket in 1856, was elected to Congress in 1858, and again in 1860, as a Douglas Democrat. During the special session of Congress in 1861, he left his seat, and fought in the ranks at Bull Run. In September, 1861, he organized the Thirty-first Regiment Illinois Infantry, and was commissioned by Governor Yates its Colonel. His military career was brilliant, and he rapidly rose to be Major-General. President Johnson tendered him the mission to Mexico, which he declined. In 1866 he was elected as a Republican to Con-

gress for the State-at-large, and acted as one of the managers in the impeachment trial of the President; was twice re-elected and, in 1871, was chosen United States Senator, as he was again in 1879. In 1884 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Presidential nomination at the Republican Convention in Chicago, but was finally placed on the ticket for the Vice-Presidency with James G. Blaine, the ticket being defeated in November following. In 1885 he was again elected Senator, but died during his term at Washington, Dec. 26, 1886. General Logan was the author of "The Great Conspiracy" and of "The Volunteer Soldier of America." In 1897 an equestrian statue was erected to his memory on the Lake Front Park in Chicago.

**LOGAN, Stephen Trigg**, eminent Illinois jurist, was born in Franklin County, Ky., Feb. 24, 1800; studied law at Glasgow, Ky., and was admitted to the bar before attaining his majority. After practicing in his native State some ten years, in 1832 he emigrated to Illinois, settling in Sangamon County, one year later opening an office at Springfield. In 1835 he was elevated to the bench of the First Judicial Circuit; resigned two years later, was re-commissioned in 1839, but again resigned. In 1842, and again in 1844 and 1846, he was elected to the General Assembly; also served as a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1847. Between 1841 and 1844 he was a partner of Abraham Lincoln. In 1854 he was again chosen a member of the lower house of the Legislature, was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1860, and, in 1861, was commissioned by Governor Yates to represent Illinois in the Peace Conference, which assembled in Washington. Soon afterward he retired to private life. As an advocate his ability was widely recognized. Died at Springfield, July 17, 1880.

**LOGAN COUNTY**, situated in the central part of the State, and having an area of about 620 square miles. Its surface is chiefly a level or moderately undulating prairie, with some high ridges, as at Elkhart. Its soil is extremely fertile and well drained by numerous creeks. Coal-mining is successfully carried on. The other staple products are corn, wheat, oats, hay, cattle and pork. Settlers began to locate in 1819-22, and the county was organized in 1839, being originally cut off from Sangamon. In 1840 a portion of Tazewell was added and, in 1845, a part of De Witt County. It was named in honor of Dr. John Logan, father of Senator John A. Logan. Postville was the first county-seat, but,

in 1847, a change was made to Mount Pulaski, and, later, to Lincoln, which is the present capital. Population (1890), 25,489; (1900), 28,680.

**LOMBARD**, a village of Dupage County, on the Chicago & Great Western and the Chicago & Northwestern Railways. Population (1880), 378; (1890), 515; (1900), 590.

**LOMBARD UNIVERSITY**, an institution at Galesburg under control of the Universalist denomination, founded in 1851. It has preparatory, collegiate and theological departments. The collegiate department includes both classical and scientific courses, with a specially arranged course of three years for young women, who constitute nearly half the number of students. The University has an endowment of \$200,000, and owns additional property, real and personal, of the value of \$100,000. In 1898 it reported a faculty of thirteen professors, with an attendance of 191 students.

**LONDON MILLS**, a village and railway station of Fulton County, on the Fulton Narrow Gauge and Iowa Central Railroads, 19 miles southeast of Galesburg. The district is agricultural; the town has two banks and a weekly newspaper; fine brick clay is mined. Pop. (1900), 528.

**LONG, Stephen Harriman**, civil engineer, was born in Hopkinton, N. H., Dec. 30, 1784; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1809, and, after teaching some years, entered the United States Army in December, 1814, as a Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, acting as Assistant Professor of Mathematics at West Point; in 1816 was transferred to the Topographical Engineers with the brevet rank of Major. From 1818 to 1823 he had charge of explorations between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains, and, in 1823-24, to the sources of the Mississippi. One of the highest peaks of the Rocky Mountains was named in his honor. Between 1827 and 1830 he was employed as a civil engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and from 1837 to 1840, as Engineer-in-Chief of the Western & Atlantic Railroad, in Georgia, where he introduced a system of curves and a new kind of truss bridge afterwards generally adopted. On the organization of the Topographical Engineers as a separate corps in 1838, he became Major of that body, and, in 1861, chief, with the rank of Colonel. An account of his first expedition to the Rocky Mountains (1819-20) by Dr. Edwin James, was published in 1823, and the following year appeared "Long's Expedition to the Source of St. Peter's River, Lake of the Woods, Etc." He was a member of the American Philosophical Society and the author of the



first original treatise on railroad building ever published in this country, under the title of "Railroad Manual" (1829). During the latter days of his life his home was at Alton, Ill., where he died, Sept. 4, 1864. Though retired from active service in June, 1863, he continued in the discharge of important duties up to his death.

**LONGENECKER, JOEL M.**, lawyer, was born in Crawford County, Ill., June 12, 1847; before reaching his eighteenth year he enlisted in the Fifth Illinois Cavalry, serving until the close of the war. After attending the high school at Robinson and teaching for some time, he began the study of law and was admitted to the bar at Olney in 1870; served two years as City Attorney and four (1877-81) as Prosecuting Attorney, in the latter year removing to Chicago. Here, in 1884, he became the assistant of Luther Ladin Mills in the office of Prosecuting Attorney of Cook County, retaining that position with Mr. Mills' successor, Judge Grinnell. On the promotion of the latter to the bench, in 1886, Mr. Longenecker succeeded to the office of Prosecuting Attorney, continuing in that position until 1892. While in this office he conducted a large number of important criminal cases, the most important, perhaps, being the trial of the murderers of Dr. Cronin, in which he gained a wide reputation for skill and ability as a prosecutor in criminal cases.

**LOOMIS, (Rev.) Hubbell**, clergyman and educator, was born in Colchester, Conn., May 31, 1775; prepared for college in the common schools and at Plainfield Academy, in his native State, finally graduating at Union College, N. Y., in 1799—having supported himself during a considerable part of his educational course by manual labor and teaching. He subsequently studied theology, and, for twenty-four years, served as pastor of a Congregational church at Willington, Conn., meanwhile fitting a number of young men for college, including among them Dr. Jared Sparks, afterwards President of Harvard College and author of numerous historical works. About 1829 his views on the subject of baptism underwent a change, resulting in his uniting himself with the Baptist Church. Coming to Illinois soon after, he spent some time at Kaskaskia and Edwardsville, and, in 1832, located at Upper Alton, where he became a prominent factor in laying the foundation of Shurtleff College, first by the establishment of the Baptist Seminary, of which he was the Principal for several years, and later by assisting, in 1835, to secure the charter of the college in which the seminary was merged. His name stood first on

the list of Trustees of the new institution, and, in proportion to his means, he was a liberal contributor to its support in the period of its infancy. The latter years of his life were spent among his books in literary and scientific pursuits. Died at Upper Alton, Dec. 15, 1872, at the advanced age of nearly 98 years.—A son of his—**Prof. Elias Loomis**—an eminent mathematician and naturalist, was the author of "Loomis' Algebra" and other scientific text-books, in extensive use in the colleges of the country. He held professorships in various institutions at different times, the last being that of Natural Philosophy and Astronomy in Yale College, from 1860 up to his death in 1889.

**LORIMER, William**, Member of Congress, was born in Manchester, England, of Scotch parentage, April 27, 1861; came with his parents to America at five years of age, and, after spending some years in Michigan and Ohio, came to Chicago in 1870, where he entered a private school. Having lost his father by death at twelve years of age, he became an apprentice in the sign-painting business; was afterwards an employé on a street-railroad, finally engaging in the real-estate business and serving as an appointee of Mayor Roche and Mayor Washburne in the city water department. In 1893 he was the Republican nominee for Clerk of the Superior Court, but was defeated. Two years later he was elected to the Fifty-fourth Congress from the Second Illinois District, and re-elected in 1896, as he was again in 1898. His plurality in 1896 amounted to 26,736 votes.

**LOUISVILLE**, the county-seat of Clay County; situated on the Little Wabash River and on the Springfield Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad. It is 100 miles south-southeast of Springfield and 7 miles north of Flora; has a courthouse, three churches, a high school, a savings bank and two weekly newspapers. Population (1890), 637; (1900), 646.

**LOUISVILLE, EVANSVILLE & NEW ALBANY RAILROAD.** (See *Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis* (Consolidated) Railroad.)

**LOUISVILLE, EVANSVILLE & ST. LOUIS (Consolidated) RAILROAD.** The length of this entire line is 358.55 miles, of which nearly 150 miles are operated in Illinois. It crosses the State from East St. Louis to Mount Carmel, on the Wabash River. Within Illinois the system uses a single track of standard gauge, laid with steel rails on white-oak ties. The grades are usually light, although, as the line leaves the Mississippi bottom, the gradient is about two per cent or 105.6 feet per mile. The total capitalization

(1898) was \$18,236,246, of which \$4,247,909 was in stock and \$10,568,350 in bonds.—(HISTORY.) The original corporation was organized in both Indiana and Illinois in 1869, and the Illinois section of the line opened from Mount Carmel to Albion (18 miles) in January, 1873. The Indiana division was sold under foreclosure in 1876 to the Louisville, New Albany & St. Louis Railway Company, while the Illinois division was reorganized in 1878 under the name of the St. Louis, Mount Carmel & New Albany Railroad. A few months later the two divisions were consolidated under the name of the former. In 1881 this line was again consolidated with the Evansville, Rockport & Eastern Railroad (of Indiana), taking the name of the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Railroad. In 1889, by a still further consolidation, it absorbed several short lines in Indiana and Illinois—those in the latter State being the Illinois & St. Louis Railroad and Coal Company, the Belleville, Centralia & Eastern (projected from Belleville to Mount Vernon) and the Venice & Carondelet—the new organization assuming the present name—Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis (Consolidated) Railroad.

**LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD**, a corporation operating an extensive system of railroads, chiefly south of the Ohio River and extending through Kentucky and Tennessee into Indiana. The portion of the line in Illinois (known as the St. Louis, Evansville & Nashville line) extends from East St. Louis to the Wabash River, in White County (133.64 miles), with branches from Belleville to O'Fallon (6.07 miles), and from McLeansboro to Shawneetown (40.7 miles)—total, 180.41 miles. The Illinois Division, though virtually owned by the operating line, is formally leased from the Southeast & St. Louis Railway Company, whose corporate existence is merely nominal. The latter company acquired title to the property after foreclosure in November, 1880, and leased it in perpetuity to the Louisville & Nashville Company. The total earnings and income of the leased line in Illinois, for 1898, were \$1,052,789, and the total expenditures (including \$47,198 taxes) were \$657,125.

**LOUISVILLE & ST. LOUIS RAILWAY.** (See *Jacksonville & St. Louis Railway.*)

**LOVEJOY, Elijah Parish**, minister and anti-slavery journalist, was born at Albion, Maine, Nov. 9, 1802—the son of a Congregational minister. He graduated at Waterville College in 1826, came west and taught school in St. Louis in 1827, and became editor of a Whig paper there in 1829. Later, he studied theology at Princeton

and was licensed as a Presbyterian minister in 1833. Returning to St. Louis, he started "The Observer"—a religious weekly, which condemned slave-holding. Threats of violence from the pro-slavery party induced him to remove his paper, presses, etc., to Alton, in July, 1836. Three times within twelve months his plant was destroyed by a mob. A fourth press having been procured, a number of his friends agreed to protect it from destruction in the warehouse where it was stored. On the evening of Nov. 7, 1837, a mob, having assembled about the building, sent one of their number to the roof to set it on fire. Lovejoy, with two of his friends, stepped outside to reconnoiter, when he was shot down by parties in ambush, breathing his last a few minutes later. His death did much to strengthen the anti-slavery sentiment north of Mason and Dixon's line. His party regarded him as a martyr, and his death was made the text for many impassioned and effective appeals in opposition to an institution which employed mobocracy and murder in its efforts to suppress free discussion. (See *Alton Riots.*)

**LOVEJOY, Owen**, clergyman and Congressman, was born at Albion, Maine, Jan. 6, 1811. Being the son of a clergyman of small means, he was thrown upon his own resources, but secured a collegiate education, graduating at Bowdoin College. In 1836 he removed to Alton, Ill., joining his brother, Elijah Parish Lovejoy, who was conducting an anti-slavery and religious journal there, and whose assassination by a pro-slavery mob he witnessed the following year. (See *Alton Riots* and *Elijah P. Lovejoy.*) This tragedy induced him to devote his life to a crusade against slavery. Having previously begun the study of theology, he was ordained to the ministry and officiated for several years as pastor of a Congregational church at Princeton. In 1847 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Constitutional Convention on the "Liberty" ticket, but, in 1854, was elected to the Legislature upon that issue, and earnestly supported Abraham Lincoln for United States Senator. Upon his election to the Legislature he resigned his pastorate at Princeton, his congregation presenting him with a solid silver service in token of their esteem. In 1856 he was elected a Representative in Congress by a majority of 7,000, and was re-elected for three successive terms. As an orator he had few equals in the State, while his courage in the support of his principles was indomitable. In the campaigns of 1856, '58 and '60 he rendered valuable service to the Republican party, as he

did later in upholding the cause of the Union in Congress. He died in Brooklyn, N. Y., March 25, 1864.

**LOVINGTON**, a village of Moultrie County, on the Terre Haute-Peoria branch of the Vandalia Line and the Bement & Altamont Division of the Wabash Railway, 23 miles southeast of Decatur. The town has two banks, a newspaper, water-works, electric lights, telephones and volunteer fire department. Pop. (1890), 767; (1900), 815.

**LUDLAM, (Dr.) Reuben**, physician and author, was born at Camden, N. J., Oct. 11, 1831, the son of Dr. Jacob Watson Ludlam, an eminent physician who, in his later years, became a resident of Evanston, Ill. The younger Ludlam, having taken a course in an academy at Bridgeton, N. J., at sixteen years of age entered upon the study of medicine with his father, followed by a course of lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated, in 1852. Having removed to Chicago the following year, he soon after began an investigation of the homeopathic system of medicine, which resulted in its adoption, and, a few years later, had acquired such prominence that, in 1859, he was appointed Professor of Physiology and Pathology in the newly established Hahnemann Medical College in the city of Chicago, with which he continued to be connected for nearly forty years. Besides serving as Secretary of the institution at its inception, he had, as early as 1854, taken a position as one of the editors of "The Chicago Homeopath," later being editorially associated with "The North American Journal of Homoeopathy," published in New York City, and "The United States Medical and Surgical Journal" of Chicago. He also served as President of numerous medical associations, and, in 1877, was appointed by Governor Cullom a member of the State Board of Health, serving, by two subsequent reappointments, for a period of fifteen years. In addition to his labors as a lecturer and practitioner, Dr. Ludlam was one of the most prolific authors on professional lines in the city of Chicago, besides numerous monographs on special topics, having produced a "Course of Clinical Lectures on Diphtheria" (1863); "Clinical and Didactic Lectures on the Diseases of Women" (1871), and a translation from the French of "Lectures on Clinical Medicine" (1880). The second work mentioned is recognized as a valuable text-book, and has passed through seven or eight editions. A few years after his first connection with the Hahnemann Medical College, Dr. Ludlam became Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and, on the

death of President C. S. Smith, was chosen President of the institution. Died suddenly from heart disease, while preparing to perform a surgical operation on a patient in the Hahnemann Medical College, April 29, 1899.

**LUNDY, Benjamin**, early anti-slavery journalist, was born in New Jersey of Quaker parentage; at 19 worked as a saddler at Wheeling, Va., where he first gained a practical knowledge of the institution of slavery; later carried on business at Mount Pleasant and St. Clairsville, O., where, in 1815, he organized an anti-slavery association under the name of the "Union Humane Society," also contributing anti-slavery articles to "The Philanthropist," a paper published at Mount Pleasant. Removing to St. Louis, in 1819, he took a deep interest in the contest over the admission of Missouri as a slave State. Again at Mount Pleasant, in 1821, he began the issue of "The Genius of Universal Emancipation," a monthly, which he soon removed to Jonesborough, Tenn., and finally to Baltimore in 1824, when it became a weekly. Mr. Lundy's trend towards colonization is shown in the fact that he made two visits (1825 and 1829) to Hayti, with a view to promoting the colonization of emancipated slaves in that island. Visiting the East in 1828, he made the acquaintance of William Lloyd Garrison, who became a convert to his views and a firm ally. The following winter he was assaulted by a slave-dealer in Baltimore and nearly killed; soon after removed his paper to Washington and, later, to Philadelphia, where it took the name of "The National Enquirer," being finally merged into "The Pennsylvania Freeman." In 1838 his property was burned by the pro-slavery mob which fired Pennsylvania Hall, and, in the following winter, he removed to Lowell, La Salle Co., Ill., with a view to reviving his paper there, but the design was frustrated by his early death, which occurred August 22, 1839. The paper however, was revived by Zebina Eastman under the name of "The Genius of Liberty," but was removed to Chicago, in 1842, and issued under the name of "The Western Citizen." (See *Eastman, Zebina.*)

**LUNT, Orrington**, capitalist and philanthropist, was born in Bowdoinham, Maine, Dec. 24, 1815; came to Chicago in 1842, and engaged in the grain commission business, becoming a member of the Board of Trade at its organization. Later, he became interested in real estate operations, fire and life insurance and in railway enterprises, being one of the early promoters of the Chicago & Galena Union, now a part of the

Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. He also took an active part in municipal affairs, and during the War, was an efficient member of the "War Finance Committee." A liberal patron of all moral and benevolent enterprises, as shown by his coöperation with the "Relief and Aid Society" after the fire of 1871, and his generous benefactions to the Young Men's Christian Association and feeble churches, his most efficient service was rendered to the cause of education as represented in the Northwestern University, of which he was a Trustee from its organization, and much of the time an executive officer. To his noble benefaction the institution owes its splendid library building, erected some years ago at a cost of \$100,000. In the future history of Chicago, Mr. Lunt's name will stand beside that of J. Young Scammon, Walter L. Newberry, John Crerar, and others of its most liberal benefactors. Died, at his home in Evanston, April 5, 1897.

**LUSK, John T.**, pioneer, was born in South Carolina, Nov. 7, 1784; brought to Kentucky in 1791 by his father (James Lusk), who established a ferry across the Ohio, opposite the present town of Golconda, in Pope County, Ill. Lusk's Creek, which empties into the Ohio in that vicinity, took its name from this family. In 1805 the subject of this sketch came to Madison County, Ill., and settled near Edwardsville. During the War of 1812-14 he was engaged in the service as a "Ranger." When Edwardsville began its growth, he moved into the town and erected a house of hewn logs, a story and a half high and containing three rooms, which became the first hotel in the town and a place of considerable historical note. Mr. Lusk held, at different periods, the positions of Deputy Circuit Clerk, County Clerk, Recorder and Postmaster, dying, Dec. 22, 1857.

**LUTHERANS, The.** While this sect in Illinois, as elsewhere, is divided into many branches, it is a unit in accepting the Bible as the only infallible rule of faith, in the use of Luther's small Catechism in instruction of the young, in the practice of infant baptism and confirmation at an early age, and in acceptance of the Augsburg Confession. Services are conducted, in various sections of the country, in not less than twelve different languages. The number of Lutheran ministers in Illinois exceeds 400, who preach in the English, German, Danish, Swedish, Finnish and Hungarian tongues. The churches over which they preside recognize allegiance to eight distinct ecclesiastical bodies, denominated synods, as follows: The Northern, South-

ern, Central and Warburg Synods of the General Synod; the Illinois-Missouri District of the Synodical Conference; the Synod for the Norwegian Evangelical Church; the Swedish-Augustana, and the Indiana Synod of the General Council. To illustrate the large proportion of the foreign element in this denomination, reference may be made to the fact that, of sixty-three Lutheran churches in Chicago, only four use the English language. Of the remainder, thirty-seven make use of the German, ten Swedish, nine Norwegian and three Danish. The whole number of communicants in the State, in 1892, was estimated at 90,000. The General Synod sustains a German Theological Seminary in Chicago. (See also *Religious Denominations*.)

**LYONS**, a village of Cook County, 12 miles southwest of Chicago. Population (1880), 486; (1890), 732; (1900), 951.

**MACALISTER & STEBBINS BONDS**, the name given to a class of State indebtedness incurred in the year 1841, through the hypothecation, by John D. Whiteside (then Fund Commissioner of the State of Illinois), with Messrs. Macalister & Stebbins, brokers of New York City, of 804 interest bearing bonds of \$1,000 each, payable in 1865, upon which the said Macalister & Stebbins advanced to the State \$261,560.83. This was done with the understanding that the firm would make further advances sufficient to increase the aggregate to forty per cent of the face value of the bonds, but upon which no further advances were actually made. In addition to these, there were deposited with the same firm, within the next few months, with a like understanding, internal improvement bonds and State scrip amounting to \$109,215.44—making the aggregate of State securities in their hands \$913,215.44, upon which the State had received only the amount already named—being 28.64 per cent of the face value of such indebtedness. Attempts having been made by the holders of these bonds (with whom they had been hypothecated by Macalister & Stebbins), to secure settlement on their par face value, the matter became the subject of repeated legislative acts, the most important of which were passed in 1847 and 1849—both reciting, in their respective preambles, the history of the transaction. The last of these provided for the issue to Macalister & Stebbins of new bonds, payable in 1865, for the amount of principal and interest of the sum actually advanced and found to be due, conditioned upon the surrender, by them, of the original bonds and other



evidences of indebtedness received by them in 1841. This the actual holders refused to accept, and brought the case before the Supreme Court in an effort to compel the Governor (who was then *ex-officio* Fund Commissioner) to recognize the full face of their claim. This the Supreme Court refused to do, on the ground that, the executive being a co-ordinate branch of the Government, they had no authority over his official acts. In 1859 a partial refunding of these bonds, to the amount of \$114,000, was obtained from Governor Bissell, who, being an invalid, was probably but imperfectly acquainted with their history and previous legislation on the subject. Representations made to him led to a suspension of the proceeding, and, as the bonds were not transferable except on the books of the Funding Agency in the office of the State Auditor, they were treated as illegal and void, and were ultimately surrendered by the holders on the basis originally fixed, without loss to the State. In 1865 an additional act was passed requiring the presentation, for payment, of the portion of the original bonds still outstanding, on pain of forfeiture, and this was finally done.

**MACK**, Alonzo W., legislator, was born at Moretown, Vt., in 1822; at 16 years of age settled at Kalamazoo, Mich., later began the study of medicine and graduated at Laporte, Ind., in 1844. Then, having removed to Kankakee, Ill., he adopted the practice of law; in 1858 was elected Representative, and, in 1860 and '64, to the Senate, serving through five continuous sessions (1858-68). In 1862 he assisted in organizing the Seventy-sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, of which he was commissioned Colonel, but resigned, in January following, to take his seat in the Senate. Colonel Mack, who was a zealous friend of Governor Yates, was one of the leading spirits in the establishment of "The Chicago Republican," in May, 1865, and was its business manager the first year of its publication, but disagreeing with the editor, Charles A. Dana, both finally retired. Colonel Mack then resumed the practice of law in Chicago, dying there, Jan. 4, 1871.

**MACKINAW**, the first county-seat of Tazewell County, at intersection of two railroad lines, 18 miles southeast of Peoria. The district is agricultural and stock-raising. There are manufactures of farm implements, pressed brick, harness, wagons and carriages, also a State bank and a weekly paper. Population (1890), 545; (1900), 859.

**MAC MILLAN**, Thomas C., Clerk of United States District Court, was born at Stranraer, Scotland, Oct. 4, 1850; came with his parents, in

1857, to Chicago, where he graduated from the High School and spent some time in the Chicago University; in 1873 became a reporter on "The Chicago Inter Ocean;" two years later accompanied an exploring expedition to the Black Hills and, in 1875-76, represented that paper with General Crook in the campaign against the Sioux. After an extended tour in Europe, he assumed charge of the "Curiosity Shop" department of "The Inter Ocean," served on the Cook County Board of Education and as a Director of the Chicago Public Library, besides eight years in the General Assembly—1885-89 in the House and 1889-93 in the Senate. In January, 1896, Mr. MacMillan was appointed Clerk of the United States District Court at Chicago. He has been a Trustee of Illinois College since 1886, and, in 1885, received the honorary degree of A.M. from that institution.

**MACOMB**, the county-seat of McDonough County, situated on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 59 miles northeast of Quincy, 39 miles southwest of Galesburg. The principal manufactures are sewer-pipes, drain-tile, pottery, and school-desk castings. The city has interurban electric car line, banks, nine churches, high school and four newspapers; is the seat of Western Illinois State Normal School, and Western Preparatory School and Business College. Population (1890), 4,052; (1900), 5,375.

**MACON**, a village in Macon County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 10 miles south by west of Decatur. Macon County is one of the most fertile in the corn belt, and the city is an important shipping-point for corn. It has wagon and cigar factories, four churches, a graded school, and a weekly paper. Population (1890), 819; (1900), 705.

**MACON COUNTY**, situated near the geographical center of the State. The census of 1900 gave its area as 580 square miles, and its population, 44,003. It was organized in 1829, and named for Nathaniel Macon, a revolutionary soldier and statesman. The surface is chiefly level prairie, although in parts there is a fair growth of timber. The county is well drained by the Sangamon River and its tributaries. The soil is that high grade of fertility which one might expect in the corn belt of the central portion of the State. Besides corn, oats, rye and barley are extensively cultivated, while potatoes, sorghum and wool are among the products. Decatur is the county-seat and principal city in the heart of a rich agricultural region. Maroa, in the northern part of the county, enjoys considerable local trade.

**MACOUPIN COUNTY**, a south-central county, with an area of 864 square miles and a population

of 42,256 in 1900. The word Maconpin is of Indian derivation, signifying "white potato." The county, originally a part of Madison, and later of Greene, was separately organized in 1829, under the supervision of Seth Hodges, William Wilcox and Theodorus Davis. The first court house (of logs) was erected in 1830. It contained but two rooms, and in pleasant weather juries were wont to retire to a convenient grove to deliberate upon their findings. The surface of the county is level, with narrow belts of timber following the course of the streams. The soil is fertile, and both corn and wheat are extensively raised. While agriculture is the chief industry in the south, stock-raising is successfully carried on in the north. Carlinville is the county-seat and Bunker Hill, Stanton, Virden and Girard the other principal towns.

**MAC VEAGH**, Franklin, merchant, lawyer and politician, was born on a farm in Chester County, Pa., graduated from Yale University in 1862, and, two years later, from Columbia Law School, New York. He was soon compelled to abandon practice on account of ill-health, and removed to Chicago, in September, 1865, where he embarked in business as a wholesale grocer. In 1874 he was chosen President of the Volunteer Citizens' Association, which inaugurated many important municipal reforms. He was thereafter repeatedly urged to accept other offices, among them the mayoralty, but persistently refused until 1894, when he accepted a nomination for United States Senator by a State Convention of the Democratic Party. He made a thorough canvass of the State, but the Republicans having gained control of the Legislature, he was defeated. He is the head of one of the most extensive wholesale grocery establishments in the city of Chicago.

**MADISON COUNTY**, situated in the southwest division of the State, and bordering on the Mississippi River. Its area is about 740 square miles. The surface of the county is hilly along the Mississippi bluffs, but generally either level or only slightly undulating in the interior. The "American Bottom" occupies a strip of country along the western border, four to six miles wide, as far north as Alton, and is exceptionally fertile. The county was organized in 1812, being the first county set off from St. Clair County after the organization of Illinois Territory, in 1809, and the third within the Territory. It was named in honor of James Madison, then President of the United States. At that time it embraced substantially the whole of the northern part of the

State, but its limits were steadily reduced by excisions until 1843. The soil is fertile, corn, wheat, oats, hay, and potatoes being raised and exported in large quantities. Coal seams underlie the soil, and carboniferous limestone crops out in the neighborhood of Alton. American settlers began first to arrive about 1800, the Judys, Gillhams and Whitesides being among the first, generally locating in the American Bottom, and laying the foundation for the present county. In the early history of the State, Madison County was the home of a large number of prominent men who exerted a large influence in shaping its destiny. Among these were Governor Edwards, Governor Coles, Judge Samuel D. Lockwood, and many more whose names are intimately interwoven with State history. The county-seat is at Edwardsville, and Alton is the principal city. Population (1890), 51,535; (1900), 64,694.

**MAGRUDER**, Benjamin D., Justice of the Supreme Court, was born near Natchez, Miss., Sept. 27, 1838; graduated from Yale College in 1856, and, for three years thereafter, engaged in teaching in his father's private academy at Baton Rouge, La., and in reading law. In 1859 he graduated from the law department of the University of Louisiana, and the same year opened an office at Memphis, Tenn. At the outbreak of the Civil War, his sympathies being strongly in favor of the Union, he came North, and, after visiting relatives at New Haven, Conn., settled at Chicago, in June, 1861. While ever radically loyal, he refrained from enlisting or taking part in political discussions during the war, many members of his immediate family being in the Confederate service. He soon achieved and easily maintained a high standing at the Chicago bar; in 1868 was appointed Master in Chancery of the Superior Court of Cook County, and, in 1865, was elected to succeed Judge T. Lyle Dickey on the bench of the Supreme Court, being re-elected for a full term of nine years in 1888, and again in 1897. He was Chief Justice in 1891-92.

**MAKANDA**, a village of Jackson County, on the Illinois Central Railway, 49 miles north of Cairo, in South Pass, in spur of Ozark Mountains. It is in the midst of a rich fruit-growing region, large amounts of this product being shipped there and at Cobden. The place has a bank and a weekly paper. Population (1900), 528.

**MALTBY**, Jasper A., soldier, was born in Ash-tabula County, Ohio, Nov. 3, 1836, served as a private in the Mexican War and was severely wounded at Chapultepec. After his discharge he

established himself in the mercantile business at Galena, Ill.; in 1861 entered the volunteer service as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Forty-fifth Illinois Infantry, was wounded at Fort Donelson, promoted Colonel in November, 1862, and wounded a second time at Vicksburg; commissioned Brigadier-General in August, 1863; served through the subsequent campaigns of the Army of the Tennessee, and was mustered out, January, 1866. Later, he was appointed by the commander of the district Mayor of Vicksburg, dying in that office, Dec. 12, 1867.

**MANCHESTER**, a town of Scott County, on the Jacksonville Division of the Chicago & Alton Railway, 16 miles south of Jacksonville; has some manufactures of pottery. Population (1890), 408; (1900), 430.

**MANIERE, George**, early Chicago lawyer and jurist, born of Huguenot descent, at New London, Conn., in 1817. Bereft of his father in 1831, his mother removed to New York City, where he began the study of law, occasionally contributing to "The New York Mirror," then one of the leading literary periodicals of the country. In 1835 he removed to Chicago, where he completed his professional studies and was admitted to the bar in 1839. His first office was a deputyship in the Circuit Clerk's office; later, he was appointed Master in Chancery, and served one term as Alderman and two terms as City Attorney. While filling the latter office he codified the municipal ordinances. In 1855 he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court and re-elected in 1861 without opposition. Before the expiration of his second term he died, May 21, 1863. He held the office of School Commissioner from 1844 to 1852, during which time, largely through his efforts, the school system was remodeled and the impaired school fund placed in a satisfactory condition. He was one of the organizers of the Union Defense Committee in 1861, a member of the first Board of Regents of the (old) Chicago University, and prominently connected with several societies of a semi-public character. He was a polished writer and was, for a time, in editorial control of "The Chicago Democrat."

**MANX, James R.**, lawyer and Congressman, was born on a farm near Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 20, 1856, whence his father moved to Iroquois County in 1867; graduated at the University of Illinois in 1876 and at the Union College of Law in Chicago, in 1881, after which he established himself in practice in Chicago, finally becoming the head of the law firm of Mann, Hayes & Miller; in 1888 was elected Attorney of the village of Hyde Park

and, after the annexation of that municipality to the city of Chicago, in 1892 was elected Alderman of the Thirty-second Ward, and re-elected in 1894, while in the City Council becoming one of its most prominent members; in 1894, served as Temporary Chairman of the Republican State Convention at Peoria, and, in 1895, as Chairman of the Cook County Republican Convention. In 1896 he was elected, as a Republican, to the Fifty-fifth Congress, receiving a plurality of 28,459 over the Free Silver Democratic candidate, and 26,907 majority over all. In 1898 he was a candidate for re-election, and was again successful, by over 17,000 plurality, on a largely reduced vote. Other positions held by Mr. Mann, previous to his election to Congress, include those of Master in Chancery of the Superior Court of Cook County and General Attorney of the South Park Commissioners of the city of Chicago.

**MANN, Orrin L.**, lawyer and soldier, was born in Geauga County, Ohio, and, in his youth, removed to the vicinity of Ann Arbor, Mich., where he learned the blacksmith trade, but, being compelled to abandon it on account of an injury, in 1851 began study with the late Dr. Hinman, then in charge of the Wesleyan Female College, at Albion, Mich. Dr. Hinman having, two years later, become President of the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Mr. Mann accompanied his preceptor to Chicago, continuing his studies for a time, but later engaging in teaching; in 1856 entered the University of Michigan, but left in his junior year. In 1860 he took part in the campaign which resulted in the election of Lincoln; early in the following spring had made arrangements to engage in the lumber-trade in Chicago, but abandoned this purpose at the firing on Fort Sumter; then assisted in organizing the Thirty-ninth Regiment Illinois Volunteers (the "Yates Phalanx"), which having been accepted after considerable delay, he was chosen Major. The regiment was first assigned to duty in guarding the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, but afterwards took part in the first battle of Winchester and in operations in North and South Carolina. Having previously been commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel, Major Mann was now assigned to court-martial duty at Newbern and Hilton Head. Later, he participated in the siege of Forts Wagner and Gregg, winning a brevet Brigadier-Generalship for meritorious service. The Thirty-ninth, having "veteranized" in 1864, was again sent east, and being assigned to the command of Gen. B. F. Butler, took part in the battle of Bermuda

Hundreds, where Colonel Mann was seriously wounded, necessitating a stay of several months in hospital. Returning to duty, he was assigned to the staff of General Ord, and later served as Provost Marshal of the District of Virginia, with headquarters at Norfolk, being finally mustered out in December, 1865. After the war he engaged in the real estate and loan business, but, in 1866, was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the Chicago District, serving until 1868, when he was succeeded by General Corse. Other positions held by him have been: Representative in the Twenty-ninth General Assembly (1874-76), Coroner of Cook County (1878-80), and Sheriff (1880-82). General Mann was injured by a fall, some years since, inducing partial paralysis.

**MANNING, Joel**, first Secretary of the Illinois & Michigan Canal Commissioners, was born in 1793, graduated at Union College, N. Y., in 1818, and came to Southern Illinois at an early day, residing for a time at Brownsville, Jackson County, where he held the office of County-Clerk. In 1836 he was practicing law, when he was appointed Secretary of the first Board of Commissioners of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, remaining in office until 1845. He continued to reside at Lockport, Will County, until near the close of his life, when he removed to Joliet, dying there, Jan. 8, 1869.

**MANNING, Julius**, lawyer, was born in Canada, near Chateaugay, N. Y., but passed his earlier years chiefly in the State of New York, completing his education at Middlebury College, Vt.; in 1839 came to Knoxville, Ill., where he served one term as County Judge and two terms (1842-46) as Representative in the General Assembly. He was also a Democratic Presidential Elector in 1848. In 1853 he removed to Peoria, where he was elected, in 1861, a Delegate to the State Constitutional Convention of the following year. Died, at Knoxville, July 4, 1862.

**MANSFIELD**, a village of Piatt County, at the intersection of the Peoria Division of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and the Chicago Division of the Wabash Railways, 32 miles southeast of Bloomington. It is in the heart of a rich agricultural region; has one newspaper. Population (1890), 533; (1900), 708.

**MANTENO**, a village of Kankakee County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 47 miles south of Chicago; a shipping point for grain, livestock, small fruits and dairy products; has one newspaper. Population (1880), 633; (1890), 627; (1900), 932.

**MAQUON**, a village of Knox County, on the Peoria Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, 16 miles southeast of Galesburg. The region is agricultural. The town has banks and a weekly paper. Population (1880), 548; (1890), 501, (1900), 475.

**MARCY, (Dr.) Oliver**, educator, was born in Coleraine, Mass., Feb. 13, 1820; received his early education in the grammar schools of his native town, graduating, in 1842, from the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn. He early manifested a deep interest in the natural sciences and became a teacher in an academy at Wilbraham, Mass., where he remained until 1862, meanwhile making numerous trips for geologic investigation. One of these was made in 1849, overland, to Puget Sound, for the purpose of securing data for maps of the Pacific Coast, and settling disputed questions as to the geologic formation of the Rocky Mountains. During this trip he visited San Francisco, making maps of the mountain regions for the use of the Government. In 1862 he was called to the professorship of Natural History in the Northwestern University, at Evanston, remaining there until his death. The institution was then in its infancy, and he taught mathematics in connection with his other duties. From 1890 he was Dean of the faculty. He received the degree of LL.D. from the University of Chicago in 1876. Died, at Evanston, March 19, 1899.

**MAREDOSIA (MARAIS de OGEE)**, a peculiar depression (or slough) in the southwestern part of Whiteside County, connecting the Mississippi and Rock Rivers, through which, in times of freshets, the former sometimes discharges a part of its waters into the latter. On the other hand, when Rock River is relatively higher, it sometimes discharges through the same channel into the Mississippi. Its general course is north and south.—**Cat-Tail Slough**, a similar depression, runs nearly parallel with the Maredosia, at a distance of five or six miles from the latter. The highest point in the Maredosia above low water in the Mississippi is thirteen feet, and that in the Cat-Tail Slough is twenty-six feet. Each is believed, at some time, to have served as a channel for the Mississippi.

**MARENGO**, a city of McHenry County, settled in 1835, incorporated as a town in 1857 and, as a city, in 1893; lies 68 miles northwest of Chicago, on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. It is in the heart of a dairying and fruit-growing district; has a foundry, stove works, condensed milk plant, canning factory, water-works, elec-



tric lights, has six churches, good schools and two weekly newspapers. Population (1880), 1,264; (1890), 1,445; (1900), 2,005.

**MARINE**, a village of Madison County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 27 miles northeast of St. Louis. Several of its earliest settlers were sea captains from the East, from whom the "Marine Settlement" obtained its name. Population (1880) 774; (1890), 637; (1900), 666.

**MARION**, the county-seat of Williamson County, 172 miles southeast of Springfield, on the Illinois Central and Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroads; in agricultural and coal region; has cotton and woolen mills, electric cars, water-works, ice and cold-storage plant, dry pressed brick factory, six churches, a graded school, and three newspapers. Pop. (1890), 1,338; (1900), 2,510.

**MARION COUNTY**, located near the center of the southern half of the State, with an area of 580 square miles; was organized in 1823, and, by the census of 1900, had a population of 30,446. About half the county is prairie, the chief products being tobacco, wool and fruit. The remainder is timbered land. It is watered by the tributaries of the Kaskaskia and Little Wabash Rivers. The bottom lands have a heavy growth of choice timber, and a deep, rich soil. A large portion of the county is underlaid with a thin vein of coal, and the rocks all belong to the upper coal measures. Sandstone and building sand are also abundant. Ample shipping facilities are afforded by the Illinois Central and the Baltimore & Ohio (S.W.) Railroads. Salem is the county-seat, but Centralia is the largest and most important town, being a railroad junction and center of an extensive fruit-trade. Sandoval is a thriving town at the junction of the Illinois Central and the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroads.

**MARISSA**, a village of St. Clair County, on the St. Louis & Cairo Short Line Railroad, 39 miles southeast of St. Louis. It is in a farming and mining district; has two banks, a newspaper and a magazine. Population (1890), 876; (1900), 1,086.

**MAROA**, a city in Macon County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 13 miles north of Decatur and 31 miles south of Bloomington. The city has three elevators, an agricultural implement factory, water-works system, electric light plant, telephone service, two banks, one newspaper, three churches and a graded school. Population (1880), 870; (1890), 1,164; (1900), 1,213.

**MARQUETTE**, (Father) Jacques, a French missionary and explorer, born at Laon, France, in 1637. He became a Jesuit at the age of 17, and, twelve years later (1666), was ordained a priest.

The same year he sailed for Canada, landing at Quebec. For eighteen months he devoted himself chiefly to the study of Indian dialects, and, in 1668, accompanied a party of Nez-Perces to Lake Superior, where he founded the mission of Sault Ste. Marie. Later, after various vicissitudes, he went to Mackinac, and, in that vicinity, founded the Mission of St. Ignace and built a rude church. In 1673 he accompanied Joliet on his voyage of discovery down the Mississippi, the two setting out from Green Bay on May 17, and reaching the Mississippi, by way of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers, June 17. (For an interesting translation of Marquette's quaint narrative of the expedition, see Shea's "Discovery and Exploration of the Mississippi," N. Y., 1852.) In September, 1673, after leaving the Illinois and stopping for some time among the Indians near "Starved Rock," he returned to Green Bay much broken in health. In October, 1674, under orders from his superior, he set out to establish a mission at Kaskaskia on the Upper Illinois. In December he reached the present site of Chicago, where he was compelled to halt because of exhaustion. On March 29, 1675, he resumed his journey, and reached Kaskaskia, after much suffering, on April 8. After laboring indefatigably and making many converts, failing health compelled him to start on his return to Mackinac. Before the voyage was completed he died, May 18, 1675, at the mouth of a stream which long bore his name—but is not the present Marquette River—on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan. His remains were subsequently removed to Point St. Ignace. He was the first to attempt to explain the lake tides, and modern science has not improved his theory.

**MARSEILLES**, a city on the Illinois River, in La Salle County, 8 miles east of Ottawa, and 77 miles southwest of Chicago, on the line of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. Excellent water power is furnished by a dam across the river. The city has several factories, among the leading products being flour, paper and agricultural implements. Coal is mined in the vicinity. The grain trade is large, sufficient to support three elevators. There are three papers (one daily). Population (1890), 2,210; (1900), 2,559; (1903, est.), 3,100.

**MARSH**, Benjamin F., Congressman, born in Wythe Township, Hancock County, Ill., was educated at private schools and at Jubilee College, leaving the latter institution one year before graduation. He read law under the tutelage of his brother, Judge J. W. Marsh, of Warsaw, and was

admitted to the bar in 1860. The same year he was an unsuccessful candidate for State's Attorney. Immediately upon the first call for troops in 1861, he raised a company of cavalry, and, going to Springfield, tendered it to Governor Yates. No cavalry having been called for, the Governor felt constrained to decline it. On his way home Mr. Marsh stopped at Quincy and enlisted as a private in the Sixteenth Illinois Infantry, in which regiment he served until July 4, 1861, when Governor Yates advised him by telegraph of his readiness to accept his cavalry company. Returning to Warsaw he recruited another company within a few days, of which he was commissioned Captain, and which was attached to the Second Illinois Cavalry. He served in the army until January, 1866, being four times wounded, and rising to the rank of Colonel. On his return home he interested himself in politics. In 1869 he was a Republican candidate for the State Constitutional Convention, and, in 1876, was elected to represent the Tenth Illinois District in Congress, and re-elected in 1878 and 1880. In 1885 he was appointed a member of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, serving until 1889. In 1894 he was again elected to Congress from his old district, which, under the new apportionment, had become the Fifteenth, was re-elected in 1896, and again in 1898. In the Fifty-fifth Congress he was a member of the House Committee on Military Affairs and Chairman of the Committee on Militia.

**MARSH, William**, jurist, was born at Moravia, N. Y., May 11, 1822; was educated at Groton Academy and Union College, graduating from the latter in 1842. He studied law, in part, in the office of Millard Fillmore, at Buffalo, and was admitted to the bar in 1845, practicing at Ithaca until 1854, when he removed to Quincy, Ill. Here he continued in practice, in partnership, at different periods, with prominent lawyers of that city, until elected to the Circuit bench in 1885, serving until 1891. Died, April 14, 1894.

**MARSHALL**, the county-seat of Clark County, and an incorporated city, 16½ miles southwest of Terre Haute, Ind., and a point of intersection of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and the Vandalia Railroads. The surrounding country is devoted to farming and stock-raising. The city has woolen, flour, saw and planing mills, and milk condensing plant. It has two banks, eight churches and a good public school system, which includes city and township high schools, and three newspapers. Population (1890), 1,900; (1900), 2,077.

**MARSHALL, Sammel S.**, lawyer and Congressman, was born in Gallatin County, Ill., in 1824; studied law and soon after located at McLeansboro. In 1846 he was chosen a member of the lower house of the Fifteenth General Assembly, but resigned, early in the following year, to become State's Attorney, serving until 1848; was Judge of the Circuit Court from 1851 to 1854, and again from 1861 to 1865; was delegate from the State-at-large to the Charleston and Baltimore Conventions of 1860, and to the National Union Convention at Philadelphia in 1866. In 1861 he received the complimentary vote of his party in the Legislature for United States Senator, and was similarly honored in the Fortieth Congress (1867) by receiving the Democratic support for Speaker of the House. He was first elected to Congress in 1854, re-elected in 1856, and, later, served continuously from 1865 to 1875, when he returned to the practice of his profession. Died, July 26, 1890.

**MARSHALL COUNTY**, situated in the north-central part of the State, with an area of 400 square miles—named for Chief Justice John Marshall. Settlers began to arrive in 1827, and county organization was effected in 1839. The Illinois River bisects the county, which is also drained by Sugar Creek. The surface is generally level prairie, except along the river, although occasionally undulating. The soil is fertile, corn, wheat, hay and oats forming the staple agricultural products. Hogs are raised in great number, and coal is extensively mined. Lacon is the county-seat. Population (1880), 15,053; (1890), 13,653; (1900), 16,370.

**MARTIN, (Gen.) James S.**, ex-Congressman and soldier, was born in Scott County, Va., August 19, 1826, educated in the common schools, and, at the age of 20, accompanied his parents to Southern Illinois, settling in Marion County. He served as a non-commissioned officer in the war with Mexico. In 1849, he was elected Clerk of the Marion County Court, which office he filled for twelve years. By profession he is a lawyer, and has been in active practice when not in public or military life. For a number of years he was a member of the Republican State Central Committee. In 1862 he was commissioned Colonel of the One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Volunteers, and, at the close of the war, brevetted Brigadier-General. On his return home he was elected County Judge of Marion County, and, in 1868, appointed United States Pension Agent. The latter post he resigned in 1872, having been elected, as a Republican, to represent

the Sixteenth District in the Forty-third Congress. He was Commander of the Grand Army for the Department of Illinois in 1889-90.

**MARTINSVILLE**, a village of Clark County, on the Terre Haute & Indianapolis (Vandalia) Railroad, 11 miles southwest of Marshall; has two banks and one newspaper. Population (1880), 663; (1890), 779; (1900), 1,000.

**MASCOUATAH**, a city in St. Clair County, 25 miles from St. Louis and 11 miles east of Belleville, on the line of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. Coal-mining and agriculture are the principal industries of the surrounding country. The city has flour mills, a brickyard, dairy, school, churches, and electric line. Population (1880), 2,558; (1890), 2,032; (1900), 2,171.

**MASON, Roswell B.**, civil engineer, was born in Oneida County, N. Y., Sept. 19, 1805; in his boyhood was employed as a teamster on the Erie Canal, a year later (1822) accepting a position as rodman under Edward F. Gay, assistant-engineer in charge of construction. Subsequently he was employed on the Schuylkill and Morris Canals, on the latter becoming assistant-engineer and, finally, chief and superintendent. Other works with which Mr. Mason was connected in a similar capacity were the Pennsylvania Canal and the Housatonic, New York & New Haven and the Vermont Valley Railroads. In 1851 he came west and took charge of the construction of the Illinois Central Railroad, a work which required five years for its completion. The next four years were spent as contractor in the construction of roads in Iowa and Wisconsin, until 1860, when he became Superintendent of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, but remained only one year, in 1861 accepting the position of Controller of the land department of the Illinois Central Railroad, which he retained until 1867. The next two years were occupied in the service of the State in lowering the summit of the Illinois & Michigan Canal. In 1869 he was elected Mayor of the city of Chicago, and it was in the closing days of his term that the great fire of 1871 occurred, testing his executive ability to the utmost. From 1873 to 1883 he served as one of the Trustees of the Illinois Industrial University, and was one of the incorporators, and a life-long Director, of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the Northwest. Died, Jan. 1, 1892.—**Edward Gay (Mason)**, son of the preceding, was born at Bridgeport, Conn., August 23, 1839; came with his father's family, in 1852, to Chicago, where he attended school for several years, after which he entered Yale College, graduating there in 1860. He then

studied law, and, later, became a member of the law firm of Mattocks & Mason, but subsequently, in conjunction with two brothers, organized the firm of Mason Brothers, for the prosecution of a real-estate and law business. In 1881 Mr. Mason was one of the organizers of the Chicago Musical Festival, which was instrumental in bringing Theodore Thomas to Chicago. In 1887 he became President of the Chicago Historical Society, as the successor of Elihu B. Washburne, retaining the position until his death, Dec. 18, 1898. During his incumbency, the commodious building, now occupied by the Historical Society Library, was erected, and he added largely to the resources of the Society by the collection of rare manuscripts and other historical records. He was the author of several historical works, including "Illinois in the Eighteenth Century," "Kaskaskia and Its Parish Records," besides papers on La Salle and the first settlers of Illinois, and "The Story of James Willing—An Episode of the American Revolution." He also edited a volume entitled "Early Chicago and Illinois," which was published under the auspices of the Chicago Historical Society. Mr. Mason was, for several years, a Trustee of Yale University and, about the time of his death, was prominently talked of for President of that institution, as successor to President Timothy Dwight.

**MASON, William E.**, United States Senator, was born at Franklinville, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., July 7, 1850, and accompanied his parents to Bentonsport, Iowa, in 1858. He was educated at the Bentonsport Academy and at Birmingham College. From 1866 to 1870 he taught school, the last two years at Des Moines. In that city he studied law with Hon. Thomas F. Withrow, who afterward admitted him to partnership. In 1872 he removed to Chicago, where he has since practiced his profession. He soon embarked in politics, and, in 1878, was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly, and, in 1882, to the State Senate. In 1884 he was the regular Republican candidate for Congress in the Third Illinois District (then strongly Republican), but, owing to party dissensions, was defeated by James H. Ward, a Democrat. In 1886, and again in 1888, he was elected to Congress, but, in 1890, was defeated for re-election by Allan C. Durborow. He is a vigorous and effective campaign speaker. In 1897 he was elected United States Senator, receiving in the Legislature 125 votes to 77 for John P. Altgeld, the Democratic candidate.

**MASON CITY**, a prosperous city in Mason County, at the intersection of the Chicago &

Alton and the Havana branch of the Illinois Central Railroads, 18 miles west by north of Lincoln, and about 30 miles north of Springfield. Being in the heart of a rich corn-growing district, it is an important shipping point for that commodity. It has four churches, two banks, two newspapers, brick works, flour-mills, grain-elevators and a carriage factory. Population (1880), 1,714; (1890), 1,869; (1900), 1,890.

**MASON COUNTY**, organized in 1841, with a population of about 2,000; population (1900), 17,491, and area of 560 square miles,—named for a county in Kentucky. It lies a little northwest of the center of the State, the Illinois and Sangamon Rivers forming its west and its south boundaries. The soil, while sandy, is fertile. The chief staple is corn, and the county offers excellent opportunities for viticulture. The American pioneer of Mason County was probably Maj. Ossian B. Ross, who settled at Havana in 1832. Not until 1837, however, can immigration be said to have set in rapidly. Havana was first chosen as the county-seat, but Bath enjoyed the honor for a few years, the county offices being permanently removed to the former point in 1851. Mason City is an important shipping point on the Chicago & Alton Railroad.

**MASONS, ANCIENT ORDER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED.** (See *Free-Masons*.)

**MASSAC COUNTY**, an extreme southern county of the State and one of the smallest, its area, being but little more than 240 square miles, with a population (1900) of 13,110—named for Fort Massac, within its borders. The surface is hilly toward the north, but the bottom lands along the Ohio River are swampy and liable to frequent overflows. A considerable portion of the natural resources consists of timber—oak, walnut, poplar, hickory, cypress and cottonwood abounding. Saw-mills are found in nearly every town, and considerable grain and tobacco are raised. The original settlers were largely from Ohio, Kentucky and North Carolina, and hospitality is traditional. Metropolis, on the Ohio River, is the county-seat. It was laid off in 1839, although Massac County was not separately organized until 1843. At Massac City may be seen the ruins of the early French fort of that name.

**MASSAC COUNTY REBELLION**, the name commonly given to an outbreak of mob violence which occurred in Massac County, in 1845-46. An arrested criminal having asserted that an organized band of thieves and robbers existed, and having given the names of a large number of the

alleged members, popular excitement rose to fever heat. A company of self-appointed "regulators" was formed, whose acts were so arbitrary that, at the August election of 1846, a Sheriff and County Clerk were elected on the avowed issue of opposition to these irregular tactics. This served to stimulate the "regulators" to renewed activity. Many persons were forced to leave the county on suspicion, and others tortured into making confession. In consequence, some leading "regulators" were thrown into jail, only to be soon released by their friends, who ordered the Sheriff and County Clerk to leave the county. The feud rapidly grew, both in proportions and in intensity. Governor French made two futile efforts to restore order through mediation, and the ordinary processes of law were also found unavailing. Judge Scates was threatened with lynching. Only 60 men dared to serve in the Sheriff's posse, and these surrendered upon promise of personal immunity from violence. This pledge was not regarded, several members of the posse being led away as prisoners, some of whom, it was believed, were drowned in the Ohio River. All the incarcerated "regulators" were again released, the Sheriff and his supporters were once more ordered to leave, and fresh seizures and outrages followed each other in quick succession. To remedy this condition of affairs, the Legislature of 1847 enacted a law creating district courts, under the provisions of which a Judge might hold court in any county in his circuit. This virtually conferred upon the Judge the right to change the venue at his own discretion, and thus secure juries unbiased by local or partisan feeling. The effect of this legislation was highly beneficial in restoring quiet, although the embers of the feud still smoldered and intermittently leaped into flame for several years thereafter.

**MATHEY, Charles R.**, pioneer, was born in Loudoun County, Va., March 6, 1786, licensed as a Methodist preacher, in Kentucky, and, in 1805, came to St. Clair County (then in Indiana Territory), as a missionary. Later, he studied law and was admitted to the bar; served in the Third Territorial (1817) and the Second State Legislatures (1820-22); removed, in 1821, to the newly organized county of Sangamon, where he was appointed the first County Clerk, remaining in office eighteen years, also for some years holding, at the same time, the offices of Circuit Clerk, Recorder and Probate Judge. Died, while County Clerk, in 1839.—**Noah W. (Matheny)**, son of the preceding, was born in St. Clair County, Ill., July 31, 1815; was assistant of his father in the



County Clerk's office in Sangamon County, and, on the death of the latter, (November, 1839), was elected his successor, and re-elected for eight consecutive terms, serving until 1873. Died, April 30, 1877.—**JAMES H. (Matheny)**, another son, born Oct. 30, 1818, in St. Clair County; served in his youth as Clerk in various local offices; was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1847, elected Circuit Clerk in 1852, at the close of his term beginning the practice of law; was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteers, in October, 1862, and, after the siege of Vicksburg, served as Judge Advocate until July, 1864, when he resigned. He then returned to his profession, but, in 1873, was elected County Judge of Sangamon County, holding the office by repeated re-elections until his death, Sept. 7, 1890,—having resided in Springfield 68 years.

**MATHER, Thomas**, pioneer merchant, was born, April 24, 1795, at Simsbury, Hartford County, Conn.; in early manhood was engaged for a time in business in New York City, but, in the spring of 1818, came to Kaskaskia, Ill., where he soon after became associated in business with James L. Lamb and others. This firm was afterwards quite extensively engaged in trade with New Orleans. Later he became one of the founders of the town of Chester. In 1820 Mr. Mather was elected to the lower branch of the Second General Assembly from Randolph County, was re-elected to the Third (serving for a part of the session as Speaker), and again to the Fourth, but, before the expiration of his last term, resigned to accept an appointment from President John Quincy Adams as Commissioner to locate the military road from Independence to Santa Fe, and to conclude treaties with the Indians along the line. In the Legislature of 1822 he was one of the most determined opponents of the scheme for securing a pro-slavery Constitution. In 1828 he was again elected to the House and, in 1832, to the Senate for a term of four years. He also served as Colonel on the staff of Governor Coles, and was supported for the United States Senate, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John McLean, in 1830. Having removed to Springfield in 1835, he became prominent in business affairs there in connection with his former partner, Mr. James L. Lamb; in 1837 was appointed a member of the first Board of Fund Commissioners for the State under the internal improvement system; also served seven years as President of the Springfield branch of the State Bank; was connected, as a stock-

holder, with the construction of the Sangamon & Morgan (now Walash) Railroad, extending from Springfield to the Illinois river at Naples, and was also identified, financially, with the old Chicago & Galena Union Railroad. From 1835 until his death, Colonel Mather served as one of the Trustees of Illinois College at Jacksonville, and was a liberal contributor to the endowment of that institution. His death occurred during a visit to Philadelphia, March 28, 1853.

**MATTESON, Joel Aldrich**, ninth regularly elected Governor of Illinois (1853-57), was born in Watertown, N. Y., August 8, 1808; after some experience in business and as a teacher, in 1831 he went to South Carolina, where he was foreman in the construction of the first railroad in that State. In 1834 he removed to Illinois, where he became a contractor on the Illinois & Michigan Canal, and also engaged in manufacturing at Joliet. After serving three terms in the State Senate, he was elected Governor in 1853, and, in 1855, was defeated by Lyman Trumbull for the United States Senatorship. At the close of his gubernatorial term he was complimented by the Legislature, and retired to private life a popular man. Later, there were developed grave scandals in connection with the refunding of certain canal scrip, with which his name—unfortunately—was connected. He turned over property to the State of the value of nearly \$250,000, for its indemnification. He finally took up his residence in Chicago, and later spent considerable time in travel in Europe. He was for many years the lessee and President of the Chicago & Alton Railroad. Died in Chicago, Jan. 31, 1873.

**MATTHEWS, Asa C.**, ex-Comptroller of the United States Treasury, was born in Pike County, Ill., March 22, 1833; graduated from Illinois College in 1855, and was admitted to the bar three years later. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War, he abandoned a remunerative practice at Pittsfield to enlist in the army, and was elected and commissioned a Captain in the Ninety-ninth Illinois Volunteers. He rose to the rank of Colonel, being mustered out of the service in August, 1865. He was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue in 1869, and Supervisor for the District composed of Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan, in 1875. Being elected to the Thirtieth General Assembly in 1876, he resigned his office, and was re-elected to the Legislature in 1878. On the death of Judge Higbee, Governor Hamilton appointed Mr. Matthews to fill the vacancy thus created on the bench of the Sixth Circuit, his term expiring in 1885. In 1888 he was elected to

the Thirty-sixth General Assembly and was chosen Speaker of the House. In May, 1889, President Harrison named him First Comptroller of the United States Treasury, and the House, by a unanimous vote, expressed its gratification at his selection. Since retiring from office, Colonel Matthews has devoted his attention to the practice of his profession at Pittsfield.

**MATTHEWS, Milton W.**, lawyer and journalist, was born in Clark County, Ill., March 1, 1846, educated in the common schools, and, near the close of the war, served in a 100-days' regiment; began teaching in Champaign County in 1865, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1867; in 1873 was appointed Master in Chancery, served two terms as Prosecuting Attorney, and, in 1888, was elected to the State Senate, meanwhile, from 1879, discharging the duties of editor of "The Champaign County Herald," of which he was also proprietor. During his last session in the State Senate (1891-92) he served as President pro tem. of that body; was also President of the State Press Association and served on the staff of Governor Fifer, with the rank of Colonel of the Illinois National Guard. Died, at Urbana, May 10, 1892.

**MATTOON**, an important city in Coles County, 172 miles west of south from Chicago and 56 miles west of Terre Haute, Ind.; a point of junction for three lines of railway, and an important shipping point for corn and broom corn, which are both extensively grown in the surrounding region. It has several banks, foundries, machine shops, brick and tile-works, flour-mills, grain-elevators, with two daily and four weekly newspapers; also has good graded schools and a high school. The repair shops of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad are located here. Population (1890), 6,833; (1900), 9,622.

**MAXWELL, Philip, M.D.**, pioneer physician, was born at Guilford, Vt., April 3, 1799, graduated in medicine and practiced for a time at Sackett's Harbor, also serving in the New York Legislature; was appointed Assistant Surgeon at Fort Dearborn, in 1833, remaining until the abandonment of the fort at the end of 1836. In 1838 he was promoted Surgeon, and served with Gen. Zachary Taylor in the campaign against the Seminoles in Florida, but resumed private practice in Chicago in 1844; served two terms as Representative in the General Assembly (1848-52) and, in 1855, settled on the shores of Lake Geneva, Wis., where he died, Nov. 5, 1859.

**MAY, William L.**, early lawyer and Congressman, was born in Kentucky, came at an early day

to Edwardsville, Ill., and afterwards to Jacksonville; was elected from Morgan County to the Sixth General Assembly (1828), and the next year removed to Springfield, having been appointed by President Jackson Receiver of Public Moneys for the Land Office there. He was twice elected to Congress (1834 and '36), the first year defeating Benjamin Mills, a brilliant lawyer of Galena. Later, May became a resident of Peoria, but finally removed to California, where he died.

**MAYO, Walter L.**, legislator, was born in Albe-marle County Va., March 7, 1810; came to Edwards County, Ill., in 1828, and began teaching. He took part in the Black Hawk War (1831-32), being appointed by Governor Reynolds Quartermaster of a battalion organized in that section of the State. He had previously been appointed County Clerk of Edwards County to fill a vacancy, and continued, by successive re-elections, to occupy the position for thirty-seven years—also acting, for a portion of the time, as Circuit Clerk, Judge of Probate and County Treasurer. In 1870 he was elected Representative in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly for the Edwards County District. On the evening of Jan. 18, 1878, he mysteriously disappeared, having been last seen at the Union Depot at East St. Louis, when about to take the train for his home at Albion, and is supposed to have been secretly murdered. No trace of his body or of the crime was ever discovered, and the affair has remained one of the mysteries of the criminal history of Illinois.

**MAYWOOD**, a village of Cook County, and suburb of Chicago, 10 miles west of that city, on the Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago Great Western Railways; has churches, two weekly newspapers, public schools and some manufactures. Population (1900), 4,532.

**McALLISTER, William K.**, jurist, was born in Washington County, N. Y., in 1818. After admission to the bar he commenced practice at Albion, N. Y., and, in 1854, removed to Chicago. In 1866 he was a candidate for the bench of the Superior Court of that city, but was defeated by Judge Jameson. Two years later he was chosen Judge of the Recorder's Court, and, in 1870, was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court, which position he resigned in 1875, having been elected a Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County to fill a vacancy. He was re-elected for a full term and assigned to Appellate Court duty in 1879. He was elected for a third time in 1885, but, before the expiration of his term, he died, Oct. 29, 1888.

**McARTHUR, John**, soldier, was born in Erskine, Scotland, Nov. 17, 1836; worked at his father's trade of blacksmith until 23 years old, when, coming to the United States, he settled in Chicago. Here he became foreman of a boiler-making establishment, later acquiring an establishment of his own. Having joined the Twelfth Illinois Volunteers at the beginning of the war, with a company of which he was Captain, he was chosen Lieutenant-Colonel, still later Colonel, and, in March, 1862, promoted to Brigadier General for gallantry in the assault on Fort Donelson, where he commanded a brigade. At Shiloh he was wounded, but after having his wound dressed, returned to the fight and succeeded to the command of the Second Division when Gen. W. H. L. Wallace fell mortally wounded. He commanded a division of McPherson's corps in the operations against Vicksburg, and bore a conspicuous part in the battle of Nashville, where he commanded a division under Gen. A. J. Smith, winning a brevet Major-Generalship by his gallantry. General McArthur was Postmaster of Chicago from 1873 to 1877.

**McCAGG, Ezra Butler**, lawyer, was born at Kinderhook, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1825; studied law at Hudson, and, coming to Chicago in 1847, entered the law office of J. Young Scammon, soon afterwards becoming a member of the firm of Scammon & McCagg. During the war Mr. McCagg was an active member of the United States Sanitary Commission, and (for some years after the fire of 1871) of the Relief and Aid Society; is also a life-member and officer of the Chicago Historical Society, besides being identified with several State and municipal boards. His standing in his profession is shown by the fact that he has been more than once offered a non-partisan nomination for Justice of the Supreme Court, but has declined. He occupies a high rank in literary circles, as well as a connoisseur in art, and is the owner of a large private library collected since the destruction of one of the best in the West by the fire of 1871.

**McCARTNEY, James**, lawyer and ex-Attorney General, was born of Scotch parentage in the north of Ireland, Feb. 14, 1835; at two years of age was brought to the United States and, until 1845, resided in Pennsylvania, when his parents removed to Trumbull County, Ohio. Here he spent his youth in general farm work, meanwhile attending a high school and finally engaging in teaching. In 1856 he began the study of law at Warren, Ohio, which he continued a year later in the office of Harding & Reed, at Monmouth, Ill.; was admitted to the bar in January, 1858, and

began practice at Monmouth, removing the following year to Galva. In April, 1861, he enlisted in what afterwards became the Seventeenth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, was commissioned a First Lieutenant, but, a year later, was compelled to resign on account of ill-health. A few months later he re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Twelfth Illinois, being soon promoted to a captaincy, although serving much of the time as Judge Advocate on courts-martial, and, for one year, as Acting Assistant Adjutant-General in the Army of the Ohio. At the conclusion of his term of service in the army, he resumed the practice of his profession at Fairfield, Ill.; in 1880 was nominated and elected, as a Republican, Attorney-General of the State, and, during his last year in office, began the celebrated "Lake Front suits" which finally terminated successfully for the city of Chicago. Since retiring from office, General McCartney has been engaged in the practice of his profession, chiefly in Springfield and Chicago, having been a resident of the latter city since 1890.

**McCARTNEY, Robert Wilson**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, March 19, 1843, spent a portion of his boyhood in Pennsylvania, afterwards returning to Youngstown, Ohio, where he enlisted as a private in the Sixth Ohio Cavalry. He was severely wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, lying two days and nights on the field and enduring untold suffering. As soon as able to take the field he was commissioned, by Governor Curtin, a Captain in the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving in the army of the Potomac to the close of the war, and taking part in the grand review at Washington, in May, 1865. After the war he took a course in a business college at Pittsburg, removed to Cleveland and began the study of law, but soon came to Illinois, and, having completed his law studies with his brother, J. T. McCartney, at Metropolis, was admitted to the bar in 1868; also edited a Republican paper there, became interested in lumber manufacture and was one of the founders of the First National Bank of that city. In 1873 he was elected County Judge of Massac County, serving nine years, when (1882) he was elected Representative in the Thirty-third General Assembly. At the close of his term in the Legislature he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court for the first Circuit, serving from 1885 to 1891. Died, Oct. 27, 1893. Judge McCartney was able, public-spirited and patriotic. The city of Metropolis owes to him the Free Public Library bearing his name.

**MCLAUGHRY, Robert Wilson**, penologist, was born at Fountain Green, Hancock County, Ill., July 22, 1839, being descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry—his grandfather, who was a native of the North of Ireland, having come to America in his youth and served in the War of the Revolution. The subject of this sketch grew up on a farm, attending school in the winter until 1854, then spent the next two winters at an academy, and, in 1856, began a course in Monmouth College, where he graduated in 1860. The following year he spent as instructor in Latin in the same institution, but, in 1861, became editor of "The Carthage Republican," a Democratic paper, which he made a strong advocate of the cause of the Union, meanwhile, both by his pen and on the stump, encouraging enlistments in the army. About the first of July, 1862, having disposed of his interest in the paper, he enlisted in a company of which he was unanimously chosen Captain, and which, with four other companies organized in the same section, became the nucleus of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Volunteers. The regiment having been completed at Camp Butler, he was elected Major, and going to the field in the following fall, took part in General Sherman's first movement against Vicksburg by way of Chickasaw Bayou, in December, 1862. Later, as a member of Osterhaus' Division of General McClernand's corps, he participated with his regiment in the capture of Arkansas Post, and in the operations against Vicksburg which resulted in the capture of that stronghold, in July, 1863. He then joined the Department of the Gulf under command of General Banks, but was compelled by sickness to return north. Having sufficiently recovered, he spent a few months in the recruiting service (1864), but, in May of that year, was transferred, by order of President Lincoln, to the Pay Department, as Additional-Paymaster, with the rank of Major, being finally assigned to duty at Springfield, where he remained, paying off Illinois regiments as mustered out of the service, until Oct. 13, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. A few weeks later he was elected County Clerk of Hancock County, serving four years. In the meantime he engaged in the stone business, as head of the firm of R. W. McClaughry & Co., furnishing stone for the basement of the State Capitol at Springfield and for bridges across the Mississippi at Quincy and Keokuk—later being engaged in the same business at St. Genevieve, Mo., with headquarters at St. Louis. Compelled to retire by failing health, he took up his residence at Monmouth in 1873, but, in 1874, was

called to the wardenship of the State Penitentiary at Joliet. Here he remained until December, 1888, when he resigned to accept the superintendency of the Industrial Reformatory at Huntingdon, Pa., but, in May, 1891, accepted from Mayor Washburne the position of Chief of Police in Chicago, continuing in service, under Mayor Harrison, until August, 1893, when he became Superintendent of the Illinois State Reformatory at Pontiac. Early in 1897 he was again offered and accepted the position of Warden of the State Penitentiary at Joliet. Here he remained until 1899, when he received from President McKinley the appointment of Warden of the Military Prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., which position he now (1899) occupies. Major McClaughry's administration of penal and reformatory institutions has been eminently satisfactory, and he has taken rank as one of the most successful penologists in the country.

**McCLELLAN, Robert H.**, lawyer and banker, was born in Washington County, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1823; graduated at Union College, Schenectady, in 1847, and then studied law with Hon. Martin I. Townsend, of Troy, being admitted to the bar in 1850. The same year he removed to Galena, Ill.; during his first winter there, edited "The Galena Gazette," and the following spring formed a partnership with John M. Douglas, afterwards General Solicitor and President of the Illinois Central Railroad, which ended with the removal of the latter to Chicago, when Mr McClellan succeeded him as local attorney of the road at Galena. In 1834 Mr. McClellan became President of the Bank of Galena—later the "National Bank of Galena"—remaining for over twenty years. He is also largely interested in local manufactories and financial institutions elsewhere. He served as a Republican Representative in the Twenty-second General Assembly (1861-62), and as Senator (1876-80), and maintained a high rank as a sagacious and judicious legislator. Liberal, public-spirited and patriotic, his name has been prominently connected with all movements for the improvement of his locality and the advancement of the interests of the State.

**McCLERNAND, John Alexander**, a volunteer officer in the Civil War and prominent Democratic politician, was born in Breckenridge County, Ky., May 30, 1812, brought to Shawneetown in 1816, was admitted to the bar in 1832, and engaged in journalism for a time. He served in the Black Hawk War, and was elected to the Legislature in 1836, and again in 1840 and '42. The latter year he was elected to Congress, serv-



ing four consecutive terms, but declining a renomination, being about to remove to Jacksonville, where he resided from 1851 to 1856. Twice (1840 and '52) he was a Presidential Elector on the Democratic ticket. In 1856 he removed to Springfield, and, in 1859, re-entered Congress as Representative of the Springfield District; was re-elected in 1860, but resigned in 1861 to accept a commission as Brigadier-General of Volunteers from President Lincoln, being promoted Major-General early in 1862. He participated in the battles of Belmont, Fort Donelson, Shiloh and before Vicksburg, and was in command at the capture of Arkansas Post, but was severely criticised for some of his acts during the Vicksburg campaign and relieved of his command by General Grant. Having finally been restored by order of President Lincoln, he participated in the campaign in Louisiana and Texas, but resigned his commission in 1864. General McClelland presided over the Democratic National Convention of 1876, and, in 1886, was appointed by President Cleveland one of the members of the Utah Commission, serving through President Harrison's administration. He was also elected Circuit Judge in 1870, as successor to Hon. B. S. Edwards, who had resigned. Died Sept. 20, 1900.

**McCLURG, Alexander C.**, soldier and publisher, was born in Philadelphia but grew up in Pittsburg, where his father was an iron manufacturer. He graduated at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and, after studying law for a time with Chief Justice Lowrie of Pennsylvania, came to Chicago in 1859, and entered the bookstore of S. C. Griggs & Co., as a junior clerk. Early in 1861 he enlisted as a private in the War of the Rebellion, but the quota of three-months' men being already full, his services were not accepted. In August, 1862, he became a member of the "Crosby Guards," afterwards incorporated in the Eighty-eighth Illinois Infantry (Second Board of Trade Regiment), and was unanimously elected Captain of Company H. After the battle of Perryville, he was detailed as Judge Advocate at Nashville, and, in the following year, offered the position of Assistant Adjutant-General on the staff of General McCook, afterwards serving in a similar capacity on the staffs of Generals Thomas, Sheridan and Baird. He took part in the defense of Chattanooga and, at the battle of Missionary Ridge, had two horses shot under him; was also with the Fourteenth Army Corps in the Atlanta campaign, and, at the request of Gen. Jeff. C. Davis, was promoted to the rank of Colonel and brevetted Brigadier-General—later, being pre-

sented with a sword bearing the names of the principal battles in which he was engaged, besides being especially complimented in letters by Generals Sherman, Thomas, Baird, Mitchell, Davis and others. He was invited to enter the regular army at the close of the war, but preferred to return to private life, and resumed his former position with S. C. Griggs & Co., soon after becoming a junior partner in the concern, of which he has since become the chief. In the various mutations through which this extensive firm has gone, General McClurg has been a leading factor until now (and since 1887) he stands at the head of the most extensive publishing firm west of New York.

**McCONNEL, Murray**, pioneer and lawyer, was born in Orange County, N. Y., Sept. 5, 1798, and educated in the common schools; left home at 14 years of age and, after a year at Louisville, spent several years flat-boating, trading and hunting in the West, during this period visiting Arkansas, Texas and Kansas, finally settling on a farm near Herculaneum, Mo. In 1823 he located in Scott (then a part of Morgan) County, Ill., but when the town of Jacksonville was laid out, became a citizen of that place. During the Black Hawk War (July and August, 1832), he served on the staff of Gen. J. D. Henry with the rank of Major; in 1837 was appointed by Governor Duncan a member of the Board of Public Works for the First Judicial District, in this capacity having charge of the construction of the railroad between Meredosia and Springfield (then known as the Northern Cross Railroad)—the first public railroad built in the State, and the only one constructed during the "internal improvement" era following 1837. He also held a commission from Governor French as Major-General of State Militia, in 1855 was appointed by President Pierce Fifth Auditor of the Treasury Department, but retired in 1859. In 1832, on his return from the Black Hawk War, he was elected a Representative in the State Legislature from Morgan County, and, in 1864, was elected to the State Senate for the District composed of Morgan, Menard, Cass, Schuyler and Brown Counties, serving until 1868. Though previously a Democrat and a delegate to the Democratic National Convention of 1860, he was an earnest supporter of the war policy of the Government, and was one of four Democratic Senators, in the General Assembly of 1865, who voted for the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment of the National Constitution, prohibiting slavery in the United States. His death occurred by assassination, by

some unknown person, in his office at Jacksonville, Feb. 9, 1869.—**John Ludlum** (McConnell), son of the preceding, was born in Jacksonville, Ill., Nov. 11, 1826, studied law and graduated at Transylvania Law School; in 1846 enlisted as a private in the Mexican War, became First Lieutenant and was promoted Captain after the battle of Buena Vista, where he was twice wounded. After the war he returned to Jacksonville and wrote several books illustrative of Western life and character, which were published between 1850 and 1853. At the time of his death—Jan. 17, 1862—he was engaged in the preparation of a "History of Early Explorations in America," having special reference to the labors of the early Roman Catholic missionaries.

**McCONNELL, (Gen.) John**, soldier, was born in Madison County, N. Y., Dec. 5, 1824, and came with his parents to Illinois when about sixteen years of age. His father (James McConnell) was a native of Ireland, who came to the United States shortly before the War of 1812, and, after remaining in New York until 1840, came to Sangamon County, Ill., locating a few miles south of Springfield, where he engaged extensively in sheep-raising. He was an enterprising and progressive agriculturist, and was one of the founders of the State Agricultural Society, being President of the Convention of 1852 which resulted in its organization. His death took place, Jan. 7, 1867. The subject of this sketch was engaged with his father and brothers in the farming and stock business until 1861, when he raised a company for the Third Illinois Cavalry, of which he was elected Captain, was later promoted Major, serving until March, 1863, during that time taking part in some of the important battles of the war in Southwest Missouri, including Pea Ridge, and was highly complimented by his commander, Gen. G. M. Dodge, for bravery. Some three months after leaving the Third Cavalry, he was commissioned by Governor Yates Colonel of the Fifth Illinois Cavalry, and, in March, 1865, was commissioned Brevet Brigadier-General, his commission being signed by President Lincoln on April 14, 1865, the morning preceding the night of his assassination. During the latter part of his service, General McConnell was on duty in Texas, being finally mustered out in October, 1865. After the death of his father, and until 1879, he continued in the business of sheep-raising and farming, being for a time the owner of several extensive farms in Sangamon County, but, in 1879, engaged in the insurance business in Springfield, where he died, March 14, 1898.

**McCONNELL, Samuel P.**, son of the preceding, was born at Springfield, Ill., on July 5, 1849. After completing his literary studies he read law at Springfield in the office of Stuart, Edwards & Brown, and was admitted to the bar in 1872, soon after establishing himself in practice in Chicago. After various partnerships, in which he was associated with leading lawyers of Chicago, he was elected Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court, in 1889, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge W. K. McAllister, serving until 1894, when he resigned to give his attention to private practice. Although one of the youngest Judges upon the bench, Judge McConnell was called upon, soon after his election, to preside at the trial of the conspirators in the celebrated Cronin murder case, in which he displayed great ability. He has also had charge, as presiding Judge, of a number of civil suits of great importance affecting corporations.

**McCORMICK, Cyrus Hall**, inventor and manufacturer, born in Rockbridge County, Va., Feb. 15, 1809. In youth he manifested unusual mechanical ingenuity, and early began attempts at the manufacture of some device for cutting grain, his first finished machine being produced in 1831. Though he had been manufacturing for years in a small way, it was not until 1844 that his first machine was shipped to the West, and, in 1847, he came to Chicago with a view to establishing its manufacture in the heart of the region where its use would be most in demand. One of his early partners in the business was William B. Ogden, afterwards so widely known in connection with Chicago's railroad history. The business grew on his hands until it became one of the largest manufacturing interests in the United States. Mr. McCormick was a Democrat, and, in 1860, he bought "The Chicago Times," and having united it with "The Herald," which he already owned, a few months later sold the consolidated concern to Wilbur F. Storey. "The Interior," the Northwestern mouthpiece of the Presbyterian faith, had been founded by a joint stock-company in 1870, but was burned out in 1871 and removed to Cincinnati. In January, 1872, it was returned to Chicago, and, at the beginning of the following year, it became the property of Mr. McCormick in conjunction with Dr. Gray, who has been its editor and manager ever since. Mr. McCormick's most liberal work was undoubtedly the endowment of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Chicago, which goes by his name. His death occurred, May 13, 1884, after a business life of almost unprece-

dented success, and after conferring upon the agriculturists of the country a boon of inestimable value.

**MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**, a Presbyterian school of theology in Chicago, being the outgrowth of an institution originally connected with Hanover College, Ind., in 1830. In 1859 the late Cyrus H. McCormick donated \$100,000 to the school, and it was removed to Chicago, where it was opened in September, with a class of fifteen students. Since then nearly \$300,000 have been contributed toward a building fund by Mr. McCormick and his heirs, besides numerous donations to the same end made by others. The number of buildings is nine, four being for the general purposes of the institution (including dormitories), and five being houses for the professors. The course of instruction covers three annual terms of seven months each, and includes didactic and polemic theology, biblical and ecclesiastical history, sacred rhetoric and pastoral theology, church government and the sacraments, New Testament literature and exegesis, apologetics and missions, and homiletics. The faculty consists of eight professors, one adjunct professor, and one instructor in elocution and vocal culture. Between 200 and 300 students are enrolled, including post-graduates.

**MCCULLOCH, David**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Cumberland County, Pa., Jan. 25, 1832; received his academic education at Marshall College, Mercersburg, Pa., graduating in the class of 1852. Then, after spending some six months as a teacher in his native village, he came west, arriving at Peoria early in 1853. Here he conducted a private school for two years, when, in 1855, he began the study of law in the office of Manning & Merriman, being admitted to the bar in 1857. Soon after entering upon his law studies he was elected School Commissioner for Peoria County, serving, by successive re-elections, three terms (1855-61). At the close of this period he was taken into partnership with his old preceptor, Julius Manning, who died, July 4, 1862. In 1877 he was elected Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, under the law authorizing the increase of Judges in each circuit to three, and was re-elected in 1879, serving until 1885. Six years of this period were spent as a Justice of the Appellate Court for the Third Appellate District. On retiring from the bench, Judge McCulloch entered into partnership with his son, E. D. McCulloch, which is still maintained. Politically, Judge McCulloch was reared as a Democrat, but during the Civil War became a Republican. Since 1886

he has been identified with the Prohibition Party, although, as the result of questions arising during the Spanish-American War, giving a cordial support to the policy of President McKinley. In religious views he is a Presbyterian, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the McCormick Theological Seminary at Chicago.

**MCCULLOUGH, James Skiles**, Auditor of Public Accounts, was born in Mercersburg, Franklin County, Pa., May 4, 1843; in 1854 came with his father to Urbana, Ill., and grew up on a farm in that vicinity, receiving such education as could be obtained in the public schools. In 1862, at the age of 19 years, he enlisted as a private in Company G, Seventy-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served during the next three years in the Departments of the Mississippi and the Gulf, meanwhile participating in the campaign against Vicksburg, and, near the close of the war, in the operations about Mobile. On the 9th of April, 1865, while taking part in the assault on Fort Blakely, near Mobile, his left arm was torn to pieces by a grape-shot, compelling its amputation near the shoulder. His final discharge occurred in July, 1865. Returning home he spent a year in school at Urbana, after which he was a student in the Soldiers' College at Fulton, Ill., for two years. He then (1868) entered the office of the County Clerk of Champaign County as a deputy, remaining until 1873, when he was chosen County Clerk, serving by successive re-elections until 1896. The latter year he received the nomination of the Republican Party for Auditor of Public Accounts, and, at the November election, was elected by a plurality of 138,000 votes over his Democratic opponent. He was serving his sixth term as County Clerk when chosen Auditor, having received the nomination of his party on each occasion without opposition.

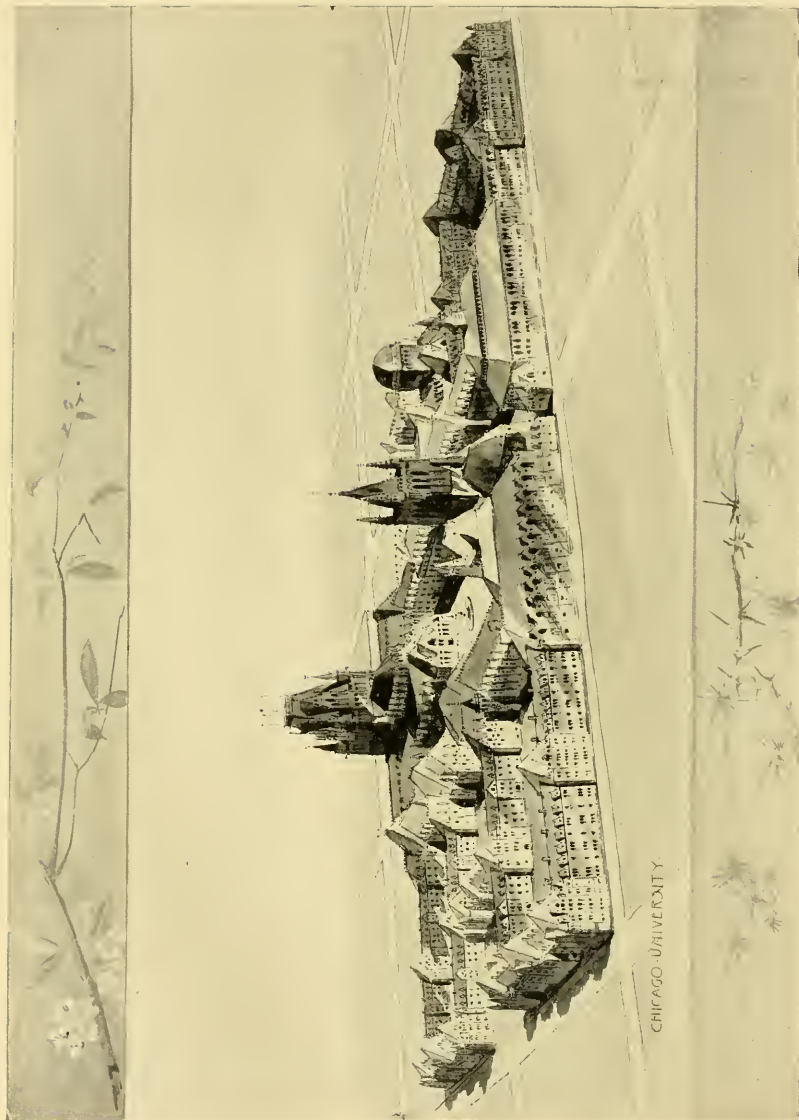
**MCDANNOLD, John J.**, lawyer and ex-Congressman, was born in Brown County, Ill., August 29, 1851, acquired his early education in the common schools of his native county and in a private school; graduated from the Law Department of the Iowa State University in 1874, and was admitted to the bar in Illinois the same year, commencing practice at Mount Sterling. In 1885 he was made Master in Chancery, in 1886, elected County Judge, and re-elected in 1890, resigning his seat in October, 1892, to accept an election by the Democrats of the Twelfth Illinois District as Representative in the Fifty-third Congress. After retiring from Congress (March 4, 1895), Mr. McDannold removed to Chicago, where he engaged in the practice of his profession.

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**McDONOUGH COUNTY**, organized under an act passed, Jan. 25, 1826, and attached, for judicial purposes, to Schuyler County until 1830. Its present area is 580 square miles—named in honor of Commodore McDonough. The first settlement in the county was at Industry, on the site of which William Carter (the pioneer of the county) built a cabin in 1826. James and John Vance and William Job settled in the vicinity in the following year. Out of this settlement grew Blandinsville. William Pennington located on Spring Creek in 1828, and, in 1831, James M. Campbell erected the first frame house on the site of the present city of Macomb. The first sermon, preached by a Protestant minister in the county, was delivered in the Job settlement by Rev. John Logan, a Baptist. Among the early officers were John Huston, County Treasurer; William Southward, Sheriff; Peter Hale, Coroner, and Jesse Bartlett, Surveyor. The first term of the Circuit Court was held in 1830, and presided over by Hon. Richard M. Young. The first railway to cross the county was the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy (1857). Since then other lines have penetrated it, and there are numerous railroad centers and shipping points of considerable importance. Population (1880), 25,037; (1890), 27,467; (1900), 28,412.

**McDOUGALL, James Alexander**, lawyer and United States Senator, was born in Bethlehem, Albany County, N. Y., Nov. 19, 1817; educated at the Albany grammar school, studied law and settled in Pike County, Ill., in 1837; was Attorney-General of Illinois four years (1843-47); then engaged in engineering and, in 1849, organized and led an exploring expedition to the Rio del Norte, Gila and Colorado Rivers, finally settling at San Francisco and engaging in the practice of law. In 1850 he was elected Attorney-General of California, served several terms in the State Legislature, and, in 1852, was chosen, as a Democrat, to Congress, but declined a re-election; in 1860 was elected United States Senator from California, serving as a War Democrat until 1867. At the expiration of his senatorial term he retired to Albany, N. Y., where he died, Sept. 3, 1867. Though somewhat irregular in habits, he was, at times, a brilliant and effective speaker, and, during the War of the Rebellion, rendered valuable aid to the Union cause.

**McFARLAND, Andrew, M.D.**, alienist, was born in Concord, N. H., July 14, 1817, graduated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1841, and, after being engaged in general practice for a few years, was invited to assume the man-

agement of the New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane at Concord. Here he remained some eight years, during which he acquired considerable reputation in the treatment of nervous and mental disorders. In 1854 he was offered and accepted the position of Medical Superintendent of the Illinois State (now Central) Hospital for the Insane at Jacksonville, entering upon his duties in June of that year, and continuing his connection with that institution for a period of more than sixteen years. Having resigned his position in the State Hospital in June, 1870, he soon after established the Oaklawn Retreat, at Jacksonville, a private institution for the treatment of insane patients, which he conducted with a great degree of success, and with which he was associated during the remainder of his life, dying, Nov. 22, 1891. Dr. McFarland's services were in frequent request as a medical expert in cases before the courts, invariably, however, on the side of the defense. The last case in which he appeared as a witness was at the trial of Charles F. Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield, whom he believed to be insane.

**McGAHEY, David**, settled in Crawford County, Ill., in 1817, and served as Representative from that County in the Third and Fourth General Assemblies (1822-26), and as Senator in the Eighth and Ninth (1832-36). Although a native of Tennessee, Mr. McGahey was a strong opponent of slavery, and, at the session of 1822, was one of those who voted against the pro-slavery Constitution resolution. He continued to reside in Lawrence County until his death in 1851.—**James D. (McGahey)**, a son of the preceding, was elected to the Ninth General Assembly from Crawford County, in 1834, but died during his term of service.

**McGANN, Lawrence Edward**, ex-Congressman, was born in Ireland, Feb. 2, 1832. His father having died in 1884, the following year his mother emigrated to the United States, settling at Milford, Mass., where he attended the public schools. In 1865 he came to Chicago, and, for fourteen years, found employment as a shoemaker. In 1879 he entered the municipal service as a clerk, and, on Jan. 1, 1885, was appointed City Superintendent of Streets, resigning in May, 1891. He was elected in 1892, as a Democrat, to represent the Second Illinois District in the Fifty-second Congress, and re-elected to the Fifty-third. In 1894 he was a candidate for re-election and received a certificate of election by a small majority over Hugh R. Belknap (Republican). An investigation having shown his defeat, he

magnanimously surrendered his seat to his competitor without a contest. He has large business interests in Chicago, especially in street railroad property, being President of an important electric line.

**McHENRY**, a village in McHenry County, situated on the Fox River and the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. The river is here navigable for steamboats of light draft, which ply between the town and Fox Lake, a favorite resort for sportsmen. The town has bottling works, a creamery, marble and granite works, cigar factory, flour mills, brewery, bank, four churches, and one weekly paper. Pop. (1890), 979; (1900), 1,013.

**McHENRY, William**, legislator and soldier of the Black Hawk War, came from Kentucky to Illinois in 1809, locating in White County, and afterwards became prominent as a legislator and soldier in the War of 1812, and in the Black Hawk War of 1832, serving in the latter as Major of the "Spy Battalion" and participating in the battle of Bad Axe. He also served as Representative in the First, Fourth, Fifth and Ninth General Assemblies, and as Senator in the Sixth and Seventh. While serving his last term in the House (1835), he died and was buried at Vandalia, then the State capital. McHenry County—organized by act of the Legislature, passed at a second session during the winter of 1835-36—was named in his honor.

**McHENRY COUNTY**, lies in the northern portion of the State, bounded on the north by Wisconsin—named for Gen. William McHenry. Its area is 624 square miles. With what is now the County of Lake, it was erected into a county in 1836, the county-seat being at McHenry. Three years later the eastern part was set off as the County of Lake, and the county-seat of McHenry County removed to Woodstock, the geographical center. The soil is well watered by living springs and is highly productive. Hardwood groves are numerous. Fruits and berries are extensively cultivated, but the herbage is especially adapted to dairying, Kentucky blue grass being indigenous. Large quantities of milk are daily shipped to Chicago, and the annual production of butter and cheese reaches into the millions of pounds. The geological formations comprise the drift and the Cincinnati and Niagara groups of rocks. Near Fox River are found gravel ridges. Vegetable remains and logs of wood have been found at various depths in the drift deposits; in one instance a cedar log, seven inches in diameter, having been discovered forty-two feet below the surface. Peat is found every-

where, although the most extensive deposits are in the northern half of the county, where they exist in sloughs covering several thousands of acres. Several lines of railroad cross the county, and every important village is a railway station. Woodstock, Marengo, and Harvard are the principal towns. Population (1880), 24,908; (1890), 26,114; (1900), 29,759.

**McINTOSH, (Capt.) Alexander**, was born in Fulton County, N. Y., in 1822; at 19 years of age entered an academy at Galway Center, remaining three years; in 1845 removed to Joliet, Ill., and, two years later, started "The Joliet True Democrat," but sold out the next year, and, in 1849, went to California. Returning in 1852, he bought back "The True Democrat," which he edited until 1857, meanwhile (1856) having been elected Clerk of the Circuit Court and Recorder of Will County. In 1863 he was appointed by President Lincoln Captain and Assistant Quartermaster, serving under General Sherman in 1864 and in the "March to the Sea," and, after the war, being for a time Post Quartermaster at Mobile. Having resigned in 1866, he engaged in mercantile business at Wilmington, Will County; but, in 1869, bought "The Wilmington Independent," which he published until 1873. The next year he returned to Joliet, and, a few months after, became political editor of "The Joliet Republican," and was subsequently connected, in a similar capacity, with other papers, including "The Phoenix" and "The Sun" of the same city. Died, in Joliet, Feb. 2, 1899.

**McKENDREE, William**, Methodist Episcopal Bishop, was born in Virginia, in 1757, enlisted as a private in the War of the Revolution, but later served as Adjutant and in the commissary department. He was converted at 30 years of age, and the next year began preaching in his native State, being advanced to the position of Presiding Elder; in 1800 was transferred to the West, Illinois falling within his District. Here he remained until his elevation to the episcopacy in 1808. McKendree College, at Lebanon, received its name from him, together with a donation of 480 acres of land. Died, near Nashville, Tenn., March 5, 1835.

**McKENDREE COLLEGE**, one of the earliest of Illinois colleges, located at Lebanon and incorporated in 1835. Its founding was suggested by Rev. Peter Cartwright, and it may be said to have had its inception at the Methodist Episcopal Conference held at Mount Carmel, in September, 1827. The first funds for its establishment were subscribed by citizens of Lebanon, who contrib-

uted from their scanty means, \$1,385. Instruction began, Nov. 24, 1828, under Rev. Edward Ames, afterwards a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1830 Bishop McKendree made a donation of land to the infant institution, and the school was named in his honor. It cannot be said to have become really a college until 1836, and its first class graduated in 1841. University powers were granted it by an amendment to its charter in 1839. At present the departments are as follows: Preparatory, business, classical, scientific, law, music and oratory. The institution owns property to the value of \$90,000, including an endowment of \$25,000, and has about 200 students, of both sexes, and a faculty of ten instructors. (See *Colleges, Early.*)

**McLAREN, William Edward**, Episcopal Bishop, was born at Geneva, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1831; graduated at Washington and Jefferson College (Washington, Pa.) in 1851, and, after six years spent in teaching and in journalistic work, entered Allegheny Theological Seminary, graduating and entering the Presbyterian ministry in 1860. For three years he was a missionary at Bogota, South America, and later in charge of churches at Peoria, Ill., and Detroit, Mich. Having entered the Protestant Episcopal Church, he was made a deacon in July, 1872, and ordained priest the following October, immediately thereafter assuming the pastorate of Trinity Church, Cleveland, Ohio. In July, 1875, he was elected Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Illinois, which then included the whole State. Subsequently, the dioceses of Quincy and Springfield were erected therefrom, Bishop McLaren remaining at the head of the Chicago See. During his episcopate, church work has been active and effective, and the Western Theological Seminary in Chicago has been founded. His published works include numerous sermons, addresses and poems, besides a volume entitled "Catholic Dogma the Antidote to Doubt" (New York, 1884).

**McLAUGHLIN, Robert K.**, early lawyer and State Treasurer, was born in Virginia, Oct. 25, 1779; before attaining his majority went to Kentucky, and, about 1815, removed to Illinois, settling finally at Belleville, where he entered upon the practice of law. The first public position held by him seems to have been that of Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk of both Houses of the Third (or last) Territorial Legislature (1816-18). In August, 1819, he entered upon the duties of State Treasurer, as successor to John Thomas, who had been Treasurer during the whole Territorial period, serving until January, 1823. Becoming a

citizen of Vandalia, by the removal thither of the State capital a few months later, he continued to reside there the remainder of his life. He subsequently represented the Fayette District as Representative in the Fifth General Assembly, and as Senator in the Sixth, Seventh and Tenth, and, in 1837, became Register of the Land Office at Vandalia, serving until 1845. Although an uncle of Gen. Joseph Duncan, he became a candidate for Governor against the latter, in 1834, standing third on the list. He married a Miss Bond, a niece of Gov. Shadrach Bond, under whose administration he served as State Treasurer. Died, at Vandalia, May 29, 1862.

**McLEAN**, a village of McLean County, on the Chicago & Alton Railway, 14 miles southwest of Bloomington, in a farming, dairying and stock-growing district; has one weekly paper. Population (1890), 500; (1900), 532.

**McLEAN, John**, early United States Senator, was born in North Carolina in 1791, brought by his father to Kentucky when four years old, and, at 23, was admitted to the bar and removed to Illinois, settling at Shawneetown in 1815. Possessing oratorical gifts of a high order and an almost magnetic power over men, coupled with strong common sense, a keen sense of humor and, great command of language, he soon attained prominence at the bar and as a popular speaker. In 1818 he was elected the first Representative in Congress from the new State, defeating Daniel P. Cook, but served only a few months, being defeated by Cook at the next election. He was three times elected to the Legislature, serving once as Speaker. In 1824 he was chosen United States Senator to succeed Governor Edwards (who had resigned), serving one year. In 1828 he was elected for a second time by a unanimous vote, but lived to serve only one session, dying at Shawneetown, Oct. 4, 1830. In testimony of the public appreciation of the loss which the State had sustained by his death, McLean County was named in his honor.

**McLEAN COUNTY**, the largest county of the State, having an area of 1166 square miles, is central as to the region north of the latitude of St. Louis and about midway between that city and Chicago—was named for John McLean, an early United States Senator. The early immigrants were largely from Ohio, although Kentucky and New York were well represented. The county was organized in 1830, the population at that time being about 1,200. The greater portion of the surface is high, undulating prairie, with occasional groves and belts of timber. On the



creek bottoms are found black walnut, sycamore, buckeye, black ash and elm, while the sandy ridges are covered with scrub oak and black-jack. The soil is extremely fertile (generally a rich, brown loam), and the entire county is underlaid with coal. The chief occupations are stock-raising, coal-mining, agriculture and manufactures. Sugar and Mackinaw Creeks, with their tributaries, afford thorough drainage. Sand and gravel beds are numerous, but vary greatly in depth. At Chenoa one has been found, in boring for coal, thirty feet thick, overlaid by forty-five feet of the clay common to this formation. The upper seam of coal in the Bloomington shafts is No. 6 of the general section, and the lower, No. 4; the latter averaging four feet in thickness. The principal towns are Bloomington (the county-seat), Normal, Lexington, LeRoy and Chenoa. Population (1890), 63,036; (1900), 67,843.

**McLEANSBORO**, a city and the county-seat of Hamilton County, upon a branch of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, 102 miles east south-east of St. Louis and about 48 miles southeast of Centralia. The people are enterprising and progressive, the city is up-to-date and prosperous, supporting three banks and six churches. Two weekly newspapers are published here. Population (1880), 1,341; (1890), 1,355; (1900), 1,758.

**McMULLIN, James C.**, Railway Manager, was born at Watertown, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1836; began work as Freight and Ticket Agent of the Great Western Railroad (now Wabash), at Decatur, Ill., May, 1857, remaining until 1860, when he accepted the position of Freight Agent of the Chicago & Alton at Springfield. Here he remained until Jan. 1, 1863, when he was transferred in a similar capacity to Chicago; in September, 1864, became Superintendent of the Northern Division of the Chicago & Alton, afterwards successively filling the positions of Assistant General Superintendent (1867), General Superintendent (1868-78) and General Manager (1878-83). The latter year he was elected Vice-President, remaining in office some ten years, when ill-health compelled his retirement. Died, in Chicago, Dec. 30, 1896.

**McMURTRY, William**, Lieutenant-Governor, was born in Mercer County, Ky., Feb. 20, 1801; removed from Kentucky to Crawford County, Ind., and, in 1829, came to Knox County, Ill., settling in Henderson Township. He was elected Representative in the Tenth General Assembly (1836), and to the Senate in 1842, serving in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth General Assemblies. In 1848 he was elected Lieutenant-Governor on

the same ticket with Gov. A. C. French, being the first to hold the office under the Constitution adopted that year. In 1862 he assisted in raising the One Hundred and Second Regiment Illinois Volunteers, and, although advanced in years, was elected Colonel, but a few weeks later was compelled to accept a discharge on account of failing health. Died, April 10, 1875.

**McNEELEY, Thompson W.**, lawyer and ex-Congressman, was born in Jacksonville, Ill., Oct. 5, 1835, and graduated at Lombard University, Galesburg, at the age of 21. The following year he was licensed to practice, but continued to pursue his professional studies, attending the Law University at Louisville, Ky., from which institution he graduated in 1859. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1862, and chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee in 1878. From 1869 to 1873 he represented his District in Congress, resuming his practice at Petersburg, Menard County, after his retirement.

**McNULTA, John**, soldier and ex-Congressman, was born in New York City, Nov. 9, 1837, received an academic education, was admitted to the bar, and settled at Bloomington, in this State, while yet a young man. On May 3, 1861, he enlisted as a private in the Union army, and served until August 9, 1865, rising, successively, to the rank of Captain, Lieutenant-Colonel, Colonel and Brevet Brigadier-General. From 1869 to 1873 he was a member of the lower house of the General Assembly from McLean County, and, in 1872, was elected to the Forty-third Congress, as a Republican. General McNulta has been prominent in the councils of the Republican party, standing second on the ballot for a candidate for Governor, in the State Convention of 1888, and serving as Permanent President of the State Convention of 1890. In 1896 he was one of the most earnest advocates of the nomination of Mr. McKinley for President. Some of his most important work, within the past few years, has been performed in connection with receiverships of certain railway and other corporations, especially that of the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railroad, from 1884 to 1890. He is now (1898) Receiver of the National Bank of Illinois, Chicago. Died Feb. 22, 1900.

**McPHERSON, Simeon J.**, clergyman, descended from the Clan McPherson of Scotland, was born at Mumford, Monroe County, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1850; prepared for college at Leroy and Fulton, and graduated at Princeton, N. J., in 1874. Then, after a year's service as teacher of mathematics at his Alma Mater, he entered the Theological

Seminary there, and graduated from that department in 1879, having in the meantime traveled through Europe, Egypt and Palestine. He was licensed to preach by the Rochester Presbytery in 1877, and spent three years (1879-82) in pastoral labor at East Orange, N. J.; when he accepted a call to the Second Presbyterian Church of Chicago, remaining until the early part of 1899, when he tendered his resignation to accept the position of Director of the Lawrenceville Preparatory Academy of Princeton College, N. J.

**McROBERTS, Josiah**, jurist, was born in Monroe County, Ill., June 12, 1820; graduated from St. Mary's College (Mo.) in 1839; studied law at Danville, Ill., with his brother Samuel, and, in 1842, entered the law department of Transylvania University, graduating in 1844, after which he at once began practice. In 1846 he was elected to the State Senate for the Cham-paign and Vermilion District, at the expiration of his term removing to Joliet. In 1852 he was appointed by Governor Matteson Trustee of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, which office he held for four years. In 1866 he was appointed Circuit Court Judge by Governor Oglesby, to fill a vacancy, and was re-elected in 1867, '73, '79, and '85, but died a few months after his last election.

**McROBERTS, Samuel**, United States Senator, was born in Monroe County, Ill., Feb. 20, 1799; graduated from Transylvania University in 1819; in 1821, was elected the first Circuit Clerk of his native county, and, in 1825, appointed Circuit Judge, which office he held for three years. In 1828 he was elected State Senator, representing the district comprising Monroe, Clinton and Washington Counties. Later he was appointed United States District Attorney by President Jackson, but soon resigned to become Receiver of Public Moneys at Danville, by appointment of President Van Buren, and, in 1839, Solicitor of the General Land Office at Washington. Resigning the latter office in the fall of 1841, at the next session of the Illinois Legislature he was elected United States Senator to succeed John M. Robinson, deceased. Died, at Cincinnati, Ohio, March 22, 1843, being succeeded by James Semple.

**McVICKER, James Hubert**, actor and theatrical manager, was born in New York City, Feb. 14, 1822; thrown upon his own resources by the death of his father in infancy and the necessity of assisting to support his widowed mother, he early engaged in various occupations, until, at the age of 15, he became an apprentice in the office of "The St. Louis Republican," three years

later becoming a journeyman printer. He first appeared on the stage in the St. Charles Theater, New Orleans, in 1843; two years later was principal comedian in Rice's Theater, Chicago, remaining until 1852, when he made a tour of the country, appearing in Yankee characters. About 1855 he made a tour of England and, on his return, commenced building his first Chicago theater, which was opened, Nov. 3, 1857, and was conducted with varied fortune until burned down in the great fire of 1871. Rebuilt and remodeled from time to time, it burned down a second time in August, 1890, the losses from these several fires having imposed upon Mr. McVicker a heavy burden. Although an excellent comedian, Mr. McVicker did not appear on the stage after 1882, from that date giving his attention entirely to management. He enjoyed in an eminent degree the respect and confidence, not only of the profession, but of the general public. Died in Chicago, March 7, 1896.

**McWILLIAMS, David**, banker, Dwight, Ill., was born in Belmont County, Ohio, Jan. 14, 1834; was brought to Illinois in infancy and grew up on a farm until 14 years of age, when he entered the office of the Pittsfield (Pike County) "Free Press" as an apprentice. In 1849 he engaged in the lumber trade with his father, the management of which devolved upon him a few years later. In the early 50's he was, for a time, a student in Illinois College at Jacksonville, but did not graduate; in 1855 removed to Dwight, Livingston County, then a new town on the line of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, which had been completed to that point a few months previous. Here he erected the first store building in the town, and put in a \$2,000 stock of goods on borrowed capital, remaining in the mercantile business for eighteen years, and retaining an interest in the establishment seven years longer. In the meantime, while engaged in merchandising, he began a banking business, which was enlarged on his retirement from the former, receiving his entire attention. The profits derived from his banking business were invested in farm lands until he became one of the largest land-owners in Livingston County. Mr. McWilliams is one of the original members of the first Methodist Episcopal Church organized at Dwight, and has served as a lay delegate to several General Conferences of that denomination, as well as a delegate to the Ecumenical Council in London in 1881; has also been a liberal contributor to the support of various literary and theological institutions of the church, and has served for many years as a Trust-

tee of the Northwestern University at Evanston. In politics he is a zealous Republican, and has repeatedly served as a delegate to the State Conventions of that party, including the Bloomington Convention of 1856, and was a candidate for Presidential Elector for the Ninth District on the Blaine ticket in 1884. He has made several extended tours to Europe and other foreign countries, the last including a trip to Egypt and the Holy Land, during 1898-99.

**MECHANICSBURG**, a village of Sangamon County, near the Wabash Railway, 13 miles east of Springfield. Population (1880), 396; (1890), 426; (1900), 476.

**MEDILL, Joseph**, editor and newspaper publisher, was born, April 6, 1823, in the vicinity (now a part of the city) of St. John, N. B., of Scotch-Irish parentage, but remotely of Huguenot descent. At nine years of age he accompanied his parents to Stark County, Ohio, where he enjoyed such educational advantages as belonged to that region and period. He entered an academy with a view to preparing for college, but his family having suffered from a fire, he was compelled to turn his attention to business; studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1846, and began practice at New Philadelphia, in Tuscarawas County. Here he caught the spirit of journalism by frequent visits to the office of a local paper, learned to set type and to work a hand-press. In 1849 he bought a paper at Coshocton, of which he assumed editorial charge, employing his brothers as assistants in various capacities. The name of this paper was "The Coshocton Whig," which he soon changed to "The Republican," in which he dealt vigorous blows at political and other abuses, which several times brought upon him assaults from his political opponents—that being the style of political argument in those days. Two years later, having sold out "The Republican," he established "The Daily Forest City" at Cleveland—a Whig paper with free-soil proclivities. The following year "The Forest City" was consolidated with "The Free-Democrat," a Free-Soil paper under the editorship of John C. Vaughan, a South Carolina Abolitionist, the new paper taking the name of "The Cleveland Leader." Mr. Medill, with the co-operation of Mr. Vaughan, then went to work to secure the consolidation of the elements opposed to slavery in one compact organization. In this he was aided by the introduction of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill in Congress, in December, 1853, and, before its passage in May following, Mr. Medill had begun to agitate the question of a union of all

opposed to that measure in a new party under the name "Republican." During the winter of 1854-55 he received a call from Gen. J. D. Webster, at that time part owner of "The Chicago Tribune," which resulted in his visiting Chicago a few months later, and his purchase of an interest in the paper, his connection with the concern dating from June 18, 1855. He was almost immediately joined by Dr. Charles H. Ray, who had been editor of "The Galena Jeffersonian," and, still later, by J. C. Vaughan and Alfred Cowles, who had been associated with him on "The Cleveland Leader." Mr. Medill assumed the position of managing editor, and, on the retirement of Dr. Ray, in 1863, became editor-in-chief until 1866, when he gave place to Horace White, now of "The New York Evening Post." During the Civil War period he was a zealous supporter of President Lincoln's emancipation policy, and served, for a time, as President of the "Loyal League," which proved such an influential factor in upholding the hands of the Government during the darkest period of the rebellion. In 1869 Mr. Medill was elected to the State Constitutional Convention, and, in that body, was the leading advocate of the principle of "minority representation" in the election of Representatives, as it was finally incorporated in the Constitution. In 1871 he was appointed by President Grant a member of the first Civil Service Commission, representing a principle to which he ever remained thoroughly committed. A few weeks after the great fire of the same year, he was elected Mayor of the city of Chicago. The financial condition of the city at the time, and other questions in issue, involved great difficulties and responsibilities, which he met in a way to command general approval. During his administration the Chicago Public Library was established, Mr. Medill delivering the address at its opening, Jan. 1, 1873. Near the close of his term as Mayor, he resigned the office and spent the following year in Europe. Almost simultaneously with his return from his European trip, he secured a controlling interest in "The Tribune," resuming control of the paper, Nov. 9, 1874, which, as editor-in-chief, he retained for the remainder of his life of nearly twenty-five years. The growth of the paper in business and influence, from the beginning of his connection with it, was one of the marvels of journalism, making it easily one of the most successful newspaper ventures in the United States, if not in the world. Early in December, 1898, Mr. Medill went to San Antonio, Texas, hoping to receive relief in that

mild climate from a chronic disease which had been troubling him for years, but died in that city, March 16, 1899, within three weeks of having reached his 76th birthday. The conspicuous features of his character were a strong individuality and indomitable perseverance, which led him never to accept defeat. A few weeks previous to his death, facts were developed going to show that, in 1881, he was offered, by President Garfield, the position of Postmaster-General, which was declined, when he was tendered the choice of any position in the Cabinet except two which had been previously promised; also, that he was offered a position in President Harrison's Cabinet, in 1889.

**MEDILL, (Maj.) William H.**, soldier, was born at Massillon, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1835; in 1855, came to Chicago and was associated with "The Prairie Farmer." Subsequently he was editor of "The Stark County (Ohio) Republican," but again returning to Chicago, at the beginning of the war, was employed on "The Tribune," of which his brother (Hon. Joseph Medill) was editor. After a few months' service in Barker's Dragons (a short-time organization), in September, 1861, he joined the Eighth Illinois Cavalry (Colonel Farnsworth's), and, declining an election as Major, was chosen Senior Captain. The regiment soon joined the Army of the Potomac. By the promotion of his superior officers Captain Medill was finally advanced to the command, and, during the Peninsular campaign of 1862, led his troops on a reconnaissance within twelve miles of Richmond. At the battle of Gettysburg he had command of a portion of his regiment, acquitting himself with great credit. A few days after, while attacking a party of rebels who were attempting to build a bridge across the Potomac at Williamsburg, he received a fatal wound through the lungs, dying at Frederick City, July 16, 1863.

**MEEKER, Moses**, pioneer, was born in Newark, N. J., June 17, 1790; removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1817, engaging in the manufacture of white lead until 1822, when he headed a pioneer expedition to the frontier settlement at Galena, Ill., to enter upon the business of smelting lead-ore. He served as Captain of a company in the Black Hawk War, later removing to Iowa County, Wis., where he built the first smelting works in that Territory, served in the Territorial Legislature (1840-43) and in the first Constitutional Convention (1846). A "History of the Early Lead Regions," by him, appears in the sixth volume of "The Wisconsin Historical Soci-

ety Collections." Died, at Shullsburg, Wis., July 7, 1865.

**MELROSE**, a suburb of Chicago, 11 miles west of the initial station of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, upon which it is located. It has two or three churches, some manufacturing establishments and one weekly paper. Population (1890), 1,050; (1900), 2,592.

**MEMBRE, Zenobius**, French missionary, was born in France in 1645; accompanied La Salle on his expedition to Illinois in 1679, and remained at Fort Creve-Cœur with Henry de Tonty; descended the Mississippi with La Salle in 1682; returned to France and wrote a history of the expedition, and, in 1684, accompanied La Salle on his final expedition; is supposed to have landed with La Salle in Texas, and there to have been massacred by the natives in 1687. (See *La Salle and Tonty*.)

**MENARD, Pierre**, French pioneer and first Lieutenant-Governor, was born at St. Antoine, Can., Oct. 7, 1766; settled at Kaskaskia, in 1790, and engaged in trade. Becoming interested in politics, he was elected to the Territorial Council of Indiana, and later to the Legislative Council of Illinois Territory, being presiding officer of the latter until the admission of Illinois as a State. He was, for several years, Government Agent, and in this capacity negotiated several important treaties with the Indians, of whose characteristics he seemed to have an intuitive perception. He was of a nervous temperament, impulsive and generous. In 1818 he was elected the first Lieutenant-Governor of the new State. His term of office having expired, he retired to private life and the care of his extensive business. He died at Kaskaskia, in June, 1844, leaving what was then considered a large estate. Among his assets, however, were found a large number of promissory notes, which he had endorsed for personal friends, besides many uncollectable accounts from poor people, to whom he had sold goods through pure generosity. Menard County was named for him, and a statue in his honor stands in the capitol grounds at Springfield, erected by the son of his old partner—Charles Pierre Chouteau, of St. Louis.

**MENARD COUNTY**, near the geographical center of the State, and originally a part of Sangamon, but separately organized in 1839, the Provisional Commissioners being Joseph Watkins, William Engle and George W. Simpson. The county was named in honor of Pierre Menard, who settled at Kaskaskia prior to the Territorial organization of Illinois. (See *Menard, Pierre*.) Cotton was an important crop until 1830, when



agriculture underwent a change. Stock-raising is now extensively carried on. Three fine veins of bituminous coal underlie the county. Among early American settlers may be mentioned the Clarys, Matthew Rogers, Amor Batterton, Solomon Pruitt and William Gideon. The names of Meadows, Montgomery, Green, Boyer and Grant are also familiar to early settlers. The county furnished a company of eighty-six volunteers for the Mexican War. The county-seat is at Petersburg. The area of the county is 320 square miles, and its population, under the last census, 14,336. In 1829 was laid out the town of Salem, now extinct, but for some years the home of Abraham Lincoln, who was once its Postmaster, and who marched thence to the Black Hawk War as Captain of a company.

**MENDON**, a town of Adams County, on the Burlington & Quincy Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, 15 miles northeast of Quincy; has a bank and a newspaper; is surrounded by a farming and stock-raising district. Population (1880), 652; (1890) 640; (1900), 627.

**MENDOTA**, a city in La Salle County, founded in 1853, at the junction of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy with its Rochelle and Fulton branches and the Illinois Central Railway, 80 miles southwest of Chicago. It has eight churches, three graded and two high schools, and a public library. Wartburg Seminary (Lutheran, opened in 1853) is located here. The chief industrial plants are two iron foundries, machine shops, plow works and a brewery. The city has three banks and four weekly newspapers. The surrounding country is agricultural and the city has considerable local trade. Population (1890), 3,542; (1900), 3,736.

**MERCER COUNTY**, a western county, with an area of 555 square miles and a population (1900) of 20,945—named for Gen. Hugh Mercer. The Mississippi forms the western boundary, and along this river the earliest American settlements were made. William Dennison, a Pennsylvanian, settled in New Boston Township in 1828, and, before the expiration of a half dozen years, the Vannattas, Keith, Jackson, Wilson, Farlow, Bridges, Perry and Fleharty had arrived. Mercer County was separated from Warren, and specially organized in 1825. The soil is a rich, black loam, admirably adapted to the cultivation of cereals. A good quality of building stone is found at various points. Aledo is the county-seat. The county lies on the outskirts of the Illinois coal fields and mining was commenced in 1845.

**MERCY HOSPITAL**, located in Chicago, and the first permanent hospital in the State—chartered in 1847 or 1848 as the "Illinois General Hospital of the Lakes." No steps were taken toward organization until 1850, when, with a scanty fund scarcely exceeding \$150, twelve beds were secured and placed on one floor of a boarding house, whose proprietress was engaged as nurse and stewardess. Drs. N. S. Davis and Daniel Brainard were, respectively, the first physician and surgeon in charge. In 1851 the hospital was given in charge of the Sisters of Mercy, who at once enlarged and improved the accommodations, and, in 1852, changed its name to Mercy Hospital. Three or four years later, a removal was made to a building previously occupied as an orphan asylum. Being the only public hospital in the city, its wards were constantly overcrowded, and, in 1869, a more capacious and better arranged building was erected. This edifice it has continued to occupy, although many additions and improvements have been, and are still being, made. The Sisters of Mercy own the grounds and buildings, and manage the nursing and all the domestic and financial affairs of the institution. The present medical staff (1896) consists of thirteen physicians and surgeons, besides three internes, or resident practitioners.

**MEREDOSIA**, a town in Morgan County, on the east bank of the Illinois River and on the Wabash Railway, some 58 miles west of Springfield; is a grain shipping point and fishing and hunting resort. It was the first Illinois River point to be connected with the State capital by railroad in 1838. Population (1890), 621; (1900), 700.

**MERRIAM**, (Col.) Jonathan, soldier, legislator and farmer, was born in Vermont, Nov. 1, 1834; was brought to Springfield, Ill., when two years old, living afterwards at Alton, his parents finally locating, in 1841, in Tazewell County, where he now resides—when not officially employed—pursuing the occupation of a farmer. He was educated at Wesleyan University, Bloomington, and at McKendree College; entered the Union army in 1862, being commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of the One Hundred and Seventeenth Illinois Infantry, and serving to the close of the war. During the Civil War period he was one of the founders of the "Union League of America," which proved so influential a factor in sustaining the war policy of the Government. He was also a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1869-70; an unsuccessful Republican nominee for Congress in 1870; served as Collector of Internal Revenue for the Springfield

District from 1873 to '83, was a Representative in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth General Assemblies, and, in 1897, was appointed, by President McKinley, Pension Agent for the State of Illinois, with headquarters in Chicago. Thoroughly patriotic and of incorruptible integrity, he has won the respect and confidence of all in every public position he has been called to fill.

**MERRILL, Stephen Mason**, Methodist Episcopal Bishop, was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, Sept. 16, 1825, entered the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in 1864, as a traveling preacher, and, four years later, became editor of "The Western Christian Advocate," at Cincinnati. He was ordained Bishop at Brooklyn in 1872, and, after two years spent in Minnesota, removed to Chicago, where he still resides. The degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by Ohio Wesleyan University, in 1868, and that of LL.D. by the Northwestern University, in 1886. He has published "Christian Baptism" (Cincinnati, 1876); "New Testament Idea of Hell" (1878); "Second Coming of Christ" (1879); "Aspects of Christian Experience" (1882); "Digest of Methodist Law" (1885); and "Outlines of Thought on Probation" (1886).

**MERRITT, John W.**, journalist, was born in New York City, July 4, 1806; studied law and practiced, for a time, with the celebrated James T. Brady as a partner. In 1841 he removed to St. Clair County, Ill., purchased and, from 1848 to '51, conducted "The Belleville Advocate"; later, removed to Salem, Ill., where he established "The Salem Advocate"; served as Assistant Secretary of the State Constitutional Convention of 1862, and as Representative in the Twenty-third General Assembly. In 1864 he purchased "The State Register" at Springfield, and was its editor for several years. Died, Nov. 16, 1878.—**Thomas E. (Merritt)**, son of the preceding, lawyer and politician, was born in New York City, April 29, 1834; at six years of age was brought by his father to Illinois, where he attended the common schools and later learned the trade of carriage-painting. Subsequently he read law, and was admitted to the bar, at Springfield, in 1862. In 1868 he was elected, as a Democrat, to the lower house of the General Assembly from the Salem District, and was re-elected to the same body in 1870, '74, '76, '86 and '88. He also served two terms in the Senate (1878-'86), making an almost continuous service in the General Assembly of eighteen years. He has repeatedly been a member of State conventions of his party, and stands as one of its trusted representatives.—**Maj.-Gen.**

**Wesley (Merritt)**, another son, was born in New York, June 16, 1836, came with his father to Illinois in childhood, and was appointed a cadet at West Point Military Academy from this State, graduating in 1860; became a Second Lieutenant in the regular army, the same year, and was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, a year later. After the beginning of the Civil War, he was rapidly promoted, reaching the rank of Brigadier-General of Volunteers in 1862, and being mustered out, in 1866, with the brevet rank of Major-General. He re-entered the regular army as Lieutenant-Colonel, was promoted to a colonelcy in 1876, and, in 1887, received a commission as Brigadier-General, in 1897 becoming Major-General. He was in command, for a time, of the Department of the Missouri, but, on his last promotion, was transferred to the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governor's Island, N. Y. Soon after the beginning of the war with Spain, he was assigned to the command of the land forces destined for the Philippines, and appointed Military Governor of the Islands. Towards the close of the year he returned to the United States and resumed his old command at New York.

**MESSINGER, John**, pioneer surveyor and cartographer, was born at West Stockbridge, Mass., in 1771, grew up on a farm, but secured a good education, especially in mathematics. Going to Vermont in 1783, he learned the trade of a carpenter and mill-wright; removed to Kentucky in 1799, and, in 1802, to Illinois (then a part of Indiana Territory), locating first in the American Bottom and, later, at New Design within the present limits of Monroe County. Two years later he became the proprietor of a mill, and, between 1804 and 1806, taught one of the earliest schools in St. Clair County. The latter year he took up the vocation of a surveyor, which he followed for many years as a sub-contractor under William Rector, surveying much of the land in St. Clair and Randolph Counties, and, still later, assisting in determining the northern boundary of the State. He also served for a time as a teacher of mathematics in Rock Spring Seminary; in 1821 published "A Manual, or Hand-Book, intended for Convenience in Practical Surveying," and prepared some of the earlier State and county maps. In 1808 he was elected to the Indiana Territorial Legislature, to fill a vacancy, and took part in the steps which resulted in setting up a separate Territorial Government for Illinois, the following year. He also received an appointment as the first Surveyor of St. Clair

County under the new Territorial Government; was chosen a Delegate from St. Clair County to the Convention of 1818, which framed the first State Constitution, and, the same year, was elected a Representative in the First General Assembly, serving as Speaker of that body. After leaving New Design, the later years of his life were spent on a farm two and a half miles north of Belleville, where he died in 1846.

**METAMORA**, a town of Woodford County, on a branch of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, 19 miles east-northeast of Peoria and some thirty miles northwest of Bloomington; is center of a fine farming district. The town has a creamery, soda factory, one bank, three churches, two newspapers, schools and a park. Population (1880), 828; (1900), 758. Metamora was the county-seat of Woodford County until 1899, when the seat of justice was removed to Eureka.

**METCALF**, Andrew W., lawyer, was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, August 6, 1828; educated at Madison College in his native State, graduating in 1846, and, after studying law at Cambridge, Ohio, three years, was admitted to the bar in 1850. The following year he went to Appleton, Wis., but remained only a year, when he removed to St. Louis, then to Edwardsville, and shortly after to Alton, to take charge of the legal business of George T. Brown, then publisher of "The Alton Courier." In 1853 he returned to Edwardsville to reside permanently, and, in 1859, was appointed by Governor Bissell State's Attorney for Madison County, serving one year. In 1864 he was elected State Senator for a term of four years; was a delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1872, and, in 1876, a lay delegate from the Southern Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the General Conference at Baltimore; has also been a Trustee of McKendree College, at Lebanon, Ill., for more than twenty-five years.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, one of the most numerous Protestant church organizations in the United States and in Illinois. Rev. Joseph Lillard was the first preacher of this sect to settle in the Northwest Territory, and Capt. Joseph Ogle was the first class-leader (1795). It is stated that the first American preacher in the American Bottom was Rev. Hosea Riggs (1796). Rev. Benjamin Young took charge of the first Methodist mission in 1803, and, in 1804, this mission was attached to the Cumberland (Tenn.) circuit. Revs. Joseph Oglesby and Charles R. Matheny were among the early circuit riders. In 1820 there were seven circuits in Illinois, and, in

1830, twenty-eight, the actual membership exceeding 10,000. The first Methodist service in Chicago was held by Rev. Jesse Walker, in 1826. The first Methodist society in that city was organized by Rev. Stephen R. Beggs, in June, 1831. By 1835 the number of circuits had increased to 61, with 370 ministers and 15,000 members. Rev. Peter Cartwright was among the early revivalists. The growth of this denomination in the State has been extraordinary. By 1890, it had nearly 2,000 churches, 937 ministers, and 151,000 members—the total number of Methodists in the United States, by the same census, being 4,980,240. The church property owned in 1890 (including parsonages) approached \$111,000,000, and the total contributions were estimated at \$2,073,923. The denomination in Illinois supports two theological seminaries and the Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston. "The Northwestern Christian Advocate," with a circulation of some 30,000, is its official organ in Illinois. (See also *Religious Denominations*.)

**METROPOLIS CITY**, the county-seat of Massac County, 156 miles southeast of St. Louis, situated on the Ohio River and on the St. Louis and Paducah Division of the Illinois Central Railroad. The city was founded in 1839, on the site of old Fort Massac, which was erected by the French, aided by the Indians, about 1711. Its industries consist largely of various forms of wood-working. Saw and planing mills are a commercial factor; other establishments turn out wheel, buggy and wagon material, barrel staves and heads, boxes and baskets, and veneers. There are also flouring mills and potteries. The city has a public library, two banks, water-works, electric lights, numerous churches, high school and graded schools, and three papers. Population (1880), 2,668; (1890), 3,573; (1900), 4,069.

**MEXICAN WAR**. Briefly stated, this war originated in the annexation of Texas to the United States, early in 1846. There was a disagreement as to the western boundary of Texas. Mexico complained of encroachment upon her territory, and hostilities began with the battle of Palo Alto, May 8, and ended with the treaty of peace, concluded at Guadalupe Hidalgo, near the City of Mexico, Feb. 2, 1848. Among the most prominent figures were President Polk, under whose administration annexation was effected, and Gen. Zachary Taylor, who was chief in command in the field at the beginning of the war, and was elected Polk's successor. Illinois furnished more than her full quota of troops for the struggle. May 13, 1846, war was declared. On May

25, Governor Ford issued his proclamation calling for the enlistment of three regiments of infantry, the assessed quota of the State. The response was prompt and general. Alton was named as the rendezvous, and Col. (afterwards General) Sylvester Churchill was the mustering officer. The regiments mustered in were commanded, respectively, by Col. John J. Hardin, Col. Wm. H. Bissell (afterwards Governor) and Col. Ferris Forman. An additional twelve months' regiment (the Fourth) was accepted, under command of Col. E. D. Baker, who later became United States Senator from Oregon, and fell at the battle of Ball's Bluff, in October, 1861. A second call was made in April, 1847, under which Illinois sent two more regiments, for the war, towards the Mexican frontier. These were commanded by Col. Edward W. B. Newby and Col. James Collins. Independent companies were also tendered and accepted. Besides, there were some 150 volunteers who joined the regiments already in the field. Commanders of the independent companies were Capts. Adam Dunlap, of Schuyler County; Wyatt B. Stapp, of Warren; Michael K. Lawler, of Shawneetown, and Josiah Little. Col. John J. Hardin, of the First, was killed at Buena Vista, and the official mortality list includes many names of Illinois' best and bravest sons. After participating in the battle of Buena Vista, the Illinois troops shared in the triumphal entry into the City of Mexico, on Sept. 16, 1847, and (in connection with those from Kentucky) were especially complimented in General Taylor's official report. The Third and Fourth regiments won distinction at Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo and the City of Mexico. At the second of these battles, General Shields fell severely (and, as supposed for a time, mortally) wounded. Colonel Baker succeeded Shields, led a gallant charge, and really turned the day at Cerro Gordo. Among the officers honorably named by General Scott, in his official report, were Colonel Forman, Major Harris, Adjutant Fonday, Capt. J. S. Post, and Lieutenants Hammond and Davis. All the Illinois troops were mustered out between May 25, 1847 and Nov. 7, 1848, the independent companies being the last to quit the service. The total number of volunteers was 6,123, of whom 86 were killed, and 160 wounded, 12 of the latter dying of their wounds. Gallant service in the Mexican War soon became a passport to political preferment, and some of the brave soldiers of 1846-47 subsequently achieved merited distinction in civil life. Many also became distinguished soldiers in the War of the

Rebellion, including such names as John A. Logan, Richard J. Oglesby, M. K. Lawler, James D. Morgan, W. H. L. Wallace, B. M. Prentiss, W. R. Morrison, L. F. Ross, and others. The cost of the war, with \$15,000,000 paid for territory annexed, is estimated at \$166,500,000 and the extent of territory acquired, nearly 1,000,000 square miles—considerably more than the whole of the present territory of the Republic of Mexico.

**MEYER, John**, lawyer and legislator, was born in Holland, Feb. 27, 1852; came to Chicago at the age of 12 years; entered the Northwestern University, supporting himself by labor during vacations and by teaching in a night school, until his third year in the university, when he became a student in the Union College of Law, being admitted to the bar in 1879; was elected from Cook County to the Thirty-fifth General Assembly (1884), and re-elected to the Thirty-sixth, Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth, being chosen Speaker of the latter (Jan. 18, 1895). Died in office, at Freeport, Ill., July 3, 1895, during a special session of the General Assembly.

**MIAMIS, The.** The preponderance of authority favors the belief that this tribe of Indians was originally a part of the Ill-i-ni or Illinois, but the date of their separation from the parent stock cannot be told. It is likely, however, that it occurred before the French pushed their explorations from Canada westward and southward, into and along the Mississippi Valley. Father Dablon alludes to the presence of Miamis (whom he calls Ou-mi-a-mi) in a mixed Indian village, near the mouth of Fox River of Wisconsin, in 1670. The orthography of their name is varied. The Iroquois and the British generally knew them as the "Twightwees," and so they were commonly called by the American colonists. The Weas and Piankeshaws were of the same tribe. When La Salle founded his colony at Starved Rock, the Miamis had villages which could muster some 1,950 warriors, of which the Weas had 500 and the Piankeshaws 150, the remaining 1,300 being Miamis proper. In 1671 (according to a written statement by Charlevoix in 1721), the Miamis occupied three villages—one on the St. Joseph River, one on the Maumee and one on the "Ouabache" (Wabash). They were friendly toward the French until 1694, when a large number of them were massacred by a party of Sioux, who carried firearms which had been furnished them by the Frenchmen. The breach thus caused was never closed. Having become possessed of guns



themselves, the Miamis were able, not only to hold their own, but also to extend their hunting grounds as far eastward as the Scioto, alternately warring with the French, British and Americans. General Harrison says of them that, ten years before the treaty of Greenville, they could have brought upon the field a body of 3,000 "of the finest light troops in the world," but lacking in discipline and enterprise. Border warfare and smallpox, however, had, by that date (1795), greatly reduced their numerical strength. The main seat of the Miamis was at Fort Wayne, whose residents, because of their superior numbers and intelligence, dominated all other bands except the Piankeshaws. The physical and moral deterioration of the tribe began immediately after the treaty of Greenville. Little by little, they ceded their lands to the United States, the money received therefor being chiefly squandered in debauchery. Decimated by vice and disease, the remnants of this once powerful aboriginal nation gradually drifted westward across the Mississippi, whence their valorous sires had emigrated two centuries before. The small remnant of the band finally settled in Indian Territory, but they have made comparatively little progress toward civilization. (See also *Piankeshaws*; *Weas*.)

**MICHAEL REESE HOSPITAL**, located in Chicago, under care of the association known as the United Hebrew Charities. Previous to 1871 this association maintained a small hospital for the care of some of its beneficiaries, but it was destroyed in the conflagration of that year, and no immediate effort to rebuild was made. In 1880, however, Michael Reese, a Jewish gentleman who had accumulated a large fortune in California, bequeathed \$97,000 to the organization. With this sum, considerably increased by additions from other sources, an imposing building was erected, well arranged and thoroughly equipped for hospital purposes. The institution thus founded was named after its principal benefactor. Patients are received without discrimination as to race or religion, and more than half those admitted are charity patients. The present medical staff consists of thirteen surgeons and physicians, several of whom are eminent specialists.

**MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD**. The main line of this road extends from Chicago to Detroit, 270 miles, with trackage facilities from Kensington, 14 miles, over the line of the Illinois Central, to its terminus in Chicago. Branch lines (leased, proprietary and operated) in

Canada, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois swell the total mileage to 1,643.56 miles.—(HISTORY.) The company was chartered in 1846, and purchased from the State of Michigan the line from Detroit to Kalamazoo, 144 miles, of which construction had been begun in 1836. The road was completed to Michigan City in 1850, and, in May, 1852, reached Kensington, Ill. As at present constituted, the road (with its auxiliaries) forms an integral part of what is popularly known as the "Vanderbilt System." Only 35 miles of the entire line are operated in Illinois, of which 29 belong to the Joliet & Northern Indiana branch (which see). The outstanding capital stock (1898) was \$18,738,000 and the funded debt, \$19,101,000. Earnings in Illinois the same year, \$484,002; total operating expenses, \$540,905; taxes, \$24,250.

**MICHIGAN, LAKE**. (See *Lake Michigan*.)

**MIHALOTZY**, Geza, soldier, a native of Hungary and compatriot of Kossuth in the Magyar struggle; came to Chicago in 1848, in 1861 enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteers (first "Hecker regiment"), and, on the resignation of Colonel Hecker, a few weeks later, was promoted to the Colonelcy. A trained soldier, he served with gallantry and distinction, but was fatally wounded at Buzzard's Roost, Feb. 24, 1864, dying at Chattanooga, March 11, 1864.

**MILAN**, a town of Rock Island County, on the Rock Island & Peoria Railway, six miles south of Rock Island. It is located on Rock River, has several mills, a bank and a newspaper. Population (1880), 845; (1890), 692; (1900), 719.

**MILBURN**, (Rev.) **William Henry**, clergyman, was born in Philadelphia, Sept. 26, 1826. At the age of five years he almost totally lost sight in both eyes, as the result of an accident, and subsequent malpractice in their treatment. For a time he was able to decipher letters with difficulty, and thus learned to read. In the face of such obstacles he carried on his studies until 12 years of age, when he accompanied his father's family to Jacksonville, Ill., and, five years later, became an itinerant Methodist preacher. For a time he rode a circuit covering 200 miles, preaching, on an average, ten times a week, for \$100 per year. In 1845, while on a Mississippi steamboat, he publicly rebuked a number of Congressmen, who were his fellow passengers, for intemperance and gaming. This resulted in his being made Chaplain of the House of Representatives. From 1848 to 1850 he was pastor of a church at Montgomery, Ala., during which time he was tried for heresy, and later became pastor of a "Free Church." Again, in 1853, he was chosen Chap-

lain of Congress. While in Europe, in 1859, he took orders in the Episcopal Church, but returned to Methodism in 1871. He has since been twice Chaplain of the House (1885 and '87) and three times (1893, '95 and '97) elected to the same position in the Senate. He is generally known as "the blind preacher" and achieved considerable prominence by his eloquence as a lecturer on "What a Blind Man Saw in Europe." Among his published writings are, "Rifle, Axe and Saddlebags" (1856), "Ten Years of Preacher Life" (1858) and "Pioneers, Preachers and People of the Mississippi Valley" (1860).

**MILCHRIST, Thomas E.**, lawyer, was born in the Isle of Man in 1839, and, at the age of eight years, came to America with his parents, who settled in Peoria, Ill. Here he attended school and worked on a farm until the beginning of the Civil War, when he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twelfth Illinois Volunteers, serving until 1865, and being discharged with the rank of Captain. After the war he read law with John I. Bennett—then of Galena, but later Master in Chancery of the United States Court at Chicago—was admitted to the bar in 1867, and, for a number of years, served as State's Attorney in Henry County. In 1888 he was a delegate from Illinois to the Republican National Convention, and the following year was appointed by President Harrison United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. Since retiring from office in 1893, Mr. Milchrist has been engaged in private practice in Chicago. In 1898 he was elected a State Senator for the Fifth District (city of Chicago) in the Forty-first General Assembly.

**MILES, Nelson A.**, Major-General, was born at Westminster, Mass., August 8, 1839, and, at the breaking out of the Civil War, was engaged in mercantile pursuits in the city of Boston. In October, 1861, he entered the service as a Second Lieutenant in a Massachusetts regiment, distinguished himself at the battles of Fair Oaks, Charles City Cross Roads and Malvern Hill, in one of which he was wounded. In September, 1862, he was Colonel of the Sixty-first New York, which he led at Fredericksburg and at Chancellorsville, where he was again severely wounded. He commanded the First Brigade of the First Division of the Second Army Corps in the Richmond campaign, and was made Brigadier-General, May 12, 1864, and Major-General, by brevet, for gallantry shown at Ream's Station, in December of the same year. At the close of the war he was commissioned Colonel of

the Fortieth United States Infantry, and distinguished himself in campaigns against the Indians; became a Brigadier-General in 1880, and Major-General in 1890, in the interim being in command of the Department of the Columbia, and, after 1890, of the Missouri, with headquarters at Chicago. Here he did much to give efficiency and importance to the post at Fort Sheridan, and, in 1894, rendered valuable service in checking the strike riots about Chicago. Near the close of the year he was transferred to the Department of the East, and, on the retirement of General Schofield in 1895, was placed in command of the army, with headquarters in Washington. During the Spanish-American war (1898) General Miles gave attention to the fitting out of troops for the Cuban and Porto Rican campaigns, and visited Santiago during the siege conducted by General Shafter, but took no active command in the field until the occupation of Porto Rico, which was conducted with rare discrimination and good judgment, and with comparatively little loss of life or suffering to the troops.

**MILFORD**, a prosperous village of Iroquois County, on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, 88 miles south of Chicago; is in a rich farming region; has water and sewerage systems, electric lights, two brick and tile works, three large grain elevators, flour mill, three churches, good schools, a public library and a weekly newspaper. It is an important shipping point for grain and live-stock. Population (1890), 957; (1900), 1,077.

**MILITARY BOUNTY LANDS.** (See *Military Tract*.)

**MILITARY TRACT**, a popular name given to a section of the State, set apart under an act of Congress, passed, May 6, 1812, as bounty-lands for soldiers in the war with Great Britain commencing the same year. Similar reservations in the Territories of Michigan and Louisiana (now Arkansas) were provided for in the same act. The lands in Illinois embraced in this act were situated between the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, and extended from the junction of these streams due north, by the Fourth Principal Meridian, to the northern boundary of Township 15 north of the "Base Line." This "base line" started about opposite the present site of Beardstown, and extended to a point on the Mississippi about seven miles north of Quincy. The northern border of the "Tract" was identical with the northern boundary of Mercer County, which, extended eastward, reached the Illinois about the present village of De Pue, in the southeastern

part of Bureau County, where the Illinois makes a great bend towards the south, a few miles west of the city of Peru. The distance between the Illinois and the Mississippi, by this line, was about 90 miles, and the entire length of the "Tract," from its northern boundary to the junction of the two rivers, was computed at 169 miles,—consisting of 90 miles north of the "base line" and 79 miles south of it, to the junction of the rivers. The "Tract" was surveyed in 1815-16. It comprised 207 entire townships of six miles square, each, and 61 fractional townships, containing an area of 5,360,000 acres, of which 3,500,000 acres—a little less than two-thirds—were appropriated to military bounties. The residue consisted partly of fractional sections bordering on rivers, partly of fractional quarter-sections bordering on township lines, and containing more or less than 160 acres, and partly of lands that were returned by the surveyors as unfit for cultivation. In addition to this, there were large reservations not coming within the above exceptions, being the overplus of lands after satisfying the military claims, and subject to entry and purchase on the same conditions as other Government lands. The "Tract" thus embraced the present counties of Calhoun, Pike, Adams, Brown, Schuyler, Hancock, McDonough, Fulton, Peoria, Stark, Knox, Warren, Henderson and Mercer, with parts of Henry, Bureau, Putnam and Marshall—or so much of them as was necessary to meet the demand for bounties. Immigration to this region set in quite actively about 1823, and the development of some portions, for a time, was very rapid; but later, its growth was retarded by the conflict of "tax-titles" and bounty-titles derived by purchase from the original holders. This led to a great deal of litigation, and called for considerable legislation; but since the adjustment of these questions, this region has kept pace with the most favored sections of the State, and it now includes some of the most important and prosperous towns and cities and many of the finest farms in Illinois.

**MILITIA.** Illinois, taught by the experiences of the War of 1812 and the necessity of providing for protection of its citizens against the incursions of Indians on its borders, began the adoption, at an early date, of such measures as were then common in the several States for the maintenance of a State militia. The Constitution of 1818 made the Governor "Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy of this State," and declared that the militia of the State should "consist of all free male able-bodied persons (negroes, un-

lattoes and Indians excepted) resident in the State, between the ages of 18 and 45 years," and this classification was continued in the later constitutions, except that of 1870, which omits all reference to the subject of color. In each there is the same general provision exempting persons entertaining "conscientious scruples against bearing arms," although subject to payment of an equivalent for such exemption. The first law on the subject, enacted by the first General Assembly (1819), provided for the establishment of a general militia system for the State; and the fact that this was modified, amended or wholly changed by acts passed at the sessions of 1821, '23, '25, '26, '27, '29, '33, '37 and '39, shows the estimation in which the subject was held. While many of these acts were of a special character, providing for a particular class of organization, the general law did little except to require persons subject to military duty, at stated periods, to attend county musters, which were often conducted in a very informal manner, or made the occasion of a sort of periodical frolic. The act of July, 1833 (following the Black Hawk War), required an enrollment of "all free, white, male inhabitants of military age (except such as might be exempt under the Constitution or laws)"; divided the State into five divisions by counties, each division to be organized into a certain specified number of brigades. This act was quite elaborate, covering some twenty-four pages, and provided for regimental, battalion and company musters, defined the duties of officers, manner of election, etc. The act of 1837 encouraged the organization of volunteer companies. The Mexican War (1845-47) gave a new impetus to this class of legislation, as also did the War of the Rebellion (1861-65). While the office of Adjutant-General had existed from the first, its duties—except during the Black Hawk and Mexican Wars—were rather nominal, and were discharged without stated compensation, the incumbent being merely Chief-of-staff to the Governor as Commander-in-Chief. The War of the Rebellion at once brought it into prominence, as an important part of the State Government, which it has since maintained. The various measures passed, during this period, belong rather to the history of the late war than to the subject of this chapter. In 1865, however, the office was put on a different footing, and the important part it had played, during the preceding four years, was recognized by the passage of "an act to provide for the appointment, and designate the work, fix the pay and prescribe the duties, of the Adjutant-General

of Illinois." During the next four years, its most important work was the publication of eight volumes of war records, containing a complete roster of the officers and men of the various regiments and other military organizations from Illinois, with an outline of their movements and a list of the battles in which they were engaged. To the Adjutant-General's office, as now administered, is entrusted the custody of the war-records, battle-flags and trophies of the late war. A further step was taken, in 1877, in the passage of an act formulating a military code and providing for more thorough organization. Modifying amendments to this act were adopted in 1879 and 1885. While, under these laws, "all able-bodied male citizens of this State, between the ages of 18 and 45" (with certain specified exceptions), are declared "subject to military duty, and designated as the Illinois State Militia," provision is made for the organization of a body of "active militia," designated as the "Illinois National Guard," to consist of "not more than eighty-four companies of infantry, two batteries of artillery and two troops of cavalry," recruited by voluntary enlistments for a period of three years, with right to re-enlist for one or more years. The National Guard, as at present constituted, consists of three brigades, with a total force of about 9,000 men, organized into nine regiments, besides the batteries and cavalry already mentioned. Gatling guns are used by the artillery and breech-loading rifles by the infantry. Camps of instruction are held for the regiments, respectively—one or more regiments participating—each year, usually at "Camp Lincoln" near Springfield, when regimental and brigade drills, competitive rifle practice and mock battles are had. An act establishing the "Naval Militia of Illinois," to consist of "not more than eight divisions or companies," divided into two battalions of four divisions each, was passed by the General Assembly of 1893—the whole to be under the command of an officer with the rank of Commander. The commanding officer of each battalion is styled a "Lieutenant-Commander," and both the Commander and Lieutenant-Commanders have their respective staffs—their organization, in other respects, being conformable to the laws of the United States. A set of "Regulations," based upon these several laws, has been prepared by the Adjutant-General for the government of the various organizations. The Governor is authorized, by law, to call out the militia to resist invasion, or to suppress violence and enforce execution of the laws, when called upon by the civil author-

ities of any city, town or county. This authority, however, is exercised with great discretion, and only when the local authorities are deemed unable to cope with threatened resistance to law. The officers of the National Guard, when called into actual service for the suppression of riot or the enforcement of the laws, receive the same compensation paid to officers of the United States army of like grade, while the enlisted men receive \$2 per day. During the time they are at any encampment, the officers and men alike receive \$1 per day, with necessary subsistence and cost of transportation to and from the encampment. (For list of incumbents in Adjutant-General's office, see *Adjutants-General*; see, also, *Spanish-American War*.)

**MILLER, James H.**, Speaker of the House of Representatives, was born in Ohio, May 29, 1843; in early life came to Toulon, Stark County, Ill., where he finally engaged in the practice of law. At the beginning of the Rebellion he enlisted in the Union army, but before being mustered into the service, received an injury which rendered him a cripple for life. Though of feeble physical organization and a sufferer from ill-health, he was a man of decided ability and much influence. He served as State's Attorney of Stark County (1872-76) and, in 1884, was elected Representative in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, at the following session being one of the most zealous supporters of Gen. John A. Logan, in the celebrated contest which resulted in the election of the latter, for the third time, to the United States Senate. By successive re-elections he also served in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth General Assemblies, during the session of the latter being chosen Speaker of the House, as successor to A. C. Matthews, who had been appointed, during the session, First Comptroller of the Treasury at Washington. In the early part of the summer of 1890, Mr. Miller visited Colorado for the benefit of his health, but, a week after his arrival at Manitou Springs, died suddenly, June 27, 1890.

**MILLS, Benjamin**, lawyer and early politician, was a native of Western Massachusetts, and described by his contemporaries as a highly educated and accomplished lawyer, as well as a brilliant orator. The exact date of his arrival in Illinois cannot be determined with certainty, but he appears to have been in the "Lead Mine Region" about Galena, as early as 1826 or '27, and was notable as one of the first "Yankees" to locate in that section of the State. He was elected a Representative in the Eighth General Assembly (1832), his district embracing the



counties of Peoria, Jo Daviess, Putnam, La Salle and Cook, including all the State north of Sangamon (as it then stood), and extending from the Mississippi River to the Indiana State line. At this session occurred the impeachment trial of Theophilus W. Smith, of the Supreme Court, Mr. Mills acting as Chairman of the Impeachment Committee, and delivering a speech of great power and brilliancy, which lasted two or three days. In 1834 he was a candidate for Congress from the Northern District, but was defeated by William L. May (Democrat), as claimed by Mr. Mill's friends, unfairly. He early fell a victim to consumption and, returning to Massachusetts, died in Berkshire County, in that State, in 1841. Hon. R. H. McClellan, of Galena, says of him: "He was a man of remarkable ability, learning and eloquence," while Governor Ford, in his "History of Illinois," testifies that, "by common consent of all his contemporaries, Mr. Mills was regarded as the most popular and brilliant lawyer of his day at the Galena bar."

**MILLS, Henry A.**, State Senator, was born at New Hartford, Oneida County, N. Y., in 1827; located at Mount Carroll, Carroll County, Ill., in 1856, finally engaging in the banking business at that place. Having served in various local offices, he was, in 1874, chosen State Senator for the Eleventh District, but died at Galesburg before the expiration of his term, July 7, 1877.

**MILLS, Luther Lavin**, lawyer, was born at North Adams, Mass., Sept. 3, 1848; brought to Chicago in infancy, and educated in the public schools of that city and at Michigan State University. In 1868 he began the study of law, was admitted to practice three years later, and, in 1876, was elected State's Attorney, being re-elected in 1880. While in this office he was connected with some of the most important cases ever brought before the Chicago courts. Although he has held no official position except that already mentioned, his abilities at the bar and on the rostrum are widely recognized, and his services, as an attorney and an orator, have been in frequent demand.

**MILLSTADT**, a town in St. Clair County, on branch of Mobile & Ohio Railroad, 14 miles south-southeast of St. Louis; has electric lights, churches, schools, bank, newspaper, coal mines, and manufactures flour, beer and butter. Population (1890), 1,186; (1900), 1,172.

**MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RAILWAY.** (See *Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.*)

**MINER, Orlin H.**, State Auditor, was born in Vermont, May 13, 1825; from 1834 to '51 he lived

in Ohio, the latter year coming to Chicago, where he worked at his trade of watch-maker. In 1855 he went to Central America and was with General William Walker at Greytown. Returning to Illinois, he resumed his trade at Springfield; in 1857 he was appointed, by Auditor Dubois, chief clerk in the Auditor's office, serving until 1864, when he was elected State Auditor as successor to his chief. Retiring from office in 1869, he gave attention to his private business. He was one of the founders and a Director of the Springfield Iron Company. Died in 1879.

**MINIER**, a village of Tazewell County, at the intersection of the Jacksonville Division of the Chicago & Alton and the Terre Haute & Peoria Railroads, 26 miles southeast of Peoria; is in fine farming district and has several grain elevators, some manufactures, two banks and a newspaper. Population (1890), 664; (1900), 746.

**MINONK**, a city in Woodford County, 29 miles north of Bloomington and 53 miles northeast of Peoria, on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and the Illinois Central Railways. The surrounding region is agricultural, though much coal is mined in the vicinity. The city has brick yards, tile factories, steam flouring-mills, several grain elevators, two private banks and two weekly newspapers. Population (1880), 1,913; (1890), 2,316; (1900), 2,546.

**MINORITY REPRESENTATION**, a method of choosing members of the General Assembly and other deliberative bodies, designed to secure representation, in such bodies, to minority parties. In Illinois, this method is limited to the election of members of the lower branch of the General Assembly—except as to private corporations, which may, at their option, apply it in the election of Trustees or Directors. In the apportionment of members of the General Assembly (see *Legislative Apportionment*), the State Constitution requires that the Senatorial and Representative Districts shall be identical in territory, each of such Districts being entitled to choose one Senator and three Representatives. The provisions of the Constitution, making specific application of the principle of "minority representation" (or "cumulative voting," as it is sometimes called), declares that, in the election of Representatives, "each qualified voter may cast as many votes for one candidate as there are Representatives, or (he) may distribute the same, or equal parts thereof, among the candidates as he shall see fit." (State Constitution, Art. IV, sections 7 and 8.) In practice, this provision gives the voter power to cast three votes for one candidate; two

votes for one candidate and one for another, or one and a half votes to each of two candidates, or he may distribute his vote equally among three candidates (giving one to each); but no other division is admissible without invalidating his ballot as to this office. Other forms of minority representation have been proposed by various writers, among whom Mr. Thomas Hare, John Stuart Mill, and Mr. Craig, of England, are most prominent; but that adopted in Illinois seems to be the simplest and most easy of application.

**MINSHALL, William A.**, legislator and jurist, a native of Ohio who came to Rushville, Ill., at an early day, and entered upon the practice of law; served as Representative in the Eighth, Tenth and Twelfth General Assemblies, and as Delegate to the State Constitutional Convention of 1847. He was elected Judge of the Circuit Court for the Fifth Circuit, under the new Constitution, in 1848, and died in office, early in 1853, being succeeded by the late Judge Pinkney H. Walker.

**MISSIONARIES, EARLY.** The earliest Christian missionaries in Illinois were of the Roman Catholic faith. As a rule, these accompanied the French explorers and did not a little toward the extension of French dominion. They were usually members of one of two orders—the "Recollects," founded by St. Francis, or the "Jesuits," founded by Loyola. Between these two bodies of ecclesiastics existed, at times, a strong rivalry; the former having been earlier in the field, but having been virtually subordinated to the latter by Cardinal Richelieu. The controversy between the two orders gradually involved the civil authorities, and continued until the suppression of the Jesuits, in France, in 1764. The most noted of the Jesuit missionaries were Fathers Allouez, Gravier, Marquette, Dablon, Pinet, Rasle, Lamoges, Binneteau and Marest. Of the Recollects, the most conspicuous were Fathers Membre, Douay, Le Clerq, Hennepin and Ribourde. Besides these, there were also Father Bergier and Montigny, who, belonging to no religious order, were called secular priests. The first Catholic mission, founded in Illinois, was probably that at the original Kaskaskia, on the Illinois, in the present county of La Salle, where Father Marquette did missionary work in 1673, followed by Allouez in 1677. (See *Allouez, Claude Jean*.) The latter was succeeded, in 1688, by Father Gravier, who was followed, in 1692, by Father Sebastian Rasle, but who, returning in 1694, remained until 1695, when he was succeeded by Pinet and Binneteau. In 1700 Father Marest was

in charge of the mission, and the number of Indians among whom he labored was, that year, considerably diminished by the emigration of the Kaskaskias to the south. Father Gravier, about this time, labored among the Peorias, but was incapacitated by a wound received from the medicine man of the tribe, which finally resulted in his death, at Mobile, in 1706. The Peoria station remained vacant for a time, but was finally filled by Father Deville. Another early Catholic mission in Illinois was that at Cahokia. While the precise date of its establishment cannot be fixed with certainty, there is evidence that it was in existence in 1700, being the earliest in that region. Among the early Fathers, who ministered to the savages there, were Pinet, St. Cosme, Bergier and Lamoges. This mission was at first called the Tamaraoa, and, later, the mission of St. Sulpice. It was probably the first permanent mission in the Illinois Country. Among those in charge, down to 1718, were Fathers de Montigny, Damon (probably), Varlet, de la Source, and le Mercier. In 1707, Father Mermet assisted Father Marest at Kaskaskia, and, in 1720, that mission became a regularly constituted parish, the incumbent being Father de Beaubois. Rev. Philip Boucher preached and administered the sacraments at Fort St. Louis, where he died in 1719, having been preceded by Fathers Membre and Ribourde in 1680, and by Fathers Douay and Le Clerq in 1687-88. The persecution and banishment of the early Jesuit missionaries, by the Superior Council of Louisiana (of which Illinois had formerly been a part), in 1763, is a curious chapter in State history. That body, following the example of some provincial legislative bodies in France, officially declared the order a dangerous nuisance, and decreed the confiscation of all its property, including plate and vestments, and the razing of its churches, as well as the banishment of its members. This decree the Louisiana Council undertook to enforce in Illinois, disregarding the fact that that territory had passed under the jurisdiction of Great Britain. The Jesuits seem to have offered no resistance, either physical or legal, and all members of the order in Illinois were ruthlessly, and without a shadow of authority, carried to New Orleans and thence deported to France. Only one—Father Sebastian Louis Meurin—was allowed to return to Illinois; and he, only after promising to recognize the ecclesiastical authority of the Superior Council as supreme, and to hold no communication with Quebec or Rome. The labors of the missionaries, apart from spiritual results, were of great value. They

perpetuated the records of early discoveries, reduced the language, and even dialects, of the aborigines, to grammatical rules, and preserved the original traditions and described the customs of the savages. (Authorities: Shea and Kip's "Catholic Missions," "Magazine of Western History," Winsor's "America," and Shea's "Catholic Church in Colonial Days.")

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER.** (Indian name, "Missi Sipi," the "Great Water.") Its head waters are in the northern part of Minnesota, 1,680 feet above tide-water. Its chief source is Itasca Lake, which is 1,575 feet higher than the sea, and which is fed by a stream having its source within one mile of the head waters of the Red River of the North. From this sheet of water to the mouth of the river, the distance is variously estimated at from 3,000 to 3,160 miles. Lake Itasca is in lat. 47° 10' north and lon. 95° 20' west from Greenwich. The river at first runs northward, but soon turns toward the east and expands into a series of small lakes. Its course, as far as Crow Wing, is extremely sinuous, below which point it runs southward to St. Cloud, thence south-eastward to Minneapolis, where occur the Falls of St. Anthony, establishing a complete barrier to navigation for the lower Mississippi. In less than a mile the river descends 66 feet, including a perpendicular fall of 17 feet, furnishing an immense water-power, which is utilized in operating flouring-mills and other manufacturing establishments. A few miles below St. Paul it reaches the western boundary of Wisconsin, where it expands into the long and beautiful Lake Pepin, bordered by picturesque limestone bluffs, some 400 feet high. Below Dubuque its general direction is southward, and it forms the boundary between the States of Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas and the northern part of Louisiana, on the west, and Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi, on the east. After many sinuous turnings in its southern course, it enters the Gulf of Mexico by three principal passes, or mouths, at the southeastern extremity of Plaquemines Parish, La., in lat. 29° north and lon. 89° 12' west. Its principal affluents on the right are the Minnesota, Iowa, Des Moines, Missouri, Arkansas and Red Rivers, and, on the left, the Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio. The Missouri River is longer than that part of the Mississippi above the point of junction, the distance from its source to the delta of the latter being about 4,300 miles, which exceeds that of any other river in the world. The width of the stream at St. Louis is about 3,500 feet, at the mouth of the Ohio nearly 4,500

feet, and at New Orleans about 2,500 feet. The mean velocity of the current between St. Louis and the Gulf of Mexico is about five to five and one-half miles per hour. The average depth below Red River is said to be 121 feet, though, in the vicinity of New Orleans, the maximum is said to reach 150 feet. The principal rapids below the Falls of St. Anthony are at Rock Island and the Des Moines Rapids above Keokuk, the former having twenty-two feet fall and the latter twenty-four feet. A canal around the Des Moines Rapids, along the west bank of the river, aids navigation. The alluvial banks which prevail on one or both shores of the lower Mississippi, often spread out into extensive "bottoms" which are of inexhaustible fertility. The most important of these above the mouth of the Ohio, is the "American Bottom," extending along the east bank from Alton to Chester. Immense sums have been spent in the construction of levees for the protection of the lands along the lower river from overflow, as also in the construction of a system of jetties at the mouth, to improve navigation by deepening the channel.

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER BRIDGE, THE,** one of the best constructed railroad bridges in the West, spanning the Mississippi from Pike, Ill., to Louisiana, Mo. The construction company was chartered, April 25, 1872, and the bridge was ready for the passage of trains on Dec. 24, 1873. On Dec. 3, 1877, it was leased in perpetuity by the Chicago & Alton Railway Company, which holds all its stock and \$150,000 of its bonds as an investment, paying a rental of \$60,000 per annum, to be applied in the payment of 7 per cent interest on stock and 6 per cent on bonds. In 1894, \$71,000 was paid for rental, \$16,000 going toward a sinking fund.

**MOBILE & OHIO RAILROAD.** This company operates 160.6 miles of road in Illinois, of which 151.6 are leased from the St. Louis & Cairo Railroad. (See *St. Louis & Cairo Railroad*.)

**MOLINE,** a flourishing manufacturing city in Rock Island County, incorporated in 1872, on the Mississippi above Rock Island and opposite Davenport, Iowa; is 168 miles south of west from Chicago, and the intersecting point of three trunk lines of railway. Moline, Rock Island and Davenport are connected by steam and street railways, bridges and ferries. All three obtain water-power from the Mississippi. The region around Moline is rich in coal, and several productive mines are operated in the vicinity. It is an important manufacturing point, its chief outputs being agricultural implements, filters, malleable iron, steam engines, vehicles, lumber, organs

(pipe and reed), paper, lead-roofing, wind-mills, milling machinery, and furniture. The city has admirable water-works, several churches, good schools, gas and electric light plants, a public library, five banks, three daily and weekly papers. It also has an extensive electric power plant, electric street cars and interurban line. Population (1890), 12,000; (1900), 17,248.

**MOLONEY, Maurice T.**, ex-Attorney-General, was born in Ireland, in 1849; came to America in 1867, and, after a course in the Seminary of "Our Lady of the Angels" at Niagara Falls, studied theology; then taught for a time in Virginia and studied law at the University of that State, graduating in 1871, finally locating at Ottawa, Ill., where he served three years as State's Attorney of La Salle County, and, in 1892, was nominated and elected Attorney-General on the Democratic State ticket, serving until January, 1897.

**MOMENCE**, a town in Kankakee County, situated on the Kankakee River and at the intersection of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois and the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa Railroads, 54 miles south of Chicago; has water power, a flouring mill, enameled brick factory, railway repair shops, two banks, two newspapers, five churches and two schools. Population (1890), 1,635; (1900), 2,026.

**MONMOUTH**, the county-seat of Warren County, 26 miles east of the Mississippi River; at point of intersection of two lines of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Iowa Central Railways. The Santa Fe enters Monmouth on the Iowa Central lines. The surrounding country is agricultural and coal yielding. The city has manufactories of agricultural implements, sewer-pipe, pottery, paving brick, and cigars. Monmouth College (United Presbyterian) was chartered in 1857, and the library of this institution, with that of Warren County (also located at Monmouth) aggregates 30,000 volumes. There are three national banks, two daily, three weekly and two other periodical publications. An appropriation was made by the Fifty-fifth Congress for the erection of a Government building at Monmouth. Population (1890), 5,936; (1900), 7,460.

**MONMOUTH COLLEGE**, an educational institution, controlled by the United Presbyterian denomination, but non-sectarian; located at Monmouth. It was founded in 1856, its first class graduating in 1858. Its Presidents have been Drs. D. A. Wallace (1856-78) and J. B. McMichael, the latter occupying the position from 1878 until 1897. In 1896 the faculty consisted of fifteen instructors and the number of students was 289.

The college campus covers ten acres, tastefully laid out. The institution confers four degrees—A.B., B.S., M.B., and B.L. For the conferring of the first three, four years' study is required; for the degree of B.L., three years.

**MONROE, George D.**, State Senator, was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1844, and came with his parents to Illinois in 1849. His father having been elected Sheriff of Will County in 1864, he became a resident of Joliet, serving as a deputy in his father's office. In 1865 he engaged in merchandising as the partner of his father, which was exchanged, some fifteen years later, for the wholesale grocery trade, and, finally, for the real-estate and mortgage-loan business, in which he is still employed. He has also been extensively engaged in the stone business some twenty years, being a large stockholder in the Western Stone Company and Vice-President of the concern. In 1894 Mr. Monroe was elected, as a Republican, to the State Senate from the Twenty-fifth District, serving in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth General Assemblies, and proving himself one of the most influential members of that body.

**MONROE COUNTY**, situated in the southwest part of the State, bordering on the Mississippi—named for President Monroe. Its area is about 380 square miles. It was organized in 1816 and included within its boundaries several of the French villages which constituted, for many years, a center of civilization in the West. American settlers, however, began to locate in the district as early as 1781. The county has a diversified surface and is heavily timbered. The soil is fertile, embracing both upland and river bottom. Agriculture and the manufacture and shipping of lumber constitute leading occupations of the citizens. Waterloo is the county-seat. Population (1890), 12,948; (1900), 13,847.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, an interior county, situated northeast of St. Louis and south of Springfield; area 702 square miles, population (1900), 30,836—derives its name from Gen. Richard Montgomery. The earliest settlements by Americans were toward the close of 1816, county organization being effected five years later. The entire population, at that time, scarcely exceeded 100 families. The surface is undulating, well watered and timbered. The seat of county government is located at Hillsboro. Litchfield is an important town. Here are situated car-shops and some manufacturing establishments. Conspicuous in the county's history as pioneers were Harris Reavis, Henry Pyatt, John Levi, Aaron Casey



John Tillson, Hiram Rountree, the Wrights (Joseph and Charles), the Hills (John and Henry), William McDavid and John Russell.

**MONTICELLO**, a city and the county-seat of Piatt County, on the Sangamon River, midway between Chicago and St. Louis, on the Kankakee and Bloomington Division of the Illinois Central, and the Chicago and St. Louis Division of the Wabash Railways. It lies within the "corn belt," and stock-raising is extensively carried on in the surrounding country. Among the city industries are a foundry and machine shops, steam flour and planing mills, broom, cigar and harness-making, and patent fence and tile works. The city is lighted by electricity, has several elevators, an excellent water system, numerous churches and good schools, with banks and three weekly papers. Population (1890), 1,643; (1900), 1,982.

**MONTICELLO FEMALE SEMINARY**, the second institution established in Illinois for the higher education of women—Jacksonville Female Seminary being the first. It was founded through the munificence of Capt. Benjamin Godfrey, who donated fifteen acres for a site, at Godfrey, Madison County, and gave \$53,000 toward erecting and equipping the buildings. The institution was opened on April 11, 1838, with sixteen young lady pupils, Rev. Theron Baldwin, one of the celebrated "Yale Band," being the first Principal. In 1845 he was succeeded by Miss Philena Fobes, and she, in turn, by Miss Harriet N. Haskell, in 1866, who still remains in charge. In November, 1883, the seminary building, with its contents, was burned; but the institution continued its sessions in temporary quarters until the erection of a new building, which was soon accomplished through the generosity of alumnae and friends of female education throughout the country. The new structure is of stone, three stories in height, and thoroughly modern. The average number of pupils is 150, with fourteen instructors, and the standard of the institution is of a high character.

**MOORE, Clifton H.**, lawyer and financier, was born at Kirtland, Lake County, Ohio, Oct. 26, 1817; after a brief season spent in two academies and one term in the Western Reserve Teachers' Seminary, at Kirtland, in 1839 he came west and engaged in teaching at Pekin, Ill., while giving his leisure to the study of law. He spent the next year at Tremont as Deputy County and Circuit Clerk, was admitted to the bar at Springfield in 1841, and located soon after at Clinton, DeWitt County, which has since been his home. In partnership with the late Judge David Davis,

of Bloomington, Mr. Moore, a few years later, began operating extensively in Illinois lands, and is now one of the largest land proprietors in the State, besides being interested in a number of manufacturing ventures and a local bank. The only official position of importance he has held is that of Delegate to the State Constitutional Convention of 1869-70. He is an enthusiastic collector of State historical and art treasures, of which he possesses one of the most valuable private collections in Illinois.

**MOORE, Henry**, pioneer lawyer, came to Chicago from Concord, Mass., in 1834, and was almost immediately admitted to the bar, also acting for a time as a clerk in the office of Col. Richard J. Hamilton, who held pretty much all the county offices on the organization of Cook County. Mr. Moore was one of the original Trustees of Rush Medical College, and obtained from the Legislature the first charter for a gas company in Chicago. In 1838 he went to Havana, Cuba, for the benefit of his failing health, but subsequently returned to Concord, Mass., where he died some years afterward.

**MOORE, James**, pioneer, was born in the State of Maryland in 1750; was married in his native State, about 1772, to Miss Catherine Biggs, later removing to Virginia. In 1777 he came to the Illinois Country as a spy, preliminary to the contemplated expedition of Col. George Rogers Clark, which captured Kaskaskia in July, 1778. After the Clark expedition (in which he served as Captain, by appointment of Gov. Patrick Henry), he returned to Virginia, where he remained until 1781, when he organized a party of emigrants, which he accompanied to Illinois, spending the winter at Kaskaskia. The following year they located at a point in the northern part of Monroe County, which afterwards received the name of Bellefontaine. After his arrival in Illinois, he organized a company of "Minute Men," of which he was chosen Captain. He was a man of prominence and influence among the early settlers, but died in 1788. A numerous and influential family of his descendants have grown up in Southern Illinois.—**John (Moore)**, son of the preceding, was born in Maryland in 1773, and brought by his father to Illinois eight years later. He married a sister of Gen. John D. Whiteside, who afterwards became State Treasurer, and also served as Fund Commissioner of the State of Illinois under the internal improvement system. Moore was an officer of the State Militia, and served in a company of rangers during the War of 1812; was also the first County Treasurer of

Monroe County. Died, July 4, 1833.—**JAMES B. (Moore)**, the third son of Capt. James Moore, was born in 1780, and brought to Illinois by his parents; in his early manhood he followed the business of keel-boating on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, visiting New Orleans, Pittsburg and other points; became a prominent Indian fighter during the War of 1812, and was commissioned Captain by Governor Edwards and authorized to raise a company of mounted rangers; also served as Sheriff of Monroe County, by appointment of Governor Edwards, in Territorial days; was Presidential Elector in 1820, and State Senator for Madison County in 1836-40, dying in the latter year.—**ENOCH (Moore)**, fourth son of Capt. James Moore, the pioneer, was born in the old block-house at Bellefontaine in 1782, being the first child born of American parents in Illinois; served as a "ranger" in the company of his brother, James B.; occupied the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, and afterwards that of Judge of Probate of Monroe County during the Territorial period; was Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1818, and served as Representative from Monroe County in the Second General Assembly, later filling various county offices for some twenty years. He died in 1848.

**MOORE, Jesse H.**, clergyman, soldier and Congressman, born near Lebanon, St. Clair County, Ill., April 22, 1817, and graduated from McKendree College in 1842. For thirteen years he was a teacher, during portions of this period being successively at the head of three literary institutions in the West. In 1849 he was ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but resigned pastorate duties in 1862, to take part in the War for the Union, organizing the One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, of which he was commissioned Colonel, also serving as brigade commander during the last year of the war, and being brevetted Brigadier-General at its close. After the war he re-entered the ministry, but, in 1868, while Presiding Elder of the Decatur District, he was elected to the Forty-first Congress as a Republican, being re-elected in 1870; afterwards served as Pension Agent at Springfield, and, in 1881, was appointed United States Consul at Callao, Peru, dying in office, in that city, July 11, 1883.

**MOORE, John**, Lieutenant-Governor (1842-46); was born in Lincolnshire, Eng., Sept. 8, 1793; came to America and settled in Illinois in 1830, spending most of his life as a resident of Bloomington. In 1838 he was elected to the lower branch of the Eleventh General Assembly from

the McLean District, and, in 1840, to the Senate, but before the close of his term, in 1842, was elected Lieutenant-Governor with Gov. Thomas Ford. At the outbreak of the Mexican War he took a conspicuous part in recruiting the Fourth Regiment Illinois Volunteers (Col. E. D. Baker's), of which he was chosen Lieutenant-Colonel, serving gallantly throughout the struggle. In 1848 he was appointed State Treasurer, as successor of Milton Carpenter, who died in office. In 1850 he was elected to the same office, and continued to discharge its duties until 1857, when he was succeeded by James Miller. Died, Sept. 23, 1863.

**MOORE, Risdon**, pioneer, was born in Delaware in 1760; removed to North Carolina in 1789, and, a few years later, to Hancock County, Ga., where he served two terms in the Legislature. He emigrated from Georgia in 1812, and settled in St. Clair County, Ill.—besides a family of fifteen white persons, bringing with him eighteen colored people—the object of his removal being to get rid of slavery. He purchased a farm in what was known as the "Turkey Hill Settlement," about four miles east of Belleville, where he resided until his death in 1828. Mr. Moore became a prominent citizen, was elected to the Second Territorial House of Representatives, and was chosen Speaker, serving as such for two sessions (1814-15). He was also Representative from St. Clair County in the First, Second and Third General Assemblies after the admission of Illinois into the Union. In the last of these he was one of the most zealous opponents of the pro-slavery Convention scheme of 1823-24. He left a numerous and highly respected family of descendants, who were afterwards prominent in public affairs.—**William (Moore)**, his son, served as a Captain in the War of 1812, and also commanded a company in the Black Hawk War. He represented St. Clair County in the lower branch of the Ninth and Tenth General Assemblies; was a local preacher of the Methodist Church, and was President of the Board of Trustees of McKendree College at the time of his death in 1849.—**Risdon (Moore), Jr.**, a cousin of the first named Risdon Moore, was a Representative from St. Clair County in the Fourth General Assembly and Senator in the Sixth, but died before the expiration of his term, being succeeded at the next session by Adam W. Snyder.

**MOORE, Stephen Richey**, lawyer, was born of Scotch ancestry, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 22, 1832; in 1851, entered Farmers' College near Cincinnati, graduating in 1856, and, having qualified

himself for the practice of law, located the following year at Kankakee, Ill., which has since been his home. In 1858 he was employed in defense of the late Father Chiniquy, who recently died in Montreal, in one of the celebrated suits begun against him by dignitaries of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Moore is a man of striking appearance and great independence of character, a Methodist in religious belief and has generally acted politically in co-operation with the Democratic party, though strongly anti-slavery in his views. In 1872 he was a delegate to the Liberal Republican Convention at Cincinnati which nominated Mr. Greeley for the Presidency, and, in 1896, participated in the same way in the Indianapolis Convention which nominated Gen. John M. Palmer for the same office, in the following campaign giving the "Gold Democracy" a vigorous support.

**MORAN, Thomas A.**, lawyer and jurist, was born at Bridgeport, Conn., Oct. 7, 1839; received his preliminary education in the district schools of Wisconsin (to which State his father's family had removed in 1846), and at an academy at Salem, Wis.; began reading law at Kenosha in 1859, meanwhile supporting himself by teaching. In May, 1865, he graduated from the Albany (N. Y.) Law School, and the same year commenced practice in Chicago, rapidly rising to the front rank of his profession. In 1879 he was elected a Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court, and re-elected in 1885. At the expiration of his second term he resumed private practice. While on the bench he at first heard only common law cases, but later divided the business of the equity side of the court with Judge Tuley. In June, 1886, he was assigned to the bench of the Appellate Court, of which tribunal he was, for a year, Chief Justice.

**MORGAN, James Dady**, soldier, was born in Boston, Mass., August 1, 1810, and, at 16 years of age, went for a three years' trading voyage on the ship "Beverly." When thirty days out a mutiny arose, and shortly afterward the vessel was burned. Morgan escaped to South America, and, after many hardships, returned to Boston. In 1834 he removed to Quincy, Ill., and engaged in mercantile pursuits; aided in raising the "Quincy Grays" during the Mormon difficulties (1844-45); during the Mexican War commanded a company in the First Regiment Illinois Volunteers; in 1861 became Lieutenant-Colonel of the Tenth Regiment in the three months' service, and Colonel on reorganization of the regiment for three years; was promoted Brigadier-General

in July, 1862, for meritorious service; commanded a brigade at Nashville, and, in March, 1865, was brevetted Major-General for gallantry at Bentonville, N. C., being mustered out, August 24, 1865. After the war he resumed business at Quincy, Ill., being President of the Quincy Gas Company and Vice-President of a bank; was also President, for some time, of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland. Died, at Quincy, Sept. 12, 1896.

**MORGAN COUNTY**, a central county of the State, lying west of Sangamon, and bordering on the Illinois River—named for Gen. Daniel Morgan; area, 580 square miles; population (1900), 35,006. The earliest American settlers were probably Elisha and Seymour Kellogg, who located on Mauvaisterre Creek in 1818. Dr. George Caldwell came in 1820, and was the first physician, and Dr. Ero Chandler settled on the present site of the city of Jacksonville in 1821. Immigrants began to arrive in large numbers about 1822, and, Jan. 31, 1823, the county was organized, the first election being held at the house of James G. Swinerton, six miles southwest of the present city of Jacksonville. Olmstead's Mound was the first county-seat, but this choice was only temporary. Two years later, Jacksonville was selected, and has ever since so continued. (See *Jacksonville*.) Cass County was cut off from Morgan in 1837, and Scott County in 1839. About 1837 Morgan was the most populous county in the State. The county is nearly equally divided between woodland and prairie, and is well watered. Besides the Illinois River on its western border, there are several smaller streams, among them Indian, Apple, Sandy and Mauvaisterre Creeks. Bituminous coal underlies the eastern part of the county, and thin veins crop out along the Illinois River bluffs. Sandstone has also been quarried.

**MORGAN PARK**, a suburban village of Cook County, 13 miles south of Chicago, on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway; is the seat of the Academy (a preparatory branch) of the University of Chicago and the Scandinavian Department of the Divinity School connected with the same institution. Population (1880), 187; (1890), 1,027; (1900), 2,329.

**MORMONS**, a religious sect, founded by Joseph Smith, Jr., at Fayette, Seneca County, N. Y., August 6, 1830, styling themselves the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints." Membership in 1892 was estimated at 230,000, of whom some 20,000 were outside of the United States. Their religious teachings are peculiar. They avow faith in the Trinity and in the Bible (as by them

interpreted). They believe, however, that the "Book of Mormon"—assumed to be of divine origin and a direct revelation to Smith—is of equal authority with the Scriptures, if not superior to them. Among their ordinances are baptism and the laying-on of hands, and, in their church organization, they recognize various orders—apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc. They also believe in the restoration of the Ten Tribes and the literal re-assembling of Israel, the return and rule of Christ in person, and the rebuilding of Zion in America. Polygamy is encouraged and made an article of faith, though professedly not practiced under existing laws in the United States. The supreme power is vested in a President, who has authority in temporal and spiritual affairs alike; although there is less effort now than formerly, on the part of the priesthood, to interfere in temporalities. Driven from New York in 1831, Smith and his followers first settled at Kirtland, Ohio. There, for a time, the sect flourished and built a temple; but, within seven years, their doctrines and practices excited so much hostility that they were forced to make another removal. Their next settlement was at Far West, Mo.; but here the hatred toward them became so intense as to result in open war. From Missouri they recrossed the Mississippi and founded the city of Nauvoo, near Commerce, in Hancock County, Ill. The charter granted by the Legislature was an extraordinary instrument, and well-nigh made the city independent of the State. Nauvoo soon obtained commercial importance, in two years becoming a city of some 16,000 inhabitants. The Mormons rapidly became a powerful factor in State politics, when there broke out a more bitter public enmity than the sect had yet encountered. Internal dissensions also sprang up, and, in 1844, a discontented Mormon founded a newspaper at Nauvoo, in which he violently assailed the prophet and threatened him with exposure. Smith's answer to this was the destruction of the printing office, and the editor promptly secured a warrant for his arrest, returnable at Carthage. Smith went before a friendly justice at Nauvoo, who promptly discharged him, but he positively refused to appear before the Carthage magistrate. Thereupon the latter issued a second warrant, charging Smith with treason. This also was treated with contempt. The militia was called out to make the arrest, and the Mormons, who had formed a strong military organization, armed to defend their leader. After a few trifling clashes between the soldiers

and the "Saints," Smith was persuaded to surrender and go to Carthage, the county-seat, where he was incarcerated in the county jail. Within twenty-four hours (on Sunday, June 27, 1844), a mob attacked the prison. Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were killed, and some of their adherents, who had accompanied them to jail, were wounded. Brigham Young (then an apostle) at once assumed the leadership and, after several months of intense popular excitement, in the following year led his followers across the Mississippi, finally locating (1847) in Utah. (See also *Nauvoo*.) There their history has not been free from charges of crime; but, whatever may be the character of the leaders, they have succeeded in building up a prosperous community in a region which they found a virtual desert, a little more than forty years ago. The polity of the Church has been greatly modified in consequence of restrictions placed upon it by Congressional legislation, especially in reference to polygamy, and by contact with other communities. (See *Smith, Joseph*.)

**MORRIS**, a city and the county-seat of Grundy County, on the Illinois River, the Illinois & Michigan Canal, and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, 61 miles southwest of Chicago. It is an extensive grain market, and the center of a region rich in bituminous coal. There is valuable water-power here, and much manufacturing is done, including builders' hardware, plows, iron specialties, paper car-wheels, brick and tile, flour and planing-mills, oatmeal and tanned leather. There are also a normal and scientific school, two national banks and three daily and weekly newspapers. Population (1880), 3,486; (1890), 3,653; (1900), 4,273.

**MORRIS**, Buckner Smith, early lawyer, born at Augusta, Ky., August 19, 1800; was admitted to the bar in 1827, and, for seven years thereafter, continued to reside in Kentucky, serving two terms in the Legislature of that State. In 1834 he removed to Chicago, took an active part in the incorporation of the city, and was elected its second Mayor in 1838. In 1840 he was a Whig candidate for Presidential Elector, Abraham Lincoln running on the same ticket, and, in 1852, was defeated as the Whig candidate for Secretary of State. He was elected a Judge of the Seventh Circuit in 1851, but declined a re-nomination in 1855. In 1856 he accepted the American (or Know-Nothing) nomination for Governor, and, in 1860, that of the Bell-Everett party for the same office. He was vehemently opposed to the election of either Lincoln or



Breckenridge to the Presidency, believing that civil war would result in either event. A shadow was thrown across his life, in 1864, by his arrest and trial for alleged complicity in a rebel plot to burn and pillage Chicago and liberate the prisoners of war held at Camp Douglas. The trial, however, which was held at Cincinnati, resulted in his acquittal. Died, in Kentucky, Dec. 18, 1879. Those who knew Judge Morris, in his early life in the city of Chicago, describe him as a man of genial and kindly disposition, in spite of his opposition to the abolition of slavery—a fact which, no doubt, had much to do with his acquittal of the charge of complicity with the Camp Douglas conspiracy, as the evidence of his being in communication with the leading conspirators appears to have been conclusive. (See *Camp Douglas Conspiracy*.)

**MORRIS, Freeman P.**, lawyer and politician, was born in Cook County, Ill., March 19, 1854, labored on a farm and attended the district school in his youth, but completed his education in Chicago, graduating from the Union College of Law, and was admitted to practice in 1874, when he located at Watseka, Iroquois County. In 1884 he was elected, as a Democrat, to the House of Representatives from the Iroquois District, and has since been re-elected in 1888, '94, '96, being one of the most influential members of his party in that body. In 1893 he was appointed by Governor Altgeld Aid-de-Camp, with the rank of Colonel, on his personal staff, but resigned in 1896.

**MORRIS, Isaac Newton**, lawyer and Congressman, was born at Bethel, Clermont County, Ohio, Jan. 22, 1812; educated at Miami University, admitted to the bar in 1835, and the next year removed to Quincy, Ill.; was a member and President of the Board of Canal Commissioners (1842-43), served in the Fifteenth General Assembly (1846-48); was elected to Congress as a Democrat in 1856, and again in 1858, but opposed the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution; in 1868 supported General Grant—who had been his friend in boyhood—for President, and, in 1870, was appointed a member of the Union Pacific Railroad Commission. Died, Oct. 29, 1879.

**MORRISON**, a city, the county-seat of Whiteside County, founded in 1855; is a station on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, 124 miles west of Chicago. Agriculture, dairying and stock-raising are the principal pursuits in the surrounding region. The city has good water-works, sewerage, electric lighting and several

manufactories, including carriage and refrigerator works; also has numerous churches, a large graded school, a public library and adequate banking facilities, and two weekly papers. Greenhouses for cultivation of vegetables for winter market are carried on. Pop. (1900), 2,308.

**MORRISON, Isaac L.**, lawyer and legislator, born in Barren County, Ky., in 1826; was educated in the common schools and the Masonic Seminary of his native State; admitted to the bar, and came to Illinois in 1851, locating at Jacksonville, where he has become a leader of the bar and of the Republican party, which he assisted to organize as a member of its first State Convention at Bloomington, in 1856. He was also a delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1864, which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency a second time. Mr. Morrison was three times elected to the lower house of the General Assembly (1876, '78 and '82), and, by his clear judgment and incisive powers as a public speaker, took a high rank as a leader in that body. Of late years, he has given his attention solely to the practice of his profession in Jacksonville.

**MORRISON, James Lowery Donaldson**, politician, lawyer and Congressman, was born at Kaskaskia, Ill., April 12, 1816; at the age of 16 was appointed a midshipman in the United States Navy, but leaving the service in 1836, read law with Judge Nathaniel Pope, and was admitted to the bar, practicing at Belleville. He was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly from St. Clair County, in 1844, and to the State Senate in 1848, and again in '54. In 1852 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Lieutenant-Governorship on the Whig ticket, but, on the dissolution of that party, allied himself with the Democracy, and was, for many years, its leader in Southern Illinois. In 1855 he was elected to Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lyman Trumbull, who had been elected to the United States Senate. In 1860 he was a candidate before the Democratic State Convention for the nomination for Governor, but was defeated by James C. Allen. After that year he took no prominent part in public affairs. At the outbreak of the Mexican War he was among the first to raise a company of volunteers, and was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment (Colonel Bissell's). For gallant services at Buena Vista, the Legislature presented him with a sword. He took a prominent part in the incorporation of railroads, and, it is claimed, drafted and introduced in the Legislature the charter of

the Illinois Central Railroad in 1851. Died, at St. Louis, Mo., August 14, 1888.

**MORRISON, William**, pioneer merchant, came from Philadelphia, Pa., to Kaskaskia, Ill., in 1790, as representative of the mercantile house of Bryant & Morrison, of Philadelphia, and finally established an extensive trade throughout the Mississippi Valley, supplying merchants at St. Louis, St. Genevieve, Cape Girardeau and New Madrid. He is also said to have sent an agent with a stock of goods across the plains, with a view to opening up trade with the Mexicans at Santa Fé, about 1804, but was defrauded by the agent, who appropriated the goods to his own benefit without accounting to his employer. He became the principal merchant in the Territory, doing a thriving business in early days, when Kaskaskia was the principal supply point for merchants throughout the valley. He is described as a public-spirited, enterprising man, to whom was due the chief part of the credit for securing construction of a bridge across the Kaskaskia River at the town of that name. He died at Kaskaskia in 1837, and was buried in the cemetery there.—**Robert (Morrison)**, a brother of the preceding, came to Kaskaskia in 1793, was appointed Clerk of the Common Pleas Court in 1801, retaining the position for many years, besides holding other local offices. He was the father of Col. James L. D. Morrison, politician and soldier of the Mexican War, whose sketch is given elsewhere.—**Joseph (Morrison)**, the oldest son of William Morrison, went to Ohio, residing there several years, but finally returned to Prairie du Rocher, where he died in 1845.—**James**, another son, went to Wisconsin; **William** located at Belleville, dying there in 1843; while **Lewis**, another son, settled at Covington, Washington County, Ill., where he practiced medicine up to 1851; then engaged in mercantile business at Chester, dying there in 1856.

**MORRISON, William Ralls**, ex-Congressman, Inter-State Commerce Commissioner, was born, Sept. 14, 1825, in Monroe County, Ill., and educated at McKendree College; served as a private in the Mexican War, at its close studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1855; in 1852 was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of Monroe County, but resigned before the close of his term, accepting the office of Representative in the State Legislature, to which he was elected in 1854; was re-elected in 1856, and again in 1858, serving as Speaker of the House during the session of 1859. In 1861 he assisted in organizing the Forty-ninth Regiment Illinois Volunteers and was commis-

sioned Colonel. The regiment was mustered in, Dec. 31, 1861, and took part in the battle of Fort Donelson in February following, where he was severely wounded. While yet in the service, in 1862, he was elected to Congress as a Democrat, when he resigned his commission, but was defeated for re-election, in 1864, by Jehu Baker, as he was again in 1866. In 1870 he was again elected to the General Assembly, and, two years later (1872), returned to Congress from the Belleville District, after which he served in that body, by successive re-elections, nine terms and until 1887, being for several terms Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and prominent in the tariff legislation of that period. In March, 1887, President Cleveland appointed him a member of the first Inter-State Commerce Commission for a period of five years; at the close of his term he was reappointed, by President Harrison, for a full term of six years, serving a part of the time as President of the Board, and retiring from office in 1898.

**MORRISONVILLE**, a town in Christian County, situated on the Wabash Railway, 40 miles southwest of Decatur and 20 miles northeast of Litchfield. Grain is extensively raised in the surrounding region, and Morrisonville, with its elevators and mill, is an important shipping-point. It has brick and tile works, electric lights, two banks, five churches, graded and high schools, and a weekly paper. Population (1890), 844; (1900), 934; (1903, est.), 1,200.

**MORTON**, a village of Tazewell County, at the intersection of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and the Terre Haute & Peoria Railroads, 10 miles southeast of Peoria; has factories, a bank and a newspaper. Population (1890), 657; (1900), 894.

**MORTON, Joseph**, pioneer farmer and legislator, was born in Virginia, August 1, 1801; came to Madison County, Ill., in 1819, and the following year to Morgan County, when he engaged in farming in the vicinity of Jacksonville. He served as a member of the House in the Tenth and Fifteenth General Assemblies, and as Senator in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth. He was a Democrat in politics, but, on questions of State and local policy, was non-partisan, faithfully representing the interests of his constituents. Died, at his home near Jacksonville, March 2, 1881.

**MOSES, Adolph**, lawyer, was born in Speyer, Germany, Feb. 27, 1837, and, until fifteen years of age, was educated in the public and Latin schools of his native country; in the latter part of 1852, came to America, locating in New Orleans, and, for some years, being a law student

in Louisiana University, under the preceptorship of Randall Hunt and other eminent lawyers of that State. In the early days of the Civil War he espoused the cause of the Confederacy, serving some two years as an officer of the Twenty-first Louisiana Regiment. Coming north at the expiration of this period, he resided for a time in Quincy, Ill., but, in 1869, removed to Chicago, where he took a place in the front rank at the bar, and where he has resided ever since. Although in sympathy with the general principles of the Democratic party, Judge Moses is an independent voter, as shown by the fact that he voted for General Grant for President in 1868, and supported the leading measures of the Republican party in 1896. He is the editor and publisher of "The National Corporation Reporter," established in 1890, and which is devoted to the interests of business corporations.

**MOSES, John**, lawyer and author, was born at Niagara Falls, Canada, Sept. 18, 1825; came to Illinois in 1837, his family locating first at Naples, Scott County. He pursued the vocation of a teacher for a time, studied law, was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court for Scott County in 1856, and served as County Judge from 1857 to 1861. The latter year he became the private secretary of Governor Yates, serving until 1863, during that period assisting in the organization of seventy-seven regiments of Illinois Volunteers. While serving in this capacity, in company with Governor Yates, he attended the famous conference of loyal Governors, held at Altoona, Pa., in September, 1862, and afterwards accompanied the Governors in their call upon President Lincoln, a few days after the issue of the preliminary proclamation of emancipation. Having received the appointment, from President Lincoln, of Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Tenth Illinois District, he resigned the position of private secretary to Governor Yates. In 1874 he was chosen Representative in the Twenty-ninth General Assembly for the District composed of Scott, Pike and Calhoun Counties; served as a delegate to the National Republican Convention at Philadelphia, in 1872, and as Secretary of the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners for three years (1880-83). He was then appointed Special Agent of the Treasury Department, and assigned to duty in connection with the customs revenue at Chicago. In 1887 he was chosen Secretary of the Chicago Historical Society, serving until 1893. While connected with the Chicago Historical Library he brought out the most complete History of Illinois yet published, in two

volumes, and also, in connection with the late Major Kirkland, edited a History of Chicago in two large volumes. Other literary work done by Judge Moses, includes "Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln" and "Richard Yates, the War Governor of Illinois," in the form of lectures or addresses. Died in Chicago, July 3, 1898.

**MOULTON, Samuel W.**, lawyer and Congressman, was born at Wenham, Mass., Jan. 20, 1822, where he was educated in the public schools. After spending some years in the South, he removed to Illinois (1845), where he studied law, and was admitted to the bar, commencing practice at Shelbyville. From 1852 to 1859 he was a member of the lower house of the General Assembly; in 1857, was a Presidential Elector on the Buchanan ticket, and was President of the State Board of Education from 1859 to 1876. In 1864 he was elected, as a Republican, Representative in Congress for the State-at-large, being elected again, as a Democrat, from the Shelbyville District, in 1880 and '82. During the past few years (including the campaign of 1896) Mr. Moulton has acted in coöperation with the Republican party.

**MOULTRIE COUNTY**, a comparatively small county in the eastern section of the middle tier of the State—named for a revolutionary hero. Area, 340 square miles, and population (by the census of 1900), 15,224. Moultrie was one of the early "stamping grounds" of the Kickapoos, who were always friendly to English-speaking settlers. The earliest immigrants were from the Southwest, but arrivals from Northern States soon followed. County organization was effected in 1843, both Shelby and Macon Counties surrendering a portion of territory. A vein of good bituminous coal underlies the county, but agriculture is the more important industry. Sullivan is the county-seat, selected in 1845. In 1890 its population was about 1,700. Hon. Richard J. Oglesby (former Governor, Senator and a Major-General in the Civil War) began the practice of law here.

**MOUND-BUILDERS, WORKS OF THE.** One of the most conclusive evidences that the Mississippi Valley was once occupied by a people different in customs, character and civilization from the Indians found occupying the soil when the first white explorers visited it, is the existence of certain artificial mounds and earthworks, of the origin and purposes of which the Indians seemed to have no knowledge or tradition. These works extend throughout the valley from the Allegheny to the Rocky Mountains, being much more numerous, however, in some portions than

in others, and also varying greatly in form. This fact, with the remains found in some of them, has been regarded as evidence that the purposes of their construction were widely variant. They have consequently been classified by archaeologists as sepulchral, religious, or defensive, while some seem to have had a purpose of which writers on the subject are unable to form any satisfactory conception, and which are, therefore, still regarded as an unsolved mystery. Some of the most elaborate of these works are found along the eastern border of the Mississippi Valley, especially in Ohio; and the fact that they appear to belong to the defensive class, has led to the conclusion that this region was occupied by a race practically homogeneous, and that these works were designed to prevent the encroachment of hostile races from beyond the Alleghenies. Illinois being in the center of the valley, comparatively few of these defensive works are found here, those of this character which do exist being referred to a different era and race. (See *Fortifications, Prehistoric*.) While these works are numerous in some portions of Illinois, their form and structure give evidence that they were erected by a peaceful people, however bloody may have been some of the rites performed on those designed for a religious purpose. Their numbers also imply a dense population. This is especially true of that portion of the American Bottom opposite the city of St. Louis, which is the seat of the most remarkable group of earth works of this character on the continent. The central, or principal structure of this group, is known, locally, as the great "Cahokia Mound," being situated near the creek of that name which empties into the Mississippi just below the city of East St. Louis. It is also called "Monks' Mound," from the fact that it was occupied early in the present century by a community of Monks of La Trappe, a portion of whom succumbed to the malarial influences of the climate, while the survivors returned to the original seat of their order. This mound, from its form and commanding size, has been supposed to belong to the class called "temple mounds," and has been described as "the monarch of all similar structures" and the "best representative of its class in North America." The late William McAdams, of Alton, who surveyed this group some years since, in his "Records of Ancient Races," gives the following description of this principal structure:

"In the center of a great mass of mounds and earth-works there stands a mighty pyramid whose base covers nearly sixteen acres of ground.

It is not exactly square, being a parallelogram a little longer north and south than east and west. Some thirty feet above the base, on the south side, is an apron or terrace, on which now grows an orchard of considerable size. This terrace is approached from the plain by a graded roadway. Thirty feet above this terrace, and on the west side, is another much smaller, on which are now growing some forest trees. The top, which contains an acre and a half, is divided into two nearly equal parts, the northern part being four or five feet the higher. . . . On the north, east and south, the structure still retains its straight side, that probably has changed but little since the settlement of the country by white men, but remains in appearance to-day the same as centuries ago. The west side of the pyramid, however, has its base somewhat serrated and seamed by ravines, evidently made by rainstorms and the elements. From the second terrace a well, eighty feet in depth, penetrates the base of the structure, which is plainly seen to be almost wholly composed of the black, sticky soil of the surrounding plain. It is not an oval or conical mound or hill, but a pyramid with straight sides." The approximate height of this mound is ninety feet. When first seen by white men, this was surmounted by a small conical mound some ten feet in height, from which human remains and various relics were taken while being leveled for the site of a house. Messrs. Squier and Davis, in their report on "Ancient Monuments of the Mississippi Valley," published by the Smithsonian Institute (1848), estimate the contents of the structure at 20,000,000 cubic feet.

A Mr. Breckenridge, who visited these mounds in 1811 and published a description of them, estimates that the construction of this principal mound must have required the work of thousands of laborers and years of time. The upper terrace, at the time of his visit, was occupied by the Trappists as a kitchen garden, and the top of the structure was sown in wheat. He also found numerous fragments of flint and earthen vessels, and concludes that "a populous city once existed here, similar to those of Mexico described by the first conquerors. The mounds were sites of temples or monuments to great men." According to Mr. McAdams, there are seventy-two mounds of considerable size within two miles of the main structure, the group extending to the mouth of the Cahokia and embracing over one hundred in all. Most of these are square, ranging from twenty to fifty feet in height, a few are oval and one or two conical. Scattered among



the mounds are also a number of small lakes, evidently of artificial origin. From the fact that there were a number of conspicuous mounds on the Missouri side of the river, on the present site of the city of St. Louis and its environs, it is believed that they all belonged to the same system and had a common purpose; the Cahokia Mound, from its superior size, being the center of the group—and probably used for sacrificial purposes. The whole number of these structures in the American Bottom, whose outlines were still visible a few years ago, was estimated by Dr. J. W. Foster at nearly two hundred, and the presence of so large a number in close proximity, has been accepted as evidence of a large population in the immediate vicinity.

Mr. McAdams reports the finding of numerous specimens of pottery and artificial ornaments and implements in the Cahokia mounds and in caves and mounds between Alton and the mouth of the Illinois River, as well as on the latter some twenty-five miles from its mouth. Among the relics found in the Illinois River mounds was a burial vase, and Mr. McAdams says that, in thirty years, he has unearthed more than a thousand of these, many of which closely resemble those found in the mounds of Europe. Dr. Foster also makes mention of an ancient cemetery near Chester, in which "each grave, when explored, is found to contain a cist enclosing a skeleton, for the most part far gone in decay. These cists are built up and covered with slabs of limestone, which here abound."—Another noteworthy group of mounds—though far inferior to the Cahokia group—exists near Hutsonville in Crawford County. As described in the State Geological Survey, this group consists of fifty-five elevations, irregularly dispersed over an area of 1,000 by 1,400 to 1,500 feet, and varying from fourteen to fifty feet in diameter, the larger ones having a height of five to eight feet. From their form and arrangement these are believed to have been mounds of habitation. In the southern portion of this group are four mounds of peculiar construction and larger size, each surrounded by a low ridge or earthwork, with openings facing towards each other, indicating that they were defense-works. The location of this group—a few miles from a prehistoric fortification at Merom, on the Indiana side of the Wabash, to which the name of "Fort Azatlan" has been given—induces the belief that the two groups, like those in the American Bottom and at St. Louis, were parts of the same system.—Professor Engelmann, in the part of the State Geological

Survey devoted to Massac County, alludes to a remarkable group of earthworks in the Black Bend of the Ohio, as an "extensive" system of "fortifications and mounds which probably belong to the same class as those in the Mississippi Bottom opposite St. Louis and at other points farther up the Ohio." In the report of Government survey by Dan W. Beckwith, in 1834, mention is made of a very large mound on the Kankakee River, near the mouth of Rock Creek, now a part of Kankakee County. This had a base diameter of about 100 feet, with a height of twenty feet, and contained the remains of a large number of Indians killed in a celebrated battle, in which the Illinois and Chippewas, and the Delawares and Shawnees took part. Near by were two other mounds, said to contain the remains of the chiefs of the two parties. In this case, mounds of prehistoric origin had probably been utilized as burial places by the aborigines at a comparatively recent period. Related to the Kankakee mounds, in location if not in period of construction, is a group of nineteen in number on the site of the present city of Morris, in Grundy County. Within a circuit of three miles of Ottawa it has been estimated that there were 3,000 mounds—though many of these are believed to have been of Indian origin. Indeed, the whole Illinois Valley is full of these silent monuments of a prehistoric age, but they are not generally of the conspicuous character of those found in the vicinity of St. Louis and attributed to the Mound Builders.—A very large and numerous group of these monuments exists along the bluffs of the Mississippi River, in the western part of Rock Island and Mercer Counties, chiefly between Drury's Landing and New Boston. Mr. J. E. Stevenson, in "The American Antiquarian," a few years ago, estimated that there were 2,500 of these within a circuit of fifty miles, located in groups of two or three to 100, varying in diameter from fifteen to 150 feet, with an elevation of two to fifteen feet. There are also numerous burial and sacrificial mounds in the vicinity of Chilli-cothe, on the Illinois River, in the northeastern part of Peoria County.—There are but few specimens of the animal or effigy mounds, of which so many exist in Wisconsin, to be found in Illinois; and the fact that these are found chiefly on Rock River, leaves no doubt of a common origin with the Wisconsin groups. The most remarkable of these is the celebrated "Turtle Mound," within the present limits of the city of Rockford—though some regard it as having more resemblance to an alligator. This figure, which is maintained in a

good state of preservation by the citizens, has an extreme length of about 150 feet, by fifty in width at the front legs and thirty-nine at the hind legs, and an elevation equal to the height of a man. There are some smaller mounds in the vicinity, and some bird effigies on Rock River some six miles below Rockford. There is also an animal effigy near the village of Hanover, in Jo Daviess County, with a considerable group of round mounds and embankments in the immediate vicinity, besides a smaller effigy of a similar character on the north side of the Pecatonica in Stephenson County, some ten miles east of Freeport. The Rock River region seems to have been a favorite field for the operations of the mound-builders, as shown by the number and variety of these structures, extending from Sterling, in Whiteside County, to the Wisconsin State line. A large number of these were to be found in the vicinity of the Kishwaukee River in the southeastern part of Winnebago County. The famous prehistoric fortification on Rock River, just beyond the Wisconsin boundary—which seems to have been a sort of counterpart of the ancient Fort Aztalan on the Indiana side of the Wabash—appears to have had a close relation to the works of the mound-builders on the same stream in Illinois.

**MOUND CITY**, the county-seat of Pulaski County, on the Ohio River, seven miles north of Cairo; is on a branch line of the Illinois Central and the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad. The chief industries are lumbering and ship-building; also has furniture, canning and other factories. One of the United States National Cemeteries is located here. The town has a bank and two weekly papers. Population (1890), 2,550; (1900), 2,705; (1903, est.), 3,500.

**MOUNT CARMEL**, a city and the county-seat of Wabash County, is the point of junction of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and the Southern Railroads, 132 miles northeast of Cairo, and 24 miles southwest of Vincennes, Ind.; situated on the Wabash River, which supplies good water-power for saw mills, flouring mills, and some other manufactures. The town has railroad shops and two daily newspapers. Agriculture and lumbering are the principal pursuits of the people of the surrounding district. Population (1890), 3,376; (1900), 4,311.

**MOUNT CARROLL**, the county-seat of Carroll County, an incorporated city, founded in 1843; is 128 miles southwest of Chicago, on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. Farming, stock-raising and mining are the principal indus-

tries. It has five churches, excellent schools, good libraries, two daily and two semi-weekly newspapers. Pop. (1890), 1,836; (1900), 1,965.

**MOUNT CARROLL SEMINARY**, a young ladies' seminary, located at Mount Carroll, Carroll County; incorporated in 1852; had a faculty of thirteen members in 1896, with 126 pupils, property valued at \$100,000, and a library of 5,000 volumes.

**MOUNT MORRIS**, a town in Ogle County, situated on the Chicago & Iowa Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 108 miles west by north from Chicago, and 24 miles southwest of Rockford; is the seat of Mount Morris College and flourishing public school; has handsome stone and brick buildings, three churches and two newspapers. Population (1900), 1,048.

**MOUNT OLIVE**, a village of Macoupin County, on the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis and the Wabash Railways, 68 miles southwest of Decatur; in a rich agricultural and coal-mining region. Population (1880), 709; (1890), 1,986; (1900), 2,935.

**MOUNT PULASKI**, a village and railroad junction in Logan County, 21 miles northwest of Decatur and 24 miles northeast of Springfield. Agriculture, coal-mining and stock-raising are leading industries. It is also an important shipping point for grain, and contains several elevators and flouring mills. Population (1880), 1,125; (1890), 1,357; (1900), 1,643.

**MOUNT STERLING**, a city, the county-seat of Brown County, midway between Quincy and Jacksonville, on the Wabash Railway. It is surrounded by a rich farming country, and has extensive deposits of clay and coal. It contains six churches and four schools (two large public, and two parochial). The town is lighted by electricity and has public water-works. Wagons, brick, tile and earthenware are manufactured here, and three weekly newspapers are published. Population (1880), 1,445; (1890), 1,655; (1900), 1,960.

**MOUNT VERNON**, a city and county-seat of Jefferson County, on three trunk lines of railroad, 77 miles east-southeast of St. Louis; is the center of a rich agricultural and coal region; has many flourishing manufactories, including car-works, a plow factory, flouring mills, pressed brick factory, canning factory, and is an important shipping-point for grain, vegetables and fruits. The Appellate Court for the Southern Grand Division is held here, and the city has nine churches, fine school buildings, a Carnegie library, two banks heating plant, two daily and three weekly papers. Population (1890), 3,233; (1900), 5,316.

**MOUNT VERNON & GRAYVILLE RAILROAD.**  
(See *Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway.*)

**MOWEAQUA**, a village of Shelby County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 16 miles south of Decatur; is in rich agricultural and stock-raising section; has coal mine, three banks and two newspapers. Population (1890), 848; (1900), 1,478.

**MUDD, (Col.) John J.**, soldier, was born in St. Charles County, Mo., Jan. 9, 1820; his father having died in 1833, his mother removed to Pike County, Ill., to free her children from the influence of slavery. In 1849, and again in 1850, he made the overland journey to California, each time returning by the Isthmus, his last visit extending into 1851. In 1854 he engaged in the commission business in St. Louis, as head of the firm of Mudd & Hughes, but failed in the crash of 1857; then removed to Chicago, and, in 1861, was again in prosperous business. While on a business visit in New Orleans, in December, 1860, he had an opportunity of learning the growing spirit of secession, being advised by friends to leave the St. Charles Hotel in order to escape a mob. In September, 1861, he entered the army as Major of the Second Illinois Cavalry (Col. Silas Noble), and, in the next few months, was stationed successively at Cairo, Bird's Point and Paducah, Ky., and, in February, 1862, led the advance of General McClelland's division in the attack on Fort Donelson. Here he was severely wounded; but, after a few weeks in hospital at St. Louis, was sufficiently recovered to rejoin his regiment soon after the battle of Shiloh. Unable to perform cavalry duty, he was attached to the staff of General McClelland during the advance on Corinth, but, in October following, at the head of 400 men of his regiment, was transferred to the command of General McPherson. Early in 1863 he was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel, and soon after to a colonelcy, taking part in the movement against Vicksburg. June 13, he was again severely wounded, but, a few weeks later, was on duty at New Orleans, and subsequently participated in the operations in Southwestern Louisiana and Texas. On May 1, 1864, he left Baton Rouge for Alexandria, as Chief of Staff to General McClelland, but two days later, while approaching Alexandria on board the steamer, was shot through the head and instantly killed. He was a gallant soldier and greatly beloved by his troops.

**MULBERRY GROVE**, a village of Bond County, on the Terre Haute & Indianapolis (Vandalia) Railroad, 8 miles northeast of Greenville; has a local newspaper. Pop. (1890), 750; (1900), 632.

**MULLIGAN, James A.**, soldier, was born of Irish parentage at Utica, N. Y., June 25, 1830; in 1836 accompanied his parents to Chicago, and, after graduating from the University of St. Mary's of the Lake, in 1850, began the study of law. In 1851 he accompanied John Lloyd Stephens on his expedition to Panama, and on his return resumed his professional studies, at the same time editing "The Western Tablet," a weekly Catholic paper. At the outbreak of the Rebellion he recruited, and was made Colonel of the Twenty-third Illinois Regiment, known as the Irish Brigade. He served with great gallantry, first in the West and later in the East, being severely wounded and twice captured. He declined a Brigadier-Generalship, preferring to remain with his regiment. He was fatally wounded during a charge at the battle of Winchester. While being carried off the field he noticed that the colors of his brigade were endangered. "Lay me down and save the flag," he ordered. His men hesitated, but he repeated the command until it was obeyed. Before they returned he had been borne away by the enemy, and died a prisoner, at Winchester, Va., July 26, 1864.

**MUNN, Daniel W.**, lawyer and soldier, was born in Orange County, Vt., in 1834; graduated at Thetford Academy in 1852, when he taught two years, meanwhile beginning the study of law. Removing to Coles County, Ill., in 1855, he resumed his law studies, was admitted to the bar in 1858, and began practice at Hillsboro, Montgomery County. In 1862 he joined the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, with the rank of Adjutant, but the following year was appointed Colonel of the First Alabama Cavalry. Compelled to retire from the service on account of declining health, he returned to Cairo, Ill., where he became editor of "The Daily News"; in 1866 was elected to the State Senate, serving four years; served as Presidential Elector in 1868; was the Republican nominee for Congress in 1870, and the following year was appointed by President Grant Supervisor of Internal Revenue for the District including the States of Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. Removing to Chicago, he began practice there in 1875, in which he has since been engaged. He has been prominently connected with a number of important cases before the Chicago courts.

**MUNN, Sylvester W.**, lawyer, soldier and legislator, was born about 1818, and came from Ohio at thirty years of age, settling at Wilmington, Will County, afterwards removing to Joliet,

where he practiced law. During the War he served as Major of the Yates Phalanx (Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteers); later, was State's Attorney for Will County and State Senator in the Thirty-first and Thirty-second General Assemblies. Died, at Joliet, Sept. 11, 1888. He was a member of the Illinois State Bar Association from its organization.

**MURPHY, Everett J.**, ex-Member of Congress, was born in Nashville, Ill., July 24, 1852; in early youth removed to Sparta, where he was educated in the high schools of that place; at the age of fourteen he became clerk in a store; in 1877 was elected City Clerk of Sparta, but the next year resigned to become Deputy Circuit Clerk at Chester, remaining until 1882, when he was elected Sheriff of Randolph County. In 1886 he was chosen a Representative in the General Assembly, and, in 1889, was appointed, by Governor Fifer, Warden of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary at Chester, but retired from this position in 1892, and removed to East St. Louis. Two years later he was elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth Congress for the Twenty-first District, but was defeated for re-election by a small majority in 1896, by Jehu Baker, Democrat and Populist. In 1899 Mr. Murphy was appointed Warden of the State Penitentiary at Joliet, to succeed Col. R. W. McClaughey.

**MURPHYSBORO**, the county-seat of Jackson County, situated on the Big Muddy River and on main line of the Mobile & Ohio, the St. Louis Division of the Illinois Central, and a branch of the St. Louis Valley Railroads, 52 miles north of Cairo and 90 miles south-southeast of St. Louis. Coal of a superior quality is extensively mined in the vicinity. The city has a foundry, machine shops, skewer factory, furniture factory, flour and saw mills, thirteen churches, four schools, three banks, two daily and three weekly newspapers, city and rural free mail delivery. Population (1890), 3,380; (1900), 6,463; (1903, est.), 7,500.

**MURPHYSBORO & SHAWNEETOWN RAILROAD.** (See *Carbondale & Shawneetown, St. Louis Southern and St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroads.*)

**NAPERVILLE**, a city of Du Page County, on the west branch of the Du Page River and on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 30 miles west-southwest of Chicago, and 9 miles east of Aurora. It has three banks, a weekly newspaper, stone quarries, couch factory, and nine churches; is also the seat of the Northwestern College, an institution founded in 1861 by the Evangelical

Association; the college now has a normal school department. Population (1890), 2,216; (1900), 2,629.

**NAPLES**, a town of Scott County, on the Illinois River and the Hannibal and Naples branch of the Wabash Railway, 21 miles west of Jacksonville. Population (1890), 452; (1900), 398.

**NASHVILLE**, an incorporated city, the county-seat of Washington County, on the Centralia & Chester and the Louisville & Nashville Railways; is 120 miles south of Springfield and 50 miles east by south from St. Louis. It stands in a coal-producing and rich agricultural region. There are two coal mines within the corporate limits, and two large flouring mills do a considerable business. There are numerous churches, public schools, including a high school, a State bank, and four weekly papers. Population (1880), 2,222; (1890), 2,084; (1900), 2,184.

**NAUVOO**, a city in Hancock County, at the head of the Lower Rapids on the Mississippi, between Fort Madison and Keokuk, Iowa. It was founded by the Mormons in 1840, and its early growth was rapid. After the expulsion of the "Saints" in 1846, it was settled by a colony of French Icarians, who introduced the culture of grapes on a large scale. They were a sort of communistic order, but their experiment did not prove a success, and in a few years they gave place to another class, the majority of the population now being of German extraction. The chief industries are agriculture and horticulture. Large quantities of grapes and strawberries are raised and shipped, and considerable native wine is produced. Population (1880), 1,402; (1890), 1,208; (per census 1900), 1,321. (See also *Mormons.*)

**NAVIGABLE STREAMS (by Statute).** Following the example of the French explorers, who chiefly followed the water ways in their early explorations, the early permanent settlers of Illinois, not only settled, to a great extent, on the principal streams, but later took especial pains to maintain their navigable character by statute. This was, of course, partly due to the absence of improved highways, but also to the belief that, as the country developed, the streams would become extremely valuable, if not indispensable, especially in the transportation of heavy commodities. Accordingly, for the first quarter century after the organization of the State Government, one of the questions receiving the attention of the Legislature, at almost every session, was the enactment of laws affirming the navigability of certain streams now regarded as of little importance, or utterly insignificant, as channels of



transportation. Legislation of this character began with the first General Assembly (1819), and continued, at intervals, with reference to one or two of the more important interior rivers of the State, as late as 1867. Besides the Illinois and Wabash, still recognized as navigable streams, the following were made the subject of legislation of this character: Beaucoup Creek, a branch of the Big Muddy, in Perry and Jackson Counties (law of 1819); Big Bay, a tributary of the Ohio in Pope County (Acts of 1833); Big Muddy, to the junction of the East and West Forks in Jefferson County (1835), with various subsequent amendments; Big Vermilion, declared navigable (1831); Bon Pas, a branch of the Wabash, between Wabash and Edwards Counties (1831); Cache River, to main fork in Johnson County (1819); Des Plaines, declared navigable (1839); Embarras (1831), with various subsequent acts in reference to improvement; Fox River, declared navigable to the Wisconsin line (1840), and Fox River Navigation Company, incorporated (1855); Kankakee and Iroquois Navigation & Manufacturing Company, incorporated (1847), with various changes and amendments (1851-65); Kaskaskia (or Okaw), declared navigable to a point in Fayette County north of Vandalia (1819), with various modifying acts (1829-67); Macoupin Creek, to Carrollton and Alton road (1837); Piassa, declared navigable in Jersey and Madison Counties (1861); Rock River Navigation Company, incorporated (1841), with subsequent acts (1845-67); Sangamon River, declared navigable to Third Principal Meridian—east line of Sangamon County—(1822), and the North Fork of same to Champaign County (1845); Sny-Carty (a bayou of the Mississippi), declared navigable in Pike and Adams Counties (1859); Spoon River, navigable to Cameron's mill in Fulton County (1835), with various modifying acts (1845-53); Little Wabash Navigation Company, incorporated and river declared navigable to McCawley's bridge—probably in Clay County—(1826), with various subsequent acts making appropriations for its improvement; Skillet Fork (a branch of the Little Wabash), declared navigable to Slocum's Mill in Marion County (1837), and to Ridgway Mills (1846). Other acts passed at various times declared a number of unimportant streams navigable, including Big Creek in Fulton County, Crooked Creek in Schuyler County, Lusk's Creek in Pope County, McKee's Creek in Pike County, Seven Mile Creek in Ogle County, besides a number of others\* of similar character.

**NEALE, THOMAS M.**, pioneer lawyer, was born in Fauquier County, Va., 1796; while yet a child removed with his parents to Bowling Green, Ky., and became a common soldier in the War of 1812; came to Springfield, Ill., in 1824, and began the practice of law; served as Colonel of a regiment raised in Sangamon and Morgan Counties for the Winnebago War (1827), and afterwards as Surveyor of Sangamon County, appointing Abraham Lincoln as his deputy. He also served as a Justice of the Peace, for a number of years, at Springfield. Died, August 7, 1840.

**NEECE, William H.**, ex-Congressman, was born, Feb. 26, 1831, in what is now a part of Logan County, Ill., but which was then within the limits of Sangamon; was reared on a farm and attended the public schools in McDonough County; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1858, and has been ever since engaged in practice. His political career began in 1861, when he was chosen a member of the City Council of Macomb. In 1864 he was elected to the Legislature, and, in 1869, a member of the Constitutional Convention. In 1871 he was again elected to the lower house of the General Assembly, and, in 1878, to the State Senate. From 1883 to 1887 he represented the Eleventh Illinois District in Congress, as a Democrat, but was defeated for re-election in 1890 by William H. Gest, Republican.

**NEGROES.** (See *Slavery and Slave Laws.*)

**NEOGA**, a village of Cumberland County, at the intersection of the Illinois Central and the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railways, 20 miles southwest of Charleston; has a bank, two newspapers, some manufactories, and ships grain, hay, fruit and live-stock. Pop. (1890), 829; (1900), 1,126.

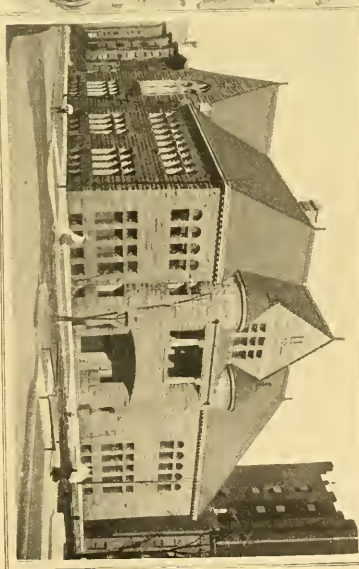
**NEPONSET**, a village and station on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, in Bureau County, 4 miles southwest of Mendota. Population (1880), 652; (1890), 542; (1900), 516.

**NEW ALBANY & ST. LOUIS RAILWAY.** (See *Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis (Consolidated) Railroad.*)

**NEW ATHENS**, a village of St. Clair County, on the St. Louis & Cairo "Short Line" (now Illinois Central) Railroad, at the crossing of the Kaskaskia River, 31 miles southeast of St. Louis; has one newspaper and considerable grain trade. Population (1880), 603; (1890), 624; (1900), 856.

**NEW BERLIN**, a village of Sangamon County, on the Wabash Railway, 17 miles west of Springfield. Population (1880), 403; (1900), 533.

**NEWBERRY LIBRARY**, a large reference library, located in Chicago, endowed by Walter L.



Chicago Academy of Sciences.

The Newberry Library.

Chicago Historical Society.



Art Institute.

Public Library.  
Armour Institute.  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Court-House.

Newberry, an early business man of Chicago, who left half of his estate (aggregating over \$2,000,000) for the purpose. The property bequeathed was largely in real estate, which has since greatly increased in value. The library was established in temporary quarters in 1887, and the first section of a permanent building was opened in the autumn of 1893. By that time there had been accumulated about 160,000 books and pamphlets. A collection of nearly fifty portraits—chiefly of eminent Americans, including many citizens of Chicago—was presented to the library by G. P. A. Healy, a distinguished artist, since deceased. The site of the building occupies an entire block, and the original design contemplates a handsome front on each of the four streets, with a large rectangular court in the center. The section already completed is massive and imposing, and its interior is admirably adapted to the purposes of a library, and at the same time rich and beautiful. When completed, the building will have a capacity for four to six million volumes.

**NEWBERRY, Walter C.**, ex-Congressman, was born at Sangerfield, Oneida County, N. Y., Dec. 23, 1835. Early in the Civil War he enlisted as a private, and rose, step by step, to a colonelcy, and was mustered out as Brevet Brigadier-General. In 1890 he was elected, as a Democrat, to represent the Fourth Illinois District in the Fifty-second Congress (1891-93). His home is in Chicago.

**NEWBERRY, Walter L.**, merchant, banker and philanthropist, was born at East Windsor, Conn., Sept. 18, 1804, descended from English ancestry. He was President Jackson's personal appointee to the United States Military Academy at West Point, but was prevented from taking the examination by sickness. Subsequently he embarked in business at Buffalo, N. Y., going to Detroit in 1838, and settling at Chicago in 1833. After engaging in general merchandising for several years, he turned his attention to banking, in which he accumulated a large fortune. He was a prominent and influential citizen, serving several terms as President of the Board of Education, and being, for six years, the President of the Chicago Historical Society. He died at sea, Nov. 6, 1863, leaving a large estate, one-half of which he devoted, by will, to the founding of a free reference library in Chicago. (See *Newberry Library*.)

**NEW BOSTON**, a city of Mercer County, on the Mississippi River, at the western terminus of the Galva and New Boston Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway. Population (1890), 445; (1900), 703.

**NEW BRIGHTON**, a village of St. Clair County and suburb of East St. Louis. Population (1890), 568.

**NEW BURNSIDE**, a village of Johnson County, on the Cairo Division of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, 53 miles northeast of Cairo. Population (1880), 650; (1890), 596; (1900), 468.

**NEW DOUGLAS**, a village in Madison County, on the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railroad; in farming and fruit-growing region; has coal mine, flour mill and newspaper. Population (1900), 469.

**NEWELL, John**, Railway President, was born at West Newbury, Mass., March 31, 1830, being directly descended from "Pilgrim" stock. At the age of 16 he entered the employment of the Cheshire Railroad in New Hampshire. Eighteen months later he was appointed an assistant engineer on the Vermont Central Railroad, and placed in charge of the construction of a 10-mile section of the line. His promotion was rapid, and, in 1850, he accepted a responsible position on the Champlain & St. Lawrence Railroad. From 1850 to 1856 he was engaged in making surveys for roads in Kentucky and New York, and, during the latter year, held the position of engineer of the Cairo City Company, of Cairo, Ill. In 1857 he entered the service of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, as Division Engineer, where his remarkable success attracted the attention of the owners of the old Winona & St. Peter Railroad (now a part of the Chicago & Northwestern system), who tendered him the presidency. This he accepted, but, in 1864, was made President of the Cleveland & Toledo Railroad. Four years later, he accepted the position of General Superintendent and Chief Engineer of the New York Central Railroad, but resigned, in 1869, to become Vice-President of the Illinois Central Railroad. In 1871 he was elevated to the presidency, but retired in September, 1874, to accept the position of General Manager of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, of which he was elected President, in May, 1883, and continued in office until the time of his death, which occurred at Youngstown, Ohio, August 25, 1894.

**NEWHALL, (Dr.) Horatio**, early physician and newspaper publisher, came from St. Louis, Mo., to Galena, Ill., in 1827, and engaged in mining and smelting, but abandoned this business, the following year, for the practice of his profession; soon afterward became interested in the publication of "The Miners' Journal," and still later in "The Galena Advertiser," with which Hooper Warren and Dr. Philleo were associated.



In 1830 he became a Surgeon in the United States Army, and was stationed at Fort Winnebago, but retired from the service, in 1832, and returned to Galena. When the Black Hawk War broke out he volunteered his services, and, by order of General Scott, was placed in charge of a military hospital at Galena, of which he had control until the close of the war. The difficulties of the position were increased by the appearance of the Asiatic cholera among the troops, but he seems to have discharged his duties with satisfaction to the military authorities. He enjoyed a wide reputation for professional ability, and had an extensive practice. Died, Sept. 19, 1870.

**NEWMAN**, a village of Douglas County, on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway, 52 miles east of Decatur; has a bank, a newspaper, canning factory, broom factory, electric lights, and large trade in agricultural products and livestock. Population (1890), 990; (1900), 1,166.

**NEWSPAPERS, EARLY.** The first newspaper published in the Northwest Territory, of which the present State of Illinois, at the time, composed a part, was "The Centinel of the Northwest Territory," established at Cincinnati by William Maxwell, the first issue appearing in November, 1793. This was also the first newspaper published west of the Allegheny Mountains. In 1796 it was sold to Edmund Freeman and assumed the name of "Freeman's Journal." Nathaniel Willis (grandfather of N. P. Willis, the poet) established "The Scioto Gazette," at Chillicothe, in 1796. "The Western Spy and Hamilton Gazette" was the third paper in Northwest Territory (also within the limits of Ohio), founded in 1799. Willis's paper became the organ of the Territorial Government on the removal of the capital to Chillicothe, in 1800.

The first newspaper in Indiana Territory (then including Illinois) was established by Elihu Stout at Vincennes, beginning publication, July 4, 1804. It took the name of "The Western Sun and General Advertiser," but is now known as "The Western Sun," having had a continuous existence for ninety-five years.

The first newspaper published in Illinois Territory was "The Illinois Herald," but, owing to the absence of early files and other specific records, the date of its establishment has been involved in some doubt. Its founder was Matthew Duncan (a brother of Joseph Duncan, who was afterwards a member of Congress and Governor of the State from 1834 to 1838), and its place of publication Kaskaskia, at that time the Territorial capital. Duncan, who was a native of Kentucky,

brought a press and a primitive printer's outfit with him from that State. Gov. John Reynolds, who came as a boy to the "Illinois Country" in 1800, while it was still a part of the "Northwest Territory," in his "Pioneer History of Illinois," has fixed the date of the first issue of this paper in 1809, the same year in which Illinois was severed from Indiana Territory and placed under a separate Territorial Government. There is good reason, however, for believing that the Governor was mistaken in this statement. If Duncan brought his press to Illinois in 1809—which is probable—it does not seem to have been employed at once in the publication of a newspaper, as Hooper Warren (the founder of the third paper established in Illinois) says it "was for years only used for the public printing." The earliest issue of "The Illinois Herald" known to be in existence, is No. 32 of Vol. II, and bears date, April 18, 1816. Calculating from these data, if the paper was issued continuously from its establishment, the date of the first issue would have been Sept. 6, 1814. Corroborative evidence of this is found in the fact that "The Missouri Gazette," the original of the old "Missouri Republican" (now "The St. Louis Republic"), which was established in 1808, makes no mention of the Kaskaskia paper before 1814, although communication between Kaskaskia and St. Louis was most intimate, and these two were, for several years, the only papers published west of Vincennes, Ind.

In August, 1817, "The Herald" was sold to Daniel P. Cook and Robert Blackwell, and the name of the paper was changed to "The Illinois Intelligencer." Cook—who had previously been Auditor of Public Accounts for the Territory, and afterwards became a Territorial Circuit Judge, the first Attorney-General under the new State Government, and, for eight years, served as the only Representative in Congress from Illinois—for a time officiated as editor of "The Intelligencer," while Blackwell (who had succeeded to the Auditorship) had charge of the publication. The size of the paper, which had been four pages of three wide columns to the page, was increased, by the new publishers, to four columns to the page. On the removal of the State capital to Vandalia, in 1820, "The Intelligencer" was removed thither also, and continued under its later name, afterwards becoming, after a change of management, an opponent of the scheme for the calling of a State Convention to revise the State Constitution with a view to making Illinois a slave State. (See *Slavery and Slave Laws*.)

The second paper established on Illinois soil was "The Shawnee Chief," which began publication at Shawneetown, Sept. 5, 1818, with Henry Eddy—who afterwards became a prominent lawyer of Southern Illinois—as its editor. The name of "The Chief" was soon afterwards changed to "The Illinois Emigrant," and some years later, became "The Shawneetown Gazette." Among others who were associated with the Shawneetown paper, in early days, was James Hall, afterwards a Circuit Judge and State Treasurer, and, without doubt, the most prolific and popular writer of his day in Illinois. Later, he established "The Illinois Magazine" at Vandalia, subsequently removed to Cincinnati, and issued under the name of "The Western Monthly Magazine." He was also a frequent contributor to other magazines of that period, and author of several volumes, including "Legends of the West" and "Border Tales." During the contest over the slavery question, in 1823-24, "The Gazette" rendered valuable service to the anti-slavery party by the publication of articles in opposition to the Convention scheme, from the pen of Morris Birkbeck and others.

The third Illinois paper—and, in 1823-24, the strongest and most influential opponent of the scheme for establishing slavery in Illinois—was "The Edwardsville Spectator," which began publication at Edwardsville, Madison County, May 23, 1819. Hooper Warren was the publisher and responsible editor, though he received valuable aid from the pens of Governor Coles, George Churchill, Rev. Thomas Lippincott, Judge Samuel D. Lockwood, Morris Birkbeck and others. (See *Warren, Hooper*.) Warren sold "The Spectator" to Rev. Thomas Lippincott in 1825, and was afterwards associated with papers at Springfield, Galena, Chicago and elsewhere.

The agitation of the slavery question (in part, at least) led to the establishment of two new papers in 1822. The first of these was "The Republican Advocate," which began publication at Kaskaskia, in April of that year, under the management of Elias Kent Kane, then an aspirant to the United States Senatorship. After his election to that office in 1824, "The Advocate" passed into the hands of Robert K. Fleming, who, after a period of suspension, established "The Kaskaskia Recorder," but, a year or two later, removed to Vandalia. "The Star of the West" was established at Edwardsville, as an opponent of Warren's "Spectator," the first issue making its appearance, Sept. 14, 1822, with Theophilus W. Smith, afterwards a Justice of the Supreme

Court, as its reputed editor. A few months later it passed into new hands, and, in August, 1823, assumed the name of "The Illinois Republican." Both "The Republican Advocate" and "The Illinois Republican" were zealous organs of the pro-slavery party.

With the settlement of the slavery question in Illinois, by the election of 1824, Illinois journalism may be said to have entered upon a new era. At the close of this first period there were only five papers published in the State—all established within a period of ten years; and one of these ("The Illinois Republican," at Edwardsville) promptly ceased publication on the settlement of the slavery question in opposition to the views which it had advocated. The next period of fifteen years (1825-40) was prolific in the establishment of new newspaper ventures, as might be expected from the rapid increase of the State in population, and the development in the art of printing during the same period. "The Western Sun," established at Belleville (according to one report, in December, 1825, and according to another, in the winter of 1827-28) by Dr. Joseph Green, appears to have been the first paper published in St. Clair County. This was followed by "The Pioneer," begun, April 25, 1829, at Rock Spring, St. Clair County, with the indomitable Dr. John M. Peck, author of "Peck's Gazetteer," as its editor. It was removed in 1836 to Upper Alton, when it took the name of "The Western Pioneer and Baptist Banner." Previous to this, however, Hooper Warren, having come into possession of the material upon which he had printed "The Edwardsville Spectator," removed it to Springfield, and, in the winter of 1826-27, began the publication of the first paper at the present State capital, which he named "The Sangamo Gazette." It had but a brief existence. During 1830, George Forquer, then Attorney-General of the State, in conjunction with his half-brother, Thomas Ford (afterwards Governor), was engaged in the publication of a paper called "The Courier," at Springfield, which was continued only a short time. The earliest paper north of Springfield appears to have been "The Hennepin Journal," which began publication, Sept. 15, 1827. "The Sangamo Journal"—now "The Illinois State Journal," and the oldest paper of continuous existence in the State—was established at Springfield by Simeon and Josiah Francis (cousins from Connecticut), the first issue bearing date, Nov. 10, 1831. Before the close of the same year James G. Edwards, afterwards the founder of "The Burlington (Iowa) Hawkeye," began the

publication of "The Illinois Patriot" at Jacksonville. Another paper, established the same year, was "The Gazette" at Vandalia, then the State capital. (See *Forquer, George; Ford, Thomas; Francis, Simon.*)

At this early date the development of the lead mines about Galena had made that place a center of great business activity. On July 8, 1828, James Jones commenced the issue of "The Miners' Journal," the first paper at Galena. Jones died of cholera in 1833, and his paper passed into other hands. July 29, 1829, "The Galena Advertiser and Upper Mississippi Herald" began publication, with Drs. Horatio Newhall and Addison Philleo as editors, and Hooper Warren as publisher, but appears to have been discontinued before the expiration of its first year. "The Galenian" was established as a Democratic paper by Philleo, in May, 1832, but ceased publication in September, 1836. "The Northwestern Gazette and Galena Advertiser," founded in November, 1834, by Loring and Bartlett (the last named afterwards one of the founders of "The Quincy Whig"), has had a continuous existence, being now known as "The Galena Advertiser." Benjamin Mills, one of the most brilliant lawyers of his time, was editor of this paper during a part of the first year of its publication.

Robert K. Fleming, who has already been mentioned as the successor of Elias Kent Kane in the publication of "The Republican Advocate," at Kaskaskia, later published a paper for a short time at Vandalia, but, in 1827, removed his establishment to Edwardsville, where he began the publication of "The Corrector." The latter was continued a little over a year, when it was suspended. He then resumed the publication of "The Recorder" at Kaskaskia. In December, 1833, he removed to Belleville and began the publication of "The St. Clair Gazette," which afterwards passed, through various changes of owners, under the names of "The St. Clair Mercury" and "Representative and Gazette." This was succeeded, in 1839, by "The Belleville Advocate," which has been published continuously to the present time.

Samuel S. Brooks (the father of Austin Brooks, afterwards of "The Quincy Herald") at different times published papers at various points in the State. His first enterprise was "The Crisis" at Edwardsville, which he changed to "The Illinois Advocate," and, at the close of his first year, sold out to Judge John York Sawyer, who united it with "The Western Plowboy," which he had established a few

months previous. "The Advocate" was removed to Vandalia, and, on the death of the owner (who had been appointed State Printer), was consolidated with "The Illinois Register," which had been established in 1836. The new paper took the name of "The Illinois Register and People's Advocate," in 1839 was removed to Springfield, and is now known as "The Illinois State Register."

Other papers established between 1830 and 1840 include: "The Vandalia Whig" (1831); "The Alton Spectator," the first paper published in Alton (January, 1834); "The Chicago Democrat," by John Calhoun (Nov. 26, 1833); "The Beardstown Chronicle and Illinois Bounty Land Advertiser," by Francis A. Arenz (July 29, 1833); "The Alton American" (1833); "The White County News," at Carmi (1833); "The Danville Enquirer" (1833); "The Illinois Champion," at Peoria (1834); "The Mount Carmel Sentinel and Wabash Advocate" (1834); "The Illinois State Gazette and Jacksonville News," at Jacksonville (1835); "The Illinois Argus and Bounty Land Register," at Quincy (1835); "The Rushville Journal and Military Tract Advertiser" (1835); "The Alton Telegraph" (1836); "The Alton Observer" (1836); "The Carthaginian," at Carthage (1836); "The Bloomington Observer" (1837); "The Backwoodsman," founded by Prof. John Russell, at Grafton, and the first paper published in Greene County (1837); "The Quincy Whig" (1838); "The Illinois Statesman," at Paris, Edgar County (1838); "The Peoria Register" (1838). The second paper to be established in Chicago was "The Chicago American," whose initial number was issued, June 8, 1835, with Thomas O. Davis as proprietor and editor. In July, 1837, it passed into the hands of William Stuart & Co., and, on April 9, 1839, its publishers began the issue of the first daily ever published in Chicago. "The Chicago Express" succeeded "The American" in 1842, and, in 1844, became the forerunner of "The Chicago Journal." The third Chicago paper was "The Commercial Advertiser," founded by Hooper Warren, in 1836. It lived only about a year. Zebina Eastman, who was afterwards associated with Warren, and became one of the most influential journalistic opponents of slavery, arrived in the State in 1839, and, in the latter part of that year, was associated with the celebrated Abolitionist, Benjamin Lundy, in the preliminary steps for the issue of "The Genius of Universal Emancipation," projected by Lundy at Lowell, in La Salle County. Lundy's untimely death, in August, 1839, however, pre-

vented him from seeing the consummation of his plan, although Eastman lived to carry it out in part. A paper whose career, although extending only a little over one year, marked an era in Illinois journalism, was "The Alton Observer," its history closing with the assassination of its editor, Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy, on the night of Nov. 8, 1837, while unsuccessfully attempting to protect his press from destruction, for the fourth time, by a pro-slavery mob. Humiliating as was this crime to every law-abiding Illinoisan, it undoubtedly strengthened the cause of free speech and assisted in hastening the downfall of the institution in whose behalf it was committed.

That the development in the field of journalism, within the past sixty years, has more than kept pace with the growth in population, is shown by the fact that there is not a county in the State without its newspaper, while every town of a few hundred population has either one or more. According to statistics for 1898, there were 605 cities and towns in the State having periodical publications of some sort, making a total of 1,709, of which 174 were issued daily, 34 semi-weekly, 1,205 weekly, 28 semi-monthly, 238 monthly, and the remainder at various periods ranging from tri-weekly to eight times a year.

**NEWTON**, the county-seat of Jasper County, situated on the Embarras River, at the intersection of subsidiary lines of the Illinois Central Railroad from Peoria and Effingham; is an incorporated city, was settled in 1838, and made the county-seat in 1836. Agriculture, coal-mining and dairy farming are the principal pursuits in the surrounding region. The city has water-power, which is utilized to some extent in manufacturing, but most of its factories are operated by steam. Among these establishments are flour and saw mills, and grain elevators. There are a half-dozen churches, a good public school system, including parochial school and high school, besides two banks and three weekly papers. Population (1890), 1,428; (1900), 1,630.

**NEW YORK, CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS RAILWAY** (Nickel Plate), a line 522.47 miles in length, of which (1898) only 9.96 miles are operated in Illinois. It owns no track in Illinois, but uses the track of the Chicago & State Line Railroad (9.96 miles in length), of which it has financial control, to enter the city of Chicago. The total capitalization of the New York, Chicago & St. Louis, in 1898, is \$50,222,568, of which \$19,425,000 is in bonds.—(HISTORY.) The New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad was incorporated under the laws of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio,

Indiana and Illinois in 1881, construction begun immediately, and the road put in operation in 1882. In 1885 it passed into the hands of a receiver, was sold under foreclosure in 1887, and reorganized by the consolidation of various eastern lines with the Fort Wayne & Illinois Railroad, forming the line under its present name. The road between Buffalo, N. Y., and the west line of Indiana is owned by the Company, but, for its line in Illinois, it uses the track of the Chicago & State Line Railroad, of which it is the lessee, as well as the owner of its capital stock. The main line of the "Nickel Plate" is controlled by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, which owns more than half of both the preferred and common stock.

**NIANTIC**, a town in Macon County, on the Wabash Railway, 27 miles east of Springfield. Agriculture is the leading industry. The town has three elevators, three churches, school, coal mine, a newspaper and a bank. Pop. (1900), 654.

**NICOLAY**, John George, author, was born in Essingen, Bavaria, Feb. 26, 1832; at 6 years of age was brought to the United States, lived for a time in Cincinnati, attending the public schools there, and then came to Illinois; at 16 entered the office of "The Pike County Free Press" at Pittsfield, and, while still in his minority, became editor and proprietor of the paper. In 1857 he became Assistant Secretary of State under O. M. Hatch, the first Republican Secretary, but during Mr. Lincoln's candidacy for President, in 1860, aided him as private secretary, also acting as a correspondent of "The St. Louis Democrat." After the election he was formally selected by Mr. Lincoln as his private secretary, accompanying him to Washington and remaining until Mr. Lincoln's assassination. In 1865 he was appointed United States Consul at Paris, remaining until 1869; on his return for some time edited "The Chicago Republican"; was also Marshal of the United States Supreme Court in Washington from 1872 to 1887. Mr. Nicolay is author, in collaboration with John Hay, of "Abraham Lincoln: A History," first published serially in "The Century Magazine," and later issued in ten volumes; of "The Outbreak of the Rebellion" in "Campaigns of the Civil War," besides numerous magazine articles. He lives in Washington, D. C.

**NICOLET**, Jean, early French explorer, came from Cherbourg, France, in 1618, and, for several years, lived among the Algonquins, whose language he learned and for whom he acted as interpreter. On July 4, 1634, he discovered Lake Michigan, then called the "Lake of the Illinois,"



and visited the Chippewas, Menominees and Winnebagoes, in the region about Green Bay, among whom he was received kindly. From the Mascoutins, on the Fox River (of Wisconsin), he learned of the Illinois Indians, some of whose northern villages he also visited. He subsequently returned to Quebec, where he was drowned, in October, 1642. He was probably the first Caucasian to visit Wisconsin and Illinois.

**NILES, Nathaniel**, lawyer, editor and soldier, born at Plainfield, Otsego County, N. Y., Feb. 4, 1817; attended an academy at Albany, from 1830 to '34, was licensed to practice law and removed west in 1837, residing successively at Delphi and Frankfort, Ind., and at Owensburg, Ky., until 1842, when he settled in Belleville, Ill. In 1846 he was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Second Regiment Illinois Volunteers (Colonel Bissell's) for the Mexican War, but, after the battle of Buena Vista, was promoted by General Wool to the captaincy of an independent company of Texas foot. He was elected Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives at the session of 1849, and the same year was chosen County Judge of St. Clair County, serving until 1861. With the exception of brief periods from 1851 to '59, he was editor and part owner of "The Belleville Advocate," a paper originally Democratic, but which became Republican on the organization of the Republican party. In 1861 he was appointed Colonel of the Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but the completion of its organization having been delayed, he resigned, and, the following year, was commissioned Colonel of the One Hundred and Thirtieth, serving until May, 1864, when he resigned—in March, 1865, receiving the compliment of a brevet Brigadier-Generalship. During the winter of 1862-63 he was in command at Memphis, but later took part in the Vicksburg campaign, and in the campaigns on Red River and Bayou Teche. After the war he served as Representative in the General Assembly from St. Clair County (1865-66); as Trustee of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Jacksonville; on the Commission for building the State Penitentiary at Joliet, and as Commissioner (by appointment of Governor Oglesby) for locating the Soldiers' Orphans' Home. His later years have been spent chiefly in the practice of his profession, with occasional excursions into journalism. Originally an anti-slavery Democrat, he became one of the founders of the Republican party in Southern Illinois.

**NIXON, William Penn**, journalist, Collector of Customs, was born in Wayne County, Ind., of

North Carolina and Quaker ancestry, early in 1832. In 1853 he graduated from Farmers' (now Belmont) College, near Cincinnati, Ohio. After devoting two years to teaching, he entered the law department of the University of Pennsylvania (1855), graduating in 1859. For nine years thereafter he practiced law at Cincinnati, during which period he was thrice elected to the Ohio Legislature. In 1868 he embarked in journalism, he and his older brother, Dr. O. W. Nixon, with a few friends, founding "The Cincinnati Chronicle." A few years later "The Times" was purchased, and the two papers were consolidated under the name of "The Times-Chronicle." In May, 1872, having disposed of his interests in Cincinnati, he assumed the business management of "The Chicago Inter Ocean," then a new venture and struggling for a foothold. In 1875 he and his brother, Dr. O. W. Nixon, secured a controlling interest in the paper, when the former assumed the position of editor-in-chief, which he continued to occupy until 1897, when he was appointed Collector of Customs for the City of Chicago—a position which he now holds.

**NOKOMIS**, a city of Montgomery County, on the "Big Four" main line and "Frisco" Railroads, 81 miles east by north from St. Louis and 52 miles west of Mattoon; in important grain-growing and hay-producing section; has water-works, electric lights, three flour mills, two machine shops, wagon factory, creamery, seven churches, high school, two banks and three papers; is noted for shipments of poultry, butter and eggs. Population (1890), 1,305; (1900), 1,371.

**NORMAL**, a city in McLean County, 2 miles north of Bloomington and 124 southwest of Chicago; at intersecting point of the Chicago & Alton and the Illinois Central Railroads. It lies in a rich coal and agricultural region, and has extensive fruit-tree nurseries, two canning factories, one bank, hospital, and four periodicals. It is the seat of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, founded in 1869, and the Illinois State Normal University, founded in 1857; has city and rural mail delivery. Pop. (1890), 3,459; (1900), 3,795.

**NORMAL UNIVERSITIES.** (See *Southern Illinois Normal University*; *State Normal University*.)

**NORTH ALTON**, a village of Madison County and suburb of the city of Alton. Population (1880), 838; (1890), 762; (1900), 904.

**NORTHCOTT, William A.**, Lieutenant-Governor, was born in Murfreesboro, Tenn., Jan. 28, 1854—the son of Gen. R. S. Northcott, whose loyalty to the Union, at the beginning of the

Rebellion, compelled him to leave his Southern home and seek safety for himself and family in the North. He went to West Virginia, was commissioned Colonel of a regiment and served through the war, being for some nine months a prisoner in Libby Prison. After acquiring his literary education in the public schools, the younger Northcott spent some time in the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., after which he was engaged in teaching. Meanwhile, he was preparing for the practice of law and was admitted to the bar in 1877, two years later coming to Greenville, Bond County, Ill., which has since been his home. In 1880, by appointment of President Hayes, he served as Supervisor of the Census for the Seventh District; in 1882 was elected State's Attorney for Bond County and re-elected successively in '84 and '88; in 1890 was appointed on the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy, and, by selection of the Board, delivered the annual address to the graduating class of that year. In 1892 he was the Republican nominee for Congress for the Eighteenth District, but was defeated in the general landslide of that year. In 1896 he was more fortunate, being elected Lieutenant-Governor by the vote of the State, receiving a plurality of over 137,000 over his Democratic opponent.

**NORTH PEORIA**, formerly a suburban village in Peoria County. 2 miles north of the city of Peoria; annexed to the city of Peoria in 1900.

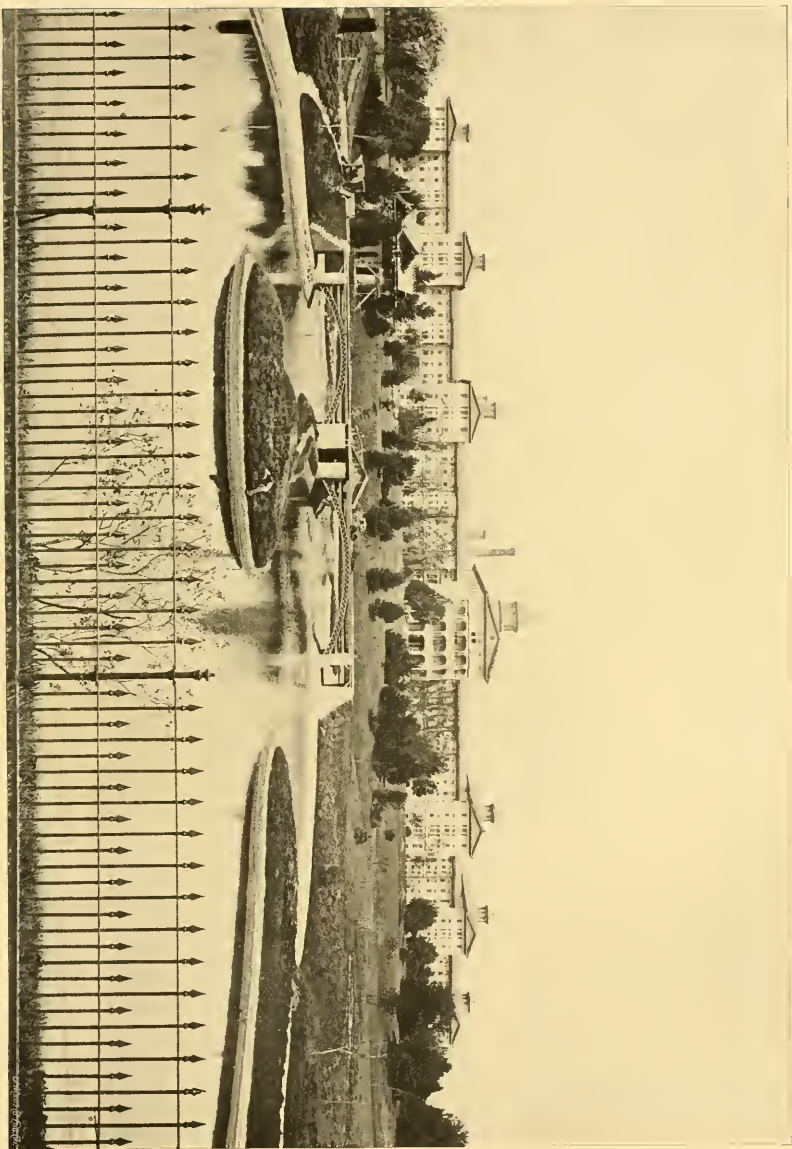
**NORTHERN BOUNDARY QUESTION, THE.** The Ordinance of 1787, making the first specific provision, by Congress, for the government of the country lying northwest of the Ohio River and east of the Mississippi (known as the Northwest Territory), provided, among other things (Art. V., Ordinance 1787), that "there shall be formed in the said Territory not less than three nor more than five States." It then proceeds to fix the boundaries of the proposed States, on the assumption that there shall be three in number, adding thereto the following proviso: "Provided, however, and it is further understood and declared, that the boundaries of these three States shall be subject so far to be altered that, if Congress shall hereafter find it expedient, they shall have authority to form one or two States in that part of the said Territory which lies north of an east and west line drawn through the southerly bend or extreme of Lake Michigan." On the basis of this provision it has been claimed that the northern boundaries of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio should have been on the exact latitude of the southern limit of Lake Michigan, and that the

failure to establish this boundary was a violation of the Ordinance, inasmuch as the fourteenth section of the preamble thereto declares that "the following articles shall be considered as articles of compact between the original States and the people and States in the said Territory, and forever remain unalterable, unless by common consent."—In the limited state of geographical knowledge, existing at the time of the adoption of the Ordinance, there seems to have been considerable difference of opinion as to the latitude of the southern limit of Lake Michigan. The map of Mitchell (1755) had placed it on the parallel of 42° 20', while that of Thomas Hutchins (1778) fixed it at 41° 37'. It was officially established by Government survey, in 1835, at 41° 37' 07.9". As a matter of fact, the northern boundary of neither of the three States named was finally fixed on the line mentioned in the proviso above quoted from the Ordinance—that of Ohio, where it meets the shore of Lake Erie, being a little north of 41° 44'; that of Indiana at 41° 46' (some 10 miles north of the southern bend of the lake), and that of Illinois at 42° 30'—about 61 miles north of the same line. The boundary line between Ohio and Michigan was settled after a bitter controversy, on the admission of the latter State into the Union, in 1837, in the acceptance by her of certain conditions proposed by Congress. These included the annexation to Michigan of what is known as the "Upper Peninsula," lying between Lakes Michigan and Superior, in lieu of a strip averaging six miles on her southern border, which she demanded from Ohio.—The establishment of the northern boundary of Illinois, in 1818, upon the line which now exists, is universally conceded to have been due to the action of Judge Nathaniel Pope, then the Delegate in Congress from Illinois Territory. While it was then acquiesced in without question, it has since been the subject of considerable controversy and has been followed by almost incalculable results. The "enabling act," as originally introduced early in 1818, empowering the people of Illinois Territory to form a State Government, fixed the northern boundary of the proposed State at 41° 39', then the supposed latitude of the southern extremity of Lake Michigan. While the act was under consideration in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Pope offered an amendment advancing the northern boundary to 42° 30'. The object of his amendment (as he explained) was to gain for the new State a coast line on Lake Michigan, bringing it into political and commercial relations with the States east of

it—Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York—thus “affording additional security to the perpetuity of the Union.” He argued that the location of the State between the Mississippi, Wabash and Ohio Rivers—all flowing to the south—would bring it in intimate communication with the Southern States, and that, in the event of an attempted disruption of the Union, it was important that it should be identified with the commerce of the Lakes, instead of being left entirely to the waters of the south-flowing rivers. “Thus,” said he, “a rival interest would be created to check the wish for a Western or Southern Confederacy. Her interests would thus be balanced and her inclinations turned to the North.” He recognized Illinois as already “the key to the West,” and he evidently foresaw that the time might come when it would be the Keystone of the Union. While this evinced wonderful foresight, scarcely less convincing was his argument that, in time, a commercial emporium would grow up upon Lake Michigan, which would demand an outlet by means of a canal to the Illinois River—a work which was realized in the completion of the Illinois & Michigan Canal thirty years later, but which would scarcely have been accomplished had the State been practically cut off from the Lake and its chief emporium left to grow up in another commonwealth, or not at all. Judge Pope’s amendment was accepted without division, and, in this form, a few days later, the bill became a law.—The almost superhuman sagacity exhibited in Judge Pope’s argument, has been repeatedly illustrated in the commercial and political history of the State since, but never more significantly than in the commanding position which Illinois occupied during the late Civil War, with one of its citizens in the Presidential chair and another leading its 250,000 citizen soldiery and the armies of the Union in battling for the perpetuity of the Republic—a position which more than fulfilled every prediction made for it.—The territory affected by this settlement of the northern boundary, includes all that part of the State north of the northern line of La Salle County, and embraces the greater portion of the fourteen counties of Cook, Dupage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Boone, DeKalb, Lee, Ogle, Winnebago, Stephenson, Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside, with portions of Kendall, Will and Rock Island—estimated at 8,500 square miles, or more than one-seventh of the present area of the State. It has been argued that this territory belonged to the State of Wisconsin under the provisions of the Ordinance

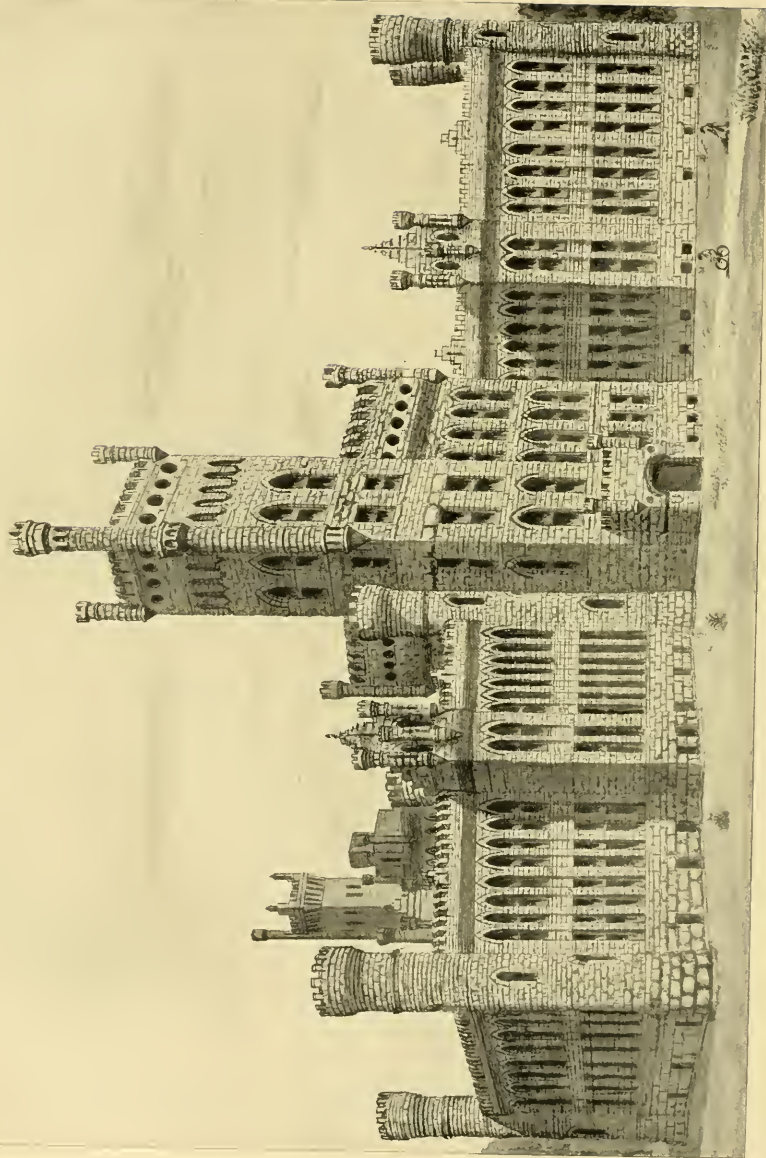
of 1787, and there were repeated attempts made, on the part of the Wisconsin Legislature and its Territorial Governor (Doty), between 1839 and 1843, to induce the people of these counties to recognize this claim. These were, in a few instances, partially successful, although no official notice was taken of them by the authorities of Illinois. The reply made to the Wisconsin claim by Governor Ford—who wrote his “History of Illinois” when the subject was fresh in the public mind—was that, while the Ordinance of 1787 gave Congress power to organize a State north of the parallel running through the southern bend of Lake Michigan, “there is nothing in the Ordinance requiring such additional State to be organized of the territory north of that line.” In other words, that, when Congress, in 1818, authorized the organization of an additional State north of and in (i. e., within) the line named, it did not violate the Ordinance of 1787, but acted in accordance with it—in practically assuming that the new State “need not necessarily include the whole of the region north of that line.” The question was set at rest by Wisconsin herself in the action of her Constitutional Convention of 1847-48, in framing her first constitution, in form recognizing the northern boundary of Illinois as fixed by the enabling act of 1818.

**NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE,** an institution for the treatment of the insane, created by Act of the Legislature, approved, April 16, 1869. The Commissioners appointed by Governor Palmer to fix its location consisted of August Adams, B. F. Shaw, W. R. Brown, M. L. Joslyn, D. S. Hammond and William Adams. After considering many offers and examining numerous sites, the Commissioners finally selected the Chisholm farm, consisting of about 155 acres, 1½ miles from Elgin, on the west side of Fox River, and overlooking that stream, as a site—this having been tendered as a donation by the citizens of Elgin. Plans were adopted in the latter part of 1869, the system of construction chosen conforming, in the main, to that of the United States Hospital for the Insane at Washington, D. C. By January, 1872, the north wing and rear building were so far advanced as to permit the reception of sixty patients. The center building was ready for occupancy in April, 1873, and the south wing before the end of the following year. The total expenditures previous to 1876 had exceeded \$637,000, and since that date liberal appropriations have been made for additions, repairs and improvements, including the



NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, ELGIN.





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addition of between 300 and 400 acres to the lands connected with the institution. The first Board of Trustees consisted of Charles N. Holden, Oliver Everett and Henry W. Sherman, with Dr. E. A. Kilbourne as the first Superintendent, and Dr. Richard A. Dewey (afterwards Superintendent of the Eastern Hospital at Kankakee) as his Assistant. Dr. Kilbourne remained at the head of the institution until his death, Feb. 27, 1890, covering a period of nineteen years. Dr. Kilbourne was succeeded by Dr. Henry J. Brooks, and he, by Dr. Loewy, in June, 1893, and the latter by Dr. John B. Hamilton (former Super-vising Surgeon of the United States Marine Hospital Service) in 1897. Dr. Hamilton died in December, 1898. (See *Hamilton, John B.*) The total value of State property, June 30, 1894, was \$882,745.66, of which \$701,330 was in land and buildings. Under the terms of the law establishing the hospital, provision is made for the care therein of the incurably insane, so that it is both a hospital and an asylum. The whole number of patients under treatment, for the two years preceding June 30, 1894, was 1,797, the number of inmates, on Dec. 1, 1897, 1,054, and the average daily attendance for treatment, for the year 1896, 1,296. The following counties comprise the district dependent upon the Elgin Hospital: Boone, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, Lake, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago.

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS NORMAL SCHOOL**, an institution, incorporated in 1884, at Dixon, Lee County, Ill., for the purpose of giving instruction in branches related to the art of teaching. Its last report claims a total of 1,639 pupils, of whom 885 were men and 744 women, receiving instruction from thirty-six teachers. The total value of property was estimated at more than \$200,000, of which \$160,000 was in real estate and \$45,000 in apparatus. Attendance on the institution has been affected by the establishment, under act of the Legislature of 1895, of the Northern State Normal School at DeKalb (which see).

**NORTHERN PENITENTIARY, THE**, an institution for the confinement of criminals of the State, located at Joliet, Will County. The site was purchased by the State in 1857, and comprises some seventy-two acres. Its erection was found necessary because of the inadequacy of the first penitentiary, at Alton. (See *Alton Penitentiary*.) The original plan contemplated a cell-house containing 1,000 cells, which, it was thought, would meet the public necessities for many years to come. Its estimated cost was

\$550,000; but, within ten years, there had been expended upon the institution the sum of \$934,000, and its capacity was taxed to the utmost. Subsequent enlargements have increased the cost to over \$1,600,000, but by 1877, the institution had become so overcrowded that the erection of another State penal institution became positively necessary. (See *Southern Penitentiary*.) The prison has always been conducted on "the Auburn system," which contemplates associate labor in silence, silent meals in a common refectory, and (as nearly as practicable) isolation at night. The system of labor has varied at different times, the "lessee system," the "contract system" and the "State account plan" being successively in force. (See *Convict Labor*.) The whole number of convicts in the institution, at the date of the official report of 1895, was 1,566. The total assets of the institution, Sept. 30, 1894, were reported at \$2,121,308.86, of which \$1,644,601.11 was in real estate.

**NORTH & SOUTH RAILROAD.** (See *St. Louis, Peoria & Northern Railway*.)

**NORTHERN STATE NORMAL SCHOOL**, an institution for the education of teachers of the common schools, authorized to be established by act of the Legislature passed at the session of 1895. The act made an appropriation of \$50,000 for the erection of buildings and other improvements. The institution was located at DeKalb, DeKalb County, in the spring of 1896, and the erection of buildings commenced soon after—Isaac F. Ellwood, of DeKalb, contributing \$20,000 in cash, and J. F. Glidden, a site of sixty-seven acres of land. Up to Dec. 1, 1897, the appropriations and contributions, in land and money, aggregated \$175,000. The school was expected to be ready for the reception of pupils in the latter part of 1899, and it is estimated, will accommodate 1,000 students.

**NORTHWEST TERRITORY.** The name formerly applied to that portion of the United States north and west of the Ohio River and east of the Mississippi, comprising the present States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. The claim of the Government to the land had been acquired partly through conquest, by the expedition of Col. George Rogers Clark (which see), under the auspices of the State of Virginia in 1778; partly through treaties with the Indians, and partly through cessions from those of the original States laying claim thereto. The first plan for the government of this vast region was devised and formulated by Thomas Jefferson, in his proposed Ordinance of 1784, which failed

of ultimate passage. But three years later a broader scheme was evolved, and the famous Ordinance of 1787, with its clause prohibiting the extension of slavery beyond the Ohio River, passed the Continental Congress. This act has been sometimes termed "The American Magna Charta," because of its engrafting upon the organic law the principles of human freedom and equal rights. The plan for the establishment of a distinctive territorial civil government in a new Territory—the first of its kind in the new republic—was felt to be a tentative step, and too much power was not granted to the residents. All the officers were appointive, and each official was required to be a land-owner. The elective franchise (but only for members of the General Assembly) could first be exercised only after the population had reached 5,000. Even then, every elector must own fifty acres of land, and every Representative, 200 acres. More liberal provisions, however, were subsequently incorporated by amendment, in 1809. The first civil government in the Northwest Territory was established by act of the Virginia Legislature, in the organization of all the country west of the Ohio under the name "Illinois County," of which the Governor was authorized to appoint a "County Lieutenant" or "Commandant-in-Chief." The first "Commandant" appointed was Col. John Todd, of Kentucky, though he continued to discharge the duties for only a short period, being killed in the battle of Blue Licks, in 1782. After that the Illinois Country was almost without the semblance of an organized civil government, until 1788, when Gen. Arthur St. Clair was appointed the first Governor of Northwest Territory, under the Ordinance of 1787, serving until the separation of this region into the Territories of Ohio and Indiana in 1800, when William Henry Harrison became the Governor of the latter, embracing all that portion of the original Northwest Territory except the State of Ohio. During St. Clair's administration (1790) that part of the present State of Illinois between the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers on the west, and a line extending north from about the site of old Fort Massac, on the Ohio, to the mouth of the Mackinaw River, in the present county of Tazewell, on the east, was erected into a county under the name of St. Clair, with three county-seats, viz.: Cahokia, Kaskaskia and Prairie du Rocher. (See *St. Clair County*.) Between 1830 and 1834 the name Northwest Territory was applied to an unorganized region, embracing the present State of Wisconsin, attached to Michigan Territory for governmental

purposes. (See *Illinois County*; *St. Clair*, *Arthur*; and *Todd*, *John*.)

**NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE**, located at Naperville, Du Page County, and founded in 1865, under the auspices of the Evangelical Association. It maintains business, preparatory and collegiate departments, besides a theological school. In 1898 it had a faculty of nineteen professors and assistants, with some 360 students, less than one-third of the latter being females, though both sexes are admitted to the college on an equal footing. The institution owns property to the value of \$207,000, including an endowment of \$85,000.

**NORTHWESTERN GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.** (See *Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway*.)

**NORTHWESTERN NORMAL**, located at Geneseo, Henry County, Ill., incorporated in 1884; in 1894 had a faculty of twelve teachers with 171 pupils, of whom ninety were male and eighty-one female.

**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**, an important educational institution, established at Evanston, in Cook County, in 1851. In 1898 it reported 2,599 students (1,980 male and 619 female), and a faculty of 234 instructors. It embraces the following departments, all of which confer degrees: A College of Liberal Arts; two Medical Schools (one for women exclusively); a Law School; a School of Pharmacy and a Dental College. The Garrett Biblical Institute, at which no degrees are conferred, constitutes the theological department of the University. The charter of the institution requires a majority of the Trustees to be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the University is the largest and wealthiest of the schools controlled by that denomination. The College of Liberal Arts and the Garrett Biblical Institute are at Evanston; the other departments (all professional) are located in Chicago. In the academic department (Liberal Arts School), provision is made for both graduate and post-graduate courses. The Medical School was formerly known as the Chicago Medical College, and its Law Department was originally the Union College of Law, both of which have been absorbed by the University, as have also its schools of dentistry and pharmacy, which were formerly independent institutions. The property owned by the University is valued at \$4,870,000, of which \$1,100,000 is real estate, and \$2,250,000 in endowment funds. Its income from fees paid by students in 1898 was \$215,288, and total receipts from all sources, \$482,389. Co-education of the sexes pre-

vails in the College of Liberal Arts. Dr. Henry Wade Rogers is President.

**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL**, located in Chicago; was organized in 1859 as Medical School of the Lind (now Lake Forest) University. Three annual terms, of five months each, at first constituted a course, although attendance at two only was compulsory. The institution first opened in temporary quarters, Oct. 9, 1859, with thirteen professors and thirty-three students. By 1863 more ample accommodations were needed, and the Trustees of the Lind University being unable to provide a building, one was erected by the faculty. In 1864 the University relinquished all claim to the institution, which was thereupon incorporated as the Chicago Medical College. In 1868 the length of the annual terms was increased to six months, and additional requirements were imposed on candidates for both matriculation and graduation. The same year, the college building was sold, and the erection of a new and more commodious edifice, on the grounds of the Mercy Hospital, was commenced. This was completed in 1870, and the college became the medical department of the Northwestern University. The number of professorships had been increased to eighteen, and that of undergraduates to 107. Since that date new laboratory and clinical buildings have been erected, and the growth of the institution has been steady and substantial. Mercy and St. Luke's Hospital, and the South Side Free Dispensary afford resources for clinical instruction. The teaching faculty, as constituted in 1898, consists of about fifty instructors, including professors, lecturers, demonstrators, and assistants.

**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY WOMAN'S MEDICAL SCHOOL**, an institution for the professional education of women, located in Chicago. Its first corporate name was the "Woman's Hospital Medical College of Chicago," and it was in close connection with the Chicago Hospital for Women and Children. Later, it severed its connection with the hospital and took the name of the "Woman's Medical College of Chicago." Co-education of the sexes, in medicine and surgery, was experimentally tried from 1868 to 1870, but the experiment proved repugnant to the male students, who unanimously signed a protest against the continuance of the system. The result was the establishment of a separate school for women in 1870, with a faculty of sixteen professors. The requirements for graduation were fixed at four years of medical study, includ-

ing three annual graded college terms of six months each. The first term opened in the autumn of 1870, with an attendance of twenty students. The original location of the school was in the "North Division" of Chicago, in temporary quarters. After the fire of 1871 a removal was effected to the "West Division," where (in 1878-79) a modest, but well arranged building was erected. A larger structure was built in 1884, and, in 1891, the institution became a part of the Northwestern University. The college, in all its departments, is organized along the lines of the best medical schools of the country. In 1896 there were twenty-four professorships, all capably filled, and among the faculty are some of the best known specialists in the country.

**NORTON, Jesse O.**, lawyer, Congressman and Judge, was born at Bennington, Vt., April 25, 1812, and graduated from Williams College in 1835. He settled at Joliet in 1839, and soon became prominent in the affairs of Will County. His first public office was that of City Attorney, after which he served as County Judge (1846-50). Meanwhile, he was chosen a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1847. In 1850 he was elected to the Legislature, and, in 1852, to Congress, as a Whig. His vigorous opposition to the repeal of the Missouri Compromise resulted in his re-election as a Representative in 1854. At the expiration of his second term (1857) he was chosen Judge of the eleventh circuit, to fill the unexpired term of Judge Randall, resigned. He was once more elected to Congress in 1862, but disagreed with his party as to the legal status of the States lately in rebellion. President Johnson appointed him United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, which office he filled until 1869. Immediately upon his retirement he began private practice at Chicago, where he died, August 3, 1875.

**NORWOOD PARK**, a village of Cook County, on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad (Wisconsin Division), 11 miles northwest of Chicago. Incorporated in City of Chicago, 1893.

**NOYES, George Clement**, clergyman, was born at Landaff, N. H., August 4, 1833, brought by his parents to Pike County, Ill., in 1844, and, at the age of 16, determined to devote his life to the ministry; in 1851, entered Illinois College at Jacksonville, graduating with first honors in the class of 1855. In the following autumn he entered Union Theological Seminary in New York, and, having graduated in 1858, was ordained the same year, and installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Laporte, Ind. Here he remained



ten years, when he accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, Ill., then a small organization which developed, during the twenty years of his pastorate, into one of the strongest and most influential churches in Evanston. For a number of years Dr. Noyes was an editorial writer and weekly correspondent of "The New York Evangelist," over the signature of "Clement." He was also, for several years, an active and very efficient member of the Board of Trustees of Knox College. The liberal bent of his mind was illustrated in the fact that he acted as counsel for Prof. David Swing, during the celebrated trial of the latter for heresy before the Chicago Presbytery—his argument on that occasion winning encomiums from all classes of people. His death took place at Evanston, Jan. 14, 1889, as the result of an attack of pneumonia, and was deeply deplored, not only by his own church and denomination, but by the whole community. Some two weeks after it occurred a union meeting was held in one of the churches at Evanston, at which addresses in commemoration of his services were delivered by some dozen ministers of that village and of Chicago, while various social and literary organizations and the press bore testimony to his high character. He was a member of the Literary Society of Chicago, and, during the last year of his life, served as its President. Dr. Noyes was married, in 1858, to a daughter of David A. Smith, Esq., an honored citizen and able lawyer of Jacksonville.

**OAKLAND**, a city of Coles County on the Vandalia Line and the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railroad, 15 miles northeast of Charleston; is in grain center and broom-corn belt; the town has two banks and one daily and two weekly papers. Pop. (1890), 995; (1900), 1,198.

**OAK PARK**, a village of Cook County, and popular residence suburb of Chicago, 9 miles west of the initial station of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, on which it is located; is also upon the line of the Wisconsin Central Railroad. The place has numerous churches, prosperous schools, a public library, telegraph and express offices, banks and two local papers. Population (1880), 1,888; (1890), 4,771.

**OBERLY, John H.**, journalist and Civil Service Commissioner, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 6, 1837; spent part of his boyhood in Allegheny County, Pa., but, in 1853, began learning the printer's trade in the office of "The Wooster (Ohio) Republican," completing it at Memphis, Tenn., and becoming a journeyman printer in

1857. He worked in various offices, including the Wooster paper, where he also began the study of law, but, in 1860, became part proprietor of "The Bulletin" job office at Memphis, in which he had been employed as an apprentice, and, later, as foreman. Having been notified to leave Memphis on account of his Union principles after the beginning of the Civil War, he returned to Wooster, Ohio, and conducted various papers there during the next four years, but, in 1865, came to Cairo, Ill., where he served for a time as foreman of "The Cairo Democrat," three years later establishing "The Cairo Bulletin." Although the latter paper was burned out a few months later, it was immediately re-established. In 1872 he was elected Representative in the Twenty-eighth General Assembly, and, in 1877, was appointed by Governor Cullom the Democratic member of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, serving four years, meanwhile (in 1880) being the Democratic candidate for Secretary of State. Other positions held by him included Mayor of the city of Cairo (1869); President of the National Typographical Union at Chicago (1865), and at Memphis (1866); delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore (1872), and Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee (1882-84). After retiring from the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, he united in founding "The Bloomington (Ill.) Bulletin," of which he was editor some three years. During President Cleveland's administration he was appointed a member of the Civil Service Commission, being later transferred to the Commissionership of Indian Affairs. He was subsequently connected in an editorial capacity with "The Washington Post," "The Richmond (Va.) State," "The Concord (N. H.) People and Patriot" and "The Washington Times." While engaged in an attempt to reorganize "The People and Patriot," he died at Concord, N. H., April 15, 1899.

**ODD FELLOWS**. "Western Star" Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Alton, June 11, 1836. In 1838 the Grand Lodge of Illinois was instituted at the same place, and reorganized, at Springfield, in 1842. S. C. Pierce was the first Grand Master, and Samuel L. Miller, Grand Secretary. Willey Encampment, No. 1, was organized at Alton in 1838, and the Grand Encampment, at Peoria, in 1850, with Charles H. Constable Grand Patriarch. In 1850 the subordinate branches of the Order numbered seventy-six, with 3,291 members, and \$25,392.87 revenue. In 1895 the Lodges numbered 838, the membership 50,544, with \$475,252.18 revenue, of which \$135,018.40

was expended for relief. The Encampment branch, in 1895, embraced 179 organizations with a membership of 6,812 and \$23,865.25 revenue, of which \$6,781.40 was paid out for relief. The Rebekah branch, for the same year, comprised 422 Lodges, with 22,000 members and \$43,215.65 revenue, of which \$3,122.79 was for relief. The total sum distributed for relief by the several organizations (1895) was \$144,972.59. The Order was especially liberal in its benefactions to the sufferers by the Chicago fire of 1871, an appeal to its members calling forth a generous response throughout the United States. (See *Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home*.)

**ODD FELLOWS' ORPHANS' HOME**, a benevolent institution, incorporated in 1889, erected at Lincoln, Ill., under the auspices of the Daughters of Rebekah (see *Odd Fellows*), and dedicated August 19, 1892. The building is four stories in height, has a capacity for the accommodation of fifty children, and cost \$36,524.76, exclusive of forty acres of land valued at \$8,000.

**ODELL**, a village of Livingston County, and station on the Chicago & Alton Railway, 82 miles south-southwest of Chicago. It is in a grain and stock-raising region. Population (1880), 908; (1890), 800; (1900), 1,000.

**ODIN**, a village of Marion County, at the crossing of the Chicago branch of the Illinois Central and the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railways, 244 miles south by west from Chicago; in fruit belt; has coal-mine, two fruit evaporators, bank and a newspaper. Pop. (1900), 1,180.

**O'FALLON**, a village of St. Clair County, on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway, 18 miles east of St. Louis; has interurban railway, electric lights, water-works, factories, coal-mine, bank and a newspaper. Pop. (1900), 1,267.

**OGDEX**, William Butler, capitalist and Railway President, born at Walton, N. Y., June 15, 1805. He was a member of the New York Legislature in 1834, and, the following year, removed to Chicago, where he established a land and trust agency. He took an active part in the various enterprises centering around Chicago, and, on the incorporation of the city, was elected its first Mayor. He was prominently identified with the construction of the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad, and, in 1847, became its President. While visiting Europe in 1853, he made a careful study of the canals of Holland, which convinced him of the desirability of widening and deepening the Illinois & Michigan Canal and of constructing a ship canal across the southern peninsula of Michigan. In 1855 he became Presi-

dent of the Chicago, St. Paul & Fond du Lac Railroad, and effected its consolidation with the Galena & Chicago Union. Out of this consolidation sprang the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, of which he was elected President. In 1850 he presided over the National Pacific Railroad Convention, and, upon the formation of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, he became its President. He was largely connected with the inception of the Northern Pacific line, in the success of which he was a firm believer. He also controlled various other interests of public importance, among them the great lumbering establishments at Peshtigo, Wis., and, at the time of his death, was the owner of what was probably the largest plant of that description in the world. His benefactions were numerous, among the recipients being the Rush Medical College, of which he was President; the Theological Seminary of the Northwest, the Chicago Historical Society, the Academy of Sciences, the University of Chicago, the Astronomical Society, and many other educational and benevolent institutions and organizations in the Northwest. Died, in New York City, August 3, 1877. (See *Chicago & Northwestern Railroad*.)

**OGLE**, Joseph, pioneer, was born in Virginia in 1741, came to Illinois in 1785, settling in the American Bottom within the present County of Monroe, but afterwards removed to St. Clair County, about the site of the present town of O'Fallon, 8 miles north of Belleville; was selected by his neighbors to serve as Captain in their skirmishes with the Indians. Died, at his home in St. Clair County, in February, 1821. Captain Ogle had the reputation of being the earliest convert to Methodism in Illinois. Ogle County, in Northern Illinois, was named in his honor.—**Jacob (Ogle)**, son of the preceding, also a native of Virginia, was born about 1772, came to Illinois with his father in 1785, and was a "Ranger" in the War of 1812. He served as a Representative from St. Clair County in the Third General Assembly (1822), and again in the Seventh (1830), in the former being an opponent of the pro-slavery convention scheme. Beyond two terms in the Legislature he seems to have held no public office except that of Justice of the Peace. Like his father, he was a zealous Methodist and highly respected. Died, in 1844, aged 72 years.

**OGLE COUNTY**, next to the "northern tier" of counties of the State and originally a part of Jo Daviess. It was separately organized in 1837, and Lee County was carved from its territory in

1839. In 1900 its area was 780 square miles, and its population 29,129. Before the Black Hawk War immigration was slow, and life primitive. Peoria was the nearest food market. New grain was "ground" on a grater, and old pounded with an extemporized pestle in a wooden mortar. Rock River flows across the county from northeast to southwest. A little oak timber grows along its banks, but, generally speaking, the surface is undulating prairie, with soil of a rich loam. Sandstone is in ample supply, and all the limestones abound. An extensive peat-bed has been discovered on the Killbuck Creek. Oregon, the county-seat, has fine water-power. The other principal towns are Rochelle, Polo, Forreston and Mount Morris.

**OGLESBY, Richard James**, Governor and United States Senator, was born in Oldham County, Ky., July 25, 1824; left an orphan at the age of 8 years; in 1836 accompanied an uncle to Decatur, Ill., where, until 1844, he worked at farming, carpentering and rope-making, devoting his leisure hours to the study of law. In 1845 he was admitted to the bar and began practice at Sullivan, in Moultrie County. In 1846 he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Fourth Regiment, Illinois Volunteers (Col. E. D. Baker's regiment), and served through the Mexican War, taking part in the siege of Vera Cruz and the battle of Cerro Gordo. In 1847 he pursued a course of study at the Louisville Law School, graduating in 1848. He was a "forty-niner" in California, but returned to Decatur in 1851. In 1858 he made an unsuccessful campaign for Congress in the Decatur District. In 1860 he was elected to the State Senate, but early in 1861 resigned his seat to accept the colonelcy of the Eighth Illinois Volunteers. Through gallantry (notably at Forts Henry and Donelson and at Corinth) he rose to be Major-General, being severely wounded in the last-named battle. He resigned his commission on account of disability, in May, 1864, and the following November was elected Governor, as a Republican. In 1872 he was re-elected Governor, but, two weeks after his inauguration, resigned to accept a seat in the United States Senate, to which he was elected by the Legislature of 1873. In 1884 he was elected Governor for the third time—being the only man in the history of the State who (up to the present time—1899) has been thus honored. After the expiration of his last term as Governor, he devoted his attention to his private affairs at his home at Elkhart, in Logan County, where he died, April 24, 1899, deeply mourned by personal

and political friends in all parts of the Union, who admired his strict integrity and sterling patriotism.

**OHIO, INDIANA & WESTERN RAILWAY.** (See *Peoria & Eastern Railroad.*)

**OHIO RIVER**, an affluent of the Mississippi, formed by the union of the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers, at Pittsburgh, Pa. At this point it becomes a navigable stream about 400 yards wide, with an elevation of about 700 feet above sea-level. The beauty of the scenery along its banks secured for it, from the early French explorers (of whom La Salle was one), the name of "La Belle Riviere." Its general course is to the southwest, but with many sinuosities, forming the southern boundary of the States of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and the western and northern boundary of West Virginia and Kentucky, until it enters the Mississippi at Cairo, in latitude 37° N., and about 1,200 miles above the mouth of the latter stream. The area which it drains is computed to be 214,000 square miles. Its mouth is 268 feet above the level of the sea. The current is remarkably gentle and uniform, except near Louisville, where there is a descent of twenty-two feet within two miles, which is evaded by means of a canal around the falls. Large steamboats can navigate its whole length, except in low stages of water and when closed by ice in winter. Its largest affluents are the Tennessee, the Cumberland, the Kentucky, the Great Kanawha and the Green Rivers, from the south, and the Wabash, the Miami, Scioto and Muskingum from the north. The principal cities on its banks are Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, Evansville, New Albany, Madison and Cairo. It is crossed by bridges at Wheeling, Cincinnati and Cairo. The surface of the Ohio is subject to a variation of forty-two to fifty-one feet between high and low water. Its length is 975 miles, and its width varies from 400 to 1,000 yards. (See *Inundations, Remarkable.*)

**OHIO & MISSISSIPPI RAILWAY.** (See *Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad.*)

**OLNEY**, an incorporated city and the county-seat of Richland County, 31 miles west of Vincennes, Ind., and 117 miles east of St. Louis, Mo., at the junction of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern and the Peoria Division of the Illinois Central and the Ohio River Division of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad; is in the center of the fruit belt and an important shipping point for farm produce and live-stock; has flour mills, a furniture factory and railroad repair shops, banks, a public library, churches and five

newspapers, one issuing daily and another semi-weekly editions. Population (1890), 3,831; (1900), 4,260.

**OMELVENY, John**, pioneer and head of a numerous family which became prominent in Southern Illinois; was a native of Ireland who came to America about 1798 or 1799. After residing in Kentucky a few years, he removed to Illinois, locating in what afterwards became Pope County, whither his oldest son, **Samuel**, had preceded him about 1797 or 1798. The latter for a time followed the occupation of flat-boating, carrying produce to New Orleans. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1818 from Pope County, being the colleague of Hamlet Ferguson. A year later he removed to Randolph County, where he served as a member of the County Court, but, in 1820-22, we find him a member of the Second General Assembly from Union County, having successfully contested the seat of Samuel Alexander, who had received the certificate of election. He died in 1828.—**Edward** (Omelveny), another member of this family, and grandson of the elder John Omelveny, represented Monroe County in the Fifteenth General Assembly (1846-48), and was Presidential Elector in 1852, but died sometime during the Civil War.—**Harvey K. S.** (Omelveny), the fifth son of William Omelveny and grandson of John, was born in Todd County, Ky., in 1823, came to Southern Illinois, in 1852, and engaged in the practice of law, being for a time the partner of Senator Thomas E. Merritt, at Salem. Early in 1858 he was elected a Justice of the Circuit Court to succeed Judge Breese, who had been promoted to the Supreme Court, but resigned in 1861. He gained considerable notoriety by his intense hostility to the policy of the Government during the Civil War, was a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1862, and was named as a member of the Peace Commission proposed to be appointed by the General Assembly, in 1863, to secure terms of peace with the Southern Confederacy. He was also a leading spirit in the peace meeting held at Peoria, in August, 1863. In 1869 Mr. Omelveny removed to Los Angeles, Cal., which has since been his home, and where he has carried on a lucrative law practice.

**ONARGA**, a town in Iroquois County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 85 miles south by west from Chicago, and 43 miles north by east from Champaign. It is a manufacturing town, flour, wagons, wire-fencing, stoves and tile being among the products. It has a bank, eight churches, a graded school, a commercial college,

and a weekly newspaper. Population (1880), 1,061; (1890), 994; (1900), 1,270.

**ONEIDA**, a city in Knox County, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 12 miles northeast of Galesburg; has wagon, pump and furniture factories, two banks, electric lights, several churches, a graded school, and a weekly paper. The surrounding country is rich prairie, where coal is mined about twenty feet below the surface. Pop. (1890), 699; (1900), 785.

**OQUAWKA**, the county-seat of Henderson County, situated on the Mississippi River, about 15 miles above Burlington, Iowa, and 32 miles west of Galesburg. It is in a farming region, but has some manufactories. The town has five churches, a graded school, a bank and three newspapers. Population (1900), 1,010.

**ORDINANCE OF 1787.** This is the name given to the first organic act, passed by Congress, for the government of the territory northwest of the Ohio River, comprising the present States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. The first step in this direction was taken in the appointment, by Congress, on March 1, 1784, of a committee, of which Thomas Jefferson was Chairman, to prepare a plan for the temporary government of the region which had been acquired, by the capture of Kaskaskia, by Col. George Rogers Clark, nearly six years previous. The necessity for some step of this sort had grown all the more urgent, in consequence of the recognition of the right of the United States to this region by the Treaty of Paris of 1783, and the surrender, by Virginia, of the title she had maintained thereto on account of Clark's conquest under her auspices—a right which she had exercised by furnishing whatever semblance of government so far existed northwest of the Ohio. The report submitted from Jefferson's committee proposed the division of the Territory into seven States, to which was added the proviso that, after the year 1800, "there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in any of said States, otherwise than in punishment of crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted." This report failed of adoption, however, Congress contenting itself with the passage of a resolution providing for future organization of this territory into States by the people—the measures necessary for temporary government being left to future Congressional action. While the postponement, in the resolution as introduced by Jefferson, of the inhibition of slavery to the year 1800, has been criticised, its introduction was significant, as coming from a representative from a slave State,



and being the first proposition in Congress looking to restriction, of any character, on the subject of slavery. Congress having taken no further step under the resolution adopted in 1784, the condition of the country (thus left practically without a responsible government, while increasing in population) became constantly more deplorable. An appeal from the people about Kaskaskia for some better form of government, in 1786, aided by the influence of the newly organized "Ohio Company," who desired to encourage emigration to the lands which they were planning to secure from the General Government, at last brought about the desired result, in the passage of the famous "Ordinance," on the 13th day of July, 1787. While making provision for a mode of temporary self-government by the people, its most striking features are to be found in the six "articles"—a sort of "Bill of Rights"—with which the document closes. These assert: (1) the right of freedom of worship and religious opinion; (2) the right to the benefit of *habeas corpus* and trial by jury; to proportionate representation, and to protection in liberty and property; (3) that "religion, morality and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged"; (4) that the States, formed within the territory referred to, "shall forever remain a part of this confederacy of the United States of America, subject to the Articles of Confederation and to such alterations therein as shall be constitutionally made"; (5) prescribe the boundaries of the States to be formed therein and the conditions of their admission into the Union; and (6)—and most significant of all) repeat the prohibition regarding the introduction of slavery into the Northwest Territory, as proposed by Jefferson, but without any qualification as to time. There has been considerable controversy regarding the authorship of this portion of the Ordinance, into which it is not necessary to enter here. While it has been characterized as a second and advanced Declaration of Independence—and probably no single act of Congress was ever fraught with more important and far-reaching results—it seems remarkable that a majority of the States supporting it and securing its adoption, were then, and long continued to be, slave States.

**OREGON**, the county-seat of Ogle County, situated on Rock River and the Minneapolis Branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 100 miles west from Chicago. The surrounding region is agricultural; the town has

water power and manufactures flour, pianos, steel tanks, street sprinklers, and iron castings. It has two banks, water-works supplied by flowing artesian wells, cereal mill, and two weekly newspapers; has also obtained some repute as a summer resort. Pop. (1880), 1,088; (1890), 1,566; (1900), 1,577.

**ORION**, a village of Henry County, at the intersection of the Rock Island Division of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railways, 19 miles southeast of Rock Island. Pop. (1890), 624; (1900), 584.

**OSBORN, William Henry**, Railway President, was born at Salem, Mass., Dec. 21, 1820. After receiving a high school education in his native town, he entered the counting room of the East India house of Peele, Hubbell & Co.; was subsequently sent to represent the firm at Manila, finally engaging in business on his own account, during which he traveled extensively in Europe. Returning to the United States in 1853, he took up his residence in New York, and, having married the daughter of Jonathan Sturges, one of the original incorporators and promoters of the Illinois Central Railroad, he soon after became associated with that enterprise. In August, 1854, he was chosen a Director of the Company, and, on Dec. 1, 1855, became its third President, serving in the latter position nearly ten years (until July 11, 1865), and, as a Director, until 1877—in all, twenty-two years. After retiring from his connection with the Illinois Central Railroad, Mr. Osborn gave his attention largely to enterprises of an educational and benevolent character in aid of the unfortunate classes in the State of New York.

**OSBORN, Thomas O.**, soldier and diplomatist, was born in Licking County, Ohio, August 11, 1832; graduated from the Ohio University at Athens, in 1854; studied law at Crawfordsville, Ind., with Gen. Lew Wallace, was admitted to the bar and began practice in Chicago. Early in the war for the Union he joined the "Yates Phalanx," which, after some delay on account of the quota being full, was mustered into the service, in August, 1861, as the Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteers, the subject of this sketch being commissioned its Lieutenant-Colonel. His promotion to the colonelcy soon followed, the regiment being sent east to guard the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, where it met the celebrated Stonewall Jackson, and took part in many important engagements, including the battles of Winchester, Bermuda Hundreds, and Drury's Bluff, besides the sieges of Charleston and Petersburg. At Bermuda Hundreds Colonel Osborn was severely

wounded, losing the use of his right arm. He bore a conspicuous part in the operations about Richmond which resulted in the capture of the rebel capital, his services being recognized by promotion to the brevet rank of Major-General. At the close of the war he returned to the practice of law in Chicago, but, in 1874, was appointed Consul-General and Minister-Resident to the Argentine Republic, remaining in that position until June, 1885, when he resigned, resuming his residence in Chicago.

**OSWEGO**, a village in Kendall County, on the Aurora and Streator branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, 6 miles south of Aurora. Population (1890), 641; (1900), 618.

**OTTAWA**, the county-seat and principal city of La Salle County, being incorporated as a village in 1838, and, as a city, in 1853. It is located at the confluence of the Illinois and Fox Rivers and on the Illinois & Michigan Canal. It is the intersecting point of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway and the Streator branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 98 miles east of Rock Island and 83 miles west-southwest of Chicago. The surrounding region abounds in coal. Sand of a superior quality for the manufacture of glass is found in the vicinity and the place has extensive glass works. Other manufactured products are brick, drain-tile, sewer-pipe, tile-roofing, pottery, pianos, organs, cigars, wagons and carriages, agricultural implements, hay carriers, hay presses, sash, doors, blinds, cabinet work, saddlery and harness and pumps. The city has some handsome public buildings including the Appellate (formerly Supreme) Court House for the Northern Division. It also has several public parks, one of which (South Park) contains a medicinal spring. There are a dozen churches and numerous public school buildings, including a high school. The city is lighted by gas and electricity, has electric street railways, good sewerage, and water-works supplied from over 150 artesian wells and numerous natural springs. It has one private and two national banks, five libraries, and eight weekly newspapers (three German), of which four issue daily editions. Pop. (1890), 9,985; (1900), 10,588.

**OTTAWA, CHICAGO & FOX RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.*)

**OUTAGAMIES**, a name given, by the French, to the Indian tribe known as the Foxes. (See *Sacs and Foxes.*)

**OWEN, Thomas J. V.**, early legislator and Indian Agent, was born in Kentucky, April 5,

1801; came to Illinois at an early day, and, in 1830, was elected to the Seventh General Assembly from Randolph County; the following year was appointed Indian Agent at Chicago, as successor to Dr. Alexander Wolcott, who had died in the latter part of 1830. Mr. Owen served as Indian Agent until 1833; was a member of the first Board of Town Trustees of the village of Chicago, Commissioner of School Lands, and one of the Government Commissioners who conducted the treaty with the Pottawatomie and other tribes of Indians at Chicago, in September, 1833. Died, in Chicago, Oct. 15, 1835.

**PADDOCK, Galus**, pioneer, a native of Massachusetts, was born in 1758; at the age of 17 he entered the Colonial Army, serving until the close of the Revolutionary War, and being in Washington's command at the crossing of the Delaware. After the war he removed to Vermont; but, in 1815, went to Cincinnati, and, a year later, to St. Charles, Mo. Then, after having spent about a year at St. Louis, in 1818 he located in Madison County, Ill., at a point afterwards known as "Paddock's Grove," and which became one of the most prosperous agricultural sections of Southern Illinois. Died, in 1831.

**PAINE, (Gen.) Eleazer A.**, soldier, was born in Parkman, Geauga County, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1815; graduated at West Point Military Academy, in 1839, and was assigned to the First Infantry, serving in the Florida War (1839-40), but resigned, Oct. 11, 1840. He then studied law and practiced at Painesville, Ohio, (1843-48), and at Monmouth, Ill., (1848-61), meanwhile serving in the lower branch of the Eighteenth General Assembly (1852-53). Before leaving Ohio, he had been Deputy United States Marshal and Lieutenant-Colonel of the State Militia, and, in Illinois, became Brigadier-General of Militia (1845-48). He was appointed Colonel of the Ninth Illinois in April, 1861, and served through the war, being promoted Brigadier-General in September, 1861. The first duty performed by his regiment, after this date, was the occupation of Paducah, Ky., where he was in command. Later, it took part in the capture of Forts Henry and Donelson, the battles of Shiloh, New Madrid and Corinth, and also in the various engagements in Northern Georgia and in the "march to the sea." From November, 1862, to May, 1864, General Paine was guarding railroad lines in Central Tennessee, and, during a part of 1864, in command of the Western District of Kentucky. He resigned, April 5, 1865, and died in Jersey City, Dec. 16,

1882. A sturdy Union man, he performed his duty as a soldier with great zeal and efficiency.

**PALATINE**, a village of Cook County, on the Wisconsin Division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, 26 miles northwest from Chicago. There are flour and planing mills here; dairying and farming are leading industries of the surrounding country. Population (1880), 731; (1890), 891; (1900), 1,020.

**PALESTINE**, a town in Crawford County, about 2 miles from the Wabash River, 7 miles east of Robinson, and 35 miles southwest of Terre Haute, on the Illinois Central Railway; has five churches, a graded school, a bank, weekly newspaper, flour mill, cold storage plant, canning factory, garment factory, and municipal light and power plant. Pop. (1890), 732; (1900), 979.

**PALMER, Frank W.**, journalist, ex-Congressman and Public Printer, was born at Manchester, Dearborn County, Ind., Oct. 11, 1827; learned the printer's trade at Jamestown, N. Y., afterwards edited "The Jamestown Journal," and served two terms in the New York Legislature; in 1858 removed to Dubuque, Iowa, and edited "The Dubuque Times," was elected to Congress in 1860, and again in 1868 and 1872, meanwhile having purchased "The Des Moines Register," which he edited for several years. In 1873 he removed to Chicago and became editor of "The Inter Ocean," remaining two years; in 1877 was appointed Postmaster of the city of Chicago, serving eight years. Shortly after the accession of President Harrison, in 1889, he was appointed Public Printer, continuing in office until the accession of President Cleveland in 1893, when he returned to newspaper work, but resumed his old place at the head of the Government Printing Bureau after the inauguration of President McKinley in 1897.

**PALMER, John McAnley**, lawyer, soldier and United States Senator, was born in Scott County, Ky., Sept. 13, 1817; removed with his father to Madison County, Ill., in 1831, and, four years later, entered Shurtleff College, at Upper Alton, as a student; later taught and studied law, being admitted to the bar in 1839. In 1843 he was elected Probate Judge of Macoupin County, also served in the State Constitutional Convention of 1847; after discharging the duties of Probate and County Judge, was elected to the State Senate, to fill a vacancy, in 1852, and re-elected in 1854, as an Anti-Nebraska Democrat, casting his vote for Lyman Trumbull for United States Senator in 1855, but resigned his seat in 1856; was President of the first Republican State Convention, held at Bloomington in the latter year, and appointed a

delegate to the National Convention at Philadelphia; was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in 1859, and chosen a Presidential Elector on the Republican ticket in 1860; served as a member of the National Peace Conference of 1861; entered the army as Colonel of the Fourteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry; was promoted Brigadier General, in November, 1861, taking part in the campaign in Tennessee up to Chickamauga, assuming the command of the Fourteenth Army Corps with the rank of Major-General, but was relieved at his own request before Atlanta. In 1865 he was assigned, by President Lincoln, to command of the Military Department of Kentucky, but, in September, 1866, retired from the service, and, in 1867, became a citizen of Springfield. The following year he was elected Governor, as a Republican, but, in 1872, supported Horace Greeley for President, and has since cooperated with the Democratic party. He was three times the unsuccessful candidate of his party for United States Senator, and was their nominee for Governor in 1888, but defeated. In 1890 he was nominated for United States Senator by the Democratic State Convention and elected in joint session of the Legislature, March 11, 1891, receiving on the 154th ballot 101 Democratic and two Farmers' Mutual Alliance votes. He became an important factor in the campaign of 1896 as candidate of the "Sound Money" Democracy for President, although receiving no electoral votes, proving his devotion to principle. His last years were occupied in preparation of a volume of personal recollections, which was completed, under the title of "The Story of an Earnest Life," a few weeks before his death, which occurred at his home in Springfield, September 25, 1900.

**PALMER, Potter**, merchant and capitalist, was born in Albany County, N. Y., in 1825; received an English education and became a junior clerk in a country store at Durham, Greene County, in that State, three years later being placed in charge of the business, and finally engaging in business on his own account. Coming to Chicago in 1852, he embarked in the dry-goods business on Lake Street, establishing the house which afterwards became Field, Leiter & Co. (now Marshall Field & Co.), from which he retired, in 1865, with the basis of an ample fortune, which has since been immensely increased by fortunate operations in real estate. Mr. Puhuer was Second Vice-President of the first Board of Local Directors of the World's Columbian Exposition in 1891.—Mrs. Bertha M. Honore (Palmer), wife of the preceding, is the daughter of H. H.

Honore, formerly a prominent real-estate owner and operator of Chicago. She is a native of Louisville, Ky., where her girlhood was chiefly spent, though she was educated at a convent near Baltimore, Md. Later she came with her family to Chicago, and, in 1870, was married to Potter Palmer. Mrs. Palmer has been a recognized leader in many social and benevolent movements, but won the highest praise by her ability and administrative skill, exhibited as President of the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.

**PALMYRA**, a village of Macoupin County, on the Springfield Division of the St. Louis, Chicago & St. Paul Railway, 33 miles southwest from Springfield; has some local manufactures, a bank and a newspaper. Population (1900), 813.

**PANA**, an important railway center and principal city of Christian County, situated in the southeastern part of the County, and at the intersecting point of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, the Illinois Central and the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroads, 35 miles south by west from Decatur, and 42 miles southeast of Springfield. It is an important shipping-point for grain and has two elevators. Its mechanical establishments include two flouring mills, a foundry, two machine shops and two planing mills. The surrounding region is rich in coal, which is extensively mined. Pana has banks, several churches, graded schools, and three papers issuing daily and weekly editions. Population (1890), 5,077; (1900), 5,530.

**PANA, SPRINGFIELD & NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD.** (See *Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad*.)

**PARIS**, a handsome and flourishing city, the county-seat of Edgar County. It is an important railway center, situated on the "Big Four" and the Vandalia Line, 160 miles south of Chicago, and 170 miles east-northeast of St. Louis; is in the heart of a wealthy and populous agricultural region, and has a prosperous trade. Its industries include foundries, three elevators, flour, saw and planing mills, glass, broom, and corn product factories. The city has three banks, three daily and four weekly newspapers, a court house, ten churches, and graded schools. Pop. (1890), 4,996; (1900), 6,105.

**PARIS & DECATUR RAILROAD.** (See *Terre Haute & Peoria Railroad*.)

**PARIS & TERRE HAUTE RAILROAD.** (See *Terre Haute & Peoria Railroad*.)

**PARKS**, Gavlin D. A., lawyer, was born at Bristol, Ontario County, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1817;

went to New York City in 1838, where he completed his legal studies and was admitted to the bar, removing to Lockport, Ill., in 1842. Here he successively edited a paper, served as Master in Chancery and in an engineering corps on the Illinois & Michigan Canal; was elected County Judge in 1849, removed to Joliet, and, for a time, acted as an attorney of the Chicago & Rock Island, the Michigan Central and the Chicago & Alton Railroads; was also a Trustee of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Jacksonville; was elected Representative in 1852, became a Republican and served on the first Republican State Central Committee (1856); the same year was elected to the State Senate, and was a Commissioner of the State Penitentiary in 1864. In 1872 Mr. Parks joined in the Liberal-Republican movement, was defeated for Congress, and afterwards acted with the Democratic party. Died, Dec. 28, 1895.

**PARKS, Lawson A.**, journalist, was born at Mecklenburg, N. C., April 15, 1813; learned the printing trade at Charlotte, in that State; came to St. Louis in 1833, and, in 1836, assisted in establishing "The Alton Telegraph," but sold his interest a few years later. Then, having officiated as pastor of Presbyterian churches for some years, in 1854 he again became associated with "The Telegraph," acting as its editor. Died at Alton, March 31, 1875.

**PARK RIDGE**, a suburban village on the Wisconsin Division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, 13 miles northwest of Chicago. Population (1880), 457; (1890), 987; (1900), 1,340.

**PARTRIDGE**, Charles Addison, journalist and Assistant Adjutant-General of the Grand Army of the Republic, was born in Westford, Chittenden County, Vt., Dec. 8, 1843; came with his parents to Lake County, Ill., in 1844, and spent his boyhood on a farm, receiving his education in the district school, with four terms in a high school at Burlington, Wis. At 16 he taught a winter district school near his boyhood home, and at 18 enlisted in what became Company C of the Ninety-sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, being mustered into the service as Eighth Corporal at Rockford. His regiment becoming attached to the Army of the Cumberland, he participated with it in the battles of Chickamauga and the Atlanta campaign, as well as those of Franklin and Nashville, and has taken a just pride in the fact that he never fell out on the march, took medicine from a doctor or was absent from his regiment during its term of service, except for four months while recovering from a gun-shot



wound received at Chickamauga. He was promoted successively to Sergeant, Sergeant-Major, and commissioned Second Lieutenant of his old company, of which his father was First Lieutenant for six months and until forced to resign on account of impaired health. Receiving his final discharge, June 28, 1865, he returned to the farm, where he remained until 1869, in the meantime being married to Miss Jennie E. Earle, in 1866, and teaching school one winter. In 1869 he was elected County Treasurer of Lake County on the Republican ticket, and re-elected in 1871; in January of the latter year, purchased an interest in "The Waukegan Gazette," with which he remained associated some fifteen years, at first as the partner of Rev. A. K. Fox, and later of his younger brother, H. E. Partridge. In 1877 he was appointed, by President Hayes, Postmaster at Waukegan, serving four years; in 1886 was elected to the Legislature, serving (by successive elections) as Representative in the Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies, being frequently called upon to occupy the Speaker's chair, and, especially during the long Senatorial contest of 1891, being recognized as a leader of the Republican minority. In 1888 he was called to the service of the Republican State Central Committee (of which he had previously been a member), as assistant to the veteran Secretary, the late Daniel Shepard, remaining until the death of his chief, when he succeeded to the secretaryship. During the Presidential campaign of 1892 he was associated with the late William J. Campbell, then the Illinois member of the Republican National Committee, and was entrusted by him with many important and confidential missions. Without solicitation on his part, in 1894 he was again called to assume the secretaryship of the Republican State Central Committee, and bore a conspicuous and influential part in winning the brilliant success achieved by the party in the campaign of that year. From 1893 to 1895 he served as Mayor of Waukegan; in 1896 became Assistant Adjutant-General of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of Illinois—a position which he held in 1899 under Commander James S. Martin, and to which he has been re-appointed by successive Department Commanders up to the present time. Mr. Partridge's service in the various public positions held by him, has given him an acquaintance extending to every county in the State.

**PATOKA**, a village of Marion County, on the Western branch of the Illinois Central Railway,

15 miles south of Vandalia. There are flour and saw mills here; the surrounding country is agricultural. Population (1890), 502; (1900), 640.

**PATTERSON, Robert Wilson, D.D., LL.D.**, clergyman, was born in Blount County, Tenn., Jan. 21, 1814; came to Bond County, Ill., with his parents in 1822, his father dying two years later; at 18 had had only nine months' schooling, but graduated at Illinois College in 1837; spent a year at Lane Theological Seminary, another as tutor in Illinois College, and then, after two years more at Lane Seminary and preaching in Chicago and at Monroe, Mich., in 1842 established the Second Presbyterian Church of Chicago, of which he remained the pastor over thirty years. In 1850 he received a call to the chair of Didactic Theology at Lane Seminary, as successor to Dr. Lyman Beecher, but it was declined, as was a similar call ten years later. Resigning his pastorate in 1873, he was, for several years, Professor of Christian Evidences and Ethics in the Theological Seminary of the Northwest; in 1876-78 served as President of Lake Forest University (of which he was one of the founders), and, in 1880-83, as lecturer in Lane Theological Seminary. He received the degree of D.D. from Hamilton College, N. Y., in 1854, that of LL.D. from Lake Forest University, and was Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly (N. S.) at Wilmington, Del., in 1859. Died, at Evanston, Ill., Feb. 24, 1894.

**PAVEY, Charles W.**, soldier and ex-State Auditor, was born in Highland County, Ohio, Nov. 8, 1835; removed to Illinois in 1859, settling in the vicinity of Mount Vernon, and, for a time, followed the occupation of a farmer and stock-raiser. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the Eightieth Illinois Volunteers for the Civil War, and became First Lieutenant of Company E. He was severely wounded at the battle of Sand Mountain, and, having been captured, was confined in Libby Prison, at Salisbury, N. C., and at Danville, Va., for a period of nearly two years, enduring great hardship and suffering. Having been exchanged, he served to the close of the war as Assistant Inspector-General on the Staff of General Rousseau, in Tennessee. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1880, which nominated General Garfield for the Presidency, and was one of the famous "306" who stood by General Grant in that struggle. In 1882 he was appointed by President Arthur Collector of Internal Revenue for the Southern District, and, in 1888, was nominated and elected State Auditor on the Republican ticket, but was de-

feated for re-election in the "land-slide" of 1892. General Pavey has been prominent in "G. A. R." councils, and held the position of Junior Vice-Commander for the Department of Illinois in 1878, and that of Senior Vice-Commander in 1879. He also served as Brigadier-General of the National Guard, for Southern Illinois, during the railroad strike of 1877. In 1897 he received from President McKinley the appointment of Special Agent of the Treasury Department. His home is at Mount Vernon, Jefferson County.

**PAWNEE**, a village of Sangamon County, at the eastern terminus of the Auburn & Pawnee Railroad, 19 miles south of Springfield. The town has a bank and a weekly paper. Population (1900), 595; (1903, est.), 1,000.

**PAWNEE RAILROAD**, a short line in Sangamon County, extending from Pawnee to Auburn (9 miles), where it forms a junction with the Chicago & Alton Railroad. The company was organized and procured a charter in December, 1888, and the road completed the following year. The cost was \$101,774. Capital stock authorized, \$100,000; funded debt (1895), \$50,000.

**PAW PAW**, a village of Lee County, at the junction of two branches of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, 8 miles northwest of Earlville. The town is in a farming region, but has a bank and one weekly paper. Population (1890), 635; (1900), 765.

**PAXTON**, the county-seat of Ford County, is situated at the intersection of the Chicago Division of the Illinois Central and the Lake Erie & Western Railroads, 103 miles south by west from Chicago, and 49 miles east of Bloomington. It contains a court house, two schools, water-works, electric light and water-heating system, two banks, nine churches, and one daily newspaper. It is an important shipping-point for the farm products of the surrounding territory, which is a rich agricultural region. Besides brick and tile works and flour mills, factories for the manufacture of carriages, buggies, hardware, cigars, brooms, and plows are located here. Pop. (1890), 2,187; (1900), 3,036.

**PAYSON**, a village in Adams County, 15 miles southeast of Quincy; the nearest railroad station being Fall Creek, on the Quincy and Louisiana Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway; has one newspaper. Population (1900), 465.

**PAYSON, Lewis E.**, lawyer and ex-Congressman, was born at Providence, R. I., Sept. 17, 1840; came to Illinois at the age of 12, and, after passing through the common schools, attended

Lombard University, at Galesburg, for two years. He was admitted to the bar at Ottawa in 1862, and, in 1865, took up his residence at Pontiac. From 1869 to 1873 he was Judge of the Livingston County Court, and, from 1881 to 1891, represented his District in Congress, being elected as a Republican, but, in 1890, was defeated by his Democratic opponent, Herman W. Snow. Since retiring from Congress he has practiced his profession in Washington, D. C.

**PEABODY, Selim Hobart**, educator, was born in Rockingham County, Vt., August 20, 1829; after reaching 13 years of age, spent a year in a Boston Latin School, then engaged in various occupations, including teaching, until 1848, when he entered the University of Vermont, graduating third in his class in 1852; was appointed Professor of Mathematics and Engineering in the Polytechnic College at Philadelphia, in 1854, remaining three years, when he spent five years in Wisconsin, the last three as Superintendent of Schools at Racine. From 1865 to 1871 he was teacher of physical science in Chicago High School, also conducting night schools for working men; in 1871 became Professor of Physics and Engineering in Massachusetts Agricultural College, but returned to the Chicago High School in 1874; in 1876 took charge of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, and, in 1878, entered the Illinois Industrial University (now University of Illinois), at Champaign, first as Professor of Mechanical Engineering, in 1880 becoming President, but resigning in 1891. During the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, Professor Peabody was Chief of the Department of Liberal Arts, and, on the expiration of his service there, assumed the position of Curator of the newly organized Chicago Academy of Sciences, from which he retired some two years later.

**PEARL**, a village of Pike County, on the Kansas City branch of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, 14 miles west of Roodhouse. Population (1890), 928; (1900), 722.

**PEARSON, Isaac N.**, ex-Secretary of State, was born at Centreville, Pa., July 27, 1842; removed to Macomb, McDonough County, Ill., in 1858, and has ever since resided there. In 1872 he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court, and re-elected in 1876. Later he engaged in real-estate and banking business. He was a member of the lower house in the Thirty-third, and of the Senate in the Thirty-fifth, General Assembly, but before the expiration of his term in the latter, was elected Secretary of State, on the Republican ticket, in 1888. In 1892 he was a candidate for re-election,

but was defeated, although, next to Governor Fifer, he received the largest vote cast for any candidate for a political office on the Republican State ticket.

**PEARSON, John M.**, ex-Railway and Warehouse Commissioner, born at Newburyport, Mass., in 1832—the son of a ship-carpenter; was educated in his native State and came to Illinois in 1849, locating at the city of Alton, where he was afterwards engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements. In 1873 he was appointed a member of the first Railway and Warehouse Commission, serving four years; in 1878 was elected Representative in the Thirty-first General Assembly from Madison County, and was re-elected, successively, in 1880 and '82. He was appointed a member of the first Board of Live-Stock Commissioners in 1885, serving until 1893, for a considerable portion of the time as President of the Board. Mr. Pearson is a lifelong Republican and prominent member of the Masonic fraternity. His present home is at Godfrey.

**PEARSONS, Daniel K., M.D.**, real-estate operator and capitalist, was born at Bradfordton, Vt., April 14, 1830; began teaching at 16 years of age, and, at 21, entered Dartmouth College, taking a two years' course. He then studied medicine, and, after practicing a short time in his native State, removed to Chicopee, Mass., where he remained from 1843 to 1857. The latter year he came to Ogle County, Ill., and began operating in real estate, finally adding to this a loan business for Eastern parties, but discontinued this line in 1877. He owns extensive tracts of timber lands in Michigan, is a Director in the Chicago City Railway Company and American Exchange Bank, besides being interested in other financial institutions. He has been one of the most liberal supporters of the Chicago Historical Society, and a princely contributor to various benevolent and educational institutions, his gifts to colleges, in different parts of the country, aggregating over a million dollars.

**PECATONICA**, a town in Pecatonica Township, Winnebago County, on the Pecatonica River. It is on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, midway between Freeport and Rockford, being 14 miles from each. It contains a carriage factory, machine shop, condensed milk factory, a bank, six churches, a graded school, and a weekly newspaper. Pop. (1890), 1,059; (1900), 1,045.

**PECATONICA RIVER**, a stream formed by the confluence of two branches, both of which rise in Iowa County, Wis. They unite a little north

of the Illinois State line, whence the river runs southeast to Freeport, then east and northeast, until it enters Rock River at Rockton. From the headwaters of either branch to the mouth of the river is about 50 miles.

**PECK, Ebenezer**, early lawyer, was born in Portland, Maine, May 22, 1805; received an academical education, studied law and was admitted to the bar in Canada in 1827. He was twice elected to the Provincial Parliament and made King's Counsel in 1833; came to Illinois in 1835, settling in Chicago; served in the State Senate (1838-40), and in the House (1840-42 and 1858-60); was also Clerk of the Supreme Court (1841-45), Reporter of Supreme Court decisions (1849-63), and member of the Constitutional Convention of 1869-70. Mr. Peck was an intimate personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, by whom he was appointed a member of the Court of Claims, at Washington, serving until 1875. Died, May 25, 1881.

**PECK, Ferdinand Wythe**, lawyer and financier, was born in Chicago, July 15, 1848—the son of Philip F. W. Peck, a pioneer and early merchant of the metropolis of Illinois; was educated in the public schools, the Chicago University and Union College of Law, graduating from both of the last named institutions, and being admitted to the bar in 1869. For a time he engaged in practice, but his father having died in 1871, the responsibility of caring for a large estate devolved upon him and has since occupied his time, though he has given much attention to the amelioration of the condition of the poor of his native city, and works of practical benevolence and public interest. He is one of the founders of the Illinois Humane Society, has been President and a member of the Board of Control of the Chicago Athenæum, member of the Board of Education, President of the Chicago Union League, and was an influential factor in securing the success of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, in 1893, serving as First Vice-President of the Chicago Board of Directors, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and member of the Board of Reference and Control. Of late years, Mr. Peck has been connected with several important building enterprises of a semi-public character, which have added to the reputation of Chicago, including the Auditorium, Stock Exchange Building and others in which he is a leading stockholder, and in the erection of which he has been a chief promoter. In 1898 he was appointed, by President McKinley, the United States Commissioner to the International Expo-

sition at Paris of 1900, as successor to the late Maj. M. P. Handy, and the success which has followed his discharge of the duties of that position, has demonstrated the fitness of his selection.

**PECK, George R.**, railway attorney, born in Steuben County, N. Y., in 1843; was early taken to Wisconsin, where he assisted in clearing his father's farm; at 16 became a country school-teacher to aid in freeing the same farm from debt; enlisted at 19 in the First Wisconsin Heavy Artillery, later becoming a Captain in the Thirty-first Wisconsin Infantry, with which he joined in "Sherman's March to the Sea." Returning home at the close of the war, he began the study of law at Janesville, spending six years there as a student, Clerk of the Circuit Court and in practice. From there he went to Kansas and, between 1871 and '74, practiced his profession at Independence, when he was appointed by President Grant United States District Attorney for the Kansas District, but resigned this position, in 1879, to return to general practice. In 1881 he became General Solicitor of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, removing to Chicago in 1893. In 1895 he resigned his position with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad to accept a similar position with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, which (1898) he still holds. Mr. Peck is recognized as one of the most gifted orators in the West, and, in 1897, was chosen to deliver the principal address at the unveiling of the Logan equestrian statue in Lake Front Park, Chicago; has also officiated as orator on a number of other important public occasions, always acquitting himself with distinction.

**PECK, John Mason, D.D.**, clergyman and educator, was born in Litchfield, Conn., Oct. 31, 1789; removed to Greene County, N. Y., in 1811, where he united with the Baptist Church, the same year entering on pastoral work, while prosecuting his studies and supporting himself by teaching. In 1814 he became pastor of a church at Amenia, N. Y., and, in 1817, was sent west as a missionary, arriving in St. Louis in the latter part of the same year. During the next nine years he traveled extensively through Missouri and Illinois, as an itinerant preacher and teacher, finally locating at Rock Spring, St. Clair County, where, in 1826, he established the Rock Spring Seminary for the education of teachers and ministers. Out of this grew Shurtleff College, founded at Upper Alton in 1835, in securing the endowment of which Dr. Peck traveled many thousands of miles and collected \$20,000, and of which he served as Trustee

for many years. Up to 1843 he devoted much time to aiding in the establishment of a theological institution at Covington, Ky., and, for two years following, was Corresponding Secretary and Financial Agent of the American Baptist Publication Society, with headquarters in Philadelphia. Returning to the West, he served as pastor of several important churches in Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky. A man of indomitable will, unflagging industry and thoroughly upright in conduct, for a period of a quarter of a century, in the early history of the State, probably no man exerted a larger influence for good and the advancement of the cause of education, among the pioneer citizens of all classes, than Dr. Peck. Though giving his attention so constantly to preaching and teaching, he found time to write much, not only for the various publications with which he was, from time to time, connected, but also for other periodicals, besides publishing "A Guide for Emigrants" (1831), of which a new edition appeared in 1836, and a "Gazetteer of Illinois" (Jacksonville, 1834, and Boston, 1837), which continue to be valued for the information they contain of the condition of the country at that time. He was an industrious collector of historical records in the form of newspapers and pamphlets, which were unfortunately destroyed by fire a few years before his death. In 1852 he received the degree of D.D. from Harvard University. Died, at Rock Spring, St. Clair County, March 15, 1858.

**PECK, Philip F. W.**, pioneer merchant, was born in Providence, R. I., in 1809, the son of a wholesale merchant who had lost his fortune by indorsing for a friend. After some years spent in a mercantile house in New York, he came to Chicago on a prospecting tour, in 1830; the following year brought a stock of goods to the embryo emporium of the Northwest—then a small backwoods hamlet—and, by trade and fortunate investments in real estate, laid the foundation of what afterwards became a large fortune. He died, Oct. 23, 1871, as the result of an accident occurring about the time of the great fire of two weeks previous, from which he was a heavy sufferer pecuniarily. Three of his sons, Walter L., Clarence I. and Ferdinand W. Peck, are among Chicago's most substantial citizens.

**PEKIN**, a flourishing city, the county-seat of Tazewell County, and an important railway center, located on the Illinois River, 10 miles south of Peoria and 56 miles north of Springfield. Agriculture and coal-mining are the chief occupations in the surrounding country, but the city itself is an important grain market with large



general shipping interests. It has several distilleries, besides grain elevators, malt-houses, brick and tile works, lumber yards, planing mills, marble works, plow and wagon works, and a factory for corn products. Its banking facilities are adequate, and its religious and educational advantages are excellent. The city has a public library, park, steam-heating plant, three daily and four weekly papers. Pop. (1890), 6,347; (1900), 8,420.

**PEKIN, LINCOLN & DECATUR RAILROAD.** (See *Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway.*)

**PELL, Gilbert T.** Representative in the Third Illinois General Assembly (1822) from Edwards County, and an opponent of the resolution for a State Convention adopted by the Legislature at that session, designed to open the door for the admission of slavery. Mr. Pell was a son-in-law of Morris Birkbeck, who was one of the leaders in opposition to the Convention scheme, and very naturally sympathized with his father-in-law. He was elected to the Legislature, for a second term, in 1828, but subsequently left the State, dying elsewhere, when his widow removed to Australia.

**PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.** As to operations of this corporation in Illinois, see Calumet River; Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago; South Chicago & Southern, and Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railways. The whole number of miles owned, leased and operated by the Pennsylvania System, in 1898, was 1,987.21, of which only 61.34 miles were in Illinois. It owns, however, a controlling interest in the stock of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway (which see).

**PEORIA**, the second largest city of the State and the county-seat of Peoria County, is 160 miles southwest of Chicago, and at the foot of an expansion of the Illinois River known as Peoria Lake. The site of the town occupies an elevated plateau, having a water frontage of four miles and extending back to a bluff, which rises 200 feet above the river level and about 120 feet above the highest point of the main site. It was settled in 1778 or '79, although, as generally believed, the French missionaries had a station there in 1711. There was certainly a settlement there as early as 1725, when Renault received a grant of lands at Pimiteoui, facing the lake then bearing the same name as the village. From that date until 1812, the place was continuously occupied as a French village, and is said to have been the most important point for trading in the Mississippi Valley. The original village was situated about a mile and

a half above the foot of the lake; but later, the present site was occupied, at first receiving the name of "La Ville de Maillet," from a French Canadian who resided in Peoria, from 1765 to 1801 (the time of his death), and who commanded a company of volunteers in the Revolutionary War. The population of the old town removed to the new site, and the present name was given to the place by American settlers, from the Peoria Indians, who were the occupants of the country when it was first discovered, but who had followed their cognate tribes of the Illinois family to Cahokia and Kaskaskia, about a century before American occupation of this region. In 1812 the town is estimated to have contained about seventy dwellings, with a population of between 200 and 300, made up largely of French traders, hunters and voyageurs, with a considerable admixture of half-breeds and Indians, and a few Americans. Among the latter were Thomas Forsyth, Indian Agent and confidential adviser of Governor Edwards; Michael La Croix, son-in-law of Julian Dubuque, founder of the city of Dubuque; Antoine Le Claire, founder of Davenport, and for whom Le Claire, Iowa, is named; William Arundel, afterwards Recorder of St. Clair County, and Isaac Darnielle, the second lawyer in Illinois.—In November, 1812, about half the town was burned, by order of Capt. Thomas E. Craig, who had been directed, by Governor Edwards, to proceed up the river in boats with materials to build a fort at Peoria. At the same time, the Governor himself was at the head of a force marching against Black Partridge's village, which he destroyed. Edwards had no communication with Craig, who appears to have acted solely on his own responsibility. That the latter's action was utterly unjustifiable, there can now be little doubt. He alleged, by way of excuse, that his boats had been fired upon from the shore, at night, by Indians or others, who were harbored by the citizens. The testimony of the French, however, is to the effect that it was an unprovoked and cowardly assault, instigated by wine which the soldiers had stolen from the cellars of the inhabitants. The bulk of those who remained after the fire were taken by Craig to a point below Alton and put ashore. This occurred in the beginning of winter, and the people, being left in a destitute condition, were subjected to great suffering. A Congressional investigation followed, and the French, having satisfactorily established the fact that they were not hostile, were restored to their possessions.—In 1813 a fort, designed for permanent occupancy,

was erected and named Fort Clark, in honor of Col. George Rogers Clark. It had one (if not two) block-houses, with magazines and quarters for officers and men. It was finally evacuated in 1818, and was soon afterwards burned by the Indians. Although a trading-post had been maintained here, at intervals, after the affair of 1812, there was no attempt made to rebuild the town until 1819, when Americans began to arrive.—In 1824 a post of the American Fur Company was established here by John Hamlin, the company having already had, for five years, a station at Wesley City, three miles farther down the river. Hamlin also traded in pork and other products, and was the first to introduce keel-boats on the Illinois River. By transferring his cargo to lighter draft boats, when necessary, he made the trip from Peoria to Chicago entirely by water, going from the Des Plaines to Mud Lake, and thence to the South Branch of the Chicago River, without unloading. In 1834 the town had but seven frame houses and twenty-one log cabins. It was incorporated as a town in 1835 (Rudolphus Rouse being the first President), and, as the City of Peoria, ten years later (Wm. Hale being the first Mayor).—Peoria is an important railway and business center, eleven railroad lines concentrating here. It presents many attractive features, such as handsome residences, fine views of river, bluff and valley scenery, with an elaborate system of parks and drives. An excellent school system is liberally supported, and its public buildings (national, county and city) are fine and costly. Its churches are elegant and well attended, the leading denominations being Methodist Episcopal, Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist, Protestant and Reformed Episcopal, Lutheran, Evangelical and Roman Catholic. It is the seat of Bradley Polytechnic Institute, a young and flourishing scientific school affiliated with the University of Chicago, and richly endowed through the munificence of Mrs. Lydia Bradley, who devotes her whole estate, of at least a million dollars, to this object. Right Rev. John L. Spaulding, Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Peoria, is erecting a handsome and costly building for the Spaulding Institute, a school for the higher education of young men.—At Bartonville, a suburb of Peoria, on an elevation commanding a magnificent view of the Illinois River valley for many miles, the State has located an asylum for the incurable insane. It is now in process of erection, and is intended to be one of the most complete of its kind in the world. Peoria lies in a corn and coal region, is noted for

the number and extent of its distilleries, and, in 1890, ranked eighth among the grain markets of the country. It also has an extensive commerce with Chicago, St. Louis and other important cities; was credited, by the census of 1890, with 554 manufacturing establishments, representing 90 different branches of industry, with a capital of \$15,073,567 and an estimated annual product of \$55,504,523. Its leading industries are the manufacture of distilled and malt liquors, agricultural implements, glucose and machine-shop products. Its contributions to the internal revenue of the country are second only to those of the New York district. Population (1870), 23,849; (1880), 29,259; (1890), 41,024; (1900), 56,100.

**PEORIA COUNTY**, originally a part of Fulton County, but cut off in 1825. It took its name from the Peoria Indians, who occupied that region when it was first discovered. As first organized, it included the present counties of Jo Daviess and Cook, with many others in the northern part of the State. At that time there were less than 1,500 inhabitants in the entire region; and John Hamlin, a Justice of the Peace, on his return from Green Bay (whither he had accompanied William S. Hamilton, a son of Alexander Hamilton, with a drove of cattle for the fort there), solemnized, at Chicago, the marriage of Alexander Wolcott, then Indian Agent, with a daughter of John Kinzie. The original Peoria County has been subdivided into thirty counties, among them being some of the largest and richest in the State. The first county officer was Norman Hyde, who was elected Judge of the Probate Court by the Legislature in January, 1825. His commission from Governor Coles was dated on the eighteenth of that month, but he did not qualify until June 4, following, when he took the oath of office before John Dixon, Circuit Clerk, who founded the city that bears his name. Meanwhile, Mr. Hyde had been appointed the first Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court, and served in that capacity until entering upon his duties as Probate Judge. The first election of county officers was held, March 7, 1825, at the house of William Eads. Nathan Dillon, Joseph Smith, and William Holland were chosen Commissioners; Samuel Fulton Sheriff, and William Phillips Coroner. The first County Treasurer was Aaron Hawley, and the first general election of officers took place in 1826. The first court house was a log cabin, and the first term of the Circuit Court began Nov. 14, 1825, John York Sawyer sitting on the bench, with John Dixon, Clerk; Samuel Fulton, Sheriff; and John

Twiney, the Attorney-General, present. Peoria County is, at present, one of the wealthiest and most populous counties in the State. Its soil is fertile and its manufactures numerous, especially at Peoria, the county-seat and principal city (which see). The area of the county is 615 square miles, and its population (1880), 55,353; (1890), 70,378; (1900), 88,608.

**PEORIA LAKE**, an expansion of the Illinois River, forming the eastern boundary of Peoria County, which it separates from the counties of Woodford and Tazewell. It is about 20 miles long and 2½ miles broad at the widest part.

**PEORIA, ATLANTA & DECATUR RAILROAD.** (See *Terre Haute & Peoria Railroad.*)

**PEORIA, DECATUR & EVANSVILLE RAILWAY.** The total length of this line, extending from Peoria, Ill., to Evansville, Ind., is 330.87 miles, all owned by the company, of which 273 miles are in Illinois. It extends from Pekin, southeast to Grayville, on the Wabash River—is single track, unballasted, and of standard gauge. Between Pekin and Peoria the company uses the tracks of the Peoria & Pekin Union Railway, of which it is one-fourth owner. Between Hervey City and Midland Junction it has trackage privileges over the line owned jointly by the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville and the Terre Haute & Peoria Companies (7.5 miles). Between Midland Junction and Decatur (2.4 miles) the tracks of the Illinois Central are used, the two lines having terminal facilities at Decatur in common. The rails are of fifty-two and sixty-pound steel.—(HISTORY.) The main line of the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway is the result of the consolidation of several lines built under separate charters. (1) The Pekin, Lincoln & Decatur Railroad, chartered in 1867, built in 1869-71, and operated the latter year, was leased to the Toledo, Wabash & Western Railway, but sold to representatives of the bond-holders, on account of default on interest, in 1876, and reorganized as the Pekin, Lincoln & Decatur Railway. (2) The Decatur, Sullivan & Mattoon Railroad, (projected from Decatur to Mattoon), was incorporated in 1871, completed from Mattoon to Hervey City, in 1872, and, the same year, consolidated with the Chicago & Great Southern; in January, 1874, the Decatur line passed into the hands of a receiver, and, in 1877, having been sold under foreclosure, was reorganized as the Decatur, Mattoon & Southern Railroad. In 1879 it was placed in the hands of trustees, but the Pekin, Lincoln & Decatur Railway having acquired a controlling interest during the same year, the two lines were con-

solidated under the name of the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway Company. (3) The Grayville & Mattoon Railroad, chartered in 1857, was consolidated in 1872 with the Mount Vernon & Grayville Railroad (projected), the new corporation taking the name of the Chicago & Illinois Southern (already mentioned). In 1872 the latter corporation was consolidated with the Decatur, Sullivan & Mattoon Railroad, under the name of the Chicago & Illinois Southern Railway. Both consolidations, however, were set aside by decree of the United States District Court, in 1876, and the partially graded road and franchises of the Grayville & Mattoon lines sold, under foreclosure, to the contractors for the construction; 20 miles of the line from Olney to Newton, were completed during the month of September of that year, and the entire line, from Grayville to Mattoon, in 1878. In 1880 this line was sold, under decree of foreclosure, to the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway Company, which had already acquired the Decatur & Mattoon Division—thus placing the entire line, from Peoria to Grayville, in the hands of one corporation. A line under the name of the Evansville & Peoria Railroad, chartered in Indiana in 1880, was consolidated, the same year, with the Illinois corporation under the name of the latter, and completed from Grayville to Evansville in 1882. (4) The Chicago & Ohio River Railroad—chartered, in 1869, as the Danville, Olney & Ohio River Railroad—was constructed, as a narrow-gauge line, from Kansas to West Liberty, in 1878-81; in the latter year was changed to standard gauge and completed, in 1883, from Sidell to Olney (86 miles). The same year it went into the hands of a receiver, was sold under foreclosure, in February, 1886, and reorganized, in May following, as the Chicago & Ohio River Railroad; was consolidated with the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway, in 1893, and used as the Chicago Division of that line. The property and franchises of the entire line passed into the hands of receivers in 1894, and are still (1898) under their management.

**PEORIA, PEKIN & JACKSONVILLE RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad of Illinois.*)

**PEORIA & BUREAU VALLEY RAILROAD**, a short line, 46.7 miles in length, operated by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, extending from Peoria to Bureau Junction, Ill. It was incorporated, Feb. 12, 1853, completed the following year, and leased to the Rock Island in perpetuity, April 14, 1854, the annual rental being \$125,000. The par value of the

capital stock is \$1,500,000. Annual dividends of 8 per cent are guaranteed, payable semi-annually. (See *Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway*.)

**PEORIA & EASTERN RAILROAD.** Of this line the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Company is the lessee. Its total length is 350½ miles, 132 of which lie in Illinois—123 being owned by the Company. That portion within this State extends east from Pekin to the Indiana State line, in addition to which the Company has trackage facilities over the line of the Peoria & Pekin Union Railway (9 miles) to Peoria. The gauge is standard. The track is single, laid with sixty and sixty-seven-pound steel rails and ballasted almost wholly with gravel. The capital stock is \$10,000,000. In 1895 it had a bonded debt of \$13,603,000 and a floating debt of \$1,261,130, making a total capitalization of \$24,864,130.—(HISTORY.) The original of this corporation was the Danville, Urbana, Bloomington & Pekin Railroad, which was consolidated, in July, 1869, with the Indianapolis, Crawfordsville & Danville Railroad—the new corporation taking the name of the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western—and was opened to Pekin the same year. In 1874 it passed into the hands of a receiver, was sold under foreclosure in 1879, and reorganized as the Indiana, Bloomington & Western Railway Company. The next change occurred in 1881, when it was consolidated with an Ohio corporation (the Ohio, Indiana & Pacific Railroad), again undergoing a slight change of name in its reorganization as the Indiana, Bloomington & Western Railroad Company. In 1886 it again got into financial straits, was placed in charge of a receiver and sold to a reorganization committee, and, in January, 1887, took the name of the Ohio, Indiana & Western Railway Company. The final reorganization, under its present name, took place in February, 1890, when it was leased to the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, by which it is operated. (See *Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway*.)

**PEORIA & HANNIBAL RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad*.)

**PEORIA & OQUAWKA RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad*.)

**PEORIA & PEKIN UNION RAILWAY.** A line connecting the cities of Peoria and Pekin, which are only 8 miles apart. It was chartered in 1880, and acquired, by purchase, the tracks of the Peoria, Pekin & Jacksonville and the Peoria & Springfield Railroads, between the two cities named in

its title, giving it control of two lines, which are used by nearly all the railroads entering both cities from the east side of the Illinois River. The mileage, including both divisions, is 18.14 miles, second tracks and sidings increasing the total to nearly 60 miles. The track is of standard gauge, about two-thirds being laid with steel rails. The total cost of construction was \$4,350,987. Its total capitalization (1898) was \$4,177,763, including \$1,000,000 in stock, and a funded debt of \$2,904,000. The capital stock is held in equal amounts (each 2,500 shares) by the Wabash, the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville, the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis and the Peoria & Eastern companies, with 1,000 shares by the Lake Erie & Western. Terminal charges and annual rentals are also paid by the Terre Haute & Peoria and the Iowa Central Railways.

**PEORIA & SPRINGFIELD RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad of Illinois*.)

**PEOTONE,** a village of Will County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 41 miles south-southwest from Chicago; has some manufactures, a bank and a newspaper. The surrounding country is agricultural. Population (1890), 717; (1900), 1,003.

**PERCY,** a village of Randolph County, at the intersection of the Wabash, Chesapeake & Western and the Mobile & Ohio Railways. Population (1890), 360; (1900), 660.

**PERROT, Nicholas,** a French explorer, who visited the valley of the Fox River (of Wisconsin) and the country around the great lakes, at various times between 1670 and 1690. He was present, as a guide and interpreter, at the celebrated conference held at Sault Ste. Marie, in 1671, which was attended by fifteen Frenchmen and representatives from seventeen Indian tribes, and at which the Sieur de Lussan took formal possession of Lakes Huron and Superior, with the surrounding region and "all the country southward to the sea," in the name of Louis XIV. of France. Perrot was the first to discover lead in the West, and, for several years, was Commandant in the Green Bay district. As a chronicler he was intelligent, interesting and accurate. His writings were not published until 1864, but have always been highly prized as authority.

**PERRY,** a town of Pike County; has a bank and a newspaper. Population (1880), 770; (1890), 705; (1900), 642.

**PERRY COUNTY,** lies in the southwest quarter of the State, with an area of 440 square miles and a population (1900) of 19,830. It was organized as a county in 1827, and named for Com. Oliver H. Perry. The general surface is rolling,



although flat prairies occupy a considerable portion, interspersed with "post-oak flats." Limestone is found in the southern, and sandstone in the northern, sections, but the chief mineral wealth of the county is coal, which is abundant, and, at several points, easily mined, some of it being of a superior quality. Salt is manufactured, to some extent, and the chief agricultural output is wheat. Pinckneyville, the county-seat, has a central position and a population of about 1,300. Duquoin is the largest city. Beaucoup Creek is the principal stream, and the county is crossed by several lines of railroad.

**PERU**, a city in La Salle County, at the head of navigation on the Illinois River, which is here spanned by a handsome bridge. It is distant 100 miles southwest from Chicago, and the same distance north-northeast from Springfield. It is connected by street cars with La Salle, one mile distant, which is the terminus of the Illinois & Michigan Canal. It is situated in a rich coal-mining region, is an important trade center, and has several manufacturing establishments, including zinc smelting works, rolling mills, nickeloid factory, metal novelty works, gas engine factory, tile works, plow, scale and patent-pump factories, foundries and machine shops, flour and saw mills, clock factory, etc. Two national banks, with a combined capital of \$200,000, are located at Peru, and one daily and one weekly paper. Population (1870), 3,650; (1880), 4,682; (1890), 5,550, (1900), 6,863.

**PESOTUM**, a village in Champaign County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 5 miles south of Tolono. Population (1890), 575.

**PETERSBURG**, a city of Menard County, and the county-seat, on the Sangamon River, at the intersection Chicago & Alton with the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railway; 23 miles northwest of Springfield and 28 miles northeast of Jacksonville. The town was surveyed and platted by Abraham Lincoln in 1837, and is the seat of the "Old Salem" Chautauqua. It has machine shops, two banks, two weekly papers and nine churches. The manufactures include woolen goods, brick and drain-tile, bed-springs, mattresses, and canned goods. Pop. (1890), 2,342, (1900), 2,807.

**PETERS, Onslow**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Massachusetts, graduated at Brown University, and was admitted to the bar and practiced law in his native State until 1837, when he settled at Peoria, Ill. He served in the Constitutional Convention of 1847, was elected to the bench of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in 1853, and re-elected in 1855. Died, Feb. 28, 1856.

**PHILLIPS, David L.**, journalist and politician, was born where the town of Marion, Williamson County, Ill., now stands, Oct. 28, 1823; came to St. Clair County in childhood, his father settling near Belleville; began teaching at an early age, and, when about 18, joined the Baptist Church, and, after a brief course with the distinguished Dr. Peck, at his Rock Spring Seminary, two years later entered the ministry, serving churches in Washington and other Southern Illinois counties, finally taking charge of a church at Jonesboro. Though originally a Democrat, his advanced views on slavery led to a disagreement with his church, and he withdrew; then accepted a position as paymaster in the construction department of the Illinois Central Railroad, finally being transferred to that of Land Agent for the Southern section, in this capacity visiting different parts of the State from one end of the main line to the other. About 1854 he became associated with the management of "The Jonesboro Gazette," a Democratic paper, which, during his connection with it (some two years), he made an earnest opponent of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill. At the Anti-Nebraska Editorial Convention (which see), held at Decatur, Feb. 23, 1856, he was appointed a member of their State Central Committee, and, as such, joined in the call for the first Republican State Convention, held at Bloomington in May following, where he served as Vice-President for his District, and was nominated for Presidential Elector on the Fremont ticket. Two years later (1858) he was the unsuccessful Republican candidate for Congress in the Southern District, being defeated by John A. Logan; was again in the State Convention of 1860, and a delegate to the National Convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for President the first time; was appointed by Mr. Lincoln United States Marshal for the Southern District in 1861, and re-appointed in 1865, but resigned after Andrew Johnson's defection in 1866. During 1862 Mr. Phillips became part proprietor of "The State Journal" at Springfield, retaining this relation until 1878, at intervals performing editorial service; also took a prominent part in organizing and equipping the One Hundred and Ninth Regiment Illinois Volunteers (sometimes called the "Phillips Regiment"), and, in 1865, was one of the committee of citizens sent to escort the remains of President Lincoln to Springfield. He joined in the Liberal Republican movement at Cincinnati in 1872, but, in 1876, was in line with his former party associates, and served in that year as an unsuccessful candidate

for Congress, in the Springfield District, in opposition to William M. Springer, early the following year receiving the appointment of Postmaster for the city of Springfield from President Hayes. Died, at Springfield, June 19, 1890.

**PHILLIPS, George S.**, author, was born at Peterborough, England, in January, 1816; graduated at Cambridge, and came to the United States, engaging in journalism. In 1845 he returned to England, and, for a time, was editor of "The Leeds Times," still later being Principal of the People's College at Huddersfield. Returning to the United States, he came to Cook County, and, about 1866-68, was a writer of sketches over the *nom de plume* of "January Searle" for "The Chicago Republican"—later was literary editor of "The New York Sun" for several years. His mind becoming impaired, he was placed in an asylum at Trenton, N. J., finally dying at Morristown, N. J., Jan. 14, 1889. Mr. Phillips was the author of several volumes, chiefly sketches of travel and biography.

**PHILLIPS, Jesse J.**, lawyer, soldier and jurist, was born in Montgomery County, Ill., May 22, 1837. Shortly after graduating from the Hillsboro Academy, he read law, and was admitted to the bar in 1860. In 1861 he organized a company of volunteers, of which he was chosen Captain, and which was attached to the Ninth Illinois Infantry. Captain Phillips was successively advanced to the rank of Major, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel; resigned on account of disability, in August, 1864, but was brevetted Brigadier-General at the close of the war. His military record was exceptionally brilliant. He was wounded three times at Shiloh, and was personally thanked and complimented by Generals Grant and Oglesby for gallantry and efficient service. At the termination of the struggle he returned to Hillsboro and engaged in practice. In 1866, and again in 1868, he was the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer, but was both times defeated. In 1879 he was elected to the bench of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, and re-elected in 1885. In 1890 he was assigned to the bench of the Appellate Court of the Fourth District, and, in 1893, was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Justice John M. Scholfield, his term expiring in 1897, when he was re-elected to succeed himself. Judge Phillips' present term will expire in 1906.

**PHILLIPS, Joseph**, early jurist, was born in Tennessee, received a classical and legal education, and served as a Captain in the War of

1812; in 1816 was appointed Secretary of Illinois Territory, serving until the admission of Illinois as a State, when he became the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, serving until July, 1822, when he resigned, being succeeded on the bench by John Reynolds, afterwards Governor. In 1822 he was a candidate for Governor in the interest of the advocates of a pro-slavery amendment of the State Constitution, but was defeated by Edward Coles, the leader of the anti-slavery party. (See *Coles, Edward*, and *Slavery and Slave Laws*.) He appears from the "Edwards Papers" to have been in Illinois as late as 1832, but is said eventually to have returned to Tennessee. The date of his death is unknown.

**PIANKESHAW, THE**, a branch of the Miami tribe of Indians. Their name, like those of their brethren, underwent many mutations of orthography, the tribe being referred to, variously, as the "Pou-an-ke-kiahs," the "Pi-an-gie-shaws," the "Pi-an-qui-shaws," and the "Py-an-ke-shaws." They were less numerous than the Weas, their numerical strength ranking lowest among the bands of the Miamis. At the time La Salle planted his colony around Starved Rock, their warriors numbered 150. Subsequent to the dispersion of this colony they (alone of the Miamis) occupied portions of the present territory of Illinois, having villages on the Vermilion and Wabash Rivers. Their earliest inclinations toward the whites were friendly, the French traders having intermarried with women of the tribe soon after the advent of the first explorers. Col. George Rogers Clark experienced little difficulty in securing their allegiance to the new government which he proclaimed. In the sanguinary raids (usually followed by reprisals), which marked Western history during the years immediately succeeding the Revolution, the Piankeshaws took no part; yet the outrages, perpetrated upon peaceable colonists, had so stirred the settlers' blood, that all Indians were included in the general thirst for vengeance, and each was unceremoniously dispatched as soon as seen. The Piankeshaws appealed to Washington for protection, and the President issued a special proclamation in their behalf. After the cession of the last remnant of the Miami territory to the United States, the tribe was removed to a Kansas reservation, and its last remnant finally found a home in Indian Territory. (See also *Miamis; Weas*.)

**"PIASA BIRD," LEGEND OF THE.** When the French explorers first descended the Upper Mississippi River, they found some remarkable figures depicted upon the face of the bluff, just

above the site of the present city of Alton, which excited their wonder and continued to attract interest long after the country was occupied by the whites. The account given of the discovery by Marquette, who descended the river from the mouth of the Wisconsin, in June, 1673, is as follows: "As we coasted along" (after passing the mouth of the Illinois) "rocks frightful for their height and length, we saw two monsters painted on one of the rocks, which startled us at first, and upon which the boldest Indian dare not gaze long. They are as large as a calf, with horns on the head like a deer, a frightful look, red eyes, bearded like a tiger, the face somewhat like a man's, the body covered with scales, and the tail so long that it twice makes the turn of the body, passing over the head and down between the legs, ending at last in a fish's tail. Green, red and black are the colors employed. On the whole, these two monsters are so well painted that we could not believe any Indian to have been the designer, as good painters in France would find it hard to do as well. Besides this, they are painted so high upon the rock that it is hard to get conveniently at them to paint them." As the Indians could give no account of the origin of these figures, but had their terror even more excited at the sight of them than Marquette himself, they are supposed to have been the work of some prehistoric race occupying the country long before the arrival of the aborigines whom Marquette and his companions found in Illinois. There was a tradition that the figures were intended to represent a creature, part beast and part bird, which destroyed immense numbers of the inhabitants by swooping down upon them from its abode upon the rocks. At last a chief is said to have offered himself a victim for his people, and when the monster made its appearance, twenty of his warriors, concealed near by, discharged their arrows at it, killing it just before it reached its prey. In this manner the life of the chief was saved and his people were preserved from further depredations; and it was to commemorate this event that the figure of the bird was painted on the face of the cliff on whose summit the chief stood. This story, told in a paper by Mr. John Russell, a pioneer author of Illinois, obtained wide circulation in this country and in Europe, about the close of the first quarter of the present century, as the genuine "Legend of the Piasa Bird." It is said, however, that Mr. Russell, who was a popular writer of fiction, acknowledged that it was drawn largely from his imagination. Many prehistoric relics

and human remains are said, by the late William McAdams, the antiquarian of Alton, to have been found in caves in the vicinity, and it seems a well authenticated fact that the Indians, when passing the spot, were accustomed to discharge their arrows—and, later, their firearms—at the figure on the face of the cliff. Traces of this celebrated pictograph were visible as late as 1840 to 1845, but have since been entirely quarried away.

**PIATT COUNTY**, organized in 1841, consisting of parts of Macon and Dewitt Counties. Its area is 440 square miles; population (1900), 17,706. The first Commissioners were John Hughes, W. Bailey and E. Peck. John Piatt, after whose family the county was named, was the first Sheriff. The North Fork of the Sangamon River flows centrally through the county from northeast to southwest, and several lines of railroad afford transportation for its products. Its resources and the occupation of the people are almost wholly agricultural, the surface being level prairie and the soil fertile. Monticello, the county-seat, has a population of about 1,700. Other leading towns are Cerro Gordo (939) and Bement (1,139).

**PICKETT, Thomas Johnson**, journalist, was born in Louisville, Ky., March 17, 1821; spent six years (1830-36) in St. Louis, when his family removed to Peoria; learned the printer's trade in the latter city, and, in 1840, began the publication of "The Peoria News," then sold out and established "The Republican" (afterwards "The Transcript"); was a member of the Anti-Nebraska Editorial Convention held at Decatur, Feb. 22, 1856, serving on the Committee on Resolutions, and being appointed on the State Central Committee, which called the first Republican State Convention, held at Bloomington, in May following, and was there appointed a delegate to the National Convention at Philadelphia, which nominated General Fremont for President. Later, he published papers at Pekin and Rock Island, at the latter place being one of the first to name Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency; was elected State Senator in 1860, and, in 1862, commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of the Sixty-ninth Illinois Volunteers, being transferred, as Colonel, to the One Hundred and Thirty-second Illinois (100-days' men), and serving at Camp Douglas during the "Conspiracy" excitement. After the war, Colonel Pickett removed to Paducah, Ky., published a paper there called "The Federal Union," was appointed Postmaster, and, later, Clerk of the United States District Court, and

was the Republican nominee for Congress, in that District, in 1874. Removing to Nebraska in 1879, he at different times conducted several papers in that State, residing for the most part at Lincoln. Died, at Ashland, Neb., Dec. 24, 1891.

**PIERSON, David**, pioneer banker, was born at Cazenovia, N. Y., July 9, 1806; at the age of 13 removed west with his parents, arriving at St. Louis, June 3, 1820. The family soon after settled near Collinsville, Madison County, Ill., where the father having died, they removed to the vicinity of Carrollton, Greene County, in 1821. Here they opened a farm, but, in 1827, Mr. Pierson went to the lead mines at Galena, where he remained a year, then returning to Carrollton. In 1834, having sold his farm, he began merchandising, still later being engaged in the pork and grain trade at Alton. In 1854 he added the banking business to his dry-goods trade at Carrollton, also engaged in milling, and, in 1862-63, erected a woolen factory, which was destroyed by an incendiary fire in 1872. Originally an anti-slavery Clay Whig, Mr. Pierson became a Republican on the organization of that party in 1856, served for a time as Collector of Internal Revenue, was a delegate to the National Republican Convention at Philadelphia in 1872, and a prominent candidate for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant-Governor in 1876. Of high integrity and unswerving patriotism, Mr. Pierson was generous in his benefactions, being one of the most liberal contributors to the establishment of the Langston School for the Education of Freedmen at Holly Springs, Miss., soon after the war. He died at Carrollton, May 8, 1891.—**Ornan** (Pierson), a son of the subject of this sketch, was a member of the Thirty-second General Assembly (1881) from Greene County, and is present cashier of the Greene County National Bank at Carrollton.

**PIGGOTT, Isaac N.**, early politician, was born about 1792; served as an itinerant Methodist preacher in Missouri and Illinois, between 1819 and 1824, but finally located southwest of Jerseyville and obtained a license to run a ferry between Grafton and Alton; in 1828 ran as a candidate for the State Senate against Thomas Carlin (afterwards Governor); removed to St. Louis in 1858, and died there in 1874.

**PIKE COUNTY**, situated in the western portion of the State, lying between the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, having an area of 795 square miles—named in honor of the explorer, Capt. Zebulon Pike. The first American settlers came about 1820, and, in 1821, the county was organized, at first embracing all the country north and

west of the Illinois River, including the present county of Cook. Out of this territory were finally organized about one fourth of the counties of the State. Coles' Grove (now Gilead, in Calhoun County) was the first county-seat, but the seat of justice was removed, in 1824, to Atlas, and to Pittsfield in 1833. The surface is undulating, in some portions is hilly, and diversified with prairies and hardwood timber. Live-stock, cereals and hay are the staple products, while coal and Niagara limestone are found in abundance. Population (1890), 31,000; (1900), 31,595.

**PILLSBURY, Nathaniel Joy**, lawyer and judge, was born in York County, Maine, Oct. 21, 1834; in 1855 removed to Illinois, and, in 1858, began farming in Livingston County. He began the study of law in 1863, and, after admission to the bar, commenced practice at Pontiac. He represented La Salle and Livingston Counties in the Constitutional Convention of 1869-70, and, in 1873, was elected to the bench of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. He was re-elected in 1879 and again in 1885. He was assigned to the bench of the Appellate Court in 1877, and again in 1879 and '85. He was severely wounded by a shot received from strikers on the line of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, near Chicago, in 1886, resulting in his being permanently disabled physically, in consequence of which he declined a re-election to the bench in 1891.

**PINCKNEYVILLE**, a city and the county-seat of Perry County, situated at the intersection of the Paducah Division Illinois Central and the Wabash, Chester & Western Railways, 10 miles west-northwest of Duquoin. Coal-mining is carried on in the immediate vicinity, and flour, carriages, plows and dressed lumber are among the manufactured products. Pinckneyville has two banks—one of which is national—two weekly newspapers, seven churches, a graded and a high school. Population (1880), 964; (1890), 1,298; (1900), 2,357.

**PITTSBURG, CINCINNATI, CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD**, one of the Pennsylvania Company's lines, operating 1,403 miles of road, of which 1,090 miles are owned and the remainder leased—length of line in Illinois, 28 miles. The Company is the outgrowth of a consolidation, in 1890, of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railway with the Chicago, St. Louis & Pittsburg, the Cincinnati & Richmond and the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroads. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company controls the entire line through ownership of stock. Capital stock outstanding, in 1898, \$47,791,601;



funded debt, \$48,433,000; floating debt, \$2,214,703—total capital \$98,500,584.—(HISTORY.) The Chicago, St. Louis & Pittsburg Railroad, embracing the Illinois division of this line, was made up of various corporations organized under the laws of Illinois and Indiana. One of its component parts was the Chicago & Great Eastern Railway, organized, in 1865, by consolidation of the Galena & Illinois River Railroad (chartered in 1857), the Chicago & Great Eastern Railway of Indiana, the Cincinnati & Chicago Air-Line (organized 1860), and the Cincinnati, Logansport & Chicago Railway. In 1869, the consolidated line was leased to the Pittsburg, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railway Company, and operated under the name of the Columbus, Chicago & Indiana Central between Bradford, Ohio, and Chicago, from 1869 until its consolidation, under the present name, in 1890. (See *Pennsylvania Railroad*.)

**PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILROAD.** (See *Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway*.)

**PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILWAY.** The total length of this line is nearly 470 miles, but only a little over 16 miles are within Illinois. It was operated by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as lessee. The entire capitalization in 1898 was \$52,549,990; and the earnings in Illinois, \$472,228.—(HISTORY.) The Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway is the result of the consolidation, August 1, 1856, of the Ohio & Pennsylvania, the Ohio & Indiana and the Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Companies, under the name of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad. The road was opened through its entire length, Jan. 1, 1859; was sold under foreclosure in 1861; reorganized under its present title, in 1862, and leased to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for 999 years, from July 1, 1869. (See *Pennsylvania Railroad*.)

**PITTSFIELD,** the county-seat of Pike County, situated on the Hannibal & Naples branch of the Wabash Railway, about 40 miles southeast of Quincy, and about the same distance south of west from Jacksonville. Its public buildings include a handsome court house and graded and high school buildings. The city has an electric light plant, city water-works, a flour mill, a National and a State bank, nine churches, and four weekly newspapers. Pop. (1890), 2,295; (1900), 2,293.

**PLAINFIELD,** a village of Will County, on the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad and an interurban electric line, 8 miles northwest of Joliet; is

in a dairying section; has a bank and one newspaper. Pop. (1890), 852; (1900), 920.

**PLANO,** a city in Kendall County, situated near the Fox River, and on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 14 miles west-southwest of Aurora. There are manufactories of agricultural implements and bedsteads. The city has banks, several churches, graded and high schools, and a weekly newspaper. Pop. (1890), 1,825; (1900), 1,634; (1903, est.), 2,250.

**PLEASANT PLAINS,** a village of Sangamon County, on Springfield Division Baltimore & Ohio S. W. Railroad, 16 miles northwest of Springfield; in rich farming region; has coal-shaft, bank, five churches, college and two newspapers. Population (1890), 518; (1900), 575.

**PLEASANTS, George Washington,** jurist, was born in Harrodsburg, Ky., Nov. 24, 1823; received a classical education at Williams College, Mass., graduating in 1842; studied law in New York City, and was admitted to the bar at Rochester, N. Y., in 1845, establishing himself in practice at Williamstown, Mass., where he remained until 1849. In 1851 he removed to Washington, D. C., and, after residing there two years, came to Illinois, locating at Rock Island, which has since been his home. In 1861 he was elected, as a Republican, to the State Constitutional Convention which met at Springfield in January following, and, in 1867, was chosen Judge for the Sixth (now Tenth) Judicial Circuit, having served by successive re-elections until June, 1897, retiring at the close of his fifth term—a record for length of service seldom paralleled in the judicial history of the State. The last twenty years of this period were spent on the Appellate bench. For several years past Judge Pleasants has been a sufferer from failing eyesight, but has been faithful in attendance on his judicial duties. As a judicial officer and a man, his reputation stands among the highest.

**PLUMB, Ralph,** soldier and ex-Congressman, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., March 29, 1816. After leaving school he became a merchant's clerk, and was himself a merchant for eighteen years. From New York he removed to Ohio, where he was elected a member of the Legislature in 1855, later coming to Illinois. During the Civil War he served four years in the Union army as Captain and Quartermaster, being brevetted Lieutenant-Colonel at its close. He made his home at Streator, where he was elected Mayor (1881-1883). There he engaged in coal-mining and has been connected with several important enterprises. From 1885 to 1889 he

represented the Eighth Illinois District in Congress, after which he retired to private life.

**PLYMOUTH**, a village of Hancock County, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, 41 miles northeast of Quincy; is trade center of rich farming district; has two banks, electric lights, water-works, and one paper. Pop. (1900), 854.

**POINTE DE SAIBLE**, Jean Baptiste, a negro and Indian-trader, reputed to have been the first settler on the present site of the city of Chicago. He is said to have been a native of San Domingo, but is described by his contemporaries as "well educated and handsome," though dissipated. He appears to have been at the present site of Chicago as early as 1794, his house being located on the north side near the junction of the North and South branches of the Chicago River, where he carried on a considerable trade with the Indians. About 1796 he is said to have sold out to a French trader named Le Mai, and joined a countryman of his, named Glamorgan, at Peoria, where he died soon after. Glamorgan, who was the reputed owner of a large Spanish land-grant in the vicinity of St. Louis, is said to have been associated with Point de Saible in trade among the Peorias, before the latter came to Chicago.

**POLO**, a city in Ogle County, at intersection of the Illinois Central and the Chicago, Burlington & Northern Railways, 23 miles south of Freeport and 12 miles north of Dixon. The surrounding region is devoted to agriculture and stock-raising, and Polo is a shipping point for large quantities of cattle and hogs. Agricultural implements (including harvesters) and buggies are manufactured here. The city has banks, one weekly and one semi-weekly paper, seven churches, a graded public and high school, and a public library. Pop. (1890), 1,728; (1900), 1,869.

**PONTIAC**, an Ottawa chief, born on the Ottawa River, in Canada, about 1720. While yet a young man he became the principal Chief of the allied Ottawas, Ojibways and Pottawatomes. He was always a firm ally of the French, to whose interests he was devotedly attached, defending them at Detroit against an attack of the Northern tribes, and (it is generally believed) leading the Ottawas in the defeat of Braddock. He reluctantly acquiesced in the issue of the French and Indian War, although at first strongly disposed to dispute the progress of Major Rogers, the British officer sent to take possession of the western forts. In 1762 he dispatched emissaries to a large number of tribes, whom he desired to unite in a league for the extermination of the English. His proposals were favorably received,

and thus was organized what is commonly spoken of as the "Conspiracy of Pontiac." He himself undertook to lead an assault upon Detroit. The garrison, however, was apprised of his intention, and made preparations accordingly. Pontiac thereupon laid siege to the fort, but was unable to prevent the ingress of provisions, the Canadian settlers furnishing supplies to both besieged and besiegers with absolute impartiality. Finally a boat-load of ammunition and supplies was landed at Detroit from Lake Erie, and the English made an unsuccessful sortie on July 31, 1763. After a desultory warfare, lasting for nearly three months, the Indians withdrew into Indiana, where Pontiac tried in vain to organize another movement. Although Detroit had not been taken, the Indians captured Forts Sandusky, St. Joseph, Miami, Ouiatanon, LeBoeuf and Venango, besides the posts of Mackinaw and Presque Isle. The garrisons at all these points were massacred and innumerable outrages perpetrated elsewhere. Additional British troops were sent west, and the Indians finally brought under control. Pontiac was present at Oswego when a treaty was signed with Sir William Johnson, but remained implacable. His end was tragic. Broken in heart, but still proud in spirit and relentless in purpose, he applied to the former (and last) French Governor of Illinois, the younger St. Ange, who was then at St. Louis, for co-operation and support in another raid against the British. Being refused aid or countenance, according to a story long popularly received, he returned to the vicinity of Cahokia, where, in 1769, he was murdered by a Kaskaskia Indian in consideration of a barrel of liquor. N. Matson, author of several volumes bearing on early history in Illinois, citing Col. Joseph N. Bourassa, an educated half-breed of Kansas, as authority for his statement, asserts that the Indian killed at Cahokia was an impostor, and that the true Pontiac was assassinated by Kineboo, the Head Chief of the Illinois, in a council held on the Des Plaines River, near the present site of Joliet. So well convinced, it is said, was Pierre Chouteau, the St. Louis Indian trader, of the truth of this last story, that he caused a monument, which he had erected over the grave of the false Pontiac, to be removed. Out of the murder of Pontiac, whether occurring at Cahokia or Joliet, it is generally agreed, resulted the extermination of the Illinois and the tragedy of "Starved Rock." (See *Starved Rock*.)

**PONTIAC**, an incorporated city, the county-seat of Livingston County. It stands on the bank of the Vermillion River, and is also a point

of intersection of the Chicago & Alton, the Wabash and the Illinois Central Railroads. It is 33 miles north-northeast from Bloomington and 93 miles south-southwest of Chicago. The surrounding region is devoted to agriculture, stock-raising and coal-mining. Pontiac has four banks and four weekly newspapers (two issuing daily editions), numerous churches and good schools. Various kinds of manufacturing are conducted, among the principal establishments being flouring mills, three shoe factories, straw paper and candy factories and a foundry. The State Reformatory for Juvenile Offenders is located here. Pop. (1890), 2,784; (1900), 4,266.

**POOL, Orval**, merchant and banker, was born in Union County, Ky., near Shawneetown, Ill., Feb. 17, 1809, but lived in Shawneetown from seven years of age; in boyhood learned the saddler's trade, but, in 1843, engaged in the dry-goods business, J. McKee Peeples and Thomas S. Ridgway becoming his partners in 1846. In 1850 he retired from the dry-goods trade and became an extensive dealer in produce, pork and tobacco. In 1871 he established the Gallatin County National Bank, of which he was the first President. Died, June 30, 1871.

**POOLE, William Frederick**, bibliographer, librarian and historical writer, was born at Salem, Mass., Dec. 24, 1821, graduated from Yale College in 1849, and, at the close of his sophomore year, was appointed assistant librarian of his college society, which owned a library of 10,000 volumes. Here he prepared and published the first edition of his now famous "Index to Periodical Literature." A second and enlarged addition was published in 1853, and secured for its author wide fame, in both America and Europe. In 1852 he was made Librarian of the Boston Mercantile Library, and, from 1856 to 1869, had charge of the Boston Athenaeum, then one of the largest libraries in the United States, which he relinquished to engage in expert library work. He organized libraries in several New England cities and towns, at the United States Naval Academy, and the Cincinnati Public Library, finally becoming Librarian of the latter institution. In October, 1873, he assumed charge of the Chicago Public Library, then being organized, and, in 1887, became Librarian of the Newberry Library, organizing this institution and remaining at its head until his death, which occurred, March 1, 1894. The degree of LL.D. was conferred on him by the Northwestern University in 1882. Dr. Poole took a prominent part in the organization of library associations, and was one of the Vice-

Presidents of the International Conference of Librarians, held in London in 1871. His advice was much sought in relation to library architecture and management. He wrote much on topics connected with his profession and on historical subjects, frequently contributing to "The North American Review." In 1874-75 he edited a literary paper at Chicago, called "The Owl," and was later a constant contributor to "The Dial." He was President of the American Historical Society and member of State Historical Societies and of other kindred associations.

**POPE, Nathaniel**, first Territorial Secretary of Illinois, Delegate in Congress and jurist, was born at Louisville, Ky., in 1774; graduated with high honor from Transylvania University, at Lexington, Ky., read law with his brother, Senator John Pope, and, in 1804, emigrated to New Orleans, later living, for a time, at Ste. Genevieve, Mo. In 1808 he became a resident of Kaskaskia and, the next year, was appointed the first Territorial Secretary of Illinois. His native judgment was strong and profound and his intellect quick and far-reaching, while both were thoroughly trained and disciplined by study. In 1816 he was elected a Territorial Delegate to Congress, and proved himself, not only devoted to the interests of his constituents, but also a shrewd tactician. He was largely instrumental in securing the passage of the act authorizing the formation of a State government, and it was mainly through his efforts that the northern boundary of Illinois was fixed at lat. 42° 30' north, instead of the southern bend of Lake Michigan. Upon the admission of Illinois into the Union, he was made United States Judge of the District, which then embraced the entire State. This office he filled with dignity, impartiality and acceptability until his death, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lucretia Yeatman, in St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 23, 1850. Pope County was named in his honor.—**Gen. John (Pope)**, son of the preceding, was born in Louisville, Ky., March 16, 1822; graduated at the United States Military Academy, 1842, and appointed brevet Second Lieutenant of Topographical Engineers; served in Florida (1842-44), on the northeast boundary survey, and in the Mexican War (1846-47), being promoted First Lieutenant for bravery at Monterey and Captain at Buena Vista. In 1849 he conducted an exploring expedition in Minnesota, was in charge of topographical engineering service in New Mexico (1851-53), and of the survey of a route for the Union Pacific Railway (1853-59), meanwhile experimenting on the feasibility of artesian wells on the "Staked

Plains" in Northwestern Texas. He was a zealous friend of Abraham Lincoln in the political campaign of 1860, and was court-martialed for criticising the policy of President Buchanan, in a paper read before a literary society in Cincinnati, the proceedings being finally dropped on the recommendation of the (then) Secretary of War, Joseph Holt. In 1861 he was one of the officers detailed by the War Department to conduct Mr. Lincoln to the capital, and, in May following, was made Brigadier-General of Volunteers and assigned to command in Missouri, where he performed valuable service in protecting railroad communications and driving out guerrillas, gaining an important victory over Sterling Price at Blackwater, in December of that year; in 1862 had command of the land forces co-operating with Admiral Foote, in the expedition against New Madrid and Island No. 10, resulting in the capture of that stronghold with 6,500 prisoners, 125 cannon and 7,000 small arms, thereby winning a Major-General's commission. Later, having participated in the operations against Corinth, he was transferred to command of the Army of Virginia, and soon after commissioned Brigadier-General in the regular army. Here, being forced to meet a greatly superior force under General Lee, he was subjected to reverses which led to his falling back on Washington and a request to be relieved of his command. For failure to give him proper support, Gen. Fitzjohn Porter was tried by court-martial, and, having been convicted, was cashiered and declared forever disqualified from holding any office of trust or profit under the United States Government—although this verdict was finally set aside and Porter restored to the army as Colonel, by act of Congress, in August, 1886. General Pope's subsequent service was performed chiefly against the Indians in the Northwest, until 1865, when he took command of the military division of Missouri, and, in June following, of the Department of the Missouri, including all the Northwestern States and Territories, from which he was relieved early in 1866. Later, he held command, under the Reconstruction Acts, in Georgia, Alabama and Florida (1867-68); the Department of the Lakes (1868-70); Department of the Missouri (1870-84); and Department of the Pacific, from 1884 to his retirement, March 16, 1886. General Pope published "Explorations from the Red River to the Rio Grande" and "Campaigns in Virginia" (1863). Died, at Sandusky, Ohio, Sept 23, 1892.

**POPE COUNTY**, lies on the southern border of the State, and contains an area of about 360

square miles—named in honor of Judge Nathaniel Pope. It was erected in 1816 (two years before the admission of Illinois as a State) from parts of Gallatin and Johnson Counties. The county-seat was first located at Sandsville, but later changed to Golconda. Robert Lacy, Benoni Lee and Thomas Ferguson were the first Commissioners; Hamlet Ferguson was chosen Sheriff; John Scott, Recorder; Thomas C. Browne, Prosecuting-Attorney, and Samuel Omelveney, Treasurer. The highest land in Southern Illinois is in the north-eastern part of this county, reaching an elevation of 1,046 feet. The bluffs along the Ohio River are bold in outline, and the ridges are surmounted by a thick growth of timber, notably oak and hickory. Portions of the bottom lands are submerged, at times, during a part of the year and are covered with cypress timber. The remains of Indian mounds and fortifications are found, and some interesting relics have been exhumed. Sandstone is quarried in abundance, and coal is found here and there. Mineral springs (with copperas as the chief ingredient) are numerous. Iron is found in limited quantities, among the rocks toward the south, while spar and kaolin clay are found in the north. The chief agricultural products are potatoes, corn and tobacco. Population (1890), 14,016; (1900), 13,585.

**PORT BYRON**, a village of Rock Island County, on the Mississippi River and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, 16 miles above Rock Island; has lime kilns, grain elevator, two banks, academy, public schools, and a newspaper. Pop. (1900), 732. The (Illinois) Western Hospital for the Insane is located at Watertown, twelve miles below Port Byron.

**PORTER, (Rev.) Jeremiah**, pioneer clergyman, was born at Hadley, Mass., in 1804; graduated from Williams College in 1825, and studied theology at both Andover and Princeton seminaries, graduating from the latter in 1831. The same year he made the (then) long and perilous journey to Fort Brady, a military post at the Sault Ste. Marie, where he began his work as a missionary. In 1833 he came to Chicago, where he remained for two years, organizing the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, with a membership of twenty-six persons. Afterwards he had pastoral charge of churches at Peoria and Farmington. While in Chicago he was married to Miss Eliza Chappell, one of the earliest teachers in Chicago. From 1840 to '53 he was located at Green Bay, Wis., accepting a call from a Chicago Church in the year last named. In 1861 he was commissioned Chaplain in the volunteer service



by Governor Yates, and mustered out in 1865. The next five years were divided between labors at Brownsville, Tex., in the service of the Sanitary Commission, and a pastorate at Prairie du Chien. In 1870 he was commissioned Chaplain in the regular army, remaining in the service (with occasional leaves of absence) until 1882, when he was retired from active service on account of advanced age. His closing years were spent at the homes of his children in Detroit and Beloit; died at the latter city, July 25, 1893, at the age of 89 years.

**POSEY, (Gen.) Thomas**, Continental and Revolutionary soldier, was born in Virginia, July 9, 1750; in 1774 took part in Lord Dunmore's expedition against the Indians, and, later, in various engagements of the Revolutionary War, being part of the time under the immediate command of Washington; was with General Wayne in the assault on Stony Point and present at Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown; also served, after the war, with Wayne as a Brigadier-General in the Northwest Territory. Removing to Kentucky, he served in the State Senate, for a time being presiding officer and acting Lieutenant-Governor; later (1812), was elected United States Senator from Louisiana, and, from 1813 to '16, served as Territorial Governor of Indiana. Died, at the home of his son-in-law, Joseph M. Street, at Shawneetown, Ill., March 18, 1818, where he lies buried. At the time of his death General Posey was serving as Indian Agent.

**POST, Joel S.**, lawyer and soldier of the Mexican War; was born in Ontario (now Wayne) County, N. Y., April 27, 1816; in 1828 removed with his father to Washtenaw County, Mich., remaining there until 1839, when he came to Macon County, Ill. The following year, he commenced the study of law with Judge Charles Emmerson, of Decatur, and was admitted to the bar in 1841. In 1846 he enlisted in the Mexican War, and served as Quartermaster of the Fourth Regiment (Col. E. D. Baker's); in 1856 was elected to the State Senate, and, at the following session, was a leading supporter of the measures which resulted in the establishment of the State Normal School at Bloomington. Capt. Post's later years were spent at Decatur, where he died, June 7, 1886.

**POST, Philip Sidney**, soldier and Congressman, was born at Florida, Orange County, N. Y., March 19, 1833; at the age of 22 graduated from Union College, studied law at Poughkeepsie Law School, and, removing to Illinois, was admitted to the bar in 1856. At the outbreak of the Civil

War he enlisted, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Fifty-ninth Illinois Volunteers. He was a gallant, fearless soldier, and was repeatedly promoted for bravery and meritorious service, until he attained the rank of brevet Brigadier-General. He participated in many important battles and was severely wounded at Pea Ridge and Nashville. In 1865 he was in command in Western Texas. After the close of the war he entered the diplomatic service, being appointed Consul-General to Austria-Hungary in 1874, but resigned in 1879, and returned to his home in Galesburg. From 1882 to 1886 he was a member of the Republican State Central Committee, and, during 1886, was Commander of the Department of Illinois, G. A. R. He was elected to Congress from the Tenth District on the Republican ticket in 1886, serving continuously by re-election until his death, which occurred in Washington, Jan. 6, 1895.

**POST, Truman Marcellus, D.D.**, clergyman, was born at Middlebury, Vt., June 3, 1810; graduated at Middlebury College in 1829, was Principal of Castleton Academy for a year, and a tutor at Middlebury two years, meanwhile studying law. After a winter spent in Washington, listening to the orators of the time in Congress and before the Supreme Court, including Clay, Webster, Wirt and their contemporaries, he went west in 1833, first visiting St. Louis, but finally settling at Jacksonville, Ill., where he was admitted to the bar, but soon after accepted the Professorship of Classical Languages in Illinois College, and later that of History; then began the study of theology, was ordained in 1840, and assumed the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Jacksonville. In 1847 he was called to the pastorate of the Third Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, and, in 1851, to the First Congregational Church, of which the former furnished the nucleus. For a year or two after removing to St. Louis, he continued his lectures on history at Illinois College for a short period each year; also held the professorship of Ancient and Modern History in Washington University, in St. Louis; in 1873-75 was Southworth lecturer on Congregationalism in Andover Theological Seminary and, for several years, Professor of Ecclesiastical History in Chicago Theological Seminary. His splendid diction and his noble style of oratory caused him to be much sought after as a public lecturer or platform speaker at college commencements, while his purity of life and refinement of character attracted to him all with whom he came in personal contact. He received the degree of

D.D. from Middlebury College in 1855; was a frequent contributor to "The Biblical Repository" and other religious publications, and, besides numerous addresses, sermons and pamphlets, he was the author of a volume entitled "The Skeptical Era in Modern History" (New York, 1856). He resigned his pastorate in January, 1882, but continued to be a frequent speaker, either in the pulpit or on the lecture platform, nearly to the period of his death, which occurred in St. Louis, Dec. 31, 1886. For a quarter of a century he was one of the Trustees of Monticello Female Seminary, at Godfrey, Ill., being, for a considerable portion of the time, President of the Board.

**POTTAWATOMIES, THE**, an Indian tribe, one of the three subdivisions of the Ojibwas (or Ojibbeways), who, in turn, constituted a numerous family of the Algonquins. The other branches were the Ottawa and the Chippewas. The latter, however, retained the family name, and hence some writers have regarded the "Ojibbeways" and the "Chippewas" as essentially identical. This interchanging of names has been a prolific source of error. Inherently, the distinction was analogous to that existing between genus and species, although a confusion of nomenclature has naturally resulted in errors more or less serious. These three tribes early separated, the Pottawatomes going south from Green Bay along the western shore of Lake Michigan. The meaning of the name is, "we are making a fire," and the word is a translation into the Pottawatome language of the name first given to the tribe by the Miamis. These Indians were tall, fierce and haughty, and the tribe was divided into four branches, or clans, called by names which signify, respectively, the golden carp, the tortoise, the crab and the frog. According to the "Jesuit Relations," the Pottawatomes were first met by the French, on the north of Lake Huron, in 1639-40. More than a quarter of a century later (1666) Father Allouez speaks of them as dwellers on the shores of Lake Michigan. The same Father described them as idolatrous and polygamous, yet as possessing a rude civility and as being kindly disposed toward the French. This friendship continued unbroken until the expulsion of the latter from the Northwest. About 1678 they spread southward from Green Bay to the head of Lake Michigan, a portion of the tribe settling in Illinois as far south as the Kankakee and Illinois Rivers, crowding the Winnebagoes and the Sacs and Foxes on the west, and advancing, on the east, into the country of the Miamis as far as the Wabash and the

Maumee. They fought on the side of the French in the French and Indian War, and later took part in the conspiracy of Pontiac to capture and reduce the British posts, and were so influenced by Tecumseh and the Prophet that a considerable number of their warriors fought against General Harrison at Tippecanoe. During the War of 1812 they actively supported the British. They were also prominent at the Chicago massacre. Schoolcraft says of them, "They were foremost at all treaties where lands were to be ceded, clamoring for the lion's share of all presents and annuities, particularly where these last were the price paid for the sale of other lands than their own." The Pottawatomes were parties to the treaties at Chicago in 1832 and 1833, and were among the last of the tribes to remove beyond the Mississippi, their final emigration not taking place until 1838. In 1846 the scattered fragments of this tribe coalesced with those of the Chippewas and Ottawas, and formed the Pottawatome nation. They ceded all their lands, wherever located, to the United States, for \$850,000, agreeing to accept 576,000 acres in Kansas in lieu of \$87,000 of this amount. Through the rapacity and trespasses of white settlers, this reservation was soon dismembered, and the lands passed into other hands. In 1867, under an enabling act of Congress, 1,400 of the nation (then estimated at 2,500) became citizens. Their present location is in the southeastern part of Oklahoma.

**POWELL, John Wesley, Ph.D., LL.D.**, geologist and anthropologist, was born at Mount Morris, N. Y., March 24, 1834, the son of a Methodist itinerant preacher, passing his early life at various places in Ohio, Wisconsin and Illinois; studied for a time in Illinois College (Jacksonville), and subsequently in Wheaton College, but, in 1854, began a special course at Oberlin, Ohio, teaching at intervals in public schools. Having a predilection for the natural sciences, he spent much time in making collections, which he placed in various Illinois institutions. Entering the army in 1861 as a private of the Twentieth Illinois Volunteers, he later became a Captain of the Second Illinois Artillery, being finally promoted Major. He lost his right arm at the battle of Shiloh, but returned to his regiment as soon as sufficiently recovered, and continued in active service to the close of the war. In 1865 he became Professor of Geology and Curator of the Museum in Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, but resigned to accept a similar position in the State Normal University. In 1867 he began his

greatest work in connection with science by leading a class of pupils to the mountains of Colorado for the study of geology, which he followed, a year later, by a more thorough survey of the cañon of the Colorado River than had ever before been attempted. This led to provision by Congress, in 1870, for a topographical and geological survey of the Colorado and its tributaries, which was appropriately placed under his direction. Later, he was placed in charge of the Bureau of Ethnology in connection with the Smithsonian Institute, and, again in 1881, was assigned to the directorship of the United States Geological Survey, later becoming Director of the Bureau of Ethnology, in connection with the Smithsonian Institute in Washington City, where (1899) he still remains. In 1886 Major Powell received the degree of Ph.D. from Heidelberg University, and that of LL.D. from Harvard the same year. He is also a member of the leading scientific associations of the country, while his reports and addresses fill numerous volumes issued by the Government.

**POWELL, William Henry**, soldier and manufacturer, was born in South Wales, May 10, 1825; came to America in 1830, was educated in the common schools of Tennessee, and (1856-61) was manager of a manufacturing company at Iron-ton, Ohio; in 1861, became Captain of a West Virginia cavalry company, and was advanced through the grades of Major, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel; was wounded while leading a charge at Wytheville, Va., left on the field, captured and confined in Libby Prison six months. After exchange he led a cavalry division in the Army of the Shenandoah; was made Brigadier-General in October, 1864; after the war settled in West Virginia, and was a Republican Presidential Elector in 1868. He is now at the head of a nail mill and foundry in Belleville, and was Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of Illinois during 1895-96.

**PRAIRIE CITY**, a village in McDonough County, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 23 miles southwest from Galesburg and 17 miles northeast of Macomb; has a carriage factory, flour mill, elevators, lumber and stock yards, a nursery, a bank, four churches and two weekly papers. Pop. (1890), 812; (1900), 818.

**PRAIRIE DU PONT**, (in English, Bridge Prairie), an early French settlement, one mile south of Cahokia. It was commenced about 1760, located on the banks of a creek, on which was the first mill, operated by water-power, in that section, having been erected by missionaries

from St. Sulpice, in 1754. In 1765 the village contained fourteen families. In 1844 it was inundated and nearly destroyed.

**PRAIRIE du ROCHER**, (in English, Prairie of the Rock), an early French village in what is now Monroe County, which began to spring up near Fort Chartres (see *Fort Chartres*), and by 1722 had grown to be a considerable settlement. It stood at the foot of the Mississippi bluffs, about four miles northeast of the fort. Like other French villages in Illinois, it had its church and priest, its common field and commons. Many of the houses were picturesque cottages built of limestone. The ancient village is now extinct; yet, near the outlet of a creek which runs through the bluff, may be seen the vestiges of a water mill, said to have been erected by the Jesuits during the days of French occupation.

**PRENTICE, William S.**, Methodist Episcopal clergyman, was born in St. Clair County, Ill., in 1819; licensed as a Methodist preacher in 1849, and filled pastorates at Paris, Danville, Carlinville, Springfield, Jacksonville and other places—the latter part of his life, serving as Presiding Elder; was a delegate to the General Conference of 1860, and regularly re-elected from 1872 to the end of his life. During the latter part of his life his home was in Springfield. Died, June 28, 1887.

**PRENTISS, Benjamin Mayberry**, soldier, was born at Belleville, Wood County, Va., Nov. 23, 1819; in 1835 accompanied his parents to Missouri, and, in 1841, removed to Quincy, Ill., where he learned a trade, afterwards embarking in the commission business. In 1844-45 he was Lieutenant of a company sent against the Mormons at Nauvoo, later serving as Captain of Volunteers in the Mexican War. In 1860 he was an unsuccessful Republican candidate for Congress; at the outbreak of the Civil War tendered his services to Governor Yates, and was commissioned Colonel of the Tenth Illinois Volunteers, was almost immediately promoted to Brigadier-General and placed in command at Cairo, so continuing until relieved by General Grant, in September, 1861. At the battle of Shiloh, in April following, he was captured with most of his command, after a most vigorous fight with a superior rebel force, but, in 1862, was exchanged and brevetted Major-General of Volunteers. He was a member of the court-martial that tried Gen. Fitzjohn Porter, and, as commander at Helena, Ark., defeated the Confederate Generals Holmes and Price on July 3, 1863. He resigned his commission, Oct. 28, 1863. In 1869 he was appointed by President Grant Pension Agent at Quincy, serving four

years. At present (1898) General Prentiss' residence is at Bethany, Mo., where he served as Postmaster, during the administration of President Benjamin Harrison, and was reappointed by President McKinley. Died Feb. 8, 1901.

**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.** (See *Elections*.)

**PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL,** located at Chicago, was organized in 1883 by a number of wealthy and liberal Presbyterians, "for the purpose of affording medical and surgical aid to sick and disabled persons, and to provide them, while inmates of the hospital, with the ministrations of the gospel, agreeably to the doctrines and forms of the Presbyterian Church." Rush Medical College offered a portion of its ground as a site (see *Rush Medical College*), and through generous subscriptions, a well-planned building was erected, capable of accommodating about 250 patients. A corridor connects the college and hospital buildings. The medical staff comprises eighteen of Chicago's best known physicians and surgeons.

**PRESBYTERIANS, THE.** The first Presbyterian society in Illinois was organized by Rev. James McGready, of Kentucky, in 1816, at Sharon, White County. Revs. Samuel J. Mills and Daniel Smith, also Presbyterians, had visited the State in 1814, as representatives of the Massachusetts Missionary Society, but had formed no society. The members of the Sharon church were almost all immigrants from the South, and were largely of Scotch-Irish extraction. Two other churches were established in 1819—one at Shoal Creek, Bond County, and the other at Edwardsville. In 1825 there were but three Presbyterian ministers in Illinois—Revs. Stephen Bliss, John Brich and B. F. Spilman. Ten years later there were 80 churches, with a membership of 2,300 and 60 ministers. In 1880 the number of churches had increased to 487; but, in 1890, (as shown by the United States census) there were less. In the latter year there were 405 ministers and 52,945 members. The Synod of Illinois is the highest ecclesiastical court of the denomination in the State, and, under its jurisdiction, the church maintains two seminaries: one (the McCormick) at Chicago, and the other (the Blackburn University) at Carlinville. The organ of the denomination is "The Interior," founded by Cyrus H. McCormick, and published weekly at Chicago, with William C. Gray as editor. The Illinois Synod embraced within its jurisdiction (1895) eleven Presbyteries, to which were attached 483 churches, 464 ministers and a membership of 63,247. (See also *Religious Denominations*.)

**PRICKETT, Abraham,** pioneer merchant, was born near Lexington, Ky., came to Madison County, Ill., in 1808; was employed for a time in the drug business in St. Louis, then opened a store at Edwardsville, where, in 1813, he received from the first County Court of Madison County, a license to retail merchandise. In 1818, he served as one of the three Delegates from Madison County to the Convention which framed the first State Constitution, and, the same year, was elected a Representative in the First General Assembly; was also Postmaster of the town of Edwardsville for a number of years. In 1825 he removed to Adams County and laid out an addition to the city of Quincy; was also engaged there in trade with the Indians. In 1836, while engaged on a Government contract for the removal of snags and other obstructions to the navigation of Red River, he died at Natchitoches, La. —**George W. (Prickett)** a son of the preceding, and afterwards a citizen of Chicago, is said to have been the first white child born in Edwardsville. —**Isaac (Prickett)**, a brother of Abraham, came to St. Louis in 1815, and to Edwardsville in 1818, where he was engaged in mercantile business with his brother and, later, on his own account. He held the offices of Postmaster, Public Administrator, Quartermaster-General of State Militia, Inspector of the State Penitentiary, and, from 1838 to '42, was Receiver of Public Moneys at Edwardsville, dying in 1844.

**PRICKETT, David,** pioneer lawyer, was born in Franklin County, Ga., Sept. 21, 1800; in early childhood was taken by his parents to Kentucky and from there to Edwardsville, Ill. He graduated from Transylvania University, and, in 1821, began the practice of law; was the first Supreme Court Reporter of Illinois, Judge of the Madison County Probate Court, Representative in the General Assembly (1826-28), Aid-de-Camp to General Whiteside in the Black Hawk War, State's Attorney for Springfield Judicial Circuit (1837), Treasurer of the Board of Canal Commissioners (1840), Director of the State Bank of Illinois (1842), Clerk of the House of Representatives for ten sessions and Assistant Clerk of the same at the time of his death, March 1, 1847.

**PRINCE, David,** physician and surgeon, was born in Brooklyn, Windham County, Conn., June 21, 1816; removed with his parents to Canandaigua, N. Y., and was educated in the academy there; began the study of medicine in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, finishing at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, where he was associated, for a year and a



half, with the celebrated surgeon, Dr. Muzzy. In 1843 he came to Jacksonville, Ill., and, for two years, was Professor of Anatomy in the Medical Department of Illinois College; later, spent five years practicing in St. Louis, and lecturing on surgery in the St. Louis Medical College, when, returning to Jacksonville in 1852, he established himself in practice there, devoting special attention to surgery, in which he had already won a wide reputation. During the latter part of the Civil War he served, for fourteen months, as Brigade Surgeon in the Army of the Potomac, and, on the capture of a portion of his brigade, voluntarily surrendered himself that he might attend the captives of his command in Libby Prison. After the close of the war he was employed for some months, by the Sanitary Commission, in writing a medical history of the war. He visited Europe twice, first in 1881 as a delegate to the International Medical Congress in London, and again as a member of the Copenhagen Congress of 1884—at each visit making careful inspection of the hospitals in London, Paris, and Berlin. About 1867 he established a Sanitarium in Jacksonville for the treatment of surgical cases and chronic diseases, to which he gave the closing years of his life. Thoroughly devoted to his profession, liberal, public-spirited and sagacious in the adoption of new methods, he stood in the front rank of his profession, and his death was mourned by large numbers who had received the benefit of his ministrations without money and without price. He was member of a number of leading professional associations, besides local literary and social organizations. Died, at Jacksonville, Dec. 19, 1889.

**PRINCE, Edward**, lawyer, was born at West Bloomfield, Ontario County, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1832; attended school at Payson, Ill., and Illinois College, Jacksonville, graduating from the latter in 1852; studied law at Quincy, and after admission to the bar in 1853, began dealing in real estate. In 1861 he offered his services to Governor Yates, was made Captain and Drill-master of cavalry and, a few months later, commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of the Seventh Illinois Cavalry, taking part, as second in command, in the celebrated "Grierson raid" through Mississippi, in 1863, serving until discharged with the rank of Colonel of his regiment, in 1864. After the war he gave considerable attention to engineering and the construction of a system of water-works for the city of Quincy, where he now resides.

**PRINCE, George W.**, lawyer and Congressman, born in Tazewell County, Ill., March 4, 1854; was

educated in the public schools and at Knox College, graduating from the latter in 1878. He then studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1880; was elected City Attorney of Galesburg the following year; served as chairman of the Knox County Republican Central Committee in 1884, and, in 1888, was elected Representative in the General Assembly and re-elected two years later. In 1892 he was the Republican nominee for Attorney-General of the State of Illinois, but was defeated with the rest of the State ticket; at a special election, held in April, 1895, he was chosen Representative in Congress from the Tenth District to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. Philip Sidney Post, which had occurred in January preceding. In common with a majority of his colleagues, Mr. Prince was re-elected in 1896, receiving a plurality of nearly 16,000 votes, and was elected for a third term in November, 1898.

**PRINCETON**, a city and the county-seat of Bureau County, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 22 miles west-southwest of Mendota, and 104 miles west-southwest of Chicago; has a court house, gas-works, electric lights, graded and high schools, numerous churches, three newspapers and several banks. Coal is mined five miles east, and the manufactures include flour, carriages and farm implements. Pop. (1890), 3,396; (1900), 4,023. Princeton is populated with one of the most intelligent and progressive communities in the State. It was the home of Owen Lovejoy during the greater part of his life in Illinois.

**PRINCETON & WESTERN RAILWAY.** (See *Chicago & Northwestern Railway.*)

**PRINCEVILLE**, a village of Peoria County, on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and the Rock Island & Peoria Railways, 22 miles northwest of Peoria; is a trade center for a prosperous agricultural region. Population (1890), 641; (1900), 735.

**PROPHETSTOWN**, a town in Whiteside County, on Rock River and the Fulton Branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 45 miles northwest of Mendota; has some manufactures, three banks and two newspapers. Pop. (1890), 694; (1900), 1,143.

**PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.** (See *Minority Representation.*)

**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.** The pioneer Episcopal clergyman in this State was the Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, who was made Bishop of Illinois in 1835, and was the founder of Jubilee College. (See *Chase, Rev. Philander.*) The State at present is organized under the provincial

system, the province comprising the dioceses of Chicago, Quincy and Springfield. At its head (1898) is the Rt. Rev. William E. McLaren, Bishop of Chicago. Rev. George F. Seymour of Springfield is Bishop of the Springfield Diocese, with C. R. Hale, Coadjutor at Cairo, and Rev. Alexander Burgess, Bishop of the Quincy Diocese, with residence at Peoria. The numerical strength of the church in Illinois is not great, although between 1880 and 1890 its membership was almost doubled. In 1840 there were but eighteen parishes, with thirteen clergymen and a membership of 267. By 1880 the number of parishes had increased to 89, there being 127 ministers and 9,842 communicants. The United States Census of 1890 showed the following figures: Parishes, 197; clergymen, 150, membership, 18,609. Total contributions (1890) for general church and mission work, \$373,798. The chief educational institution of the denomination in the West is the Western Theological Seminary at Chicago. (See also *Religious Denominations*.)

**PRYOR, Joseph Everett**, pioneer and early steamboat captain, was born in Virginia, August 10, 1787—the son of a non-commissioned officer of the Revolution, who emigrated to Kentucky about 1790 and settled near Louisville, which was then a fort with some twenty log cabins. In 1813 the son located where Golconda, Pope County, now stands, and early in life adopted the calling of a boatman, which he pursued some forty years. At this time he held a commission as a "Falls Pilot," and piloted the first steamer that ascended the Ohio River from New Orleans. During his long service no accident happened to any steamer for which he was responsible, although the Mississippi then bristled with snags. He owned and commanded the steamer *Telegraph*, which was sunk, in 1835, by collision with the Duke of Orleans on the Mississippi, but, owing to his presence of mind and the good discipline of his crew, no lives were lost. The salient features of his character were a boundless benevolence manifested to others, and his dauntless courage, displayed not only in the face of dangers met in his career as a boatman, but in his encounters with robbers who then infested portions of Southern Illinois. He had a reputation as a skillful pilot and popular commander not excelled by any of his contemporaries. He died, at his home in Pope County, Oct. 5, 1851, leaving one daughter, now Mrs. Cornelia P. Bozman, of Cairo, Ill.

**PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, SUPERINTENDENTS OF.** (See *Superintendents of Public Instruction*.)

**PUGH, Isaac C.**, soldier, was born in Christian County, Ky., Nov. 23, 1805; came to Illinois, in 1821, with his father, who first settled in Shelby County, but, in 1829, removed to Macon County, where the subject of this sketch resided until his death, at Decatur, Nov. 14, 1874. General Pugh served in three wars—first in the Black Hawk War of 1832; then, with the rank of Captain and Field Officer in the Fourth Regiment Illinois Volunteers (Col. E. D. Baker's) in the war with Mexico, and, during the Civil War, entering upon the latter as Colonel of the Forty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in September, 1861, and being mustered out with the rank of full Brigadier-General in August, 1864, when his regiment was consolidated with the Fifty-third. He took part with his regiment in the battles of Fort Donelson and Shiloh, and in the operations around Vicksburg, being wounded at the latter. In the year of his retirement from the army (1864) he was elected a Representative in the Twenty-fourth General Assembly, and, the following year, was chosen County-Clerk of Macon County, serving four years.

**PUGH, Jonathan H.**, pioneer lawyer, was born in Bath County, Ky., came to Bond County, Ill., finally locating at Springfield in 1823, and being the second lawyer to establish himself in practice in that city. He served in the Third, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh General Assemblies, and was defeated for Congress by Joseph Duncan (afterwards Governor), in 1831. Died, in 1853. Mr. Pugh is described by his contemporaries as a man of brilliant parts, an able lawyer and a great wit.

**PULASKI COUNTY**, an extreme southern county and one of the smallest in the State, bordering on the Ohio River and having an area of 190 square miles and a population (1900), of 14,554. It was cut off from Alexander County in 1843, and named in honor of a Polish patriot who had aided the Americans during the Revolution. The soil is generally rich, and the surface varied with much low land along the Cache and the Ohio Rivers. Wheat, corn and fruit are the principal crops, while considerable timber is cut upon the bottom lands. Mound City is the county-seat and was conceded a population, by the census of 1890, of 2,550. Only the lowest, barren portion of the carboniferous formation extends under the soil, the coal measures being absent. Traces of iron have been found and sulphur and copperas springs abound.

**PULLMAN**, a former suburb (now a part of the South Division) of the city of Chicago, 13.8 miles south of the initial station of the Illinois

Central Railroad. The Pullman Palace Car Company began the erection of buildings here in 1880, and, on the 1st of January, 1881, the first family settled in the future manufacturing city. Within the next few years, it became the center of the largest manufacturing establishments in the country, including the Pullman Car Works, the Allen Paper Car Wheel Works and extensive steel forging works, employing thousands of mechanics. Large numbers of sleeping and dining cars, besides ordinary passenger coaches and freight cars, were manufactured here every year, not only for use on the railroads of the United States, but for foreign countries as well. The town was named for the late George M. Pullman, the founder of the car-works, and was regarded as a model city, made up of comfortable homes erected by the Palace Car Company for the use of its employés. It was well supplied with school-houses, and churches, and a public library was established there and opened to the public in 1883. The town was annexed to the city of Chicago in 1890.

**PULLMAN, George Mortimer**, founder of the Pullman Palace Car Company, was born at Brocton, N. Y., March 3, 1831, enjoyed ordinary educational advantages in his boyhood and, at fourteen years of age, obtained employment as a clerk, but a year later joined his brother in the cabinet-making business at Albion. His father, who was a house-builder and house-mover, having died in 1853, young Pullman assumed the responsibility of caring for the family and, having secured a contract for raising a number of buildings along the Erie Canal, made necessary by the enlargement of that thoroughfare, in this way acquired some capital and experience which was most valuable to him in after years. Coming to Chicago in 1859, when the work of raising the grade of the streets in the business portion of the city had been in progress for a year or two, he found a new field for the exercise of his inventive skill, achieving some marvelous transformations in a number of the principal business blocks in that part of the city. As early as 1858, Mr. Pullman had had his attention turned to devising some means for increasing the comforts of night-travel upon railways, and, in 1859, he remodeled two old day-coaches into a species of sleeping-cars, which were used upon the Alton Road. From 1860 to 1863 he spent in Colorado devoting his engineering skill to mining; but returning to Chicago the latter year, entered upon his great work of developing the idea of the sleeping-car into practical reality. The first

car was completed and received the name of the "Pioneer." This car constituted a part of the funeral train which took the remains of Abraham Lincoln to Springfield, Ill., after his assassination in April, 1865. The development of the "Pullman palace sleeping-car," the invention of the dining-car, and of vestibule trains, and the building up of the great industrial town which bears his name, and is now a part of the city of Chicago, constituted a work of gradual development which resulted in some of the most remarkable achievements in the history of the nineteenth century, both in a business sense and in promoting the comfort and safety of the traveling public, as well as in bettering the conditions of workingmen. He lived to see the results of his inventive genius and manufacturing skill in use upon the principal railroads of the United States and introduced upon a number of important lines in Europe also. Mr. Pullman was identified with a number of other enterprises more or less closely related to the transportation business, but the Pullman Palace Car Company was the one with which he was most closely connected, and by which he will be longest remembered. He was also associated with some of the leading educational and benevolent enterprises about the city of Chicago, to which he contributed in a liberal manner during his life and in his will. His death occurred suddenly, from heart disease, at his home in Chicago, Oct. 19, 1897.

**PURPLE, Norman H.**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Litchfield County, Conn., read law and was admitted to the bar in Tioga County, Pa., settled at Peoria, Ill., in 1836, and the following year was appointed Prosecuting Attorney for the Ninth Judicial District, which then embraced the greater portion of the State east of Peoria. In 1844 he was a Presidential Elector, and, in 1845, Governor Ford appointed him a Justice of the Supreme Court, vice Jesse B. Thomas, Jr., who had resigned. As required by law, he at the same time served as Circuit Judge, his district embracing all the counties west of Peoria, and his home being at Quincy. After the adoption of the Constitution of 1848 he returned to Peoria and resumed practice. He compiled the Illinois Statutes relating to real property, and, in 1857, made a compilation of the general laws, generally known to the legal profession as the "Purple Statutes." He subsequently undertook to compile and arrange the laws passed from 1857 to '63, and was engaged on this work when overtaken by death, at Chicago, Aug. 9, 1863. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1862,

and, during the last ten years of his life, prominent at the Chicago bar.

**PUTERBAUGH, Sabin D.**, judge and author, was born in Miami County, Ohio, Sept. 28, 1834; at 8 years of age removed with his parents to Tazewell County, Ill.; settled in Pekin in 1853, where he read law, and was admitted to the bar in 1856. At the outbreak of the rebellion he was commissioned, by Governor Yates, Major of the Eleventh Illinois Cavalry, and took part in numerous engagements in Western Tennessee and Mississippi, including the battles of Shiloh and Corinth. Resigning his commission in 1863, he took up his residence at Peoria, where he resumed practice and began the preparation of his first legal work—"Common Law Pleading and Practice." In 1864 he formed a partnership with Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, which continued until 1867, when Mr. Puterbaugh was elected Circuit Court Judge. He retired from the bench in 1873 to resume private practice and pursue his work as an author. His first work, having already run through three editions, was followed by "Puterbaugh's Chancery Pleading and Practice," the first edition of which appeared in 1874, and "Michigan Chancery Practice," which appeared in 1881. In 1880 he was chosen Presidential Elector on the Republican ticket. Died, Sept. 25, 1892. **Leslie D.** (Puterbaugh), a son of Judge Puterbaugh, is Judge of the Circuit Court of the Peoria Circuit.

**PUTNAM COUNTY**, the smallest county in the State, both as to area and population, containing only 170 square miles; population (1900), 4,746. It lies near the center of the north half of the State, and was named in honor of Gen. Israel Putnam. The first American to erect a cabin within its limits was Gurdon S. Hubbard, who was in business there, as a fur-trader, as early as 1825, but afterwards became a prominent citizen of Chicago. The county was created by act of the Legislature in 1825, although a local government was not organized until some years later. Since that date, Bureau, Marshall and Stark Counties have been erected therefrom. It is crossed and drained by the Illinois River. The surface is moderately undulating and the soil fertile. Corn is the chief staple, although wheat and oats are extensively cultivated. Coal is mined and exported. Hennepin is the county-seat.

**QUINCY**, the principal city of Western Illinois, and the county-seat of Adams County. It was founded in 1823—the late Gov. John Wood erecting the first log-cabin there—and was incorporated

in 1839. The site is naturally one of the most beautiful in the State, the principal part of the city being built on a limestone bluff having an elevation of 125 to 150 feet, and overlooking the Mississippi for a long distance. Its location is 112 miles west of Springfield and 264 miles southwest of Chicago. Besides being a principal shipping point for the river trade north of St. Louis, it is the converging point of several important railway lines, including the Wabash, four branches of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and the Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City, giving east and west, as well as north and south, connections. At the present time (1904) several important lines, or extensions of railroads already constructed, are in contemplation, which, when completed, will add largely to the commercial importance of the city. The city is regularly laid out, the streets intersecting each other at right angles, and being lighted with gas and electricity. Water is obtained from the Mississippi. There are several electric railway lines, four public parks, a fine railway bridge across the Mississippi, to which a wagon bridge has been added within the past two years; two fine railway depots, and several elegant public buildings, including a handsome county court-house, a Government building for the use of the Post-office and the United States District Court. The Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home is located here, embracing a large group of cottages occupied by veterans of the Civil War, besides hospital and administration buildings for the use of the officers. The city has more than thirty churches, three libraries (one free-public and two college), with excellent schools and other educational advantages. Among the higher institutions of learning are the Chaddock College (Methodist Episcopal) and the St. Francis Solanus College (Roman Catholic). There are two or three national banks, a State bank with a capital of \$300,000, beside two private banks, four or five daily papers, with several weekly and one or two monthly publications. Its advantages as a shipping point by river and railroad have made it one of the most important manufacturing centers west of Chicago. The census of 1890 showed a total of 374 manufacturing establishments, having an aggregate capital of \$6,187,845, employing 5,058 persons, and turning out an annual product valued at \$10,160,492. The cost of material used was \$5,597,990, and the wages paid \$2,383,571. The number of different industries reported aggregated seventy-six, the more important being foundries, carriage and wagon factories, agricultural implement works, cigar and



tobacco factories, flour-mills, breweries, brick-yards, lime works, saddle and harness shops, paper mills, furniture factories, organ works, and artificial-ice factories. Population (1880), 27,268; (1890), 31,494; (1900), 36,252.

**QUINCY, ALTON & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad*.)

**QUINCY & CHICAGO RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad*.)

**QUINCY & TOLEDO RAILROAD.** (See *Wabash Railroad*.)

**QUINCY & WARSAW RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad*.)

**RAAB, Henry**, ex-State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was born in Wetzlar, Rhenish Prussia, June 20, 1837; learned the trade of a carrier with his father and came to the United States in 1853, finally locating at Belleville, Ill., where, in 1857, he became a teacher in the public schools; in 1873 was made Superintendent of schools for that city, and, in 1882, was elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction on the Democratic ticket, declined a renomination in 1886; was nominated a second time in 1890, and re-elected, but defeated by S. M. Inglis in 1894. In the administration of his office, Professor Raab showed a commendable freedom from partisanship. After retiring from the office of State Superintendent, he resumed a position in connection with the public schools of Belleville.

**RADISSON, Pierre Esprit**, an early French traveler and trader, who is said to have reached the Upper Mississippi on his third voyage to the West in 1658-59. The period of his explorations extended from 1652 to 1684, of which he prepared a narrative which was published by the Prince Society of Boston in 1885, under the title of "Radisson's Voyages." He and his brother-in-law, Medard Chouart, first conceived the idea of planting a settlement at Hudson's Bay. (See *Chouart, Medard*.)

**RAILROAD AND WAREHOUSE COMMISSION**, a Board of three Commissioners, appointed by the executive (by and with the advice and consent of the Senate), under authority of an act approved, April 13, 1871, for the enforcement of the provisions of the Constitution and laws in relation to railroads and warehouses. The Commission's powers are partly judicial, partly executive. The following is a summary of its powers and duties: To establish a schedule of maximum rates, equitable to shipper and carrier alike; to require yearly reports from railroads and warehouses; to hear and pass upon complaints of extortion and

unjust discrimination, and (if necessary) enforce prosecutions therefor; to secure the safe condition of railway road-beds, bridges and trestles; to hear and decide all manner of complaints relative to intersections and to protect grade-crossings; to insure the adoption of a safe interlocking system, to be approved by the Commission; to enforce proper rules for the inspection and registration of grain throughout the State. The principal offices of the Commission are at the State capital, where monthly sessions are held. For the purpose of properly conducting the grain inspection department, monthly meetings are also held at Chicago, where the offices of a Grain Inspector, appointed by the Board, are located. Here all business relating to this department is discussed and necessary special meetings are held. The inspection department has no revenue outside of fees, but the latter are ample for its maintenance. Fees for inspection on arrival ("inspection in") are twenty-five cents per car-load, ten cents per wagon-load, and forty cents per 1,000 bushels from canal-boat or vessels. For inspection from store ("inspected out") the fees are fifty cents per 1,000 bushels to vessels; thirty-five cents per car-load, and ten cents per wagon-load to teams. While there are never wanting some cases of friction between the transportation companies and warehousemen on the one hand, and the Commission on the other, there can be no question that the formation of the latter has been of great value to the receivers, shippers, forwarders and tax-payers of the State generally. Similar regulations in regard to the inspection of grain in warehouses, at East St. Louis and Peoria, are also in force. The first Board, created under the act of 1871, consisted of Gustavus Koerner, Richard P. Morgan and David S. Hammond, holding office until 1873. Other Boards have been as follows: 1873-77—Henry D. Cook (deceased 1873, and succeeded by James Steele), David A. Brown and John M. Pearson; 1877-83—William M. Smith, George M. Bogue and John H. Oberly (retired 1881 and succeeded by William H. Robinson); 1883-85—Wm. N. Brainard, E. C. Lewis and Charles T. Stratton; 1885-89—John I. Rinaker, Benjamin F. Marsh and Wm. T. Johnson (retired in 1887 and succeeded by Jason Rogers); 1889-93—John R. Wheeler, Isaac N. Phillips and W. S. Crim (succeeded, 1891, by John R. Tanner); 1893-97—W. S. Cantrell, Thomas F. Gahan and Charles F. Lape (succeeded, 1895, by George W. Fithian); 1897-99—Cicero J. Lindley, Charles S. Rannells and James E. Bidwell. (See also *Grain Inspection*.)



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF ILLINOIS SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME, QUINCY.



SOLDIERS' WIDOWS' HOME, WILMINGTON.



**RAILROADS (IN GENERAL).** The existing railroad system of Illinois had its inception in the mania for internal improvement which swept over the country in 1836-37, the basis of the plan adopted in Illinois (as in the Eastern States) being that the State should construct, maintain, own and operate an elaborate system. Lines were to be constructed from Cairo to Galena, from Alton to Mount Carmel, from Peoria to Warsaw, from Alton to the Central Railroad, from Belleville to Mount Carmel, from Bloomington to Mackinaw Town, and from Meredosia to Springfield. The experiment proved extremely unfortunate to the financial interests of the State, and laid the foundation of an immense debt under which it staggered for many years. The Northern Cross Railroad, extending from Meredosia to Springfield, was the only one so far completed as to be in operation. It was sold, in 1847, to Nicholas H. Ridgely, of Springfield for \$21,100, he being the highest bidder. This line formed a nucleus of the existing Wabash system. The first road to be operated by private parties (outside of a primitive tramway in St. Clair County, designed for the transportation of coal to St. Louis) was the Galena & Chicago Union, chartered in 1836. This was the second line completed in the State, and the first to run from Chicago. The subsequent development of the railway system of Illinois was at first gradual, then steady and finally rapid. A succinct description of the various lines now in operation in the State may be found under appropriate headings. At present Illinois leads all the States of the Union in the extent of railways in operation, the total mileage (1897) of main track being 10,785.43—or 19 miles for each 100 square miles of territory and 25 miles for each 10,000 inhabitants—estimating the population (1898) at four and a quarter millions. Every one of the 102 counties of the State is traversed by at least one railroad except three—Calhoun, Hardin and Pope. The entire capitalization of the 111 companies doing business in the State in 1896, (including capital stock, funded debt and current liabilities), was \$2,669,164.142—equal to \$67,556 per mile. In 1894, fifteen owned and ten leased lines paid dividends of from four to eight per cent on common, and from four to ten per cent on preferred, stock—the total amount thus paid aggregating \$25,321,752. The total earnings and income, in Illinois, of all lines operated in the State, aggregated \$77,508,537, while the total expenditure within the State was \$71,463,367. Of the 58,263,860 tons of freight carried, 11,611,798 were of agricultural products and 17,179,366

mineral products. The number of passengers (earning revenue) carried during the year, was 83,281,655. The total number of railroad employes (of all classes) was 61,200. The entire amount of taxes paid by railroad companies for the year was \$3,846,379. From 1836, when the first special charter was granted for the construction of a railroad in Illinois, until 1869—after which all corporations of this character came under the general incorporation laws of the State in accordance with the Constitution of 1870—293 special charters for the construction of railroads were granted by the Legislature, besides numerous amendments of charters already in existence. (For the history of important individual lines see each road under its corporate name.)

**RAINSTON, Virgil Young**, editor and soldier, was born, July 16, 1828, at Vanceburg, Ky.; was a student in Illinois College one year (1846-47), after which he studied law in Quincy and practiced for a time; also resided some time in California; 1855-57 was one of the editors of "The Quincy Whig," and represented that paper in the Editorial Convention at Decatur, Feb. 22, 1856. (See *Anti-Nebraska Editorial Convention*.) In 1861, he was commissioned a Captain in the Sixteenth Illinois Volunteers, but soon resigned on account of ill-health; later, enlisted in an Iowa regiment, but died in hospital at St. Louis, from wounds and exposure, April 19, 1864.

**RAMSAY, Rufus N.**, State Treasurer, was born on a farm in Clinton County, Ill., May 20, 1838; received a collegiate education at Illinois and McKendree Colleges, and at Indiana State University; studied law with ex-Gov. A. C. French, and was admitted to the bar in 1865, but soon abandoned the law for banking, in which he was engaged both at Lebanon and Carlyle, limiting his business to the latter place about 1890. He served one term (from 1865) as County Clerk, and two terms (1889 and '91) as Representative in the General Assembly, and, in 1892, was nominated as a Democrat and elected State Treasurer. Died in office, at Carlyle, Nov. 11, 1894.

**RAMSEY**, a village of Fayette County, at the intersection of the Illinois Central and the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railroads, 12 miles north of Vandalia; the district is agricultural; has one newspaper. Pop. (1890), 598; (1900), 747.

**RANDOLPH COUNTY**, lies in the southwest section of the State, and borders on the Mississippi River; area 560 square miles; named for Beverly Randolph. It was set off from St. Clair County in 1795, being the second county organ-



ized in the territory which now constitutes the State of Illinois. From the earliest period of Illinois history, Randolph County has been a pivotal point. In the autumn of 1700 a French and Indian settlement was established at Kaskaskia, which subsequently became the center of French influence in the Mississippi Valley. In 1722 Prairie du Rocher was founded by the French. It was in Randolph County that Fort Chartres was built, in 1720, and it was here that Col. George Rogers Clark's expedition for the seizure of the "Illinois Country" met with success in the capture of Kaskaskia. American immigration began with the close of the Revolutionary War. Among the early settlers were the Cranes (Ichabod and George), Gen. John Edgar, the Dodge family, the Morrisons, and John Rice Jones. Toward the close of the century came Shadrach Bond (afterwards the first Governor of the State) with his uncle of the same name, and the Menards (Pierre and Hippolyte), the first of whom subsequently became Lieutenant-Governor. (See *Bond, Shadrach; Menard, Pierre*.) In outline, Randolph County is triangular, while its surface is diversified. Timber and building stone are abundant, and coal underlies a considerable area. Chester, the county-seat, a city of 3,000 inhabitants, is a place of considerable trade and the seat of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary. The county is crossed by several railroad lines, and transportation facilities are excellent. Population (1890), 25,049; (1900), 28,001.

**RANSOM, (Gen.) Thomas Edward Greenfield**, soldier, was born at Norwich, Vt., Nov. 29, 1834; educated at Norwich University, an institution under charge of his father, who was later an officer of the Mexican War and killed at Chapultepec. Having learned civil engineering, he entered on his profession at Peru, Ill., in 1851; in 1855 became a member of the real-estate firm of A. J. Galloway & Co., Chicago, soon after removing to Fayette County, where he acted as agent of the Illinois Central Railroad. Under the first call for volunteers, in April, 1861, he organized a company, which having been incorporated in the Eleventh Illinois, he was elected Major, and, on the reorganization of the regiment for the three-years' service, was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel, in this capacity having command of his regiment at Fort Donelson, where he was severely wounded and won deserved promotion to a colonelcy, as successor to Gen. W. H. L. Wallace, afterwards killed at Shiloh. Here Colonel Ransom again distinguished himself by his bravery, and though again wounded while

leading his regiment, remained in command through the day. His service was recognized by promotion as Brigadier-General. He bore a prominent part in the siege of Vicksburg and in the Red River campaign, and, later, commanded the Seventh Army Corps in the operations about Atlanta, but finally fell a victim to disease and his numerous wounds, dying in Chicago, Oct. 29, 1864, having previously received the brevet rank of Major-General. General Ransom was confessedly one of the most brilliant officers contributed by Illinois to the War for the Union, and was pronounced, by both Grant and Sherman, one of the ablest volunteer generals in their commands.

**RANTOUL**, a city in Champaign County, at the junction of the main line of the Illinois Central Railroad, with its West Lebanon and Leroy branch, 14 miles north-northeast of Champaign and 114 miles south by west of Chicago. It has a national bank, seven churches, opera house, graded school, two weekly papers, machine shops, flouring and flax mills, tile factories, and many handsome residences. Pop. (1900), 1,207.

**RASLE, Sebastian**, a Jesuit missionary, born in France, in 1658; at his own request was attached to the French missions in Canada in 1689, and, about 1691 or '92, was sent to the Illinois Country, where he labored for two years, traveling much and making a careful study of the Indian dialects. He left many manuscripts descriptive of his journeyings and of the mode of life and character of the aborigines. From Illinois he was transferred to Norridgewock, Maine, where he prepared a dictionary of the Abenaki language in three volumes, which is now preserved in the library of Harvard College. His influence over his Indian parishioners was great, and his use of it, during the French and Indian War, so incensed the English colonists in Massachusetts that the Governor set a price upon his head. On August 12, 1724, he was slain, with seven Indian chiefs who were seeking to aid his escape, during a night attack upon Norridgewock by a force of English soldiers from Fort Richmond, his mutilated body being interred the next day by the Indians. In 1833, the citizens of Norridgewock erected a monument to his memory on the spot where he fell.

**RANSTER, Herman**, journalist, was born in Germany in 1828; entered journalism and came to America in 1851, being employed on German papers in Buffalo and New York City; in 1867 accepted the position of editor-in-chief of "The Chicago Staats Zeitung," which he continued to

fill until June, 1890, when he went to Europe for the benefit of his health, dying at Dresden, July 24, 1891. While employed on papers in this country during the Civil War, he acted as the American correspondent of papers at Berlin, Bremen, Vienna, and other cities of Central Europe. He served as delegate to both State and National Conventions of the Republican party, and, in 1869, received from President Grant the appointment of Collector of Internal Revenue for the Chicago District, but, during the later years of his life, cooperated with the Democratic party.

**RAUCH, John Henry**, physician and sanitary expert, born in Lebanon, Pa., Sept. 4, 1828, and graduated in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, in 1849. The following year he removed to Iowa, settling at Burlington. He was an active member of the Iowa State Medical Society, and, in 1851, prepared and published a "Report on the Medical and Economic Botany of Iowa," and, later, made a collection of ichthyologic remains of the Upper Mississippi and Missouri for Professor Agassiz. From 1857 to 1860 he filled the chair of *Materia Medica* and Medical Botany at Rush Medical College, Chicago, occupying the same position in 1859 in the Chicago College of Pharmacy, of which he was one of the organizers. During the Civil War he served, until 1864, as Assistant Medical Director, first in the Army of the Potomac, and later in Louisiana, being brevetted Lieutenant-Colonel at the close of the struggle. Returning to Chicago, he aided in reorganizing the city's health service, and, in 1867, was appointed a member of the new Board of Health and Sanitary Inspector, serving until 1876. The latter year he was chosen President of the American Public Health Association, and, in 1877, a member of the newly created State Board of Health of Illinois, and elected its first President. Later, he became Secretary, and continued in that office during his connection with the Board. In 1878-79 he devoted much attention to the yellow-fever epidemic, and was instrumental in the formation of the Sanitary Council of the Mississippi, and in securing the adoption of a system of river inspection by the National Board of Health. He was a member of many scientific bodies, and the author of numerous monographs and printed addresses, chiefly in the domain of sanitary science and preventive medicine. Among them may be noticed "Intramural Interments and Their Influence on Health and Epidemics," "Sanitary Problems of Chicago," "Prevention of Asiatic Cholera in North

America," and a series of reports as Secretary of the State Board of Health. Died, at Lebanon, Pa., March 24, 1894.

**RAUM, (Gen.) Green Berry**, soldier and author, was born at Golconda, Pope County, Ill., Dec. 3, 1829, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1853, but, three years later, removed with his family to Kansas. His Free-State proclivities rendering him obnoxious to the pro-slavery party there, he returned to Illinois in 1857, settling at Harrisburg, Saline County. Early in the Civil War he was commissioned a Major in the Fifty-sixth Illinois Volunteers, was subsequently promoted to a Lieutenant-Colonelcy, and, later, advanced to a Brigadier-Generalship, resigning his commission at the close of the war (May 6, 1865). He was with Rosecrans in the Mississippi campaign of 1862, took a conspicuous part in the battle of Corinth, participated in the siege of Vicksburg and was wounded at Missionary Ridge. He also rendered valuable service during the Atlanta campaign, keeping lines of communication open, re-enforcing Resaca and repulsing an attack by General Hood. He was with Sherman in the "March to the Sea," and with Hancock, in the Shenandoah Valley, when the war closed. In 1866 General Raum became President of the projected Cairo & Vincennes Railroad, an enterprise of which he had been an active promoter. He was elected to Congress in 1866 from the Southern Illinois District (then the Thirteenth), serving one term, and the same year presided over the Republican State Convention, as he did again in 1876 and in 1880—was also a delegate to the National Conventions at Cincinnati and Chicago the last two years just mentioned. From August 2, 1876, to May 31, 1883, General Raum served as Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, in that time having superintended the collection of \$800,000,000 of revenue, and the disbursement of \$30,000,000. After retiring from the Commissioner'ship, he resumed the practice of law in Washington. In 1889 he was appointed Commissioner of Pensions, remaining to the close of President Harrison's administration, when he removed to Chicago and again engaged in practice. During the various political campaigns of the past thirty years, his services have been in frequent request as a campaign speaker, and he has canvassed a number of States in the interest of the Republican party. Besides his official reports, he is author of "The Existing Conflict Between Republican Government and Southern Oligarchy" (Washington, 1884), and a number of magazine articles.

**RAUM, John**, pioneer and early legislator, was born in Hummelstown, Pa., July 14, 1793, and died at Golconda, Ill., March 14, 1869. Having received a liberal education in his native State, the subject of this sketch settled at Shawneetown, Ill., in 1823, but removed to Golconda, Pope County, in 1826. He had previously served three years in the War of 1812, as First Lieutenant of the Sixteenth Infantry, and, while a resident of Illinois, served in the Black Hawk War of 1832 as Brigade Major. He was also elected Senator from the District composed of Pope and Johnson Counties in the Eighth General Assembly (1833), as successor to Samuel Alexander, who had resigned. The following year he was appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pope County, and was also elected Clerk of the County Court the same year, holding both offices for many years, and retaining the County Clerkship up to his death, a period of thirty-five years. He was married March 22, 1827, to Juliet C. Field, and was father of Brig.-Gen. Green B. Raum, and Maj. John M. Raum, both of whom served in the volunteer army from Illinois during the Civil War.

**RAWLINS, John Aaron**, soldier, Secretary of War, was born at East Galena, Feb. 13, 1831, the son of a small farmer, who was also a charcoal-burner. The son, after irregular attendance on the district schools and a year passed at Mount Morris Academy, began the study of law. He was admitted to the bar at Galena in 1854, and at once began practice. In 1857 he was elected City Attorney of Galena, and nominated on the Douglas electoral ticket in 1860. At the outbreak of the Civil War he favored, and publicly advocated, coercive measures, and it is said that it was partly through his influence that General Grant early tendered his services to the Government. He served on the staff of the latter from the time General Grant was given command of a brigade until the close of the war, most of the time being its chief, and rising in rank, step by step, until, in 1863, he became a Brigadier-General, and, in 1865, a Major-General. His long service on the staff of General Grant indicates the estimation in which he was held by his chief. Promptly on the assumption of the Presidency by General Grant, in March, 1869, he was appointed Secretary of War, but consumption had already obtained a hold upon his constitution, and he survived only six months, dying in office, Sept. 6, 1869.

**RAY, Charles H.**, journalist, was born at Norwich, Chenango County, N. Y., March 12, 1821;

came west in 1843, studied medicine and began practice at Muscatine, Iowa, afterwards locating in Tazewell County, Ill., also being associated, for a time, with the publication of a temperance paper at Springfield. In 1847 he removed to Galena, soon after becoming editor of "The Galena Jeffersonian," a Democratic paper, with which he remained until 1854. He took strong ground against the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, and, at the session of the Legislature of 1855, served as Secretary of the Senate, also acting as correspondent of "The New York Tribune"; a few months later became associated with Joseph Medill and John C. Vaughan in the purchase and management of "The Chicago Tribune," Dr. Ray assuming the position of editor-in-chief. Dr. Ray was one of the most trenchant and powerful writers ever connected with the Illinois press, and his articles exerted a wide influence during the period of the organization of the Republican party, in which he was an influential factor. He was a member of the Convention of Anti-Nebraska editors held at Decatur, Feb. 22, 1856, and served as Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions. (See *Anti-Nebraska Editorial Convention*.) At the State Republican Convention held at Bloomington, in May following, he was appointed a member of the State Central Committee for that year; was also Canal Trustee by appointment of Governor Bissell, serving from 1857 to 1861. In November, 1863, he severed his connection with "The Tribune" and engaged in oil speculations in Canada which proved financially disastrous. In 1865 he returned to the paper as an editorial writer, remaining only for a short time. In 1868 he assumed the management of "The Chicago Evening Post," with which he remained identified until his death, Sept. 23, 1870.

**RAY, Lyman Beecher**, ex-Lieutenant-Governor, was born in Crittenden County, Vt., August 17, 1831; removed to Illinois in 1852, and has since been engaged in mercantile business in this State. After filling several local offices he was elected to represent Grundy County in the lower house of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly (1872), and, ten years later, was chosen State Senator, serving from 1883 to 1887, and being one of the recognized party leaders on the floor. In 1888, he was elected Lieutenant-Governor on the Republican ticket, his term expiring in 1893. His home is at Morris, Grundy County.

**RAY, William H.**, Congressman, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1812; grew to manhood in his native State, receiving a limited

education; in 1834 removed to Rushville, Ill., engaging in business as a merchant and, later, as a banker; was a member of the first State Board of Equalization (1867-69), and, in 1872, was elected to Congress as a Republican, representing his District from 1873 to 1875. Died, Jan. 25, 1881.

**RAYMOND**, a village of Montgomery County, on the St. Louis Division of the Wabash Railway, 50 miles southwest of Decatur; has electric lights, some manufactures and a weekly paper. Considerable coal is mined here and grain and fruit grown in the surrounding country. Population (1880), 543; (1890), 841; (1900), 906.

**RAYMOND, (Rev.) Miner, D.D.**, clergyman and educator, was born in New York City, August 29, 1811, being descended from a family of Huguenots (known by the name of "Raimonde"), who were expelled from France on account of their religion. In his youth he learned the trade of a shoemaker with his father, at Rensselaerville, N. Y. He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of 17, later taking a course in the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Mass., where he afterwards became a teacher. In 1838 he joined the New England Conference and, three years later, began pastoral work at Worcester, subsequently occupying pulpits in Boston and Westfield. In 1848, on the resignation of Dr. Robert Allyn (afterwards President of McKendree College and of the Southern Illinois Normal University at Carbondale), Dr. Raymond succeeded to the principalship of the Academy at Wilbraham, remaining there until 1864, when he was elected to the chair of systematic theology in the Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Ill., his connection with the latter institution continuing until 1895, when he resigned. For some three years of this period he served as pastor of the First Methodist Church at Evanston. His death occurred, Nov. 25, 1897.

**REAVIS, Logan Uriah**, journalist, was born in the Sangamon Bottom, Mason County, Ill., March 26, 1831; in 1855 entered the office of "The Beardstown Gazette," later purchased an interest in the paper and continued its publication under the name of "The Central Illinoian," until 1857, when he sold out and went to Nebraska. Returning, in 1860, he repurchased his old paper and conducted it until 1866, when he sold out for the last time. The remainder of his life was devoted chiefly to advocating the removal of the National Capital to St. Louis, which he did by lectures and the publication of pamphlets and books on the subject; also published a "Life of Horace

Greeley," another of General Harney, and two or three other volumes. Died in St. Louis, April 25, 1889.

**RECTOR**, the name of a prominent and influential family who lived at Kaskaskia in Territorial days. According to Governor Reynolds, who has left the most detailed account of them in his "Pioneer History of Illinois," they consisted of nine brothers and four daughters, all of whom were born in Fauquier County, Va., some of them emigrating to Ohio, while others came to Illinois, arriving at Kaskaskia in 1806. Reynolds describes them as passionate and impulsive, but possessed of a high standard of integrity and a chivalrous and patriotic spirit.—**William**, the oldest brother, and regarded as the head of the family, became a Deputy Surveyor soon after coming to Illinois, and took part in the Indian campaigns between 1812 and 1814. In 1816 he was appointed Surveyor-General of Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas, and afterwards removed to St. Louis.—**Stephen**, another of the brothers, was a Lieutenant in Captain Moore's Company of Rangers in the War of 1812, while **Charles** commanded one of the two regiments organized by Governor Edwards, in 1812, for the expedition against the Indians at the head of Peoria Lake.

—**Nelson**, still another brother, served in the same expedition on the staff of Governor Edwards. Stephen, already mentioned, was a member of the expedition sent to strengthen Prairie du Chien in 1814, and showed great courage in a fight with the Indians at Rock Island. During the same year Nelson Rector and Captain Samuel Whiteside joined Col. Zachary Taylor (afterwards President) in an expedition on the Upper Mississippi, in which they came in conflict with the British and Indians at Rock Island, in which Captain Rector again displayed the courage so characteristic of his family. On the 1st of March, 1814, while in charge of a surveying party on Saline Creek, in Gallatin County, according to Reynolds, Nelson was ambushed by the Indians and, though severely wounded, was carried away by his horse, and recovered.—**Elias**, another member of the family, was Governor Edwards' first Adjutant-General, serving a few months in 1809, when he gave place to Robert Morrison, but was reappointed in 1810, serving for more than three years.—**Thomas**, one of the younger members, had a duel with Joshua Barton on "Bloody Island," sometime between 1812 and 1814, in which he killed his antagonist. (See *Duels*.) A portion of this historic family drifted into Arkansas, where they became prominent, one of their



descendants serving as Governor of that State during the Civil War period.

**RED BUD**, a city in Randolph County, on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, some 37 miles south-southeast of St. Louis, and 21 miles south of Belleville; has a carriage factory and two flouring mills, electric lights, a hospital, two banks, five churches, a graded school and a weekly newspaper. Pop. (1890), 1,176; (1900), 1,169.

**REEVES, Owen T.**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Ross County, Ohio, Dec. 18, 1829; graduated at the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, in 1850, afterwards serving as a tutor in that institution and as Principal of a High School at Chillicothe. In 1854 he came to Bloomington, Ill., and, as a member of the School Board, assisted in reorganizing the school system of that city; also has served continuously, for over 40 years, as one of the Trustees of the Illinois Wesleyan University, being a part of the time President of the Board. In the meantime, he had begun the practice of law, served as City Attorney and member of the Board of Supervisors. July 1, 1862, he enlisted in the Seventieth Illinois Volunteers (a 100-days' emergency regiment), was elected Colonel and mustered out, with his command, in October, 1862. Colonel Reeves was subsequently connected with the construction of the Lafayette, Bloomington & Mississippi Railroad (now a part of the Illinois Central), and was also one of the founders of the Law Department of the Wesleyan University. In 1877 he was elected to the Circuit bench, serving continuously, by repeated re-elections, until 1891—during the latter part of his incumbency being upon the Appellate bench.

**REEVES, Walter**, Member of Congress and lawyer, was born near Brownsville, Pa., Sept. 25, 1848; removed to Illinois at 8 years of age and was reared on a farm; later became a teacher and lawyer, following his profession at Streator; in 1894 he was nominated by the Republicans of the Eleventh District for Congress, as successor to the Hon. Thomas J. Henderson, and was elected, receiving a majority over three competitors. Mr. Reeves was re-elected in 1896, and again in 1898.

**REFORMATORY, ILLINOIS STATE**, a prison for the incarceration of male offenders under 21 years of age, who are believed to be susceptible of reformation. It is the successor of the "State Reform School," which was created by act of the Legislature of 1867, but not opened for the admission of inmates until 1871. It is located at Pontiac. The number of inmates, in 1872, was 165,

which was increased to 324 in 1890. The results, while moderately successful, were not altogether satisfactory. The appropriations made for construction, maintenance, etc., were not upon a scale adequate to accomplish what was desired, and, in 1891, a radical change was effected. Previous to that date the limit, as to age, was 16 years. The law establishing the present reformatory provides for a system of indeterminate sentences, and a release upon parole, of inmates who, in the opinion of the Board of Managers, may be safely granted conditional liberation. The inmates are divided into two classes. (1) those between the ages of 10 and 16, and (2) those between 16 and 21. The Board of Managers is composed of five members, not more than three of whom shall be of the same party, their term of office to be for ten years. The course of treatment is educational (intellectually, morally and industrially), schools being conducted, trades taught, and the inmates constantly impressed with the conviction that, only through genuine and unmistakable evidence of improvement, can they regain their freedom. The reformatory influence of the institution may be best inferred from the results of one year's operation. Of 146 inmates paroled, 15 violated their parole and became fugitives, 6 were returned to the Reformatory, 1 died, and 124 remained in employment and regularly reporting. Among the industries carried on are painting and glazing, masonry and plastering, gardening, knitting, chair-caning, broom-making, carpentering, tailoring and blacksmithing. The grounds of the Reformatory contain a vein of excellent coal, which it is proposed to mine, utilizing the clay, thus obtained, in the manufacture of brick, which can be employed in the construction of additional needed buildings. The average number of inmates is about 800, and the crimes for which they are sentenced range, in gravity, from simple assault, or petit larceny, to the most serious offenses known to the criminal code, with the exception of homicide. The number of inmates, at the beginning of the year 1895, was 812. An institution of a similar character, for the confinement of juvenile female offenders, was established under an act of the Legislature passed at the session of 1893, and located at Geneva, Kane County. (See *Home for Juvenile Female Offenders*.)

**RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS.** The State constitution contains the familiar guaranty of absolute freedom of conscience. The chief denominations have grown in like ratio with the

population, as may be seen from figures given below. The earliest Christian services held were conducted by Catholic missionaries, who attested the sincerity of their convictions (in many instances) by the sacrifice of their lives, either through violence or exposure. The aborigines, however, were not easily Christianized; and, shortly after the cession of Illinois by France to Great Britain, the Catholic missions, being generally withdrawn, ceased to exert much influence upon the red men, although the French, who remained in the ceded territory, continued to adhere to their ancient faith. (See *Early Missionaries*.) One of the first Protestant sects to hold service in Illinois, was the Methodist Episcopal; Rev. Joseph Lillard coming to Illinois in 1793, and Rev. Hosea Riggs settling in the American Bottom in 1796. (For history of Methodism in Illinois, see *Methodist Episcopal Church*.) The pioneer Protestant preacher, however, was a Baptist—Elder James Smith—who came to New Design in 1787. Revs. David Badgley and Joseph Chance followed him in 1796, and the first denominational association was formed in 1807. (As to inception and growth of this denomination in Illinois, see also *Baptists*.) In 1814 the Massachusetts Missionary Society sent two missionaries to Illinois—Revs. Samuel J. Mills and Daniel Smith. Two years later (1816), the First Presbyterian Church was organized at Sharon, by Rev. James McGready, of Kentucky. (See also *Presbyterians*.) The Congregationalists began to arrive with the tide of immigration that set in from the Eastern States, early in the '30's. Four churches were organized in 1833, and the subsequent growth of the denomination in the State, if gradual, has been steady. (See *Congregationalists*.) About the same time came the Disciples of Christ (sometimes called, from their founder, "Campbellites"). They encouraged free discussion, were liberal and warm hearted, and did not require belief in any particular creed as a condition of membership. The sect grew rapidly in numerical strength. (See *Disciples of Christ*.) The Protestant Episcopalians obtained their first foothold in Illinois, in 1835, when Rev. Philander Chase (afterward consecrated Bishop) immigrated to the State from the East. (See *Protestant Episcopal Church*.) The Lutherans in Illinois are chiefly of German or Scandinavian birth or descent, as may be inferred from the fact that, out of sixty-four churches in Chicago under care of the Missouri Synod, only four use the English language. They are the only Protestant sect maintaining (when

ever possible) a system of parochial schools. (See *Lutherans*.) There are twenty-six other religious bodies in the State, exclusive of the Jews, who have twelve synagogues and nine rabbis. According to the census statistics of 1890, these twenty-six sects, with their numerical strength, number of buildings, ministers, etc., are as follows: Anti-Mission Baptists, 2,800 members, 78 churches and 63 ministers; Church of God, 1,200 members, 39 churches, 34 ministers; Dunkards, 121,000 members, 155 churches, 83 ministers; Friends ("Quakers") 2,655 members, 25 churches; Free Methodists, 1,805 members, 38 churches, 84 ministers; Free-Will Baptists, 4,694 members, 107 churches, 72 ministers; Evangelical Association, 15,904 members, 143 churches, 152 ministers; Cumberland Presbyterians, 11,804 members, 198 churches, 149 ministers; Methodist Episcopal (South) 3,927 members, 34 churches, 33 ministers; Moravians, 720 members, 3 churches, 3 ministers; New Jerusalem Church (Swedenborgians), 662 members, 14 churches, 8 ministers; Primitive Methodist, 230 members, 2 churches, 2 ministers; Protestant Methodist, 5,000 members, 91 churches, 106 ministers; Reformed Church in United States, 4,100 members, 34 churches, 19 ministers; Reformed Church of America, 2,200 members, 24 churches, 23 ministers; Reformed Episcopalians, 2,150 members, 13 churches, 11 ministers; Reformed Presbyterians, 1,400 members, 7 churches, 6 ministers; Salvation Army, 1,980 members; Second Adventists, 4,500 members, 64 churches, 35 ministers; Seventh Day Baptists, 320 members, 7 churches, 11 ministers; Universalists, 3,160 members, 45 churches, 37 ministers; Unitarians, 1,225 members, 19 churches, 14 ministers; United Evangelical, 30,000 members, 129 churches, 108 ministers; United Brethren, 16,500 members, 275 churches, 260 ministers; United Presbyterians, 11,250 members, 203 churches, 199 ministers; Wesleyan Methodists, 1,100 members, 16 churches, 33 ministers. (See various Churches under their proper names; also *Roman Catholic Church*.)

**REND, William Patrick**, soldier, capitalist, and coal-operator, was born in County Leitrim, Ireland, Feb. 10, 1840, brought to Lowell, Mass., in boyhood, and graduated from the high school there at 17; taught for a time near New York City and later in Maryland, where he began a course of classical study. The Civil War coming on, he enlisted in the Fourteenth Regiment New York Volunteers, serving most of the time as a non-commissioned officer, and participating in the battles of the second Bull Run, Malvern Hill,

Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. After the war he came to Chicago and secured employment in a railway surveyor's office, later acting as foreman of the Northwestern freight depot, and finally embarking in the coal business, which was conducted with such success that he became the owner of some of the most valuable mining properties in the country. Meanwhile he has taken a deep interest in the welfare of miners and other classes of laborers, and has

sought to promote arbitration and conciliation between employers and employed, as a means of averting disastrous strikes. He was especially active during the long strike of 1897, in efforts to bring about an understanding between the miners and the operators. For several years he held a commission as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Illinois National Guard until compelled, by the demands of his private business, to tender his resignation.

## REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS.

The following table presents the names, residence, Districts represented, politics (except as to earlier ones), and length of term or terms of service of Illinois Representatives in the lower House of Congress, from the organization of Illinois as a Territory down to the present time; (D, Democrat; W, Whig; R, Republican; G-B, Greenback; P, Populist).

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	DIST.	TERM.	REMARKS.
Shadrach Bond, .....	Kaskaskia, .....	Territory, .....	1812-14, .....	Made Rec'r of Pub. Money.
Benjamin Stephenson, .....	Edwardsville, .....	Territory, .....	1814-16, .....	Made Rec'r of Pub. Money.
Nathaniel Pope, .....	Kaskaskia, .....	Territory, .....	1816-18, .....	.....
John McLean, .....	Shawneetown, .....	.....	1818-19, .....	Elected U. S. Senator, 1821
Daniel P. Cook, .....	Kaskaskia, .....	State, .....	1819-27, .....	.....
Joseph Duncan, .....	Jackson & Morgan Cos, .....	State, .....	1827-33, .....	.....
Joseph Duncan, .....	Jacksonville, .....	Third, .....	1833-34, .....	Elected Governor; resigned.
William L. May, D., .....	Springfield, .....	Third, .....	1834-39, .....	To succeed Duncan.
Charles Slade, .....	Belleville, .....	First, .....	1835-34, .....	Died; term completed by Reynolds.
John Reynolds, D., .....	Belleville, .....	First, .....	1834-37, .....	One and one-half terms.
John Reynolds, D., .....	Belleville, .....	First, .....	1837-39, .....	.....
Zadoc Casey, D., .....	Mt. Vernon, .....	Second, .....	1833-43, .....	.....
Adam W. Snyder, D., .....	Belleville, .....	First, .....	1837-39, .....	.....
John T. Stuart, W., .....	Springfield, .....	Third, .....	1839-43, .....	.....
John T. Stuart, O. P., .....	Springfield, .....	Eighth, .....	1863-65, .....	.....
Robert Smith, D., .....	Alton, .....	First, .....	1843-49, .....	.....
John A. McClelland, D., .....	Shawneetown, .....	Second, .....	1843-51, .....	.....
John A. McClelland, D., .....	Shawneetown, .....	Sixth, .....	1851-53, .....	Resigned, Dec., '51; succeeded by A. L. Knapp.
Orlando B. Ficklin, D., .....	Charleston, .....	Third, .....	1843-49, .....	.....
Orlando B. Ficklin, D., .....	Charleston, .....	Third, .....	1851-53, .....	.....
John Wentworth, D., .....	Chicago, .....	Fourth, .....	1843-51, .....	.....
John Wentworth, D., .....	Chicago, .....	Second, .....	1853-55, .....	.....
John Wentworth, R., .....	Chicago, .....	First, .....	1865-67, .....	.....
Stephen A. Douglas, D., .....	Quincy, .....	Fifth, .....	1843-47, .....	Eld U. S. Sen. Apr. '47; suc by W. A. Richardson
William A. Richardson, D., .....	Rushville and Quincy, .....	Fifth, .....	1847-56, .....	Res'd Aug., '56; term filled by Jacob C. Davis.
William A. Richardson, D., .....	Quincy, .....	Sixth, .....	1861-63, .....	.....
Joseph P. Hoge, D., .....	Galeua, .....	Sixth, .....	1843-45, .....	.....
John J. Hardin, W., .....	Jacksonville, .....	Seventh, .....	1845-46, .....	Resigned, Dec., '46; succeeded by John Henry.
Edward D. Baker, W., .....	Galeua, .....	Sixth, .....	1849-51, .....	.....
John Henry, W., .....	Jacksonville, .....	Seventh, .....	Feb. to Mar., 1847, .....	Served Baker's unexpired term.
Thomas C. Turner, D., .....	Freeport, .....	Sixth, .....	1847-49, .....	.....
Abraham Lincoln, W., .....	Springfield, .....	Seventh, .....	1847-49, .....	.....
William H. Bissell, D., .....	Belleville, .....	First, .....	1849-53, .....	.....
William H. Bissell, D., .....	Belleville, .....	Eighth, .....	1853-55, .....	.....
Timothy R. Young, D., .....	Marshall, .....	Third, .....	1849-51, .....	.....
Thomas L. Harris, D., .....	Petersburg, .....	Seventh, .....	1849-51, .....	.....
Thomas L. Harris, D., .....	Petersburg, .....	Eighth, .....	1851-53, .....	Eled, Nov. 24, '53; suc by Chas. D. Hodges.
Willis Allen, D., .....	Marion, .....	Second, .....	1851-53, .....	.....
Willis Allen, D., .....	Marion, .....	Sixth, .....	1853-55, .....	.....
Richard S. Maloney, D., .....	Beldvire, .....	Fourth, .....	1851-53, .....	.....
Thompson Campbell, D., .....	Galeua, .....	Sixth, .....	1843-45, .....	.....
Richard Yates, W., .....	Jacksonville, .....	Seventh, .....	1841-53, .....	.....
Richard Yates, W., .....	Jacksonville, .....	Sixth, .....	1853-55, .....	.....
E. B. Washburne, R., .....	Galeua, .....	First, .....	1853-63, .....	.....
E. B. Washburne, R., .....	Oaleua, .....	Third, .....	1863-69, .....	Resigned, March 9, '69 to accept French mission; term filled by H. C. Burchard.
Jesse O. Norton, R., .....	Joliet, .....	Third, .....	1853-57, .....	.....
Jesse O. Norton, R., .....	Joliet, .....	Sixth, .....	1863-65, .....	.....
James Knox, R., .....	Knoxville, .....	Fourth, .....	1853-57, .....	.....
James C. Allen, D., .....	Palestine, .....	Seventh, .....	1853-57, .....	.....
James C. Allen, D., .....	Palestine, .....	State-at-large, .....	1853-55, .....	.....
James H. Woodworth, R., .....	Chicago, .....	Second, .....	1853-57, .....	.....
Jacob C. Davis, D., .....	Quincy, .....	Fifth, .....	1857-57, .....	To fill unexpired term of Richardson.
Lyman Trumbull, R., .....	Belleville, .....	Eighth, .....	1857-61, .....	Chosen U. S. Senator; resigned.
J. L. D. Morrison, D., .....	Belleville, .....	Eighth, .....	1853-57, .....	Filled Trumbull's unexpired term.
Samuel S. Marshall, D., .....	McLeansboro, .....	Ninth, .....	1853-59, .....	.....
Samuel S. Marshall, D., .....	McLeansboro, .....	Ninth, .....	1859-61, .....	.....
Samuel S. Marshall, D., .....	McLeansboro, .....	Nineteenth, .....	1873-75, .....	.....
John F. Farnsworth, R., .....	Chicago, .....	Second, .....	1857-61, .....	.....
John F. Farnsworth, R., .....	St. Charles, .....	Second, .....	1863-73, .....	.....
Owen Lovejoy, R., .....	Princeton, .....	Fifth, .....	1863-65, .....	Died, Mar., '64; term filled by E. C. Ingersoll.
William Krieger, R., .....	Canton, .....	Fourth, .....	1857-63, .....	.....
Issac N. Morris, .....	Carrollton, .....	Sixth, .....	1857-61, .....	.....
Charles D. Hodges, D., .....	Lawrenceville, .....	Sixth, .....	Jan. to Mar., 1859, .....	Filled unexpired term of Thos. L. Harris.
Araron Shaw, D., .....	Lawrenceville, .....	Seventh, .....	1857-59, .....	.....

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Aaron Shaw, D.	Lawrenceville	Sixteenth	1883-85.	
James C. Robinson, D.	Marshall	Seventh	1859-63.	
James C. Robinson, D.	Marshall	Fifth	1865-67.	
James C. Robinson, D.	Springfield	Eighth	1871-73.	
James C. Robinson, D.	Springfield	Twelfth	1873-75.	
Philip B. Fouke, D.	Belleville	Eighth	1839-63.	
John A. Logan, R.	Belleville	Ninth	1863-81.	
John A. Logan, D.	Carbondale	State-at-large	1869-71.	Chosen U. S. Senator, 1871; resigned; term filled by John L. Beveridge.
Isaac N. Arnold, R.	Chicago	Second	1861-63.	
Isaac N. Arnold, R.	Chicago	First	1863-65.	
William J. Allen, D.	Marion	Ninth	1862-63.	Served Logan's unexpired term.
William J. Allen, D.	Marion	Thirtieth	1865-65.	
A. L. Knapp, D.	Jerseyville	Fifth	1861-63.	
A. L. Knapp, D.	Jerseyville	Tenth	1863-65.	
Charles M. Harris, R.	Ogawka	Fourth	1863-65.	
Eben C. Ingersoll, R.	Peoria	Fifth	1864-71.	
John R. Eden, D.	Sullivan	Seventh	1863-65.	
John R. Eden, D.	Sullivan	Fifteenth	1873-79.	
John R. Eden, D.	Sullivan	Sixty-second	1885-87.	
Lewis W. Ross, D.	Lewistown	Ninth	1863-69.	
William R. Morrison, D.	Waterloo	Twelfth	1863-65.	
William R. Morrison, D.	Waterloo	Seventeenth	1873-83.	
William R. Morrison, D.	Waterloo	Eighteenth	1883-87.	
S. W. Moulton, R.	Sheehyville	State-at-large	1865-67.	
S. W. Moulton, D.	Sheehyville	Fifteenth	1881-83.	
S. W. Moulton, D.	Sheehyville	Seventeenth	1883-85.	
Abner C. Harding, R.	Monmouth	Fourth	1863-69.	
Burton C. Cook, R.	Ottawa	Sixth	1865-71.	Re-elected, '70 but res'd before beg'g of term.
H. P. H. Brown, R.	Springfield	Seventh	1865-69.	
Shelby M. Colburn, R.	Springfield	Eighth	1865-71.	
Anthony Thornton, D.	Sheehyville	Tenth	1865-67.	
John Baker, R.	Belleville	Twelfth	1865-69.	
John Baker, R.	Belleville	Eighteenth	1885-87.	
John Baker, P.	Belleville	Twenty-first	1897-99.	
A. J. Kykendall, R.	Vienna	Thirtieth	1863-67.	
Norman B. Judd, R.	Carrollton	Tenth	1867-71.	
Albert G. Burr, D.	Metropolis	Thirtieth	1867-69.	
Horatio C. Burchard, R.	Freeport	Third	1869-73.	Filled unexpired term of Washburne.
Horatio C. Burchard, R.	Freeport	Fifth	1873-75.	
John B. Hawley, R.	Rock Island	Fourth	1869-73.	
John B. Hawley, R.	Rock Island	Sixth	1873-75.	
Jesse H. Moore, R.	Petersburg	Seventeenth	1869-73.	
Thomas W. McNeely, D.	Petersburg	Ninth	1869-73.	
John B. Hay, R.	Belleville	Twelfth	1869-73.	
John M. Greis, D.	Carmi	Thirtieth	1869-73.	
John L. Beveridge, R.	State-at-large	First	1871-73.	Served unexpired term of Logan.
Charles B. Farwell, R.	Chicago	First	1871-73.	
Charles B. Farwell, R.	Chicago	Third	1873-75.	May, '76, sent awarded to J. V. Le Moyne.
Charles B. Farwell, R.	Chicago	Third	1881-83.	
Brad. N. Stevens, R.	Princeton	Fifth	1871-73.	
Henry Soupp, R.	Johnst.	Sixth	1871-73.	Filled unexpired term of B. C. Cook.
Edward Y. Rice, D.	Hillsboro	Tenth	1871-73.	
John B. Rice, R.	Chicago	First	1873-74.	Died Dec. '74, succeeded by B. G. Canfield.
B. G. Canfield, D.	Chicago	First	1874-77.	From 1874-75 served out Rice's term.
Jasper D. Ward, R.	Chicago	Second	1873-75.	
Stephen A. Hart, R.	Belvidere	Fourth	1873-75.	
Franklin Corwin, R.	Pero	Seventh	1873-75.	
Greengary L. Fort, R.	Lacon	Eighth	1873-81.	
Granville Burrere, R.	Canton	Ninth	1873-75.	
William H. Ray, R.	Rushville	Tenth	1873-75.	
Robert M. Knapp, D.	Jerseyville	Eleventh	1873-75.	
Robert M. Knapp, D.	Jerseyville	Eleventh	1875-75.	
John McNulta, R.	Bloomington	Thirtieth	1875-75.	
Joseph G. Cannon, R.	Tuscola and Danville	Fourteenth	1873-83.	
Joseph G. Cannon, R.	Danville	Fifteenth	1883-81.	
Joseph G. Cannon, R.	Danville	Eleventh	1883-85.	
Joseph G. Cannon, E.	Danville	Twelfth	1885.	
James S. Martin, R.	Salem	Sixteenth	1873-75.	
Isaac Clements, R.	Chicago	Eighteenth	1873-75.	
Carter H. Harrison, D.	Chicago	Second	1875-79.	
John V. Le Moyne, D.	Chicago	Third	1876-77.	Awarded seat, vice Farwell.
T. J. Henderson, R.	Princeton & Geneseo	Sixth	1875-81.	
T. J. Henderson, R.	Princeton	Seventh	1883-95.	
Alexander Campbell, G.B.	La Salle	Seventh	1875-77.	
Richard H. Whiting, R.	Peoria	Ninth	1875-77.	
John C. Bagley, D.	Reshville	Tenth	1875-77.	
Scott Wike, D.	Pittsfield	Eleventh	1875-77.	
Scott Wike, D.	Pittsfield	Twelfth	1889-93.	
William M. Springer, D.	Springfield	Twelfth	1875-83.	
William M. Springer, D.	Springfield	Thirtieth	1883-93.	
Adlai E. Stevenson, D.	Bloomington	Thirtieth	1875-77.	
Adlai E. Stevenson, D.	Bloomington	Thirtieth	1878-81.	
William A. J. Sparks, D.	Bloomington	Sixteenth	1875-83.	
William Hartzell, D.	Chester	Eighteenth	1875-79.	
William B. Anderson, D.	Mt. Vernon	Nineteenth	1875-77.	
William Aldrich, R.	Chicago	First	1877-79.	
Carter H. Harrison, D.	Chicago	Second	1877-79.	
Lorenz Brentano, R.	Chicago	Third	1877-79.	
William Lathrop, R.	Rockford	Fourth	1877-79.	
Philip C. Hayes, R.	Morris	Seventh	1877-81.	
Thomas A. Boyd, R.	Lewistown	Ninth	1877-81.	
Benjamin F. Marsh, R.	Warsaw	Tenth	1877-83.	



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Benjamin F. Marsh, R.	Warsaw	Eleventh	1893-95.	
Benjamin F. Marsh, R.	Warsaw	Fifteenth	1895	
Thomas F. Tipton, R.	Shawneetown	Seventeenth	1879-81.	
R. W. Townsend, D.	Chicago	Nineteenth	1877-83.	
George R. Davis, R.	Chicago	Second	1879-83.	
George R. Davis, R.	Chicago	Third	1883-85.	
Hiram Barber, R.	Chicago	Third	1879-81.	
John C. Sherwin, R.	Geneva and Elgin.	Fourth	1879-83.	
R. M. A. Hawk, R.	Mt. Carroll	Fifth	1879-82.	Died, '82; succeeded by R. R. Hitt.
James W. Singleton, R.	Isabel	Seventh	1879-83.	
A. P. Forsythe, G. B.	Isabel	Fifteenth	1879-81.	
John R. Thomas, R.	Metropolis	Eighteenth	1879-83.	
John R. Thomas, R.	Metropolis	Eighteenth	1883-89.	
William Cullen, R.	Metropolis	Seventh	1881-83.	
William Cullen, R.	Ottawa	Eighth	1883-85.	
Lewis E. Payson, R.	Pontiac	Eighth	1881-83.	
Lewis E. Payson, R.	Pontiac	Ninth	1883-91.	
John H. Lewis, R.	Knoxville.	Ninth	1881-83.	
Dietrich C. Smith, R.	Pekin	Thirteenth	1881-83.	
R. W. Dunham, R.	Macomb	Eleventh	1883-87.	
John F. Flerty, R.	Chicago	Second	1883-85.	
George E. Adams, R.	Chicago	Fourth	1883-91.	
Reuben Edwood, R.	Sycamore	Fifth	1882-85.	
Robert R. Hitt, R.	Mt. Morris	Sixth	1882-95.	Succeeded R. M. A. Hawk, deceased.
Robert R. Hitt, R.	Mt. Morris	Ninth	1885	
N. E. Worthington, D.	Peoria	Tenth	1883-87.	
William H. Neece, D.	Peoria	Eleventh	1883-87.	
James M. Riggs, D.	Winchester	Twelfth	1883-87.	
Jonathan H. Rowell, R.	Bloomington	Fourteenth	1883-91.	
Frank Lawler, R.	Macomb	Seventeenth	1883-87.	
James H. Ward, D.	Chicago	Third	1883-87.	
Albert J. Hopkins, R.	Aurora	Fifth	1883-85.	
Albert J. Hopkins, R.	Aurora	Eighth	1885	
Ralph Plunk, R.	Aurora	Eighth	1883-89.	
Silas G. Landes, D.	Mt. Carmel	Sixteenth	1885-89.	
William E. Mason, R.	Chicago	Third	1887-91.	
Philip Sidney Parker, R.	Chicago	Twelfth	1887-91.	Died, Jan. 6, 1895.
William H. Gest, R.	Rock Island.	Eleventh	1887-91.	
George A. Anderson, D.	Quincy	Twelfth	1887-89.	
Edward Lane, D.	Quincy	Seventeenth	1887-89.	
Ahner Taylor, R.	Chicago	First	1889-93.	
Charles A. Hill, R.	Joliet	Eighth	1889-91.	
Geo. W. Fithian, D.	Newton	Sixteenth	1889-93.	
William S. Forman, R.	Newton	Eighteenth	1889-95.	
James R. Williams, D.	Carmel	Eighteenth	1889-95.	
James R. Williams, D.	Carmel	Nineteenth	1899	
George W. Smith, R.	Chicago	Twentieth	1895-96.	
George W. Smith, R.	Murphyboro	Twenty-second	1895	
Lawrence E. McGann, D.	Chicago	Second	1891-95.	
Allan C. Durbin, R.	Chicago	Third	1891-95.	
Walter C. Newberry, D.	Chicago	Fourth	1891-93.	
Lewis Steward, D.	Piano	Eighth	1891-93.	
Herman W. Snow, R.	Sheldon	Ninth	1891-93.	
Benjamin T. Cable, D.	Rock Island.	Eleventh	1891-93.	
Gwen Scott, D.	Bloomington	Fourteenth	1891-93.	
Samuel T. Bussey, D.	Urbana	Fifteenth	1891-93.	
John C. Black, D.	Chicago	State-at-large.	1893-95.	
Andrew J. Hunter, D.	Paris.	State-at-large.	1893-95.	
Andrew J. Hunter, D.	Paris.	Nineteenth	1897-99.	
J. Frank Aldrich, R.	Chicago	First	1893-97.	
Julius Goldzier, D.	Chicago	Fourth	1893-95.	
Robert A. Childs, R.	Hinsdale	Eighth	1893-95.	
Hamilton K. Wheeler, R.	Kankakee	Ninth	1893-95.	
John J. McDaniels, D.	St. Sterling	Twelfth	1893-95.	
Benjamin F. Fink, R.	Bloomington	Fourteenth	1893-95.	
William Lorimer, R.	Chicago	Second	1895	
Hugh K. Belknap, R.	Chicago	Third	1895	Awarded at afternoon, with L. E. McLeod.
Charles W. Woodman, R.	Chicago	Fourth	1895-97.	
Geo. E. White, R.	Chicago	Fifth	1895-99.	
Edward D. Cooke, R.	Chicago	Sixth	1893-95.	
George E. Foss, R.	Chicago	Seventh	1895	Died, June 4, '98; suc'd. by Henry S. Boutell.
George W. Prisco, R.	Galesburg.	Tenth	1895	
Walter Reeves, R.	Streator	Eleventh	1895	
Vespasian Warner, R.	Chicago	Thirteenth	1895	
J. V. Graft, R.	Pekin	Fourteenth	1895	
Finis E. Downing, D.	Virginia	Sixteenth	1893-97.	
James A. Connolly, R.	Springfield	Seventeenth	1893-95.	
Frederick Remann, R.	Vandalia	Eighteenth	1895	Died, July 14, '95; suc'd. by W. F. L. Hadley.
Wm. F. L. Hadley, R.	Edwardsville	Eighteenth	1895	Elected to fill vacancy.
Benson Wood, D.	Effingham	Nineteenth	1895	
Oleando Burrell, R.	Carmel	Twentieth	1893-97.	
Everett J. Murphy, R.	East St. Louis.	Twenty-first	1895-97.	
James H. Mann, R.	Chicago	First	1897	
Daniel W. Miller, R.	Chicago	Second	1897	
Thomas M. Jetz, D.	Hillshoro.	Eighteenth	1897	
James R. Campbell, D.	McLeansboro.	Twentieth	1897-99.	
George P. Foster, R.	Chicago	Third	1899	
Thomas Cusack, D.	Chicago	Fourth	1899	
Edgar T. Noonan, R.	Chicago	Fifth	1899	
Henry S. Boutell, R.	Chicago	Sixth	1899	Succeeded E. D. Cooke.
W. E. Williams, R.	Chicago	Seventh	1899	
B. F. Caldwell, D.	Chatham.	Seventeenth	1899	
Joseph B. Crowley, D.	Robinson	Nineteenth	1899	
W. A. Rodenberg, R.	East St. Louis	Twenty-first	1899	

**REYNOLDS, John**, Justice of Supreme Court and fourth Governor of Illinois, was born of Irish ancestry, in Montgomery County, Pa., Feb. 26, 1789, and brought by his parents to Kaskaskia, Ill., in 1800, spending the first nine years of his life in Illinois on a farm. After receiving a common school education, and a two years' course of study in a college at Knoxville, Tenn., he studied law and began practice. In 1812-13 he served as a scout in the campaigns against the Indians, winning for himself the title, in after life, of "The Old Ranger." Afterwards he removed to Cahokia, where he began the practice of law, and, in 1818, became Associate Justice of the first Supreme Court of the new State. Retiring from the bench in 1825, he served two terms in the Legislature, and was elected Governor in 1830, in 1832 personally commanding the State volunteers called for service in the Black Hawk War. Two weeks before the expiration of his term (1834), he resigned to accept a seat in Congress, to which he had been elected as the successor of Charles Slade, who had died in office, and was again elected in 1838, always as a Democrat. He also served as Representative in the Fifteenth General Assembly, and again in the Eighteenth (1852-54), being chosen Speaker of the latter. In 1858 he was the administration (or Buchanan) Democratic candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as opposed to the Republican and regular (or Douglas) Democratic candidates. For some years he edited a daily paper called "The Eagle," which was published at Belleville. While Governor Reynolds acquired some reputation as a "classical scholar," from the time spent in a Tennessee College at that early day, this was not sustained by either his colloquial or written style. He was an ardent champion of slavery, and, in the early days of the Rebellion, gained unfavorable notoriety in consequence of a letter written to Jefferson Davis expressing sympathy with the cause of "secession." Nevertheless, in spite of intense prejudice and bitter partisanship on some questions, he possessed many amiable qualities, as shown by his devotion to temperance, and his popularity among persons of opposite political opinions. Although at times crude in style, and not always reliable in his statement of historical facts and events, Governor Reynolds has rendered a valuable service to posterity by his writings relating to the early history of the State, especially those connected with his own times. His best known works are: "Pioneer History of Illinois" (Belleville, 1848); "A Glance at the Crystal

Palace, and Sketches of Travel" (1854); and "My Life and Times" (1855). His death occurred at Belleville, May 8, 1865.

**REYNOLDS, John Parker**, Secretary and President of State Board of Agriculture, was born at Lebanon, Ohio, March 1, 1820, and graduated from the Miami University at the age of 18. In 1840 he graduated from the Cincinnati Law School, and soon afterward began practice. He removed to Illinois in 1854, settling first in Winnebago County, later, successively in Marion County, in Springfield and in Chicago. From 1860 to 1870 he was Secretary of the State Agricultural Society, and, upon the creation of the State Board of Agriculture in 1871, was elected its President, filling that position until 1888, when he resigned. He has also occupied numerous other posts of honor and of trust of a public or semi-public character, having been President of the Illinois State Sanitary Commission during the War of the Rebellion, a Commissioner to the Paris Exposition of 1867, Chief Grain Inspector from 1878 to 1882, and Secretary of the Inter-State Industrial Exposition Company of Chicago, from the date of its organization (1873) until its final dissolution. His most important public service, in recent years, was rendered as Director-in-Chief of the Illinois exhibit in the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.

**REYNOLDS, Joseph Smith**, soldier and legislator, was born at New Lenox, Ill., Dec. 3, 1839; at 17 years of age went to Chicago, was educated in the high school there, within a month after graduation enlisting as a private in the Sixty-fourth Illinois Volunteers. From the ranks he rose to a colonelcy through the gradations of Second-Lieutenant and Captain, and, in July, 1865, was brevetted Brigadier-General. He was a gallant soldier, and was thrice wounded. On his return home after nearly four years' service, he entered the law department of the Chicago University, graduating therefrom and beginning practice in 1866. General Reynolds has been prominent in public life, having served as a member of both branches of the General Assembly, and having been a State Commissioner to the Vienna Exposition of 1873. He is a member of the G. A. R., and, in 1875, was elected Senior Vice-Commander of the order for the United States.

**REYNOLDS, William Morton**, clergyman, was born in Fayette County, Pa., March 4, 1812; after graduating at Jefferson College, Pa., in 1832, was connected with various institutions in that State, as well as President of Capital University at

Columbus, Ohio; then, coming to Illinois, was President of the Illinois State University at Springfield, 1857-60, after which he became Principal of a female seminary in Chicago. Previously a Lutheran, he took orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1864, and served several parishes until his death. In his early life he founded, and, for a time, conducted several religious publications at Gettysburg, Pa., besides issuing a number of printed addresses and other published works. Died at Oak Park, near Chicago, Sept. 5, 1876.

**RHOADS, (Col.) Franklin Lawrence**, soldier and steamboat captain, was born in Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 11, 1824; brought to Pekin, Tazewell County, Ill., in 1836, where he learned the printer's trade, and, on the breaking out of the Mexican War, enlisted, serving to the close. Returning home he engaged in the river trade, and, for fifteen years, commanded steamboats on the Illinois, Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. In April, 1861, he was commissioned Captain of a company of three months' men attached to the Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and, on the reorganization of the regiment for the three-years' service, was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel, soon after being promoted to the colonelcy, as successor to Col. Richard J. Oglesby, who had been promoted Brigadier-General. After serving through the spring campaign of 1862 in Western Kentucky and Tennessee, he was compelled by rapidly declining health to resign, when he located in Shawneetown, retiring in 1874 to his farm near that city. During the latter years of his life he was a confirmed invalid, dying at Shawneetown, Jan. 6, 1879.

**RHOADS, Joshua, M.D., A.M.**, physician and educator, was born in Philadelphia, Sept. 14, 1806; studied medicine and graduated at the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of M.D., also receiving the degree of A.M., from Princeton; after several years spent in practice as a physician, and as Principal in some of the public schools of Philadelphia, in 1839 he was elected Principal of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind, and, in 1850, took charge of the State Institution for the Blind at Jacksonville, Ill., then in its infancy. Here he remained until 1874, when he retired. Died, February 1, 1876.

**RICE, Edward Y.**, lawyer and jurist, born in Logan County, Ky., Feb. 8, 1820, was educated in the common schools and at Shurtleff College, after which he read law with John M. Palmer at Carlinville, and was admitted to practice, in 1845, at Hillsboro; in 1847 was elected County Recorder

of Montgomery County, and, in 1848, to the Sixteenth General Assembly, serving one term. Later he was elected County Judge of Montgomery County, was Master in Chancery from 1853 to 1857, and the latter year was elected Judge of the Eighteenth Circuit, being re-elected in 1861 and again in 1867. He was also a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1869-70, and, at the election of the latter year, was chosen Representative in the Forty-second Congress as a Democrat. Died, April 16, 1883.

**RICE, John B.**, theatrical manager, Mayor of Chicago, and Congressman, was born at Easton, Md., in 1809. By profession he was an actor, and, coming to Chicago in 1847, built and opened there the first theater. In 1857 he retired from the stage, and, in 1865, was elected Mayor of Chicago, the city of his adoption, and re-elected in 1867. He was also prominent in the early stages of the Civil War in the measures taken to raise troops in Chicago. In 1872 he was elected to the Forty-third Congress as a Republican, but, before the expiration of his term, died, at Norfolk, Va., on Dec. 6, 1874. At a special election to fill the vacancy, Bernard G. Caulfield was chosen to succeed him.

**RICHARDSON, William A.**, lawyer and politician, born in Fayette County, Ky., Oct. 11, 1811, was educated at Transylvania University, came to the bar at 19, and settled in Schuyler County, Ill., becoming State's Attorney in 1835; was elected to the lower branch of the Legislature in 1836, to the Senate in 1838, and to the House again in 1844, from Adams County—the latter year being also chosen Presidential Elector on the Polk and Dallas ticket, and, at the succeeding session of the General Assembly, serving as Speaker of the House. He entered the Mexican War as Captain, and won a Majority through gallantry at Buena Vista. From 1847 to 1856 (when he resigned to become a candidate for Governor), he was a Democratic Representative in Congress from the Quincy District; re-entered Congress in 1861, and, in 1863, was chosen United States Senator to fill the unexpired term of Stephen A. Douglas. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention of 1868, but after that retired to private life, acting, for a short time, as editor of "The Quincy Herald." Died, at Quincy, Dec. 27, 1875.

**RICHLAND COUNTY**, situated in the southeast quarter of the State, and has an area of 361 square miles. It was organized from Edwards County in 1841. Among the early pioneers may be mentioned the Evans brothers. Thaddeus

Morehouse, Hugh Calhoun and son, Thomas Gardner, James Parker, Cornelius De Long, James Gilmore and Elijah Nelson. In 1820 there were but thirty families in the district. The first frame houses—the Nelson and Morehouse homesteads—were built in 1821, and, some years later, James Laws erected the first brick house. The pioneers traded at Vincennes, but, in 1825, a store was opened at Stringtown by Jacob May; and the same year the first school was opened at Watertown, taught by Isaac Chauncey. The first church was erected by the Baptists in 1822, and services were conducted by William Martin, a Kentuckian. For a long time the mails were carried on horseback by Louis and James Beard, but, in 1824, Mills and WhetSELL established a line of four-horse stages. The principal road, known as the "trace road," leading from Louisville to Cahokia, followed a buffalo and Indian trail about where the main street of Olney now is. Olney was selected as the county-seat upon the organization of the county, and a Mr. Lilly built the first house there. The chief branches of industry followed by the inhabitants are agriculture and fruit-growing. Population (1880), 15,545; (1890), 15,019; (1900), 16,391.

**RIDGE FARM**, a village of Vermillion County, at junction of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railroads, 174 miles northeast of St. Louis; has electric light plant, planing mill, elevators, bank and two papers. Pop. (1900), 933; (1904), 1,300.

**RIDGELY**, a manufacturing and mining suburb of the city of Springfield. An extensive rolling mill is located there, and there are several coal-shafts in the vicinity. Population (1900), 1,169.

**RIDGELY, Charles**, manufacturer and capitalist, born in Springfield, Ill., Jan. 17, 1836; was educated in private schools and at Illinois College; after leaving college spent some time as a clerk in his father's bank at Springfield, finally becoming a member of the firm and successively Cashier and Vice-President. In 1870 he was Democratic candidate for State Treasurer, but later has affiliated with the Republican party. About 1872 he became identified with the Springfield Iron Company, of which he has been President for many years; has also been President of the Consolidated Coal Company of St. Louis and, for some time, was a Director of the Wabash Railroad. Mr. Ridgely is also one of the Trustees of Illinois College.

**RIDGELY, Nicholas H.**, early banker, was born in Baltimore, Md., April 27, 1800; after

leaving school was engaged, for a time, in the dry-goods trade, but, in 1829, came to St. Louis to assume a clerkship in the branch of the United States Bank just organized there. In 1835 a branch of the State Bank of Illinois was established at Springfield, and Mr. Ridgely became its cashier, and, when it went into liquidation, was appointed one of the trustees to wind up its affairs. He subsequently became President of the Clark's Exchange Bank in that city, but this having gone into liquidation a few years later, he went into the private banking business as head of the "Ridgely Bank," which, in 1866, became the "Ridgely National Bank," one of the strongest financial institutions in the State outside of Chicago. After the collapse of the internal improvement scheme, Mr. Ridgely became one of the purchasers of the "Northern Cross Railroad" (now that part of the Wabash system extending from the Illinois river to Springfield), when it was sold by the State in 1847, paying therefor \$21,100. He was also one of the Springfield bankers to tender a loan to the State at the beginning of the war in 1861. He was one of the builders and principal owner of the Springfield gas-light system. His business career was an eminently successful one, leaving an estate at his death, Jan. 31, 1888, valued at over \$2,000,000.

**RIDGWAY**, a village of Gallatin County, on the Shawneetown Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway, 12 miles northwest of Shawneetown; has a bank and one newspaper. Pop. (1890), 523; (1900), 839; (1903, est.), 1,000.

**RIDGWAY, Thomas S.**, merchant, banker and politician, was born at Carmi, Ill., August 30, 1826. His father having died when he was but 4 years old and his mother when he was 14, his education was largely acquired through contact with the world, apart from such as he received from his mother and during a year's attendance at a private school. When he was 6 years of age the family removed to Shawneetown, where he ever afterwards made his home. In 1845 he embarked in business as a merchant, and the firm of Peeples & Ridgway soon became one of the most prominent in Southern Illinois. In 1865 the partners closed out their business and organized the first National Bank of Shawneetown, of which, after the death of Mr. Peeples in 1875, Mr. Ridgway was President. He was one of the projectors of the Springfield & Illinois South-eastern Railway, now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern system, and, from 1867 to 1874, served as its President. He was an ardent and active Republican, and served as a delegate



to every State and National Convention of his party from 1868 to 1896. In 1874 he was elected State Treasurer, the candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction on the same ticket being defeated. In 1876 and 1880 he was an unsuccessful candidate for his party's nomination for Governor. Three times he consented to lead the forlorn hope of the Republicans as a candidate for Congress from an impregnable Democratic stronghold. For several years he was a Director of the McCormick Theological Seminary, at Chicago, and, for nineteen years, was a Trustee of the Southern Illinois Normal University at Carbondale, resigning in 1893. Died, at Shawneetown, Nov. 17, 1897.

**RIGGS, James M.**, ex-Congressman, was born in Scott County, Ill., April 17, 1839, where he received a common school education, supplemented by a partial collegiate course. He is a practicing lawyer of Winchester. In 1864 he was elected Sheriff, serving two years. In 1871-72 he represented Scott County in the lower house of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, and was State's Attorney from 1872 to 1876. In 1882, and again in 1884, he was the successful Democratic candidate for Congress in the Twelfth Illinois District.

**RIGGS, Scott**, pioneer, was born in North Carolina about 1790; removed to Crawford County, Ill., early in 1815, and represented that county in the First General Assembly (1818-20). In 1825 he removed to Scott County, where he continued to reside until his death, Feb. 24, 1872.

**RINAKER, John L.**, lawyer and Congressman, born in Baltimore, Md., Nov. 18, 1830. Left an orphan at an early age, he came to Illinois in 1836, and, for several years, lived on farms in Sangamon and Morgan Counties; was educated at Illinois and McKendree Colleges, graduating from the latter in 1851; in 1852 began reading law with John M. Palmer at Carlinville, and was admitted to the bar in 1854. In August, 1862, he recruited the One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Volunteers, of which he was commissioned Colonel. Four months later he was wounded in battle, but served with his regiment through the war, and was brevetted Brigadier-General at its close. Returning from the war he resumed the practice of his profession at Carlinville. Since 1858 he has been an active Republican; has twice (1872 and '76) served his party as a Presidential Elector—the latter year for the State-at-large—and, in 1874, accepted a nomination for Congress against William R. Morrison, largely reducing the normal Democratic major-

ity. At the State Republican Convention of 1880 he was a prominent, but unsuccessful, candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor. In 1894 he made the race as the Republican candidate for Congress in the Sixteenth District and, although his opponent was awarded the certificate of election, on a bare majority of 60 votes on the face of the returns, a re-count, ordered by the Fifty-fourth Congress, showed a majority for General Rinaker, and he was seated near the close of the first session. He was a candidate for re-election in 1896, but defeated in a strongly Democratic District.

**RIPLEY, Edward Payson**, Railway President, was born in Dorchester (now a part of Boston), Mass., Oct. 30, 1845, being related, on his mother's side, to the distinguished author, Dr. Edward Payson. After receiving his education in the high school of his native place, at the age of 17 he entered upon a commercial life, as clerk in a wholesale dry-goods establishment in Boston. About the time he became of age, he entered into the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad as a clerk in the freight department in the Boston office, but, a few years later, assumed a responsible position in connection with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy line, finally becoming General Agent for the business of that road east of Buffalo, though retaining his headquarters at Boston. In 1878 he removed to Chicago to accept the position of General Freight Agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy System, with which he remained twelve years, serving successively as General Traffic Manager and General Manager, until June 1, 1890, when he resigned to become Third Vice-President of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul line. This relation was continued until Jan. 1, 1896, when Mr. Ripley accepted the Presidency of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, which (1899) he now holds. Mr. Ripley was a prominent factor in securing the location of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, and, in April, 1891, was chosen one of the Directors of the Exposition, serving on the Executive Committee and the Committee of Ways and Means and Transportation, being Chairman of the latter.

**RIVERSIDE**, a suburban town on the Des Plaines River and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, 11 miles west of Chicago; has handsome parks, several churches, a bank, two local papers and numerous fine residences. Population (1890), 1,000; (1900), 1,551.

**RIVERTON**, a village in Clear Creek Township, Sangamon County, at the crossing of the

Wabash Railroad over the Sangamon River, 6½ miles east-northeast of Springfield. It has four churches, a nursery, and two coal mines. Population (1880), 705; (1890), 1,127, (1900), 1,511; (1903, est.), about 5,000.

**RIVES, John Cook**, early banker and journalist, was born in Franklin County, Va., May 24, 1795; in 1806 removed to Kentucky, where he grew up under care of an uncle, Samuel Casey. He received a good education and was a man of high character and attractive manners. In his early manhood he came to Illinois, and was connected, for a time, with the Branch State Bank at Edwardsville, but, about 1824, removed to Shawneetown and held a position in the bank there; also studied law and was admitted to practice. Finally, having accepted a clerkship in the Fourth Auditor's Office in Washington, he removed to that city, and, in 1830, became associated with Francis P. Blair, Sr., in the establishment of "The Congressional Globe" (the predecessor of "The Congressional Record"), of which he finally became sole proprietor, so remaining until 1864. Like his partner, Blair, although a native of Virginia and a life-long Democrat, he was intensely loyal, and contributed liberally of his means for the equipment of soldiers from the District of Columbia, and for the support of their families, during the Civil War. His expenditures for these objects have been estimated at some \$80,000. Died, in Prince George's County, Md., April 10, 1864.

**ROYNOKE**, a village of Woodford County, on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, 26 miles northeast of Peoria; is in a coal district; has two banks, a coal mine, and one newspaper. Population (1880), 355; (1890), 831; (1900), 966.

**ROBB, Thomas Patten**, Sanitary Agent, was born in Bath, Maine, in 1819; came to Cook County, Ill., in 1838, and, after arriving at manhood, established the first exclusive wholesale grocery house in Chicago, remaining in the business until 1850. He then went to California, establishing himself in mercantile business at Sacramento, where he remained seven years, meanwhile being elected Mayor of that city. Returning to Chicago on the breaking out of the war, he was appointed on the staff of Governor Yates with the rank of Major, and, while serving in this capacity, was instrumental in giving General Grant the first duty he performed in the office of the Adjutant-General after his arrival from Galena. Later, he was assigned to duty as Inspector-General of Illinois troops with the rank of Colonel, having general charge of sanitary

affairs until the close of the war, when he was appointed Cotton Agent for the State of Georgia, and, still later, President of the Board of Tax Commissioners for that State. Other positions held by him were those of Postmaster and Collector of Customs at Savannah, Ga.; he was also one of the publishers of "The New Era," a Republican paper at Atlanta, and a prominent actor in reconstruction affairs. Resigning the Collectorship, he was appointed by the President United States Commissioner to investigate Mexican outrages on the Rio Grande border; was subsequently identified with Texas railroad interests as the President of the Corpus Christi & Rio Grande Railroad, and one of the projectors of the Chicago, Texas & Mexican Central Railway, being thus engaged until 1872. Later he returned to California, dying near Glenwood, in that State, April 10, 1895, aged 75 years and 10 months.

**ROBERTS, William Charles**, clergyman and educator, was born in a small village of Wales, England., Sept. 23, 1832; received his primary education in that country, but, removing to America during his minority, graduated from Princeton College in 1855, and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1858. After filling various pastorates in Delaware, New Jersey and Ohio, in 1881 he was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, the next year being offered the Presidency of Rutgers College, which he declined. In 1887 he accepted the presidency of Lake Forest University, which he still retains. From 1859 to 1863 he was a Trustee of Lafayette College, and, in 1866, was elected to a trusteeship of his Alma Mater. He has traveled extensively in the Orient, and was a member of the first and third councils of the Reformed Churches, held at Edinburgh and Belfast. Besides occasional sermons and frequent contributions to English, American, German and Welsh periodicals, Dr. Roberts has published a Welsh translation of the Westminster shorter catechism and a collection of letters on the great preachers of Wales, which appeared in Utica, 1868. He received the degree of D.D., from Union College in 1872, and that of LL.D., from Princeton, in 1887.

**ROBINSON**, an incorporated city and the county-seat of Crawford County, 25 miles northwest of Vincennes, Ind., and 44 miles south of Paris, Ill.; is on two lines of railroad and in the heart of a fruit and agricultural region. The city has water-works, electric lights, two banks and three weekly newspapers. Population (1890), 1,387; (1900), 1,683; (1904), about 2,000.

**ROBINSON, James C.**, lawyer and former Congressman, was born in Edgar County, Ill., in 1822, read law and was admitted to the bar in 1850. He served as a private during the Mexican War, and, in 1858, was elected to Congress as a Democrat, as he was again in 1860, '62, '70 and '72. In 1864 he was the Democratic nominee for Governor. He was a fluent speaker, and attained considerable distinction as an advocate in criminal practice. Died, at Springfield, Nov. 3, 1886.

**ROBINSON, John M.**, United States Senator, born in Kentucky in 1793, was liberally educated and became a lawyer by profession. In early life he settled at Carmi, Ill., where he married. He was of fine physique, of engaging manners, and personally popular. Through his association with the State militia he earned the title of "General." In 1830 he was elected to the United States Senate, to fill the unexpired term of John McLean. His immediate predecessor was David Jewett Baker, appointed by Governor Edwards, who served one month but failed of election by the Legislature. In 1834 Mr. Robinson was re-elected for a full term, which expired in 1841. In 1843 he was elected to a seat upon the Illinois Supreme bench, but died at Ottawa, April 27, of the same year, within three months after his elevation.

**ROCHELLE**, a city of Ogle County and an intersecting point of the Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railways. It is 75 miles west of Chicago, 27 miles south of Rockford, and 23 miles east by north of Dixon. It is in a rich agricultural and stock-raising region, rendering Rochelle an important shipping point. Among its industrial establishments are water-works, electric lights, a flouring mill and silk-underwear factory. The city has three banks, five churches and three newspapers. Pop. (1890), 1,789; (1900), 2,073; (1903), 2,500.

**ROCHESTER**, a village and early settlement in Sangamon County, laid out in 1819; in rich agricultural district, on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, 7½ miles southeast of Springfield; has a bank, two churches, one school, and a newspaper. Population (1900), 365.

**ROCK FALLS**, a city in Whiteside County, on Rock River and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; has excellent water-power, a good public school system with a high school, banks and a weekly newspaper. Agricultural implements, barbed wire, furniture, flour and paper are its chief manufactures. Water for the navigable feeder of the Hennepin Canal is taken from Rock River at this point. Pop. (1900), 2,176.

**ROCKFORD**, a flourishing manufacturing city, the county-seat of Winnebago County; lies on both sides of the Rock River, 92 miles west of Chicago. Four trunk lines of railroad—the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Chicago & Northwestern, the Illinois Central and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul—intersect here. Excellent water-power is secured by a dam across the river, and communication between the two divisions of the city is facilitated by three railway and three highway bridges. Water is provided from five artesian wells, a reserve main leading to the river. The city is wealthy, prosperous and progressive. The assessed valuation of property, in 1893, was \$6,531,235. Churches are numerous and schools, both public and private, are abundant and well conducted. The census of 1890 showed \$7,715,069 capital invested in 246 manufacturing establishments, which employed 5,223 persons and turned out an annual product valued at \$8,888,904. The principal industries are the manufacture of agricultural implements and furniture, though watches, silver-plated ware, paper, flour and grape sugar are among the other products. Pop. (1890), 13,129; (1890), 23,584; (1900), 31,051.

**ROCKFORD COLLEGE**, located at Rockford, Ill., incorporated in 1847; in 1898 had a faculty of 21 instructors with 161 pupils. The branches taught include the classics, music and fine arts. It has a library of 6,150 volumes, funds and endowment aggregating \$50,880 and property valued at \$240,880, of which \$150,000 is real estate.

**ROCK ISLAND**, the principal city and county-seat of Rock Island County, on the Mississippi River, 192 miles west by south from Chicago; is the converging point of five lines of railroad, and the western terminus of the Hennepin Canal. The name is derived from an island in the Mississippi River, opposite the city, 3 miles long, which belongs to the United States Government and contains an arsenal and armory. The river channel north of the island is navigable, the southern channel having been dammed by the Government, thereby giving great water power to Rock Island and Moline. A combined railway and highway bridge spans the river from Rock Island to Davenport, Iowa, crossing the island, while a railway bridge connects the cities a mile below. The island was the site of Fort Armstrong during the Black Hawk War, and was also a place for the confinement of Confederate prisoners during the Civil War. Rock Island is in a region of much picturesque scenery and has extensive manufactures of lumber, agricultural imple-

ments, iron, carriages and wagons and oilcloth; also five banks and three newspapers, two issuing daily editions. Pop. (1890), 13,634; (1900), 19,493.

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY**, in the northwestern section of the State bordering upon the Mississippi River (which constitutes its northwestern boundary for more than 60 miles), and having an area of 440 square miles. In 1816 the Government erected a fort on Rock Island (an island in the Mississippi, 3 miles long and one-half to three-quarters of a mile wide), naming it Fort Armstrong. It has always remained a military post, and is now the seat of an extensive arsenal and work-shops. In the spring of 1828, settlements were made near Port Byron by John and Thomas Kinney, Archibald Allen and George Harlan. Other early settlers, near Rock Island and Rapids City, were J. W. Spencer, J. W. Barriels, Benjamin F. Pike and Conrad Leak; and among the pioneers were Wells and Michael Bartlett, Joel Thompson, the Simms brothers and George Davenport. The country was full of Indians, this being the headquarters of Black Hawk and the initial point of the Black Hawk War. (See *Black Hawk*, and *Black Hawk War*.) By 1829 settlers were increased in number and county organization was effected in 1835, Rock Island (then called Stephenson) being made the county-seat. Joseph Conway was the first County Clerk, and Joel Wells, Sr., the first Treasurer. The first court was held at the residence of John W. Barriels, in Farnhamsburg. The county is irregular in shape, and the soil and scenery greatly varied. Coal is abundant, the water-power inexhaustible, and the county's mining and manufacturing interests are very extensive. Several lines of railway cross the county, affording admirable transportation facilities to both eastern and western markets. Rock Island and Moline (which see) are the two principal cities in the county, though there are several other important points. Coal Valley is the center of large mining interests, and Milan is also a manufacturing center. Port Byron is one of the oldest towns in the county, and has considerable lime and lumber interests, while Watertown is the seat of the Western Hospital for the Insane. Population of the county (1880), 38,302; (1890), 41,917; (1900), 55,249.

**ROCK ISLAND & PEORIA RAILWAY**, a standard-gauge road, laid with steel rails, extending from Rock Island to Peoria, 91 miles. It is lessee of the Rock Island & Mercer County Railroad, running from Milan to Cable, Ill., giving it a total length of 118 miles—with Peoria Terminal,

121.10 miles.—(HISTORY.) The company is a reorganization (Oct. 9, 1877) of the Peoria & Rock Island Railroad Company, whose road was sold under foreclosure, April 4, 1877. The latter Road was the result of the consolidation, in 1869, of two corporations—the Rock Island & Peoria and the Peoria & Rock Island Railroad Companies—the new organization taking the latter name. The road was opened through its entire length, Jan. 1, 1872, its sale under foreclosure and reorganization under its present name taking place, as already stated, in 1877. The Cable Branch was organized in 1876, as the Rock Island & Mercer County Railroad, and opened in December of the same year, sold under foreclosure in 1877, and leased to the Rock Island & Peoria Railroad, July 1, 1885, for 999 years, the rental for the entire period being commuted at \$450,000.—(FINANCIAL.) The cost of the entire road and equipment was \$2,654,487. The capital stock (1898) is \$1,500,000; funded debt, \$600,000; other forms of indebtedness increasing the total capital invested to \$2,181,066.

**ROCK RIVER**, a stream which rises in Washington County, Wis., and flows generally in a southerly direction, a part of its course being very sinuous. After crossing the northern boundary of Illinois, it runs southwestward, intersecting the counties of Winnebago, Ogle, Lee, Whiteside and Rock Island, and entering the Mississippi three miles below the city of Rock Island. It is about 375 miles long, but its navigation is partly obstructed by rapids, which, however, furnish abundant water-power. The principal towns on its banks are Rockford, Dixon and Sterling. Its valley is wide, and noted for its beauty and fertility.

**ROCKTON**, a village in Winnebago County, at the junction of two branches of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, on Rock River, 13 miles north of Rockford; has manufactures of paper and agricultural implements, a feed mill, and local paper. Pop. (1890), 892; (1900), 936.

**ROE, Edward Reynolds, A.B., M.D.**, physician, soldier and author, was born at Lebanon, Ohio, June 22, 1812; removed with his father, in 1819, to Cincinnati, and graduated at Louisville Medical Institute in 1842; began practice at Anderson, Ind., but soon removed to Shawneetown, Ill., where he gave much attention to geological research and made some extensive natural history collections. From 1848 to '52 he resided at Jacksonville, lectured extensively on his favorite science, wrote for the press and, for two years (1850-52), edited "The Jacksonville Journal," still



later editing the newly established "Constitutionalist" for a few months. During a part of this period he was lecturer on natural science at Shurtleff College; also delivered a lecture before the State Legislature on the geology of Illinois, which was immediately followed by the passage of the act establishing the State Geological Department. A majority of both houses joined in a request for his appointment as State Geologist, but it was rejected on partisan grounds—he, then, being a Whig. Removing to Bloomington in 1852, Dr. Roe became prominent in educational matters, being the first Professor of Natural Science in the State Normal University, and also a Trustee of the Illinois Wesleyan University. Having identified himself with the Democratic party at this time, he became its nominee for State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1860, but, on the inception of the war in 1861, he promptly espoused the cause of the Union, raised three companies (mostly Normal students) which were attached to the Thirty-third Illinois (Normal) Regiment; was elected Captain and successively promoted to Major and Lieutenant-Colonel. Having been dangerously wounded in the assault at Vicksburg, on May 22, 1863, and compelled to return home, he was elected Circuit Clerk by the combined vote of both parties, was re-elected four years later, became editor of "The Bloomington Pantagraph" and, in 1870, was elected to the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, where he won distinction by a somewhat notable humorous speech in opposition to removing the State Capital to Peoria. In 1871 he was appointed Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois, serving nine years. Dr. Roe was a somewhat prolific author, having produced more than a dozen works which have appeared in book form. One of these, "Virginia Rose; a Tale of Illinois in Early Days," first appeared as a prize serial in "The Alton Courier" in 1852. Others of his more noteworthy productions are: "The Gray and the Blue"; "Brought to Bay"; "From the Beaten Path"; "G. A. R.; or How She Married His Double"; "Dr. Caldwell; or the Trail of the Serpent"; and "Prairie-Land and Other Poems." He died in Chicago, Nov. 6, 1893.

**ROGERS, George Clarke**, soldier, was born in Grafton County, N. H., Nov. 22, 1838; but was educated in Vermont and Illinois, having removed to the latter State early in life. While teaching he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1860; was the first, in 1861, to raise a company in Lake County for the war, which was mustered into the Fifteenth Illinois Volunteers;

was chosen Second-Lieutenant and later Captain; was wounded four times at Shiloh, but refused to leave the field, and led his regiment in the final charge; was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and soon after commissioned Colonel for gallantry at Hatchie. At Champion Hills he received three wounds, from one of which he never fully recovered; took a prominent part in the operations at Allatoona and commanded a brigade nearly two years, including the Atlanta campaign, retiring with the rank of brevet Brigadier-General. Since the war has practiced law in Illinois and in Kansas.

**ROGERS, Henry Wade**, educator, lawyer and author, was born in Central New York in 1853; entered Hamilton College, but the following year became a student in Michigan University, graduating there in 1874, also receiving the degree of A.M., from the same institution, in 1877. In 1883 he was elected to a professorship in the Ann Arbor Law School, and, in 1885, was made Dean of the Faculty, succeeding Judge Cooley, at the age of 32. Five years later he was tendered, and accepted, the Presidency of the Northwestern University, at Evanston, being the first layman chosen to the position, and succeeding a long line of Bishops and divines. The same year (1890), Wesleyan University conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL.D. He is a member of the American Bar Association, has served for a number of years on its Committee on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, and was the first Chairman of the Section on Legal Education. President Rogers was the General Chairman of the Conference on the Future Foreign Policy of the United States, held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., in August, 1898. At the Congress held in 1893, as auxiliary to the Columbian Exposition, he was chosen Chairman of the Committee on Law Reform and Jurisprudence, and was for a time associate editor of "The American Law Register," of Philadelphia. He is also the author of a treatise on "Expert Testimony," which has passed through two editions, and has edited a work entitled "Illinois Citations," besides doing much other valuable literary work of a similar character.

**ROGERS, John Gorin**, jurist, was born at Glasgow, Ky., Dec. 28, 1818, of English and early Virginian ancestry; was educated at Center College, Danville, Ky., and at Transylvania University, graduating from the latter institution in 1841, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. For sixteen years he practiced in his native town, and, in 1857, removed to Chicago, where he soon

attained professional prominence. In 1870 he was elected a Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court, continuing on the bench, through repeated re-elections, until his death, which occurred suddenly, Jan. 10, 1887, four years before the expiration of the term for which he had been elected.

**ROGERS PARK**, a village and suburb 9 miles north of Chicago, on Lake Michigan and the Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railways; has a bank and two weekly newspapers; is reached by electric street-car line from Chicago, and is a popular residence suburb. Annexed to City of Chicago, 1893.

**ROLL, John E.**, pioneer, was born in Green Village, N. J., June 4, 1814; came to Illinois in 1830, and settled in Sangamon County. He assisted Abraham Lincoln in the construction of the flat-boat with which the latter descended the Mississippi River to New Orleans, in 1831. Mr. Roll, who was a mechanic and contractor, built a number of houses in Springfield, where he has since continued to reside.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.** The earliest Christians to establish places of worship in Illinois were priests of the Catholic faith. Early Catholic missionaries were explorers and historians as well as preachers. (See *Allouez*; *Bergier*; *Early Missionaries*; *Gravier*; *Marquette*.) The church went hand in hand with the representatives of the French Government, carrying in one hand the cross and in the other the flag of France, simultaneously disseminating the doctrines of Christianity and inculcating loyalty to the House of Bourbon. For nearly a hundred years, the self-sacrificing and devoted Catholic clergy of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries ministered to the spiritual wants of the early French settlers and the natives. They were not without factional jealousies, however, and a severe blow was dealt to a branch of them in the order for the banishment of the Jesuits and the confiscation of their property. (See *Early Missionaries*.) The subsequent occupation of the country by the English, with the contemporaneous emigration of a considerable portion of the French west of the Mississippi, dissipated many congregations. Up to 1830 Illinois was included in the diocese of Missouri; but at that time it was constituted a separate diocese, under the episcopal control of Rt. Rev. Joseph Rosatti. At that date there were few, if any, priests in Illinois. But Bishop Rosatti was a man of earnest purpose and rare administrative ability. New parishes were organized as rapidly as circumstances

would permit, and the growth of the church has been steady. By 1840 there were thirty-one parishes and twenty priests. In 1896 there are reported 698 parishes, 764 clergymen and a Catholic population exceeding 850,000. (See also *Religious Denominations*.)

**ROODHOUSE**, a city in Greene County, 21 miles south of Jacksonville, and at junction of three divisions of the Chicago & Alton Railroad; is in fertile agricultural and coal-mining region; city contains a flouring mill, grain-elevator, stock-yards, railway shops, water-works, electric light plant, two private banks, fine opera house, good school buildings, one daily and two weekly papers. Pop. (1890), 2,360; (1900), 2,351.

**ROODHOUSE, John**, farmer and founder of the town of Roodhouse, in Greene County, Ill., was born in Yorkshire, England, brought to America in childhood, his father settling in Greene County, Ill., in 1831. In his early manhood he opened a farm in Tazewell County, but finally returned to the paternal home in Greene County, where, on the location of the Jacksonville Division of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, he laid out the town of Roodhouse, at the junction of the Louisiana and Kansas City branch with the main line.

**ROOT, George Frederick**, musical composer and author, was born at Sheffield, Mass., August 30, 1820. He was a natural musician, and, while employed on his father's farm, learned to play on various instruments. In 1838 he removed to Boston, where he began his life-work. Besides teaching music in the public schools, he was employed to direct the musical service in two churches. From Boston he removed to New York, and, in 1850, went to Paris for purposes of musical study. In 1853 he made his first public essay as a composer in the song, "Hazel Dell," which became popular at once. From this time forward his success as a song-writer was assured. His music, while not of a high artistic character, captivated the popular ear and appealed strongly to the heart. In 1860 he took up his residence in Chicago, where he conducted a musical journal and wrote those "war songs" which created and perpetuated his fame. Among the best known are "Rally Round the Flag"; "Just Before the Battle, Mother"; and "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp." Other popular songs by him are "Rosalie, the Prairie Flower"; "A Hundred Years Ago"; and "The Old Folks are Gone." Besides songs he composed several cantatas and much sacred music, also publishing many books of instruction and numerous collections of vocal and instru-

mental music. In 1872 the University of Chicago conferred on him the degree of Mus. Doc. Died, near Portland, Maine, August 6, 1895.

**ROOTS, Benajah Guernsey**, civil engineer, and educator, was born in Onondaga County N. Y., April 20, 1811, and educated in the schools and academies of Central New York; began teaching in 1827, and, after spending a year at sea for the benefit of his health, took a course in law and civil engineering. He was employed as a civil engineer on the Western Railroad of Massachusetts until 1838, when he came to Illinois and obtained employment on the railroad projected from Alton to Shawneetown, under the "internal improvement system" of 1837. When that was suspended in 1839, he settled on a farm near the present site of Tamaroa, Perry County, and soon after opened a boarding school, continuing its management until 1846, when he became Principal of a seminary at Sparta. In 1851 he went into the service of the Illinois Central Railroad, first as resident engineer in charge of surveys and construction, later as land agent and attorney. He was prominent in the introduction of the graded school system in Illinois and in the establishment of the State Normal School at Bloomington and the University of Illinois at Champaign; was a member of the State Board of Education from its organization, and served as delegate to the National Republican Convention of 1868. Died, at his home in Perry County, Ill., May 9, 1888.—**Philander Keep** (Roots), son of the preceding, born in Tolland County, Conn., June 4, 1838, brought to Illinois the same year and educated in his father's school, and in an academy at Carrollton and the Wesleyan University at Bloomington; at the age of 17 belonged to a corps of engineers employed on a Southern railroad, and, during the war, served as a civil engineer in the construction and repair of military roads. Later, he was Deputy Surveyor-General of Nebraska; in 1871 became Chief Engineer on the Cairo & Fulton (now a part of the Iron Mountain) Railway; then engaged in the banking business in Arkansas, first as cashier of a bank at Fort Smith and afterwards of the Merchants' National Bank at Little Rock, of which his brother, Logan H., was President.—**Logan H.** (Roots), another son, born near Tamaroa, Perry County, Ill., March 22, 1841, was educated at home and at the State Normal at Bloomington, meanwhile serving as principal of a high school at Duquoin; in 1862 enlisted in the Eighty-first Illinois Volunteers, serving through the war and acting as Chief Commissary

for General Sherman on the "March to the Sea," and participating in the great review in Washington, in May, 1865. After the conclusion of the war he was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the First Arkansas District, was elected from that State to the Fortieth and Forty-first Congresses (1868 and 1870)—being, at the time, the youngest member in that body—and was appointed United States Marshal by President Grant. He finally became President of the Merchants' National Bank at Little Rock, with which he remained nearly twenty years. Died, suddenly, of congestion of the brain, May 30, 1893, leaving an estate valued at nearly one and a half millions, of which he gave a large share to charitable purposes and to the city of Little Rock, for the benefit of its hospitals and the improvement of its parks.

**ROSE, James A.**, Secretary of State, was born at Golconda, Pope County, Ill., Oct. 13, 1850. The foundation of his education was secured in the public schools of his native place, and, after a term in the Normal University at Normal, Ill., at the age of 18 he took charge of a country school. Soon he was chosen Principal of the Golconda graded schools, was later made County Superintendent of Schools, and re-elected for a second term. During his second term he was admitted to the bar, and, resigning the office of Superintendent, was elected State's Attorney without opposition, being re-elected for another term. In 1889, by appointment of Governor Fifer, he became one of the Trustees of the Pontiac Reformatory, serving until the next year, when he was transferred to the Board of Commissioners of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary at Chester, which position he continued to occupy until 1893. In 1896 he was elected Secretary of State on the Republican ticket, his term extending to January, 1901.

**ROSEVILLE**, a village in Warren County, on the Rock Island Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 17 miles northwest of Bushnell; has water and electric-light plants, two banks, public library and one newspaper. Region agricultural and coal-mining. Pop. (1900), 1,014.

**ROSS, Leonard Fulton**, soldier, born in Fulton County, Ill., July 18, 1823; was educated in the common schools and at Illinois College, Jacksonville, studied law and admitted to the bar in 1845; the following year enlisted in the Fourth Illinois Volunteers for the Mexican War, became First Lieutenant and was commended for services at Vera Cruz and Cerro Gordo; also performed important service as bearer of dispatches for Gen-

eral Taylor. After the war he served six years as Probate Judge. In May, 1861, he enlisted in the war for the Union, and was chosen Colonel of the Seventeenth Illinois Volunteers, serving with it in Missouri and Kentucky; was commissioned Brigadier-General a few weeks after the capture of Fort Donelson, and, after the evacuation of Corinth, was assigned to the command of a division with headquarters at Bolivar, Tenn. He resigned in July, 1863, and, in 1867, was appointed by President Johnson Collector of Internal Revenue for the Ninth District; has been three times a delegate to National Republican Conventions and twice defeated as a candidate for Congress in a Democratic District. Since the war he has devoted his attention largely to stock-raising, having a large stock-farm in Iowa. In his later years was President of a bank at Lewistown, Ill. Died Jan. 17, 1901.

**ROSS, (Col.) William**, pioneer, was born at Monson, Hampden County, Mass., April 24, 1792; removed with his father's family, in 1805, to Pittsfield, Mass., where he remained until his twentieth year, when he was commissioned an Ensign in the Twenty-first Regiment United States Infantry, serving through the War of 1812-14, and participating in the battle of Sackett's Harbor. During the latter part of his service he acted as drill-master at various points. Then, returning to Pittsfield, he carried on the business of blacksmithing as an employer, meanwhile filling some local offices. In 1820, a company consisting of himself and four brothers, with their families and a few others, started for the West, intending to settle in Illinois. Reaching the head-waters of the Allegheny overland, they transferred their wagons, teams and other property to flat-boats, descending that stream and the Ohio to Shawneetown, Ill. Here they disembarked and, crossing the State, reached Upper Alton, where they found only one house, that of Maj. Charles W. Hunter. Leaving their families at Upper Alton, the brothers proceeded north, crossing the Illinois River near its mouth, until they reached a point in the western part of the present county of Pike, where the town of Atlas was afterwards located. Here they erected four rough log-cabins, on a beautiful prairie not far from the Mississippi, removing their families thither a few weeks later. They suffered the usual privations incident to life in a new country, not excepting sickness and death of some of their number. At the next session of the Legislature (1820-21) Pike County was established, embracing all that part of the State west

and north of the Illinois, and including the present cities of Galena and Chicago. The Ross settlement became the nucleus of the town of Atlas, laid out by Colonel Ross and his associates in 1823, at an early day the rival of Quincy, and becoming the second county-seat of Pike County, so remaining from 1824 to 1833, when the seat of justice was removed to Pittsfield. During this period Colonel Ross was one of the most prominent citizens of the county, holding, simultaneously or successively, the offices of Probate Judge, Circuit and County Clerk, Justice of the Peace, and others of a subordinate character. As Colonel of Militia, in 1833, he was ordered by Governor Reynolds to raise a company for the Black Hawk War, and, in four days, reported at Beardstown with twice the number of men called for. In 1834 he was elected to the lower branch of the General Assembly, also serving in the Senate during the three following sessions, a part of the time as President pro tem. of the last-named body. While in the General Assembly he was instrumental in securing legislation of great importance relating to Military Tract lands. The year following the establishment of the county-seat at Pittsfield (1834) he became a citizen of that place, which he had the privilege of naming for his early home. He was a member of the Republican State Convention of 1856, and a delegate to the National Republican Convention of 1860, which nominated Mr. Lincoln for President the first time. Beginning life poor he acquired considerable property; was liberal, public-spirited and patriotic, making a handsome donation to the first company organized in Pike County, for the suppression of the Rebellion. Died, at Pittsfield, May 31, 1873.

**ROSSVILLE**, a village of Vermillion County, on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, 19 miles north of Danville; has electric-light plant, water-works, tile and brick-works, two banks and two newspapers. Pop. (1890), 879; (1900), 1,435.

**ROUNDS, Sterling Parker**, public printer, was born in Berkshire, Vt., June 27, 1828; about 1840 began learning the printer's trade at Kenosha, Wis., and, in 1845, was foreman of the State printing office at Madison, afterward working in offices in Milwaukee, Racine and Buffalo, going to Chicago in 1851. Here he finally established a printer's warehouse, to which he later added an electrotype foundry and the manufacture of presses, also commencing the issue of "Round's Printers' Cabinet," a trade-paper, which was continued during his life. In 1881 he was appointed by President Garfield Public Printer at



Washington, serving until 1885, when he removed to Omaha, Neb., and was identified with "The Republican," of that city, until his death, Dec. 17, 1887.

**ROUNTREE, Hiram**, County Judge, born in Rutherford County, N. C., Dec. 22, 1794; was brought to Kentucky in infancy, where he grew to manhood and served as an Ensign in the War of 1812 under General Shelby. In 1817 he removed to Illinois Territory, first locating in Madison County, where he taught school for two years near Edwardsville, but removed to Fayette County about the time of the removal of the State capital to Vandalia. On the organization of Montgomery County, in 1821, he was appointed to office there and ever afterwards resided at Hillsboro. For a number of years in the early history of the county, he held (at the same time) the offices of Clerk of the County Commissioners Court, Clerk of the Circuit Court, County Recorder, Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Master in Chancery and Judge of Probate, besides that of Postmaster for the town of Hillsboro. In 1826 he was elected Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk of the Senate and re-elected in 1830; served as Delegate in the Constitutional Convention of 1847, and the next year was elected to the State Senate, serving in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth General Assemblies. On retiring from the Senate (1852), he was elected County Judge without opposition, was re-elected to the same office in 1861, and again, in 1865, as the nominee of the Republicans. Judge Rountree was noted for his sound judgment and sterling integrity. Died, at Hillsboro, March 4, 1873.

**ROUTT, John L.**, soldier and Governor, was born at Eddyville, Ky., April 25, 1826, brought to Illinois in infancy and educated in the common schools. Soon after coming of age he was elected and served one term as Sheriff of McLean County; in 1862 enlisted and became Captain of Company E, Ninety-fourth Illinois Volunteers. After the war he engaged in business in Bloomington, and was appointed by President Grant, successively, United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois, Second Assistant Postmaster-General and Territorial Governor of Colorado. On the admission of Colorado as a State, he was elected the first Governor under the State Government, and re-elected in 1890—serving, in all, three years. His home is in Denver. He has been extensively and successfully identified with mining enterprises in Colorado.

**ROWELL, Jonathan H.**, ex-Congressman, was born at Haverhill, N. H., Feb. 10, 1833. He is a

graduate of Eureka College and of the Law Department of the Chicago University. During the War of the Rebellion he served three years as company officer in the Seventeenth Illinois Infantry. In 1868 he was elected State's Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, and, in 1880, was a Presidential Elector on the Republican ticket. In 1883 he was elected to Congress from the Fourteenth Illinois District and three times re-elected, serving until March, 1891. His home is at Bloomington.

**ROWETT, Richard**, soldier, was born in Cornwall, England, in 1830, came to the United States in 1851, finally settling on a farm near Carlinville, Ill., and becoming a breeder of thorough-bred horses. In 1861 he entered the service as a Captain in the Seventh Illinois Volunteers and was successively promoted Major, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel; was wounded in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth and Allatoona, especially distinguishing himself at the latter and being brevetted Brigadier-General for gallantry. After the war he returned to his stock-farm, but later held the positions of Canal Commissioner, Penitentiary Commissioner, Representative in the Thirtieth General Assembly and Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourth (Quincy) District, until its consolidation with the Eighth District by President Cleveland. Died, in Chicago, July 13, 1887.

**RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE**, located in Chicago; incorporated by act of March 2, 1837, the charter having been prepared the previous year by Drs. Daniel Brainard and Josiah C. Goodhue. The extreme financial depression of the following year prevented the organization of a faculty until 1843. The institution was named in honor of Dr. Benjamin Rush, the eminent practitioner, medical author and teacher of Philadelphia in the latter half of the eighteenth century. The first faculty consisted of four professors, and the first term opened on Dec. 4, 1843, with a class of twenty-two students. Three years' study was required for graduation, but only two annual terms of sixteen weeks each need be attended at the college itself. Instruction was given in a few rooms temporarily opened for that purpose. The next year a small building, costing between \$3,000 and \$4,000, was erected. This was re-arranged and enlarged in 1855 at a cost of \$15,000. The constant and rapid growth of the college necessitated the erection of a new building in 1867, the cost of which was \$70,000. This was destroyed in the fire of 1871, and another, costing \$54,000, was erected in 1876 and a free dispensary

added. In 1844 the Presbyterian Hospital was located on a portion of the college lot, and the two institutions connected, thus insuring abundant and stable facilities for clinical instruction. Shortly afterwards, Rush College became the medical department of Lake Forest University. The present faculty (1898) consists of 95 professors, adjunct professors, lecturers and instructors of all grades, and over 600 students in attendance. The length of the annual terms is six months, and four years of study are required for graduation, attendance upon at least three college terms being compulsory.

**RUSHVILLE**, the county-seat of Schuyler County, 50 miles northeast of Quincy and 11 miles northwest of Beardstown; is the southern terminus of the Buda and Rushville branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. The town was selected as the county-seat in 1826, the seat of justice being removed from a place called Beardstown, about five miles eastward (not the present Beardstown in Cass County), where it had been located at the time of the organization of Schuyler County, a year previous. At first the new seat of justice was called Rush-ton, in honor of Dr. Benjamin Rush, but afterwards took its present name. It is a coal-mining, grain and fruit-growing region, and contains several manufactories, including flour-mills, brick and tile works; also has two banks (State and private) and a public library. Four periodicals (one daily) are published here. Population (1880), 1,662; (1890), 2,031; (1900), 2,292.

**RUSSELL, John**, pioneer teacher and author, was born at Cavendish, Vt., July 31, 1793, and educated in the common schools of his native State and at Middlebury College, where he graduated in 1818—having obtained means to support himself, during his college course, by teaching and by the publication, before he had reached his 20th year, of a volume entitled "The Authentic History of Vermont State Prison." After graduation he taught for a short time in Georgia; but, early in the following year, joined his father on the way to Missouri. The next five years he spent in teaching in the "Bonhomme Bottom" on the Missouri River. During this period he published, anonymously, in "The St. Charles Missourian," a temperance allegory entitled "The Venomous Worm" (or "The Worm of the Still"), which gained a wide popularity and was early recognized by the compilers of school-readers as a sort of classic. Leaving this locality he taught a year in St. Louis, when he removed to Vandalia (then the capital of Illinois), after which he spent

two years teaching in the Seminary at Upper Alton, which afterwards became Shurtleff College. In 1828 he removed to Greene County, locating at a point near the Illinois River to which he gave the name of Bluffdale. Here he was licensed as a Baptist preacher, officiating in this capacity only occasionally, while pursuing his calling as a teacher or writer for the press, to which he was an almost constant contributor during the last twenty-five years of his life. About 1837 or 1838 he was editor of a paper called "The Backwoodsman" at Grafton—then a part of Greene County, but now in Jersey County—to which he afterwards continued to be a contributor some time longer, and, in 1841-42, was editor of "The Advertiser," at Louisville, Ky. He was also, for several years, Principal of the Spring Hill Academy in East Feliciana Parish, La., meanwhile serving for a portion of the time as Superintendent of Public Schools. He was the author of a number of stories and sketches, some of which went through several editions, and, at the time of his death, had in preparation a history of "The Black Hawk War," "Evidences of Christianity" and a "History of Illinois." He was an accomplished linguist, being able to read with fluency Greek, Latin, French, Spanish and Italian, besides having considerable familiarity with several other modern languages. In 1862 he received from the University of Chicago the degree of LL.D. Died, Jan. 2, 1863, and was buried on the old homestead at Bluffdale.

**RUSSELL, Martin J.**, politician and journalist, born in Chicago, Dec. 20, 1845. He was a nephew of Col. James A. Mulligan (see *Mulligan, James A.*) and served with credit as Adjutant-General on the staff of the latter in the Civil War. In 1870 he became a reporter on "The Chicago Evening Post," and was advanced to the position of city editor. Subsequently he was connected with "The Times," and "The Telegram"; was also a member of the Board of Education of Hyde Park before the annexation of that village to Chicago, and has been one of the South Park Commissioners of the city last named. After the purchase of "The Chicago Times" by Carter H. Harrison he remained for a time on the editorial staff. In 1894 President Cleveland appointed him Collector of the Port of Chicago. At the expiration of his term of office he resumed editorial work as editor-in-chief of "The Chronicle," the organ of the Democratic party in Chicago. Died June 25, 1900.

**RUTHERFORD, Friend S.**, lawyer and soldier, was born in Schenectady, N. Y., Sept. 25,

1820; studied law in Troy and removed to Illinois, settling at Edwardsville, and finally at Alton; was a Republican candidate for Presidential Elector in 1856, and, in 1860, a member of the National Republican Convention at Chicago, which nominated Mr. Lincoln for the Presidency. In September, 1862, he was commissioned Colonel of the Ninety-seventh Illinois Volunteers, and participated in the capture of Port Gibson and in the operations about Vicksburg—also leading in the attack on Arkansas Post, and subsequently serving in Louisiana, but died as the result of fatigue and exposure in the service, June 20, 1864, one week before his promotion to the rank of Brigadier-General.—**Reuben C.** (Rutherford), brother of the preceding, was born at Troy, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1823, but grew up in Vermont and New Hampshire; received a degree in law when quite young, but afterwards fitted himself as a lecturer on physiology and hygiene, upon which he lectured extensively in Michigan, Illinois and other States after coming west in 1849. During 1854-55, in co-operation with Prof. J. B. Turner and others, he canvassed and lectured extensively throughout Illinois in support of the movement which resulted in the donation of public lands, by Congress, for the establishment of "Industrial Colleges" in the several States. The establishment of the University of Illinois, at Champaign, was the outgrowth of this movement. In 1856 he located at Quincy, where he resided some thirty years; in 1861, served for several months as the first Commissary of Subsistence at Cairo; was later associated with the State Quartermaster's Department, finally entering the secret service of the War Department, in which he remained until 1867, retiring with the rank of brevet Brigadier-General. In 1886, General Rutherford removed to New York City, where he died, June 24, 1895.—**George V.** (Rutherford), another brother, was born at Rutland, Vt., 1830; was first admitted to the bar, but afterwards took charge of the construction of telegraph lines in some of the Southern States; at the beginning of the Civil War became Assistant Quartermaster-General of the State of Illinois, at Springfield, under ex-Gov. John Wood, but subsequently entered the Quartermaster's service of the General Government in Washington, retiring after the war with the rank of Brigadier-General. He then returned to Quincy, Ill., where he resided until 1872, when he engaged in manufacturing business at Northampton, Mass., but finally removed to California for the benefit of his failing health. Died, at St. Helena, Cal., August 28, 1872.

**RUTLAND**, a village of La Salle County, on the Illinois Central Railroad, 25 miles south of La Salle; has a bank, five churches, school, and a newspaper, with coal mines in the vicinity. Pop. (1890), 509; (1900), 893; (1903), 1,093.

**RUTLEDGE**, (Rev.) **William J.**, clergyman, Army Chaplain, born in Augusta County, Va., June 24, 1820; was converted at the age of 12 years and, at 21, became a member of the Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving various churches in the central and western parts of the State—also acting, for a time, as Agent of the Illinois Conference Female College at Jacksonville. From 1861 to 1863 he was Chaplain of the Fourteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteers. Returning from the war, he served as pastor of churches at Jacksonville, Bloomington, Quincy, Rushville, Springfield, Griggsville and other points; from 1881 to '84 was Chaplain of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet. Mr. Rutledge was one of the founders of the Grand Army of the Republic, and served for many years as Chaplain of the order for the Department of Illinois. In connection with the ministry, he has occupied a supernumerary relation since 1885. Died in Jacksonville, April 14, 1900.

**RUTZ**, **Edward**, State Treasurer, was born in a village in the Duchy of Baden, Germany, May 5, 1829; came to America in 1848, locating on a farm in St. Clair County, Ill.; went to California in 1857, and, early in 1861, enlisted in the Third United States Artillery at San Francisco, serving with the Army of the Potomac until his discharge in 1864, and taking part in every battle in which his command was engaged. After his return in 1865, he located in St. Clair County, and was elected County Surveyor, served three consecutive terms as County Treasurer, and was elected State Treasurer three times—1872, '76 and '80. About 1892 he removed to California, where he now resides.

**RYAN**, **Edward G.**, early editor and jurist, born at Newcastle House, County Meath, Ireland, Nov. 13, 1810; was educated for the priesthood, but turned his attention to law, and, in 1830, came to New York and engaged in teaching while prosecuting his legal studies; in 1836 removed to Chicago, where he was admitted to the bar and was, for a time, associated in practice with Hugh T. Dickey. In April, 1840, Mr. Ryan assumed the editorship of a weekly paper in Chicago called "The Illinois Tribune," which he conducted for over a year, and which is remembered chiefly on account of its bitter assaults on Judge John Pearson of Danville, who had

aroused the hostility of some members of the Chicago bar by his rulings upon the bench. About 1842 Ryan removed to Milwaukee, Wis., where he was, for a time, a partner of Matthew H. Carpenter (afterwards United States Senator), and was connected with a number of celebrated trials before the courts of that State, including the Barstow-Bashford case, which ended with Bashford becoming the first Republican Governor of Wisconsin. In 1874 he was appointed Chief Justice of Wisconsin, serving until his death, which occurred at Madison, Oct. 19, 1880. He was a strong partisan, and, during the Civil War, was an intense opponent of the war policy of the Government. In spite of infirmities of temper, he appears to have been a man of much learning and recognized legal ability.

**RYAN, James**, Roman Catholic Bishop, born in Ireland in 1848 and emigrated to America in childhood; was educated for the priesthood in Kentucky, and, after ordination, was made a professor in St. Joseph's Seminary, at Bardstown, Ky. In 1878 he removed to Illinois, attaching himself to the diocese of Peoria, and having charge of parishes at Wataga and Danville. In 1881 he became rector of the Ottawa parish, within the episcopal jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Chicago. In 1888 he was made Bishop of the see of Alton, the prior incumbent (Bishop Baltes) having died in 1886.

**SACS AND FOXES**, two confederated Indian tribes, who were among the most warlike and powerful of the aborigines of the Illinois Country. The Foxes called themselves the Musk-wah-ha-kee, a name compounded of two words, signifying "those of red earth." The French called them Ou-ta-ga-mies, that being their spelling of the name given them by other tribes, the meaning of which was "Foxes," and which was bestowed upon them because their totem (or armorial device, as it may be called) was a fox. They seem to have been driven westward from the northern shore of Lake Ontario, by way of Niagara and Mackinac, to the region around Green Bay, Wis.—Concerning their allied brethren, the Sacs, less is known. The name is variously spelled in the Indian dialects—Ou-sa-kies, Sauks, etc.—and the term Sacs is unquestionably an abbreviated corruption. Black Hawk belonged to this tribe. The Foxes and Sacs formed a confederation according to aboriginal tradition, on what is now known as the Sac River, near Green Bay, but the date of the alliance cannot be determined. The origin of the Sacs is equally

uncertain. Black Hawk claimed that his tribe originally dwelt around Quebec, but, as to the authenticity of this claim, historical authorities differ widely. Subsequent to 1670 the history of the allied tribes is tolerably well defined. Their characteristics, location and habits are described at some length by Father Allouez, who visited them in 1666-67. He says that they were numerous and warlike, but depicts them as "penurious, avaricious, thievish and quarrelsome." That they were cordially detested by their neighbors is certain, and Judge James Hall calls them "the Ishmaelites of the lakes." They were unfriendly to the French, who attached to themselves other tribes, and, through the aid of the latter, had well-nigh exterminated them, when the Sacs and Foxes sued for peace, which was granted on terms most humiliating to the vanquished. By 1718, however, they were virtually in possession of the region around Rock River in Illinois, and, four years later, through the aid of the Mascoutins and Kickapoos, they had expelled the Illinois, driving the last of that ill-fated tribe across the Illinois River. They abstained from taking part in the border wars that marked the close of the Revolutionary War, and therefore did not participate in the treaty of Greenville in 1795. At that date, according to Judge Hall, they claimed the country as far west as Council Bluffs, Iowa, and as far north as Prairie du Chien. They offered to co-operate with the United States Government in the War of 1812, but this offer was declined, and a portion of the tribe, under the leadership of Black Hawk, enlisted on the side of the British. The Black Hawk War proved their political ruin. By the treaty of Rock Island they ceded vast tracts of land, including a large part of the eastern half of Iowa and a large body of land east of the Mississippi. (See *Black Hawk War; Indian Treaties*.) In 1842 the Government divided the nation into two bands, removing both to reservations in the farther West. One was located on the Osage River and the other on the south side of the Ne-ne-ma-ha River, near the northwest corner of Kansas. From these reservations, there is little doubt, many of them have silently emigrated toward the Rocky Mountains, where the hoe might be laid aside for the rifle, the net and the spear of the hunter. A few years ago a part of these confederated tribes were located in the eastern part of Oklahoma.

**SAILOR SPRINGS**, a village and health resort in Clay County, 5 miles north of Clay City, has an academy and a local paper. Population (1900), 419; (1903, est.), 550.



**SALEM**, an incorporated city, the county-seat of Marion County, on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, the Chicago & Eastern Illinois and the Illinois Southern Railroads, 71 miles east of St. Louis, and 16 miles northeast of Centralia; in agricultural and coal district. A leading industry is the culture, evaporation and shipment of fruit. The city has flour-mills, two banks and three weekly newspapers. Pop. (1890), 1,493; (1900), 1,642.

**SALINE COUNTY**, a southeastern county, organized in 1847, having an area of 380 square miles. It derives its name from the salt springs which are found in every part of the county. The northern portion is rolling and yields an abundance of coal of a quality suitable for smelting. The bottoms are swampy, but heavily timbered, and saw-mills abound. Oak, hickory, sweet gum, mulberry, locust and sassafras are the prevailing varieties. Fruit and tobacco are extensively cultivated. The climate is mild and humid, and the vegetation varied. The soil of the low lands is rich, and, when drained, makes excellent farming lands. In some localities a good gray sandstone, soft enough to be worked, is quarried, and millstone grit is frequently found. In the southern half of the county are the Eagle Mountains, a line of hills having an altitude of some 450 to 500 feet above the level of the Mississippi at Cairo, and believed by geologists to have been a part of the upheaval that gave birth to the Ozark Mountains in Missouri and Arkansas. The highest land in the county is 864 feet above sea-level. Tradition says that these hills are rich in silver ore, but it has not been found in paying quantities. Springs strongly impregnated with sulphur are found on the slopes. The county-seat was originally located at Raleigh, which was platted in 1848, but it was subsequently removed to Harrisburg, which was laid out in 1859. Population of the county (1880), 15,940; (1890), 19,342; (1900), 21,685.

**SALINE RIVER**, a stream formed by the confluence of two branches, both of which flow through portions of Saline County, uniting in Gallatin County. The North Fork rises in Hamilton County and runs nearly south, while the South Fork drains part of Williamson County, and runs east through Saline. The river (which is little more than a creek), thus formed, runs southeast, entering the Ohio ten miles below Shawneetown.

**SALT MANUFACTURE**. There is evidence going to show that the saline springs, in Gallatin County, were utilized by the aboriginal inhabit-

ants in the making of salt, long before the advent of white settlers. There have been discovered, at various points, what appear to be the remains of evaporating kettles, composed of hardened clay and pounded shells, varying in diameter from three to four feet. In 1812, with a view to encouraging the manufacture of salt from these springs, Congress granted to Illinois the use of 36 square miles, the fee still remaining in the United States. These lands were leased by the State to private parties, but the income derived from them was comparatively small and frequently difficult of collection. The workmen were mostly slaves from Kentucky and Tennessee, who are especially referred to in Article VI., Section 2, of the Constitution of 1818. The salt made brought \$5 per 100 pounds, and was shipped in keel boats to various points on the Ohio, Mississippi, Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers, while many purchasers came hundreds of miles on horseback and carried it away on pack animals. In 1827, the State treasury being empty and the General Assembly having decided to erect a penitentiary at Alton, Congress was petitioned to donate these lands to the State in fee, and permission was granted "to sell 30,000 acres of the Ohio Salines in Gallatin County, and apply the proceeds to such purposes as the Legislature might by law direct." The sale was made, one-half of the proceeds set apart for the building of the penitentiary, and one-half to the improvement of roads and rivers in the eastern part of the State. The manufacture of salt was carried on, however—for a time by lessees and subsequently by owners—until 1873, about which time it was abandoned, chiefly because it had ceased to be profitable on account of competition with other districts possessing superior facilities. Some salt was manufactured in Vermilion County about 1824. The manufacture has been successfully carried on in recent years, from the product of artesian wells, at St. John, in Perry County.

**SANDOVAL**, a village of Marion County, at the crossing of the western branch of the Illinois Central Railroad, and the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, 6 miles north of Centralia. The town has coal mines and some manufactures, with banks and one newspaper. Population (1880), 564; (1890), 834; (1900), 1,258.

**SANDSTONE**. The quantity of sandstone quarried in Illinois is comparatively insignificant, its value being less than one-fifth of one per cent of the value of the output of the entire country. In 1890 the State ranked twenty-fifth in the list of States producing this mineral, the total value

of the stone quarried being but \$17,896, representing 141,605 cubic feet, taken from ten quarries, which employed forty-six hands, and had an aggregate capital invested of \$49,400.

**SANDWICH**, a city in De Kalb County, incorporated in 1873, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 58 miles southwest of Chicago. The principal industries are the manufacture of agricultural implements, hay-presses, corn-shell-ers, pumps and wind-mills. Sandwich has two private banks, two weekly and one semi-weekly papers. Pop. (1890), 2,516; (1900), 2,520; (1903), 2,865.

**SANGAMON COUNTY**, a central county, organized under act of June 30, 1821, from parts of Bond and Madison Counties, and embracing the present counties of Sangamon, Cass, Menard, Mason, Tazewell, Logan, and parts of Morgan, McLean, Woodford, Marshall and Putnam. It was named for the river flowing through it. Though reduced in area somewhat, four years later, it extended to the Illinois River, but was reduced to its present limits by the setting apart of Menard, Logan and Dane (now Christian) Counties, in 1839. Henry Funderburk is believed to have been the first white settler, arriving there in 1817 and locating in what is now Cotton Hill Township, being followed, the next year, by William Drennan, Joseph Dodds, James McCoy, Robert Pulliam and others. John Kelly located on the present site of the city of Springfield in 1818, and was there at the time of the selection of that place as the temporary seat of justice in 1821. Other settlements were made at Auburn, Island Grove, and elsewhere, and population began to flow in rapidly. Remnants of the Pottawatomie and Kickapoo Indians were still there, but soon moved north or west. County organization was effected in 1821, the first Board of County Commissioners being composed of William Drennan, Zachariah Peter and Samuel Lee. John Reynolds (afterwards Governor) held the first term of Circuit Court, with John Taylor, Sheriff; Henry Starr, Prosecuting Attorney, and Charles R. Matheny, Circuit Clerk. A United States Land Office was established at Springfield in 1823, with Pascal P. Enos as Receiver, the first sale of lands taking place the same year. The soil of Sangamon County is exuberantly fertile, with rich underlying deposits of bituminous coal, which is mined in large quantities. The chief towns are Springfield, Auburn, Riverton, Iliopolis and Pleasant Plains. The area of the county is 860 square miles. Population (1880), 52,894; (1890), 61,195; (1900), 71,593.

**SANGAMON RIVER**, formed by the union of the North and South Forks, of which the former is the longer, or main branch. The North Fork rises in the northern part of Champaign County, whence it runs southwest to the city of Decatur, thence westward through Sangamon County, forming the north boundary of Christian County, and emptying into the Illinois River about 9 miles above Beardstown. The Sangamon is nearly 240 miles long, including the North Fork. The South Fork flows through Christian County, and joins the North Fork about 6 miles east of Springfield. In the early history of the State the Sangamon was regarded as a navigable stream, and its improvement was one of the measures advocated by Abraham Lincoln in 1832, when he was for the first time a candidate (though unsuccessfully) for the Legislature. In the spring of 1832 a small steamer from Cincinnati, called the "Talisman," ascended the river to a point near Springfield. The event was celebrated with great rejoicing by the people, but the vessel encountered so much difficulty in getting out of the river that the experiment was never repeated.

**SANGAMON & MORGAN RAILROAD.** (See *Wabash Railroad*.)

**SANGER, Lorenzo P.**, railway and canal contractor, was born at Littleton, N. H., March 2, 1809; brought in childhood to Livingston County, N. Y., where his father became a contractor on the Erie Canal, the son also being employed upon the same work. The latter subsequently became a contractor on the Pennsylvania Canal on his own account, being known as "the boy contractor." Then, after a brief experience in mercantile business, and a year spent in the construction of a canal in Indiana, in 1836 he came to Illinois, and soon after became an extensive contractor on the Illinois & Michigan Canal, having charge of rock excavation at Lockport. He was also connected with the Rock River improvement scheme, and interested in a line of stages between Chicago and Galena, which, having been consolidated with the line managed by the firm of Fink & Walker, finally became the Northwestern Stage Company, extending its operations throughout Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri—Mr. Sanger having charge of the Western Division, for a time, with headquarters at St. Louis. In 1851 he became the head of the firm of Sanger, Camp & Co., contractors for the construction of the Western (or Illinois) Division of the Ohio & Mississippi (now the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern) Railway, upon which he

was employed for several years. Other works with which he was connected were the North Missouri Railroad and the construction of the State Penitentiary at Joliet, as member of the firm of Sanger & Casey, for a time, also lessees of convict labor. In 1862 Mr. Sanger received from Governor Yates, by request of President Lincoln, a commission as Colonel, and was assigned to staff duty in Kentucky and Tennessee. After the war he became largely interested in stone quarries adjacent to Joliet; also had an extensive contract, from the City of Chicago, for deepening the Illinois & Michigan Canal. Died, at Oakland, Cal., March 23, 1875, whither he had gone for the benefit of his health.—**JAMES YOUNG (Sanger)**, brother of the preceding, was born at Sutton, Vt., March 14, 1814; in boyhood spent some time in a large mercantile establishment at Pittsburg, Pa., later being associated with his father and elder brother in contracts on the Erie Canal and similar works in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. At the age of 22 he came with his father's family to St. Joseph, Mich., where they established a large supply store, and engaged in bridge-building and similar enterprises. At a later period, in connection with his father and his brother, L. P. Sanger, he was prominently connected with the construction of the Illinois & Michigan Canal—the aqueduct at Ottawa and the locks at Peru being constructed by them. About 1850 the Construction Company, of which he and his brother, L. P. Sanger, were leading members, undertook the construction of the Ohio & Mississippi (now Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern) Railroad, from St. Louis to Vincennes, Ind., and were prominently identified with other railroad enterprises in Southern Illinois, Missouri and California. Died, July 3, 1867, when consummating arrangements for the performance of a large contract on the Union Pacific Railroad.

**SANITARY COMMISSION.** (See *Illinois Sanitary Commission*.)

**SANITARY DISTRICT OF CHICAGO.** (See *Chicago Drainage Canal*.)

**SAUGANASH**, the Indian name of a half-breed known as Capt. Billy Caldwell, the son of a British officer and a Pottawatomie woman, born in Canada about 1780; received an education from the Jesuits at Detroit, and was able to speak and write English and French, besides several Indian dialects; was a friend of Tecumseh's and, during the latter part of his life, a devoted friend of the whites. He took up his residence in Chicago about 1820, and, in 1826, was a Justice of the Peace, while nominally a

subject of Great Britain and a Chief of the Ottawa and Pottawatomies. In 1828 the Government, in consideration of his services, built for him the first frame house ever erected in Chicago, which he occupied until his departure with his tribe for Council Bluffs in 1836. By a treaty, made Jan. 2, 1830, reservations were granted by the Government to Sauganash, Shabona and other friendly Indians (see *Shabona*), and 1,240 acres on the North Branch of Chicago River set apart for Caldwell, which he sold before leaving the country. Died, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, Sept. 28, 1841.

**SAVAGE, George S. F., D.D.**, clergyman, was born at Cromwell, Conn., Jan. 29, 1817; graduated at Yale College in 1844; studied theology at Andover and New Haven, graduating in 1847; was ordained a home missionary the same year and spent twelve years as pastor at St. Charles, Ill., for four years being corresponding editor of "The Prairie Herald" and "The Congregational Herald." For ten years he was in the service of the American Tract Society, and, during the Civil War, was engaged in sanitary and religious work in the army. In 1870 he was appointed Western Secretary of the Congregational Publishing Society, remaining two years, after which he became Financial Secretary of the Chicago Theological Seminary. He has also been a Director of the institution since 1854, a Trustee of Beloit College since 1850, and, for several years, editor and publisher of "The Congregational Review."

**SAVANNA**, a city in Carroll County, situated on the Mississippi River and the Chicago, Burlington & Northern and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railways; is 10 miles west of Mount Carroll and about 20 miles north of Clinton, Iowa. It is an important shipping-point and contains several manufactories of machinery, lumber, flour, etc. It has two State banks, a public library, churches, two graded schools, township high school, and two daily and weekly newspapers. Pop. (1890), 3,097; (1900), 3,325.

**SAYBROOK**, a village of McLean County, on the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, 26 miles east of Bloomington; district agricultural; county fairs held here; the town has two banks and two newspapers. Pop. (1890), 851; (1900), 879.

**SCATES**, Walter Bennett, jurist and soldier, was born at South Boston, Halifax County, Va., Jan. 18, 1808; was taken in infancy to Hopkinsville, Ky., where he resided until 1831, having meanwhile learned the printer's trade at Nashville and studied law at Louisville. In 1831 he removed to Frankfort, Franklin County, Ill.,

where, for a time, he was County Surveyor. In 1836, having been appointed Attorney-General, he removed to Vandalia, then the seat of government, but resigned at the close of the same year to accept the judgeship of the Third Judicial Circuit, and took up his residence at Shawneetown. In 1841 he was one of five new Judges added to the Supreme Court bench, the others being Sidney Breese, Stephen A. Douglas, Thomas Ford and Samuel H. Treat. In that year he removed to Mount Vernon, Jefferson County, and, in January, 1847, resigned his seat upon the bench to resume practice. The same year he was a member of the Constitutional Convention and Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary. In June, 1854, he again took a seat upon the Supreme Court bench, being chosen to succeed Lyman Trumbull, but resigned in May, 1857, and resumed practice in Chicago. In 1862 he volunteered in defense of the Union, received a Major's commission and was assigned to duty on the staff of General McClelland; was made, Assistant Adjutant-General and mustered out in January, 1866. In July, 1866, President Johnson appointed him Collector of Customs at Chicago, which position he filled until July 1, 1869, when he was removed by President Grant, during the same period, being ex-officio custodian of United States funds, the office of Assistant Treasurer not having been then created. Died, at Evanston, Oct. 26, 1886.

**SCAMMON, Jonathan Young**, lawyer and banker, was born at Whitefield, Maine, July 27, 1812; after graduating at Waterville (now Colby) University in 1831, he studied law and was admitted to the bar at Hallowell, in 1835 removing to Chicago, where he spent the remainder of his life. After a year spent as deputy in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Cook County, during which he prepared a revision of the Illinois statutes, he was appointed attorney for the State Bank of Illinois in 1837, and, in 1839, became reporter of the Supreme Court, which office he held until 1845. In the meantime, he was associated with several prominent lawyers, his first legal firm being that of Scammon, McCagg & Fuller, which was continued up to the fire of 1871. A large operator in real estate and identified with many enterprises of a public or benevolent character, his most important financial venture was in connection with the Chicago Marine & Fire Insurance Company, which conducted an extensive banking business for many years, and of which he was the President and leading spirit. As a citizen he was progressive,

public-spirited and liberal. He was one of the main promoters and organizers of the old Galena & Chicago Union Railway, the first railroad to run west from Lake Michigan; was also prominently identified with the founding of the Chicago public school system, a Trustee of the (old) Chicago University, and one of the founders of the Chicago Historical Society, of the Chicago Academy of Sciences and the Chicago Astronomical Society—being the first President of the latter body. He erected, at a cost of \$30,000, the Fort Dearborn Observatory, in which he caused to be placed the most powerful telescope which had at that time been brought to the West. He also maintained the observatory at his own expense. He was the pioneer of Swedenborgianism in Chicago, and, in politics, a staunch Whig, and, later, an ardent Republican. In 1844 he was one of the founders of "The Chicago American," a paper designed to advance the candidacy of Henry Clay for the Presidency; and, in 1872, when "The Chicago Tribune" espoused the Liberal Republican cause, he started "The Inter-Ocean" as a Republican organ, being, for some time, its sole proprietor and editor-in-chief. He was one of the first to encourage the adoption of the homeopathic system of medicine in Chicago, and was prominently connected with the founding of the Hahnemann Medical College and the Hahnemann Hospital, being a Trustee in both for many years. As a member of the General Assembly he secured the passage of many important measures, among them being legislation looking toward the bettering of the currency and the banking system. He accumulated a large fortune, but lost most of it by the fire of 1871 and the panic of 1873. Died, in Chicago, March 17, 1890.

**SCARRITT, Nathan**, pioneer, was born in Connecticut, came to Edwardsville, Ill., in 1820, and, in 1821, located in Scarritt's Prairie, Madison County. His sons afterward became influential in business and Methodist church circles. Died, Dec. 12, 1847.

**SCENERY, NATURAL.** Notwithstanding the uniformity of surface which characterizes a country containing no mountain ranges, but which is made up largely of natural prairies, there are a number of localities in Illinois where scenery of a picturesque, and even bold and rugged character, may be found. One of the most striking of these features is produced by a spur or low range of hills from the Ozark Mountains of Missouri, projected across the southern part of the State from the vicinity of Grand



Tower in Jackson County, through the northern part of Union, and through portions of Williamson, Johnson, Saline, Pope and Hardin Counties. Grand Tower, the initial point in the western part of the State, is an isolated cliff of limestone, standing out in the channel of the Mississippi, and forming an island nearly 100 feet above low-water level. It has been a conspicuous landmark for navigators ever since the discovery of the Mississippi. "Fountain Bluff," a few miles above Grand Tower, is another conspicuous point immediately on the river bank, formed by some isolated hills about three miles long by a mile and a half wide, which have withstood the forces that excavated the valley now occupied by the Mississippi. About half a mile from the lower end of this hill, with a low valley between them, is a smaller eminence known as the "Devil's Bake Oven." The main chain of bluffs, known as the "Back Bone," is about five miles from the river, and rises to a height of nearly 700 feet above low-tide in the Gulf of Mexico, or more than 400 feet above the level of the river at Cairo. "Bald Knob" is a very prominent inland bluff promontory near Alta Pass on the line of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, in the northern part of Union County, with an elevation above tide-water of 985 feet. The highest point in this range of hills is reached in the northeastern part of Pope County—the elevation at that point (as ascertained by Prof. Rolfe of the State University at Champaign) being 1,046 feet.—There is some striking scenery in the neighborhood of Grafton between Alton and the mouth of the Illinois, as well as some distance up the latter stream—though the landscape along the middle section of the Illinois is generally monotonous or only gently undulating, except at Peoria and a few other points, where bluffs rise to a considerable height. On the Upper Illinois, beginning at Peru, the scenery again becomes picturesque, including the celebrated "Starved Rock," the site of La Salle's Fort St. Louis (which see). This rock rises to a perpendicular height of about 125 feet from the surface of the river at the ordinary stage. On the opposite side of the river, about four miles below Ottawa, is "Buffalo Rock," an isolated ridge of rock about two miles long by forty to sixty rods wide, evidently once an island at a period when the Illinois River occupied the whole valley. Additional interest is given to both these localities by their association with early history. Deer Park, on the Vermilion River—some two miles from where it empties into the Illinois, just below "Starved

Rock"—is a peculiar grotto-like formation, caused by a ravine which enters the Vermilion at this point. Ascending this ravine from its mouth, for a quarter of a mile, between almost perpendicular walls, the road terminates abruptly at a dome-like overhanging rock which widens at this point to about 150 feet in diameter at the base, with a height of about 75 feet. A clear spring of water gushes from the base of the cliff, and, at certain seasons of the year, a beautiful water-fall pours from the cliffs into a little lake at the bottom of the chasm. There is much other striking scenery higher up, on both the Illinois and Fox Rivers.—A point which arrested the attention of the earliest explorers in this region was Mount Joliet, near the city of that name. It is first mentioned by St. Cosme in 1698, and has been variously known as Monjolly, Mont Jolie, Mount Juliet, and Mount Joliet. It had an elevation, in early times, of about 30 feet with a level top 1,300 by 225 feet. Prof. O. H. Marshall, in "The American Antiquarian," expresses the opinion that, originally, it was an island in the river, which, at a remote period, swept down the valley of the Des Plaines. Mount Joliet was a favorite rallying point of Illinois Indians, who were accustomed to hold their councils at its base.—The scenery along Rock River is not striking from its boldness, but it attracted the attention of early explorers by the picturesque beauty of its groves, undulating plains and sheets of water. The highest and most abrupt elevations are met with in Jo Daviess County, near the Wisconsin State line. Pilot Knob, a natural mound about three miles south of Galena and two miles from the Mississippi, has been a landmark well known to tourists and river men ever since the Upper Mississippi began to be navigated. Towering above the surrounding bluffs, it reaches an altitude of some 430 feet above the ordinary level of Fever River. A chain of some half dozen of these mounds extends some four or five miles in a northeasterly direction from Pilot Knob, Wadell's and Jackson's Mounds being conspicuous among them. There are also some castellated rocks around the city of Galena which are very striking. Charles Mound, belonging to the system already referred to, is believed to be the highest elevation in the State. It stands near the Wisconsin State line, and, according to Prof. Rolfe, has an altitude of 314 feet above the Illinois Central Railroad at Scales' Mound Station, and, 1,257 feet above the Gulf of Mexico.

SCHAUMBERG, a village in Schaumburg Township, Cook County. Population, 573.

**SCHNEIDER, George**, journalist and banker, was born at Pirmasens, Bavaria, Dec. 13, 1823. Being sentenced to death for his participation in the attempted rebellion of 1848, he escaped to America in 1849, going from New York to Cleveland, and afterwards to St. Louis. There, in connection with his brother, he established a German daily—"The New Era"—which was intensely anti-slavery and exerted a decided political influence, especially among persons of German birth. In 1851 he removed to Chicago, where he became editor of "The Staats Zeitung," in which he vigorously opposed the Kansas-Nebraska bill on its introduction by Senator Douglas. His attitude and articles gave such offense to the partisan friends of this measure, that "The Zeitung" was threatened with destruction by a mob in 1855. He early took advanced ground in opposition to slavery, and was a member of the convention of Anti-Nebraska editors, held at Decatur in 1856, and of the first Republican State Convention, held at Bloomington the same year, as well as of the National Republican Conventions of 1856 and 1860, participating in the nomination of both John C. Fremont and Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency. In 1861 he was a member of the Chicago Union Defense Committee, and was appointed, by Mr. Lincoln, Consul-General at Elsinore, Denmark. Returning to America in 1862, he disposed of his interest in "The Staats Zeitung" and was appointed the first Collector of Internal Revenue for the Chicago District. On retiring from this office he engaged in banking, subsequently becoming President of the National Bank of Illinois, with which he was associated for a quarter of a century. In 1877 President Hayes tendered him the ministry to Switzerland, which he declined. In 1880 he was chosen Presidential Elector for the State-at-large, also serving for a number of years as a member of the Republican State Central Committee.

**SCHOFIELD, John McAllister**, Major-General, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1831; brought to Bristol, Kendall County, Ill., in 1843, and, two years later, removed to Freeport; graduated from the United States Military Academy, in 1853, as classmate of Generals McPherson and Sheridan; was assigned to the artillery service and served two years in Florida, after which he spent five years (1855-60) as an instructor at West Point. At the beginning of the Civil War he was on leave of absence, acting as Professor of Physics in Washington University at St. Louis, but, waiving his leave, he at once returned to duty and was appointed mustering officer;

then, by permission of the War Department, entered the First Missouri Volunteers as Major, serving as Chief of Staff to General Lyon in the early battles in Missouri, including Wilson's Creek. His subsequent career included the organization of the Missouri State Militia (1862), command of the Army of the Frontier in Southwest Missouri, command of the Department of the Missouri and Ohio, participation in the Atlanta campaign and co-operation with Sherman in the capture of the rebel Gen. Joseph E. Johnston in North Carolina—his army having been transferred for this purpose, from Tennessee by way of Washington. After the close of the war he went on a special mission to Mexico to investigate the French occupation of that country; was commander of the Department of the Potomac, and served as Secretary of War, by appointment of President Johnson, from June, 1868, to March, 1869. On retiring from the Cabinet he was commissioned a full Major-General and held various Division and Department commands until 1886, when, on the death of General Sherman, he succeeded to the command of the Army, with headquarters at Washington. He was retired under the age limit, Sept. 29, 1895. His present home is in Washington.

**SCHOLFIELD, John**, jurist, was born in Clark County, Ill., in 1834; acquired the rudiments of an education in the common schools during boyhood, meanwhile gaining some knowledge of the higher branches through toilsome application to text-books without a preceptor. At the age of 20 he entered the law school at Louisville, Ky., graduating two years later, and beginning practice at Marshall, Ill. He defrayed his expenses at the law school from the proceeds of the sale of a small piece of land to which he had fallen heir. In 1856 he was elected State's Attorney, and, in 1860, was chosen to represent his county in the Legislature. After serving one term he returned to his professional career and succeeded in building up a profitable practice. In 1869-70 he represented Clark and Cumberland Counties in the Constitutional Convention, and, in 1870, became Solicitor for the Vandalia Railroad. In 1873 he was elected to fill the vacancy on the bench of the Supreme Court of the State for the Middle Grand Division, caused by the resignation of Judge Anthony Thornton, and re-elected without opposition in 1879 and 1888. Died, in office, Feb. 13, 1893. It has been claimed that President Cleveland would have tendered him the Chief Justiceship of the United States Supreme Court, but he not insistently declined to accept the honor.

**SCHOOL-HOUSES, EARLY.** The primitive school-houses of Illinois were built of logs, and were extremely rude, as regards both structure and furnishing. Indeed, the earliest pioneers rarely erected a special building to be used as a school-house. An old smoke-house, an abandoned dwelling, an old block-house, or the loft or one end of a settler's cabin not unfrequently answered the purpose, and the church and the court-house were often made to accommodate the school. When a school-house, as such, was to be built, the men of the district gathered at the site selected, bringing their axes and a few other tools, with their ox-teams, and devoted four or five days to constructing a house into which, perhaps, not a nail was driven. Trees were cut from the public lands, and, without hewing, fashioned into a cabin. Sixteen feet square was usually considered the proper dimensions. In the walls were cut two holes, one for a door to admit light and air, and the other for the open fireplace, from which rose a chimney, usually built of sticks and mud, on the outside. Danger of fire was averted by thickly lining the inside of the chimney with clay mortar. Sometimes, but only with great labor, stone was substituted for mortar made from the clay soil. The chimneys were always wide, seldom less than six feet, and sometimes extending across one entire end of the building. The fuel used was wood cut directly from the forest, frequently in its green state, dragged to the spot in the form of logs or entire trees to be cut by the older pupils in lengths suited to the width of the chimney. Occasionally there was no chimney, the fire, in some of the most primitive structures, being built on the earth and the smoke escaping through a hole in the roof. In such houses a long board was set up on the windward side, and shifted from side to side as the wind varied. Stones or logs answered for andirons, clapboards served as shovels, and no one complained of the lack of tongs. Roofs were made of roughly split clapboards, held in place by "weight poles" laid on the boards, and by supports starting from "eaves poles." The space between the logs, which constituted the walls of the building, was filled in with blocks of wood or "chinking," and the crevices, both exterior and interior, daubed over with clay mortar, in which straw was sometimes mixed to increase its adhesiveness. On one side of the structure one or two logs were sometimes cut out to allow the admission of light; and, as glass could not always be procured, rain and snow were excluded and light admitted by the use of greased paper. Over

this space a board, attached to the outer wall by leather hinges, was sometimes suspended to keep out the storms. The placing of a glass window in a country school-house at Edwardsville, in 1824, was considered an important event. Ordinarily the floor was of the natural earth, although this was sometimes covered with a layer of clay, firmly packed down. Only the more pretentious school-houses had "puncheon floors"; i. e., floors made of split logs roughly hewn. Few had "ceilings" (so-called), the latter being usually made of clapboards, sometimes of bark, on which was spread earth, to keep out the cold. The seats were also of puncheons (without backs) supported on four legs made of pieces of poles inserted through augur holes. No one had a desk, except the advanced pupils who were learning to write. For their convenience a broader and smoother puncheon was fastened into the wall by wooden pins, in such a way that it would slope downward toward the pupil, the front being supported by a brace extending from the wall. When a pupil was writing he faced the wall. When he had finished this task, he "reversed himself" and faced the teacher and his schoolmates. These adjuncts completed the furnishings, with the exception of a split-bottomed chair for the teacher (who seldom had a desk) and a pail, or "piggin," of water, with a gourd for a drinking cup. Rough and uncouth as these structures were, they were evidences of public spirit and of appreciation of the advantages of education. They were built and maintained by mutual aid and sacrifice, and, in them, some of the great men of the State and Nation obtained that primary training which formed the foundation of their subsequent careers. (See *Education*.)

**SCHUYLER COUNTY**, located in the western portion of the State, has an area of 430 square miles, and was named for Gen. Philip Schuyler. The first American settlers arrived in 1823, and, among the earliest pioneers, were Calvin Hobart, William H. Taylor and Orris McCartney. The county was organized from a portion of Pike County, in 1835, the first Commissioners being Thomas Blair, Thomas McKee and Samuel Horney. The Commissioners appointed to locate the county-seat, selected a site in the eastern part of the county about one mile west of the present village of Pleasant View, to which the name of Beardstown was given, and where the earliest court was held, Judge John York Sawyer presiding, with Hart Fellows as Clerk, and Orris McCartney, Sheriff. This location, however, proving unsatisfactory, new Commissioners were ap-

pointed, who, in the early part of 1826, selected the present site of the city of Rushville, some five miles west of the point originally chosen. The new seat of justice was first called Rushton, in honor of Dr. Benjamin Rush, but the name was afterwards changed to Rushville. Ephraim Eggleston was the pioneer of Rushville. The surface of the county is rolling, and the region contains excellent farming land, which is well watered by the Illinois River and numerous creeks. Population (1890), 16,013; (1900), 16,129.

**SCHWATKA, Frederick**, Arctic explorer, was born at Galena, Ill., Sept. 29, 1849; graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1871, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Third Cavalry, serving on the frontier until 1877, meantime studying law and medicine, being admitted to the bar in 1875, and graduating in medicine in 1876. Having his interest excited by reports of traces of Sir John Franklin's expedition, found by the Esquimaux, he obtained leave of absence in 1878, and, with Wm. H. Gilder as second in command, sailed from New York in the "Eothen," June 19, for King William's Land. The party returned, Sept. 22, 1880, having found and buried the skeletons of many of Franklin's party, besides discovering relics which tended to clear up the mystery of their fate. During this period he made a sledge journey of 3,251 miles. Again, in 1883, he headed an exploring expedition up the Yukon River. After a brief return to army duty he tendered his resignation in 1885, and the next year led a special expedition to Alaska, under the auspices of "The New York Times," later making a voyage of discovery among the Aleutian Islands. In 1889 he conducted an expedition to Northern Mexico, where he found many interesting relics of Aztec civilization and of the cliff and cave-dwellers. He received the Roquette Arctic Medal from the Geographical Society of Paris, and a medal from the Imperial Geographical Society of Russia; also published several volumes relating to his researches, under the titles, "Along Alaska's Great River"; "The Franklin Search Under Lieutenant Schwatka"; "Nimrod of the North"; and "Children of the Cold." Died, at Portland, Ore., Nov. 2, 1892.

**SCOTT, James W.**, journalist, was born in Walworth County, Wis., June 26, 1849, the son of a printer, editor and publisher. While a boy he accompanied his father to Galena, where the latter established a newspaper, and where he learned the printer's trade. After graduating from the Galena high school, he entered Beloit

College, but left at the end of his sophomore year. Going to New York, he became interested in floriculture, at the same time contributing short articles to horticultural periodicals. Later he was a compositor in Washington. His first newspaper venture was the publication of a weekly newspaper in Maryland in 1872. Returning to Illinois, conjointly with his father he started "The Industrial Press" at Galena, but, in 1875, removed to Chicago. There he purchased "The Daily National Hotel Reporter," from which he withdrew a few years later. In May, 1881, in conjunction with others, he organized The Chicago Herald Company, in which he ultimately secured a controlling interest. His journalistic and executive capability soon brought additional responsibilities. He was chosen President of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, of the Chicago Press Club, and of the United Press—the latter being an organization for the collection and dissemination of telegraphic news to journals throughout the United States and Canada. He was also conspicuously connected with the preliminary organization of the World's Columbian Exposition, and Chairman of the Press Committee. In 1893 he started an evening paper at Chicago, which he named "The Post." Early in 1895 he purchased "The Chicago Times," intending to consolidate it with "The Herald," but before the final consummation of his plans, he died suddenly, while on a business visit in New York, April 14, 1895.

**SCOTT, John M.**, lawyer and jurist, was born in St. Clair County, Ill., August 1, 1824; his father being of Scotch-Irish descent and his mother a Virginian. His attendance upon district schools was supplemented by private tuition, and his early education was the best that the comparatively new country afforded. He read law at Belleville, was admitted to the bar in 1848, removed to McLean County, which continued to be his home for nearly fifty years. He served as County School Commissioner from 1849 to 1852, and, in the latter year, was elected County Judge. In 1856 he was an unsuccessful Republican candidate for the State Senate, frequently speaking from the same platform with Abraham Lincoln. In 1862 he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, to succeed David Davis on the elevation of the latter to the bench of the United States Supreme Court, and was re-elected in 1867. In 1870, a new judicial election being rendered necessary by the adoption of the new Constitution, Judge Scott was chosen Justice of the Supreme Court



for a term of nine years; was re-elected in 1879, but declined a renomination in 1888. The latter years of his life were devoted to his private affairs. Died, at Bloomington, Jan. 21, 1898. Shortly before his death Judge Scott published a volume containing a History of the Illinois Supreme Court, including brief sketches of the early occupants of the Supreme Court bench and early lawyers of the State.

**SCOTT, Matthew Thompson**, agriculturist and real-estate operator, was born at Lexington, Ky., Feb. 24, 1828; graduated at Centre College in 1846, then spent several years looking after his father's landed interests in Ohio, when he came to Illinois and invested largely in lands for himself and others. He laid out the town of Chenoa in 1856; lived in Springfield in 1870-72, when he removed to Bloomington, where he organized the McLean County Coal Company, remaining as its head until his death; was also the founder of "The Bloomington Bulletin," in 1878. Died, at Bloomington, May 21, 1891.

**SCOTT, Owen**, journalist and ex-Congressman, was born in Jackson Township, Effingham County, Ill., July 6, 1848, reared on a farm, and, after receiving a thorough common-school education, became a teacher, and was, for eight years, Superintendent of Schools for his native county. In January, 1874, he was admitted to the bar, but abandoned practice, ten years later, to engage in newspaper work. His first publication was "The Effingham Democrat," which he left to become proprietor and manager of "The Bloomington Bulletin." He was also publisher of "The Illinois Freeman," a monthly periodical. Before removing to Bloomington he filled the offices of City Attorney and Mayor of Effingham, and also served as Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue. In 1890 he was elected as a Democrat from the Fourteenth Illinois District to the Fifty-second Congress. In 1892 he was a candidate for re election, but was defeated by his Republican opponent, Benjamin F. Funk. During the past few years, Mr. Scott has been editor of "The Bloomington Leader."

**SCOTT COUNTY**, lies in the western part of the State adjoining the Illinois River, and has an area of 248 square miles. The region was originally owned by the Kickapoo Indians, who ceded it to the Government by the treaty of Edwardsville, July 30, 1819. Six months later (in January, 1820) a party of Kentuckians settled near Lynnvillle (now in Morgan County), their names being Thomas Stevens, James Scott, Alfred Miller, Thomas Allen, John Scott and

Adam Miller. Allen erected the first house in the county, John Scott the second and Adam Miller the third. About the same time came Stephen M. Umstead, whose wife was the first white woman in the county. Other pioneers were Jedediah Webster, Stephen Pierce, Joseph Densmore, Jesse Roberts, and Samuel Bogard. The country was rough and the conveniences of civilization few and remote. Settlers took their corn to Edwardsville to be ground, and went to Alton for their mail. Turbulence early showed itself, and, in 1822, a band of "Regulators" was organized from the best citizens, who meted out a rough and ready sort of justice, until 1830, occasionally shooting a desperado at his cabin door. Scott County was cut off from Morgan and organized in 1839. It contains good farming land, much of it being originally timbered, and it is well watered by the Illinois River and numerous small streams. Winchester is the county-seat. Population of the county (1880), 10,741; (1890), 10,304; (1900), 10,455.

**SCRIPPS, John L.**, journalist, was born near Cape Girardeau, Mo., Feb. 18, 1818; was taken to Rushville, Ill., in childhood, and educated at McKendree College; studied law and came to Chicago in 1847, with the intention of practicing, but, a year or so later, bought a third interest in "The Chicago Tribune," which had been established during the previous year. In 1852 he withdrew from "The Tribune," and, in conjunction with William Bross (afterwards Lieutenant-Governor), established "The Daily Democratic Press," which was consolidated with "The Tribune" in July, 1858, under the name of "The Press and Tribune," Mr. Scripps remaining one of the editors of the new concern. In 1861 he was appointed, by Mr. Lincoln, Postmaster of the city of Chicago, serving until 1865, when, having sold his interest in "The Tribune," he engaged in the banking business as a member of the firm of Scripps, Preston & Kean. His health, however, soon showed signs of failure, and he died, Sept. 21, 1866, at Minneapolis, Minn., whither he had gone in hopes of restoration. Mr. Scripps was a finished and able writer who did much to elevate the standard of Chicago journalism.

**SCROGGGS, George**, journalist, was born at Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, Oct. 7, 1842—the son of Dr. John W. Scrogggs, who came to Champaign County, Ill., in 1831, and, in 1853, took charge of "The Central Illinois Gazette." In 1866-67 Dr. Scrogggs was active in securing the location of the State University at Champaign, afterwards serving as a member of the first Board

of Trustees of that institution. The son, at the age of 15, became an apprentice in his father's printing office, continuing until 1862, when he enlisted as a private in the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, being promoted through the positions of Sergeant-Major and Second Lieutenant, and finally serving on the staffs of Gen. Jeff. C. Davis and Gen. James D. Morgan, but declining a commission as Adjutant of the Sixtieth Illinois. He participated in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge and the march with Sherman to the sea, in the latter being severely wounded at Bentonville, N. C. He remained in the service until July, 1865, when he resigned; then entered the University at Champaign, later studied law, meanwhile writing for "The Champaign Gazette and Union," of which he finally became sole proprietor. In 1877 he was appointed an Aid-de-Camp on the staff of Governor Cullom, and, the following year, was elected to the Thirty-first General Assembly, but, before the close of the session (1879), received the appointment of United States Consul to Hamburg, Germany. He was compelled to surrender this position, a year later, on account of ill-health, and, returning home, died, Oct. 15, 1880.

**SEATONVILLE**, a village in Hall Township, Bureau County. Population (1900), 909.

**SECRETARIES OF STATE.** The following is a list of the Secretaries of State of Illinois from its admission into the Union down to the present time (1899), with the date and duration of the term of each incumbent: Elias Kent Kane, 1818-22; Samuel D. Lockwood, 1822-23; David Blackwell, 1823-24; Morris Birkbeck, October, 1824 to January, 1825 (failed of confirmation by the Senate); George Forquer, 1825-28; Alexander Pope Field, 1828-40; Stephen A. Douglas, 1840-41 (served three months—resigned to take a seat on the Supreme bench); Lyman Trumbull, 1841-43; Thompson Campbell, 1843-46; Horace S. Cooley, 1846-50; David L. Gregg, 1850-53; Alexander Starne, 1853-57; Ozias M. Hatch, 1857-65; Sharon Tyndale, 1865-69; Edward Rummel, 1869-73; George H. Harlow, 1873-81; Henry D. Dement, 1881-89; Isaac N. Pearson, 1889-93; William H. Hinrichsen, 1893-97; James A. Rose, 1897—. Nathaniel Pope and Joseph Phillips were the only Secretaries of Illinois during the Territorial period, the former serving from 1809 to 1816, and the latter from 1816 to 1818. Under the first Constitution (1818) the office of the Secretary of State was filled by appointment by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the

Senate, but without limitation as to term of office. By the Constitution of 1848, and again by that of 1870, that officer was made elective by the people at the same time as the Governor, for a term of four years.

**SECRET TREASONABLE SOCIETIES.** Early in the War of the Rebellion there sprang up, at various points in the Northwest, organizations of persons disaffected toward the National Government. They were most numerous in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri. At first they were known by such titles as "Circles of Honor," "Mutual Protective Associations," etc. But they had kindred aims and their members were soon united in one organization, styled "Knights of the Golden Circle." Its secrets having been partially disclosed, this body ceased to exist—or, it would be more correct to say, changed its name—being soon succeeded (1863) by an organization of similar character, called the "American Knights." These societies, as first formed, were rather political than military. The "American Knights" had more forcible aims, but this, in turn, was also exposed, and the order was re-organized under the name of "Sons of Liberty." The last named order started in Indiana, and, owing to its more perfect organization, rapidly spread over the Northwest, acquiring much more strength and influence than its predecessors had done. The ultimate authority of the organization was vested in a Supreme Council, whose officers were a "supreme commander," "secretary of state," and "treasurer." Each State represented formed a division, under a "deputy grand commander." States were divided into military districts, under "major-generals." County lodges were termed "temples." The order was virtually an officered army, and its aims were aggressive. It had its commander-in-chief, its brigades and its regiments. Three degrees were recognized, and the oaths of secrecy taken at each initiation surpassed, in binding force, either the oath of allegiance or an oath taken in a court of justice. The maintenance of slavery, and forcible opposition to a coercive policy by the Government in dealing with secession, were the pivotal doctrines of the order. Its methods and purposes were to discourage enlistments and resist a draft; to aid and protect deserters; to disseminate treasonable literature; to aid the Confederates in destroying Government property. Clement L. Vallandigham, the expatriated traitor, was at its head, and, in 1864, claimed that it had a numerical strength of 400,000, of whom 65,000 were in Illinois. Many overt

acts were committed, but the organization, having been exposed and defeated in its objects, disbanded in 1865. (See *Camp Douglas Conspiracy*.)

**SELBY, Paul**, editor, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, July 20, 1825; removed with his parents, in 1837, to Van Buren County, Iowa, but, at the age of 19, went to Southern Illinois, where he spent four years teaching, chiefly in Madison County. In 1848 he entered the preparatory department of Illinois College at Jacksonville, but left the institution during his junior year to assume the editorship of "The Morgan Journal," at Jacksonville, with which he remained until the fall of 1853, covering the period of the organization of the Republican party, in which "The Journal" took an active part. He was a member of the Anti-Nebraska (afterwards known as Republican) State Convention, which met at Springfield, in October, 1854 (the first ever held in the State), and, on Feb. 22, 1856, attended and presided over a conference of Anti-Nebraska editors of the State at Decatur, called to devise a line of policy for the newly organizing Republican party. (See *Anti-Nebraska Editorial Convention*.) This body appointed the first Republican State Central Committee and designated the date of the Bloomington Convention of May 29, following, which put in nomination the first Republican State ticket ever named in Illinois, which ticket was elected in the following November (See *Bloomington Convention*.) In 1859 he prepared a pamphlet giving a history of the celebrated Canal scrip fraud, which was widely circulated. (See *Canal Scrip Fraud*.) Going South in the fall of 1859, he was engaged in teaching in the State of Louisiana until the last of June, 1861. Just two weeks before the fall of Fort Sumter he was denounced to his Southern neighbors as an "abolitionist" and falsely charged with having been connected with the "underground railroad," in letters from secession sympathizers in the North, whose personal and political enmity he had incurred while conducting a Republican paper in Illinois, some of whom referred to Jefferson Davis, Senator Slidell, of Louisiana, and other Southern leaders as vouchers for their characters. He at once invited an investigation by the Board of Trustees of the institution, of which he was the Principal, when that body—although composed, for the most part, of Southern men—on the basis of testimonials from prominent citizens of Jacksonville, and other evidence, adopted resolutions declaring the charges prompted by personal hostility, and delivered the letters of his accusers into

his hands. Returning North with his family in July, 1861, he spent some nine months in the commissary and transportation branches of the service at Cairo and at Paducah, Ky. In July, 1862, he became associate editor of "The Illinois State Journal" at Springfield, remaining until November, 1865. The next six months were spent as Assistant Deputy Collector in the Custom House at New Orleans, but, returning North in June, 1866, he soon after became identified with the Chicago press, serving, first upon the staff of "The Evening Journal" and, later, on "The Republican." In May, 1868, he assumed the editorship of "The Quincy Whig," ultimately becoming part proprietor of that paper, but, in January, 1874, resumed his old place on "The State Journal," four years later becoming one of its proprietors. In 1880 he was appointed by President Hayes Postmaster of Springfield, was reappointed by Arthur in 1884, but resigned in 1886. Meanwhile he had sold his interest in "The Journal," but the following year organized a new company for its purchase, when he resumed his former position as editor. In 1889 he disposed of his holding in "The Journal," finally removing to Chicago, where he has been employed in literary work. In all he has been engaged in editorial work over thirty-five years, of which eighteen were spent upon "The State Journal." In 1860 Mr. Selby was complimented by his Alma Mater with the honorary degree of A. M. He has been twice married, first to Miss Erra Post, of Springfield, who died in November, 1865, leaving two daughters, and, in 1870, to Mrs. Mary J. Hitchcock, of Quincy, by whom he had two children, both of whom died in infancy.

**SEMPLE, James**, United States Senator, was born in Green County, Ky., Jan. 5, 1798, of Scotch descent; after learning the tanner's trade, studied law and emigrated to Illinois in 1818, removing to Missouri four years later, where he was admitted to the bar. Returning to Illinois in 1828, he began practice at Edwardsville, but later became a citizen of Alton. During the Black Hawk War he served as Brigadier-General. He was thrice elected to the lower house of the Legislature (1832, '34 and '36), and was Speaker during the last two terms. In 1833 he was elected Attorney-General by the Legislature, but served only until the following year, and, in 1837, was appointed Minister to Granada, South America. In 1843 he was appointed, and afterwards elected, United States Senator to fill the unexpired term of Samuel McRoberts, at the expiration of his term (1847) retiring to private

life. He laid out the town of Elsau, in Jersey County, just south of which he owned a large estate on the Mississippi bluffs, where he died. Dec. 20, 1866.

**SENECA** (formerly Crotty), a village of La Salle County, situated on the Illinois River, the Illinois & Michigan Canal and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railways, 13 miles east of Ottawa. It has a graded school, several churches, a bank, some manufactures, grain warehouses, coal mines, telephone system and one newspaper. Pop. (1890), 1,190; (1900), 1,036.

**SENN, (Dr.) Nicholas**, physician and surgeon, was born in the Canton of St. Gaul, Switzerland, Oct. 31, 1844; was brought to America at 8 years of age, his parents settling at Washington, Wis. He received a grammar school education at Fond du Lac, and, in 1864, began the study of medicine, graduating at the Chicago Medical College in 1868. After some eighteen months spent as resident physician in the Cook County Hospital, he began practice at Ashford, Wis., but removed to Milwaukee in 1874, where he became attending physician of the Milwaukee Hospital. In 1877 he visited Europe, graduated the following year from the University of Munich, and, on his return, became Professor of the Principles of Surgery and Surgical Pathology in Rush Medical College in Chicago—also has held the chair of the Practice of Surgery in the same institution. Dr. Senn has achieved great success and won an international reputation in the treatment of difficult cases of abdominal surgery. He is the author of a number of volumes on different branches of surgery which are recognized as standard authorities. A few years ago he purchased the extensive library of the late Dr. William Baum, Professor of Surgery in the University of Gottingen, which he presented to the Newberry Library of Chicago. In 1893, Dr. Senn was appointed Surgeon-General of the Illinois National Guard, and has also been President of the Association of Military Surgeons of the National Guard of the United States, besides being identified with various other medical bodies. Soon after the beginning of the Spanish-American War, he was appointed, by President McKinley, a Surgeon of Volunteers with the rank of Colonel, and rendered most efficient aid in the military branch of the service at Camp Chickamauga and in the Santiago campaign.

**SEXTON, (Col.) James A.**, Commander-in-Chief of Grand Army of the Republic, was born in the city of Chicago, Jan. 5, 1844; in April,

1861, being then only a little over 17, enlisted as a private soldier under the first call for troops issued by President Lincoln; at the close of his term was appointed a Sergeant, with authority to recruit a company which afterwards was attached to the Fifty-first Volunteer Infantry. Later, he was transferred to the Sixty-seventh with the rank of Lieutenant, and, a few months after, to the Seventy-second with a commission as Captain of Company D, which he had recruited. As commander of his regiment, then constituting a part of the Seventeenth Army Corps, he participated in the battles of Columbia, Duck Creek, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville, and in the Nashville campaign. Both at Nashville and Franklin he was wounded, and again, at Spanish Fort, by a piece of shell which broke his leg. His regiment took part in seven battles and eleven skirmishes, and, while it went out 967 strong in officers and men, it returned with only 332, all told, although it had been recruited by 234 men. He was known as "The boy Captain," being only 18 years old when he received his first commission, and 21 when, after participating in the Mobile campaign, he was mustered out with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. After the close of the war he engaged in planting in the South, purchasing a plantation in Lowndes County, Ala., but, in 1867, returned to Chicago, where he became a member of the firm of Cribben, Sexton & Co., stove manufacturers, from which he retired in 1898. In 1884 he served as Presidential Elector on the Republican ticket for the Fourth District, and, in 1889, was appointed, by President Harrison, Postmaster of the city of Chicago, serving over five years. In 1888 he was chosen Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the State of Illinois, and, ten years later, to the position of Commander-in-Chief of the order, which he held at the time of his death. He had also been, for a number of years, one of the Trustees of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, and, during most of the time, President of the Board. Towards the close of the year 1898, he was appointed by President McKinley a member of the Commission to investigate the conduct of the Spanish-American War, but, before the Commission had concluded its labors, was taken with "the grip," which developed into pneumonia, from which he died in Washington, Feb. 5, 1899.

**SEYMOUR, George Franklin**, Protestant Episcopal Bishop, was born in New York City, Jan. 5, 1829; graduated from Columbia College in 1850, and from the General Theological Seminary (New York) in 1854. He received both minor



and major orders at the hands of Bishop Potter, being made deacon in 1854 and ordained priest in 1855. For several years he was engaged in missionary work. During this period he was prominently identified with the founding of St. Stephen's College. After serving as rector in various parishes, in 1865 he was made Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the New York Seminary, and, ten years later, was chosen Dean of the institution, still retaining his professorship. Racine College conferred upon him the degree of S.T.D., in 1867, and Columbia that of LL.D. in 1878. In 1874 he was elected Bishop of Illinois, but failed of confirmation in the House of Deputies. Upon the erection of the new diocese of Springfield (1877) he accepted and was consecrated Bishop at Trinity Church, N. Y., June 11, 1878. He was a prominent member of the Third Pan-Anglican Council (London, 1885), and has done much to foster the growth and extend the influence of his church in his diocese.

**SHABONA**, a village of De Kalb County, on the Iowa Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 25 miles west of Aurora. Population (1890), 502; (1900), 587.

**SHABONA** (or Shabbona), an Ottawa Chief, was born near the Maumee River, in Ohio, about 1775, and served under Tecumseh from 1807 to the battle of the Thames in 1813. In 1810 he accompanied Tecumseh and Capt. Billy Caldwell (see *Sauganash*) to the homes of the Pottawatomies and other tribes within the present limits of Illinois and Wisconsin, to secure their co-operation in driving the white settlers out of the country. At the battle of the Thames, he was by the side of Tecumseh when he fell, and both he and Caldwell, losing faith in their British allies, soon after submitted to the United States through General Cass at Detroit. Shabona was opposed to Black Hawk in 1832, and did much to thwart the plans of the latter and aid the whites. Having married a daughter of a Pottawatomie chief, who had a village on the Illinois River east of the present city of Ottawa, he lived there for some time, but finally removed 25 miles north to Shabona's Grove in De Kalb County. Here he remained till 1837, when he removed to Western Missouri. Black Hawk's followers having a reservation near by, hostilities began between them, in which a son and nephew of Shabona were killed. He finally returned to his old home in Illinois, but found it occupied by whites, who drove him from the grove that bore his name. Some friends then bought for him twenty acres of land on Mazon Creek, near Morris, where he

died, July 27, 1859. He is described as a noble specimen of his race. A life of him has been published by N. Matson (Chicago, 1878).

**SHANNON**, a village of Carroll County, on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, 18 miles southwest of Freeport. It is an important trade center, has a bank and one newspaper. Population (1890), 591; (1900), 678.

**SHAW, Aaron**, former Congressman, born in Orange County, N. Y., in 1811; was educated at the Montgomery Academy, studied law and was admitted to the bar at Goshen in that State. In 1833 he removed to Lawrence County, Ill. He has held various important public offices. He was a member of the first Internal Improvement Convention of the State; was chosen State's Attorney by the Legislature, in which body he served two terms; served four years as Judge of the Twenty-fifth Judicial Circuit; was elected to the Thirty-fifth Congress in 1856, and to the Forty-eighth in 1882, as a Democrat.

**SHAW, James**, lawyer, jurist, was born in Ireland, May 3, 1832, brought to this country in infancy and grew up on a farm in Cass County, Ill.; graduated from Illinois College in 1857, and, after admission to the bar, began practice at Mount Carroll. In 1870 he was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly, being re-elected in 1872, '76 and '78. He was Speaker of the House during the session of 1877, and one of the Republican leaders on the floor during the succeeding session. In 1872 he was chosen a Presidential Elector, and, in 1891, to a seat on the Circuit bench from the Thirteenth Circuit, and, in 1897 was re-elected for the Fifteenth Circuit.

**SHAWNEETOWN**, a city and the county-seat of Gallatin County, on the Ohio River 120 miles from its mouth and at the terminus of the Shawneetown Divisions of the Baltimore & Ohio South-western and the Louisville & Nashville Railroads; is one of the oldest towns in the State, having been laid out in 1808, and noted for the number of prominent men who resided there at an early day. Coal is extensively mined in that section, and Shawneetown is one of the largest shipping points for lumber, coal and farm products between Cairo and Louisville, navigation being open the year round. Some manufacturing is done here; the city has several mills, a foundry and machine shop, two or three banks, several churches, good schools and two weekly papers. Since the disastrous floods of 1884 and 1898, Shawneetown has reconstructed its levee system on a substantial scale, which is now believed to furnish

ample protection against the recurrence of similar disaster. Pop. (1900), 1,698; (1903, est.), 2,200.

**SHEAHAN, James W.**, journalist, was born in Baltimore, Md., spent his early life, after reaching manhood, in Washington City as a Congressional Reporter, and, in 1847, reported the proceedings of the Illinois State Constitutional Convention at Springfield. Through the influence of Senator Douglas he was induced, in 1854, to accept the editorship of "The Young America" newspaper at Chicago, which was soon after changed to "The Chicago Times." Here he remained until the fall of 1860, when, "The Times" having been sold and consolidated with "The Herald," a Buchanan-Breckenridge organ, he established a new paper called "The Morning Post." This he made representative of the views of the "War Democrats" as against "The Times," which was opposed to the war. In May, 1865, he sold the plant of "The Post" and it became "The Chicago Republican" — now "Inter Ocean." A few months later, Mr. Sheahan accepted a position as chief writer on the editorial staff of "The Chicago Tribune," which he retained until his death, June 17, 1883.

**SHEFFIELD**, a prosperous village of Bureau County, on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, 44 miles east of Rock Island; has valuable coal mines, a bank and one newspaper. Population (1890), 993; (1900), 1,265.

**SHELBY COUNTY**, lies south of the center of the State, and contains an area of 776 square miles. The tide of immigration to this county was at first from Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina, although later it began to set in from the Northern States. The first cabin in the county was built by Simeon Wakefield on what is now the site of Williamsburg, first called Cold Spring. Joseph Daniel was the earliest settler in what is now Shelbyville, pre-empting ten acres, which he soon afterward sold to Joseph Oliver, the pioneer merchant of the county, and father of the first white child born within its limits. Other pioneers were Shimei Wakefield, Levi Casey and Samuel Hall. In lieu of hats the early settlers wore caps made of squirrel or coon skin, with the tails dangling at the backs, and he was regarded as well dressed who boasted a fringed huckskin shirt and trousers, with moccasins. The county was formed in 1827, and Shelbyville made the county-seat. Both county and town are named in honor of Governor Shelby, of Kentucky. \* County Judge Joseph Oliver held the first court in the cabin of Barnett Bone, and Judge Theophilus W. Smith presided over the

first Circuit Court in 1828. Coal is abundant, and limestone and sandstone are also found. The surface is somewhat rolling and well wooded. The Little Wabash and Kaskaskia Rivers flow through the central and southeastern portions. The county lies in the very heart of the great corn belt of the State, and has excellent transportation facilities, being penetrated by four lines of railway. Population (1880), 30,270; (1890), 31,191; (1900), 32,126.

**SHELBYVILLE**, the county-seat and an incorporated city of Shelby County, on the Kaskaskia River and two lines of railway, 32 miles southeast of Decatur. Agriculture is carried on extensively, and there is considerable coal mining in the immediate vicinity. The city has two flouring mills, a handle factory, a creamery, one National and one State bank, one daily and four weekly papers and one monthly periodical, an Orphans' Home, ten churches, two graded schools, and a public library. Population (1890), 3,162; (1900), 3,546.

**SHELDON**, a village of Iroquois County, at the intersection of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railways, 9 miles east of Watseka; has two banks and a newspaper. The region is agricultural. Pop (1890), 910; (1900), 1,103.

**SHELDON, Benjamin R.**, jurist, was born in Massachusetts in 1813, graduated from Williams College in 1831, studied law at the Yale Law School, and was admitted to practice in 1836. Emigrating to Illinois, he located temporarily at Hennepin, Putnam County, but soon removed to Galena, and finally to Rockford. In 1848 he was elected Circuit Judge of the Sixth Circuit, which afterwards being divided, he was assigned to the Fourteenth Circuit, remaining until 1870, when he was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court, presiding as Chief Justice in 1877. He was re-elected in 1879, but retired in 1888, being succeeded by the late Justice Bailey. Died, April 13, 1897.

**SHEPARD, Nathan**, author and lecturer, was born in Baltimore, Md., Nov. 9, 1834; graduated at Rochester Theological Seminary in 1859; during the Civil War was special correspondent of "The New York World" and "The Chicago Journal" and "Tribune," and, during the Franco-German War, of "The Cincinnati Gazette;" also served as special American correspondent of "The London Times," and was a contributor to "Frazer's Magazine" and "Temple Bar." In 1873 he became a lecturer on Modern English Literature and Rhetoric in Chicago University and,

four years later, accepted a similar position in Allegheny College; also spent four years in Europe, lecturing in the principal towns of Great Britain and Ireland. In 1884 he founded the "Athenaeum" at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., of which he was President until his death, early in 1888. "The Dickens Reader," "Character Readings from George Eliot" and "Essays of George Eliot" were among the volumes issued by him between 1881 and 1887. Died in New York City, Jan. 24, 1888.

**SHERMAN, Alson Smith**, early Chicago Mayor, was born at Barre, Vt., April 21, 1811, remaining there until 1836, when he came to Chicago and began business as a contractor and builder. Several years later he opened the first stone quarries at Lemont, Ill. Mr. Sherman spent many years in the service of Chicago as a public official. From 1840 to 1842 he was Captain of a company of militia; for two years served as Chief of the Fire Department, and was elected Alderman in 1842, serving again in 1846. In 1844, he was chosen Mayor, his administration being marked by the first extensive public improvements made in Chicago. After his term as Mayor he did much to secure a better water supply for the city. He was especially interested in promoting common school education, being for several years a member of the City School Board. He was Vice-President of the first Board of Trustees of Northwestern University. Retired from active pursuits, Mr. Sherman is now (1899) spending a serene old age at Waukegan, Ill.—**Oren** (Sherman) brother of the preceding and early Chicago merchant, was born at Barre, Vt., March 5, 1816. After spending several years in a mercantile house in Montpelier, Vt., at the age of twenty he came west, first to New Buffalo, Mich., and, in 1836, to Chicago, opening a dry-goods store there the next spring. With various partners Mr. Sherman continued in a general mercantile business until 1853, at the same time being extensively engaged in the provision trade, one-half the entire transactions in pork in the city passing through his hands. Next he engaged in developing stone quarries at Lemont, Ill.; also became extensively interested in the marble business, continuing in this until a few years after the panic of 1873, when he retired in consequence of a shock of paralysis. Died, in Chicago, Dec. 15, 1898.

**SHERMAN, Elijah B.**, lawyer, was born at Fairfield, Vt., June 18, 1833—his family being distantly related to Roger Sherman, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the late Gen. W. T. Sherman; gained his education in the

common schools and at Middlebury College, where he graduated in 1860; began teaching, but soon after enlisted as a private in the war for the Union; received a Lieutenant's commission, and served until captured on the eve of the battle at Antietam, when he was paroled and sent to Camp Douglas, Chicago, awaiting exchange. During this period he commenced reading law and, having resigned his commission, graduated from the law department of Chicago University in 1864. In 1876 he was elected Representative in the General Assembly from Cook County, and re-elected in 1878, and the following year appointed Master in Chancery of the United States District Court, a position which he still occupies. He has repeatedly been called upon to deliver addresses on political, literary and patriotic occasions, one of these being before the alumni of his alma mater, in 1884, when he was complimented with the degree of LL.D.

**SHIELDS, James**, soldier and United States Senator, was born in Ireland in 1810, emigrated to the United States at the age of sixteen and began the practice of law at Kaskaskia in 1832. He was elected to the Legislature in 1836, and State Auditor in 1839. In 1843 he became a Judge of the Supreme Court of the State, and, in 1845, was made Commissioner of the General Land Office. In July, 1846, he was commissioned Brigadier-General in the Mexican War gaining the brevet of Major-General at Cerro-Gordo, where he was severely wounded. He was again wounded at Chapultepec, and mustered out in 1848. The same year he was appointed Governor of Oregon Territory. In 1849 the Democrats in the Illinois Legislature elected him Senator, and he resigned his office in Oregon. In 1856 he removed to Minnesota, and, in 1858, was chosen United States Senator from that State, his term expiring in 1859, when he established a residence in California. At the outbreak of the Civil War (1861) he was superintending a mine in Mexico, but at once hastened to Washington to tender his services to the Government. He was commissioned Brigadier-General, and served with distinction until March, 1863, when the effect of numerous wounds caused him to resign. He subsequently removed to Missouri, practicing law at Carrollton and serving in the Legislature of that State in 1874 and 1879. In the latter year he was elected United States Senator to fill out the unexpired term of Senator Boggy, who had died in office—serving only six weeks, but being the only man in the history of the country who filled the office of United States Senator from three differ-

ent States. Died, at Ottumwa, Iowa, June 1, 1879.

**SHIPMAN**, a town of Macoupin County, on the Chicago & Alton Railway, 19 miles north-north-east of Alton and 14 miles southwest of Carlinville. Population (1890), 410; (1900), 396.

**SHIPMAN, George E., M.D.**, physician and philanthropist, born in New York City, March 4, 1820; graduated at the University of New York in 1839, and took a course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons; practiced for a time at Peoria, Ill., but, in 1846, located in Chicago, where he assisted in organizing the first Homeopathic Hospital in that city, and, in 1855, was one of the first Trustees of Hahnemann College. In 1871 he established, in Chicago, the Foundlings' Home at his own expense, giving to it the latter years of his life. Died, Jan. 20, 1893.

**SHOREY, Daniel Lewis**, lawyer and philanthropist, was born at Jonesborough, Washington County, Maine, Jan. 31, 1824; educated at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and at Dartmouth College, graduating from the latter in 1851; taught two years in Washington City, meanwhile reading law, afterwards taking a course at Dane Law School, Cambridge; was admitted to the bar in Boston in 1854, the next year locating at Davenport, Iowa, where he remained ten years. In 1865 he removed to Chicago, where he prosecuted his profession until 1890, when he retired. Mr. Shorey was prominent in the establishment of the Chicago Public Library, and a member of the first Library Board; was also a prominent member of the Chicago Literary Club, and was a Director in the new University of Chicago and deeply interested in its prosperity. Died, in Chicago, March 4, 1899.

**SHORT, (Rev.) William F.**, clergyman and educator, was born in Ohio in 1829, brought to Morgan County, Ill., in childhood, and lived upon a farm until 20 years of age, when he entered McKendree College, spending his senior year, however, at Wesleyan University, Bloomington, where he graduated in 1854. He had meanwhile accepted a call to the Missouri Conference Seminary at Jackson, Mo.; where he remained three years, when he returned to Illinois, serving churches at Jacksonville and elsewhere, for a part of the time being Presiding Elder of the Jacksonville District. In 1875 he was elected President of Illinois Female College at Jacksonville, continuing in that position until 1893, when he was appointed Superintendent of the Illinois State Institution for the Blind at the same place, but resigned early in 1897. Dr. Short received

the degree of D.D., conferred upon him by Ohio Wesleyan University.

**SHOUP, George L.**, United States Senator, was born at Kittanning, Pa., June 15, 1836; came to Illinois in 1852, his father locating on a stock-farm near Galesburg; in 1859 removed to Colorado, where he engaged in mining and mercantile business until 1861, when he enlisted in a company of scouts, being advanced from the rank of First Lieutenant to the Colonelcy of the Third Colorado Cavalry, meanwhile serving as Delegate to the State Constitutional Convention of 1864. Retiring to private life, he again engaged in mercantile and mining business, first in Nevada and then in Idaho; served two terms in the Territorial Legislature of the latter, was appointed Territorial Governor in 1889 and, in 1890, was chosen the first Governor of the State, in October of the same year being elected to the United States Senate, and re-elected in 1895 for a second term, which ends in 1901. Senator Shoup is one of the few Western Senators who remained faithful to the regular Republican organization, during the political campaign of 1896.

**SHOWALTER, John W.**, jurist, was born in Mason County, Ky., Feb. 8, 1844; resided some years in Scott County in that State, and was educated in the local schools, at Maysville and Ohio University, finally graduating at Yale College in 1867; came to Chicago in 1869, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1870. He returned to Kentucky after the fire of 1871, but, in 1872, again came to Chicago and entered the employment of the firm of Moore & Caulfield, with whom he had been before the fire. In 1879 he became a member of the firm of Abbott, Oliver & Showalter (later, Oliver & Showalter), where he remained until his appointment as United States Circuit Judge, in March, 1895. Died, in Chicago, Dec. 12, 1898.

**SHUMAN, Andrew**, journalist and Lieutenant-Governor, was born at Manor, Lancaster County, Pa., Nov. 8, 1830. His father dying in 1837, he was reared by an uncle. At the age of 15 he became an apprentice in the office of "The Lancaster Union and Sentinel." A year later he accompanied his employer to Auburn, N. Y., working for two years on "The Daily Advertiser" of that city, then known as Governor Seward's "home organ." At the age of 18 he edited, published and distributed—during his leisure hours—a small weekly paper called "The Auburnian." At the conclusion of his apprenticeship he was employed, for a year or two, in editing and publishing "The Cayuga Chief," a temperance journal.



In 1851 he entered Hamilton College, but, before the completion of his junior year, consented, at the solicitation of friends of William H. Seward, to assume editorial control of "The Syracuse Daily Journal." In July, 1856, he came to Chicago, to accept an editorial position on "The Evening Journal" of that city, later becoming editor-in-chief and President of the Journal Company. From 1865 to 1870 (first by executive appointment and afterward by popular election) he was a Commissioner of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, resigning the office four years before the expiration of his term. In 1876 he was elected Lieutenant-Governor on the Republican ticket. Owing to declining health, he abandoned active journalistic work in 1888, dying in Chicago, May 5, 1890. His home during the latter years of his life was at Evanston. Governor Shuman was author of a romance entitled "Loves of a Lawyer," besides numerous addresses before literary, commercial and scientific associations.

**SHUMWAY, Dorice Dwight**, merchant, was born at Williamsburg, Worcester County, Mass., Sept. 28, 1813, descended from French Huguenot ancestry; came to Zanesville, Ohio, in 1837, and to Montgomery County, Ill., in 1841; married a daughter of Hiram Ronntree, an early resident of Hillsboro, and, in 1843, located in Christian County; was engaged for a time in merchandising at Taylorville, but retired in 1858, thereafter giving his attention to a large landed estate. In 1846 he was chosen Representative in the General Assembly, served in the Constitutional Convention of 1847, and four years as County Judge of Christian County. Died, May 9, 1870.—**Hiram P.** (Shumway), eldest son of the preceding, was born in Montgomery County, Ill., June, 1842; spent his boyhood on a farm in Christian County and in his father's store at Taylorville; took an academy course and, in 1864, engaged in mercantile business; was Representative in the Twenty-eighth General Assembly and Senator in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh, afterwards removing to Springfield, where he engaged in the stone business.

**SHURTLEFF COLLEGE**, an institution located at Upper Alton, and the third established in Illinois. It was originally incorporated as the "Alton College" in 1831, under a special charter which was not accepted, but re-incorporated in 1835, in an "omnibus bill" with Illinois and McKendree Colleges. (See *Early Colleges*.) Its primal origin was a school at Rock Spring in St. Clair County, founded about 1824,

by Rev. John M. Peck. This became the "Rock Spring Seminary" in 1827, and, about 1831, was united with an academy at Upper Alton. This was the nucleus of "Alton" (afterward "Shurtleff") College. As far as its denominational control is concerned, it has always been dominated by Baptist influence. Dr. Peck's original idea was to found a school for teaching theology and Biblical literature, but this project was at first inhibited by the State. Hubbard Loomis and John Russell were among the first instructors. Later, Dr. Benjamin Shurtleff donated the college \$10,000, and the institution was named in his honor. College classes were not organized until 1840, and several years elapsed before a class graduated. Its endowment in 1898 was over \$126,000, in addition to \$125,000 worth of real and personal property. About 255 students were in attendance. Besides preparatory and collegiate departments, the college also maintains a theological school. It has a faculty of twenty instructors and is co-educational.

**SIBLEY**, a village of Ford County, on the Chicago Division of the Wabash Railway, 105 miles south-southwest of Chicago; has banks and a weekly newspaper. The district is agricultural. Population (1890), 404; (1900), 444.

**SIBLEY, Joseph**, lawyer and jurist, was born at Westfield, Mass., in 1818; learned the trade of a whip-maker and afterwards engaged in merchandising. In 1843 he began the study of law at Syracuse, N. Y., and, upon admission to the bar, came west, finally settling at Nauvoo, Hancock County. He maintained a neutral attitude during the Mormon troubles, thus giving offense to a section of the community. In 1847 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Legislature, but was elected in 1850, and re-elected in 1852. In 1853 he removed to Warsaw, and, in 1855, was elected Judge of the Circuit Court, and re-elected in 1861, '67 and '73, being assigned to the bench of the Appellate Court of the Second District, in 1877. His residence, after 1865, was at Quincy, where he died, June 18, 1897.

**SIDELL**, a village of Vermillion County, on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois and Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroads; has a bank, electric light plant and a newspaper. Pop. (1900), 776.

**SIDNEY**, a village of Champaign County, on the main line of the Wabash Railway, at the junction of a branch to Champaign, 48 miles east-northeast of Decatur. It is in a farming district; has a bank and a newspaper. Population, (1900), 564.

**SIM, (Dr.) William**, pioneer physician, was born at Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1795, came to

America in early manhood, and was the first physician to settle at Golconda, in Pope County, which he represented in the Fourth and Fifth General Assemblies (1824 and '28). He married a Miss Elizabeth Jack of Philadelphia, making the journey from Golconda to Philadelphia for that purpose on horseback. He had a family of five children, one son, Dr. Francis L. Sim, rising to distinction as a physician, and, for a time, being President of a Medical College at Memphis, Tenn. The elder Dr. Sim died at Golconda, in 1868.

**SIMS, James**, early legislator and Methodist preacher, was a native of South Carolina, but removed to Kentucky in early manhood, thence to St. Clair County, Ill., and, in 1820, to Sangamon County, where he was elected, in 1822, as the first Representative from that county in the Third General Assembly. At the succeeding session of the Legislature, he was one of those who voted against the Convention resolution designed to prepare the way for making Illinois a slave State. Mr. Sims resided for a time in Menard County, but finally removed to Morgan.

**SINGER, Horace M.**, capitalist, was born in Schnectady, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1823; came to Chicago in 1836 and found employment on the Illinois & Michigan Canal, serving as superintendent of repairs upon the Canal until 1853. While thus employed he became one of the proprietors of the stone-quarries at Lemont, managed by the firm of Singer & Talcott until about 1890, when they became the property of the Western Stone Company. Originally a Democrat, he became a Republican during the Civil War, and served as a member of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly (1867) for Cook County, was elected County Commissioner in 1870, and was Chairman of the Republican County Central Committee in 1880. He was also associated with several financial institutions, being a director of the First National Bank and of the Auditorium Company of Chicago, and a member of the Union League and Calumet Clubs. Died, at Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 28, 1896.

**SINGLETON, James W.**, Congressman, born at Paxton, Va., Nov. 23, 1811; was educated at the Winchester (Va.) Academy, and removed to Illinois in 1833, settling first at Mount Sterling, Brown County, and, some twenty years later, near Quincy. By profession he was a lawyer, and was prominent in political and commercial affairs. In his later years he devoted considerable attention to stock-raising. He was elected Brigadier-General of the Illinois militia in 1844,

being identified to some extent with the "Mormon War"; was a member of the Constitutional Conventions of 1847 and 1862, served six terms in the Legislature, and was elected, on the Democratic ticket, to Congress in 1878, and again in 1880. In 1882 he ran as an independent Democrat, but was defeated by the regular nominee of his party, James M. Riggs. During the War of the Rebellion he was one of the most conspicuous leaders of the "peace party." He constructed the Quincy & Toledo (now part of the Wabash) and the Quincy, Alton & St. Louis (now part of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy) Railways, being President of both companies. His death occurred at Baltimore, Md., April 4, 1892.

**SIXNET, John S.**, pioneer, was born at Lexington, Ky., March 10, 1796; at three years of age, taken by his parents to Missouri; enlisted in the War of 1812, but, soon after the war, came to Illinois, and, about 1818, settled in what is now Christian County, locating on land constituting a part of the present city of Taylorville. In 1840 he removed to Tazewell County, dying there, Jan. 13, 1872.

**SKINNER, Mark**, jurist, was born at Manchester, Vt., Sept. 13, 1813; graduated from Middlebury College in 1833, studied law, and, in 1836, came to Chicago; was admitted to the bar in 1839, became City Attorney in 1840, later Master in Chancery for Cook County, and finally United States District Attorney under President Tyler. As member of the House Finance Committee in the Fifteenth General Assembly (1846-48), he aided influentially in securing the adoption of measures for refunding and paying the State debt. In 1851 he was elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (now Superior Court) of Cook County, but declined a re-election in 1853. Originally a Democrat, Judge Skinner was an ardent opponent of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill and a liberal supporter of the Government policy during the rebellion. He liberally aided the United States Sanitary Commission and was identified with all the leading charities of the city. Among the great business enterprises with which he was officially associated were the Galena & Chicago Union and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railways (in each of which he was a Director), the Chicago Marine & Fire Insurance Company, the Gas-Light and Coke Company and others. Died, Sept. 16, 1887. Judge Skinner's only surviving son was killed in the trenches before Petersburg, the last year of the Civil War.

**SKINNER, Otis Ainsworth**, clergyman and author, was born at Royalton, Vt., July 3, 1807;

taught for some time, became a Universalist minister, serving churches in Baltimore, Boston and New York between 1831 and 1857; then came to Elgin, Ill., was elected President of Lombard University at Galesburg, but the following year took charge of a church at Joliet. Died, at Naperville, Sept. 18, 1861. He wrote several volumes on religious topics, and, at different times, edited religious periodicals at Baltimore, Haverhill, Mass., and Boston.

**SKINNER, Ozias C.**, lawyer and jurist, was born at Floyd, Oneida County, N. Y., in 1817; in 1836, removed to Illinois, settling in Peoria County, where he engaged in farming. In 1838 he began the study of law at Greenville, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar of that State in 1840. Eighteen months later he returned to Illinois, and began practice at Carthage, Hancock County, removing to Quincy in 1844. During the "Mormon War" he served as Aid-de-camp to Governor Ford. In 1848 he was elected to the lower house of the Sixteenth General Assembly, and, for a short time, served as Prosecuting Attorney for the district including Adams and Brown Counties. In 1851 he was elected Judge of the (then) Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, and, in 1855, succeeded Judge S. H. Treat on the Supreme bench, resigning this position in April, 1858, two months before the expiration of his term. He was a large land owner and had extensive agricultural interests. He built, and was the first President of the Carthage & Quincy Railroad, now a part of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy system. He was a prominent member of the Constitutional Convention of 1869, serving as Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary. Died in 1877.

**SLADE, Charles**, early Congressman; his early history, including date and place of birth, are unknown. In 1820 he was elected Representative from Washington County in the Second General Assembly, and, in 1826, was re-elected to the same body for Clinton and Washington. In 1832 he was elected one of the three Congressmen from Illinois, representing the First District. After attending the first session of the Twenty-third Congress, while on his way home, he was attacked with cholera, dying near Vincennes, Ind., July 11, 1834.

**SLADE, James P.**, ex-State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was born at Westerlo, Albany County, N. Y., Feb. 9, 1837, and spent his boyhood with his parents on a farm, except while absent at school; in 1856 removed to Belleville, Ill., where he soon became connected with the public schools, serving for a number of years as

Principal of the Belleville High School. While connected with the Belleville schools, he was elected County Superintendent, remaining in office some ten years; later had charge of Almira College at Greenville, Bond County, served six years as Superintendent of Schools at East St. Louis and, in 1878, was elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction as the nominee of the Republican party. On retirement from the office of State Superintendent, he resumed his place at the head of Almira College, but, for the past few years, has been Superintendent of Schools at East St. Louis.

**SLAVERY AGITATION OF 1823-24.** (See *Slavery and Slave Laws.*)

**SLAVERY AND SLAVE LAWS.** African slaves were first brought into the Illinois country by a Frenchman named Pierre F. Renault, about 1732. At that time the present State formed a part of Louisiana, and the traffic in slaves was regulated by French royal edicts. When Great Britain acquired the territory, at the close of the French and Indian War, the former subjects of France were guaranteed security for their persons "and effects," and no interference with slavery was attempted. Upon the conquest of Illinois by Virginia (see *Clark, George Rogers*), the French very generally professed allegiance to that commonwealth, and, in her deed of cession to the United States, Virginia expressly stipulated for the protection of the "rights and liberties" of the French citizens. This was construed as recognizing the right of property in negro slaves. Even the Ordinance of 1787, while prohibiting slavery in the Northwest Territory, preserved to the settlers (reference being especially made to the French and Canadians) "of the Kaskaskias, St. Vincents and neighboring villages, their laws and customs, now (then) in force, relative to the descent and conveyance of property." A conservative construction of this clause was, that while it prohibited the extension of slavery and the importation of slaves, the status of those who were at that time in involuntary servitude, and of their descendants, was left unchanged. There were those, however, who denied the constitutionality of the Ordinance in toto, on the ground that Congress had exceeded its powers in its passage. There was also a party which claimed that all children of slaves, born after 1787, were free from birth. In 1794 a convention was held at Vincennes, pursuant to a call from Governor Harrison, and a memorial to Congress was adopted, praying for the repeal—or, at least a modification—of the sixth clause of the

Ordinance of 1787. The first Congressional Committee, to which this petition was referred, reported adversely upon it; but a second committee recommended the suspension of the operation of the clause in question for ten years. But no action was taken by the National Legislature, and, in 1807, a counter petition, extensively signed, was forwarded to that body, and Congress left the matter in statu quo. It is worthy of note that some of the most earnest opponents of the measure were Representatives from Southern Slave States, John Randolph, of Virginia, being one of them. The pro-slavery party in the State then prepared what is popularly known as the "Indenture Law," which was one of the first acts adopted by Governor Edwards and his Council, and was re-enacted by the first Territorial Legislature in 1812. It was entitled, "An Act relating to the Introduction of Negroes and Mulattoes into this Territory," and gave permission to bring slaves above 15 years of age into the State, when they might be registered and kept in servitude within certain limitations. Slaves under that age might also be brought in, registered, and held in bondage until they reached the age of 35, if males, and 30, if females. The issue of registered slaves were to serve their mother's master until the age of 30 or 28, according to sex. The effect of this legislation was rapidly to increase the number of slaves. The Constitution of 1818 prohibited the introduction of slavery thereafter—that is to say, after its adoption. In 1822 the slave-holding party, with their supporters, began to agitate the question of so amending the organic law as to make Illinois a slave State. To effect such a change the calling of a convention was necessary, and, for eighteen months, the struggle between "conventionists" and their opponents was bitter and fierce. The question was submitted to a popular vote on August 2, 1824, the result of the count showing 4,972 votes for such convention and 6,640 against. This decisive result settled the question of slave-holding in Illinois for all future time, though the existence of slavery in the State continued to be recognized by the National Census until 1840. The number, according to the census of 1810, was 168; in 1820 they had increased to 917. Then the number began to diminish, being reduced in 1830 to 747, and, in 1840 (the last census which shows any portion of the population held in bondage), it was 331.

Hooper Warren—who has been mentioned elsewhere as editor of "The Edwardsville Spectator," and a leading factor in securing the defeat of the

scheme to make Illinois a slave State in 1822—in an article in the first number of "The Genius of Liberty" (January, 1841), speaking of that contest, says there were, at its beginning, only three papers in the State—"The Intelligencer" at Vandalia, "The Gazette" at Shawneetown, and "The Spectator" at Edwardsville. The first two of these, at the outset, favored the Convention scheme, while "The Spectator" opposed it. The management of the campaign on the part of the pro-slavery party was assigned to Emanuel J. West, Theophilus W. Smith and Oliver L. Kelly, and a paper was established by the name of "The Illinois Republican," with Smith as editor. Among the active opponents of the measure were George Churchill, Thomas Lippincott, Samuel D. Lockwood, Henry Starr (afterwards of Cincinnati), Rev. John M. Peck and Rev. James Lemen, of St. Clair County. Others who contributed to the cause were Daniel P. Cook, Morris Birkbeck, Dr. Hugh Steel and — Burton of Jackson County, Dr. Henry Perrine of Bond; William Leggett of Edwardsville (afterwards editor of "The New York Evening Post"), Benjamin Lundy (then of Missouri), David Blackwell and Rev. John Dew, of St. Clair County. Still others were Nathaniel Pope (Judge of the United States District Court), William B. Archer, William H. Brown and Benjamin Mills (of Vandalia), John Tillson, Dr. Horatio Newhall, George Forquer, Col. Thomas Mather, Thomas Ford, Judge David J. Baker, Charles W. Hunter and Henry H. Snow (of Alton). This testimony is of interest as coming from one who probably had more to do with defeating the scheme, with the exception of Gov. Edward Coles. Outside of the more elaborate Histories of Illinois, the most accurate and detailed accounts of this particular period are to be found in "Sketch of Edward Coles" by the late E. B. Washburne, and "Early Movement in Illinois for the Legalization of Slavery," an address before the Chicago Historical Society (1864), by Hon. William H. Brown, of Chicago. (See also, *Coles, Edward; Warren, Hooper; Brown, William H.; Churchill, George; Lippincott, Thomas; and Newspapers, Early*, elsewhere in this volume.)

SLOAN, Wesley, legislator and jurist, was born in Dorchester County, Md., Feb. 20, 1806. At the age of 17, having received a fair academic education, he accompanied his parents to Philadelphia, where, for a year, he was employed in a wholesale grocery. His father dying, he returned to Maryland and engaged in teaching, at the same time studying law, and being admitted to



the bar in 1831. He came to Illinois in 1838, going first to Chicago, and afterward to Kaskaskia, finally settling at Golconda in 1839, which continued to be his home the remainder of his life. In 1848 he was elected to the Legislature, and re-elected in 1850, '52, and '56, serving three times as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He was one of the members of the first State Board of Education, created by Act of Feb. 18, 1857, and took a prominent part in the founding and organization of the State educational institutions. In 1857 he was elected to the bench of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, and re-elected in 1861, but declined a re-election for a third term. Died, Jan. 15, 1887.

**SMITH, Abner**, jurist, was born at Orange, Franklin County, Mass., August 4, 1843, of an old New England family, whose ancestors came to Massachusetts Colony about 1630; was educated in the public schools and at Middlebury College, Vt., graduating from the latter in 1866. After graduation he spent a year as a teacher in Newton Academy, at Shoreham, Vt., coming to Chicago in 1867, and entering upon the study of law, being admitted to the bar in 1868. The next twenty-five years were spent in the practice of his profession in Chicago, within that time serving as the attorney of several important corporations. In 1893 he was elected a Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and re-elected in 1897, his term of service continuing until 1903.

**SMITH, (Dr.) Charles Gilman**, physician, was born at Exeter, N. H., Jan. 4, 1828, received his early education at Phillips Academy, in his native place, finally graduating from Harvard University in 1847. He soon after commenced the study of medicine in the Harvard Medical School, but completed his course at the University of Pennsylvania in 1851. After two years spent as attending physician of the Alms House in South Boston, Mass., in 1853 he came to Chicago, where he soon acquired an extensive practice. During the Civil War he was one of six physicians employed by the Government for the treatment of prisoners of war in hospital at Camp Douglas. In 1868 he visited Europe for the purpose of observing the management of hospitals in Germany, France and England, on his return being invited to lecture in the Woman's Medical College in Chicago, and also becoming consulting physician in the Women's and Children's Hospital, as well as in the Presbyterian Hospital—a position which he continued to occupy for the remainder of his life, gaining a wide reputation in the treat-

ment of women's and children's diseases. Died, Jan. 10, 1894.

**SMITH, David Allen**, lawyer, was born near Richmond, Va., June 18, 1809; removed with his father, at an early day, to Pulaski, Tenn.; at 17 went to Courtland, Lawrence County, Ala., where he studied law with Judge Bramlette and began practice. His father, dying about 1831, left him the owner of a number of slaves whom, in 1837, he brought to Carlinville, Ill., and emancipated, giving bond that they should not become a charge to the State. In 1839 he removed to Jacksonville, where he practiced law until his death. Col. John J. Hardin was his partner at the time of his death on the battle-field of Buena Vista. Mr. Smith was a Trustee and generous patron of Illinois College, for a quarter of a century, but never held any political office. As a lawyer he was conscientious and faithful to the interests of his clients; as a citizen, liberal, public-spirited and patriotic. He contributed liberally to the support of the Government during the war for the Union. Died, at Anoka, Minn., July 13, 1865, where he had gone to accompany an invalid son. — **Thomas William** (Smith), eldest son of the preceding, born at Courtland, Ala., Sept. 27, 1832; died at Clearwater, Minn., Oct. 29, 1865. He graduated at Illinois College in 1852, studied law and served as Captain in the Tenth Illinois Volunteers, until, broken in health, he returned home to die.

**SMITH, Dietrich C.**, ex-Congressman, was born at Ostfriesland, Hanover, April 4, 1840, in boyhood came to the United States, and, since 1849, has been a resident of Pekin, Tazewell County. In 1861 he enlisted in the Eighth Illinois Volunteers, was promoted to a Lieutenantcy, and, while so serving, was severely wounded at Shiloh. Later, he was attached to the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Illinois Infantry, and was mustered out of service as Captain of Company C of that regiment. His business is that of banker and manufacturer, besides which he has had considerable experience in the construction and management of railroads. He was a member of the Thirtieth General Assembly, and, in 1880, was elected Representative in Congress from what was then the Thirteenth District, on the Republican ticket, defeating Adlai E. Stevenson, afterwards Vice-President. In 1882, his county (Tazewell) having been attached to the district for many years represented by Wm. M. Springer, he was defeated by the latter as a candidate for re-election.

**SMITH, George**, one of Chicago's pioneers and early bankers, was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, March 8, 1808. It was his early intention to study medicine, and he entered Aberdeen College with this end in view, but was forced to quit the institution at the end of two years, because of impaired vision. In 1833 he came to America, and, in 1834, settled in Chicago, where he resided until 1861, meanwhile spending one year in Scotland. He invested largely in real estate in Chicago and Wisconsin, at one time owning a considerable portion of the present site of Milwaukee. In 1837 he secured the charter for the Wisconsin Marine and Fire Insurance Company, whose headquarters were at Milwaukee. He was really the owner of the company, although Alexander Mitchell, of Milwaukee, was its Secretary. Under this charter Mr. Smith was able to issue \$1,500,000 in certificates, which circulated freely as currency. In 1839 he founded Chicago's first private banking house. About 1843 he was interested in a storage and commission business in Chicago, with a Mr. Webster as partner. He was a Director in the old Galena & Chicago Union Railroad (now a part of the Chicago & Northwestern), and aided it, while in course of construction, by loans of money; was also a charter member of the Chicago Board of Trade, organized in 1848. In 1854, the State of Wisconsin having prohibited the circulation of the Wisconsin Marine and Fire Insurance certificates above mentioned, Mr. Smith sold out the company to his partner, Mitchell, and bought two Georgia bank charters, which, together, empowered him to issue \$3,000,000 in currency. The notes were duly issued in Georgia, and put into circulation in Illinois, over the counter of George Smith & Co.'s Chicago bank. About 1856 Mr. Smith began winding up his affairs in Chicago, meanwhile spending most of his time in Scotland, but, returning in 1860, made extensive investments in railroad and other American securities, which netted him large profits. The amount of capital which he is reputed to have taken with him to his native land has been estimated at \$10,000,000, though he retained considerable tracts of valuable lands in Wisconsin and about Chicago. Among those who were associated with him in business, either as employes or otherwise, and who have since been prominently identified with Chicago business affairs, were Hon. Charles B. Farwell, E. I. Tinkham (afterwards a prominent banker of Chicago), E. W. Willard, now of Newport, R. I., and others. Mr. Smith made several visits, during the last forty

years, to the United States, but divided his time chiefly between Scotland (where he was the owner of a castle) and London. Died Oct. 7, 1899.

**SMITH, George W.**, soldier, lawyer and State Treasurer, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1837. It was his intention to acquire a collegiate education, but his father's business embarrassments having compelled the abandonment of his studies, at 17 of years age he went to Arkansas and taught school for two years. In 1856 he returned to Albany and began the study of law, graduating from the law school in 1858. In October of that year he removed to Chicago, where he remained continuously in practice, with the exception of the years 1862-65, when he was serving in the Union army, and 1867-68, when he filled the office of State Treasurer. He was mustered into service, August 27, 1862, as a Captain in the Eighty-eighth Illinois Infantry—the second Board of Trade regiment. At Stone River, he was seriously wounded and captured. After four days' confinement, he was aided by a negro to escape. He made his way to the Union lines, but was granted leave of absence, being incapacitated for service. On his return to duty he joined his regiment in the Chattanooga campaign, and was officially complimented for his bravery at Gordon's Mills. At Mission Ridge he was again severely wounded, and was once more personally complimented in the official report. At Kenesaw Mountain (June 27, 1864), Capt. Smith commanded the regiment after the killing of Lieutenant-Colonel Chandler, and was promoted to a Lieutenant-Colonelcy for bravery on the field. He led the charge at Franklin, and was brevetted Colonel, and thanked by the commander for his gallant service. In the spring of 1865 he was brevetted Brigadier-General, and, in June following, was mustered out. Returning to Chicago, he resumed the practice of his profession, and gained a prominent position at the bar. In 1866 he was elected State Treasurer, and, after the expiration of his term, in January, 1869, held no public office. General Smith was, for many years, a Trustee of the Chicago Historical Society, and Vice-President of the Board. Died, in Chicago, Sept. 16, 1898.

**SMITH, George W.**, lawyer and Congressman, was born in Putnam County, Ohio, August 18, 1846. When he was four years old, his father removed to Wayne County, Ill., settling on a farm. He attended the common schools and graduated from the literary department of McKendree College, at Lebanon, in 1868. In his youth he learned the trade of a blacksmith, but

later determined to study law. After reading for a time at Fairfield, Ill., he entered the Law Department of the Bloomington (Ind.) University, graduating there in 1870. The same year he was admitted to the bar in Illinois, and has since practiced at Murphysboro. In 1880 he was a Republican Presidential Elector, and, in 1888, was elected a Republican Representative to Congress from the Twentieth Illinois District, and has been continuously re-elected, now (1899) serving his sixth consecutive term as Representative from the Twenty-second District.

**SMITH, Giles Alexander**, soldier, and Assistant Postmaster-General, was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1829; engaged in dry-goods business in Cincinnati and Bloomington, Ill., in 1861 being proprietor of a hotel in the latter place; became a Captain in the Eighth Missouri Volunteers, was engaged at Forts Henry and Donelson, Shiloh and Corinth, and promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel in 1862; led his regiment on the first attack on Vicksburg, and was severely wounded at Arkansas Post; was promoted Brigadier-General in August, 1863, for gallant and meritorious conduct; led a brigade of the Fifteenth Army Corps at Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge, as also in the Atlanta campaign, and a division of the Seventeenth Corps in the "March to the Sea." After the surrender of Lee he was transferred to the Twenty-fifth Army Corps, became Major-General in 1865, and resigned in 1866, having declined a commission as Colonel in the regular army; about 1869 was appointed, by President Grant, Second Assistant Postmaster-General, but resigned on account of failing health in 1872. Died, at Bloomington, Nov. 8, 1876. General Smith was one of the founders of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee.

**SMITH, Gustavus Adolphus**, soldier, was born in Philadelphia, Dec. 26, 1820; at 16 joined two brothers who had located at Springfield, Ohio, where he learned the trade of a carriage-maker. In December, 1837, he arrived at Decatur, Ill., but soon after located at Springfield, where he resided some six years. Then, returning to Decatur, he devoted his attention to carriage manufacture, doing a large business with the South, but losing heavily as the result of the war. An original Whig, he became a Democrat on the dissolution of the Whig party, but early took ground in favor of the Union after the firing on Fort Sumter; was offered and accepted the colonelcy of the Thirty-fifth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, at the same time assisting Governor

Yates in the selection of Camp Butler as a camp of recruiting and instruction. Having been assigned to duty in Missouri, in the summer of 1861, he proceeded to Jefferson City, joined Fremont at Carthage in that State, and made a forced march to Springfield, afterwards taking part in the campaign in Arkansas and in the battle of Pea Ridge, where he had a horse shot under him and was severely (and, it was supposed, fatally) wounded, not recovering until 1868. Being compelled to return home, he received authority to raise an independent brigade, but was unable to accompany it to the field. In September, 1862, he was commissioned a Brigadier-General by President Lincoln, "for meritorious conduct," but was unable to enter into active service on account of his wound. Later, he was assigned to the command of a convalescent camp at Murfreesboro, Tenn., under Gen. George H. Thomas. In 1864 he took part in securing the second election of President Lincoln, and, in the early part of 1865, was commissioned by Governor Oglesby Colonel of a new regiment (the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Illinois), but, on account of his wounds, was assigned to court-martial duty, remaining in the service until January, 1866, when he was mustered out with the brevet rank of Brigadier-General. During the second year of his service he was presented with a magnificent sword by the rank and file of his regiment (the Thirty-fifth), for brave and gallant conduct at Pea Ridge. After retiring from the army, he engaged in cotton planting in Alabama, but was not successful; in 1868, canvassed Alabama for General Grant for President, but declined a nomination in his own favor for Congress. In 1870 he was appointed, by General Grant, United States Collection and Disbursing Agent for the District of New Mexico, where he continued to reside.

**SMITH, John Corson**, soldier, ex-Lieutenant-Governor and ex-State Treasurer, was born in Philadelphia, Feb. 13, 1832. At the age of 16 he was apprenticed to a carpenter and builder. In 1854 he came to Chicago, and worked at his trade, for a time, but soon removed to Galena, where he finally engaged in business as a contractor. In 1862 he enlisted as a private in the Seventy-fourth Illinois Volunteers, but, having received authority from Governor Yates, raised a company, of which he was chosen Captain, and which was incorporated in the Ninety-sixth Illinois Infantry. Of this regiment he was soon elected Major. After a short service about Cincinnati, Ohio, and Covington and Newport, Ky., the Ninety-

sixth was sent to the front, and took part (among other battles) in the second engagement at Fort Donelson and in the bloody fight at Franklin, Tenn. Later, Major Smith was assigned to staff duty under Generals Baird and Steedman, serving through the Tullahoma campaign, and participating in the battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. Being promoted to a Lieutenant-Colonelcy, he rejoined his regiment, and was given command of a brigade. In the Atlanta campaign he served gallantly, taking a conspicuous part in its long series of bloody engagements, and being severely wounded at Kennesaw Mountain. In February, 1865, he was brevetted Colonel, and, in June, 1865, Brigadier-General. Soon after his return to Galena he was appointed Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue, but was legislated out of office in 1872. In 1873 he removed to Chicago and embarked in business. In 1874-76 he was a member (and Secretary) of the Illinois Board of Commissioners to the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. In 1875 he was appointed Chief Grain-Inspector at Chicago, and held the office for several years. In 1872 and '76 he was a delegate to the National Republican Conventions of those years, and, in 1878, was elected State Treasurer, as he was again in 1882. In 1884 he was elected Lieutenant-Governor, serving until 1889. He is a prominent Mason, Knight Templar and Odd Fellow, as well as a distinguished member of the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and was prominently connected with the erection of the "Masonic Temple Building" in Chicago.

**SMITH, John Eugene**, soldier, was born in Switzerland, August 3, 1816, the son of an officer who had served under Napoleon, and after the downfall of the latter, emigrated to Philadelphia. The subject of this sketch received an academic education and became a jeweler; in 1861 entered the volunteer service as Colonel of the Forty-fifth Illinois Infantry; took part in the capture of Forts Henry and Donelson, in the battle of Shiloh and siege of Corinth; was promoted a Brigadier-General in November, 1862, and placed in command of a division in the Sixteenth Army Corps; led the Third Division of the Seventeenth Army Corps in the Vicksburg campaign, later being transferred to the Fifteenth, and taking part in the battle of Missionary Ridge and the Atlanta and Carolina campaigns of 1864-65. He received the brevet rank of Major-General of Volunteers in January, 1865, and, on his muster-out from the volunteer service, became Colonel of the Twenty-seventh United States Infantry, being transferred,

in 1870, to the Fourteenth. In 1867 his services at Vicksburg and Savannah were further recognized by conferring upon him the brevets of Brigadier and Major-General in the regular army. In May, 1881, he was retired, afterwards residing in Chicago, where he died, Jan. 29, 1897.

**SMITH, Joseph**, the founder of the Mormon sect, was born at Sharon, Vt., Dec. 23, 1805. In 1815 his parents removed to Palmyra, N. Y., and still later to Manchester. He early showed a dreamy mental cast, and claimed to be able to locate stolen articles by means of a magic stone. In 1820 he claimed to have seen a vision, but his pretensions were ridiculed by his acquaintances. His story of the revelation of the golden plates by the angel Moroni, and of the latter's instructions to him, is well known. With the aid of Martin Harris and Oliver Cowdery he prepared the "Book of Mormon," alleging that he had deciphered it from heaven-sent characters, through the aid of miraculous spectacles. This was published in 1830. In later years Smith claimed to have received supplementary revelations, which so taxed the credulity of his followers that some of them apostatized. He also claimed supernatural power, such as exorcism, etc. He soon gained followers in considerable numbers, whom, in 1832, he led west, a part settling at Kirtland, Ohio, and the remainder in Jackson County, Mo. Driven out of Ohio five years later, the bulk of the sect found the way to their friends in Missouri, whence they were finally expelled after many conflicts with the authorities. Smith, with the other refugees, fled to Hancock County, Ill., founding the city of Nauvoo, which was incorporated in 1840. Here was begun, in the following year, the erection of a great temple, but again he aroused the hostility of the authorities, although soon wielding considerable political power. After various unsuccessful attempts to arrest him in 1844, Smith and a number of his followers were induced to surrender themselves under the promise of protection from violence and a fair trial. Having been taken to Carthage, the county-seat, all were discharged under recognizance to appear at court except Smith and his brother Hyrum, who were held under the new charge of "treason," and were placed in jail. So intense had been the feeling against the Mormons, that Governor Ford called out the militia to preserve the peace; but it is evident that the feeling among the latter was in sympathy with that of the populace. Most of the militia were disbanded after Smith's arrest, one company being left on duty at Carthage,



from whom only eight men were detailed to guard the jail. In this condition of affairs a mob of 150 disguised men, alleged to be from Warsaw, appeared before the jail on the evening of June 27, and, forcing the guards—who made only a feeble resistance,—Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were both shot down, while a friend, who had remained with them, was wounded. The fate of Smith undoubtedly went far to win for him the reputation of martyr, and give a new impulse to the Mormon faith. (See *Mormons*; *Nauvoo*.)

**SMITH, Justin Almerin, D.D.**, clergyman and editor, was born at Ticonderoga, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1819, educated at New Hampton Literary and Theological Institute and Union College, graduating from the latter in 1843; served a year as Principal of the Union Academy at Bennington, Vt., followed by four years of pastoral work, when he assumed the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Rochester, N. Y., where he remained five years. Then (1853) he removed to Chicago to assume the editorship of "The Christian Times" (now "The Standard"), with which he was associated for the remainder of his life. Meanwhile he assisted in organizing three Baptist churches in Chicago, serving two of them as pastor for a considerable period; made an extended tour of Europe in 1869, attending the Vatican Council at Rome; was a Trustee and one of the founders of the old Chicago University, and Trustee and Lecturer of the Baptist Theological Seminary; was also the author of several religious works. Died, at Morgan Park, near Chicago, Feb. 4, 1896.

**SMITH, Perry H.**, lawyer and politician, was born in Augusta, Oneida County, N. Y., March 18, 1828; entered Hamilton College at the age of 14 and graduated, second in his class, at 18; began reading law and was admitted to the bar on coming of age in 1849. Then, removing to Appleton, Wis., when 23 years of age he was elected a Judge, served later in both branches of the Legislature, and, in 1857, became Vice-President of the Chicago, St. Paul & Fond du Lac Railway, retaining the same position in the reorganized corporation when it became the Chicago & Northwestern. In 1856 Mr. Smith came to Chicago and resided there till his death, on Palm Sunday of 1885. He was prominent in railway circles and in the councils of the Democratic party, being the recognized representative of Mr. Tilden's interests in the Northwest in the campaign of 1876.

**SMITH, Robert**, Congressman and lawyer, was born at Petersborough, N. H., June 12, 1802;

was educated and admitted to the bar in his native town, settled at Alton, Ill., in 1832, and engaged in practice. In 1836 he was elected to the General Assembly from Madison County, and re-elected in 1838. In 1842 he was elected to the Twenty-eighth Congress, and twice re-elected, serving three successive terms. During the Civil War he was commissioned Paymaster, with the rank of Major, and was stationed at St. Louis. He was largely interested in the construction of water power at Minneapolis, Minn., and also in railroad enterprises in Illinois. He was a prominent Mason and a public-spirited citizen. Died, at Alton, Dec. 20, 1867.

**SMITH, Samuel Lisle**, lawyer, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1817, and, belonging to a wealthy family, enjoyed superior educational advantages, taking a course in the Yale Law School at an age too early to admit of his receiving a degree. In 1836 he came to Illinois, to look after some landed interests of his father's in the vicinity of Peru. Returning east within the next two years, he obtained his diploma, and, again coming west, located in Chicago in 1838, and, for a time, occupied an office with the well-known law firm of Butterfield & Collins. In 1839 he was elected City Attorney and, at the great Whig meeting at Springfield, in June, 1840, was one of the principal speakers, establishing a reputation as one of the most brilliant campaign orators in the West. As an admirer of Henry Clay, he was active in the Presidential campaign of 1844, and was also a prominent speaker at the River and Harbor Convention at Chicago, in 1847. With a keen sense of humor, brilliant, witty and a master of repartee and invective, he achieved popularity, both at the bar and on the lecture platform, and had the promise of future success, which was unfortunately marred by his convivial habits. Died of cholera, in Chicago, July 30, 1854. Mr. Smith married the daughter of Dr. Potts, of Philadelphia, an eminent clergyman of the Episcopal Church.

**SMITH, Sidney**, jurist, was born in Washington County, N. Y., May 12, 1829; studied law and was admitted to the bar at Albion, in that State, in 1851; came to Chicago in 1856 and entered into partnership with Grant Goodrich and William W. Farwell, both of whom were afterwards elected to places on the bench—the first in the Superior, and the latter in the Circuit Court. In 1879 Judge Smith was elected to the Superior Court of Cook County, serving until 1885, when he became the attorney of the Chicago Board of Trade. He was the Republican candidate for

Mayor, in opposition to Carter H. Harrison, in 1885, and is believed by many to have been honestly elected, though defeated on the face of the returns. A recount was ordered by the court, but so much delay was incurred and so many obstacles placed in the way of carrying the order into effect, that Judge Smith abandoned the contest in disgust, although making material gains as far as it had gone. During his professional career he was connected, as counsel, with some of the most important trials before the Chicago courts; was also one of the Directors of the Chicago Public Library, on its organization in 1871. Died suddenly, in Chicago, Oct. 6, 1898.

**SMITH, Theophilus Washington**, Judge and politician, was born in New York City, Sept. 28, 1784, served for a time in the United States navy, was a law student in the office of Aaron Burr, was admitted to the bar in his native State in 1805, and, in 1816, came west, finally locating at Edwardsville, where he soon became a prominent figure in early State history. In 1820 he was an unsuccessful candidate before the Legislature for the office of Attorney-General, being defeated by Samuel D. Lockwood, but was elected to the State Senate in 1822, serving four years. In 1823 he was one of the leaders of the "Conventionist" party, whose aim was to adopt a new Constitution which would legalize slavery in Illinois, during this period being the editor of the leading organ of the pro-slavery party. In 1825 he was elected one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, but resigned, Dec. 26, 1842. He was impeached in 1832 on charges alleging oppressive conduct, corruption, and other high misdemeanors in office, but secured a negative acquittal, a two-thirds vote being necessary to conviction. The vote in the Senate stood twelve for conviction (on a part of the charges) to ten for acquittal, four being excused from voting. During the Black Hawk War he served as Quartermaster-General on the Governor's staff. As a jurist, he was charged by his political opponents with being unable to divest himself of his partisan bias, and even with privately advising counsel, in political causes, of defects in the record, which they (the counsel) had not discovered. He was also a member of the first Board of Commissioners of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, appointed in 1823. Died, in Chicago, May 6, 1846.

**SMITH, William Henry**, journalist, Associated Press Manager, was born in Columbia County, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1833; at three years of age was taken by his parents to Ohio, where he enjoyed the best educational advantages that

State at the time afforded. After completing his school course he began teaching, and, for a time, served as tutor in a Western college, but soon turned his attention to journalism, at first as assistant editor of a weekly publication at Cincinnati, still later becoming its editor, and, in 1855, city editor of "The Cincinnati Gazette," with which he was connected in a more responsible position at the beginning of the war, incidentally doing work upon "The Literary Review." His connection with a leading paper enabled him to exert a strong influence in support of the Government. This he used most faithfully in assisting to raise troops in the first years of the war, and, in 1863, in bringing forward and securing the election of John Brough as a Union candidate for Governor in opposition to Clement L. Vallandigham, the Democratic candidate. In 1864 he was nominated and elected Secretary of State, being re-elected two years later. After retiring from office he returned to journalism at Cincinnati, as editor of "The Evening Chronicle," from which he retired in 1870 to become Agent of the Western Associated Press, with headquarters, at first at Cleveland, but later at Chicago. His success in this line was demonstrated by the final union of the New York and Western Associated Press organizations under his management, continuing until 1893, when he retired. Mr. Smith was a strong personal friend of President Hayes, by whom he was appointed Collector of the Port of Chicago in 1877. While engaged in official duties he found time to do considerable literary work, having published, several years ago, "The St. Clair Papers," in two volumes, and a life of Charles Hammond, besides contributions to periodicals. After retiring from the management of the Associated Press, he was engaged upon a "History of American Politics" and a "Life of Rutherford B. Hayes," which are said to have been well advanced at the time of his death, which took place at his home, at Lake Forest, Ill., July 27, 1896.

**SMITH, William M.**, merchant, stock-breeder and politician, was born near Frankfort, Ky., May 23, 1827; in 1846 accompanied his father's family to Lexington, McLean County, Ill., where they settled. A few years later he bought forty acres of government land, finally increasing his holdings to 800 acres, and becoming a breeder of fine stock. Still later he added to his agricultural pursuits the business of a merchant. Having early identified himself with the Republican party, he remained a firm adherent of its principles during the Civil War, and, while declining

a commission tendered him by Governor Yates, devoted his time and means liberally to the recruiting and organization of regiments for service in the field, and procuring supplies for the sick and wounded. In 1866 he was elected to the lower house of the Legislature, and was re-elected in 1868 and '70, serving, during his last term, as Speaker. In 1877 he was appointed by Governor Cullom a member of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, of which body he served as President until 1883. He was a man of remarkably genial temperament, liberal impulses, and wide popularity. Died, March 25, 1886.

**SMITH, William Sooy**, soldier and civil engineer, was born at Tarlton, Pickaway County, Ohio, July 22, 1830; graduated at Ohio University in 1849, and, at the United States Military Academy, in 1853, having among his classmates, at the latter, Generals McPherson, Schofield and Sheridan. Coming to Chicago the following year, he first found employment as an engineer on the Illinois Central Railroad, but later became assistant of Lieutenant-Colonel Graham in engineer service on the lakes; a year later took charge of a select school in Buffalo; in 1857 made the first surveys for the International Bridge at Niagara Falls, then went into the service of extensive locomotive and bridge-works at Trenton, N. J., in their interest making a visit to Cuba, and also superintending the construction of a bridge across the Savannah River. The war intervening, he returned North and was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel and assigned to duty as Assistant Adjutant-General at Camp Denison, Ohio, but, in June, 1862, was commissioned Colonel of the Thirtieth Ohio Volunteers, participating in the West Virginia campaigns, and later, at Shiloh and Perryville. In April, 1862, he was promoted Brigadier-General of volunteers, commanding divisions in the Army of the Ohio until the fall of 1862, when he joined Grant and took part in the Vicksburg campaign, as commander of the First Division of the Sixteenth Army Corps. Subsequently he was made Chief of the Cavalry Department, serving on the staffs of Grant and Sherman, until compelled to resign, in 1864, on account of impaired health. During the war General Smith rendered valuable service to the Union cause in great emergencies, by his knowledge of engineering. On retiring to private life he resumed his profession at Chicago, and since has been employed by the Government on some of its most stupendous works on the lakes, and has also planned several of the most important railroad bridges across the Missouri and other

streams. He has been much consulted in reference to municipal engineering, and his name is connected with a number of the gigantic edifices in Chicago.

**SMITHBORO**, a village and railroad junction in Bond County, 3 miles east of Greenville. Population, 393; (1900), 314.

**SNAPP, Henry**, Congressman, born in Livingston County, N. Y., June 30, 1822, came to Illinois with his father when 11 years old, and, having read law at Joliet, was admitted to the bar in 1847. He practiced in Will County for twenty years before entering public life. In 1868 he was elected to the State Senate and occupied a seat in that body until his election, in 1871, to the Forty-second Congress, by the Republicans of the (then) Sixth Illinois District, as successor to B. C. Cook, who had resigned. Died, at Joliet, Nov. 23, 1895.

**SNOW, Herman W.**, ex-Congressman, was born in La Porte County, Ind., July 3, 1836, but was reared in Kentucky, working upon a farm for five years, while yet in his minority becoming a resident of Illinois. For several years he was a school teacher, meanwhile studying law and being admitted to the bar. Early in the war he enlisted as a private in the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteers, rising to the rank of Captain. His term of service having expired, he re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-first Illinois, and was mustered out with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. After the close of the war he resumed teaching at the Chicago High School, and later served in the General Assembly (1873-74) as Representative from Woodford County. In 1890 he was elected, as a Democrat, to represent the Ninth Illinois District in Congress, but was defeated by his Republican opponent in 1892.

**SNOWHOOKE, William B.**, first Collector of Customs at Chicago, was born in Ireland in 1804; at the age of eight years was brought to New York, where he learned the printer's trade, and worked for some time in the same office with Horace Greeley. At 16 he went back to Ireland, remaining two years, but, returning to the United States, began the study of law; was also employed on the Passaic Canal; in 1836, came to Chicago, and was soon after associated with William B. Ogden in a contract on the Illinois & Michigan Canal, which lasted until 1841. As early as 1840 he became prominent as a leader in the Democratic party, and, in 1846, received from President Polk an appointment as first Collector of Customs for Chicago (having previously served as Special Surveyor of the Port, while

attached to the District of Detroit); in 1853, was re-appointed to the Collectorship by President Pierce, serving two years. During the "Mormon War" (1844) he organized and equipped, at his own expense, the Montgomery Guards, and was commissioned Colonel, but the disturbances were brought to an end before the order to march. From 1856 he devoted his attention chiefly to his practice, but, in 1862, was one of the Democrats of Chicago who took part in a movement to sustain the Government by stimulating enlistments; was also a member of the Convention which nominated Mr. Greeley for President in 1872. Died, in Chicago, May 5, 1882.

**SNYDER, Adam Wilson**, pioneer lawyer, and early Congressman, was born at Connellsville, Pa., Oct. 6, 1799. In early life he followed the occupation of wool-curling for a livelihood, attending school in the winter. In 1815, he emigrated to Columbus, Ohio, and afterwards settled in Ridge Prairie, St. Clair County, Ill. Being offered a situation in a wool-curling and fulling mill at Cahokia, he removed thither in 1817. He formed the friendship of Judge Jesse B. Thomas, and, through the latter's encouragement and aid, studied law and gained a solid professional, political, social and financial position. In 1830 he was elected State Senator from St. Clair County, and re-elected for two successive terms. He served through the Black Hawk War as private, Adjutant and Captain. In 1833 he removed to Belleville, and, in 1834, was defeated for Congress by Governor Reynolds, whom he, in turn, defeated in 1836. Two years later Reynolds again defeated him for the same position, and, in 1840, he was elected State Senator. In 1841 he was the Democratic nominee for Governor. The election was held in August, 1842, but, in May preceding, he died at his home in Belleville. His place on the ticket was filled by Thomas Ford, who was elected.—**William H. (Snyder)**, son of the preceding, was born in St. Clair County, Ill., July 12, 1825; educated at McKendree College, studied law with Lieutenant-Governor Koerner, and was admitted to practice in 1845; also served for a time as Postmaster of the city of Belleville, and, during the Mexican War, as First Lieutenant and Adjutant of the Fifth Illinois Volunteers. From 1850 to '54 he represented his county in the Legislature; in 1855 was appointed, by Governor Matteson, State's Attorney, which position he filled for two years. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the office of Secretary of State in 1856, and, in 1857, was elected a Judge of the Twenty-fourth Circuit, was re-elected for the Third Cir-

cuit in '73, '79 and '85. He was also a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1869-70. Died, at Belleville, Dec. 24, 1899.

**SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME**, a State charitable institution, founded by act of the Legislature in 1885, and located at Quincy, Adams County. The object of its establishment was to provide a comfortable home for such disabled or dependent veterans of the United States land or naval forces as had honorably served during the Civil War. It was opened for the reception of veterans on March 3, 1887, the first cost of site and buildings having been about \$350,000. The total number of inmates admitted up to June 30, 1894, was 2,813; the number in attendance during the two previous years 988, and the whole number present on Nov. 10, 1894, 1,088. The value of property at that time was \$393,636.08. Considerable appropriations have been made for additions to the buildings at subsequent sessions of the Legislature. The General Government pays to the State \$100 per year for each veteran supported at the Home.

**SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME, ILLINOIS**, an institution, created by act of 1865, for the maintenance and education of children of deceased soldiers of the Civil War. An eighty-acre tract, one mile north of Normal, was selected as the site, and the first principal building was completed and opened for the admission of beneficiaries on June 1, 1869. Its first cost was \$135,000, the site having been donated. Repairs and the construction of new buildings, from time to time, have considerably increased this sum. In 1875 the benefits of the institution were extended, by legislative enactment, to the children of soldiers who had died after the close of the war. The aggregate number of inmates, in 1894, was 572, of whom 323 were males and 249 females.

**SOLDIERS' WIDOWS' HOME**. Provision was made for the establishment of this institution by the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, in an act, approved, June 13, 1895, appropriating \$20,000 for the purchase of a site, the erection of buildings and furnishing the same. It is designed for the reception and care of the mothers, wives, widows and daughters of such honorably discharged soldiers or sailors, in the United States service, as may have died, or may be physically or mentally unable to provide for the families naturally dependent on them, provided that such persons have been residents of the State for at least one year previous to admission, and are without means or ability for self-support.



The affairs of the Home are managed by a board of five trustees, of whom two are men and three women, the former to be members of the Grand Army of the Republic and of different political parties, and the latter members of the Women's Relief Corps of this State. The institution was located at Wilmington, occupying a site of seventeen acres, where it was formally opened in a house of eighteen rooms, March 11, 1896, with twenty-six applications for admittance. The plan contemplates an early enlargement by the erection of additional cottages.

**SORENTO**, a village of Bond County, at the intersection of the Jacksonville & St. Louis and the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railways, 14 miles southeast of Litchfield; has a bank and a newspaper. Its interests are agricultural and mining. Pop. (1890), 538; (1900), 1,000.

**SOULARD**, James Gaston, pioneer, born of French ancestry in St. Louis, Mo., July 15, 1798; resided there until 1821, when, having married the daughter of a soldier of the Revolution, he received an appointment at Fort Snelling, near the present city of St. Paul, then under command of Col. Snelling, who was his wife's brother-in-law. The Fort was reached after a tedious journey by flat-boat and overland, late in the fall of 1821, his wife accompanying him. Three years later they returned to St. Louis, where, being an engineer, he was engaged for several years in surveying. In 1827 he removed with his family to Galena, for the next six years had charge of a store of the Gratiot Brothers, early business men of that locality. Towards the close of this period he received the appointment of County Recorder, also holding the position of County Surveyor and Postmaster of Galena at the same time. His later years were devoted to farming and horticulture, his death taking place, Sept. 17, 1878. Mr. Soular was probably the first man to engage in freighting between Galena and Chicago. "The Galena Advertiser" of Sept. 14, 1829, makes mention of a wagon-load of lead sent by him to Chicago, his team taking back a load of salt, the paper remarking: "This is the first wagon that has ever passed from the Mississippi River to Chicago." Great results were predicted from the exchange of commodities between the lake and the lead mine district. — **Mrs. Eliza M. Hunt** (Soular), wife of the preceding, was born at Detroit, Dec. 18, 1804, her father being Col. Thomas A. Hunt, who had taken part in the Battle of Bunker Hill and remained in the army until his death, at St. Louis, in 1807. His descendants have maintained their connection with the

army ever since, a son being a prominent artillery officer at the Battle of Gettysburg. Mrs. Soular was married at St. Louis, in 1820, and survive her husband some sixteen years, dying at Galena August 11, 1894. She had resided in Galena nearly seventy years, and at the date of her death, in the 90th year of her age, she was that city's oldest resident.

**SOUTH CHICAGO & WESTERN INDIANA RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago & Western Indiana Railroad.*)

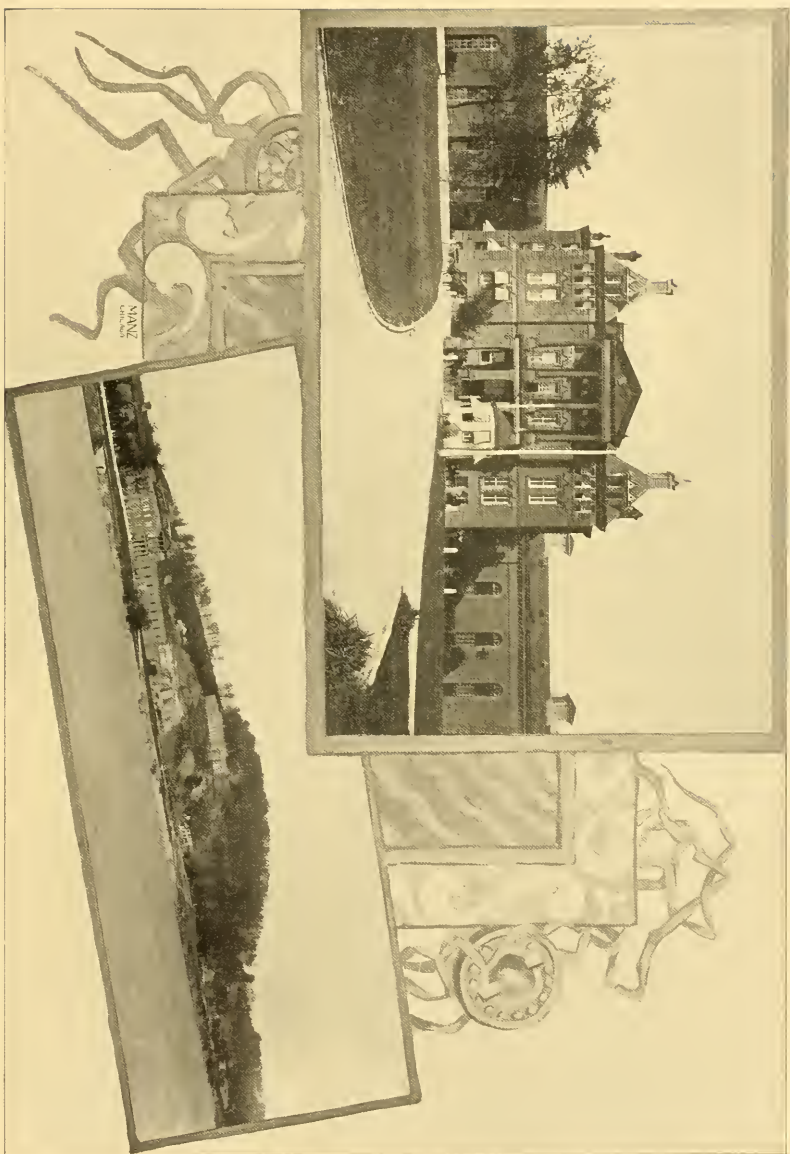
**SOUTH DANVILLE**, a suburb of the city of Danville, Vermilion County. Population (1890), 799; (1900), 898.

**SOUTHEAST & ST. LOUIS RAILWAY.** (See *Louisville & Nashville Railroad.*)

**SOUTH ELGIN**, a village of Kane County, near the city of Elgin. Population (1900), 515.

**SOUTHERN COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE**, located at Albion, Edwards County, incorporated in 1891; had a faculty of ten teachers with 219 pupils (1897-98)—about equally male and female. Besides classical, scientific, normal, music and fine arts departments, instruction is given in preparatory studies and business education. Its property is valued at \$16,500.

**SOUTHERN HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE**, located at Anna, Union County, founded by act of the Legislature in 1869. The original site comprised 290 acres and cost a little more than \$22,000, of which one-fourth was donated by citizens of the county. The construction of buildings was begun in 1869, but it was not until March, 1875, that the north wing (the first completed) was ready for occupancy. Other portions were completed a year later. The Trustees purchased 160 additional acres in 1883. The first cost (up to September, 1876) was nearly \$635,000. In 1881 one wing of the main building was destroyed by fire, and was subsequently rebuilt; the patients being, meanwhile, cared for in temporary wooden barracks. The total value of lands and buildings belonging to the State, June 30, 1894, was estimated at \$738,580, and, of property of all sorts, at \$833,700. The wooden barracks were later converted into a permanent ward, additions made to the main buildings, a detached building for the accommodation of 300 patients erected, numerous outbuildings put up and general improvements made. A second fire on the night of Jan. 3, 1895, destroyed a large part of the main building, inflicting a loss upon the State of \$175,000. Provision was made for rebuilding by the Legislature of that year. The institution has capacity for about 750 patients.



Entrance to Penitentiary,  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

View of Penitentiary and Asylum for Insane Criminals,  
CHESTER.



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF ILLINOIS STATE REFORMATORY, PONTIAC.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS NORMAL UNIVERSITY**, established in 1869, and located, after competitive bidding, at Carbondale, which offered lands and bonds at first estimated to be of the value of \$229,000, but which later depreciated, through shrinkage, to \$75,000. Construction was commenced in May, 1870, and the first or main building was completed and appropriately dedicated in July, 1874. Its cost was \$265,000, but it was destroyed by fire, Nov. 26, 1883. In February, 1887, a new structure was completed at a cost of \$150,000. Two normal courses of instruction are given—classical and scientific—each extending over a period of four years. The conditions of admission require that the pupil shall be 16 years of age, and shall possess the qualifications enabling him to pass examination for a second-grade teacher's certificate. Those unable to do so may enter a preparatory department for six months. Pupils who pledge themselves to teach in the public schools, not less than half the time of their attendance at the University, receive free tuition with a small charge for incidentals, while others pay a tuition fee. The number of students in attendance for the year 1897-98 was 720, coming from forty-seven counties, chiefly in the southern half of the State, with representatives from eight other States. The teaching faculty for the same year consisted, besides the President, of sixteen instructors in the various departments, of whom five were ladies and eleven gentlemen.

**SOUTHERN PENITENTIARY, THE**, located near Chester, on the Mississippi River. Its erection was rendered necessary by the overcrowding of the Northern Penitentiary. (See *Northern Penitentiary*.) The law providing for its establishment required the Commissioners to select a site convenient of access, adjacent to stone and timber, and having a high elevation, with a never failing supply of water. In 1877, 122 acres were purchased at Chester, and the erection of buildings commenced. The first appropriation was of \$200,000, and \$300,000 was added in 1879. By March, 1878, 200 convicts were received, and their labor was utilized in the completion of the buildings, which are constructed upon approved modern principles. The prison receives convicts sent from the southern portion of the State, and has accommodation for some 1,200 prisoners. In connection with this penitentiary is an asylum for insane convicts, the erection of which was provided for by the Legislature in 1889.

**SOUTH GROVE**, a village of De Kalb County. Population (1890), 730.

**SPALDING, Jesse**, manufacturer, Collector of Customs and Street Railway President, was born at Athens, Bradford County, Pa., April 15, 1833; early commenced lumbering on the Susquehanna, and, at 23, began dealing on his own account. In 1857 he removed to Chicago, and soon after bought the property of the New York Lumber Company at the mouth of the Menominee River in Wisconsin, where, with different partners, and finally practically alone, he has carried on the business of lumber manufacture on a large scale ever since. In 1881 he was appointed, by President Arthur, Collector of the Port of Chicago, and, in 1889, received from President Harrison an appointment as one of the Government Directors of the Union Pacific Railway. Mr. Spalding was a zealous supporter of the Government during the War of the Rebellion and rendered valuable aid in the construction and equipment of Camp Douglas and the barracks at Chicago for the returning soldiers, receiving Auditor's warrants in payment, when no funds in the State treasury were available for the purpose. He was associated with William B. Ogden and others in the project for connecting Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay by a ship canal, which was completed in 1882, and, on the death of Mr. Ogden, succeeded to the Presidency of the Canal Company, serving until 1893, when the canal was turned over to the General Government. He has also been identified with many other public enterprises intimately connected with the development and prosperity of Chicago, and, in July, 1899, became President of the Chicago Union Traction Company, having control of the North and West Chicago Street Railway Systems.

**SPALDING, John Lancaster**, Catholic Bishop, was born in Lebanon, Ky., June 2, 1840; educated in the United States and in Europe, ordained a priest in the Catholic Church in 1863, and thereupon attached to the cathedral at Louisville, as assistant. In 1869 he organized a congregation of colored people, and built for their use the Church of St. Augustine, having been assigned to that parish as pastor. Soon afterwards he was appointed Secretary to the Bishop and made Chancellor of the Diocese. In 1873 he was transferred from Louisville to New York, where he was attached to the missionary parish of St. Michael's. He had, by this time, achieved no little fame as a pulpit orator and lecturer. When the diocese of Peoria, Ill., was created, in 1877, the choice of the Pope fell upon him for the new see, and he was consecrated Bishop, on May 1 of that year, by Cardinal McCloskey at New York. His



administration has been characterized by both energy and success. He has devoted much attention to the subject of emigration, and has brought about the founding of many new settlements in the far West. He was also largely instrumental in bringing about the founding of the Catholic University at Washington. He is a frequent contributor to the reviews, and the author of a number of religious works.

**SPANISH INVASION OF ILLINOIS.** In the month of June, 1779, soon after the declaration of war between Spain and Great Britain, an expedition was organized in Canada, to attack the Spanish posts along the Mississippi. Simultaneously, a force was to be dispatched from Pensacola against New Orleans, then commanded by a young Spanish Colonel, Don Bernardo de Galvez. Secret instructions had been sent to British Commandants, all through the Western country, to co-operate with both expeditions. De Galvez, having learned of the scheme through intercepted letters, resolved to forestall the attack by becoming the assailant. At the head of a force of 670 men, he set out and captured Baton Rouge, Fort Manchac and Natchez, almost without opposition. The British in Canada, being ignorant of what had been going on in the South, in February following dispatched a force from Mackinac to support the expedition from Pensacola, and, incidentally, to subdue the American rebels while en route. Cahokia and Kaskaskia were contemplated points of attack, as well as the Spanish forts at St. Louis and St. Genevieve. This movement was planned by Capt. Patrick Sinclair, commandant at Mackinac, but Captain Hesse was placed in charge of the expedition, which numbered some 750 men, including a force of Indians led by a chief named Wabasha. The British arrived before St. Louis, early on the morning of May 26, 1780, taking the Spaniards by surprise. Meanwhile Col. George Rogers Clark, having been apprised of the project, arrived at Cahokia from the falls of the Ohio, twenty-four hours in advance of the attack, his presence and readiness to co-operate with the Spanish, no doubt, contributing to the defeat of the expedition. The accounts of what followed are conflicting, the number of killed on the St. Louis shore being variously estimated from seven or eight to sixty-eight—the last being the estimate of Capt. Sinclair in his official report. All agree, however, that the invading party was forced to retreat in great haste. Colonel Montgomery, who had been in command at Cahokia, with a force of 350 and a party of Spanish allies,

pursued the retreating invaders as far as the Rock River, destroying many Indian villages on the way. This movement on the part of the British served as a pretext for an attempted reprisal, undertaken by the Spaniards, with the aid of a number of Cahokians, early in 1781. Starting early in January, this latter expedition crossed Illinois, with the design of attacking Fort St. Joseph, at the head of Lake Michigan, which had been captured from the English by Thomas Brady and afterwards retaken. The Spaniards were commanded by Don Eugenio Pourre, and supported by a force of Cahokians and Indians. The fort was easily taken and the British flag replaced by the ensign of Spain. The affair was regarded as of but little moment, at the time, the post being evacuated in a few days, and the Spaniards returning to St. Louis. Yet it led to serious international complications, and the "conquest" was seriously urged by the Spanish ministry as giving that country a right to the territory traversed. This claim was supported by France before the signing of the Treaty of Paris, but was defeated, through the combined efforts of Messrs. Jay, Franklin and Adams, the American Commissioners in charge of the peace negotiations with England.

**SPARKS, (Capt.) David R.**, manufacturer and legislator, was born near Lanesville, Ind., in 1823; in 1836, removed with his parents to Macoupin County, Ill.; in 1847, enlisted for the Mexican War, crossing the plains to Santa Fe, New Mexico. In 1850 he made the overland trip to California, returning the next year by the Isthmus of Panama. In 1855 he engaged in the milling business at Staunton, Macoupin County, but, in 1860, made a third trip across the plains in search of gold, taking a quartz-mill which was erected near where Central City, Colo., now is, and which was the second steam-engine in that region. He returned home in time to vote for Stephen A. Douglas for President, the same year, but became a stalwart Republican, two weeks later, when the advocates of secession began to develop their policy after the election of Lincoln. In 1861 he enlisted, under the call for 500,000 volunteers following the first battle of Bull Run, and was commissioned a Captain in the Third Illinois Cavalry (Col. Eugene A. Carr), serving two and a half years, during which time he took part in several hard-fought battles, and being present at the fall of Vicksburg. At the end of his service he became associated with his former partner in the erection of a large flouring mill at Litchfield, but, in 1869, the firm bought an extensive flour-

ing mill at Alton, of which he became the principal owner in 1881, and which has since been greatly enlarged and improved, until it is now one of the most extensive establishments of its kind in the State. Capt. Sparks was elected to the House of Representatives in 1888, and to the State Senate in 1894, serving in the sessions of 1895 and '97; was also strongly supported as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in 1896.

**SPARKS, William A. J.**, ex-Congressman, was born near New Albany, Ind., Nov. 19, 1828, at 8 years of age was brought by his parents to Illinois, and shortly afterwards left an orphan. Thrown on his own resources, he found work upon a farm, his attendance at the district schools being limited to the winter months. Later, he passed through McKendree College, supporting himself, meanwhile, by teaching, graduating in 1850. He read law with Judge Sidney Breese, and was admitted to the bar in 1851. His first public office was that of Receiver of the Land Office at Edwardsville, to which he was appointed by President Pierce in 1853, remaining until 1856, when he was chosen Presidential Elector on the Democratic ticket. The same year he was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly, and, in 1863-64, served in the State Senate for the unexpired term of James M. Rodgers, deceased. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in 1868, and a Democratic Representative in Congress from 1875 to 1883. In 1885 he was appointed, by President Cleveland, Commissioner of the General Land Office in Washington, retiring, by resignation, in 1887. His home is at Carlyle.

**SPARTA & ST. GENEVIEVE RAILROAD.**  
(See *Centralia & Chester Railroad*.)

**SPEED, Joshua Fry**, merchant, and intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln; was educated in the local schools and at St. Joseph's College, Bardstown, Ky., after which he spent some time in a wholesale mercantile establishment in Louisville. About 1835 he came to Springfield, Ill., where he engaged in the mercantile business, later becoming the intimate friend and associate of Abraham Lincoln, to whom he offered the privilege of sharing a room over his store, when Mr. Lincoln removed from New Salem to Springfield, in 1836. Mr. Speed returned to Kentucky in 1842, but the friendship with Mr. Lincoln, which was of a most devoted character, continued until the death of the latter. Having located in Jefferson County, Ky., Mr. Speed was elected to the Legislature in 1848, but was never again willing to

accept office, though often solicited to do so. In 1851 he removed to Louisville, where he acquired a handsome fortune in the real-estate business. On the breaking out of the rebellion in 1861, he heartily embraced the cause of the Union, and, during the war, was entrusted with many delicate and important duties in the interest of the Government, by Mr. Lincoln, whom he frequently visited in Washington. His death occurred at Louisville, May 29, 1882.—**James (Speed)**, an older brother of the preceding, was a prominent Unionist of Kentucky, and, after the war, a leading Republican of that State, serving as delegate to the National Republican Conventions of 1872 and 1876. In 1864 he was appointed Attorney-General by Mr. Lincoln and served until 1866, when he resigned on account of disagreement with President Johnson. He died in 1887, at the age of 75 years.

**SPOON RIVER**, rises in Bureau County, flows southward through Stark County into Peoria, thence southwest through Knox, and to the south and southeast, through Fulton County, entering the Illinois River opposite Havana. It is about 150 miles long.

**SPRINGER, (Rev.) Francis, D.D.**, educator and Army Chaplain, born in Franklin County, Pa., March 19, 1810; was left an orphan at an early age, and educated at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg; entered the Lutheran ministry in 1836, and, in 1839, removed to Springfield, Ill., where he preached and taught school; in 1847 became President of Hillsboro College, which, in 1852, was removed to Springfield and became Illinois State University, now known as Concordia Seminary. Later, he served for a time as Superintendent of Schools for the city of Springfield, but, in September, 1861, resigned to accept the Chaplaincy of the Tenth Illinois Cavalry; by successive resignations and appointments, held the positions of Chaplain of the First Arkansas Infantry (1863-64) and Post Chaplain at Fort Smith, Ark., serving in the latter position until April, 1867, when he was commissioned Chaplain of the United States Army. This position he resigned while stationed at Fort Harker, Kan., August 23, 1867. During a considerable part of his incumbency as Chaplain at Fort Smith, he acted as Agent of the Bureau of Refugees and Freedmen, performing important service in caring for non-combatants rendered homeless by the vicissitudes of war. After the war he served, for a time, as Superintendent of Schools for Montgomery County, Ill.; was instrumental in the founding of Carthage (Ill.) College, and was a member of

its Board of Control at the time of his death. He was elected Chaplain of the Illinois House of Representatives at the session of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly (1887), and Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois for two consecutive terms (1890-'92). He was also member of the Stephenson Post, No. 30, G. A. R., at Springfield, and served as its Chaplain from January, 1884, to his death, which occurred at Springfield, Oct. 21, 1892.

**SPRINGER, William McKendree**, ex-Congressman, Justice of United States Court, was born in Sullivan County, Ind., May 30, 1836. In 1848 he removed with his parents to Jacksonville, Ill., was fitted for college in the public high school at Jacksonville, under the tuition of the late Dr. Bateman, entered Illinois College, remaining three years, when he removed to the Indiana State University, graduating there in 1858. The following year he was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Logan County, but soon after removed to Springfield. He entered public life as Secretary of the Constitutional Convention of 1862. In 1871-72 he represented Sangamon County in the Legislature, and, in 1874, was elected to Congress from the Thirteenth Illinois District as a Democrat. From that time until the close of the Fifty-third Congress (1895), he served in Congress continuously, and was recognized as one of the leaders of his party on the floor, being at the head of many important committees when that party was in the ascendancy, and a candidate for the Democratic caucus nomination for Speaker, in 1893. In 1894 he was the candidate of his party for Congress for the eleventh time, but was defeated by his Republican opponent, James A. Connolly. In 1895 President Cleveland appointed him United States District Judge for Indian Territory.

**SPRINGFIELD**, the State capital, and the county-seat of Sangamon County, situated five miles south of the Sangamon River and 185 miles southwest of Chicago; is an important railway center. The first settlement on the site of the present city was made by John Kelly in 1819. On April 10, 1821, it was selected, by the first Board of County Commissioners, as the temporary county-seat of Sangamon County, the organization of which had been authorized by act of the Legislature in January previous, and the name Springfield was given to it. In 1823 the selection was made permanent. The latter year the first sale of lands took place, the original site being entered by Pascal P. Enos, Elijah Hies and Thomas Cox. The town was platted about the

same time, and the name "Calhoun" was given to a section in the northwest quarter of the present city—this being the "hey-day" of the South Carolina statesman's greatest popularity—but the change was not popularly accepted, and the new name was soon dropped. It was incorporated as a town, April 2, 1832, and as a city, April 6, 1840; and re-incorporated, under the general law in 1882. It was made the State capital by act of the Legislature, passed at the session of 1837, which went into effect, July 4, 1839, and the Legislature first convened there in December of the latter year. The general surface is flat, though there is rolling ground to the west. The city has excellent water-works, a paid fire-department, six banks, electric street railways, gas and electric lighting, commodious hotels, fine churches, numerous handsome residences, beautiful parks, thorough sewerage, and is one of the best paved and handsomest cities in the State. The city proper, in 1890, contained an area of four square miles, but has since been enlarged by the annexation of the following suburbs: North Springfield, April 7, 1891; West Springfield, Jan. 4, 1898; and South Springfield and the village of Laurel, April 5, 1898. These additions give to the present city an area of 5.84 square miles. The population of the original city, according to the census of 1880, was 19,743, and, in 1890, 24,963, while that of the annexed suburbs, at the last census, was 2,109—making a total of 29,072. The latest school census (1898) showed a total population of 33,375—population by census (1900), 34,159. Besides the State House, the city has a handsome United States Government Building for United States Court and post-office purposes, a county courthouse (the former State capitol), a city hall and (State) Executive Mansion. Springfield was the home of Abraham Lincoln. His former residence has been donated to the State, and his tomb and monument are in the beautiful Oak Ridge cemetery, adjoining the city. Springfield is an important coal-mining center, and has many important industries, notably a watch factory, rolling mills, and extensive manufactories of agricultural implements and furniture. It is also the permanent location of the State Fairs, for which extensive buildings have been erected on the Fair Grounds north of the city. There are three daily papers—two morning and one evening—published here, besides various other publications. Pop. (1900), 34,159.

**SPRINGFIELD, EFFINGHAM & SOUTH-EASTERN RAILROAD.** (See *St. Louis, Indianapolis & Eastern Railroad.*)

**SPRINGFIELD & ILLINOIS SOUTHEASTERN RAILROAD.** (See *Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad.*)

**SPRINGFIELD & NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago, Peoria & St Louis Railroad of Illinois.*)

**SPRING VALLEY**, an incorporated city in Bureau County, at intersection of the Chicago & Northwestern, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and the Toluca, Marquette & Northern Railways, 100 miles southwest of Chicago. It lies in a coal-mining region and has important manufacturing interests as well. It has two banks, electric street and interurban railways, and two newspapers. Population (1890), 3,837; (1900), 6,214.

**ST. AGATHA'S SCHOOL**, an institution for young ladies, at Springfield, under the patronage of the Bishop of the Episcopal Church, incorporated in 1889. It has a faculty of eight teachers giving instruction in the preparatory and higher branches, including music and fine arts. It reported fifty-five pupils in 1894, and real estate valued at \$15,000.

**ST. ALBAN'S ACADEMY**, a boys' and young men's school at Knoxville, Ill., incorporated in 1896 under the auspices of the Episcopal Church; in 1898 had a faculty of seven teachers, with forty-five pupils, and property valued at \$61,100, of which \$54,000 was real estate. Instruction is given in the classical and scientific branches, besides music and preparatory studies.

**ST. ANNE**, a village of Kankakee County, at the crossing of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois and the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railways, 60 miles south of Chicago. The town has two banks, tile and brick factory, and a weekly newspaper. Pop. (1900), 1,000.

**ST. CHARLES**, a city in Kane County, on both sides of Fox River, at intersection of the Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago Great Western Railways; 35 miles west of Chicago and 10 miles south of Elgin. The river furnishes excellent water-power, which is being utilized by a number of important manufacturing enterprises. The city is connected with Chicago and many towns in the Fox River valley by interurban electric trolley lines; is also the seat of the State Home for Boys. Pop. (1890), 1,690; (1900), 2,675.

**ST. CLAIR, Arthur**, first Governor of the Northwest Territory, was born of titled ancestry at Thurso, Scotland, in 1734; came to America in 1757 as an ensign, having purchased his commission, participated in the capture of Louisburg, Canada, in 1758, and fought under Wolfe at

Quebec. In 1764 he settled in Pennsylvania, where he amassed a moderate fortune, and became prominent in public affairs. He served with distinction during the Revolutionary War, rising to the rank of Major-General, and succeeding General Gates in command at Ticonderoga, but, later, was censured by Washington for his hasty evacuation of the post, though finally vindicated by a military court. His Revolutionary record, however, was generally good, and even distinguished. He represented Pennsylvania in the Continental Congress, and presided over that body in 1787. He served as Governor of the Northwest Territory (including the present State of Illinois) from 1789 to 1802. As an executive he was not successful, being unpopular because of his arbitrariness. In November, 1791, he suffered a serious defeat by the Indians in the valley between the Miami and the Wabash. In this campaign he was badly crippled by the gout, and had to be carried on a litter; he was again vindicated by a Congressional investigation. His first visit to the Illinois Country was made in 1790, when he organized St. Clair County, which was named in his honor. In 1802 President Jefferson removed him from the governorship of Ohio Territory, of which he had continued to be the Governor after its separation from Indiana and Illinois. The remainder of his life was spent in comparative penury. Shortly before his decease, he was granted an annuity by the Pennsylvania Legislature and by Congress. Died, at Greensburg, Pa., August 31, 1818.

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY**, the first county organized within the territory comprised in the present State of Illinois—the whole region west of the Ohio River having been first placed under civil jurisdiction, under the name of "Illinois County," by an act of the Virginia House of Delegates, passed in October, 1778, a few months after the capture of Kaskaskia by Col. George Rogers Clark. (See *Illinois*; also *Clark, George Rogers*.) St. Clair County was finally set off by an order of Gov. Arthur St. Clair, on occasion of his first visit to the "Illinois Country," in April, 1790—more than two years after his assumption of the duties of Governor of the Northwest Territory, which then comprehended the "Illinois Country" as well as the whole region within the present States of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. Governor St. Clair's order, which bears date, April 27, 1790, defines the boundaries of the new county—which took his own name—as follows: "Beginning at the mouth of the Little Michillimackinack River,



running thence southerly in a direct line to the mouth of the little river above Fort Massac upon the Ohio River; thence with the said river to its junction with the Mississippi; thence up the Mississippi to the mouth of the Illinois, and so up the Illinois River to the place of beginning, with all the adjacent islands of said rivers, Illinois and Mississippi." The "Little Michillimackanaek," the initial point mentioned in this description—also variously spelled "Makina" and "Mackinaw," the latter being the name by which the stream is now known—empties into the Illinois River on the south side a few miles below Pekin, in Tazewell County. The boundaries of St. Clair County, as given by Gov. St. Clair, indicate the imperfect knowledge of the topography of the "Illinois Country" existing in that day, as a line drawn south from the mouth of the Mackinaw River, instead of reaching the Ohio "above Fort Massac," would have followed the longitude of the present city of Springfield, striking the Mississippi about the northwestern corner of Jackson County, twenty-five miles west of the mouth of the Ohio. The object of Governor St. Clair's order was, of course, to include the settled portions of the Illinois Country in the new county; and, if it had had the effect intended, the eastern border of the county would have followed a line some fifty miles farther eastward, along the eastern border of Marion, Jefferson, Franklin, Williamson and Johnson Counties, reaching the Ohio River about the present site of Metropolis City in Massac County, and embracing about one-half of the area of the present State of Illinois. For all practical purposes it embraced all the Illinois Country, as it included that portion in which the white settlements were located. (See *St. Clair, Arthur*; also *Illinois Country*.) The early records of St. Clair County are in the French language; its first settlers and its early civilization were French, and the first church to inculcate the doctrine of Christianity was the Roman Catholic. The first proceedings in court under the common law were had in 1796. The first Justices of the Peace were appointed in 1807, and, as there was no penitentiary, the whipping-post and pillory played an important part in the code of penalties, these punishments being impartially meted out as late as the time of Judge (afterwards Governor) Reynolds, to "the lame, the halt and the blind," for such offenses as the larceny of a silk handkerchief. At first three places—Cahokia, Prairie du Rocher and Kaskaskia—were named as county-seats by Governor St. Clair; but Randolph County having been set off

in 1895, Cahokia became the county-seat of the older county, so remaining until 1813, when Belleville was selected as the seat of justice. At that time it was a mere cornfield owned by George Blair, although settlements had previously been established in Ridge Prairie and at Badgley. Judge Jesse B. Thomas held his first court in a log-cabin, but a rude court house was erected in 1814, and, the same year, George E. Blair established a hostelry, Joseph Kerr opened a store, and, in 1817, additional improvements were inaugurated by Daniel Murray and others, from Baltimore. John H. Dennis and the Mitchells and Wests (from Virginia) settled soon afterward, becoming farmers and mechanics. Belleville was incorporated in 1819. In 1825 Governor Edwards bought the large landed interests of Etienne Personeau, a large French land-owner, ordered a new survey of the town and infused fresh life into its development. Settlers began to arrive in large numbers, mainly Virginians, who brought with them their slaves, the right to hold which was, for many years, a fruitful and perennial source of strife. Emigrants from Germany began to arrive at an early day, and now a large proportion of the population of Belleville and St. Clair County is made up of that nationality. The county, as at present organized, lies on the western border of the south half of the State, immediately opposite St. Louis, and comprises some 680 square miles. Three-fourths of it are underlaid by a vein of coal, six to eight feet thick, and about one hundred feet below the surface. Considerable wheat is raised. The principal towns are Belleville, East St. Louis, Lebanon and Mascoutah. Population of the county (1850), 61,806; (1890), 66,571; (1900), 86,685.

**ST. JOHN**, an incorporated village of Perry County, on the Illinois Central Railway, one mile north of Duquoin. Coal is mined and salt manufactured here. Population about 500.

**ST. JOSEPH**, a village of Champaign County, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, 10 miles east of Champaign; has inter-urban railroad connection. Pop. (1900), 637.

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL**, (Chicago), founded in 1860, by the Sisters of Charity. Having been destroyed in the fire of 1871, it was rebuilt in the following year. In 1892 it was reconstructed, enlarged and made thoroughly modern in its appointments. It can accommodate about 250 patients. The Sisters attend to the nursing, and conduct the domestic and financial affairs. The medical staff comprises ten physicians and surgeons, among whom are some of the most eminent in Chicago.

**ST. LOUIS, ALTON & CHICAGO RAILROAD.**(See *Chicago & Alton Railroad*.)**ST. LOUIS, ALTON & SPRINGFIELD RAILROAD.** (See *St. Louis, Chicago & St. Paul Railroad*.)

**ST. LOUIS, ALTON & TERRE HAUTE RAILROAD**, a corporation formerly operating an extensive system of railroads in Illinois. The Terre Haute & Alton Railroad Company (the original corporation) was chartered in January, 1851, work begun in 1852, and the main line from Terre Haute to Alton (172.5 miles) completed, March 1, 1856. The Belleville & Illinoistown branch (from Belleville to East St. Louis) was chartered in 1852, and completed between the points named in the title, in the fall of 1854. This corporation secured authority to construct an extension from Illinoistown (now East St. Louis) to Alton, which was completed in October, 1856, giving the first railroad connection between Alton & St. Louis. Simultaneously with this, these two roads (the Terre Haute & Alton and the Belleville & Illinoistown) were consolidated under a single charter by special act of the Legislature in February, 1854, the consolidated line taking the name of the Terre Haute, Alton & St. Louis Railroad. Subsequently the road became financially embarrassed, was sold under foreclosure and reorganized, in 1862, under the name of the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad. June 1, 1867, the main line (from Terre Haute to St. Louis) was leased for ninety-nine years to the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railway Company (an Indiana corporation) guaranteed by certain other lines, but the lease was subsequently broken by the insolvency of the lessee and some of the guarantors. The Indianapolis & St. Louis went into the hands of a receiver in 1882, and was sold under foreclosure, in July of the same year, its interest being absorbed by the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, by which the main line is now operated. The properties officially reported as remaining in the hands of the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad, June 30, 1895, beside the Belleville Branch (14.40 miles), included the following leased and subsidiary lines: Belleville & Southern Illinois—"Cairo Short Line" (56.40 miles); Belleville & Eldorado, (50.20 miles); Belleville & Carondelet (17.30 miles); St. Louis Southern and branches (47.27 miles), and Chicago, St. Louis & Paducah Railway (53.50 miles). All these have been leased, since the close of the fiscal year 1895, to the Illinois Central. (For sketches of these several roads see headings of each.)

**ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO & ST. PAUL RAILROAD**, (Bluff Line), a line running from Springfield to Granite City, Ill., (opposite St. Louis), 102.1 miles, with a branch from Lock Haven to Grafton, Ill., 8.4 miles—total length of line in Illinois, 110.5 miles. The track is of standard gauge, laid with 56 to 70-pound steel rails.—(HISTORY.) The road was originally incorporated under the name of the St. Louis, Jerseyville & Springfield Railroad, built from Bates to Grafton in 1882, and absorbed by the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway Company; was surrendered by the receivers of the latter in 1886, and passed under the control of the bondholders, by whom it was transferred to a corporation known as the St. Louis & Central Illinois Railroad Company. In June, 1887, the St. Louis, Alton & Springfield Railroad Company was organized, with power to build extensions from Newbern to Alton, and from Bates to Springfield, which was done. In October, 1890, a receiver was appointed, followed by a reorganization under the present name (St. Louis, Chicago & St. Paul). Default was made on the interest and, in June following, it was again placed in the hands of receivers, by whom it was operated until 1898. The total earnings and income for the fiscal year 1897-98 were \$318,815, operating expenses, \$373,270; total capitalization, \$4,853,526, of which, \$1,500,000 was in the form of stock and \$1,235,000 in income bonds.

**ST. LOUIS, INDIANAPOLIS & EASTERN RAILROAD**, a railroad line 90 miles in length, extending from Switz City, Ind., to Effingham, Ill.—56 miles being within the State of Illinois. It is of standard gauge and the track laid chiefly with iron rails.—(HISTORY.) The original corporation was chartered in 1869 as the Springfield, Effingham & Quincy Railway Company. It was built as a narrow-gauge line by the Cincinnati, Effingham & Quincy Construction Company, which went into the hands of a receiver in 1878. The road was completed by the receiver in 1880, and, in 1885, restored to the Construction Company by the discharge of the receiver. For a short time it was operated in connection with the Bloomfield Railroad of Indiana, but was reorganized in 1886 as the Indiana & Illinois Southern Railroad, and the gauge changed to standard in 1887. Having made default in the payment of interest, it was sold under foreclosure in 1890 and purchased in the interest of the bondholders, by whom it was conveyed to the St. Louis, Indianapolis & Eastern Railroad Company, in whose name the line is operated. Its business

is limited, and chiefly local. The total earnings in 1898 were \$65,583 and the expenditures \$69,112. Its capital stock was \$740,900; bonded debt, \$978,000, other indebtedness increasing the total capital investment to \$1,816,736.

**ST. LOUIS, JACKSONVILLE & CHICAGO RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago & Alton Railroad.*)  
**ST. LOUIS, JERSEYVILLE & SPRINGFIELD RAILROAD.** (See *St. Louis, Chicago & St. Paul Railroad.*)

**ST. LOUIS, MOUNT CARMEL & NEW ALBANY RAILROAD.** (See *Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis (Consolidated) Railroad.*)

**ST. LOUIS, PEORIA & NORTHERN RAILWAY**, known as "Peoria Short Line," a corporation organized, Feb. 29, 1896, to take over and unite the properties of the St. Louis & Eastern, the St. Louis & Peoria and the North and South Railways, and to extend the same due north from Springfield to Peoria (60 miles), and thence to Fulton or East Clinton, Ill., on the Upper Mississippi. The line extends from Springfield to Glen Carbon (84.46 miles), with trackage facilities over the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad and the Merchants' Terminal Bridge (18 miles) to St. Louis.—(HISTORY.) This road has been made up of three sections or divisions. (1) The initial section of the line was constructed under the name of the St. Louis & Chicago Railroad of Illinois, incorporated in 1885, and opened from Mount Olive to Alhambra in 1887. It passed into the hands of a receiver, was sold under foreclosure in 1889, and reorganized, in 1890, as the St. Louis & Peoria Railroad. The St. Louis & Eastern, chartered in 1889, built the line from Glen Carbon to Marine, which was opened in 1893; the following year, bought the St. Louis & Peoria line, and, in 1895, constructed the link (8 miles) between Alhambra and Marine. (3) The North & South Railroad Company of Illinois, organized in 1890, as successor to the St. Louis & Chicago Railway Company, proceeded in the construction of the line (50.46 miles) from Mt. Olive to Springfield, which was subsequently leased to the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis, then under the management of the Jacksonville, Louisville & St. Louis Railway. The latter corporation having defaulted, the property passed into the hands of a receiver. By expiration of the lease in December, 1896, the property reverted to the proprietary Company, which took possession, Jan. 1, 1896. The St. Louis & Southeastern then bought the line outright, and it was incorporated as a part of the new organization under the name of the St. Louis, Peoria & Northern Railway, the North

& South Railroad going out of existence. In May, 1899, the St. Louis, Peoria & Northern was sold to the reorganized Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, to be operated as a short line between Peoria & St. Louis.

**ST. LOUIS, ROCK ISLAND & CHICAGO RAILROAD.** (See *Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.*)

**ST. LOUIS SOUTHERN RAILROAD**, a line running from Pinckneyville, Ill., via Murphysboro, to Carbondale. The company is also the lessee of the Carbondale & Shawneetown Railroad, extending from Carbondale to Marion, 17.5 miles—total, 50.5 miles. The track is of standard gauge and laid with 56 and 60-pound steel rails. The company was organized in August, 1886, to succeed to the property of the St. Louis Coal Railroad (organized in 1879) and the St. Louis Central Railway; and was leased for 980 years from Dec. 1, 1886, to the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad Company, at an annual rental equal to thirty per cent of the gross earnings, with a minimum guarantee of \$32,000, which is sufficient to pay the interest on the first mortgage bonds. During the year 1896 this line passed under lease from the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad Company, into the hands of the Illinois Central Railroad Company.

**ST. LOUIS, SPRINGFIELD & VINCENNES RAILROAD COMPANY**, a corporation organized in July, 1899, to take over the property of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway in the State of Illinois, known as the Ohio & Mississippi and the Springfield & Illinois Southeastern Railways—the former extending from Vincennes, Ind., to East St. Louis, and the latter from Beardstown to Shawneetown. The property was sold under foreclosure, at Cincinnati, July 10, 1899, and transferred, for purposes of reorganization, into the hands of the new corporation, July 28, 1899. (For history of the several lines see *Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway.*)

**ST. LOUIS, VANDALIA & TERRE HAUTE RAILROAD.** This line extends from East St. Louis eastward across the State, to the Indiana State line, a distance of 158.3 miles. The Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad Company is the lessee. The track is single, of standard gauge, and laid with steel rails. The outstanding capital stock, in 1898, was \$3,924,058, the bonded debt, \$4,496,000, and the floating debt, \$218,480.—(HISTORY.) The St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad was chartered in 1865, opened in 1870 and leased to the Terre Haute & Indianapolis

Railroad, for itself and the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad.

**ST. LOUIS & CAIRO RAILROAD**, extends from East St. Louis to Cairo, Ill., 151.6 miles, with a branch from Millstadt Junction to High Prairie, 9 miles. The track is of standard gauge and laid mainly with steel rails.—(HISTORY.) The original charter was granted to the Cairo & St. Louis Railroad Company, Feb. 16, 1865, and the road opened, March 1, 1875. Subsequently it passed into the hands of a receiver, was sold under foreclosure, July 14, 1881, and was taken charge of by a new company under its present name, Feb. 1, 1882. On Feb. 1, 1886, it was leased to the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company for forty-five years, and now constitutes the Illinois Division of that line, giving it a connection with St. Louis. (See *Mobile & Ohio Railway*.)

**ST. LOUIS & CENTRAL ILLINOIS RAILROAD**. (See *St. Louis, Chicago & St. Paul Railroad*.)

**ST. LOUIS & CHICAGO RAILROAD (of Illinois)**. (See *St. Louis, Peoria & Northern Railway*.)

**ST. LOUIS & EASTERN RAILROAD**. (See *St. Louis, Peoria & Northern Railway*.)

**ST. LOUIS & PEORIA RAILWAY**. (See *St. Louis, Peoria & Northern Railway*.)

**ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL**, located in Chicago. It was chartered in 1865, its incorporators, in their initial statement, substantially declaring their object to be the establishment of a free hospital under the control of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which should be open to the afflicted poor, without distinction of race or creed. The hospital was opened on a small scale, but steadily increased until 1879, when re-incorporation was effected under the general law. In 1885 a new building was erected on land donated for that purpose, at a cost exceeding \$150,000, exclusive of \$20,000 for furnishing. While its primary object has been to afford accommodation, with medical and surgical care, gratuitously, to the needy poor, the institution also provides a considerable number of comfortable, well-furnished private rooms for patients who are able and willing to pay for the same. It contains an amphitheater for surgical operations and clinics, and has a free dispensary for out-patients. During the past few years important additions have been made, the number of beds increased, and provision made for a training school for nurses. The medical staff (1896) consists of thirteen physicians and surgeons and two pathologists.

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL**, a young ladies' seminary, under the patronage of the Episcopal Church, at Knoxville, Knox County, Ill.; was incorporated in 1858, in 1893 had a faculty of fourteen teachers, giving instruction to 113 pupils. The branches taught include the classics, the sciences, fine arts, music and preparatory studies. The institution has a library of 2,200 volumes, and owns property valued at \$130,500, of which \$100,000 is real estate.

**STAGER, Anson**, soldier and Telegraph Superintendent, was born in Ontario County, N. Y., April 20, 1825; at 16 years of age entered the service of Henry O'Reilly, a printer who afterwards became a pioneer in building telegraph lines, and with whom he became associated in various enterprises of this character. Having introduced several improvements in the construction of batteries and the arrangement of wires, he was, in 1852, made General Superintendent of the principal lines in the West, and, on the organization of the Western Union Company, was retained in this position. Early in the Civil War he was entrusted with the management of telegraph lines in Southern Ohio and along the Virginia border, and, in October following, was appointed General Superintendent of Government telegraphs, remaining in this position until September, 1868, his services being recognized in his promotion to a brevet Brigadier-Generalship of Volunteers. In 1869 General Stager returned to Chicago and, in addition to his duties as General Superintendent, engaged in the promotion of a number of enterprises connected with the manufacture of electrical appliances and other branches of the business. One of these was the consolidation of the telephone companies, of which he became President, as also of the Western Edison Electric Light Company, besides being a Director in several other corporations. Died, in Chicago, March 26, 1885.

**STANDISH, John Van Ness**, a lineal descendant of Capt. Miles Standish, the Pilgrim leader, was born at Woodstock, Vt., Feb. 26, 1825. His early years were spent on a farm, but a love of knowledge and books became his ruling passion, and he devoted several years to study, in the "Liberal Institute" at Lebanon, N. H., finally graduating, with the degree of A. B., at Norwich University in the class of 1847. Later, he received the degree of A. M., in due course, from his Alma Mater in 1855; that of Ph. D. from Knox College, in 1883, of LL.D. from St. Lawrence University in 1893, and from Norwich, in 1898. Dr. Standish chose the profession of a teacher, and has spent



over fifty years in its pursuit in connection with private and public schools and the College, of which more than forty years were as Professor and President of Lombard University at Galesburg. He has also lectured and conducted Teachers' Institutes all over the State, and, in 1859, was elected President of the State Teachers' Association. He made three visits to the Old World—in 1879, '82-'83, and '91-'92—and, during his second trip, traveled over 40,000 miles, visiting nearly every country of Europe, including the "Land of the Midnight Sun," besides Northern Africa from the Mediterranean to the Desert of Sahara, Egypt, Palestine, Syria and Asia Minor. A lover of art, he has visited nearly all the principal museums and picture galleries of the world. In politics he is a Republican, and, in opposition to many college men, a firm believer in the doctrine of protection. In religion, he is a Universalist.

**STAPP, James T. B.**, State Auditor, was born in Woodford County, Ky., April 13, 1804; at the age of 12 accompanied his widowed mother to Kaskaskia, Ill., where she settled; before he was 20 years old, was employed as a clerk in the office of the State Auditor, and, upon the resignation of that officer, was appointed his successor, being twice thereafter elected by the Legislature, serving nearly five years. He resigned the auditorship to accept the Presidency of the State Bank at Vandalia, which post he filled for thirteen years; acted as Aid-de-camp on Governor Reynolds' staff in the Black Hawk War, and served as Adjutant of the Third Illinois Volunteers during the war with Mexico. President Taylor appointed Mr. Stapp Receiver of the United States Land Office at Vandalia, which office he held during the Fillmore administration, resigning in 1855. Two years later he removed to Decatur, where he continued to reside until his death in 1876. A handsome Methodist chapel, erected by him in that city, bears his name.

**STARK COUNTY**, an interior county in the northern half of the State, lying west of the Illinois River; has an area of 290 square miles. It has a rich, alluvial soil, well watered by numerous small streams. The principal industries are agriculture and stock-raising, and the chief towns are Toulon and Wyoming. The county was erected from Putnam and Knox in 1839, and named in honor of General Stark, of Revolutionary fame. The earliest settler was Isaac B. Essex, who built a cabin on Spoon River, in 1828, and gave his name to a township. Of other pioneer families, the Buswells, Smiths, Spencers and

Eastmans came from New England; the Thomases, Moores, Holgates, Fullers and Whittakers from Pennsylvania; the Coxes from Ohio; the Perrys and Parkers from Virginia; the McClanahans from Kentucky; the Hendersons from Tennessee; the Lees and Hazens from New Jersey; the Halls from England, and the Turnbulls and Olivers from Scotland. The pioneer church was the Congregational at Toulon. Population (1880), 11,207; (1890), 9,982; (1900), 10,186.

**STARVED ROCK**, a celebrated rock or cliff on the south side of Illinois River, in La Salle County, upon which the French explorer, La Salle, and his lieutenant, Tonty, erected a fort in 1682, which they named Fort St. Louis. It was one mile north of the supposed location of the Indian village of La Vantum, the metropolis, so to speak, of the Illinois Indians about the time of the arrival of the first French explorers. The population of this village, in 1680, according to Father Membre, was some seven or eight thousand. Both La Vantum and Fort St. Louis were repeatedly attacked by the Iroquois. The Illinois were temporarily driven from La Vantum, but the French, for the time being, successfully defended their fortification. In 1702 the fort was abandoned as a military post, but continued to be used as a French trading-post until 1718, when it was burned by Indians. The Illinois were not again molested until 1722, when the Foxes made an unsuccessful attack upon them. The larger portion of the tribe, however, resolved to cast in their fortunes with other tribes on the Mississippi River. Those who remained fell an easy prey to the foes by whom they were surrounded. In 1769 they were attacked from the north by tribes who desired to avenge the murder of Pontiac. Finding themselves hard pressed, they betook themselves to the bluff where Fort St. Louis had formerly stood. Here they were besieged for twelve days, when, destitute of food or water, they made a gallant but hopeless sortie. According to a tradition handed down among the Indians, all were massacred by the besiegers in an attempt to escape by night, except one half-breed, who succeeded in evading his pursuers. This sanguinary catastrophe has given the rock its popular name. Elmer Baldwin, in his History of La Salle County (1877), says: "The bones of the victims lay scattered about the cliff in profusion after the settlement by the whites, and are still found mingled plentifully with the soil." (See *La Salle, Robert Cavetier; Tonty; Fort St. Louis.*)

**STARNE**, Alexander, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 21, 1813; in the spring of 1836 removed to Illinois, settling at Griggsville, Pike County, where he opened a general store. From 1839 to '42 he served as Commissioner of Pike County, and, in the latter year, was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly, and re-elected in 1844. Having, in the meanwhile, disposed of his store at Griggsville and removed to Pittsfield, he was appointed, by Judge Purple, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and elected to the same office for four years, when it was made elective. In 1852 he was elected Secretary of State, when he removed to Springfield, returning to Griggsville at the expiration of his term in 1857, to assume the Presidency of the old Hannibal and Naples Railroad (now a part of the Wabash system). He represented Pike and Brown Counties in the Constitutional Convention of 1862, and the same year was elected State Treasurer. He thereupon again removed to Springfield, where he resided until his death, being, with his sons, extensively engaged in coal mining. In 1870, and again in 1872, he was elected State Senator from Sangamon County. He died at Springfield, March 31, 1886.

**STATE BANK OF ILLINOIS.** The first legislation, having for its object the establishment of a bank within the territory which now constitutes the State of Illinois, was the passage, by the Territorial Legislature of 1816, of an act incorporating the "Bank of Illinois at Shawneetown, with branches at Edwardsville and Kaskaskia." In the Second General Assembly of the State (1820) an act was passed, over the Governor's veto and in defiance of the adverse judgment of the Council of Revision, establishing a State Bank at Vandalia with branches at Shawneetown, Edwardsville, and Brownsville in Jackson County. This was, in effect, a rechartering of the banks at Shawneetown and Edwardsville. So far as the former is concerned, it seems to have been well managed; but the official conduct of the officers of the latter, on the basis of charges made by Governor Edwards in 1826, was made the subject of a legislative investigation, which (although it resulted in nothing) seems to have had some basis of fact, in view of the losses finally sustained in winding up its affairs—that of the General Government amounting to \$54,000. Grave charges were made in this connection against men who were then, or afterwards became, prominent in State affairs, including one Justice of the Supreme Court and one (still later) a United States Senator. The

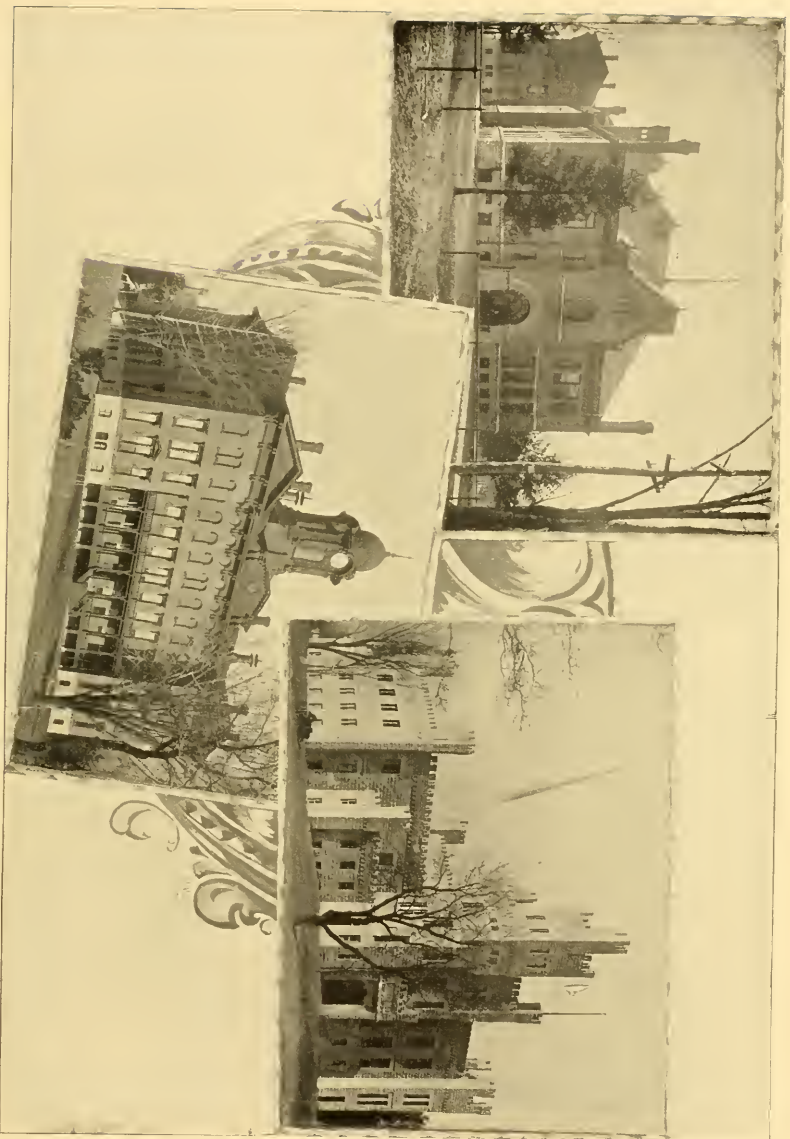
experiment was disastrous, as, ten years later (1831), it was found necessary for the State to incur a debt of \$100,000 to redeem the outstanding circulation. Influenced, however, by the popular demand for an increase in the "circulating medium," the State continued its experiment of becoming a stockholder in banks managed by its citizens, and accordingly we find it, in 1835, legislating in the same direction for the establishing of a central "Bank of Illinois" at Springfield, with branches at other points as might be required, not to exceed six in number. One of these branches was established at Vandalia and another at Chicago, furnishing the first banking institution of the latter city. Two years later, when the State was entering upon its scheme of internal improvement, laws were enacted increasing the capital stock of these banks to \$4,000,000 in the aggregate. Following the example of similar institutions elsewhere, they suspended specie payments a few months later, but were protected by "stay laws" and other devices until 1842, when the internal improvement scheme having been finally abandoned, they fell in general collapse. The State ceased to be a stockholder in 1843, and the banks were put in course of liquidation, though it required several years to complete the work.

**STATE CAPITALS.** The first State capital of Illinois was Kaskaskia, where the first Territorial Legislature convened, Nov. 25, 1812. At that time there were but five counties in the State—St. Clair and Randolph being the most important, and Kaskaskia being the county-seat of the latter. Illinois was admitted into the Union as a State in 1818, and the first Constitution provided that the seat of government should remain at Kaskaskia until removed by legislative enactment. That instrument, however, made it obligatory upon the Legislature, at its first session, to petition Congress for a grant of not more than four sections of land, on which should be erected a town, which should remain the seat of government for twenty years. The petition was duly presented and granted; and, in accordance with the power granted by the Constitution, a Board of five Commissioners selected the site of the present city of Vandalia, then a point in the wilderness twenty miles north of any settlement. But so great was the faith of speculators in the future of the proposed city, that town lots were soon selling at \$100 to \$750 each. The Commissioners, in obedience to law, erected a plain two-story frame building—scarcely more than a commodious shanty—to which the State offices were removed in December, 1820. This building

was burned, Dec. 9, 1833, and a brick structure erected in its place. Later, when the question of a second removal of the capital began to be agitated, the citizens of Vandalia assumed the risk of erecting a new, brick State House, costing \$16,000. Of this amount \$6,000 was reimbursed by the Governor from the contingent fund, and the balance (\$10,000) was appropriated in 1837, when the seat of government was removed to Springfield, by vote of the Tenth General Assembly on the fourth ballot. The other places receiving the principal vote at the time of the removal to Springfield, were Jacksonville, Vandalia, Peoria, Alton and Illiopolis—Springfield receiving the largest vote at each ballot. The law removing the capital appropriated \$50,000 from the State Treasury, provided that a like amount should be raised by private subscription and guaranteed by bond, and that at least two acres of land should be donated as a site. Two State Houses have been erected at Springfield, the first cost of the present one (including furnishing) having been a little in excess of \$4,000,000. Abraham Lincoln, who was a member of the Legislature from Sangamon County at the time, was an influential factor in securing the removal of the capital to Springfield.

**STATE DEBT.** The State debt, which proved so formidable a burden upon the State of Illinois for a generation, and, for a part of that period, seriously checked its prosperity, was the direct outgrowth of the internal improvement scheme entered upon in 1837. (See *Internal Improvement Policy*.) At the time this enterprise was undertaken the aggregate debt of the State was less than \$400,000—accumulated within the preceding six years. Two years later (1838) it had increased to over \$6,500,000, while the total valuation of real and personal property, for the purposes of taxation, was less than \$60,000,000, and the aggregate receipts of the State treasury, for the same year, amounted to less than \$150,000. At the same time, the disbursements, for the support of the State Government alone, had grown to more than twice the receipts. This disparity continued until the declining credit of the State forced upon the managers of public affairs an involuntary economy, when the means could no longer be secured for more lavish expenditures. The first bonds issued at the inception of the internal improvement scheme sold at a premium of 5 per cent. but rapidly declined until they were hawked in the markets of New York and London at a discount, in some cases falling into the hands of brokers who failed before completing their con-

tracts, thus causing a direct loss to the State. If the internal improvement scheme was ill-advised, the time chosen to carry it into effect was most unfortunate, as it came simultaneously with the panic of 1837, rendering the disaster all the more complete. Of the various works undertaken by the State, only the Illinois & Michigan Canal brought a return, all the others resulting in more or less complete loss. The internal improvement scheme was abandoned in 1839-40, but not until State bonds exceeding \$13,000,000 had been issued. For two years longer the State struggled with its embarrassments, increased by the failure of the State Bank in February, 1842, and, by that of the Bank of Illinois at Shawneetown, a few months later, with the proceeds of more than two and a half millions of the State's bonds in their possession. Thus left without credit, or means even of paying the accruing interest, there were those who regarded the State as hopelessly bankrupt, and advocated repudiation as the only means of escape. Better counsels prevailed, however; the Constitution of 1848 put the State on a basis of strict economy in the matter of salaries and general expenditures, with restrictions upon the Legislature in reference to incurring indebtedness, while the beneficent "two-mill tax" gave assurance to its creditors that its debts would be paid. While the growth of the State, in wealth and population, had previously been checked by the fear of excessive taxation, it now entered upon a new career of prosperity, in spite of its burdens—its increase in population, between 1850 and 1860, amounting to over 100 per cent. The movement of the State debt after 1840—when the internal improvement scheme was abandoned—chiefly by accretions of unpaid interest, has been estimated as follows: 1842, \$15,637,950; 1844, \$14,633,969; 1846, \$16,389,817; 1848, \$16,661,795. It reached its maximum in 1853—the first year of Governor Matteson's administration—when it was officially reported at \$16,724,177. At this time the work of extinguishment began, and was prosecuted under successive administrations, except during the war, when the vast expense incurred in sending troops to the field caused an increase. During Governor Bissell's administration, the reduction amounted to over \$3,000,000; during Oglesby's, to over five and a quarter million, besides two and a quarter million paid on interest. In 1880 the debt had been reduced to \$281,059.11, and, before the close of 1882, it had been entirely extinguished, except a balance of \$18,500 in bonds, which, having been called in years previously and never presented for

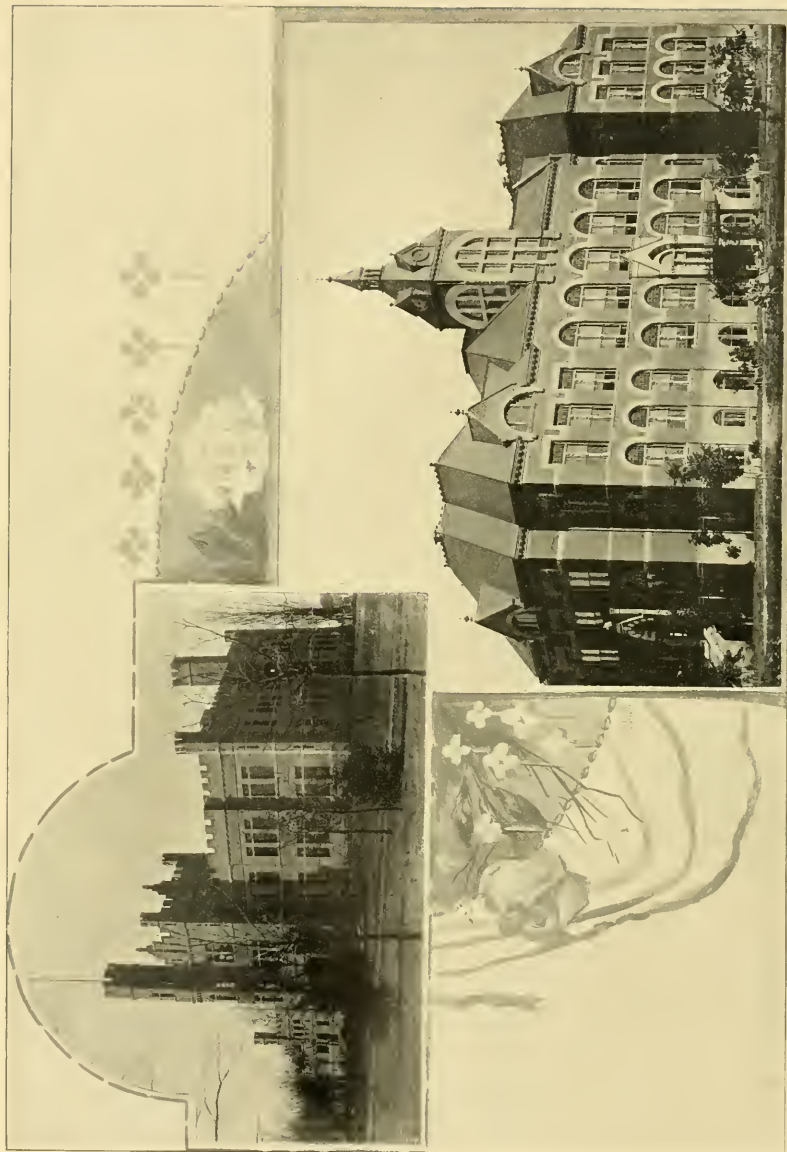


The Practice School.

Main Building.  
ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY, NORMAL.

Gymnasium and Library Building.





Library and Gymnasium Building. Main Building.  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS NORMAL, CARBONDALE.

payment, are supposed to have been lost. (See *Macalister and Stebbins Bonds.*)

**STATE GUARDIANS FOR GIRLS**, a bureau organized for the care of female juvenile delinquents, by act of June 2, 1893. The Board consists of seven members, nominated by the Executive and confirmed by the Senate, and who constitute a body politic and corporate. Not more than two of the members may reside in the same Congressional District and, of the seven members, four must be women. (See also *Home for Female Juvenile Offenders.*) The term of office is six years.

**STATE HOUSE**, located at Springfield. Its construction was begun under an act passed by the Legislature in February, 1867, and completed in 1887. It stands in a park of about eight acres, donated to the State by the citizens of Springfield. A provision of the State Constitution of 1870 prohibited the expenditure of any sum in excess of \$3,500,000 in the erection and furnishing of the building, without previous approval of such additional expenditure by the people. This amount proving insufficient, the Legislature, at its session of 1885, passed an act making an additional appropriation of \$531,712, which having been approved by popular vote at the general election of 1886, the expenditure was made and the capitol completed during the following year, thus raising the total cost of construction and furnishing to a little in excess of \$4,000,000. The building is cruciform as to its ground plan, and classic in its style of architecture; its extreme dimensions (including porticoes), from north to south, being 379 feet, and, from east to west, 286 feet. The walls are of dressed Joliet limestone, while the porticoes, which are spacious and lofty, are of sandstone, supported by polished columns of gray granite. The three stories of the building are surmounted by a Mansard roof, with two turrets and a central dome of stately dimensions. Its extreme height, to the top of the iron flag-staff, which rises from a lantern springing from the dome, is 364 feet.

**STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY**, an institution for the education of teachers, organized under an act of the General Assembly, passed Feb. 18, 1857. This act placed the work of organization in the hands of a board of fifteen persons, which was styled "The Board of Education of the State of Illinois," and was constituted as follows: C. B. Denio of Jo Daviess County; Simeon Wright of Lee; Daniel Wilkins of McLean; Charles E. Hovey of Peoria; George P. Rex of Pike; Samuel W. Moulton of Shelby; John

Gillespie of Jasper; George Bunsen of St. Clair; Wesley Sloan of Pope; Ninian W. Edwards of Sangamon; John R. Eden of Moultrie; Flavel Moseley and William Wells of Cook; Albert R. Shannon of White; and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, ex-officio. The object of the University, as defined in the organizing law, is to qualify teachers for the public schools of the State, and the course of instruction to be given embraces "the art of teaching, and all branches which pertain to a common-school education; in the elements of the natural sciences, including agricultural chemistry, animal and vegetable physiology; in the fundamental laws of the United States and of the State of Illinois in regard to the rights and duties of citizens, and such other studies as the Board of Education may, from time to time, prescribe." Various cities competed for the location of the institution, Bloomington being finally selected, its bid, including 160 acres of land, being estimated as equivalent to \$141,725. The corner-stone was laid on September 29, 1857, and the first building was ready for permanent occupancy in September, 1860. Previously, however, it had been sufficiently advanced to permit of its being used, and the first commencement exercises were held on June 29 of the latter year. Three years earlier, the academic department had been organized under the charge of Charles E. Hovey. The first cost, including furniture, etc., was not far from \$200,000. Gratuitous instruction is given to two pupils from each county, and to three from each Senatorial District. The departments are: Grammar school, high school, normal department and model school, all of which are overcrowded. The whole number of students in attendance on the institution during the school year, 1897-98, was 1,197, of whom 891 were in the normal department and 306 in the practice school department, including representatives from 86 counties of the State, with a few pupils from other States on the payment of tuition. The teaching faculty (including the President and Librarian) for the same year, was made up of twenty-six members—twelve ladies and fourteen gentlemen. The expenditures for the year 1897-98 aggregated \$17,626.92, against \$66,528.69 for 1896-97. Nearly \$22,000 of the amount expended during the latter year was on account of the construction of a gymnasium building.

**STATE PROPERTY.** The United States Census of 1890 gave the value of real and personal property belonging to the State as follows: Public lands, \$328,000; buildings, \$22,164,000; mis-

cellaneous property, \$2,650,000—total, \$25,142,000. The land may be subdivided thus: Camp-grounds of the Illinois National Guard near Springfield (donated), \$40,000; Illinois and Michigan Canal, \$168,000; Illinois University lands, in Illinois (donated by the General Government), \$41,000, in Minnesota (similarly donated), \$79,000. The buildings comprise those connected with the charitable, penal and educational institutions of the State, besides the State Arsenal, two buildings for the use of the Appellate Courts (at Ottawa and Mount Vernon), the State House, the Executive Mansion, and locks and dams erected at Henry and Copperas Creek. Of the miscellaneous property, \$120,000 represents the equipment of the Illinois National Guard; \$1,959,000 the value of the movable property of public buildings; \$550,000 the endowment fund of the University of Illinois; and \$21,000 the movable property of the Illinois & Michigan Canal. The figures given relative to the value of the public buildings include only the first appropriations for their erection. Considerable sums have since been expended upon some of them in repairs, enlargements and improvements.

**STATE TREASURERS.** The only Treasurer of Illinois during the Territorial period was John Thomas, who served from 1812 to 1818, and became the first incumbent under the State Government. Under the Constitution of 1818 the Treasurer was elected, biennially, by joint vote of the two Houses of the General Assembly; by the Constitution of 1848, this officer was made elective by the people for the same period, without limitations as to number of terms; under the Constitution of 1870, the manner of election and duration of term are unchanged, but the incumbent is ineligible to re-election, for two years from expiration of the term for which he may have been chosen. The following is a list of the State Treasurers, from the date of the admission of the State into the Union down to the present time (1899), with the date and duration of the term of each: John Thomas, 1818-19; Robert K. McLaughlin, 1819-23; Abner Field, 1823-27; James Hall, 1827-31; John Dement, 1831-36; Charles Gregory, 1836-37; John D. Whiteside, 1837-41; Milton Carpenter, 1841-48; John Moore, 1848-57; James Miller, 1857-59; William Butler, 1859-63; Alexander Starne, 1863-65; James H. Beveridge, 1865-67; George W. Smith, 1867-69; Erastus N. Bates, 1869-73; Edward Rutz, 1873-75; Thomas S. Ridgway, 1875-77; Edward Rutz, 1877-79; John C. Smith, 1879-81; Edward Rutz, 1881-83; John C. Smith, 1883-85; Jacob Gross,

1885-87; John R. Tanner, 1887-89; Charles Becker, 1889-91; Edward S. Wilson, 1891-93; Rufus N. Ramsay, 1893-95; Henry Kulf, 1895-97; Henry L. Hertz, 1897-99; Floyd K. Whittemore, 1899—.

**STAUNTON**, a village in the southeast corner of Macoupin County, on the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis and the Wabash Railways; is 36 miles northeast of St. Louis, and 14 miles southwest of Litchfield. Agriculture and coal-mining are the industries of the surrounding region. Staunton has two banks, eight churches and a weekly newspaper. Population (1880), 1,358; (1890), 2,209; (1900), 2,786.

**STEEL PRODUCTION.** In the manufacture of steel, Illinois has long ranked as the second State in the Union in the amount of its output, and, during the period between 1880 and 1890, the increase in production was 241 per cent. In 1880 there were but six steel works in the State; in 1890 these had increased to fourteen; and the production of steel of all kinds (in tons of 2,000 pounds) had risen from 254,569 tons to 868,250. Of the 3,837,039 tons of Bessemer steel ingots, or direct castings, produced in the United States in 1890, 22 per cent were turned out in Illinois, nearly all the steel produced in the State being made by that process. From the tonnage of ingots, as given above, Illinois produced 622,260 pounds of steel rails,—more than 30 per cent of the aggregate for the entire country. This fact is noteworthy, inasmuch as the competition in the manufacture of Bessemer steel rails, since 1880, has been so great that many rail mills have converted their steel into forms other than rails, experience having proved their production to any considerable extent, during the past few years, unprofitable except in works favorably located for obtaining cheap raw material, or operated under the latest and most approved methods of manufacture. Open-hearth steel is no longer made in Illinois, but the manufacture of crucible steel is slightly increasing, the output in 1890 being 445 tons, as against 130 in 1880. For purposes requiring special grades of steel the product of the crucible process will be always in demand, but the high cost of manufacture prevents it, in a majority of instances, from successfully competing in price with the other processes mentioned.

**STEPHENSON, Benjamin**, pioneer and early politician, came to Illinois from Kentucky in 1809, and was appointed the first Sheriff of Randolph County by Governor Edwards under the Territorial Government; afterwards served

as a Colonel of Illinois militia during the War of 1812; represented Illinois Territory as Delegate in Congress, 1814-16, and, on his retirement from Congress, became Register of the Land Office at Edwardsville, finally dying at Edwardsville—Col. **JAMES W.** (Stephenson), a son of the preceding, was a soldier during the Black Hawk War, afterwards became a prominent politician in the north-western part of the State, served as Register of the Land Office at Galena and, in 1838, received the Democratic nomination for Governor, but withdrew before the election.

**STEPHENSON, (Dr.) Benjamin Franklin**, physician and soldier, was born in Wayne County, Ill., Oct. 30, 1822, and accompanied his parents, in 1825, to Sangamon County, where the family settled. His early educational advantages were meager, and he did not study his profession (medicine) until after reaching his majority, graduating from Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1850. He began practice at Petersburg, but, in April, 1862, was mustered into the volunteer army as Surgeon of the Fourteenth Illinois Infantry. After a little over two years service he was mustered out in June, 1864, when he took up his residence in Springfield, and, for a year, was engaged in the drug business there. In 1865 he resumed professional practice. He lacked tenacity of purpose, however, was indifferent to money, and always willing to give his own services and orders for medicine to the poor. Hence, his practice was not lucrative. He was one of the leaders in the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic (which see), in connection with which he is most widely known; but his services in its cause failed to receive, during his lifetime, the recognition which they deserved, nor did the organization promptly flourish, as he had hoped. He finally returned with his family to Petersburg. Died, at Rock Creek, Menard County, Ill., August 30, 1871.

**STEPHENSON COUNTY**, a northwestern county, with an area of 560 square miles. The soil is rich, productive and well timbered. Fruit-culture and stock-raising are among the chief industries. Not until 1827 did the aborigines quit the locality, and the county was organized, ten years later, and named for Gen. Benjamin Stephenson. A man named Kirker, who had been in the employment of Colonel Gratiot as a lead-miner, near Galena, is said to have built the first cabin within the present limits of what was called Burr Oak Grove, and set himself up as an Indian-trader in 1826, but only remained a short time. He was followed, the next year, by Oliver

W. Kellogg, who took Kirker's place, built a more pretensions dwelling and became the first permanent settler. Later came William Wadams, the Montagues, Baker, Kilpatrick, Preston, the Goddards, and others whose names are linked with the county's early history. The first house in Freeport was built by William Baker. Organization was effected in 1837, the total poll being eighty-four votes. The earliest teacher was Nelson Martin, who is said to have taught a school of some twelve pupils, in a house which stood on the site of the present city of Freeport. Population (1880), 31,963; (1890), 31,338; (1900), 34,933.

**STERLING**, a flourishing city on the north bank of Rock River, in Whiteside County, 109 miles west of Chicago, 29 miles east of Clinton, Iowa, and 52 miles east-northeast of Rock Island. It has ample railway facilities, furnished by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Sterling & Peoria, and the Chicago & Northwestern Railroads. It contains fourteen churches, an opera house, high and grade schools, Carnegie library, Government postoffice building, three banks, electric street and interurban car lines, electric and gas lighting, water-works, paved streets and sidewalks, fire department and four newspaper offices, two issuing daily editions. It has fine water-power, and is an important manufacturing center, its works turning out agricultural implements, carriages, paper, barbed-wire, school furniture, burial caskets, pumps, sash, doors, etc. It also has the Sterling Iron Works, besides foundries and machine shops. The river here flows through charming scenery. Pop. (1890), 5,824; (1900), 6,309.

**STEVENS, Bradford A.**, ex-Congressman, was born at Boscawen (afterwards Webster), N. H., Jan. 8, 1813. After attending schools in New Hampshire and at Montreal, he entered Dartmouth College, graduating therefrom in 1835. During the six years following, he devoted himself to teaching, at Hopkinsville, Ky., and New York City. In 1843 he removed to Bureau County, Ill., where he became a merchant and farmer. In 1868 he was chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and, in 1870, was elected to Congress, as an Independent Democrat, for the Fifth District.

**STEVENSON, Adlai E.**, ex-Vice-President of the United States, was born in Christian County, Ky., Oct. 23, 1835. In 1852 he removed with his parents to Bloomington, McLean County, Ill., where the family settled; was educated at the Illinois Wesleyan University and at Centre College, Ky., was admitted to the bar in 1858 and began practice at Metamora, Woodford County,



where he was Master in Chancery, 1861-65, and State's Attorney, 1865-69. In 1864 he was candidate for Presidential Elector on the Democratic ticket. In 1869 he returned to Bloomington, where he has since resided. In 1874, and again in 1876, he was an unsuccessful candidate of his party for Congress, but was elected as a Greenback Democrat in 1878, though defeated in 1880 and 1882. In 1877 he was appointed by President Hayes a member of the Board of Visitors to West Point. During the first administration of President Cleveland (1885-89) he was First Assistant Postmaster General; was a member of the National Democratic Conventions of 1884 and 1892, being Chairman of the Illinois delegation the latter year. In 1892 he received his party's nomination for the Vice-Presidency, and was elected to that office, serving until 1897. Since retiring from office he has resumed his residence at Bloomington.

**STEWART, Lewis**, manufacturer and former Congressman, was born in Wayne County, Pa., Nov. 20, 1824, and received a common school education. At the age of 14 he accompanied his parents to Kendall County, Ill., where he afterwards resided, being engaged in farming and the manufacture of agricultural implements at Plano. He studied law but never practiced. In 1876 he was an unsuccessful candidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket, being defeated by Shelby M. Cullom. In 1890 the Democrats of the Eighth Illinois District elected him to Congress. In 1892 he was again a candidate, but was defeated by his Republican opponent, Robert A. Childs, by the narrow margin of 27 votes, and, in 1894, was again defeated, this time being pitted against Albert J. Hopkins. Mr. Stewart died at his home at Plano, August 26, 1896.

**STEWARTSON**, a town of Shelby County, at the intersection of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City Railway with the Altamont branch of the Wabash, 12 miles southeast of Shelbyville; is in a grain and lumber region; has a bank and a weekly paper. Population, (1900), 677.

**STICKNEY, William H.**, pioneer lawyer, was born in Baltimore, Md., Nov. 9, 1809, studied law and was admitted to the bar at Cincinnati in 1831, and, in Illinois in 1834, being at that time a resident of Shawneetown; was elected State's Attorney by the Legislature, in 1839, for the circuit embracing some fourteen counties in the southern and southeastern part of the State; for a time also, about 1835-36, officiated as editor of "The Gallatin Democrat," and "The Illinois Advertiser," published at Shawneetown. In 1846

Mr. Stickney was elected to the lower branch of the General Assembly from Gallatin County, and, twenty-eight years later—having come to Chicago in 1848—to the same body from Cook County, serving in the somewhat famous Twenty-ninth Assembly. He also held the office of Police Justice for some thirteen years, from 1860 onward. He lived to an advanced age, dying in Chicago, Feb. 14, 1898, being at the time the oldest surviving member of the Chicago bar.

**STILES, Isaac Newton**, lawyer and soldier, born at Suffield, Conn., July 16, 1833; was admitted to the bar at Lafayette, Ind., in 1855, became Prosecuting Attorney, a member of the Legislature and an effective speaker in the Fremont campaign of 1856; enlisted as a private soldier at the beginning of the war, went to the field as Adjutant, was captured at Malvern Hill, and, after six weeks' confinement in Libby prison, exchanged and returned to duty; was promoted Major, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel, and brevetted Brigadier-General for meritorious service. After the war he practiced his profession in Chicago, though almost totally blind. Died, Jan. 18, 1895.

**STILLMAN, Stephen**, first State Senator from Sangamon County, Ill., was a native of Massachusetts who came, with his widowed mother, to Sangamon County in 1820, and settled near Williamsville, where he became the first Postmaster in the first postoffice in the State north of the Sangamon River. In 1822, Mr. Stillman was elected as the first State Senator from Sangamon County, serving four years, and, at his first session, being one of the opponents of the pro-slavery Convention resolution. He died, in Peoria, somewhere between 1835 and 1840.

**STILLMAN VALLEY**, village in Ogle County, on Chicago Great Western and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railways; site of first battle Black Hawk War; has graded schools, four churches, a bank and a newspaper. Pop., 475.

**STITES, Samuel**, pioneer, was born near Mount Bethel, Somerset County, N. J., Oct. 31, 1776; died, August 16, 1839, on his farm, which subsequently became the site of the city of Trenton, in Clinton County, Ill. He was descended from John Stites, M.D., who was born in England in 1595, emigrated to America, and died at Hempstead, L. I., in 1717, at the age of 122 years. The family removed to New Jersey in the latter part of the seventeenth century. Samuel was a cousin of Benjamin Stites, the first white man to settle within the present limits of Cincinnati, and various members of the family were prominent in

the settlement of the upper Ohio Valley as early as 1788. Samuel Stites married, Sept. 14, 1794, Martha Martin, daughter of Ephraim Martin, and grand-daughter of Col. Ephraim Martin, both soldiers of the New Jersey line during the Revolutionary War—with the last named of whom he had (in connection with John Cleves Symmes) been intimately associated in the purchase and settlement of the Miami Valley. In 1800 he removed to Hamilton County, Ohio, in 1803 to Greene County, and, in 1818, in company with his son-in-law, Anthony Wayne Casad, to St. Clair County, Ill., settling near Union Grove. Later, he removed to O'Fallon, and, still later, to Clinton County. He left a large family, several members of which became prominent pioneers in the movements toward Minnesota and Kansas.

**STOLBRAND, Carlos John Mueller**, soldier, was born in Sweden, May 11, 1821; at the age of 18, enlisted in the Royal Artillery of his native land, serving through the campaign of Schleswig-Holstein (1848); came to the United States soon after, and, in 1861, enlisted in the first battalion of Illinois Light Artillery, finally becoming Chief of Artillery under Gen. John A. Logan. When the latter became commander of the Fifteenth Army Corps, Col. Stolbrand was placed at the head of the artillery brigade; in February, 1865, was made Brigadier-General, and mustered out in January, 1866. After the war he went South, and was Secretary of the South Carolina Constitutional Convention of 1868. The same year he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago, and a Presidential Elector. He was an inventor and patented various improvements in steam engines and boilers; was also Superintendent of Public Buildings at Charleston, S. C., under President Harrison. Died, at Charleston, Feb. 3, 1894.

**STONE, Daniel**, early lawyer and legislator, was a native of Vermont and graduate of Middlebury College; became a member of the Springfield (Ill.) bar in 1833, and, in 1836, was elected to the General Assembly—being one of the celebrated "Long Nine" from Sangamon County, and joining Abraham Lincoln in his protest against a series of pro-slavery resolutions which had been adopted by the House. In 1837 he was a Circuit Court Judge and, being assigned to the northwestern part of the State, removed to Galena, but was legislated out of office, when he left the State, dying a few years later, in Essex County, N. J.

**STONE, Horatio O.**, pioneer, was born in Ontario (now Monroe) County, N. Y., Jan. 2,

1811; in boyhood learned the trade of shoemaker, and later acted as overseer of laborers on the Lackawanna Canal. In 1831, having located in Wayne County, Mich., he was drafted for the Black Hawk War, serving twenty-two days under Gen. Jacob Brown. In January, 1835, he came to Chicago and, having made a fortunate speculation in real estate in that early day, a few months later entered upon the grocery and provision trade, which he afterwards extended to grain; finally giving his chief attention to real estate, in which he was remarkably successful, leaving a large fortune at his death, which occurred in Chicago, June 20, 1877.

**STONE, (Rev.) Luther**, Baptist clergyman, was born in the town of Oxford, Worcester County, Mass., Sept. 26, 1815, and spent his boyhood on a farm. After acquiring a common school education, he prepared for college at Leicester Academy, and, in 1835, entered Brown University, graduating in the class of 1839. He then spent three years at the Theological Institute at Newton, Mass.; was ordained to the ministry at Oxford, in 1843, but, coming west the next year, entered upon evangelical work in Rock Island, Davenport, Burlington and neighboring towns. Later, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church at Rockford, Ill. In 1847 Mr. Stone came to Chicago and established "The Watchman of the Prairies," which survives to-day under the name of "The Standard," and has become the leading Baptist organ in the West. After six years of editorial work, he took up evangelistic work in Chicago, among the poor and criminal classes. During the Civil War he conducted religious services at Camp Douglas, Soldiers' Rest and the Marine Hospital. He was associated in the conduct and promotion of many educational and charitable institutions. He did much for the First Baptist Church of Chicago, and, during the latter years of his life, was attached to the Immanuel Baptist Church, which he labored to establish. Died, in July, 1890.

**STONE, Melville E.**, journalist, banker, Manager of Associated Press, born at Hudson, Ill., August 18, 1848. Coming to Chicago in 1860, he graduated from the local high school in 1867, and, in 1870, acquired the sole proprietorship of a foundry and machine shop. Finding himself without resources after the great fire of 1871, he embarked in journalism, rising, through the successive grades of reporter, city editor, assistant editor and Washington correspondent, to the position of editor-in-chief of his own journal.

He was connected with various Chicago dailies between 1871 and 1875, and, on Christmas Day of the latter year, issued the first number of "The Chicago Daily News." He gradually disposed of his interest in this journal, entirely severing his connection therewith in 1888. Since that date he has been engaged in banking in the city of Chicago, and is also General Manager of the Associated Press.

**STONE, Samuel**, philanthropist, was born at Chesterfield, Mass., Dec. 6, 1798; left an orphan at seven years of age, after a short term in Leicester Academy, and several years in a wholesale store in Boston, at the age of 19 removed to Rochester, N. Y., to take charge of interests in the "Holland Purchase," belonging to his father's estate; in 1843-49, was a resident of Detroit and interested in some of the early railroad enterprises centering there, but the latter year removed to Milwaukee, being there associated with Ezra Cornell in telegraph construction. In 1859 he became a citizen of Chicago, where he was one of the founders of the Chicago Historical Society, and a liberal patron of many enterprises of a public and benevolent character. Died, May 4, 1876.

**STONE FORT**, a village in the counties of Saline and Williamson. It is situated on the Cairo Division of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, 57 miles northeast of Cairo. Population (1900), 479.

**STOREY, Wilbur F.**, journalist and newspaper publisher, was born at Salisbury, Vt., Dec. 19, 1819. He began to learn the printer's trade at 12, and, before he was 19, was part owner of a Democratic paper called "The Herald," published at La Porte, Ind. Later, he either edited or controlled journals published at Mishawaka, Ind., and Jackson and Detroit, Mich. In January, 1861, he became the principal owner of "The Chicago Times," then the leading Democratic organ of Chicago. His paper soon came to be regarded as the organ of the anti-war party throughout the Northwest, and, in June, 1863, was suppressed by a military order issued by General Burnside, which was subsequently revoked by President Lincoln. The net result was an increase in "The Times'" notoriety and circulation. Other charges, of an equally grave nature, relating to its sources of income, its character as a family newspaper, etc., were repeatedly made, but to all these Mr. Storey turned a deaf ear. He lost heavily in the fire of 1871, but, in 1872, appeared as the editor of "The Times," then destitute of political ties. About 1876 his

health began to decline. Medical aid failed to afford relief, and, in August, 1884, he was adjudged to be of unsound mind, and his estate was placed in the hands of a conservator. On the 27th of the following October (1884), he died at his home in Chicago.

**STORRS, Emery Alexander**, lawyer, was born at Hinsdale, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., August 12, 1835; began the study of law with his father, later pursued a legal course at Buffalo, and, in 1853, was admitted to the bar; spent two years (1857-59) in New York City, the latter year removing to Chicago, where he attained great prominence as an advocate at the bar, as well as an orator on other occasions. Politically a Republican, he took an active part in Presidential campaigns, being a delegate-at-large from Illinois to the National Republican Conventions of 1868, '72, and '80, and serving as one of the Vice-Presidents in 1872. Erratic in habits and a master of epigram and repartee, many of his speeches are quoted with relish and appreciation by those who were his contemporaries at the Chicago bar. Died suddenly, while in attendance on the Supreme Court at Ottawa, Sept. 12, 1885.

**STRAWN, Jacob**, agriculturist and stock-dealer, born in Somerset County, Pa., May 30, 1800; removed to Licking County, Ohio, in 1817, and to Illinois, in 1831, settling four miles southwest of Jacksonville. He was one of the first to demonstrate the possibilities of Illinois as a live-stock state. Unpretentious and despising mere show, he illustrated the virtues of industry, frugality and honesty. At his death—which occurred August 23, 1865—he left an estate estimated in value at about \$1,000,000, acquired by industry and business enterprise. He was a zealous Unionist during the war, at one time contributing \$10,000 to the Christian Commission.

**STREATOR**, a city (laid out in 1868 and incorporated in 1882) in the southern part of La Salle County, 93 miles southwest of Chicago; situated on the Vermilion River and a central point for five railroads. It is surrounded by a rich agricultural country, and is underlaid by coal seams (two of which are worked) and by shale and various clay products of value, adapted to the manufacture of fire and building-brick, drain-pipe, etc. The city is thoroughly modern, having gas, electric lighting, street railways, water-works, a good fire-department, and a large, improved public park. Churches and schools are numerous, as are also fine public and private buildings. One of the chief industries is the manufacture of glass, including rolled-plate,

window-glass, flint and Bohemian ware and glass bottles. Other successful industries are foundries and machine shops, flour mills, and clay working establishments. There are several banks, and three daily and weekly papers are published here. The estimated property valuation, in 1884, was \$12,000,000. Streator boasts some handsome public buildings, especially the Government post-office and the Carnegie public library building, both of which have been erected within the past few years. Pop. (1890), 11,414; (1900), 14,079.

**STREET, Joseph M.**, pioneer and early politician, settled at Shawneetown about 1812, coming from Kentucky, though believed to have been a native of Eastern Virginia. In 1827 he was a Brigadier-General of militia, and appears to have been prominent in the affairs of that section of the State. His correspondence with Governor Edwards, about this time, shows him to have been a man of far more than ordinary education, with a good opinion of his merits and capabilities. He was a most persistent applicant for office, making urgent appeals to Governor Edwards, Henry Clay and other politicians in Kentucky, Virginia and Washington, on the ground of his poverty and large family. In 1827 he received the offer of the clerkship of the new county of Peoria, but, on visiting that region, was disgusted with the prospect; returning to Shawneetown, bought a farm in Sangamon County, but, before the close of the year, was appointed Indian Agent at Prairie du Chien. This was during the difficulties with the Winnebago Indians, upon which he made voluminous reports to the Secretary of War. Mr. Street was a son-in-law of Gen. Thomas Posey, a Revolutionary soldier, who was prominent in the early history of Indiana and its last Territorial Governor. (See *Posey*, (*Gen.*) *Thomas*.)

**STREETER, Alson J.**, farmer and politician, was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., in 1823; at the age of two years accompanied his father to Illinois, the family settling at Dixon, Lee County. He attended Knox College for three years, and, in 1849, went to California, where he spent two years in gold mining. Returning to Illinois, he purchased a farm of 240 acres near New Windsor, Mercer County, to which he has since added several thousand acres. In 1872 he was elected to the lower house of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly as a Democrat, but, in 1873, allied himself with the Greenback party, whose candidate for Congress he was in 1878, and for Governor in 1880, when he received nearly 3,000 votes more than his party's Presidential nominee, in Illinois.

In 1884 he was elected State Senator by a coalition of Greenbackers and Democrats in the Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, but acted as an independent throughout his entire term.

**STRONG, William Emerson**, soldier, was born at Granville, N. Y., in 1840; from 13 years of age, spent his early life in Wisconsin, studied law and was admitted to the bar at Racine in 1861. The same year he enlisted under the first call for troops, took part, as Captain of a Wisconsin Company, in the first battle of Bull Run; was afterwards promoted and assigned to duty as Inspector-General in the West, participated in the Vicksburg and Atlanta campaigns, being finally advanced to the rank of Brigadier-General. After some fifteen months spent in the position of Inspector-General of the Freedmen's Bureau (1865-66), he located in Chicago, and became connected with several important business enterprises, besides assisting, as an officer on the staff of Governor Cullom, in the organization of the Illinois National Guard. He was elected on the first Board of Directors of the World's Columbian Exposition, and, while making a tour of Europe in the interest of that enterprise, died, at Florence, Italy, April 10, 1891.

**STUART, John Todd**, lawyer and Congressman, born near Lexington, Ky., Nov. 10, 1807—the son of Robert Stuart, a Presbyterian minister and Professor of Languages in Transylvania University, and related, on the maternal side, to the Todd family, of whom Mrs. Abraham Lincoln was a member. He graduated at Centre College, Danville, in 1826, and, after studying law, removed to Springfield, Ill., in 1828, and began practice. In 1832 he was elected Representative in the General Assembly, re-elected in 1834, and, in 1836, defeated, as the Whig candidate for Congress, by Wm. L. May, though elected, two years later, over Stephen A. Douglas, and again in 1840. In 1837, Abraham Lincoln, who had been studying law under Mr. Stuart's advice and instruction, became his partner, the relationship continuing until 1841. He served in the State Senate, 1849-53, was the Bell-Everett candidate for Governor in 1860, and was elected to Congress, as a Democrat, for a third time, in 1862, but, in 1864, was defeated by Shelby M. Cullom, his former pupil. During the latter years of his life, Mr. Stuart was head of the law firm of Stuart, Edwards & Brown. Died, at Springfield, Nov. 28, 1885.

**STURGES, Solomon**, merchant and banker, was born at Fairfield, Conn., April 21, 1796, early manifested a passion for the sea and, in 1810,



made a voyage, on a vessel of which his brother was captain, from New York to Georgetown, D. C., intending to continue it to Lisbon. At Georgetown he was induced to accept a position as clerk with a Mr. Williams, where he was associated with two other youths, as fellow-employés, who became eminent bankers and capitalists—W. W. Corcoran, afterwards the well-known banker of Washington, and George W. Peabody, who had a successful banking career in England, and won a name as one of the most liberal and public-spirited of philanthropists. During the War of 1812 young Sturges joined a volunteer infantry company, where he had, for comrades, George W. Peabody and Francis S. Key, the latter author of the popular national song, "The Star Spangled Banner." In 1814 Mr. Sturges accepted a clerkship in the store of his brother-in-law, Ebenezer Buckingham, at Putnam, Muskingum County, Ohio, two years later becoming a partner in the concern, where he developed that business capacity which laid the foundation for his future wealth. Before steamers navigated the waters of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, he piloted flat-boats, loaded with produce and merchandise, to New Orleans, returning overland. During one of his visits to that city, he witnessed the arrival of the "Washington," the first steamer to descend the Mississippi, as, in 1817, he saw the arrival of the "Walk-in-the-Water" at Detroit, the first steamer to arrive from Buffalo—the occasion of his visit to Detroit being to carry funds to General Cass to pay off the United States troops. About 1849 he was associated with the construction of the Wabash & Erie Canal, from the Ohio River to Terre Haute, Ind., advancing money for the prosecution of the work, for which was reimbursed by the State. In 1854 he came to Chicago, and, in partnership with his brothers-in-law, C. P. and Alvah Buckingham, erected the first large grain-elevator in that city, on land leased from the Illinois Central Railroad Company, following it, two years later, by another of equal capacity. For a time, substantially all the grain coming into Chicago, by railroad, passed into these elevators. In 1857 he established the private banking house of Solomon Sturges & Sons, which, shortly after his death, under the management of his son, George Sturges, became the Northwestern National Bank of Chicago. He was intensely patriotic and, on the breaking-out of the War of the Rebellion, used of his means freely in support of the Government, equipping the Sturges Rifles, an independent company, at a cost of \$20,000. He was also a

subscriber to the first loan made by the Government, during this period, taking \$100,000 in Government bonds. While devoted to his business, he was a hater of shams and corruption, and contributed freely to Christian and benevolent enterprises. Died, at the home of a daughter, at Zanesville, Ohio, Oct. 14, 1864, leaving a large fortune acquired by legitimate trade.

**STURTEVANT, Julian Munson, D.D., LL.D.,** clergyman and educator, was born at Warren, Litchfield County, Conn., July 26, 1805; spent his youth in Summit County, Ohio, meanwhile preparing for college; in 1822, entered Yale College as the classmate of the celebrated Elizur Wright, graduating in 1826. After two years as Principal of an academy at Canaan, Conn., he entered Yale Divinity School, graduating there in 1829; then came west, and, after spending a year in superintending the erection of buildings, in December, 1830, as sole tutor, began instruction to a class of nine pupils in what is now Illinois College, at Jacksonville. Having been joined, the following year, by Dr. Edward Beecher as President, Mr. Sturtevant assumed the chair of Mathematics, Natural Philosophy and Astronomy, which he retained until 1844, when, by the retirement of Dr. Beecher, he succeeded to the offices of President and Professor of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy. Here he labored, incessantly and unselfishly, as a teacher during term time, and, as financial agent during vacations, in the interest of the institution of which he had been one of the chief founders, serving until 1876, when he resigned the Presidency, giving his attention, for the next ten years, to the duties of Professor of Mental Science and Science of Government, which he had discharged from 1870. In 1886 he retired from the institution entirely, having given to its service fifty-six years of his life. In 1863, Dr. Sturtevant visited Europe in the interest of the Union cause, delivering effective addresses at a number of points in England. He was a frequent contributor to the weekly religious and periodical press, and was the author of "Economics, or the Science of Wealth" (1876)—a text-book on political economy, and "Keys of Sect, or the Church of the New Testament" (1879), besides frequently occupying the pulpits of local and distant churches—having been early ordained a Congregational minister. He received the degree of D.D. from the University of Missouri and that of LL.D. from Iowa University. Died, in Jacksonville, Feb. 11, 1886.—**Julian M. (Sturtevant), Jr.,** son of the preceding, was born at Jacksonville, Ill., Feb. 2, 1834; fitted for col-

lege in the preparatory department of Illinois College and graduated from the college (proper) in 1854. After leaving college he served as teacher in the Jacksonville public schools one year, then spent a year as tutor in Illinois College, when he began the study of theology at Andover Theological Seminary, graduating there in 1859, meanwhile having discharged the duties of Chaplain of the Connecticut State's prison in 1858. He was ordained a minister of the Congregational Church at Hannibal, Mo., in 1860, remaining as pastor in that city nine years. He has since been engaged in pastoral work in New York City (1869-70), Ottawa, Ill., (1870-73); Denver, Colo., (1873-77); Grinnell, Iowa, (1877-84); Cleveland, Ohio, (1884-90); Galesburg, Ill., (1890-93), and Aurora, (1893-97). Since leaving the Congregational church at Aurora, Dr. Sturtevant has been engaged in pastoral work in Chicago. He was also editor of "The Congregationalist" of Iowa (1881-84), and, at different periods, has served as Trustee of Colorado, Marietta and Knox Colleges; being still an honored member of the Knox College Board. He received the degree of D.D. from Illinois College, in 1879.

**SUBLETTE**, a station and village on the Illinois Central Railroad, in Lee County, 8 miles northwest of Mendota. Population, (1900), 306.

**SUFFRAGE**, in general, the right or privilege of voting. The qualifications of electors (or voters), in the choice of public officers in Illinois, are fixed by the State Constitution (Art. VII.), except as to school officers, which are prescribed by law. Under the State Constitution the exercise of the right to vote is limited to persons who were electors at the time of the adoption of the Constitution of 1848, or who are native or naturalized male citizens of the United States, of the age of 21 years or over, who have been residents of the State one year, of the county ninety days, and of the district (or precinct) in which they offer to vote, 30 days. Under an act passed in 1891, women, of 21 years of age and upwards, are entitled to vote for school officers, and are also eligible to such offices under the same conditions, as to age and residence, as male citizens. (See *Elections; Australian Ballot.*)

**SULLIVAN**, a city and county-seat of Moultrie County, 25 miles southeast of Decatur and 14 miles northwest of Mattoon; is on three lines of railway. It is in an agricultural and stock-raising region; contains two State banks and four weekly newspapers. Population (1880), 1,305; (1890), 1,468; (1900), 2,399; (1900, est.), 3,100.

**SULLIVAN, William K.**, journalist, was born at Waterford, Ireland, Nov. 10, 1843; educated at the Waterford Model School and in Dublin; came to the United States in 1863, and, after teaching for a time in Kane County, in 1864 enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-first Regiment Illinois Volunteers. Then, after a brief season spent in teaching and on a visit to his native land, he began work as a reporter on New York papers, later being employed on "The Chicago Tribune" and "The Evening Journal," on the latter, at different times, holding the position of city editor, managing editor and correspondent. He was also a Representative from Cook County in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, for three years a member of the Chicago Board of Education, and appointed United States Consul to the Bermudas by President Harrison, resigning in 1892. Died, in Chicago, January 17, 1899.

**SULLIVANT, Michael Lucas**, agriculturist, was born at Franklinton (a suburb of Columbus, Ohio), August 6, 1807; was educated at Ohio University and Centre College, Ky., and—after being engaged in the improvement of an immense tract of land inherited from his father near his birth-place, devoting much attention, meanwhile, to the raising of improved stock—in 1854 sold his Ohio lands and bought 80,000 acres, chiefly in Champaign and Piatt Counties, Ill., where he began farming on a larger scale than before. The enterprise proved a financial failure, and he was finally compelled to sell a considerable portion of his estate in Champaign County, known as Broad Lands, to John T. Alexander (see *Alexander, John T.*), retiring to a farm of 40,000 acres at Burr Oaks, Ill. He died, at Henderson, Ky., Jan. 29, 1879.

**SUMMERFIELD**, a village of St. Clair County, on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway, 27 miles east of St. Louis; was the home of Gen. Fred. Hecker. Population (1900), 360.

**SUMNER**, a city of Lawrence County, on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, 19 miles west of Vincennes, Ind.; has a fine school house, four churches, two banks, two flour mills, telephones, and one weekly newspaper. Pop. (1890), 1,037; (1900), 1,268.

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.** The office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction was created by act of the Legislature, at a special session held in 1854, its duties previous to that time, from 1845, having been discharged by the Secretary of State as Superintendent, ex-officio. The following is a list of the incumbents from the date of the formal

creation of the office down to the present time (1899), with the date and duration of the term of each: Ninian W. Edwards (by appointment of the Governor), 1854-57; William H. Powell (by election), 1857-59; Newton Bateman, 1859-63; John P. Brooks, 1863-65; Newton Bateman, 1865-75; Samuel W. Etter, 1875-79; James P. Slade, 1879-83; Henry Raab, 1883-87; Richard Edwards, 1887-91; Henry Raab, 1891-95; Samuel M. Inglis, 1895-98; James H. Freeman, June, 1898, to January, 1899 (by appointment of the Governor, to fill the unexpired term of Prof. Inglis, who died in office, June 1, 1898); Alfred Baylis, 1899—.

Previous to 1870 the tenure of the office was two years, but, by the Constitution adopted that year, it was extended to four years, the elections occurring on the even years between those for Governor and other State officers except State Treasurer.

**SUPREME COURT, JUDGES OF THE.** The following is a list of Justices of the Supreme Court of Illinois who have held office since the organization of the State Government, with the period of their respective incumbencies: Joseph Phillips, 1818-22 (resigned); Thomas C. Browne, 1818-48 (term expired on adoption of new Constitution); William P. Foster, Oct. 9, 1818, to July 7, 1819 (resigned); John Reynolds, 1818-25; Thomas Reynolds (vice Phillips), 1822-25; William Wilson (vice Foster) 1819-48 (term expired on adoption of new Constitution); Samuel D. Lockwood, 1825-48 (term expired on adoption of new Constitution); Theophilus W. Smith, 1825-42 (resigned); Thomas Ford, Feb. 15, 1841, to August 1, 1842 (resigned); Sidney Breese, Feb. 15, 1841, to Dec. 19, 1842 (resigned)—also (by re-elections), 1857-78 (died in office); Walter B. Scates, 1841-47 (resigned)—also (vice Trumbull), 1854-57 (resigned); Samuel H. Treat, 1841-55 (resigned); Stephen A. Douglas, 1841-42 (resigned); John D. Caton (vice Ford) August, 1842, to March, 1843—also (vice Robinson and by successive re-elections), May, 1843 to January, 1864 (resigned); James Semple (vice Breese), Jan. 14, 1843, to April 16, 1843 (resigned); Richard M. Young (vice Smith), 1843-47 (resigned); John M. Robinson (vice Ford), Jan. 14, 1843, to April 27, 1843 (died in office); Jesse B. Thomas, Jr., (vice Douglas), 1843-45 (resigned)—also (vice Young), 1847-48; James Shields (vice Semple), 1843-45 (resigned); Norman H. Purple (vice Thomas), 1843-48 (retired under Constitution of 1848); Gustavus Koerner (vice Shields), 1845-48 (retired by Constitution); William A. Denning (vice Scates), 1847-48 (re-

tired by Constitution); Lyman Trumbull, 1848-53 (resigned); Ozias C. Skinner (vice Treat), 1855-58 (resigned); Pinkney H. Walker (vice Skinner), 1858-85 (deceased); Corydon Beckwith (by appointment, vice Caton), Jan. 7, 1864, to June 6, 1864; Charles B. Lawrence (one term), 1864-73; Anthony Thornton, 1870-73 (resigned); John M. Scott (two terms), 1870-88; Benjamin R. Sheldon (two terms), 1870-88; William K. McAllister, 1870-75 (resigned); John Scholfield (vice Thornton), 1873-93 (died); T. Lyle Dickey (vice McAllister), 1875-85 (died); David J. Baker (appointed, vice Breese), July 9, 1878, to June 2, 1879—also, 1888-97; John H. Mulkey, 1879-88; Damon G. Tunncliffe (appointed, vice Walker), Feb. 15, 1885, to June 1, 1885; Simeon P. Shope, 1885-94; Joseph M. Bailey, 1888-95 (died in office). The Supreme Court, as at present constituted (1899), is as follows: Carroll C. Boggs, elected, 1897; Jesse J. Phillips (vice Scholfield, deceased) elected, 1893, and re-elected, 1897; Jacob W. Wilkin, elected, 1888, and re-elected, 1897; Joseph N. Carter, elected, 1894; Alfred M. Craig, elected, 1873, and re-elected, 1882 and '91; James H. Cartwright (vice Bailey), elected, 1895, and re-elected, 1897; Benjamin D. Magruder (vice Dickey), elected, 1885, '88 and '97. The terms of Justices Boggs, Phillips, Wilkin, Cartwright and Magruder expire in 1906; that of Justice Carter on 1903; and Justice Craig's, in 1900. Under the Constitution of 1818, the Justices of the Supreme Court were chosen by joint ballot of the Legislature, but, under the Constitutions of 1848 and 1870, by popular vote for terms of nine years each. (See *Judicial System*; also sketches of individual members of the Supreme Court under their proper names.)

**SURVEYS, EARLY GOVERNMENT.** The first United States law passed on the subject of Government surveys was dated, May 20, 1785. After reserving certain lands to be allotted by way of pensions and to be donated for school purposes, it provided for the division of the remaining public lands among the original thirteen States. This, however, was, in effect, repealed by the Ordinance of 1788. The latter provided for a rectangular system of surveys which, with but little modification, has remained in force ever since. Briefly outlined, the system is as follows: Townships, six miles square, are laid out from principal bases, each township containing thirty-six sections of one square mile, numbered consecutively, the numeration to commence at the upper right hand corner of the township. The first principal meridian (84° 51' west of Greenwich), coincided

with the line dividing Indiana and Ohio. The second (1° 37' farther west) had direct relation to surveys in Eastern Illinois. The third (89° 10' 30" west of Greenwich) and the fourth (90° 29' 56" west) governed the remainder of Illinois surveys. The first Public Surveyor was Thomas Hutchins, who was called "the geographer." (See *Hutchins, Thomas*.)

**SWEET, (Gen.) Benjamin J.**, soldier, was born at Kirkland, Oneida County, N. Y., April 24, 1832; came with his father, in 1848, to Sheboygan, Wis., studied law, was elected to the State Senate in 1859, and, in 1861, enlisted in the Sixth Wisconsin Volunteers, being commissioned Major in 1862. Later, he resigned and, returning home, assisted in the organization of the Twenty-first and Twenty-second regiments, being elected Colonel of the former; and with it taking part in the campaign in Western Kentucky and Tennessee. In 1863 he was assigned to command at Camp Douglas, and was there on the exposure, in November, 1864, of the conspiracy to release the rebel prisoners. (See *Camp Douglas Conspiracy*.) The service which he rendered in the defeat of this bold and dangerous conspiracy evinced his courage and sagacity, and was of inestimable value to the country. After the war, General Sweet located at Lombard, near Chicago, was appointed Pension Agent at Chicago, afterwards served as Supervisor of Internal Revenue, and, in 1872, became Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington. Died, in Washington, Jan. 1, 1874. — **Miss Ada C. (Sweet)**, for eight years (1874-82) the efficient Pension Agent at Chicago, is General Sweet's daughter.

**SWEETSER, A. C.**, soldier and Department Commander G. A. R., was born in Oxford County, Maine, in 1839; came to Bloomington, Ill., in 1857; enlisted at the beginning of the Civil War in the Eighth Illinois Volunteers and, later, in the Thirty-ninth; at the battle of Wierbottom Church, Va., in June, 1864, was shot through both legs, necessitating the amputation of one of them. After the war he held several offices of trust, including those of City Collector of Bloomington and Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for the Springfield District; in 1887 was elected Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for Illinois. Died, at Bloomington, March 23, 1896.

**SWETT, Leonard**, lawyer, was born near Turner, Maine, August 11, 1825, was educated at Waterville College (now Colby University), but left before graduation, read law in Portland, and,

while seeking a location in the West, enlisted in an Indiana regiment for the Mexican War, being attacked by climatic fever, was discharged before completing his term of enlistment. He soon after came to Bloomington, Ill., where he became the intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln and David Davis, traveling the circuit with them for a number of years. He early became active in State politics, was a member of the Republican State Convention of 1856, was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly in 1858, and, in 1860, was a zealous supporter of Mr. Lincoln as a Presidential Elector for the State-at-large. In 1862 he received the Republican nomination for Congress in his District, but was defeated. Removing to Chicago in 1865, he gained increased distinction as a lawyer, especially in the management of criminal cases. In 1872 he was a supporter of Horace Greeley for President, but later returned to the Republican party, and, in the National Republican Convention of 1888, presented the name of Judge Gresham for nomination for the Presidency. Died, June 8, 1889.

**SWIGERT, Charles Philip**, ex-Auditor of Public Accounts, was born in the Province of Baden, Germany, Nov. 27, 1843, brought by his parents to Chicago, Ill., in childhood, and, in his boyhood, attended the Scammon School in that city. In 1854 his family removed to a farm in Kankakee County, where, between the ages of 12 and 18, he assisted his father in "breaking" between 400 and 500 acres of prairie land. On the breaking out of the war, in 1861, although scarcely 18 years of age, he enlisted as a private in the Forty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and, in April, 1862, was one of twenty heroic volunteers who ran the blockade, on the gunboat Carondelet, at Island No. 10, assisting materially in the reduction of that rebel stronghold, which resulted in the capture of 7,000 prisoners. At the battle of Farmington, Miss., during the siege of Corinth, in May, 1862, he had his right arm torn from its socket by a six-pound cannon-ball, compelling his retirement from the army. Returning home, after many weeks spent in hospital at Jefferson Barracks and Quincy, Ill., he received his final discharge, Dec. 21, 1862, spent a year in school, also took a course in Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College in Chicago, and having learned to write with his left hand, taught for a time in Kankakee County; served as letter-carrier in Chicago, and for a year as Deputy County Clerk of Kankakee County, followed by two terms (1867-69) as a student in the Soldiers' College at Fulton,



Ill. The latter year he entered upon the duties of Treasurer of Kankakee County, serving, by successive re-elections, until 1880, when he resigned to take the position of State Auditor, to which he was elected a second time in 1884. In all these positions Mr. Swigert has proved himself an upright, capable and high-minded public official. Of late years his residence has been in Chicago.

**SWING, (Rev.) David**, clergyman and pulpit orator, was born of German ancestry, at Cincinnati, Ohio, August 23, 1836. After 1837 (his father dying about this time), the family resided for a time at Reedsburgh, and, later, on a farm near Williamsburgh, in Clermont County, in the same State. In 1852, having graduated from the Miami (Ohio) University, he commenced the study of theology, but, in 1854, accepted the position of Professor of Languages in his Alma Mater, which he continued to fill for thirteen years. His first pastorate was in connection with the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Chicago, which he assumed in 1866. His church edifice was destroyed in the great Chicago fire, but was later rebuilt. As a preacher he was popular; but, in April, 1874, he was placed on trial, before an ecclesiastical court of his own denomination, on charges of heresy. He was acquitted by the trial court, but, before the appeal taken by the prosecution could be heard, he personally withdrew from affiliation with the denomination. Shortly afterward he became pastor of an independent religious organization known as the "Central Church," preaching, first at McVicker's Theatre and, afterward, at Central Music Hall, Chicago. He was a fluent and popular speaker on all themes, a frequent and valued contributor to numerous magazines, as well as the author of several volumes. Among his best known books are "Motives of Life," "Truths for To-day," and "Club Essays." Died, in Chicago, Oct. 3, 1894.

**SYCAMORE**, the county-seat of De Kalb County (founded in 1836), 56 miles west of Chicago, at the intersection of the Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago Great Western Railroads; lies in a region devoted to agriculture, dairying and stock-raising. The city itself contains several factories, the principal products being agricultural implements, flour, insulated wire, brick, tile, varnish, furniture, soap and carriages and wagons. There are also works for canning vegetables and fruit, besides two creameries. The town is lighted by electricity, and has high-pressure water-works. There are eleven churches, three graded public schools and a

young ladies' seminary. Population (1880), 3,028; (1890), 2,987; (1900), 3,653.

**TAFT, Lorado**, sculptor, was born at Elmwood, Peoria County, Ill., April 29, 1860; at an early age evinced a predilection for sculpture and began modeling; graduated at the University of Illinois in 1880, then went to Paris and studied sculpture in the famous Ecole des Beaux Arts until 1885. The following year he settled in Chicago, finally becoming associated with the Chicago Art Institute. He has been a lecturer on art in the Chicago University. Mr. Taft furnished the decorations of the Horticultural Building on the World's Fair Grounds, in 1893.

**TALCOTT, Mancel**, business man, was born in Rome, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1817; attended the common schools until 17 years of age, when he set out for the West, traveling on foot from Detroit to Chicago, and thence to Park Ridge, where he worked at farming until 1850. Then, having followed the occupation of a miner for some time, in California, with some success, he united with Horace M. Singer in establishing the firm of Singer & Talcott, stone-dealers, which lasted during most of his life. He served as a member of the Chicago City Council, on the Board of County Commissioners, as a member of the Police Board, and was one of the founders of the First National Bank, and President, for several years, of the Stock Yards National Bank. Liberal and public-spirited, he contributed freely to works of charity. Died, June 5, 1878.

**TALCOTT, (Capt.) William**, soldier of the War of 1812 and pioneer, was born in Gilead, Conn., March 6, 1774; emigrated to Rome, Oneida County, N. Y., in 1810, and engaged in farming; served as a Lieutenant in the Oneida County militia during the War of 1812-14, being stationed at Sackett's Harbor under the command of Gen. Winfield Scott. In 1835, in company with his eldest son, Thomas B. Talcott, he made an extended tour through the West, finally selecting a location in Illinois at the junction of Rock River and the Pecatonica, where the town of Rockton now stands—there being only two white families, at that time, within the present limits of Winnebago County. Two years later (1837), he brought his family to this point, with his sons took up a considerable body of Government land and erected two mills, to which customers came from a long distance. In 1838 Captain Talcott took part in the organization of the first Congregational Church in that section of the State. A zealous anti-slavery man, he supported James G.

Birney (the Liberty candidate for President) in 1844, continuing to act with that party until the organization of the Republican party in 1856; was deeply interested in the War for the Union, but died before its conclusion, Sept. 2, 1864.—**Maj. Thomas B. (Talcott)**, oldest son of the preceding, was born at Hebron, Conn., April 17, 1806; was taken to Rome, N. Y., by his father in infancy, and, after reaching maturity, engaged in mercantile business with his brother in Chemung County; in 1835 accompanied his father in a tour through the West, finally locating at Rockton, where he engaged in agriculture. On the organization of Winnebago County, in 1836, he was elected one of the first County Commissioners, and, in 1850, to the State Senate, serving four years. He also held various local offices. Died, Sept. 30, 1894.—**Hon. Wait (Talcott)**, second son of Capt. William Talcott, was born at Hebron, Conn., Oct. 17, 1807, and taken to Rome, N. Y., where he remained until his 19th year, when he engaged in business at Booneville and, still later, in Utica; in 1838, removed to Illinois and joined his father at Rockton, finally becoming a citizen of Rockford, where, in his later years, he was extensively engaged in manufacturing, having become, in 1854, with his brother Sylvester, a partner of the firm of J. H. Manny & Co., in the manufacture of the Manny reaper and mower. He was an original anti-slavery man and, at one time, a Free-Soil candidate for Congress, but became a zealous Republican and ardent friend of Abraham Lincoln, whom he employed as an attorney in the famous suit of McCormick vs. the Manny Reaper Company for infringement of patent. In 1854 he was elected to the State Senate, succeeding his brother, Thomas B., and was the first Collector of Internal Revenue in the Second District, appointed by Mr. Lincoln in 1862, and continuing in office some five years. Though too old for active service in the field, during the Civil War, he voluntarily hired a substitute to take his place. Mr. Talcott was one of the original incorporators and Trustees of Beloit College, and a founder of Rockford Female Seminary, remaining a trustee of each for many years. Died, June 7, 1890.—**Sylvester (Talcott)**, third son of William Talcott, born at Rome, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1810; when of age, engaged in mercantile business in Chemung County; in 1837 removed, with other members of the family, to Winnebago County, Ill., where he joined his father in the entry of Government lands and the erection of mills, as already detailed. He became one of the first Justices of the Peace in Winne-

bago County, also served as Supervisor for a number of years and, although a farmer, became interested, in 1854, with his brother Wait, in the Manny Reaper Company at Rockford. He also followed the example of his brother, just named, in furnishing a substitute for the War of the Rebellion, though too old for service himself. Died, June 19, 1885.—**Henry Walter (Talcott)**, fourth son of William Talcott, was born at Rome, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1814; came with his father to Winnebago County, Ill., in 1835, and was connected with his father and brothers in business. Died, Dec. 9, 1870.—**Dwight Lewis (Talcott)**, oldest son of Henry Walter Talcott, born in Winnebago County; at the age of 17 years enlisted at Belvidere, in January, 1864, as a soldier in the Ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry; served as provost guard some two months at Fort Pickering, near Memphis, and later took part in many of the important battles of that year in Mississippi and Tennessee. Having been captured at Campbellsville, Tenn., he was taken to Andersonville, Ga., where he suffered all the horrors of that famous prison-pen, until March, 1865, when he was released, arriving at home a helpless skeleton, the day after Abraham Lincoln's assassination. Mr. Talcott subsequently settled in Muscatine County, Iowa.

**TALLULA**, a prosperous village of Menard County, on the Jacksonville branch of the Chicago & Alton Railway, 24 miles northeast of Jacksonville; is in the midst of a grain, coal-mining, and stock-growing region; has a local bank and newspaper. Pop. (1890), 445; (1900), 639.

**TAMAROA**, a village in Perry County, situated at the junction of the Illinois Central with the Wabash, Chester & Western Railroad, 8 miles north of Duquoin, and 57 miles east-southeast of Belleville. It has a bank, a newspaper office, a large public school, five churches and two flouring mills. Coal is mined here and exported in large quantities. Pop. (1900), 853.

**TAMAROA & MOUNT VERNON RAILROAD.** (See *Wabash, Chester & Western Railroad.*)

**TANNER, Edward Allen**, clergyman and educator, was born of New England ancestry, at Waverly, Ill., Nov. 29, 1837—being the first child who could claim nativity there; was educated in the local schools and at Illinois College, graduating from the latter in 1857; spent four years teaching in his native place and at Jacksonville; then accepted the Professorship of Latin in Pacific University at Portland, Oregon, remaining four years, when he returned to his Alma Mater (1865), assuming there the chair of

Latin and Rhetoric. In 1881 he was appointed financial agent of the latter institution, and, in 1882, its President. While in Oregon he had been ordained a minister of the Congregational Church, and, for a considerable period during his connection with Illinois College, officiated as Chaplain of the Central Hospital for the Insane at Jacksonville, besides supplying local and other pulpits. He labored earnestly for the benefit of the institution under his charge, and, during his incumbency, added materially to its endowment and resources. Died, at Jacksonville, Feb. 8, 1892.

**TANNER, John R.**, Governor, was born in Warrick County, Ind., April 4, 1844, and brought to Southern Illinois in boyhood, where he grew up on a farm in the vicinity of Carbondale, enjoying only such educational advantages as were afforded by the common school; in 1863, at the age of 19, enlisted in the Ninety-eighth Illinois Volunteers, serving until June, 1865, when he was transferred to the Sixty-first, and finally mustered out in September following. All the male members of Governor Tanner's family were soldiers of the late war, his father dying in a rebel prison at Columbus, Miss., one of his brothers suffering the same fate from wounds at Nashville, Tenn., and another brother dying in hospital at Pine Bluff, Ark. Only one of this patriotic family, besides Governor Tanner, still survives—Mr. J. M. Tanner of Clay County, who left the service with the rank of Lieutenant of the Thirtieth Illinois Cavalry. Returning from the war, Mr. Tanner established himself in business as a farmer in Clay County, later engaging successfully in the milling and lumber business as the partner of his brother. The public positions held by him, since the war, include those of Sheriff of Clay County (1870-72), Clerk of the Circuit Court (1872-76), and State Senator (1880-83). During the latter year he received the appointment of United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois, serving until after the accession of President Cleveland in 1885. In 1886, he was the Republican nominee for State Treasurer and was elected by an unusually large majority; in 1891 was appointed, by Governor Fifer, a member of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, but, in 1892, received the appointment of Assistant United States Treasurer at Chicago, continuing in the latter office until December, 1893. For ten years (1874-84) he was a member of the Republican State Central Committee, returning to that body in 1894, when he was chosen Chairman and conducted the campaign which

resulted in the unprecedented Republican successes of that year. In 1896 he received the nomination of his party for Governor, and was elected over Gov. John P. Altgeld, his Democratic opponent, by a plurality of over 113,000, and a majority, over all, of nearly 90,000 votes.

**TANNER, Tazewell B.**, jurist, was born in Henry County, Va., and came to Jefferson County, Ill., about 1846 or '47, at first taking a position as teacher and Superintendent of Public Schools. Later, he was connected with "The Jeffersonian," a Democratic paper at Mount Vernon, and, in 1849, went to the gold regions of California, meeting with reasonable success as a miner. Returning in a year or two, he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court, and, while in the discharge of his duties, prosecuted the study of law, finally, on admission to the bar, entering into partnership with the late Col. Thomas S. Casey. In 1854 he was elected Representative in the Nineteenth General Assembly, and was instrumental in securing the appropriation for the erection of a Supreme Court building at Mount Vernon. In 1862 he served as a Delegate to the State Constitutional Convention of that year; was elected Circuit Judge in 1873, and, in 1877, was assigned to duty on the Appellate bench, but, at the expiration of his term, declined a re-election and resumed the practice of his profession at Mount Vernon. Died, March 25, 1880.

**TAXATION**, in its legal sense, the mode of raising revenue. In its general sense its purposes are the support of the State and local governments, the promotion of the public good by fostering education and works of public improvement, the protection of society by the preservation of order and the punishment of crime, and the support of the helpless and destitute. In practice, and as prescribed by the Constitution, the raising of revenue is required to be done "by levying a tax by valuation, so that every person and corporation shall pay a tax in proportion to the value of his, her or its property—such value to be ascertained by some person or persons, to be elected or appointed in such manner as the General Assembly shall direct, and not otherwise." (State Constitution, 1870—Art. Revenue, Sec. 1.) The person selected under the law to make this valuation is the Assessor of the county or the township (in counties under township organization), and he is required to make a return to the County Board at its July meeting each year—the latter having authority to hear complaints of taxpayers and adjust inequalities when found to exist. It is made the duty of the Assessor to

include in his return, as real-estate, all lands and the buildings or other improvements erected thereon; and, under the head of personal property, all tangible effects, besides moneys, credits, bonds or stocks, shares of stock of companies or corporations, investments, annuities, franchises, royalties, etc. Property used for school, church or cemetery purposes, as well as public buildings and other property belonging to the State and General Government, municipalities, public charities, public libraries, agricultural and scientific societies, are declared exempt. Nominally, all property subject to taxation is required to be assessed at its cash valuation; but, in reality, the valuation, of late years, has been on a basis of twenty-five to thirty-three per cent of its estimated cash value. In the larger cities, however, the valuation is often much lower than this, while very large amounts escape assessment altogether. The Revenue Act, passed at the special session of the Fortieth General Assembly (1898), requires the Assessor to make a return of all property subject to taxation in his district, at its cash valuation, upon which a Board of Review fixes a tax on the basis of twenty per cent of such cash valuation. An abstract of the property assessment of each county goes before the State Board of Equalization, at its annual meeting in August, for the purpose of comparison and equalizing valuations between counties, but the Board has no power to modify the assessments of individual tax-payers. (See *State Board of Equalization*.) This Board has exclusive power to fix the valuation for purposes of taxation of the capital stock or franchises of companies (except certain specified manufacturing corporations), incorporated under the State laws, together with the "railroad track" and "rolling stock" of railroads, and the capital stock of railroads and telegraph lines, and to fix the distribution of the latter between counties in which they lie.—The Constitution of 1848 empowered the Legislature to impose a capitation tax, of not less than fifty cents nor more than one dollar, upon each free white male citizen entitled to the right of suffrage, between the ages of 21 and 60 years, but the Constitution of 1870 grants no such power, though it authorizes the extension of the "objects and subjects of taxation" in accordance with the principle contained in the first section of the Revenue Article.—Special assessments in cities, for the construction of sewers, pavements, etc., being local and in the form of benefits, cannot be said to come under the head of general taxation. The same is to be said of revenue derived

from fines and penalties, which are forms of punishment for specific offenses, and go to the benefit of certain specified funds.

**TAYLOR, Abner**, ex-Congressman, is a native of Maine, and a resident of Chicago. He has been in active business all his life as contractor, builder and merchant, and, for some time, a member of the wholesale dry-goods firm of J. V. Farwell & Co., of Chicago. He was a member of the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, a delegate to the National Republican Convention of 1884, and represented the First Illinois District in the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Congresses, 1889 to 1893. Mr. Taylor was one of the contractors for the erection of the new State Capitol of Texas.

**TAYLOR, Benjamin Franklin**, journalist, poet and lecturer, was born at Lowville, N. Y., July 19, 1819; graduated at Madison University in 1839, the next year becoming literary and dramatic critic of "The Chicago Evening Journal." Here, in a few years, he acquired a wide reputation as a journalist and poet, and was much in demand as a lecturer on literary topics. His letters from the field during the Rebellion, as war correspondent of "The Evening Journal," won for him even a greater popularity, and were complimented by translation into more than one European language. After the war, he gave his attention more unreservedly to literature, his principal works appearing after that date. His publications in book form, including both prose and poetry, comprise the following: "Attractions of Language" (1845); "January and June" (1853); "Pictures in Camp and Field" (1871). "The World on Wheels" (1873); "Old Time Pictures and Sheaves of Rhyme" (1874); "Songs of Yesterday" (1877); "Summer Savory Gleaned from Rural Nooks" (1879); "Between the Gates"—pictures of California life—(1881); "Dulce Domum, the Burden of Song" (1884), and "Theophilus Trent, or Old Times in the Oak Openings," a novel (1887). The last was in the hands of the publishers at his death, Feb. 27, 1887. Among his most popular poems are "The Isle of the Long Ago," "The Old Village Choir," and "Rhymes of the River." "The London Times" complimented Mr. Taylor with the title of "The Oliver Goldsmith of America."

**TAYLOR, Edmund Dick**, early Indian-trader and legislator, was born at Fairfield, C. H., Va., Oct. 18, 1802—the son of a commissary in the army of the Revolution, under General Greene, and a cousin of General (later, President) Zachary Taylor; left his native State in his youth and, at an early day, came to Springfield, Ill., where he



opened an Indian-trading post and general store; was elected from Sangamon County to the lower branch of the Seventh General Assembly (1830) and re-elected in 1832—the latter year being a competitor of Abraham Lincoln, whom he defeated. In 1834 he was elected to the State Senate and, at the next session of the Legislature, was one of the celebrated "Long Nine" who secured the removal of the State Capital to Springfield. He resigned before the close of his term to accept, from President Jackson, the appointment of Receiver of Public Moneys at Chicago. Here he became one of the promoters of the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad (1837), serving as one of the Commissioners to secure subscriptions of stock, and was also active in advocating the construction of the Illinois & Michigan Canal. The title of "Colonel," by which he was known during most of his life, was acquired by service, with that rank, on the staff of Gov. John Reynolds, during the Black Hawk War of 1832. After coming to Chicago, Colonel Taylor became one of the Trustees of the Chicago branch of the State Bank, and was later identified with various banking enterprises, as also a somewhat extensive operator in real estate. An active Democrat in the early part of his career in Illinois, Colonel Taylor was one of the members of his party to take ground against the Kansas-Nebraska bill in 1854, and advocated the election of General Bissell to the governorship in 1856. In 1860 he was again in line with his party in support of Senator Douglas for the Presidency, and was an opponent of the war policy of the Government still later, as shown by his participation in the celebrated "Peace Convention" at Springfield, of June 17, 1863. In the latter years of his life he became extensively interested in coal lands in La Salle and adjoining counties, and, for a considerable time, served as President of the Northern Illinois Coal & Mining Company, his home, during a part of this period, being at Mendota. Died, in Chicago, Dec. 4, 1891.

**TAYLORVILLE**, a city and county-seat of Christian County, on the South Fork of the Sangamon River and on the Wabash Railway at its point of intersection with the Springfield Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern. It is about 27 miles southeast of Springfield, and 28 miles southwest of Decatur. It has several banks, flour mills, paper mill, electric light and gas plants, water-works, two coal mines, carriage and wagon shops, a manufactory of farming implements, two daily and weekly papers, nine churches and five graded and township high

schools. Much coal is mined in this vicinity. Pop. (1890), 2,839; (1900), 4,248.

**TAZEWELL COUNTY**, a central county on the Illinois River; was first settled in 1823 and organized in 1827; has an area of 650 square miles—was named for Governor Tazewell of Virginia. It is drained by the Illinois and Mackinaw Rivers and traversed by several lines of railway. The surface is generally level, the soil alluvial and rich, but, requiring drainage, especially on the river bottoms. Gravel, coal and sandstone are found, but, generally speaking, Tazewell is an agricultural county. The cereals are extensively cultivated; wool is also clipped, and there are dairy interests of some importance. Distilling is extensively conducted at Pekin, the county-seat, which is also the seat of other mechanical industries. (See also *Pekin*.) Population of the county (1880), 29,666; (1890), 29,556; (1900), 33,221.

**TEMPLE, John Taylor, M.D.**, early Chicago physician, born in Virginia in 1804, graduated in medicine at Middlebury College, Vt., in 1830, and, in 1833, arrived in Chicago. At this time he had a contract for carrying the United States mail from Chicago to Fort Howard, near Green Bay, and the following year undertook a similar contract between Chicago and Ottawa. Having sold these out three years later, he devoted his attention to the practice of his profession, though interested, for a time, in contracts for the construction of the Illinois & Michigan Canal. Dr. Temple was instrumental in erecting the first house (after Rev. Jesse Walker's missionary station at Wolf Point), for public religious worship in Chicago, and, although himself a Baptist, it was used in common by Protestant denominations. He was a member of the first Board of Trustees of Rush Medical College, though he later became a convert to homeopathy, and finally, removing to St. Louis, assisted in founding the St. Louis School of Homeopathy, dying there, Feb. 24, 1877.

**TENURE OF OFFICE.** (See *Elections*.)

**TERRE HAUTE, ALTON & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD.** (See *St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad*.)

**TERRE HAUTE & ALTON RAILROAD** (See *St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad*.)

**TERRE HAUTE & INDIANAPOLIS RAILROAD**, a corporation operating no line of its own within the State, but the lessee and operator of the following lines (which see): St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute, 158.3 miles; Terre Haute & Peoria, 145.12 miles; East St. Louis & Carondelet, 12.74 miles—total length of leased

lines in Illinois, 316.16 miles. The Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad was incorporated in Indiana in 1847, as the Terre Haute & Richmond, completed a line between the points named in the title, in 1852, and took its present name in 1866. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company purchased a controlling interest in its stock in 1893.

**TERRE HAUTE & PEORIA RAILROAD**, (Vandalia Line), a line of road extending from Terre Haute, Ind., to Peoria, Ill., 145.12 miles, with 28.78 miles of trackage, making in all 173.9 miles in operation, all being in Illinois—operated by the Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad Company. The gauge is standard, and the rails are steel. (HISTORY.) It was organized Feb. 7, 1857, successor to the Illinois Midland Railroad. The latter was made up by the consolidation (Nov. 4, 1874) of three lines: (1) The Peoria, Atlanta & Decatur Railroad, chartered in 1869 and opened in 1874; (2) the Paris & Decatur Railroad, chartered in 1861 and opened in December, 1872; and (3) the Paris & Terre Haute Railroad, chartered in 1873 and opened in 1874—the consolidated lines assuming the name of the Illinois Midland Railroad. In 1886 the Illinois Midland was sold under foreclosure and, in February, 1887, reorganized as the Terre Haute & Peoria Railroad. In 1892 it was leased for ninety-nine years to the Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad Company, and is operated as a part of the "Vandalia System." The capital stock (1898) was \$3,764,200; funded debt, \$2,230,000,—total capital invested, \$6,227,481.

**TEUTOPOLIS**, a village of Effingham County, on the Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad, 4 miles east of Effingham; was originally settled by a colony of Germans from Cincinnati. Population (1900), 498.

**THOMAS, Horace H.**, lawyer and legislator, was born in Vermont, Dec. 18, 1831, graduated at Middlebury College, and, after admission to the bar, removed to Chicago, where he commenced practice. At the outbreak of the rebellion he enlisted and was commissioned Assistant Adjutant-General of the Army of the Ohio. At the close of the war he took up his residence in Tennessee, serving as Quartermaster upon the staff of Governor Brownlow. In 1867 he returned to Chicago and resumed practice. He was elected a Representative in the Legislature in 1878 and re-elected in 1880, being chosen Speaker of the House during his latter term. In 1888 he was elected State Senator from the Sixth District, serving during the sessions of the Thirty-sixth

and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies. In 1897, General Thomas was appointed United States Appraiser in connection with the Custom House in Chicago.

**THOMAS, Jesse Burgess**, jurist and United States Senator, was born at Hagerstown, Md., claiming direct descent from Lord Baltimore. Taken west in childhood, he grew to manhood and settled at Lawrenceburg, Indiana Territory, in 1803; in 1805 was Speaker of the Territorial Legislature and, later, represented the Territory as Delegate in Congress. On the organization of Illinois Territory (which he had favored), he removed to Kaskaskia, was appointed one of the first Judges for the new Territory, and, in 1818, as Delegate from St. Clair County, presided over the first State Constitutional Convention, and, on the admission of the State, became one of the first United States Senators—Governor Edwards being his colleague. Though an avowed advocate of slavery, he gained no little prominence as the author of the celebrated "Missouri Compromise," adopted in 1820. He was re-elected to the Senate in 1823, serving until 1829. He subsequently removed to Mount Vernon, Ohio, where he died by suicide, May 4, 1853.—**Jesse Burgess (Thomas), Jr.**, nephew of the United States Senator of the same name, was born at Lebanon, Ohio, July 31, 1806, was educated at Transylvania University, and, being admitted to the bar, located at Edwardsville, Ill. He first appeared in connection with public affairs as Secretary of the State Senate in 1830, being re-elected in 1832; in 1834 was elected Representative in the General Assembly from Madison County, but, in February following, was appointed Attorney-General, serving only one year. He afterwards held the position of Circuit Judge (1837-39), his home being then in Springfield; in 1843 he became Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, by appointment of the Governor, as successor to Stephen A. Douglas, and was afterwards elected to the same office by the Legislature, remaining until 1848. During a part of his professional career he was the partner of David Prickett and William L. May, at Springfield, and afterwards a member of the Galena bar, finally removing to Chicago, where he died, Feb. 21, 1850.—**Jesse B. (Thomas) third**, clergyman and son of the last named; born at Edwardsville, Ill., July 29, 1832; educated at Kenyon College, Ohio, and Rochester (N. Y.) Theological Seminary; practiced law for a time in Chicago, but finally entered the Baptist ministry, serving churches at Waukegan, Ill., Brooklyn, N. Y., and San Francisco (1862-69). He

then became pastor of the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church, in Chicago, remaining until 1874, when he returned to Brooklyn. In 1887 he became Professor of Biblical History in the Theological Seminary at Newton, Mass., where he has since resided. He is the author of several volumes, and, in 1866, received the degree of D.D. from the old University of Chicago.

**THOMAS, John**, pioneer and soldier of the Black Hawk War, was born in Wythe County, Va., Jan. 11, 1800. At the age of 18 he accompanied his parents to St. Clair County, Ill., where the family located in what was then called the Alexander settlement, near the present site of Shiloh. When he was 22 he rented a farm (although he had not enough money to buy a horse) and married. Six years later he bought and stocked a farm, and, from that time forward, rapidly accumulated real property, until he became one of the most extensive owners of farming land in St. Clair County. In early life he was fond of military exercise, holding various offices in local organizations and serving as a Colonel in the Black Hawk War. In 1824 he was one of the leaders of the party opposed to the amendment of the State Constitution to sanction slavery, was a zealous opponent of the Kansas-Nebraska bill in 1854, and a firm supporter of the Republican party from the date of its formation. He was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly in 1838, '62, '64, '72 and '74; and to the State Senate in 1878, serving four years in the latter body. Died, at Belleville, Dec. 16, 1894, in the 95th year of his age.

**THOMAS, John R.**, ex-Congressman, was born at Mount Vernon, Ill., Oct. 11, 1846. He served in the Union Army during the War of the Rebellion, rising from the ranks to a captaincy. After his return home he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1869. From 1873 to 1876 he was State's Attorney, and, from 1879 to 1889, represented his District in Congress. In 1897, Mr. Thomas was appointed by President McKinley an additional United States District Judge for Indian Territory. His home is now at Vanita, in that Territory.

**THOMAS, William**, pioneer lawyer and legislator, was born in what is now Allen County, Ky., Nov. 22, 1802; received a rudimentary education, and served as deputy of his father (who was Sheriff), and afterwards of the County Clerk; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1823; in 1826 removed to Jacksonville, Ill., where he taught school, served as a private in the Winnebago War (1827), and at the session of 1828-29,

reported the proceedings of the General Assembly for "The Vandalia Intelligencer"; was State's Attorney and School Commissioner of Morgan County; served as Quartermaster and Commissary in the Black Hawk War (1831-32), first under Gen. Joseph Duncan and, a year later, under General Whiteside; in 1839 was appointed Circuit Judge, but legislated out of office two years later. It was as a member of the Legislature, however, that he gained the greatest prominence, first as State Senator in 1834-40, and Representative in 1846-48 and 1850-52, when he was especially influential in the legislation which resulted in establishing the institutions for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, and the Hospital for the Insane (the first in the State) at Jacksonville—serving, for a time, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the latter. He was also prominent in connection with many enterprises of a local character, including the establishment of the Illinois Female College, to which, although without children of his own, he was a liberal contributor. During the first year of the war he was a member of the Board of Army Auditors by appointment of Governor Yates. Died, at Jacksonville, August 22, 1889.

**THORNTON, Anthony**, jurist, was born in Bourbon County, Ky., Nov. 9, 1814—being descended from a Virginia family. After the usual primary instruction in the common schools, he spent two years in a high school at Gallatin, Tenn., when he entered Centre College at Danville, Ky., afterwards continuing his studies at Miami University, Ohio, where he graduated in 1834. Having studied law with an uncle at Paris, Ky., he was licensed to practice in 1836, when he left his native State with a view to settling in Missouri, but, visiting his uncle, Gen. William F. Thornton, at Shelbyville, Ill., was induced to establish himself in practice there. He served as a member of the State Constitutional Conventions of 1847 and 1862, and as Representative in the Seventeenth General Assembly (1850-52) for Shelby County. In 1864 he was elected to the Thirty-ninth Congress, and, in 1870, to the Illinois Supreme Court, but served only until 1873, when he resigned. In 1879 Judge Thornton removed to Decatur, Ill., but subsequently returned to Shelbyville, where (1898) he now resides.

**THORNTON, William Fitzhugh**, Commissioner of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, was born in Hanover County, Va., Oct. 4, 1789; in 1806, went to Alexandria, Va., where he conducted a drug business for a time, also acting as associate

editor of "The Alexandria Gazette." Subsequently removing to Washington City, he conducted a paper there in the interest of John Quincy Adams for the Presidency. During the War of 1812-14 he served as a Captain of cavalry, and, for a time, as staff-officer of General Winder. On occasion of the visit of Marquis La Fayette to America (1824-25) he accompanied the distinguished Frenchman from Baltimore to Richmond. In 1829 he removed to Kentucky, and, in 1833, to Shelbyville, Ill., where he soon after engaged in mercantile business, to which he added a banking and brokerage business in 1839, with which he was actively associated until his death. In 1836, he was appointed, by Governor Duncan, one of the Commissioners of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, serving as President of the Board until 1842. In 1840, he made a visit to London, as financial agent of the State, in the interest of the Canal, and succeeded in making a sale of bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000 on what were then considered favorable terms. General Thornton was an ardent Whig until the organization of the Republican party, when he became a Democrat. Died, at Shelbyville, Oct. 21, 1873.

**TILLSON, John**, pioneer, was born at Halifax, Mass., March 13, 1796; came to Illinois in 1819, locating at Hillsboro, Montgomery County, where he became a prominent and enterprising operator in real estate, doing a large business for eastern parties; was one of the founders of Hillsboro Academy and an influential and liberal friend of Illinois College, being a Trustee of the latter from its establishment until his death; was supported in the Legislature of 1827 for State Treasurer, but defeated by James Hall. Died, at Peoria, May 11, 1853.—**Christiana Holmes** (Tillson), wife of the preceding, was born at Kingston, Mass., Oct. 10, 1798; married to John Tillson in 1822, and immediately came to Illinois to reside; was a woman of rare culture and refinement, and deeply interested in benevolent enterprises. Died, in New York City, May 29, 1872.—**Charles Holmes** (Tillson), son of John and Christiana Holmes Tillson, was born at Hillsboro, Ill., Sept. 15, 1823; educated at Hillsboro Academy and Illinois College, graduating from the latter in 1844; studied law in St. Louis and at Transylvania University, was admitted to the bar in St. Louis and practiced there some years—also served several terms in the City Council, and was a member of the National Guard of Missouri in the War of the Rebellion. Died, Nov. 25, 1865.—**John** (Tillson), Jr., another son, was born at

Hillsboro, Ill., Oct. 12, 1825; educated at Hillsboro Academy and Illinois College, but did not graduate from the latter; graduated from Transylvania Law School, Ky., in 1847, and was admitted to the bar at Quincy, Ill., the same year; practiced two years at Galena, when he returned to Quincy. In 1861 he enlisted in the Tenth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, became its Lieutenant-Colonel, on the promotion of Col. J. D. Morgan to Brigadier-General, was advanced to the colonelcy, and, in July, 1865, was mustered out with the rank of brevet Brigadier-General; for two years later held a commission as Captain in the regular army. During a portion of 1869-70 he was editor of "The Quincy Whig"; in 1873 was elected Representative in the Twenty-eighth General Assembly to succeed Nehemiah Bushnell, who had died in office, and, during the same year, was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the Quincy District, serving until 1881. Died, August 6, 1892.

**TILLSON, Robert**, pioneer, was born in Halifax County, Mass., August 12, 1800; came to Illinois in 1822, and was employed, for several years, as a clerk in the land agency of his brother, John Tillson, at Hillsboro. In 1826 he engaged in the mercantile business with Charles Holmes, Jr., in St. Louis, but, in 1828, removed to Quincy, Ill., where he opened the first general store in that city; also served as Postmaster for some ten years. During this period he built the first two-story frame building erected in Quincy, up to that date. Retiring from the mercantile business in 1840 he engaged in real estate, ultimately becoming the proprietor of considerable property of this character; was also a contractor for furnishing cavalry accoutrements to the Government during the war. Soon after the war he erected one of the handsomest business blocks existing in the city at that time. Died, in Quincy, Dec. 27, 1892.

**TINCHER, John L.**, banker, was born in Kentucky in 1821; brought by his parents to Vermilion County, Ind., in 1829, and left an orphan at 17; attended school in Coles County, Ill., and was employed as clerk in a store at Danville, 1843-53. He then became a member of the firm of Tinchcr & English, merchants, later establishing a bank, which became the First National Bank of Danville. In 1864 Mr. Tinchcr was elected Representative in the Twenty-fourth General Assembly and, two years later, to the Senate, being re-elected in 1870. He was also a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1869-70. Died, in Springfield, Dec. 17, 1871,



while in attendance on the adjourned session of that year.

**TIPTON, Thomas F.**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, August 29, 1833; has been a resident of McLean County, Ill., from the age of 10 years, his present home being at Bloomington. He was admitted to the bar in 1857, and, from January, 1867, to December, 1868, was State's Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit. In 1870 he was elected Judge of the same circuit, and under the new Constitution, was chosen Judge of the new Fourteenth Circuit. From 1877 to 1879 he represented the (then) Thirteenth Illinois District in Congress, but, in 1878, was defeated by Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democratic nominee. In 1891 he was re-elected to a seat on the Circuit bench for the Bloomington Circuit, but resumed practice at the expiration of his term in 1897.

**TISKILWA**, a village of Bureau County, on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, 7 miles southwest of Princeton; has creameries and cheese factories, churches, school, library, water-works, bank and a newspaper. Pop. (1900), 965.

**TODD, (Col.) John**, soldier, was born in Montgomery County, Pa., in 1750; took part in the battle of Point Pleasant, Va., in 1774, as Adjutant-General of General Lewis; settled as a lawyer at Fincastle, Va., and, in 1775, removed to Fayette County, Ky., the next year locating near Lexington. He was one of the first two Delegates from Kentucky County to the Virginia House of Burgesses, and, in 1778, accompanied Col. George Rogers Clark on his expedition against Kaskaskia and Vincennes. In December, 1778, he was appointed by Gov. Patrick Henry, Lieutenant-Commandant of Illinois County, embracing the region northwest of the Ohio River, serving two years; in 1780, was again a member of the Virginia Legislature, where he procured grants of land for public schools and introduced a bill for negro-emancipation. He was killed by Indians, at the battle of Blue Licks, Ky., August 19, 1782.

**TODD, (Dr.) John**, physician, born near Lexington, Ky., April 27, 1787, was one of the earliest graduates of Transylvania University, also graduating at the Medical University of Philadelphia; was appointed Surgeon-General of Kentucky troops in the War of 1812, and captured at the battle of River Raisin. Returning to Lexington after his release, he practiced there and at Bardstown, removed to Edwardsville, Ill., in 1817, and, in 1827, to Springfield, where he had been appointed Register of the Land Office by

President John Quincy Adams, but was removed by Jackson in 1829. Dr. Todd continued to reside at Springfield until his death, which occurred, Jan. 9, 1865. He was a grandson of John Todd, who was appointed Commandant of Illinois County by Gov. Patrick Henry in 1778, and an uncle of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln.—**John Blair Smith** (Todd), son of the preceding, was born at Lexington, Ky., April 4, 1814; came with his father to Illinois in 1817; graduated at the United States Military Academy in 1837, serving afterwards in the Florida and Mexican wars and on the frontier; resigned, and was an Indian-trader in Dakota, 1856-61; the latter year, took his seat as a Delegate in Congress from Dakota, then served as Brigadier-General of Volunteers, 1861-62; was again Delegate in Congress in 1863-65, Speaker of the Dakota Legislature in 1867, and Governor of the Territory, 1869-71. Died, at Yankton City, Jan. 5, 1872.

**TOLEDO**, a village and the county-seat of Cumberland County, on the Illinois Central Railroad; founded in 1854; has five churches, a graded school, two banks, creamery, flour mill, elevator, and two weekly newspapers. There are no manufacturing, the leading industry in the surrounding country being agriculture. Pop. (1890), 676; (1900), 818.

**TOLEDO, CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD.** (See *Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City Railroad.*)

**TOLEDO, PEORIA & WARSAW RAILROAD.** (See *Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway.*)

**TOLEDO, PEORIA & WESTERN RAILROAD.** (See *Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway.*)

**TOLEDO, PEORIA & WESTERN RAILWAY**, a line of railroad wholly within the State of Illinois, extending from Effner, at the Indiana State line, west to the Mississippi River at Warsaw. The length of the whole line is 230.7 miles, owned entirely by the company. It is made up of a division from Effner to Peoria (110.9 miles)—which is practically an air-line throughout nearly its entire length—and the Peoria and Warsaw Division (108.8 miles) with branches from La Harpe to Iowa Junction (10.4 miles) and 0.6 of a mile connecting with the Keokuk bridge at Hamilton.—(HISTORY.) The original charter for this line was granted, in 1863, under the name of the Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw Railroad; the main line was completed in 1868, and the La Harpe & Iowa Junction branch in 1873. Default was made in 1873, the road sold under foreclosure, in 1880, and reorganized as the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad, and the line leased for 49½

years to the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway Company. The latter defaulted in July, 1884, and, a year later, the Toledo, Peoria & Western was transferred to trustees for the first mortgage bond-holders, was sold under foreclosure in October, 1886, and, in March, 1887, the present company, under the name of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Company, was organized for the purpose of taking over the property. In 1893 the Pennsylvania Railroad Company obtained a controlling interest in the stock, and, in 1894, an agreement, for joint ownership and management, was entered into between that corporation and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. The total capitalization, in 1898, was \$9,712,433, of which \$4,076,900 was in stock and \$4,895,000 in bonds.

**TOLEDO, ST. LOUIS & KANSAS CITY RAILROAD.** This line crosses the State in a northeast direction from East St. Louis to Humrick, near the Indiana State line, with Toledo as its eastern terminus. The length of the entire line is 450.73 miles, of which 179½ miles are operated in Illinois.—(HISTORY.) The Illinois portion of the line grew out of the union of charters granted to the Tuscola, Charleston & Vincennes and the Charleston, Neoga & St. Louis Railroad Companies, which were consolidated in 1881 with certain Indiana lines under the name of the Toledo, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad. During 1882 a narrow-gauge road was constructed from Ridge Farm, in Vermilion County, to East St. Louis (172 miles). In 1885 this was sold under foreclosure and, in June, 1886, consolidated with the main line under the name of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City Railroad. The whole line was changed to standard gauge in 1887-89, and otherwise materially improved, but, in 1893, went into the hands of receivers. Plans of reorganization have been under consideration, but the receivers were still in control in 1898.

**TOLEDO, WABASH & WESTERN RAILROAD.** (See *Wabash Railroad*.)

**TOLONO**, a city in Champaign County, situated at the intersection of the Wabash and the Illinois Central Railroads, 9 miles south of Champaign and 37 miles east-northeast of Decatur. It is the business center of a prosperous agricultural region. The town has five churches, a graded school, a bank, a button factory, and a weekly newspaper. Population (1880), 905; (1890), 902; (1900), 845.

**TONICA**, a village of La Salle County, on the Illinois Central Railway, 9 miles south of La Salle; the district is agricultural, but the place has some

manufactures and a newspaper. Population (1890), 473; (1900), 497.

**TONTY**, Chevalier Henry de, explorer and soldier, born at Gaeta, Italy, about 1650. What is now known as the Tontine system of insurance undoubtedly originated with his father. The younger Tonty was adventurous, and, even as a youth, took part in numerous land and naval encounters. In the course of his experience he lost a hand, which was replaced by an iron or copper substitute. He embarked with La Salle in 1678, and aided in the construction of a fort at Niagara. He advanced into the country of the Illinois and established friendly relations with them, only to witness the defeat of his putative savage allies by the Iroquois. After various encounters (chiefly under the direction of La Salle) with the Indians in Illinois, he returned to Green Bay in 1681. The same year—under La Salle's orders—he began the erection of Fort St. Louis, on what is now called "Starved Rock" in La Salle County. In 1682 he descended the Mississippi to its mouth, with La Salle, but was ordered back to Mackinaw for assistance. In 1684 he returned to Illinois and successfully repulsed the Iroquois from Fort St. Louis. In 1686 he again descended the Mississippi in search of La Salle. Disheartened by the death of his commander and the loss of his early comrades, he took up his residence with the Illinois Indians. Among them he was found by Iberville in 1700, as a hunter and fur-trader. He died, in Mobile, in September, 1704. He was La Salle's most efficient coadjutor, and next to his ill-fated leader, did more than any other of the early French explorers to make Illinois known to the civilized world.

**TOPOGRAPHY.** Illinois is, generally speaking, an elevated table-land. If low water at Cairo be adopted as the maximum depression, and the summits of the two ridges hereinafter mentioned as the highest points of elevation, the altitude of this table land above the sea-level varies from 300 to 850 feet, the mean elevation being about 600 feet. The State has no mountain chains, and its few hills are probably the result of unequal denudation during the drift epoch. In some localities, particularly in the valley of the upper Mississippi, the streams have cut channels from 200 to 300 feet deep through the nearly horizontal strata, and here are found precipitous scarps, but, for the most part, the fundamental rocks are covered by a thick layer of detrital material. In the northwest there is a broken tract of uneven ground; the central por-

tion of the State is almost wholly flat prairie, and, in the alluvial lands in the State, there are many deep valleys, eroded by the action of streams. The surface generally slopes toward the south and southwest, but the uniformity is broken by two ridges, which cross the State, one in either extremity. The northern ridge crosses the Rock River at Grand Detour and the Illinois at Split Rock, with an extreme altitude of 800 to 850 feet above sea-level, though the altitude of Mount Morris, in Ogle County, exceeds 900 feet. That in the south consists of a range of hills in the latitude of Jonesboro, and extending from Shawneetown to Grand Tower. These hills are also about 800 feet above the level of the ocean. The highest point in the State is in Jo Daviess County, just south of the Wisconsin State line (near Scale's Mound) reaching an elevation of 1,257 feet above sea-level, while the highest in the south is in the northeast corner of Pope County—1,046 feet—a spur of the Ozark mountains. The following statistics regarding elevations are taken from a report of Prof. C. W. Rolfe, of the University of Illinois, based on observations made under the auspices of the Illinois Board of World's Fair Commissioners: The lowest gauge of the Ohio river, at its mouth (above sea-level), is 268.58 feet, and the mean level of Lake Michigan at Chicago 581.28 feet. The altitudes of a few prominent points are as follows: Highest point in Jackson County, 695 feet; "Bald Knob" in Union County, 985; highest point in Cook County (Barrington), 818; in La Salle County (Mendota), 747; in Livingston (Strawn), 770; in Will (Monee), 804; in Pike (Arden), 790; in Lake (Lake Zurich), 880; in Bureau, 910; in Boone, 1,010; in Lee (Carnahan), 1,017; in Stephenson (Waddam's Grove), 1,018; in Kane (Briar Hill), 974; in Winnebago, 985. The elevations of important towns are: Peoria, 465; Jacksonville, 602; Springfield, 596; Galesburg, 755; Joliet, 537; Rockford, 728; Bloomington, 821. Outside of the immediate valleys of the streams, and a few isolated groves or copses, little timber is found in the northern and central portions of the State, and such growth as there is, lacks the thriftiness characteristic of the forests in the Ohio valley. These forests cover a belt extending some sixty miles north of Cairo, and, while they generally include few coniferous trees, they abound in various species of oak, black and white walnut, white and yellow poplar, ash, elm, sugar maple, linden, honey locust, cottonwood, mulberry, sycamore, pecan, persimmon, and (in the immediate valley of the Ohio)

the cypress. From a commercial point of view, Illinois loses nothing through the lack of timber over three-fourths of the State's area. Chicago is an accessible market for the product of the forests of the upper lakes, so that the supply of lumber is ample, while extensive coal-fields supply abundant fuel. The rich soil of the prairies, with its abundance of organic matter (see *Geological Formations*), more than compensates for the want of pine forests, whose soil is ill adapted to agriculture. About two-thirds of the entire boundary of the State consists of navigable waters. These, with their tributary streams, ensure sufficient drainage.

**TORRENS LAND TITLE SYSTEM.** A system for the registration of titles to, and incumbrances upon, land, as well as transfers thereof, intended to remove all unnecessary obstructions to the cheap, simple and safe sale, acquisition and transfer of realty. The system has been in successful operation in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and British Columbia for many years, and it is also in force in some States in the American Union. An act providing for its introduction into Illinois was first passed by the Twenty-ninth General Assembly, and approved, June 13, 1895. The final legislation in reference thereto was enacted by the succeeding Legislature, and was approved, May 1, 1897. It is far more elaborate in its consideration of details, and is believed to be, in many respects, much better adapted to accomplish the ends in view, than was the original act of 1895. The law is applicable only to counties of the first and second class, and can be adopted in no county except by a vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the same—the vote "for" or "against" to be taken at either the November or April elections, or at an election for the choice of Judges. Thus far the only county to adopt the system has been Cook, and there it encountered strong opposition on the part of certain parties of influence and wealth. After its adoption, a test case was brought, raising the question of the constitutionality of the act. The issue was taken to the Supreme Court, which tribunal finally upheld the law.—The Torrens system substitutes a certificate of registration and of transfer for the more elaborate deeds and mortgages in use for centuries. Under it there can be no actual transfer of a title until the same is entered upon the public land register, kept in the office of the Registrar, in which case the deed or mortgage becomes a mere power of attorney to authorize the transfer to be made, upon the principle of an ordinary stock transfer,

or of the registration of a United States bond, the actual transfer and public notice thereof being simultaneous. A brief synopsis of the provisions of the Illinois statute is given below: Records of deeds are made Registrars, and required to give bonds of either \$50,000 or \$200,000, according to the population of the county. Any person or corporation, having an interest in land, may make application to any court having chancery jurisdiction, to have his title thereto registered. Such application must be in writing, signed and verified by oath, and must conform, in matters of specification and detail, with the requirements of the act. The court may refer the application to one of the standing examiners appointed by the Registrar, who are required to be competent attorneys and to give bond to examine into the title, as well as the truth of the applicant's statements. Immediately upon the filing of the application, notice thereof is given by the clerk, through publication and the issuance of a summons to be served, as in other proceedings in chancery, against all persons mentioned in the petition as having or claiming any interest in the property described. Any person interested, whether named as a defendant or not, may enter an appearance within the time allowed. A failure to enter an appearance is regarded as a confession by default. The court, in passing upon the application, is in no case bound by the examiner's report, but may require other and further proof; and, in its final adjudication, passes upon all questions of title and incumbrance, directing the Registrar to register the title in the party in whom it is to be vested, and making provision as to the manner and order in which incumbrances thereon shall appear upon the certificate to be issued. An appeal may be allowed to the Supreme Court, if prayed at the time of entering the decree, upon like terms as in other cases in chancery; and a writ of error may be sued out from that tribunal within two years after the entry of the order or decree. The period last mentioned may be said to be the statutory period of limitation, after which the decree of the court must be regarded as final, although safeguards are provided for those who may have been defrauded, and for a few other classes of persons. Upon the filing of the order or decree of the court, it becomes the duty of the Registrar to issue a certificate of title, the form of which is prescribed by the act, making such notations at the end as shall show and preserve the priorities of all estates, mortgages, incumbrances and changes to which the owner's title is

subject. For the purpose of preserving evidence of the owner's handwriting, a receipt for the certificate, duly witnessed or acknowledged, is required of him, which is preserved in the Registrar's office. In case any registered owner should desire to transfer the whole or any part of his estate, or any interest therein, he is required to execute a conveyance to the transferee, which, together with the certificate of title last issued, must be surrendered to the Registrar. That official thereupon issues a new certificate, stamping the word "cancelled" across the surrendered certificate, as well as upon the corresponding entry in his books of record. When land is first brought within the operation of the act, the receiver of the certificate of title is required to pay to the Registrar one-tenth of one per cent of the value of the land, the aggregate so received to be deposited with and invested by the County Treasurer, and reserved as an indemnity fund for the reimbursement of persons sustaining any loss through any omission, mistake or malfeasance of the Registrar or his subordinates. The advantage claimed for the Torrens system is, chiefly, that titles registered thereunder can be dealt with more safely, quickly and inexpensively than under the old system; it being possible to close the entire transaction within an hour or two, without the need of an abstract of title, while (as the law is administered in Cook County) the cost of transfer is only \$3. It is asserted that a title, once registered, can be dealt with almost as quickly and cheaply, and quite as safely, as shares of stock or registered bonds.

**TOULON**, the county-seat of Stark County, on the Peoria & Rock Island Railroad, 37 miles north-northwest of Peoria, and 11 miles southeast of Galva. Besides the county court-house, the town has five churches and a high school, an academy, steam granite works, two banks, and two weekly papers. Population (1880), 967; (1890), 945; (1900), 1,057.

**TOWER HILL**, a village of Shelby County, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroads, 7 miles east of Pana; has bank, grain elevators, and coal mine. Pop. (1900), 615.

**TOWNSHEND**, Richard W., lawyer and Congressman, was born in Prince George's County, Md., April 30, 1840. Between the ages of 10 and 18 he attended public and private schools at Washington, D. C. In 1858 he came to Illinois, where he began teaching, at the same time reading law with S. S. Marshall, at McLeansboro, where he was admitted to the bar



in 1862, and where he began practice. From 1863 to 1868 he was Circuit Clerk of Hamilton County, and, from 1868 to 1872, Prosecuting Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. In 1873 he removed to Shawneetown, where he became an officer of the Gallatin National Bank. From 1864 to 1875 he was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, and a delegate to the National Democratic Convention at Baltimore, in 1872. For twelve years (1877 to 1889) he represented his District in Congress; was re-elected in 1888, but died, March 9, 1889, a few days after the beginning of his seventh term.

**TRACY, John M.,** artist, was born in Illinois about 1842; served in an Illinois regiment during the Civil War; studied painting in Paris in 1866-76; established himself as a portrait painter in St. Louis and, later, won a high reputation as a painter of animals, being regarded as an authority on the anatomy of the horse and the dog. Died, at Ocean Springs, Miss., March 20, 1893.

**TREASURERS.** (See *State Treasurers.*)

**TREAT, Samuel Hubbel,** lawyer and jurist, was born at Plainfield, Otsego County, N. Y., June 21, 1811, worked on his father's farm and studied law at Richfield, where he was admitted to practice. In 1834 he came to Springfield, Ill., traveling most of the way on foot. Here he formed a partnership with George Forquer, who had held the offices of Secretary of State and Attorney-General. In 1839 he was appointed a Circuit Judge, and, on the reorganization of the Supreme Court in 1841, was elevated to the Supreme bench, being acting Chief Justice at the time of the adoption of the Constitution of 1848. Having been elected to the Supreme bench under the new Constitution, he remained in office until March, 1855, when he resigned to take the position of Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, to which he had been appointed by President Pierce. This position he continued to occupy until his death, which occurred at Springfield, March 27, 1887. Judge Treat's judicial career was one of the longest in the history of the State, covering a period of forty-eight years, of which fourteen were spent upon the Supreme bench, and thirty-two in the position of Judge of the United States District Court.

**TREATIES.** (See *Greenville, Treaty of; Indian Treaties.*)

**TREE, Lambert,** jurist, diplomat and ex-Congressman, was born in Washington, D. C., Nov. 29, 1832, of an ancestry distinguished in the War of the Revolution. He received a superior clas-

sical and professional education, and was admitted to the bar, at Washington, in October, 1855. Removing to Chicago soon afterward, his professional career has been chiefly connected with that city. In 1864 he was chosen President of the Law Institute, and served as Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, from 1870 to 1875, when he resigned. The three following years he spent in foreign travel, returning to Chicago in 1878. In that year, and again in 1880, he was the Democratic candidate for Congress from the Fourth Illinois District, but was defeated by his Republican opponent. In 1885 he was the candidate of his party for United States Senator, but was defeated by John A. Logan, by one vote. In 1884 he was a member of the National Democratic Convention which first nominated Grover Cleveland, and, in July, 1885, President Cleveland appointed him Minister to Belgium, conferring the Russian mission upon him in September, 1888. On March 3, 1889, he resigned this post and returned home. In 1890 he was appointed by President Harrison a Commissioner to the International Monetary Conference at Washington. The year before he had attended (although not as a delegate) the International Conference, at Brussels, looking to the suppression of the slave-trade, where he exerted all his influence on the side of humanity. In 1892 Belgium conferred upon him the distinction of "Councillor of Honor" upon its commission to the World's Columbian Exposition. In 1896 Judge Tree was one of the most earnest opponents of the free-silver policy, and, after the Spanish-American War, a zealous advocate of the policy of retaining the territory acquired from Spain.

**TREMONT,** a town of Tazewell County, on the Peoria Division of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, 9 miles southeast of Pekin; has two banks, two telephone exchanges, and one newspaper. Pop. (1900), 768.

**TRENTON,** a town of Clinton County, on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway, 31 miles east of St. Louis; in agricultural district; has creamery, milk condensery, two coal mines, six churches, a public school and one newspaper. Pop. (1890), 1,384; (1900), 1,706; (1904), about 2,000.

**TROY,** a village of Madison County, on the Terre Haute & Indianapolis railroad, 21 miles northeast of St. Louis; has churches, a bank and a newspaper. Pop. (1900), 1,080.

**TRUITT, James Madison,** lawyer and soldier, a native of Trimble County, Ky., was born Feb. 12, 1842, but lived in Illinois since 1843, his father having settled near Carrollton that year; was

educated at Hillsboro and at McKendree College; enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventeenth Illinois Volunteers in 1862, and was promoted from the ranks to Lieutenant. After the war he studied law with Jesse J. Phillips, now of the Supreme Court, and, in 1872, was elected to the Twenty-eighth General Assembly, and, in 1888, a Presidential Elector on the Republican ticket. Mr. Truitt has been twice a prominent but unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for Attorney-General. His home is at Hillsboro, where he is engaged in the practice of his profession. Died July 26, 1900.

**TRUMBULL, Lyman**, statesman, was born at Colchester, Conn., Oct. 12, 1813, descended from a historical family, being a grand-nephew of Gov. Jonathan Trumbull, of Connecticut, from whom the name "Brother Jonathan" was derived as an appellation for Americans. Having received an academic education in his native town, at the age of 16 he began teaching a district school near his home, went South four years later, and engaged in teaching at Greenville, Ga. Here he studied law with Judge Hiram Warner, afterwards of the Supreme Court, and was admitted to the bar in 1837. Leaving Georgia the same year, he came to Illinois on horseback, visiting Vandalia, Belleville, Jacksonville, Springfield, Tremont and La Salle, and finally reaching Chicago, then a village of four or five thousand inhabitants. At Jacksonville he obtained a license to practice from Judge Lockwood, and, after visiting Michigan and his native State, he settled at Belleville, which continued to be his home for twenty years. His entrance into public life began with his election as Representative in the General Assembly in 1840. This was followed, in February, 1841, by his appointment by Governor Carlin, Secretary of State, as the successor of Stephen A. Douglas, who, after holding the position only two months, had resigned to accept a seat on the Supreme bench. Here he remained two years, when he was removed by Governor Ford, March 4, 1843, but, five years later (1848), was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court, was re-elected in 1852, but resigned in 1853 on account of impaired health. A year later (1854) he was elected to Congress from the Belleville District as an anti-Nebraska Democrat, but, before taking his seat, was promoted to the United States Senate, as the successor of General Shields in the memorable contest of 1855, which resulted in the defeat of Abraham Lincoln. Senator Trumbull's career of eighteen years in the United States Senate (being re-elected in 1861 and 1867) is one of the most

memorable in the history of that body, covering, as it does, the whole history of the war for the Union, and the period of reconstruction which followed it. During this period, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, he had more to do in shaping legislation on war and reconstruction measures than any other single member of that body. While he disagreed with a large majority of his Republican associates on the question of Andrew Johnson's impeachment, he was always found in sympathy with them on the vital questions affecting the war and restoration of the Union. The Civil Rights Bill and Freedmen's Bureau Bills were shaped by his hand. In 1872 he joined in the "Liberal Republican" movement and afterwards co-operated with the Democratic party, being their candidate for Governor in 1880. From 1863 his home was in Chicago, where, after retiring from the Senate, he continued in the practice of his profession until his death, which occurred in that city, June 25, 1896.

**TUG MILLS.** These were a sort of primitive machine used in grinding corn in Territorial and early State days. The mechanism consisted of an upright shaft, into the upper end of which were fastened bars, resembling those in the capstan of a ship. Into the outer end of each of these bars was driven a pin. A belt, made of a broad strip of ox-hide, twisted into a sort of rope, was stretched around these pins and wrapped twice around a circular piece of wood called a trundle head, through which passed a perpendicular flat bar of iron, which turned the mill-stone, usually about eighteen inches in diameter. From the upright shaft projected a beam, to which were hitched one or two horses, which furnished the motive power. Oxen were sometimes employed as motive power in lieu of horses. These rudimentary contrivances were capable of grinding about twelve bushels of corn, each, per day.

**TULEY, Murray Floyd**, lawyer and jurist, was born at Louisville, Ky., March 4, 1837, of English extraction and descended from the early settlers of Virginia. His father died in 1832, and, eleven years later, his mother, having married Col. Richard J. Hamilton, for many years a prominent lawyer of Chicago, removed with her family to that city. Young Tuley began reading law with his step-father and completed his studies at the Louisville Law Institute in 1847, the same year being admitted to the bar in Chicago. About the same time he enlisted in the Fifth Illinois Volunteers for service in the Mexican War, and was commissioned First Lieutenant. The war having ended, he settled at Santa Fe, N. M., where he

practiced law, also served as Attorney-General and in the Territorial Legislature. Returning to Chicago in 1854, he was associated in practice, successively, with Andrew Harvie, Judge Gary and J. N. Barker, and finally as head of the firm of Tuley, Stiles & Lewis. From 1869 to 1873 he was Corporation Counsel, and during this time framed the General Incorporation Act for Cities, under which the City of Chicago was reincorporated. In 1879 he was elevated to the bench of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and re-elected every six years thereafter, his last election being in 1897. He is now serving his fourth term, some ten years of his incumbency having been spent in the capacity of Chief Justice.

**TUNNICLIFFE, Damon G.**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., August 20, 1829; at the age of 20, emigrated to Illinois, settling in Vermont, Fulton County, where, for a time, he was engaged in mercantile pursuits. He subsequently studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1853. In 1854 he established himself at Macomb, McDonough County, where he built up a large and lucrative practice. In 1868 he was chosen Presidential Elector on the Republican ticket, and, from February to June, 1885, by appointment of Governor Oglesby, occupied a seat on the bench of the Supreme Court, vice Pinkney H. Walker, deceased, who had been one of his first professional preceptors.

**TURCHIN, John Basil** (Ivan Vasilevitch Turchinoff), soldier, engineer and author, was born in Russia, Jan. 30, 1822. He graduated from the artillery school at St. Petersburg, in 1841, and was commissioned ensign; participated in the Hungarian campaign of 1849, and, in 1852, was assigned to the staff of the Imperial Guards; served through the Crimean War, rising to the rank of Colonel, and being made senior staff officer of the active corps. In 1856 he came to this country, settling in Chicago, and, for five years, was in the service of the Illinois Central Railway Company as topographical engineer. In 1861 he was commissioned Colonel of the Nineteenth Illinois Volunteers, and, after leading his regiment in Missouri, Kentucky and Alabama, was, on July 7, 1862, promoted to a Brigadier-Generalship, being attached to the Army of the Cumberland until 1864, when he resigned. After the war he was, for six years, solicitor of patents at Chicago, but, in 1873, returned to engineering. In 1879 he established a Polish colony at Radom, in Washington County, in this State, and settled as a farmer. He is an occasional contributor to the press, writing usually on military or scientific

subjects, and is the author of the "Campaign and Battle of Chickanauga" (Chicago, 1888).

**TURNER** (now **WEST CHICAGO**), a town and manufacturing center in Winfield Township, Du Page County, 30 miles west of Chicago, at the junction of two divisions of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern and the Chicago & Northwestern Railroads. The town has a rolling-mill, manufactories of wagons and pumps, and railroad repair shops. It also has five churches, a graded school, and two newspapers. Pop. (1900), 1,877; with suburb, 2,270.

**TURNER, (Col.) Henry L.**, soldier and real-estate operator, was born at Oberlin, Ohio, August 26, 1845, and received a part of his education in the college there. During the Civil War he served as First Lieutenant in the One Hundred and Fiftieth Ohio Volunteers, and later, with the same rank in a colored regiment, taking part in the operations about Richmond, the capture of Fort Fisher, of Wilmington and of Gen. Joe Johnston's army. Coming to Chicago after the close of the war, he became connected with the business office of "The Advance," but later was employed in the banking house of Jay Cooke & Co., in Philadelphia. On the failure of that concern, in 1872, he returned to Chicago and bought "The Advance," which he conducted some two years, when he sold out and engaged in the real estate business, with which he has since been identified—being President of the Chicago Real Estate Board in 1888. He has also been President of the Western Publishing Company and a Trustee of Oberlin College. Colonel Turner is an enthusiastic member of the Illinois National Guard and, on the declaration of war between the United States and Spain, in April, 1898, promptly resumed his connection with the First Regiment of the Guard, and finally led it to Santiago de Cuba during the fighting there—his regiment being the only one from Illinois to see actual service in the field during the progress of the war. Colonel Turner won the admiration of his command and the entire nation by the manner in which he discharged his duty. The regiment was mustered out at Chicago, Nov. 17, 1898, when he retired to private life.

**TURNER, John Bice**, Railway President, was born at Colchester, Delaware County, N. Y., Jan. 14, 1799; after a brief business career in his native State, he became identified with the construction and operation of railroads. Among the works with which he was thus connected, were the Delaware Division of the New York & Erie and the Troy & Schenectady Roads. In 1843 he

came to Chicago, having previously purchased a large body of land at Blue Island. In 1847 he joined with W. B. Ogden and others, in resuscitating the Galena & Chicago Union Railway, which had been incorporated in 1836. He became President of the Company in 1850, and assisted in constructing various sections of road in Northern Illinois and Wisconsin, which have since become portions of the Chicago & Northwestern system. He was also one of the original Directors of the North Side Street Railway Company, organized in 1859. Died, Feb. 26, 1871.

**TURNER, Jonathan Baldwin**, educator and agriculturist, was born in Templeton, Mass., Dec. 7, 1805; grew up on a farm and, before reaching his majority, began teaching in a country school. After spending a short time in an academy at Salem, in 1827 he entered the preparatory department of Yale College, supporting himself, in part, by manual labor and teaching in a gymnasium. In 1829 he matriculated in the classical department at Yale, graduated in 1833, and the same year accepted a position as tutor in Illinois College at Jacksonville, Ill., which had been opened, three years previous, by the late Dr. J. M. Sturtevant. In the next fourteen years he gave instruction in nearly every branch embraced in the college curriculum, though holding, during most of this period, the chair of Rhetoric and English Literature. In 1847 he retired from college duties to give attention to scientific agriculture, in which he had always manifested a deep interest. The cultivation and sale of the Osage orange as a hedge-plant now occupied his attention for many years, and its successful introduction in Illinois and other Western States—where the absence of timber rendered some substitute a necessity for fencing purposes—was largely due to his efforts. At the same time he took a deep interest in the cause of practical scientific education for the industrial classes, and, about 1850, began formulating that system of industrial education which, after twelve years of labor and agitation, he had the satisfaction of seeing recognized in the act adopted by Congress, and approved by President Lincoln, in July, 1862, making liberal donations of public lands for the establishment of "Industrial Colleges" in the several States, out of which grew the University of Illinois at Champaign. While Professor Turner had zealous collaborators in this field, in Illinois and elsewhere, to him, more than to any other single man in the Nation, belongs the credit for this magnificent achievement. (*See Education, and University of Illinois.*) He was also one of

the chief factors in founding and building up the Illinois State Teachers' Association, and the State Agricultural and Horticultural Societies. His address on "The Millennium of Labor," delivered at the first State Agricultural Fair at Springfield, in 1853, is still remembered as marking an era in industrial progress in Illinois. A zealous champion of free thought, in both political and religious affairs, he long bore the reproach which attached to the radical Abolitionist, only to enjoy, in later years, the respect universally accorded to those who had the courage and independence to avow their honest convictions. Prof. Turner was twice an unsuccessful candidate for Congress—once as a Republican and once as an "Independent"—and wrote much on political, religious and educational topics. The evening of an honored and useful life was spent among friends in Jacksonville, which was his home for more than sixty years, his death taking place in that city, Jan. 10, 1899, at the advanced age of 93 years.—*Mrs. Mary Turner Carriel*, at the present time (1899) one of the Trustees of the University of Illinois, is Prof. Turner's only daughter.

**TURNER, Thomas J.**, lawyer and Congressman, born in Trumbull County, Ohio, April 5, 1815. Leaving home at the age of 18, he spent three years in Indiana and in the mining districts about Galena and in Southern Wisconsin, locating in Stephenson County, in 1836, where he was admitted to the bar in 1840, and elected Probate Judge in 1841. Soon afterwards Governor Ford appointed him Prosecuting Attorney, in which capacity he secured the conviction and punishment of the murderers of Colonel Davenport. In 1846 he was elected to Congress as a Democrat, and, the following year, founded "The Prairie Democrat" (afterward "The Freeport Bulletin"), the first newspaper published in the county. Elected to the Legislature in 1854, he was chosen Speaker of the House, the next year becoming the first Mayor of Freeport. He was a member of the Peace Conference of 1861, and, in May of that year, was commissioned, by Governor Yates, Colonel of the Fifteenth Illinois Volunteers, but resigned in 1862. He served as a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1869-70, and, in 1871, was again elected to the Legislature, where he received the Democratic caucus nomination for United States Senator against General Logan. In 1871 he removed to Chicago, and was twice an unsuccessful candidate for the office of State's Attorney. In February, 1874, he went to Hot Springs, Ark., for medical treatment, and died there, April 3 following.



**TUSCOLA**, a city and the county-seat of Douglas County, located at the intersection of the Illinois Central and two other trunk lines of railway, 22 miles south of Champaign, and 36 miles east of Decatur. Besides a brick court-house it has five churches, a graded school, a national bank, two weekly newspapers and two establishments for the manufacture of carriages and wagons. Population (1880), 1,457; (1890), 1,897; (1900), 2,569.

**TUSCOLA, CHARLESTON & VINCENNES RAILROAD.** (See *Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City Railroad.*)

**TUTHILL, Richard Stanley**, jurist, was born at Vergennes, Jackson County, Ill., Nov. 10, 1841. After passing through the common schools of his native county, he took a preparatory course in a high school at St. Louis and in Illinois College, Jacksonville, when he entered Middlebury College, Vt., graduating there in 1863. Immediately thereafter he joined the Federal army at Vicksburg, and, after serving for some time in a company of scouts attached to General Logan's command, was commissioned a Lieutenant in the First Michigan Light Artillery, with which he served until the close of the war, meanwhile being twice promoted. During this time he was with General Sherman in the march to Meridian, and in the Atlanta campaign, also took part with General Thomas in the operations against the rebel General Hood in Tennessee, and in the battle of Nashville. Having resigned his commission in May, 1865, he took up the study of law, which he had prosecuted as he had opportunity while in the army, and was admitted to the bar at Nashville in 1866, afterwards serving for a time as Prosecuting Attorney on the Nashville circuit. In 1873 he removed to Chicago, two years later was elected City Attorney and re-elected in 1877; was a delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1880 and, in 1884, was appointed United States District Attorney for the Northern District, serving until 1886. In 1887 he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Rogers, was re-elected for a full term in 1891, and again in 1897.

**TYNDALE, Sharon**, Secretary of State, born in Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 19, 1816; at the age of 17 came to Belleville, Ill., and was engaged for a time in mercantile business, later being employed in a surveyor's corps under the internal improvement system of 1837. Having married in 1839, he returned soon after to Philadelphia, where he engaged in mercantile business with his father;

then came to Illinois, a second time, in 1845, spending a year or two in business at Peoria. About 1847 he returned to Belleville and entered upon a course of mathematical study, with a view to fitting himself more thoroughly for the profession of a civil engineer. In 1851 he graduated in engineering, at Cambridge, Mass., after which he was employed for a time on the Sunbury & Erie Railroad, and later on certain Illinois railroads. In 1857 he was elected County Surveyor of St. Clair County, and, in 1861, by appointment of President Lincoln, became Postmaster of the city of Belleville. He held this position until 1864, when he received the Republican nomination for Secretary of State and was elected, remaining in office four years. He was an earnest advocate, and virtually author, of the first act for the registration of voters in Illinois, passed at the session of 1865. After retiring from office in 1869, he continued to reside in Springfield, and was employed for a time in the survey of the Gilman, Clinton & Springfield Railway—now the Springfield Division of the Illinois Central. At an early hour on the morning of April 29, 1871, while going from his home to the railroad station at Springfield, to take the train for St. Louis, he was assassinated upon the street by shooting, as supposed for the purpose of robbery—his dead body being found a few hours later at the scene of the tragedy. Mr. Tyndale was a brother of Gen. Hector Tyndale of Pennsylvania, who won a high reputation by his services during the war. His second wife, who survived him, was a daughter of Shadrach Penn, an editor of considerable reputation who was the contemporary and rival of George D. Prentice at Louisville, for some years.

**"UNDERGROUND RAILROAD," THE.** A history of Illinois would be incomplete without reference to the unique system which existed there, as in other Northern States, from forty to seventy years ago, known by the somewhat mysterious title of "The Underground Railroad." The origin of the term has been traced (probably in a spirit of facetiousness) to the expression of a Kentucky planter who, having pursued a fugitive slave across the Ohio River, was so surprised by his sudden disappearance, as soon as he had reached the opposite shore, that he was led to remark, "The nigger must have gone off on an underground road." From "underground road" to "underground railroad," the transition would appear to have been easy, especially in view of the increased facility with which the work was performed when railroads came into use. For

readers of the present generation, it may be well to explain what "The Underground Railroad" really was. It may be defined as the figurative appellation for a spontaneous movement in the free States—extending, sometimes, into the slave States themselves—to assist slaves in their efforts to escape from bondage to freedom. The movement dates back to a period close to the Revolutionary War, long before it received a definite name. Assistance given to fugitives from one State by citizens of another, became a cause of complaint almost as soon as the Government was organized. In fact, the first President himself lost a slave who took refuge at Portsmouth, N. H., where the public sentiment was so strong against his return, that the patriotic and philosophic "Father of his Country" chose to let him remain unmolested, rather than "excite a mob or riot, or even uneasy sensations, in the minds of well-disposed citizens." That the matter was already one of concern in the minds of slaveholders, is shown by the fact that a provision was inserted in the Constitution for their conciliation, guaranteeing the return of fugitives from labor, as well as from justice, from one State to another.

In 1793 Congress passed the first Fugitive Slave Law, which was signed by President Washington. This law provided that the owner, his agent or attorney, might follow the slave into any State or Territory, and, upon oath or affidavit before a court or magistrate, be entitled to a warrant for his return. Any person who should hinder the arrest of the fugitive, or who should harbor, aid or assist him, knowing him to be such, was subject to a fine of \$500 for each offense.—In 1850, fifty-seven years later, the first act having proved inefficacious, or conditions having changed, a second and more stringent law was enacted. This is the one usually referred to in discussions of the subject. It provided for an increased fine, not to exceed \$1,000, and imprisonment not exceeding six months, with liability for civil damages to the party injured. No proof of ownership was required beyond the statement of a claimant, and the accused was not permitted to testify for himself. The fee of the United States Commissioner, before whom the case was tried, was ten dollars if he found for the claimant; if not, five dollars. This seemed to many an indirect form of bribery; clearly, it made it to the Judge's pecuniary advantage to decide in favor of the claimant. The law made it possible and easy for a white man to arrest, and carry into slavery, any free negro who could

not immediately prove, by other witnesses, that he was born free, or had purchased his freedom.

Instead of discouraging the disposition, on the part of the opponents of slavery, to aid fugitives in their efforts to reach a region where they would be secure in their freedom, the effect of the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 (as that of 1793 had been in a smaller degree) was the very opposite of that intended by its authors—unless, indeed, they meant to make matters worse. The provisions of the act seemed, to many people, so unfair, so one-sided, that they rebelled in spirit and refused to be made parties to its enforcement. The law aroused the anti-slavery sentiment of the North, and stimulated the active friends of the fugitives to take greater risks in their behalf. New efforts on the part of the slaveholders were met by a determination to evade, hinder and nullify the law.

And here a strange anomaly is presented. The slaveholder, in attempting to recover his slave, was acting within his constitutional and legal rights. The slave was his property in law. He had purchased or inherited his bondman on the same plane with his horse or his land, and, apart from the right to hold a human being in bondage, regarded his legal rights to the one as good as the other. From a legal standpoint his position was impregnable. The slave was his, representing so much of money value, and whoever was instrumental in the loss of that slave was, both theoretically and technically, a partner in robbery. Therefore he looked on "The Underground Railway" as the work of thieves, and entertained bitter hatred toward all concerned in its operation. On the other hand, men who were, in all other respects, good citizens—often religiously devout and pillars of the church—became bold and flagrant violators of the law in relation to this sort of property. They set at naught a plain provision of the Constitution and the act of Congress for its enforcement. Without hope of personal gain or reward, at the risk of fine and imprisonment, with the certainty of social ostracism and bitter opposition, they harbored the fugitive and helped him forward on every occasion. And why? Because they saw in him a man, with the same inherent right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" that they themselves possessed. To them this was a higher law than any Legislature, State or National, could enact. They denied that there could be truly such a thing as property in man. Believing that the law violated human rights, they justified themselves in rendering it null and void.

For the most part, the "Underground Railroad" operators and promoters were plain, obscure men, without hope of fame or desire for notoriety. Yet there were some whose names are conspicuous in history, such as Wendell Phillips, Thomas Wentworth Higginson and Theodore Parker of Massachusetts; Gerrit Smith and Thurlow Weed of New York; Joshua R. Giddings of Ohio, and Owen Lovejoy of Illinois. These had their followers and sympathizers in all the Northern States, and even in some portions of the South. It is a curious fact, that some of the most active spirits connected with the "Underground Railroad" were natives of the South, or had resided there long enough to become thoroughly acquainted with the "institution." Levi Coffin, who had the reputation of being the "President of the Underground Railroad"—at least so far as the region west of the Ohio was concerned—was an active operator on the line in North Carolina before his removal from that State to Indiana in 1836. Indeed, as a system, it is claimed to have had its origin at Guilford College, in the "Old North State" in 1819, though the evidence of this may not be conclusive.

Owing to the peculiar nature of their business, no official reports were made, no lists of officers, conductors, station agents or operators preserved, and few records kept which are now accessible. Consequently, we are dependent chiefly upon the personal recollection of individual operators for a history of their transactions. Each station on the road was the house of a "friend" and it is significant, in this connection, that in every settlement of Friends, or Quakers, there was sure to be a house of refuge for the slave. For this reason it was, perhaps, that one of the most frequently traveled lines extended from Virginia and Maryland through Eastern Pennsylvania, and then on towards New York or directly to Canada. From the proximity of Ohio to Virginia and Kentucky, and the fact that it offered the shortest route through free soil to Canada, it was traversed by more lines than any other State, although Indiana was pretty thoroughly "grid-ironed" by roads to freedom. In all, however, the routes were irregular, often zigzag, for purposes of security, and the "conductor" was any one who conveyed fugitives from one station to another. The "train" was sometimes a farm-wagon, loaded with produce for market at some town (or depot) on the line, frequently a closed carriage, and it is related that once, in Ohio, a number of carriages conveying

a large party, were made to represent a funeral procession. Occasionally the train ran on foot, for convenience of side-tracking into the woods or a cornfield, in case of pursuit by a wild locomotive.

Then, again, there were not wanting lawyers who, in case the operator, conductor or station agent got into trouble, were ready, without fee or reward, to defend either him or his human freight in the courts. These included such names of national repute as Salmon P. Chase, Thaddeus Stevens, Charles Sumner, William H. Seward, Rutherford B. Hayes, Richard H. Dana, and Isaac N. Arnold, while, taking the whole country over, their "name was legion." And there were a few men of wealth, like Thomas Garrett of Delaware, willing to contribute money by thousands to their assistance. Although technically acting in violation of law—or, as claimed by themselves, in obedience to a "higher law"—the time has already come when there is a disposition to look upon the actors as, in a certain sense, heroes, and their deeds as fitly belonging to the field of romance.

The most comprehensive collection of material relating to the history of this movement has been furnished in a recent volume entitled, "The Underground Railroad from Slavery to Freedom," by Prof. Wilbur H. Siebert, of Ohio State University; and, while it is not wholly free from errors, both as to individual names and facts, it will probably remain as the best compilation of history bearing on this subject—especially as the principal actors are fast passing away. One of the interesting features of Prof. Siebert's book is a map purporting to give the principal routes and stations in the States northwest of the Ohio, yet the accuracy of this, as well as the correctness of personal names given, has been questioned by some best informed on the subject. As might be expected from its geographical position between two slave States—Kentucky and Missouri—on the one hand, and the lakes offering a highway to Canada on the other, it is naturally to be assumed that Illinois would be an attractive field, both for the fugitive and his sympathizer.

The period of greatest activity of the system in this State was between 1840 and 1861—the latter being the year when the pro-slavery party in the South, by their attempt forcibly to dissolve the Union, took the business out of the hands of the secret agents of the "Underground Railroad," and—in a certain sense—placed it in the hands of the Union armies. It was in 1841 that Abra-

ham Lincoln—then a conservative opponent of the extension of slavery—on an appeal from a judgment, rendered by the Circuit Court in Tazewell County, in favor of the holder of a note given for the service of the indentured slave-girl "Nance," obtained a decision from the Supreme Court of Illinois upholding the doctrine that the girl was free under the Ordinance of 1787 and the State Constitution, and that the note, given to the person who claimed to be her owner, was void. And it is a somewhat curious coincidence that the same Abraham Lincoln, as President of the United States, in the second year of the War of the Rebellion, issued the Proclamation of Emancipation which finally resulted in striking the shackles from the limbs of every slave in the Union.

In the practical operation of aiding fugitives in Illinois, it was natural that the towns along the border upon the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, should have served as a sort of entrepôts, or initial stations, for the reception of this class of freight—especially if adjacent to some anti-slavery community. This was the case at Chester, from which access was easy to Sparta, where a colony of Covenanters, or Seceders, was located, and whence a route extended, by way of Oakdale, Nashville and Centralia, in the direction of Chicago. Alton offered convenient access to Bond County, where there was a community of anti-slavery people at an early day, or the fugitives could be forwarded northward by way of Jerseyville, Waverly and Jacksonville, about each of which there was a strong anti-slavery sentiment. Quincy, in spite of an intense hostility among the mass of the community to anything savoring of abolitionism, became the theater of great activity on the part of the opponents of the institution, especially after the advent there of Dr. David Nelson and Dr. Richard Eells, both of whom had rendered themselves obnoxious to the people of Missouri by extending aid to fugitives. The former was a practical abolitionist who, having freed his slaves in his native State of Virginia, removed to Missouri and attempted to establish Marion College, a few miles from Palmyra, but was soon driven to Illinois. Locating near Quincy, he founded the "Mission Institute" there, at which he continued to disseminate his anti-slavery views, while educating young men for missionary work. The "Institute" was finally burned by emissaries from Missouri, while three young men who had been connected with it, having been caught in Missouri, were condemned to twelve years' confine-

ment in the penitentiary of that State—partly on the testimony of a negro, although a negro was not then a legal witness in the courts against a white man. Dr. Eells was prosecuted before Stephen A. Douglas (then a Judge of the Circuit Court), and fined for aiding a fugitive to escape, and the judgment against him was finally confirmed by the Supreme Court after his death, in 1852, ten years after the original indictment.

A map in Professor Siebert's book, showing the routes and principal stations of the "Underground Railroad," makes mention of the following places in Illinois, in addition to those already referred to: Carlinville, in Macoupin County; Payson and Mendon, in Adams; Washington, in Tazewell; Metamora, in Woodford; Magnolia, in Putnam; Galesburg, in Knox; Princeton (the home of Owen Lovejoy and the Bryants), in Bureau; and many more. Ottawa appears to have been the meeting point of a number of lines, as well as the home of a strong colony of practical abolitionists. Cairo also became an important transfer station for fugitives arriving by river, after the completion of the Illinois Central Railroad, especially as it offered the speediest way of reaching Chicago, towards which nearly all the lines converged. It was here that the fugitives could be most safely disposed of by placing them upon vessels, which, without stopping at intermediate ports, could soon land them on Canadian soil.

As to methods, these differed according to circumstances, the emergencies of the occasion, or the taste, convenience or resources of the operator. Deacon Levi Morse, of Woodford County, near Metamora, had a route towards Magnolia, Putnam County; and his favorite "car" was a farm wagon in which there was a double bottom. The passengers were snugly placed below, and grain sacks, filled with bran or other light material, were laid over, so that the whole presented the appearance of an ordinary load of grain on its way to market. The same was true as to stations and routes. One, who was an operator, says: "Wherever an abolitionist happened on a fugitive, or the converse, there was a station, for the time, and the route was to the next anti-slavery man to the east or the north. As a general rule, the agent preferred not to know anything beyond the operation of his own immediate section of the road. If he knew nothing about the operations of another, and the other knew nothing of his, they could not be witnesses in court.

We have it on the authority of Judge Harvey B. Hurd, of Chicago, that runaways were usually



forwarded from that city to Canada by way of the Lakes, there being several steamers available for that purpose. On one occasion thirteen were put aboard a vessel under the eyes of a United States Marshal and his deputies. The fugitives, secreted in a woodshed, one by one took the places of colored stevedores carrying wood aboard the ship. Possibly the term, "There's a nigger in the woodpile," may have originated in this incident. Thirteen was an "unlucky number" in this instance—for the masters.

Among the notable trials for assisting runaways in violation of the Fugitive Slave Law, in addition to the case of Dr. Eells, already mentioned, were those of Owen Lovejoy of Princeton, and Deacon Cushing of Will County, both of whom were defended by Judge James Collins of Chicago. John Hossack and Dr. Joseph Stout of Ottawa, with some half-dozen of their neighbors and friends, were tried at Ottawa, in 1859, for assisting a fugitive and acquitted on a technicality. A strong array of attorneys, afterwards widely known through the northern part of the State, appeared for the defense, including Isaac N. Arnold, Joseph Knox, B. C. Cook, J. V. Eustace, Edward S. Leland and E. C. Larned. Joseph T. Morse, of Woodford County, was also arrested, taken to Peoria and committed to jail, but acquitted on trial.

Another noteworthy case was that of Dr. Samuel Willard (now of Chicago) and his father, Julius A. Willard, charged with assisting in the escape of a fugitive at Jacksonville, in 1843, when the Doctor was a student in Illinois College. "The National Corporation Reporter," a few years ago, gave an account of this affair, together with a letter from Dr. Willard, in which he states that, after protracted litigation, during which the case was carried to the Supreme Court, it was ended by his pleading guilty before Judge Samuel D. Lockwood, when he was fined one dollar and costs—the latter amounting to twenty dollars. The Doctor frankly adds: "My father, as well as myself, helped many fugitives afterwards." It did not always happen, however, that offenders escaped so easily.

Judge Harvey B. Hurd, already referred to, and an active anti-slavery man in the days of the Fugitive Slave Law, relates the following: Once, when the trial of a fugitive was going on before Justice Kercheval, in a room on the second floor of a two-story frame building on Clark Street in the city of Chicago, the crowd in attendance filled the room, the stairway and the adjoining sidewalk. In some way the prisoner got mixed

in with the audience, and passed down over the heads of those on the stairs, where the officers were unable to follow.

In another case, tried before United States Commissioner Geo. W. Meeker, the result was made to hinge upon a point in the indictment to the effect that the fugitive was "copper-colored." The Commissioner, as the story goes, being inclined to favor public sentiment, called for a large copper cent, that he might make comparison. The decision was, that the prisoner was "off color," so to speak, and he was hustled out of the room before the officers could re-arrest him, as they had been instructed to do.

Dr. Samuel Willard, in a review of Professor Siebert's book, published in "The Dial" of Chicago, makes mention of Henry Irving and William Chauncey Carter as among his active allies at Jacksonville, with Rev. Bilius Pond and Deacon Lyman of Farmington (near the present village of Farmingdale in Sangamon County), Luther Ransom of Springfield, Andrew Borders of Randolph County, Joseph Gerrish of Jersey and William T. Allan of Henry, as their coadjutors in other parts of the State. Other active agents or promoters, in the same field, included such names as Dr. Charles V. Dyer, Philo Carpenter, Calvin De Wolf, L. C. P. Freer, Zebina Eastman, James H. Collins, Harvey B. Hurd, J. Young Scammon, Col. J. F. Farnsworth and others of Chicago, whose names have already been mentioned; Rev. Asa Turner, Deacon Ballard, J. K. Van Dorn and Erastus Benton, of Quincy and Adams County; President Rufus Blanchard of Knox College, Galesburg; John Leeper of Bond; the late Prof. J. B. Turner and Elihu Wolcott of Jacksonville; Capt. Parker Morse and his four sons—Joseph T., Levi P., Parker, Jr., and Mark—of Woodford County; Rev. William Sloane of Randolph; William Strawn of La Salle, besides a host who were willing to aid their fellow men in their aspirations to freedom, without advertising their own exploits.

Among the incidents of "Underground Railroad" in Illinois is one which had some importance politically, having for its climax a dramatic scene in Congress, but of which, so far as known, no full account has ever been written. About 1855, Ephraim Lombard, a Mississippi planter, but a New Englander by birth, purchased a large body of prairie land in the northeastern part of Stark County, and, taking up his residence temporarily in the village of Bradford, began its improvement. He had brought with him from Mississippi a negro, gray-haired and bent with age, a slave

of probably no great value. "Old Mose," as he was called, soon came to be well known and a favorite in the neighborhood. Lombard boldly stated that he had brought him there as a slave; that, by virtue of the Dred Scott decision (then of recent date), he had a constitutional right to take his slaves wherever he pleased, and that "Old Mose" was just as much his property in Illinois as in Mississippi. It soon became evident to some, that his bringing of the negro to Illinois was an experiment to test the law and the feelings of the Northern people. This being the case, a shrewd play would have been to let him have his way till other slaves should have been brought to stock the new plantation. But this was too slow a process for the abolitionists, to whom the holding of a slave in the free State of Illinois appeared an unbearable outrage. It was feared that he might take the old negro back to Mississippi and fail to bring any others. It was reported, also, that "Old Mose" was ill-treated; that he was given only the coarsest food in a back shed, as if he were a horse or a dog, instead of being permitted to eat at table with the family. The prairie citizen of that time was very particular upon this point of etiquette. The hired man or woman, debarred from the table of his or her employer, would not have remained a day. A quiet consultation with "Old Mose" revealed the fact that he would hail the gift of freedom joyously. Accordingly, one Peter Risedorf, and another equally daring, met him by the light of the stars and, before morning, he was placed in the care of Owen Lovejoy, at Princeton, twenty miles away. From there he was speedily "franked" by the member of Congress to friends in Canada.

There was a great commotion in Bradford over the "stealing" of "Old Mose." Lombard and his friends denounced the act in terms bitter and profane, and threatened vengeance upon the perpetrators. The conductors were known only to a few, and they kept their secret well. Lovejoy's part in the affair, however, soon leaked out. Lombard returned to Mississippi, where he related his experiences to Mr. Singleton, the Representative in Congress from his district. During the next session of Congress, Singleton took occasion, in a speech, to sneer at Lovejoy as a "nigger-stealer," citing the case of "Old Mose." Mr. Lovejoy replied in his usual fervid and dramatic style, making a speech which ensured his election to Congress for life—"Is it desired to call attention to this fact of my assisting fugitive slaves?" he said. "Owen Lovejoy lives at Prince-

ton, Ill., three-quarters of a mile east of the village, and he aids every slave that comes to his door and asks it. Thou invisible Demon of Slavery, dost thou think to cross my humble threshold and forbid me to give bread to the hungry and shelter to the homeless? I bid you defiance, in the name of my God!"

With another incident of an amusing character this article may be closed: Hon. J. Young Scammon, of Chicago, being accused of conniving at the escape of a slave from officers of the law, was asked by the court what he would do if summoned as one of a posse to pursue and capture a fugitive. "I would certainly obey the summons," he replied, "but—I should probably stub my toe and fall down before I reached him."

NOTE.—Those who wish to pursue the subject of the "Underground Railroad" in Illinois further, are referred to the work of Dr. Siebert, already mentioned, and to the various County Histories which have been issued and may be found in the public libraries; also for interesting incidents, to "Reminiscences of Levi Coffin," Johnson's "From Dixie to Canada," Pettit's Sketches, "Still, Underground Railroad," and a pamphlet of the same title by James H. Fairchild, ex-President of Oberlin College.

**UNDERWOOD, William H.**, lawyer, legislator and jurist, was born at Schoharie Court House, N. Y., Feb. 21, 1818, and, after admission to the bar, removed to Belleville, Ill., where he began practice in 1840. The following year he was elected State's Attorney, and re-elected in 1843. In 1846 he was chosen a member of the lower house of the General Assembly, and, in 1848-54, sat as Judge of the Second Circuit. During this period he declined a nomination to Congress, although equivalent to an election. In 1856 he was elected State Senator, and re-elected in 1860. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1869-70, and, in 1870, was again elected to the Senate, retiring to private life in 1872. Died, Sept. 23, 1875.

**UNION COUNTY**, one of the fifteen counties into which Illinois was divided at the time of its admission as a State—having been organized, under the Territorial Government, in January, 1818. It is situated in the southern division of the State, bounded on the west by the Mississippi River, and has an area of 400 square miles. The eastern and interior portions are drained by the Cache River and Clear Creek. The western part of the county comprises the broad, rich bottom lands lying along the Mississippi, but is subject to frequent overflow, while the eastern portion is hilly, and most of its area originally heavily timbered. The county is especially rich in minerals. Iron-ore, lead, bituminous coal, chalk, alum and

potter's clay are found in considerable abundance. Several lines of railway (the most important being the Illinois Central) either cross or tap the county. The chief occupation is agriculture, although manufacturing is carried on to a limited extent. Fruit is extensively cultivated. Jonesboro is the county-seat, and Cobden and Anna important shipping stations. The latter is the location of the Southern Hospital for the Insane. The population of the county, in 1890, was 21,539. Being next to St. Clair, Randolph and Gallatin, one of the earliest settled counties in the State, many prominent men found their first home, on coming into the State, at Jonesboro, and this region, for a time, exerted a strong influence in public affairs. Pop. (1900), 22,610.

**UNION LEAGUE OF AMERICA**, a secret political and patriotic order which had its origin early in the late Civil War, for the avowed purpose of sustaining the cause of the Union and counteracting the machinations of the secret organizations designed to promote the success of the Rebellion. The first regular Council of the order was organized at Pekin, Tazewell County, June 25, 1862, consisting of eleven members, as follows: John W. Glasgow, Dr. D. A. Cheever, Hart Montgomery, Maj. Richard N. Cullom (father of Senator Cullom), Alexander Small, Rev. J. W. M. Vernon, George H. Harlow (afterward Secretary of State), Charles Turner, Col. Jonathan Merriam, Henry Pratt and L. F. Garrett. One of the number was a Union refugee from Tennessee, who dictated the first oath from memory, as administered to members of a somewhat similar order which had been organized among the Unionists of his own State. It solemnly pledged the taker, (1) to preserve inviolate the secrets and business of the order; (2) to "support, maintain, protect and defend the civil liberties of the Union of these United States against all enemies, either domestic or foreign, at all times and under all circumstances," even "if necessary, to the sacrifice of life"; (3) to aid in electing only true Union men to offices of trust in the town, county, State and General Government; (4) to assist, protect and defend any member of the order who might be in peril from his connection with the order, and (5) to obey all laws, rules or regulations of any Council to which the taker of the oath might be attached. The oath was taken upon the Bible, the Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States, the taker pledging his sacred honor to its fulfillment. A special reason for the organization existed in the activity, about this

time, of the "Knights of the Golden Circle," a disloyal organization which had been introduced from the South, and which afterwards took the name, in the North, of "American Knights" and "Sons of Liberty." (See *Secret Treasonable Societies*.) Three months later, the organization had extended to a number of other counties of the State and, on the 25th of September following, the first State Council met at Bloomington—twelve counties being represented—and a State organization was effected. At this meeting the following general officers were chosen: Grand President—Judge Mark Bangs, of Marshall County (now of Chicago); Grand Vice-President—Prof. Daniel Wilkin, of McLean; Grand Secretary—George H. Harlow, of Tazewell; Grand Treasurer—H. S. Austin, of Peoria, Grand Marshal—J. R. Gorin, of Macon; Grand Herald—A. Gould, of Henry; Grand Sentinel—John E. Rosette, of Sangamon. An Executive Committee was also appointed, consisting of Joseph Medill of "The Chicago Tribune"; Dr. A. J. McFarland, of Morgan County; J. K. Warren, of Macon; Rev. J. C. Rybolt, of La Salle; the President, Judge Bangs; Enoch Emery, of Peoria; and John E. Rosette. Under the direction of this Committee, with Mr. Medill as its Chairman, the constitution and by-laws were thoroughly revised and a new ritual adopted, which materially changed the phraseology and removed some of the crudities of the original obligation, as well as increased the beauty and impressiveness of the initiatory ceremonies. New signs, grips and pass-words were also adopted, which were finally accepted by the various organizations of the order throughout the Union, which, by this time, included many soldiers in the army, as well as civilians. The second Grand (or State) Council was held at Springfield, January 14, 1863, with only seven counties represented. The limited representation was discouraging, but the members took heart from the inspiring words of Governor Yates, addressed to a committee of the order who waited upon him. At a special session of the Executive Committee, held at Peoria, six days later, a vigorous campaign was mapped out, under which agents were sent into nearly every county in the State. In October, 1862, the strength of the order in Illinois was estimated at three to five thousand; a few months later, the number of enrolled members had increased to 50,000—so rapid had been the growth of the order. On March 25, 1863, a Grand Council met in Chicago—404 Councils in Illinois being represented, with

a number from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. At this meeting a Committee was appointed to prepare a plan of organization for a National Grand Council, which was carried out at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 20th of May following—the constitution, ritual and signs of the Illinois organization being adopted with slight modifications. The revised obligation—taken upon the Bible, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States—bound members of the League to “support, protect and defend the Government of the United States and the flag thereof, against all enemies, foreign and domestic,” and to “bear true faith and allegiance to the same”; to “defend the State against invasion or insurrection”; to support only “true and reliable men” for offices of trust and profit; to protect and defend worthy members, and to preserve inviolate the secrets of the order. The address to new members was a model of impressiveness and a powerful appeal to their patriotism. The organization extended rapidly, not only throughout the Northwest, but in the South also, especially in the army. In 1864 the number of Councils in Illinois was estimated at 1,300, with a membership of 175,000; and it is estimated that the total membership, throughout the Union, was 2,000,000. The influence of the silent, but zealous and effective, operations of the organization, was shown, not only in the stimulus given to enlistments and support of the war policy of the Government, but in the raising of supplies for the sick and wounded soldiers in the field. Within a few weeks before the fall of Vicksburg, over \$25,000 in cash, besides large quantities of stores, were sent to Col. John Williams (then in charge of the Sanitary Bureau at Springfield), as the direct result of appeals made through circulars sent out by the officers of the “League.” Large contributions of money and supplies also reached the sick and wounded in hospital through the medium of the Sanitary Commission in Chicago. Zealous efforts were made by the opposition to get at the secrets of the order, and, in one case, a complete copy of the ritual was published by one of their organs; but the effect was so far the reverse of what was anticipated, that this line of attack was not continued. During the stormy session of the Legislature in 1863, the League is said to have rendered effective service in protecting Governor Yates from threatened assassination. It continued its silent but effective operations until the complete overthrow of the rebellion, when it ceased to exist as a political organization.

**UNITED STATES SENATORS.** The following is a list of United States senators from Illinois, from the date of the admission of the State into the Union until 1899, with the date and duration of the term of each: Ninian Edwards, 1818-24; Jesse B. Thomas, Sr., 1818-29; John McLean, 1824-25 and 1829-30; Elias Kent Kane, 1825-35; David Jewett Baker, Nov. 12 to Dec. 11, 1830; John M. Robinson, 1830-41; William L. D. Ewing, 1835-37; Richard M. Young, 1837-43; Samuel McRoberts, 1841-43; Sidney Breese, 1843-49; James Semple, 1843-47; Stephen A. Douglas, 1847-61; James Shields, 1849-55; Lyman Trumbull, 1855-73; Orville H. Browning, 1861-63; William A. Richardson, 1863-65; Richard Yates, 1865-71; John A. Logan, 1871-77 and 1879-86; Richard J. Oglesby, 1873-79; David Davis, 1877-83; Shelby M. Cullom, first elected in 1883, and re-elected in '89 and '95, his third term expiring in 1901; Charles B. Farwell, 1887-91; John McAnley Palmer, 1891-97; William E. Mason, elected in 1897, for the term expiring, March 4, 1903.

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (The New).** One of the leading educational institutions of the country, located at Chicago. It is the outgrowth of an attempt, put forth by the American Educational Society (organized at Washington in 1888), to supply the place which the original institution of the same name had been designed to fill. (See *University of Chicago—The Old.*) The following year, Mr. John D. Rockefeller of New York tendered a contribution of \$600,000 toward the endowment of the enterprise, conditioned upon securing additional pledges to the amount of \$400,000 by June 1, 1890. The offer was accepted, and the sum promptly raised. In addition, a site, covering four blocks of land in the city of Chicago, was secured—two and one-half blocks being acquired by purchase for \$282,500, and one and one-half (valued at \$125,000) donated by Mr. Marshall Field. A charter was secured and an organization effected, Sept. 10, 1890. The Presidency of the institution was tendered to, and accepted by, Dr. William R. Harper. Since that time the University has been the recipient of other generous benefactions by Mr. Rockefeller and others, until the aggregate donations (1898) exceed \$10,000,000. Of this amount over one-half has been contributed by Mr. Rockefeller, while he has pledged himself to make additional contributions of \$2,000,000, conditioned upon the raising of a like sum, from other donors, by Jan. 1, 1900. The buildings erected on the campus, prior to 1896, include a chemical laboratory costing \$182,000; a lecture hall, \$150,000; a physical laboratory



\$150,000; a museum, \$100,000; an academy dormitory, \$30,000; three dormitories for women, \$150,000; two dormitories for men, \$100,000, to which several important additions were made during 1896 and 97. The faculty embraces over 150 instructors, selected with reference to their fitness for their respective departments from among the most eminent scholars in America and Europe. Women are admitted as students and graduated upon an equality with men. The work of practical instruction began in October, 1893, with 589 registered students, coming from nearly every Northern State, and including 250 graduates from other institutions, to which accessions were made, during the year, raising the aggregate to over 900. The second year the number exceeded 1,100; the third, it rose to 1,750, and the fourth (1895-96), to some 2,000, including representatives from every State of the Union, besides many from foreign countries. Special features of the institution include the admission of graduates from other institutions to a post-graduate course, and the University Extension Division, which is conducted largely by means of lecture courses, in other cities, or through lecture centers in the vicinity of the University, non-resident students having the privilege of written examinations. The various libraries embrace over 300,000 volumes, of which nearly 60,000 belong to what are called the "Departmental Libraries," besides a large and valuable collection of maps and pamphlets.

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO** (The Old), an educational institution at Chicago, under the care of the Baptist denomination, for some years known as the Douglas University. Senator Stephen A. Douglas offered, in 1854, to donate ten acres of land, in what was then near the southern border of the city of Chicago, as a site for an institution of learning, provided buildings costing \$100,000, be erected thereon within a stipulated time. The corner-stone of the main building was laid, July 4, 1857, but the financial panic of that year prevented its completion, and Mr. Douglas extended the time, and finally deeded the land to the trustees without reserve. For eighteen years the institution led a precarious existence, struggling under a heavy debt. By 1885, mortgages to the amount of \$820,000 having accumulated, the trustees abandoned further effort, and acquiesced in the sale of the property under foreclosure proceedings. The original plan of the institution contemplated preparatory and collegiate departments, together with a college of law and a theological school.

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**, the leading educational institution under control of the State, located at Urbana and adjoining the city of Champaign. The Legislature at the session of 1863 accepted a grant of 480,000 acres of land under Act of Congress, approved July 2, 1862, making an appropriation of public lands to States—30,000 acres for each Senator and each Representative in Congress—establishing colleges for teaching agriculture and the mechanic arts, though not to the exclusion of classical and scientific studies. Land-scrip under this grant was issued and placed in the hands of Governor Yates, and a Board of Trustees appointed under the State law was organized in March, 1867, the institution being located the same year. Departments and courses of study were established, and Dr. John M. Gregory, of Michigan, was chosen Regent (President).—The landscrip issued to Illinois was sold at an early day for what it would bring in open market, except 25,000 acres, which was located in Nebraska and Minnesota. This has recently been sold, realizing a larger sum than was received for all the scrip otherwise disposed of. The entire sum thus secured for permanent endowment aggregates \$613,026. The University revenues were further increased by donations from Congress to each institution organized under the Act of 1862, of \$15,000 per annum for the maintenance of an Agricultural Experiment Station, and, in 1890, of a similar amount for instruction—the latter to be increased \$1,000 annually until it should reach \$25,000.—A mechanical building was erected in 1871, and this is claimed to have been the first of its kind in America intended for strictly educational purposes. What was called "the main building" was formally opened in December, 1873. Other buildings embrace a "Science Hall," opened in 1892; a new "Engineering Hall," 1894; a fine Library Building, 1897. Eleven other principal structures and a number of smaller ones have been erected as conditions required. The value of property aggregates nearly \$2,500,000, and appropriations from the State, for all purposes, previous to 1904, foot up \$5,123,517.90.—Since 1871 the institution has been open to women. The courses of study embrace agriculture, chemistry, polytechnics, military tactics, natural and general sciences, languages and literature, economics, household science, trade and commerce. The Graduate School dates from 1891. In 1896 the Chicago College of Pharmacy was connected with the University: a College of Law and a Library School were opened in 1897, and the same year the Chicago College of Physicians and Sur-



Military Hall.  
Machinery Hall.

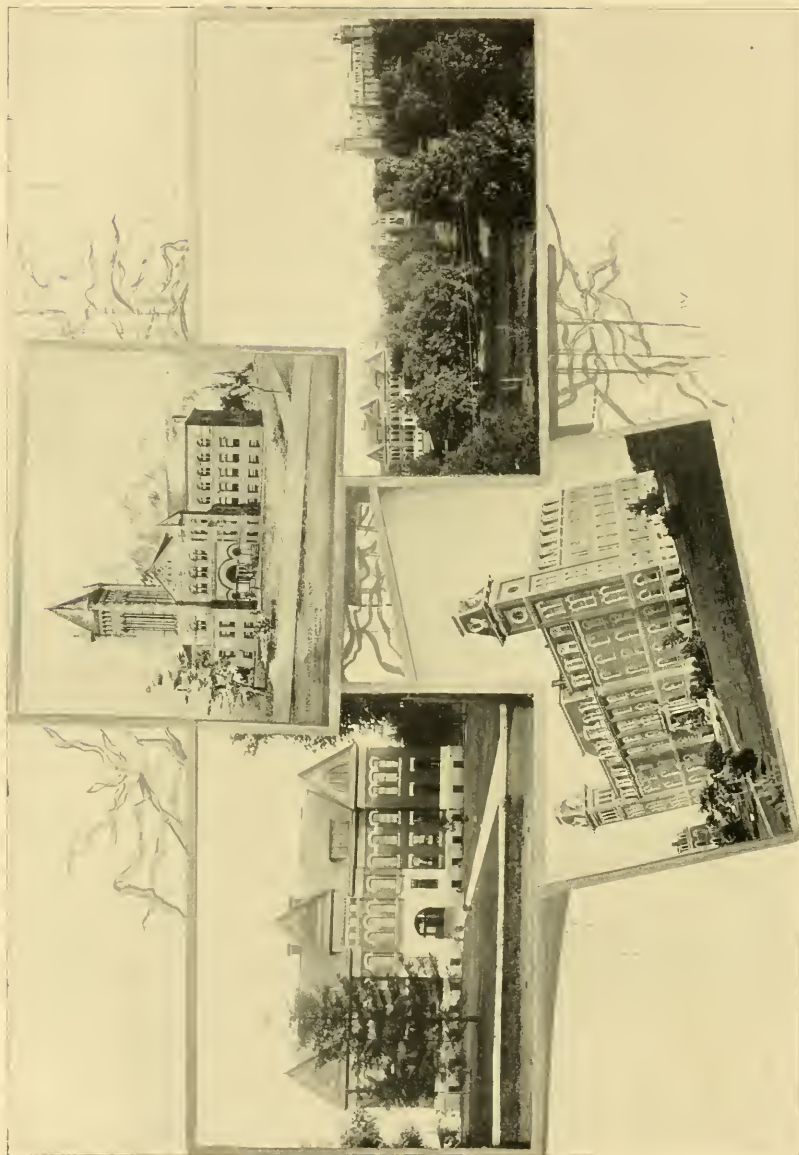
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA.

Engineering Hall.  
Chemical Laboratory.

Natural History Hall.  
University Hall.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA.

Library Hall.  
Campus View.



geons was affiliated as the College of Medicine—a School of Dentistry being added to the latter in 1901. In 1885 the State Laboratory of Natural History was transferred from Normal, Ill., and an Agricultural Experiment Station established in 1888, from which bulletins are sent to farmers throughout the State who may desire them.—The first name of the Institution was "Illinois Industrial University," but, in 1885, this was changed to "University of Illinois." In 1887 the Trustees (of whom there are nine) were made elective by popular vote—three being elected every two years, each holding office six years. Dr. Gregory, having resigned the office of Regent in 1880, was succeeded by Dr. Selim H. Peabody, who had been Professor of Mechanical and Civil Engineering. Dr. Peabody resigned in 1891. The duties of Regent were then discharged by Prof. Thomas J. Burrill until August, 1894, when Dr. Andrew Sloan Draper, former State Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of New York, was installed as President, serving until 1904.—The corps of instruction (1904) includes over 100 Professors, 60 Associate and Assistant Professors and 200 Instructors and Assistants, besides special lecturers, demonstrators and clerks. The number of students has increased rapidly in recent years, as shown by the following totals for successive years from 1890-91 to 1903-04, inclusive: 519; 583; 714; 743; 810; 852; 1,075; 1,582; 1,824; 2,234; 2,505; 2,932; 3,289; 3,589. Of the last number, 2,271 were men and 718 women. During 1903-04 there were in all departments at Urbana, 2,547 students (256 being in the Preparatory Academy); and in the three Professional Departments in Chicago, 1,042, of whom 694 were in the College of Medicine, 185 in the School of Pharmacy, and 163 in the School of Dentistry. The University Library contains 63,700 volumes and 14,500 pamphlets, not including 5,350 volumes and 15,850 pamphlets in the State Laboratory of Natural History.—The University occupies a conspicuous and attractive site, embracing 220 acres adjacent to the line between Urbana and Champaign, and near the residence portion of the two cities. The athletic field of 11 acres, on which stand the gymnasium and armory, is enclosed with an ornamental iron fence. The campus, otherwise, is an open and beautiful park with fine landscape effects.

**UNORGANIZED COUNTIES.** In addition to the 102 counties into which Illinois is divided, acts were passed by the General Assembly, at different times, providing for the organization of a number of others, a few of which

were subsequently organized under different names, but the majority of which were never organized at all—the proposition for such organization being rejected by vote of the people within the proposed boundaries, or allowed to lapse by non-action. These unorganized counties, with the date of the several acts authorizing them, and the territory which they were intended to include, were as follows: Allen County (1841)—comprising portions of Sangamon, Morgan and Macoupin Counties; Audobon (Audubon) County (1843)—from portions of Montgomery, Fayette and Shelby; Benton County (1843)—from Morgan, Greene and Macoupin; Coffee County (1837)—with substantially the same territory now comprised within the boundaries of Stark County, authorized two years later; Dane County (1839)—name changed to Christian in 1840; Harrison County (1855)—from McLean, Champaign and Vermilion, comprising territory since partially incorporated in Ford County; Holmes County (1857)—from Champaign and Vermilion; Marquette County (1843), changed (1847) to Highland—comprising the northern portion of Adams, (this act was accepted, with Columbus as the county-seat, but organization finally vacated); Michigan County (1837)—from a part of Cook; Milton County (1843)—from the south part of Vermilion; Okaw County (1841)—comprising substantially the same territory as Moultrie, organized under act of 1843; Oregon County (1851)—from parts of Sangamon, Morgan and Macoupin Counties, and covering substantially the same territory as proposed to be incorporated in Allen County ten years earlier. The last act of this character was passed in 1867, when an attempt was made to organize Lincoln County out of parts of Champaign and Vermilion, but which failed for want of an affirmative vote.

**UPPER ALTON**, a city of Madison County, situated on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, about 1½ miles northeast of Alton—laid out in 1816. It has several churches, and is the seat of Shurtleff College and the Western Military Academy, the former founded about 1831, and controlled by the Baptist denomination. Beds of excellent clay are found in the vicinity and utilized in pottery manufacture. Pop. (1890), 1,803; (1900), 2,373.

**UPTON**, George Putnam, journalist, was born at Roxbury, Mass., Oct. 25, 1834; graduated from Brown University in 1854, removed to Chicago in 1855, and began newspaper work on "The Native American," the following year taking the place of city editor of "The Evening Jour-



nal." In 1862, Mr. Upton became musical critic on "The Chicago Tribune," serving for a time also as its war correspondent in the field, later (about 1881) taking a place on the general editorial staff, which he still retains. He is regarded as an authority on musical and dramatic topics. Mr. Upton is also a stockholder in, and, for several years, has been Vice-President of the "Tribune" Company. Besides numerous contributions to magazines, his works include: "Letters of Peregrine Pickle" (1869); "Memories, a Story of German Love," translated from the German of Max Muller (1879); "Woman in Music" (1880); "Lives of German Composers" (3 vols.—1883-84); besides four volumes of standard operas, oratorios, cantatas, and symphonies (1885-88).

**URBANA**, a flourishing city, the county-seat of Champaign County, on the "Big Four," the Illinois Central and the Wabash Railways; 130 miles south of Chicago and 31 miles west of Danville; in agricultural and coal-mining region. The mechanical industries include extensive railroad shops, manufacture of brick, suspenders and lawn-mowers. The Cunningham Deaconesses' Home and Orphanage is located here. The city has water-works, gas and electric light plants, electric car-lines (local and interurban), superior schools, nine churches, three banks and three newspapers. Urbana is the seat of the University of Illinois. Pop. (1890), 3,511; (1900), 5,728.

**USREY, William J.**, editor and soldier, was born at Washington (near Natchez), Miss., May 16, 1827; was educated at Natchez, and, before reaching manhood, came to Macon County, Ill., where he engaged in teaching until 1846, when he enlisted as a private in Company C, Fourth Illinois Volunteers, for the Mexican War. In 1855, he joined with a Mr. Wingate in the establishment, at Decatur, of "The Illinois State Chronicle," of which he soon after took sole charge, conducting the paper until 1861, when he enlisted in the Thirty-fifth Illinois Volunteers and was appointed Adjutant. Although born and educated in a slave State, Mr. Usrey was an earnest opponent of slavery, as proved by the attitude of his paper in opposition to the Kansas-Nebraska Bill. He was one of the most zealous endorsers of the proposition for a conference of the Anti-Nebraska editors of the State of Illinois, to agree upon a line of policy in opposition to the further extension of slavery, and, when that body met at Decatur, on Feb. 22, 1856, he served as its Secretary, thus taking a prominent part in the initial steps which resulted in the organization of the Republican party in Illinois. (See *Anti-Nebraska*

*Editorial Convention*.) After returning from the war he resumed his place as editor of "The Chronicle," but finally retired from newspaper work in 1871. He was twice Postmaster of the city of Decatur, first previous to 1850, and again under the administration of President Grant; served also as a member of the City Council and was a member of the local Post of the G. A. R., and Secretary of the Macon County Association of Mexican War Veterans. Died, at Decatur, Jan. 20, 1894.

**UTICA**, (also called North Utica), a village of La Salle County, on the Illinois & Michigan Canal and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, 10 miles west of Ottawa, situated on the Illinois River opposite "Starved Rock," also believed to stand on the site of the Kaskaskia village found by the French Explorer, La Salle, when he first visited Illinois. "Utica cement" is produced here; it also has several factories or mills, besides banks and a weekly paper. Population (1880), 767; (1890), 1,094; (1900), 1,150.

**VAN ARNAM, John**, lawyer and soldier, was born at Plattsburg, N. Y., March 3, 1820. Having lost his father at five years of age, he went to live with a farmer, but ran away in his boyhood; later, began teaching, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in New York City, beginning practice at Marshall, Mich. In 1858 he removed to Chicago, and, as a member of the firm of Walker, Van Arnam & Dexter, became prominent as a criminal lawyer and railroad attorney, being for a time Solicitor of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. In 1862 he assisted in organizing the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry and was commissioned its Colonel, but was compelled to resign on account of illness. After spending some time in California, he resumed practice in Chicago in 1865. His later years were spent in California, dying at San Diego, in that State, April 6, 1890.

**VANDALIA**, the principal city and county-seat of Fayette County. It is situated on the Kaskaskia River, 30 miles north of Centralia, 62 miles south by west of Decatur, and 68 miles east-northeast of St. Louis. It is an intersecting point for the Illinois Central and the St. Louis, Vandalia and Terre Haute Railroads. It was the capital of the State from 1820 to 1839, the seat of government being removed to Springfield, the latter year, in accordance with act of the General Assembly passed at the session of 1837. It contains a court house (old State Capitol building), six churches, two banks, three weekly papers, a

graded school, flour, saw and paper mills, foundry, stove and heading mill, carriage and wagon and brick works. Pop. (1890), 2,144; (1900), 2,665.

**VANDEVEER, Horatio M.**, pioneer lawyer, was born in Washington County, Ind., March 1, 1816; came with his family to Illinois at an early age, settling on Clear Creek, now in Christian County; taught school and studied law, using books borrowed from the late Hon. John T. Stuart of Springfield; was elected first County Recorder of Christian County and, soon after, appointed Circuit Clerk, filling both offices three years. He also held the office of County Judge from 1848 to 1857; was twice chosen Representative in the General Assembly (1842 and 1850) and once to the State Senate (1862); in 1846, enlisted and was chosen Captain of a company for the Mexican War, but, having been rejected on account of the quota being full, was appointed Assistant-Quartermaster, in this capacity serving on the staff of General Taylor at the battle of Buena Vista. Among other offices held by Mr. Vandever, were those of Postmaster of Taylorville, Master in Chancery, Presidential Elector (1848), Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1862, and Judge of the Circuit Court (1870-79). In 1868 Judge Vandever established the private banking firm of H. M. Vandever & Co., at Taylorville, which, in conjunction with his sons, he continued successfully during the remainder of his life. Died, March 12, 1894.

**VAN HORNE, William C.**, Railway Manager and President, was born in Will County, Ill., February, 1843; began his career as a telegraph operator on the Illinois Central Railroad in 1856, was attached to the Michigan Central and Chicago & Alton Railroads (1858-72), later being General Manager or General Superintendent of various other lines (1872-79). He next served as General Superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, but soon after became General Manager of the Canadian Pacific, which he assisted to construct to the Pacific Coast; was elected Vice-President of the line in 1884, and its President in 1888. His services have been recognized by conferring upon him the order of knighthood by the British Government.

**VASSEUR, Noel C.**, pioneer Indian-trader, was born of French parentage in Canada, Dec. 25, 1799; at the age of 17 made a trip with a trading party to the West, crossing Wisconsin by way of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers, the route pursued by Joliet and Marquette in 1673; later, was associated with Gurdon S. Hubbard in the service of the American Fur Company, in 1820 visiting the

region now embraced in Iroquois County, where he and Hubbard subsequently established a trading post among the Pottawatomie Indians, believed to have been the site of the present town of Iroquois. The way of reaching their station from Chicago was by the Chicago and Des Plaines Rivers to the Kankakee, and ascending the latter and the Iroquois. Here Vasseur remained in trade until the removal of the Indians west of the Mississippi, in which he served as agent of the Government. While in the Iroquois region he married Watseka, a somewhat famous Pottawatomie woman, for whom the town of Watseka was named, and who had previously been the Indian wife of a fellow-trader. His later years were spent at Bourbonnais Grove, in Kankakee County, where he died, Dec. 12, 1879.

**VENICE**, a city of Madison County, on the Mississippi River opposite St. Louis and 2 miles north of East St. Louis; is touched by six trunk lines of railroad, and at the eastern approach to the new "Merchants' Bridge," with its round-house, has two ferries to St. Louis, street car line, electric lights, water-works, some manufactures and a newspaper. Pop. (1890), 932; (1900), 2,450.

**VENICE & CARONDELET RAILROAD.** (See *Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis (Consolidated) Railroad.*)

**VERMILION COUNTY**, an eastern county, bordering on the Indiana State line, and drained by the Vermilion and Little Vermilion Rivers, from which it takes its name. It was originally organized in 1826, when it extended north to Lake Michigan. Its present area is 926 square miles. The discovery of salt springs, in 1819, aided in attracting immigration to this region, but the manufacture of salt was abandoned many years ago. Early settlers were Seymour Treat, James Butler, Henry Johnston, Harvey Lidington, Gurdon S. Hubbard and Daniel W. Beckwith. James Butler and Achilles Morgan were the first County Commissioners. Many interesting fossil remains have been found, among them the skeleton of a mastodon (1868). Fire clay is found in large quantities, and two coal seams cross the county. The surface is level and the soil fertile. Corn is the chief agricultural product, although oats, wheat, rye, and potatoes are extensively cultivated. Stock-raising and wool-growing are important industries. There are also several manufactories, chiefly at Danville, which is the county-seat. Coal mining is carried on extensively, especially in the vicinity of Danville. Population (1880), 41,588; (1890), 49,905; (1900), 65,835.

**VERMILION RIVER**, a tributary of the Illinois; rises in Ford and the northern part of McLean County, and, running northwestward through Livingston and the southern part of La Salle Counties, enters the Illinois River nearly opposite the city of La Salle; has a length of about 80 miles.

**VERMILION RIVER**, an affluent of the Wabash, formed by the union of the North, Middle and South Forks, which rise in Illinois, and come together near Danville in this State. It flows southeastward, and enters the Wabash in Vermilion County, Ind. The main stream is about 28 miles long. The South Fork, however, which rises in Champaign County and runs eastward, has a length of nearly 75 miles. The Little Vermilion River enters the Wabash about 7 or 8 miles below the Vermilion, which is sometimes called the Big Vermilion, by way of distinction.

**VERMONT**, a village in Fulton County, at junction of Galesburg and St. Louis Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 24 miles north of Beardstown; has a carriage manufactory, flour and saw-mills, brick and tile works, electric light plant, besides two banks, four churches, two graded schools, and one weekly newspaper. An artesian well has been sunk here to the depth of 2 600 feet. Pop. (1900), 1,195.

**VERSAILLES**, a town of Brown County, on the Wabash Railway, 48 miles east of Quincy; is in a timber and agricultural district; has a bank and weekly newspaper. Population (1900), 524.

**VIENNA**, the county-seat of Johnson County, situated on the Cairo and Vincennes branch of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, 36 miles north-northwest of Cairo. It has a court house, several churches, a graded school, banks and two weekly newspapers. Population (1880), 494; (1890), 828; (1900), 1,217.

**VIGO**, Francois, pioneer and early Indian-trader, was born at Mondovi, Sardinia (Western Italy), in 1747, served as a private soldier, first at Havana and afterwards at New Orleans. When he left the Spanish army he came to St. Louis, then the military headquarters of Spain for Upper Louisiana, where he became a partner of Commandant de Leba, and was extensively engaged in the fur-trade among the Indians on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. On the occupation of Kaskaskia by Col. George Rogers Clark in 1778, he rendered valuable aid to the Americans, turning out supplies to feed Clark's destitute soldiers, and accepting Virginia Continental money, at par, in payment, incurring liabilities in excess of

\$20,000. This, followed by the confiscation policy of the British Colonel Hamilton, at Vincennes, where Vigo had considerable property, reduced him to extreme penury. H. W. Beckwith says that, towards the close of his life, he lived on his little homestead near Vincennes, in great poverty but cheerful to the last. He was never recompensed during his life for his sacrifices in behalf of the American cause, though a tardy restitution was attempted, after his death, by the United States Government, for the benefit of his heirs. He died, at a ripe old age, at Vincennes, Ind., March 22, 1835.

**VILLA RIDGE**, a village of Pulaski County, on the Illinois Central Railway, 10 miles north of Cairo. Population, 500.

**VINCENNES**, Jean Baptiste Bissot, a Canadian explorer, born at Quebec, January, 1688, of aristocratic and wealthy ancestry. He was closely connected with Louis Joliet — probably his brother-in-law, although some historians say that he was the latter's nephew. He entered the Canadian army as ensign in 1701, and had a long and varied experience as an Indian fighter. About 1725 he took up his residence on what is now the site of the present city of Vincennes, Ind., which is named in his honor. Here he erected an earth fort and established a trading-post. In 1726, under orders, he co-operated with D'Artaguiette (then the French Governor of Illinois) in an expedition against the Chickasaws. The expedition resulted disastrously. Vincennes and D'Artaguiette were captured and burned at the stake, together with Father Senat (a Jesuit priest) and others of the command. (See also *D'Artaguiette; French Governors of Illinois.*)

**VIRDEN**, a city of Macoupin County, on the Chicago & Alton and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroads, 21 miles south by west from Springfield, and 31 miles east-southeast of Jacksonville. It has five churches, two banks, two newspapers, telephone service, electric lights, grain elevators, machine shop, and extensive coal mines. Pop. (1900), 2,280; (school census 1903), 3,651.

**VIRGINIA**, an incorporated city, the county-seat of Cass County, situated at the intersection of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis, with the Springfield Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, 15 miles north of Jacksonville, and 33 miles west-northwest of Springfield. It lies in the heart of a rich agricultural region. There is a flouring mill here, besides manufactories of wagons and cigars. The city has two National and one State bank, five churches, a

high school, and two weekly papers. Pop. (1890), 1,602; (1900), 1,600.

**VOCKE, William**, lawyer, was born at Minden, Westphalia (Germany), in 1839, the son of a Government Secretary in the Prussian service. Having lost his father at an early age, he emigrated to America in 1856, and, after a short stay in New York, came to Chicago, where he found employment as a paper-carrier for "The Staats-Zeitung," meanwhile giving his attention to the study of law. Later, he became associated with a real-estate firm; on the commencement of the Civil War, enlisted as a private in a three-months' regiment, and, finally, in the Twenty-fourth Illinois (the first Hecker regiment), in which he rose to the rank of Captain. Returning from the army, he was employed as city editor of "The Staats-Zeitung," but, in 1865, became Clerk of the Chicago Police Court, serving until 1869. Meanwhile he had been admitted to the bar, and, on retirement from office, began practice, but, in 1870, was elected Representative in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, in which he bore a leading part in framing "the burnt record act" made necessary by the fire of 1871. He has since been engaged in the practice of his profession, having been, for a number of years, attorney for the German Consulate at Chicago, also serving, for several years, on the Chicago Board of Education. Mr. Vocke is a man of high literary tastes, as shown by his publication, in 1869, of a volume of poems translated from the German, which has been highly commended, besides a legal work on "The Administration of Justice in the United States, and a Synopsis of the Mode of Procedure in our Federal and State Courts and All Federal and State Laws relating to Subjects of Interest to Aliens," which has been published in the German Language, and is highly valued by German lawyers and business men. Mr. Vocke was a member of the Republican National Convention of 1872 at Philadelphia, which nominated General Grant for the Presidency a second time.

**VOLK, Leonard Wells**, a distinguished Illinois sculptor, born at Wellstown (afterwards Wells), N. Y., Nov. 7, 1828. Later, his father, who was a marble cutter, removed to Pittsfield, Mass., and, at the age of 16, Leonard began work in his shop. In 1848 he came west and began modeling in clay and drawing at St. Louis, being only self-taught. He married a cousin of Stephen A. Douglas, and the latter, in 1855, aided him in the prosecution of his art studies in Italy. Two years afterward he settled in Chicago, where he

modeled the first portrait bust ever made in the city, having for his subject his first patron—the "Little Giant." The next year (1858) he made a life-size marble statue of Douglas. In 1860 he made a portrait bust of Abraham Lincoln, which passed into the possession of the Chicago Historical Society and was destroyed in the great fire of 1871. In 1868-69, and again in 1871-72, he revisited Italy for purposes of study. In 1867 he was elected academician of the Chicago Academy, and was its President for eight years. He was genial, companionable and charitable, and always ready to assist his younger and less fortunate professional brethren. His best known works are the Douglas Monument, in Chicago, several soldiers' monuments in different parts of the country, the statuary for the Henry Keep mausoleum at Watertown, N. Y., life-size statues of Lincoln and Douglas, in the State House at Springfield, and numerous portrait busts of men eminent in political, ecclesiastical and commercial life. Died, at Osceola, Wis., August 18, 1895.

**VOSS, Arno**, journalist, lawyer and soldier, born in Prussia, April 16, 1821; emigrated to the United States and was admitted to the bar in Chicago, in 1848, the same year becoming editor of "The Staats-Zeitung"; was elected City Attorney in 1852, and again in 1853; in 1861 became Major of the Sixth Illinois Cavalry, but afterwards assisted in organizing the Twelfth Cavalry, of which he was commissioned Colonel, still later serving with his command in Virginia. He was at Harper's Ferry at the time of the capture of that place in September, 1862, but succeeded in cutting his way, with his command, through the rebel lines, escaping into Pennsylvania. Compelled by ill-health to leave the service in 1863, he retired to a farm in Will County, but, in 1869, returned to Chicago, where he served as Master in Chancery and was elected to the lower branch of the General Assembly in 1876, but declined a re-election in 1878. Died, in Chicago, March 23, 1888.

**WABASH, CHESTER & WESTERN RAILROAD**, a railway running from Chester to Mount Vernon, Ill., 63.33 miles, with a branch extending from Chester to Menard, 1.5 miles; total mileage, 64.83. It is of standard gauge, and almost entirely laid with 60-pound steel rails.—(HISTORY.) It was organized, Feb. 20, 1878, as successor to the Iron Mountain, Chester & Eastern Railroad. During the fiscal year 1893-94 the Company purchased the Tamaroa & Mount Vernon Railroad, extending from Mount Vernon to



Tamaroa, 22.5 miles. Capital stock (1898), \$1,250,000; bonded indebtedness, \$690,000; total capitalization, \$2,028,573.

**WABASH COUNTY**, situated in the southeast corner of the State; area 230 square miles. The county was carved out from Edwards in 1824, and the first court house built at Centerville, in May, 1826. Later, Mount Carmel was made the county-seat. (See *Mount Carmel*.) The Wabash River drains the county on the east; other streams are the Bon Pas, Coffee and Crawfish Creeks. The surface is undulating with a fair growth of timber. The chief industries are the raising of live-stock and the cultivation of cereals. The wool-crop is likewise valuable. The county is crossed by the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis and the Cairo and Vincennes Division of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroads. Population (1880), 4,945; (1890), 11,866; (1900), 12,583.

**WABASH RAILROAD**, an extensive railroad system connecting the cities of Detroit and Toledo, on the east, with Kansas City and Council Bluffs, on the west, with branches to Chicago, St. Louis, Quincy and Altamont, Ill., and to Keokuk and Des Moines, Iowa. The total mileage (1898) is 1,874.96 miles, of which 677.4 miles are in Illinois—all of the latter being the property of the company, besides 176.7 miles of yard-tracks, sidings and spurs. The company has trackage privileges over the Toledo, Peoria & Western (6.5 miles) between Elvaston and Keokuk bridge, and over the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy (21.8 miles) between Camp Point and Quincy.—(HISTORY.) A considerable portion of this road in Illinois is constructed on the line upon which the Northern Cross Railroad was projected, in the "internal improvement" scheme adopted in 1837, and embraces the only section of road completed under that scheme—that between the Illinois River and Springfield. (1) The construction of this section was begun by the State, May 11, 1837, the first rail laid, May 9, 1838, the road completed to Jacksonville, Jan. 1, 1840, and to Springfield, May 13, 1842. It was operated for a time by "mule power," but the income was insufficient to keep the line in repair and it was finally abandoned. In 1847 the line was sold for \$21,100 to N. H. Ridgely and Thomas Mather of Springfield, and by them transferred to New York capitalists, who organized the Sangamon & Morgan Railroad Company, reconstructed the road from Springfield to Naples and opened it for business in 1849. (2) In 1853 two corporations were organized in Ohio and Indiana, respectively,

under the name of the Toledo & Illinois Railroad and the Lake Erie, Wabash & St. Louis Railroad, which were consolidated as the Toledo, Wabash & Western Railroad, June 25, 1856. In 1858 these lines were sold separately under foreclosure, and finally reorganized, under a special charter granted by the Illinois Legislature, under the name of the Great Western Railroad Company. (3) The Quincy & Toledo Railroad, extending from Camp Point to the Illinois River opposite Meredosia, was constructed in 1858-59, and that, with the Illinois & Southern Iowa (from Clayton to Keokuk), was united, July 1, 1865, with the eastern divisions extending to Toledo, the new organization taking the name of the main line, (Toledo, Wabash & Western). (4) The Hannibal & Naples Division (49.6 miles), from Bluffs to Hannibal, Mo., was chartered in 1863, opened for business in 1870 and leased to the Toledo, Wabash & Western. The latter defaulted on its interest in 1875, was placed in the hands of a receiver and, in 1877, was turned over to a new company under the name of the Wabash Railway Company. (5) In 1868 the company, as it then existed, promoted and secured the construction, and afterwards acquired the ownership, of a line extending from Decatur to East St. Louis (110.5 miles) under the name of the Decatur & East St. Louis Railroad. (6) The Eel River Railroad, from Butler to Logansport, Ind., was acquired in 1877, and afterwards extended to Detroit under the name of the Detroit, Butler & St. Louis Railroad, completing the connection from Logansport to Detroit.—In November, 1879, the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway Company was organized, took the property and consolidated it with certain lines west of the Mississippi, of which the chief was the St. Louis, Kansas City & Northern. A line had been projected from Decatur to Chicago as early as 1870, but, not having been constructed in 1881, the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific purchased what was known as the Chicago & Paducah Railroad, uniting with the main line at Bernett, and (by way of the Decatur and St. Louis Division) giving a direct line between Chicago and St. Louis. At this time the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific was operating the following additional leased lines: Pekin, Lincoln & Decatur (67.2 miles); Hannibal & Central Missouri (70.2 miles); Lafayette, Muncie & Bloomington (36.7 miles), and the Lafayette Bloomington & Muncie (80 miles). A connection between Chicago on the west and Toledo and Detroit on the east was established over the Grand Trunk road in 1882, but, in 1890, the com-

pany constructed a line from Montpelier, Ohio, to Clark, Ind. (149.7 miles), thence by track lease to Chicago (17.5 miles), giving an independent line between Chicago and Detroit by what is known to investors as the Detroit & Chicago Division.

The total mileage of the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific system, in 1884, amounted to over 3,600 miles; but, in May of that year, default having been made in the payment of interest, the work of disintegration began. The main line east of the Mississippi and that on the west were separated, the latter taking the name of the "Wabash Western." The Eastern Division was placed in the hands of a receiver, so remaining until May, 1889, when the two divisions, having been bought in by a purchasing committee, were consolidated under the present name. The total earnings and income of the road in Illinois, for the fiscal year 1898, were \$4,402,621, and the expenses \$4,836,110. The total capital invested (1898) was \$139,889,643, including capital stock of \$52,000,000 and bonds to the amount of \$81,534,000.

**WABASH RIVER**, rises in northwestern Ohio, passes into Indiana, and runs northwest to Huntington. It then flows nearly due west to Logansport, thence southwest to Covington, finally turning southward to Terre Haute, a few miles below which it strikes the western boundary of Indiana. It forms the boundary between Illinois and Indiana (taking into account its numerous windings) for some 200 miles. Below Vincennes it runs in a south-southwesterly direction, and enters the Ohio at the south-west extremity of Indiana, near latitude 37° 49' north. Its length is estimated at 557 miles.

**WABASH & MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD.** (See *Illinois Central Railroad*.)

**WABASH, ST. LOUIS & PACIFIC RAILROAD.** (See *Wabash Railroad*.)

**WABASH & WESTERN RAILROAD.** (See *Wabash Railroad*.)

**WAIT, William Smith**, pioneer, and original suggestor of the Illinois Central Railroad, was born in Portland, Maine, March 5, 1789, and educated in the public schools of his native place. In his youth he entered a book-publishing house in which his father was a partner, and was for a time associated with the publication of a weekly paper. Later the business was conducted at Boston, and extended over the Eastern, Middle, and Southern States, the subject of this sketch making extensive tours in the interest of the firm. In 1817 he made a tour to the West,

reaching St. Louis, and, early in the following year, visited Bond County, Ill., where he made his first entry of land from the Government. Returning to Boston a few months later, he continued in the service of the publishing firm until 1820, when he again came to Illinois, and, in 1821, began farming in Ripley Township, Bond County. Returning East in 1824, he spent the next ten years in the employment of the publishing firm, with occasional visits to Illinois. In 1835 he located permanently near Greenville, Bond County, and engaged extensively in farming and fruit-raising, planting one of the largest apple orchards in the State at that early day. In 1845 he presided as chairman over the National Industrial Convention in New York, and, in 1848, was nominated as the candidate of the National Reform Association for Vice-President on the ticket with Gerrit Smith of New York, but declined. He was also prominent in County and State Agricultural Societies. Mr. Wait has been credited with being one of the first (if not the very first) to suggest the construction of the Illinois Central Railroad, which he did as early as 1835; was also one of the prime movers in the construction of the Mississippi & Atlantic Railroad—now the "Vandalia Line"—giving much time to the latter enterprise from 1846 for many years, and was one of the original incorporators of the St. Louis & Illinois Bridge Company. Died, July 17, 1865.

**WALKER, Cyrus**, pioneer, lawyer, born in Rockbridge County, Va., May 14, 1791, was taken while an infant to Adair County, Ky., and came to Macomb, Ill., in 1833, being the second lawyer to locate in McDonough County. He had a wide reputation as a successful advocate, especially in criminal cases, and practiced extensively in the courts of Western Illinois and also in Iowa. Died, Dec. 1, 1875. Mr. Walker was uncle of the late Pinkney H. Walker of the Supreme Court, who studied law with him. He was Whig candidate for Presidential Elector for the State-at-large in 1840.

**WALKER, James Barr**, clergyman, was born in Philadelphia, July 29, 1805; in his youth served as errand-boy in a country store near Pittsburg and spent four years in a printing office; then became clerk in the office of Mordecai M. Noah, in New York, studied law and graduated from Western Reserve College, Ohio; edited various religious papers, including "The Watchman of the Prairies" (now "The Advance") of Chicago, was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Chicago, and for some time was lecturer on

"Harmony between Science and Revealed Religion" at Oberlin College and Chicago Theological Seminary. He was author of several volumes, one of which—"The Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation," published anonymously under the editorship of Prof. Calvin E. Stowe (1855)—ran through several editions and was translated into five different languages, including Hindustanee. Died, at Wheaton, Ill., March 6, 1887.

**WALKER, James Monroe**, corporation lawyer and Railway President, was born at Claremont, N. H., Feb. 14, 1820. At fifteen he removed with his parents to a farm in Michigan; was educated at Oberlin, Ohio, and at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, graduating from the latter in 1849. He then entered a law office as clerk and student, was admitted to the bar the next year, and soon after elected Prosecuting Attorney of Washtenaw County; was also local attorney for the Michigan Central Railway, for which, after his removal to Chicago in 1853, he became General Solicitor. Two years later the firm of Sedgwick & Walker, which had been organized in Michigan, became attorneys for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and, until his death, Mr. Walker was associated with this company, either as General Solicitor, General Counsel or President, filling the latter position from 1870 to 1875. Mr. Walker organized both the Chicago and Kansas City stock-yards, and was President of these corporations, as also of the Wilmington Coal Company, down to the time of his death, which occurred on Jan. 22, 1881, as a result of heart disease.

**WALKER, (Rev.) Jesse**, Methodist Episcopal missionary, was born in Rockingham County, Va., June 9, 1766; in 1800 removed to Tennessee, became a traveling preacher in 1802, and, in 1806, came to Illinois under the presiding-elder-ship of Rev. William McKendree (afterwards Bishop), locating first at Turkey Hill, St. Clair County. In 1807 he held a camp meeting near Edwardsville—the first on Illinois soil. Later, he transferred his labors to Northern Illinois; was at Peoria in 1824; at Ottawa in 1825, and devoted much time to missionary work among the Pottawatomes, maintaining a school among them for a time. He visited Chicago in 1826, and there is evidence that he was a prominent resident there for several years, occupying a log house, which he used as a church and living-room, on "Wolf Point" at the junction of the North and South Branches of the Chicago River. While acting as superintendent of the Fox River mission, his residence appears to have been at Plain-

field, in the northern part of Will County. Died, Oct. 5, 1835.

**WALKER, Pinkney H.**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Adair County, Ky., June 18, 1815. His boyhood was chiefly passed in farm work and as clerk in a general store; in 1834 he came to Illinois, settling at Rushville, where he worked in a store for four years. In 1838 he removed to Macomb, where he began attendance at an academy and the study of law with his uncle, Cyrus Walker, a leading lawyer of his time. He was admitted to the bar in 1839, practicing at Macomb until 1848, when he returned to Rushville. In 1853 he was elected Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, to fill a vacancy, and re-elected in 1855. This position he resigned in 1858, having been appointed, by Governor Bissell, to fill the vacancy on the bench of the Supreme Court occasioned by the resignation of Judge Skinner. Two months later he was elected to the same position, and re-elected in 1867 and '76. He presided as Chief Justice from January, 1864, to June, '67, and again from June, 1874, to June, '75. Before the expiration of his last term he died, Feb. 7, 1885.

**WALL, George Willard**, lawyer, politician and Judge, was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, April 22, 1839; brought to Perry County, Ill., in infancy, and received his preparatory education at McKendree College, finally graduating from the University of Michigan in 1858, and from the Cincinnati Law School in 1859, when he began practice at Duquoin, Ill. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1862, and, from 1864 to '68, served as State's Attorney for the Third Judicial District; was also a Delegate to the State Constitutional Convention of 1869-70. In 1872 he was an unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Congress, although running ahead of his ticket. In 1877 he was elected to the bench of the Third Circuit, and re-elected in '79, '85 and '91, much of the time since 1877 being on duty upon the Appellate bench. His home is at Duquoin.

**WALLACE, (Rev.) Peter, D.D.**, clergyman and soldier; was born in Mason County, Ky., April 11, 1813; taken in infancy to Brown County, Ohio, where he grew up on a farm until 15 years of age, when he was apprenticed to a carpenter; at the age of 20 came to Illinois, where he became a contractor and builder, following this occupation for a number of years. He was converted in 1835 at Springfield, Ill., and, some years later, having decided to enter the ministry, was admitted to the Illinois Conference as a deacon by Bishop E. S. Jones in 1853, and

placed in charge of the Danville Circuit. Two years later he was ordained by Bishop Scott, and, in the next few years, held pastorates at various places in the central and eastern parts of the State. From 1867 to 1874 he was Presiding Elder of the Mattoon and Quincy Districts, and, for six years, held the position of President of the Board of Trustees of Chaddock College at Quincy, from which he received the degree of D.D. in 1881. In the second year of the Civil War he raised a company in Sangamon County, was chosen its Captain and assigned to the Seventy-third Illinois Volunteers, known as the "preachers' regiment"—all of its officers being ministers. In 1864 he was compelled by ill-health to resign his commission. While pastor of the church at Saybrook, Ill., he was offered the position of Postmaster of that place, which he decided to accept, and was allowed to retire from the active ministry. On retirement from office, in 1884, he removed to Chicago. In 1889 he was appointed by Governor Fifer the first Chaplain of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, but retired some four years afterward, when he returned to Chicago. Dr. Wallace was an eloquent and effective preacher and continued to preach, at intervals, until within a short time of his decease, which occurred in Chicago, Feb. 21, 1897, in his 84th year. A zealous patriot, he frequently spoke very effectively upon the political rostrum. Originally a Whig, he became a Republican on the organization of that party, and took pride in the fact that the first vote he ever cast was for Abraham Lincoln, for Representative in the Legislature, in 1834. He was a Knight Templar, Vice-President of the Tippecanoe Club of Chicago, and, at his death, Chaplain of America Post, No. 708, G. A. R.

**WALLACE, William Henry Lamb**, lawyer and soldier, was born at Urbana, Ohio, July 8, 1821; brought to Illinois in 1833, his father settling near La Salle and, afterwards, at Mount Morris, Ogle County, where young Wallace attended the Rock River Seminary; was admitted to the bar in 1845; in 1846 enlisted as a private in the First Illinois Volunteers (Col. John J. Hardin's regiment), for the Mexican War, rising to the rank of Adjutant and participating in the battle of Buena Vista (where his commander was killed), and in other engagements. Returning to his profession at Ottawa, he served as District Attorney (1852-56), then became partner of his father-in-law, Col. T. Lyle Dickey, afterwards of the Supreme Court. In April, 1861, he was one of the first to answer the call for troops by enlisting, and became Colo-

nel of the Eleventh Illinois (three-months' men), afterwards re-enlisting for three years. As commander of a brigade he participated in the capture of Forts Henry and Donelson, in February, 1862, receiving promotion as Brigadier-General for gallantry. At Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh), as commander of Gen. C. F. Smith's Division, devolving on him on account of the illness of his superior officer, he showed great courage, but fell mortally wounded, dying at Charleston, Tenn., April 10, 1862. His career promised great brilliancy and his loss was greatly deplored.—**MARTIN R. M.** (Wallace), brother of the preceding, was born at Urbana, Ohio, Sept. 29, 1829, came to La Salle County, Ill., with his father's family and was educated in the local schools and at Rock River Seminary; studied law at Ottawa, and was admitted to the bar in 1856, soon after locating in Chicago. In 1861 he assisted in organizing the Fourth Regiment Illinois Cavalry, of which he became Lieutenant-Colonel, and was complimented, in 1865, with the rank of brevet Brigadier-General. After the war he served as Assessor of Internal Revenue (1866-69); County Judge (1869-77); Prosecuting Attorney (1884); and, for many years past, has been one of the Justices of the Peace of the city of Chicago.

**WALNUT**, a town of Bureau County, on the Mendota and Fulton branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 26 miles west of Mendota; is in a farming and stock-raising district; has two banks and two newspapers. Population (1890), 605; (1900), 791.

**WAR OF 1812.** Upon the declaration of war by Congress, in June, 1812, the Pottawatomes, and most of the other tribes of Indians in the Territory of Illinois, strongly sympathized with the British. The savages had been hostile and restless for some time previous, and blockhouses and family forts had been erected at a number of points, especially in the settlements most exposed to the incursions of the savages. Governor Edwards, becoming apprehensive of an outbreak, constructed Fort Russell, a few miles from Edwardsville. Taking the field in person, he made this his headquarters, and collected a force of 250 mounted volunteers, who were later reinforced by two companies of rangers, under Col. William Russell, numbering about 100 men. An independent company of twenty-one spies, of which John Reynolds—afterwards Governor—was a member, was also formed and led by Capt. Samuel Judy. The Governor organized his little army into two regiments under Colonels Rector



and Stephenson, Colonel Russell serving as second to the commander-in-chief, other members of his staff being Secretary Nathaniel Pope and Robert K. McLaughlin. On Oct. 18, 1812, Governor Edwards, with his men, set out for Peoria, where it was expected that their force would meet that of General Hopkins, who had been sent from Kentucky with a force of 2,000 men. En route, two Kickapoo villages were burned, and a number of Indians unnecessarily slain by Edwards' party. Hopkins had orders to disperse the Indians on the Illinois and Wabash Rivers, and destroy their villages. He determined, however, on reaching the headwaters of the Vermilion to proceed no farther. Governor Edwards reached the head of Peoria Lake, but, failing to meet Hopkins, returned to Fort Russell. About the same time Capt. Thomas E. Craig led a party, in two boats, up the Illinois River to Peoria. His boats, as he alleged, having been fired upon in the night by Indians, who were harbored and protected by the French citizens of Peoria, he burned the greater part of the village, and capturing the population, carried them down the river, putting them on shore, in the early part of the winter, just below Alton. Other desultory expeditions marked the campaigns of 1813 and 1814. The Indians meanwhile gaining courage, remote settlements were continually harassed by marauding bands. Later in 1814, an expedition, led by Major (afterwards President) Zachary Taylor, ascended the Mississippi as far as Rock Island, where he found a large force of Indians, supported by British regulars with artillery. Finding himself unable to cope with so formidable a foe, Major Taylor retreated down the river. On the site of the present town of Warsaw he threw up fortifications, which he named Fort Edwards, from which point he was subsequently compelled to retreat. The same year the British, with their Indian allies, descended from Mackinac, captured Prairie du Chien, and burned Forts Madison and Johnston, after which they retired to Cap au Gris. The treaty of Ghent, signed Dec. 24, 1814, closed the war, although no formal treaties were made with the tribes until the year following.

**WAR OF THE REBELLION.** At the outbreak of the Civil War, the executive chair, in Illinois, was occupied by Gov. Richard Yates. Immediately upon the issuance of President Lincoln's first call for troops (April 15, 1861), the Governor issued his proclamation summoning the Legislature together in special session and, the same day, issued a call for "six regiments of militia,"

the quota assigned to the State under call of the President. Public excitement was at fever heat, and dormant patriotism in both sexes was aroused as never before. Party lines were broken down and, with comparatively few exceptions, the mass of the people were actuated by a common sentiment of patriotism. On April 19, Governor Yates was instructed, by the Secretary of War, to take possession of Cairo as an important strategic point. At that time, the State militia organizations were few in number and poorly equipped, consisting chiefly of independent companies in the larger cities. The Governor acted with great promptitude, and, on April 21, seven companies, numbering 595 men, commanded by Gen. Richard K. Swift of Chicago, were en route to Cairo. The first volunteer company to tender its services, in response to Governor Yates' proclamation, on April 16, was the Zouave Grays of Springfield. Eleven other companies were tendered the same day, and, by the evening of the 18th, the number had been increased to fifty. Simultaneously with these proceedings, Chicago bankers tendered to the Governor a war loan of \$500,000, and those of Springfield, \$100,000. The Legislature, at its special session, passed acts increasing the efficiency of the militia law, and provided for the creation of a war fund of \$2,000,000. Besides the six regiments already called for, the raising of ten additional volunteer regiments and one battery of light artillery was authorized. The last of the six regiments, apportioned to Illinois under the first presidential call, was dispatched to Cairo early in May. The six regiments were numbered the Seventh to Twelfth, inclusive—the earlier numbers, First to Sixth, being conceded to the six regiments which had served in the war with Mexico. The regiments were commanded, respectively, by Colonels John Cook, Richard J. Oglesby, Eleazer A. Paine, James D. Morgan, William H. L. Wallace, and John McArthur, constituting the "First Brigade of Illinois Volunteers." Benjamin M. Prentiss, having been chosen Brigadier-General on arrival at Cairo, assumed command, relieving General Swift. The quota under the second call, consisting of ten regiments, was mustered into service within sixty days, 200 companies being tendered immediately. Many more volunteered than could be accepted, and large numbers crossed to Missouri and enlisted in regiments forming in that State. During June and July the Secretary of War authorized Governor Yates to recruit twenty-two additional regiments (seventeen infantry and five cavalry), which were promptly raised. On

July 22, the day following the defeat of the Union army at Bull Run, President Lincoln called for 500,000 more volunteers. Governor Yates immediately responded with an offer to the War Department of sixteen more regiments (thirteen of infantry and three of cavalry), and a battalion of artillery, adding, that the State claimed it as her right, to do her full share toward the preservation of the Union. Under supplemental authority, received from the Secretary of War in August, 1861, twelve additional regiments of infantry and five of cavalry were raised, and, by December, 1861, the State had 43,000 volunteers in the field and 17,000 in camps of instruction. Other calls were made in July and August, 1862, each for 300,000 men. Illinois' quota, under both calls, was over 52,000 men, no regard being paid to the fact that the State had already furnished 16,000 troops in excess of its quotas under previous calls. Unless this number of volunteers was raised by September 1, a draft would be ordered. The tax was a severe one, inasmuch as it would fall chiefly upon the prosperous citizens, the floating population, the idle and the extremely poor having already followed the army's march, either as soldiers or as camp-followers. But recruiting was actively carried on, and, aided by liberal bounties in many of the counties, in less than a fortnight the 52,000 new troops were secured, the volunteers coming largely from the substantial classes—agricultural, mercantile, artisan and professional. By the end of December, fifty-nine regiments and four batteries had been dispatched to the front, besides a considerable number to fill up regiments already in the field, which had suffered severely from battle, exposure and disease. At this time, Illinois had an aggregate of over 135,000 enlisted men in the field. The issue of President Lincoln's preliminary proclamation of emancipation, in September, 1862, was met by a storm of hostile criticism from his political opponents, who—aided by the absence of so large a proportion of the loyal population of the State in the field—were able to carry the elections of that year. Consequently, when the Twenty-third General Assembly convened in regular session at Springfield, on Jan. 5, 1863, a large majority of that body was not only opposed to both the National and State administrations, but avowedly opposed to the further prosecution of the war under the existing policy. The Legislature reconvened in June, but was prorogued by Governor Yates. Between Oct. 1, 1863, and July 1, 1864, 16,000 veterans re-enlisted and 37,000 new volunteers were enrolled; and, by the

date last mentioned, Illinois had furnished to the Union army 244,496 men, being 14,596 in excess of the allotted quotas, constituting fifteen per cent of the entire population. These were comprised in 151 regiments of infantry, 17 of cavalry and two complete regiments of artillery, besides twelve independent batteries. The total losses of Illinois organizations, during the war, has been reported at 34,834, of which 5,874 were killed in battle, 4,020 died from wounds, 22,786 from disease and 2,154 from other causes—being a total of thirteen per cent of the entire force of the State in the service. The part which Illinois played in the contest was conspicuous for patriotism, promptness in response to every call, and the bravery and efficiency of its troops in the field—reflecting honor upon the State and its history. Nor were its loyal citizens—who, while staying at home, furnished moral and material support to the men at the front—less worthy of praise than those who volunteered. By upholding the Government—National and State—and by their zeal and energy in collecting and sending forward immense quantities of supplies—surgical, medical and other—often at no little sacrifice, they contributed much to the success of the Union arms. (See also *Camp Douglas; Camp Douglas Conspiracy; Secret Treasonable Societies.*)

**WAR OF THE REBELLION** (HISTORY OF ILLINOIS REGIMENTS). The following is a list of the various military organizations mustered into the service during the Civil War (1861-65), with the terms of service and a summary of the more important events in the history of each, while in the field:

**SEVENTH INFANTRY.** Illinois having sent six regiments to the Mexican War, by courtesy the numbering of the regiments which took part in the war for the Union began with number Seven. A number of regiments which responded to the first call of the President, claimed the right to be recognized as the first regiment in the field, but the honor was finally accorded to that organized at Springfield by Col. John Cook, and hence his regiment was numbered Seventh. It was mustered into the service, April 25, 1861, and remained at Mound City during the three months' service, the period of its first enlistment. It was subsequently reorganized and mustered for the three years' service, July 25, 1861, and was engaged in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Cherokee, Allatoona Pass, Salkahatchie Swamp, Bentonville and Columbia. The regiment re-enlisted as veterans at Pulaski, Tenn.,

Dec. 22, 1863; was mustered out at Louisville, July 9, 1865, and paid off and discharged at Springfield, July 11.

**EIGHTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Springfield, and mustered in for three months' service, April 26, 1861, Richard J. Oglesby of Decatur, being appointed Colonel. It remained at Cairo during its term of service, when it was mustered out. July 25, 1861, it was reorganized and mustered in for three years' service. It participated in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Port Gibson, Thompson Mill, Raymond, Champion Hill, Vicksburg, Brownsville, and Spanish Fort; re-enlisted as veterans, March 24, 1864; was mustered out at Baton Rouge, May 4, 1866, paid off and discharged, May 13, having served five years.

**NINTH INFANTRY.** Mustered into the service at Springfield, April 26, 1861, for the term of three months, under Col. Eleazer A. Paine. It was reorganized at Cairo, in August, for three years, being composed of companies from St. Clair, Madison, Montgomery, Pulaski, Alexander and Mercer Counties; was engaged at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Jackson (Tenn.), Mead Creek Swamps, Salem, Wyatt, Florence, Montezuma, Athens and Grenada. The regiment was mounted, March 15, 1863, and so continued during the remainder of its service. Mustered out at Louisville, July 9, 1865.

**TENTH INFANTRY.** Organized and mustered into the service for three months, on April 29, 1861, at Cairo, and on July 29, 1861, was mustered into the service for three years, with Col. James D. Morgan in command. It was engaged at Sykeston, New Madrid, Corinth, Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Rome, Kenesaw, Chattahoochie, Savannah and Bentonville. Re-enlisted as veterans, Jan. 1, 1864, and mustered out of service, July 4, 1865, at Louisville, and received final discharge and pay, July 11, 1865, at Chicago.

**ELEVENTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Springfield and mustered into service, April 30, 1861, for three months. July 30, the regiment was mustered out, and re-enlisted for three years' service. It was engaged at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Tallahatchie, Vicksburg, Liverpool Heights, Yazoo City, Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely. W. H. L. Wallace, afterwards Brigadier-General and killed at Shiloh, was its first Colonel. Mustered out of service, at Baton Rouge, July 14, 1865; paid off and discharged at Springfield.

**TWELFTH INFANTRY.** Mustered into service for three years, August 1, 1861; was engaged at

Columbus, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Lay's Ferry, Rone Cross Roads, Dallas, Kenesaw, Nickajack Creek, Bald Knob, Decatur, Ezra Church, Atlanta, Allatoona and Goldsboro. On Jan. 16, 1864, the regiment re-enlisted as veterans. John McArthur was its first Colonel, succeeded by Augustus L. Chetlain, both being promoted to Brigadier-Generals. Mustered out of service at Louisville, Ky., July 10, 1865, and received final pay and discharge, at Springfield, July 18.

**THIRTEENTH INFANTRY.** One of the regiments organized under the act known as the "Ten Regiment Bill"; was mustered into service on May 24, 1861, for three years, at Dixon, with John B. Wyman as Colonel; was engaged at Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Vicksburg, Jackson, Missionary Ridge, Rossville and Ringgold Gap. Mustered out at Springfield, June 18, 1864, having served three years and two months.

**FOURTEENTH INFANTRY.** One of the regiments raised under the "Ten Regiment Bill," which anticipated the requirements of the General Government by organizing, equipping and drilling a regiment in each Congressional District in the State for thirty days, unless sooner required for service by the United States. It was mustered in at Jacksonville for three years, May 25, 1861, under command of John M. Palmer as its first Colonel; was engaged at Shiloh, Corinth, Metamora, Vicksburg, Jackson, Fort Beauregard and Meridian; consolidated with the Fifteenth Infantry, as a veteran battalion (both regiments having enlisted as veterans), on July 1, 1864. In October, 1864, the major part of the battalion was captured by General Hood and sent to Andersonville. The remainder participated in the "March to the Sea," and through the campaign in the Carolinas. In the spring of 1865 the battalion organization was discontinued, both regiments having been filled up by recruits. The regiment was mustered out at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Sept. 16, 1865; and arrived at Springfield, Ill., Sept. 23, 1865, where it received final payment and discharge. The aggregate number of men who belonged to this organization was 1,980, and the aggregate mustered out at Fort Leavenworth, 480. During its four years and four months of service, the regiment marched 4,490 miles, traveled by rail, 2,330 miles, and, by river, 4,490 miles—making an aggregate of 11,670 miles.

**FIFTEENTH INFANTRY.** Raised under the "Ten Regiment Act," in the (then) First Congressional District; was organized at Freeport, and mus-

tered into service, May 24, 1861. It was engaged at Sedalia, Shiloh, Corinth, Metamora Hill, Vicksburg, Fort Beauregard, Champion Hill, Allatoona and Bentonville. In March, 1864, the regiment re-enlisted as veterans, and, in July, 1864, was consolidated with the Fourteenth Infantry as a Veteran Battalion. At Big Shanty and Ackworth a large portion of the battalion was captured by General Hood. At Raleigh the Veteran Battalion was discontinued and the Fifteenth reorganized. From July 1, to Sept. 1, 1865, the regiment was stationed at Forts Leavenworth and Kearney. Having been mustered out at Fort Leavenworth, it was sent to Springfield for final payment and discharge—having served four years and four months. Miles marched, 4,299; miles by rail, 2,403, miles by steamer, 4,310; men enlisted from date of organization, 1,963; strength at date of muster-out, 640.

**SIXTEENTH INFANTRY.** Organized and mustered into service at Quincy under the "Ten-Regiment Act," May 24, 1861. The regiment was engaged at New Madrid, Tiptonville, Corinth, Buzzards' Roost, Resaca, Rome, Kenesaw Mountain, Chattahoochee River, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Savannah, Columbia, Fayetteville, Averysboro and Bentonville. In December, 1864, the regiment re-enlisted as veterans; was mustered out at Louisville, Ky., July 8, 1865, after a term of service of four years and three months, and, a week later, arrived at Springfield, where it received its final pay and discharge papers.

**SEVENTEENTH INFANTRY.** Mustered into the service at Peoria, Ill., on May 24, 1861; was engaged at Fredericktown (Mo.), Greenfield (Ark.), Shiloh, Corinth, Hatchie and Vicksburg. In May, 1864, the term of enlistment having expired, the regiment was ordered to Springfield for pay and discharge. Those men and officers who re-enlisted, and those whose term had not expired, were consolidated with the Eighth Infantry, which was mustered out in the spring of 1866.

**EIGHTEENTH INFANTRY.** Organized under the provisions of the "Ten Regiment Bill," at Anna, and mustered into the service on May 28, 1861, the term of enlistment being for three years. The regiment participated in the capture of Fort McHenry, and was actively engaged at Fort Donelson, Shiloh and Corinth. It was mustered out at Little Rock, Dec. 16, 1865, and Dec. 31, thereafter, arrived at Springfield, Ill., for payment and discharge. The aggregate enlistments in the regiment, from its organization to date of discharge (rank and file), numbered 2,043.

**NINETEENTH INFANTRY.** Mustered into the United States service for three years, June 17, 1861, at Chicago, embracing four companies which had been accepted under the call for three months' men; participated in the battle of Stone River and in the Tullahoma and Chattanooga campaigns; was also engaged at Davis' Cross Roads, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Resaca. It was mustered out of service on July 9, 1864, at Chicago. Originally consisting of nearly 1,000 men, besides a large number of recruits received during the war, its strength at the final muster-out was less than 350.

**TWENTIETH INFANTRY.** Organized, May 14, 1861, at Joliet, and June 13, 1861, and mustered into the service for a term of three years. It participated in the following engagements, battles, sieges, etc.: Fredericktown (Mo.), Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Thompson's Plantation, Champion Hills, Big Black River, Vicksburg, Kenesaw Mountain and Atlanta. After marching through the Carolinas, the regiment was finally ordered to Louisville, where it was mustered out, July 16, 1865, receiving its final discharge at Chicago, on July 24.

**TWENTY-FIRST INFANTRY.** Organized under the "Ten Regiment Bill," from the (then) Seventh Congressional District, at Mattoon, and mustered into service for three years, June 28, 1861. Its first Colonel was U. S. Grant, who was in command until August 7, when he was commissioned Brigadier-General. It was engaged at Fredericktown (Mo.), Corinth, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Liberty Gap, Chickamauga, Jonesboro, Franklin and Nashville. The regiment re-enlisted as veterans, at Chattanooga, in February, 1864. From June, 1864, to December, 1865, it was on duty in Texas. Mustered out at San Antonio, Dec. 16, 1865, and paid off and discharged at Springfield, Jan. 18, 1866.

**TWENTY-SECOND INFANTRY.** Organized at Belleville, and mustered into service, for three years, at Caseyville, Ill., June 25, 1861; was engaged at Belmont, Charleston (Mo.), Sikestown, Tiptonville, Farmington, Corinth, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, New Hope Church, and all the battles of the Atlanta campaign, except Rocky Face Ridge. It was mustered out at Springfield, July 7, 1864, the veterans and recruits, whose term of service had not expired, being consolidated with the Forty-second Regiment Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

**TWENTY-THIRD INFANTRY.** The organization of the Twenty-third Infantry Volunteers commenced, at Chicago, under the popular name of



the "Irish Brigade," immediately upon the opening of hostilities at Sumter. The formal muster of the regiment, under the command of Col. James A. Mulligan, was made, June 15, 1861, at Chicago, when it was occupying harracks known as Kane's brewery near the river on West Polk Street. It was early ordered to Northern Missouri, and was doing garrison duty at Lexington, when, in September, 1861, it surrendered with the rest of the garrison, to the forces under the rebel General Price, and was paroled. From Oct. 8, 1861, to June 14, 1862, it was detailed to guard prisoners at Camp Douglas. Thereafter it participated in engagements in the Virginias, as follows: at South Fork, Greenland Gap, Philippi, Hedgeville, Leetown, Maryland Heights, Snicker's Gap, Kernstown, Cedar Creek, Winchester, Charlestown, Berryville, Opequan Creek, Fisher's Hill, Harrisonburg, Hatcher's Run and Petersburg. It also took part in the siege of Richmond and the pursuit of Lee, being present at the surrender at Appomattox. In January and February, 1864, the regiment re-enlisted as veterans, at Greenland Gap, W. Va. In August, 1864, the ten companies of the Regiment, then numbering 440, were consolidated into five companies and designated, "Battalion, Twenty-third Regiment, Illinois Veteran Volunteer Infantry." The regiment was thanked by Congress for its part at Lexington, and was authorized to inscribe Lexington upon its colors. (See also *Mulligan, James A.*)

**TWENTY-FOURTH INFANTRY**, (known as the First Hecker Regiment). Organized at Chicago, with two companies—to-wit: the Union Cadets and the Lincoln Rifles—from the three months' service, in June, 1861, and mustered in, July 8, 1861. It participated in the battles of Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain and other engagements in the Atlanta campaign. It was mustered out of service at Chicago, August 6, 1864. A fraction of the regiment, which had been recruited in the field, and whose term of service had not expired at the date of muster-out, was organized into one company and attached to the Third Brigade, First Division, Fourteenth Army Corps, and mustered out at Camp Butler, August 1, 1865.

**TWENTY-FIFTH INFANTRY**. Organized from the counties of Kankakee, Iroquois, Ford, Vermilion, Douglas, Coles, Champaign and Edgar, and mustered into service at St. Louis, August 4, 1861. It participated in the battles of Pea Ridge, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, in the siege of Corinth, the battle of Kenesaw Moun-

tain, the siege of Atlanta, and innumerable skirmishes; was mustered out at Springfield, Sept. 5, 1864. During its three years' service the regiment traveled 4,962 miles, of which 3,252 were on foot, the remainder by steamboat and railroad.

**TWENTY-SIXTH INFANTRY**. Mustered into service, consisting of seven companies, at Springfield, August 31, 1861. On Jan. 1, 1864, the regiment re-enlisted as veterans. It was authorized by the commanding General to inscribe upon its banners "New Madrid"; "Island No. 10;"; "Farmington;"; "Siege of Corinth;"; "Iuka;"; "Corinth—3d and 4th, 1862;"; "Resaca;"; "Kenesaw;"; "Ezra Church;"; "Atlanta;"; "Jonesboro;"; "Griswoldville;"; "McAllister;"; "Savannah;"; "Columbia," and "Bentonville." It was mustered out at Louisville, July 20, 1865, and paid off and discharged, at Springfield, July 28—the regiment having marched, during its four years of service, 6,931 miles, and fought twenty-eight hard battles, besides innumerable skirmishes.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY**. First organized, with only seven companies, at Springfield, August 10, 1861, and organization completed by the addition of three more companies, at Cairo, on September 1. It took part in the battle of Belmont, the siege of Island No. 10, and the battles of Farmington, Nashville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Calhoun, Adairsville, Dallas, Pine Top Mountain and Kenesaw Mountain, as well as in the investment of Atlanta; was relieved from duty, August 25, 1864, while at the front, and mustered out at Springfield, September 20. Its veterans, with the recruits whose term of service had not expired, were consolidated with the Ninth Infantry.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH INFANTRY**. Composed of companies from Pike, Fulton, Schuyler, Mason, Scott and Menard Counties; was organized at Springfield, August 15, 1861, and mustered into service for three years. It participated in the battles of Shiloh and Metamora, the siege of Vicksburg and the battles of Jackson, Mississippi, and Fort Beauregard, and in the capture of Spanish Fort, Fort Blakely and Mobile. From June, 1864, to March, 1866, it was stationed in Texas, and was mustered out at Brownsville, in that State, March 15, 1866, having served four years and seven months. It was discharged, at Springfield, May 13, 1866.

**TWENTY-NINTH INFANTRY**. Mustered into service at Springfield, August 19, 1861, and was engaged at Fort Donelson and Shiloh, and in the sieges of Corinth, Vicksburg and Mobile. Eight

companies were detailed for duty at Holly Springs, and were there captured by General Van Dorn, in December, 1862, but were exchanged, six months later. In January, 1864, the regiment re-enlisted as veterans, and, from June, 1864, to November, 1865, was on duty in Texas. It was mustered out of service in that State, Nov. 6, 1865, and received final discharge on November 28.

**THIRTIETH INFANTRY.** Organized at Springfield, August 28, 1861; was engaged at Belmont, Fort Donelson, the siege of Corinth, Median Station, Raymond, Champion Hills, the sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson, Big Shanty, Atlanta, Savannah, Pocotaligo, Orangeburg, Columbia, Cheraw, and Fayetteville; mustered out, July 17, 1865, and received final payment and discharge at Springfield, July 27, 1865.

**THIRTY-FIRST INFANTRY.** Organized at Cairo, and there mustered into service on Sept. 18, 1861; was engaged at Belmont, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, in the two expeditions against Vicksburg, at Thompson's Hill, Ingram Heights, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hill, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Lovejoy Station and Jonesboro; also participated in the "March to the Sea" and took part in the battles and skirmishes at Columbia, Cheraw, Fayetteville and Bentonville. A majority of the regiment re-enlisted as veterans in March, 1864. It was mustered out at Louisville, July 19, 1865, and finally discharged at Springfield, July 23.

**THIRTY-SECOND INFANTRY.** Organized at Springfield and mustered into service, Dec. 31, 1861. By special authority from the War Department, it originally consisted of ten companies of infantry, one of cavalry, and a battery. It was engaged at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, in the sieges of Corinth and Vicksburg, and in the battles of La Grange, Grand Junction, Metamora, Harrisonburg, Kenesaw Mountain, Nickajack Creek, Allatoona, Savannah, Columbia, Cheraw and Bentonville. In January, 1864, the regiment re-enlisted as veterans, and, in June, 1865, was ordered to Fort Leavenworth. Mustered out there, Sept. 16, 1865, and finally discharged at Springfield.

**THIRTY-THIRD INFANTRY.** Organized and mustered into service at Springfield in September, 1861; was engaged at Fredericktown (Mo.), Port Gibson, Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, the assault and siege of Vicksburg, siege of Jackson, Fort Esperanza, and in the expedition against Mobile. The regiment veteranized at Vicksburg, Jan. 1, 1864; was mustered out, at the same point, Nov. 24, 1865, and finally discharged at Spring-

field, Dec. 6 and 7, 1865. The aggregate enrollment of the regiment was between 1,900 and 2,000.

**THIRTY-FOURTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Springfield, Sept. 7, 1861; was engaged at Shiloh, Corinth, Murfreesboro, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, and, after participating in the "March to the Sea" and through the Carolinas, took part in the battle of Bentonville. After the surrender of Johnston, the regiment went with Sherman's Army to Washington, D. C., and took part in the grand review, May 24, 1865; left Washington, June 12, and arrived at Louisville, Ky., June 18, where it was mustered out, on July 12; was discharged and paid at Chicago, July 17, 1865.

**THIRTY-FIFTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Decatur on July 3, 1861, and its services tendered to the President, being accepted by the Secretary of War as "Col. G. A. Smith's Independent Regiment of Illinois Volunteers," on July 23, and mustered into service at St. Louis, August 12. It was engaged at Pea Ridge and in the siege of Corinth, also participated in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Dallas and Kenesaw. Its final muster-out took place at Springfield, Sept. 27, 1864, the regiment having marched (exclusive of railroad and steamboat transportation) 3,056 miles.

**THIRTY-SIXTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Camp Hammond, near Aurora, Ill., and mustered into service, Sept. 23, 1861, for a term of three years. The regiment, at its organization, numbered 965 officers and enlisted men, and had two companies of Cavalry ("A" and "B"), 186 officers and men. It was engaged at Leetown, Pea Ridge, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, the siege of Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Adairsville, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Jonesboro, Franklin and Nashville. Mustered out, Oct. 8, 1865, and disbanded, at Springfield, Oct. 27, having marched and been transported, during its term of service, more than 10,000 miles.

**THIRTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY.** Familiarly known as "Fremont Rifles"; organized in August, 1861, and mustered into service, Sept. 18. The regiment was presented with battle-flags by the Chicago Board of Trade. It participated in the battles of Pea Ridge, Neosho, Prairie Grove and Chalk Bluffs, the siege of Vicksburg, and in the battles of Yazoo City and Morgan's Bend. In October, 1863, it was ordered to the defense of the frontier along the Rio Grande; re-enlisted as

veterans in February, 1864; took part in the siege and storming of Fort Blakely and the capture of Mobile; from July, 1865, to May, 1866, was again on duty in Texas; was mustered out at Houston, May 15, 1866, and finally discharged at Springfield, May 31, having traveled some 17,000 miles, of which nearly 3,300 were by marching.

**THIRTY-EIGHTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Springfield, in September, 1861. The regiment was engaged in the battles of Fredericktown, Perryville, Knob Gap, Stone River, Liberty Gap, Chickamauga, Pine Top, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Franklin and Nashville; re-enlisted as veterans in February, 1864; from June to December, 1865, was on duty in Louisiana and Texas; was mustered out at Victoria, Texas, Dec. 31, 1865, and received final discharge at Springfield.

**THIRTY-NINTH INFANTRY.** The organization of this Regiment was commenced as soon as the news of the firing on Fort Sumter reached Chicago. General Thomas O. Osborne was one of its contemplated field officers, and labored zealously to get it accepted under the first call for troops, but did not accomplish his object. The regiment had already assumed the name of the "Yates Phalanx" in honor of Governor Yates. It was accepted by the War Department on the day succeeding the first Bull Run disaster (July 22, 1861), and Austin Light, of Chicago, was appointed Colonel. Under his direction the organization was completed, and the regiment left Camp Mather, Chicago, on the morning of Oct. 13, 1861. It participated in the battles of Winchester, Malvern Hill (the second), Morris Island, Fort Wagner, Drury's Bluff, and in numerous engagements before Petersburg and Richmond, including the capture of Fort Gregg, and was present at Lee's surrender at Appomattox. In the meantime the regiment re-enlisted as veterans, at Hilton Head, S. C., in September, 1863. It was mustered out at Norfolk, Dec. 6, 1865, and received final discharge at Chicago, December 16.

**FORTIETH INFANTRY.** Enlisted from the counties of Franklin, Hamilton, Wayne, White, Wabash, Marion, Clay and Fayette, and mustered into service for three years at Springfield, August 10, 1861. It was engaged at Shiloh, in the siege of Corinth, at Jackson (Miss.), in the siege of Vicksburg, at Missionary Ridge, New Hope Church, Black Jack Knob, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Ezra Chapel, Griswoldville, siege of Savannah, Columbia (S. C.), and Bentonville. It re-enlisted, as veterans, at

Scottsboro, Ala., Jan. 1, 1864, and was mustered out at Louisville, July 24, 1865, receiving final discharge at Springfield.

**FORTY-FIRST INFANTRY.** Organized at Decatur during July and August, 1861, and was mustered into service, August 5. It was engaged at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, the second battle of Corinth, the siege of Vicksburg and Jackson, in the Red River campaign, at Guntown, Kenesaw Mountain and Allatoona, and participated in the "March to the Sea." It re-enlisted, as veterans, March 17, 1864, at Vicksburg, and was consolidated with the Fifty-third Infantry, Jan. 4, 1865, forming Companies G and H.

**FORTY-SECOND INFANTRY.** Organized at Chicago, July 22, 1861; was engaged at Island No. 10, the siege of Corinth, battles of Farmington, Columbia (Tenn.), was besieged at Nashville, engaged at Stone River, in the Tullahoma campaign, at Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Adairsville, New Hope Church, Pine and Kenesaw Mountains, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy Station, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville. It re-enlisted, as veterans, Jan. 1, 1864; was stationed in Texas from July to December, 1865; was mustered out at Indianola, in that State, Dec. 16, 1865, and finally discharged, at Springfield, Jan. 12, 1866.

**FORTY-THIRD INFANTRY.** Organized at Springfield in September, 1861, and mustered into service on Oct. 12. The regiment took part in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh and in the campaigns in West Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas; was mustered out at Little Rock, Nov. 30, 1865, and returned to Springfield for final pay and discharge, Dec. 14, 1865.

**FORTY-FOURTH INFANTRY.** Organized in August, 1861, at Chicago, and mustered into service, Sept. 13, 1861; was engaged at Pea Ridge, Perryville, Stone River, Hoover's Gap, Shelbyville, Tullahoma, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Rocky Face Ridge, Adairsville, Dallas, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Gulp's Farm, Chattanooga River, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Franklin and Nashville. The regiment re-enlisted as veterans in Tennessee, in January, 1864. From June to September, 1865, it was stationed in Louisiana and Texas, was mustered out at Port Lavaca, Sept. 25, 1865, and received final discharge, at Springfield, three weeks later.

**FORTY-FIFTH INFANTRY.** Originally called the "Washburne Lead Mine Regiment"; was organized at Galena, July 23, 1861, and mustered

into service at Chicago, Dec. 25, 1861. It was engaged at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, battle of Medan, the campaign against Vicksburg, the Meridian raid, the Atlanta campaign, the "March to the Sea," and the advance through the Carolinas. The regiment veteranized in January, 1864; was mustered out of service at Louisville, Ky., July 12, 1865, and arrived in Chicago, July 15, 1865, for final pay and discharge. Distance marched in four years, 1,750 miles.

**FORTY-SIXTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Springfield, Dec. 28, 1861; was engaged at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, battle of Metamora, siege of Vicksburg (where five companies of the regiment were captured), in the reduction of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakeley, and the capture of Mobile. It was mustered in as a veteran regiment, Jan. 4, 1864. From May, 1865, to January, 1866, it was on duty in Louisiana; was mustered out at Baton Rouge, Jan. 20, 1866, and, on Feb. 1, 1866, finally paid and discharged at Springfield.

**FORTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY.** Organized and mustered into service at Peoria, Ill., on August 16, 1861. The regiment took part in the expedition against New Madrid and Island No. 10; also participated in the battles of Farmington, Iuka, the second battle of Corinth, the capture of Jackson, the siege of Vicksburg, the Red River expedition and the battle of Pleasant Hill, and in the struggle at Lake Chicot. It was ordered to Chicago to assist in quelling an anticipated riot, in 1864, but, returning to the front, took part in the reduction of Spanish Fort and the capture of Mobile; was mustered out, Jan. 21, 1866, at Selma, Ala., and ordered to Springfield, where it received final pay and discharge. Those members of the regiment who did not re-enlist as veterans were mustered out, Oct. 11, 1864.

**FORTY-EIGHTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Springfield, September, 1861, and participated in battles and sieges as follows: Fort Henry and Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth (siege of), Vicksburg (first expedition against), Missionary Ridge, as well as in the Atlanta campaign and the "March to the Sea." The regiment re-enlisted as veterans, at Scottsboro, Ala., Jan. 1, 1864; was mustered out, August 15, 1865, at Little Rock, Ark., and ordered to Springfield for final discharge, arriving, August 21, 1865. The distance marched was 3,000 miles; moved by water, 5,000; by railroad, 3,450—total, 11,450.

**FORTY-NINTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Springfield, Ill., Dec. 31, 1861; was engaged at Fort

Donelson, Shiloh and Little Rock; took part in the campaign against Meridian and in the Red River expedition, being in the battle of Pleasant Hill, Jan. 15, 1864; three-fourths of the regiment re-enlisted and were mustered in as veterans, returning to Illinois on furlough. The non-veterans took part in the battle of Tupelo. The regiment participated in the battle of Nashville, and was mustered out, Sept. 9, 1865, at Paducah, Ky., and arrived at Springfield, Sept. 15, 1865, for final payment and discharge.

**FIFTIETH INFANTRY.** Organized at Quincy, in August, 1861, and mustered into service, Sept. 12, 1861; was engaged at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, the second battle of Corinth, Alatoona and Bentonville, besides many minor engagements. The regiment was mounted, Nov. 17, 1863; re-enlisted as veterans, Jan. 1, 1864, was mustered out at Louisville, July 13, 1865, and reached Springfield, the following day, for final pay and discharge.

**FIFTY-FIRST INFANTRY.** Organized at Chicago, Dec. 24, 1861; was engaged at New Madrid, Island No. 10, Farmington, the siege of Corinth, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville. The regiment was mustered in as veterans, Feb. 16, 1864; from July to September, 1865, was on duty in Texas, and mustered out, Sept. 25, 1865, at Camp Irwin, Texas, arriving at Springfield, Ill., Oct. 15, 1865, for final payment and discharge.

**FIFTY-SECOND INFANTRY.** Organized at Geneva in November, 1861, and mustered into service, Nov. 19. The regiment participated in the following battles, sieges and expeditions: Shiloh, Corinth (siege and second battle of), Iuka, Town Creek, Snake Creek Gap, Resaca, Lay's Ferry, Rome Cross Roads, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Nickajack Creek, Decatur, Atlanta, Jonesboro and Bentonville. It veteranized, Jan. 9, 1864; was mustered out at Louisville, July 4, 1865, and received final payment and discharge at Springfield, July 12.

**FIFTY-THIRD INFANTRY.** Organized at Ottawa in the winter of 1861-62, and ordered to Chicago, Feb. 27, 1862, to complete its organization. It took part in the siege of Corinth, and was engaged at Davis' Bridge, the siege of Vicksburg, in the Meridian campaign, at Jackson, the siege of Atlanta, the "March to the Sea," the capture of Savannah and the campaign in the Carolinas, including the battle of Bentonville. The regiment was mustered out of service at Louisville,



July 22, 1865, and received final discharge, at Chicago, July 28. It marched 2,855 miles, and was transported by boat and cars, 4,168 miles. Over 1,800 officers and men belonged to the regiment during its term of service.

**FIFTY-FOURTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Anna, in November, 1861, as a part of the "Kentucky Brigade," and was mustered into service, Feb. 18, 1862. No complete history of the regiment can be given, owing to the loss of its official records. It served mainly in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas, and always effectively. Three-fourths of the men re-enlisted as veterans, in January, 1864. Six companies were captured by the rebel General Shelby, in August, 1864, and were exchanged, the following December. The regiment was mustered out at Little Rock, Oct. 15, 1865; arrived at Springfield, Oct. 26, and was discharged. During its organization, the regiment had 1,342 enlisted men and 71 commissioned officers.

**FIFTY-FIFTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Chicago, and mustered into service, Oct. 31, 1861. The regiment originally formed a part of the "Douglas Brigade," being chiefly recruited from the young farmers of Fulton, McDonough, Grundy, La Salle, De Kalb, Kane and Winnebago Counties. It participated in the battles of Shiloh and Corinth, and in the Tallahatchie campaign; in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, around Vicksburg, and at Missionary Ridge; was in the Atlanta campaign, notably in the battles of Kenesaw Mountain and Jonesboro. In all, it was engaged in thirty-one battles, and was 128 days under fire. The total mileage traveled amounted to 11,965, of which 3,240 miles were actually marched. Re-enlisted as veterans, while at Larkinsville, Tenn., was mustered out at Little Rock, August 14, 1865, receiving final discharge at Chicago, the same month.

**FIFTY-SIXTH INFANTRY.** Organized with companies principally enlisted from the counties of Massac, Pope, Gallatin, Saline, White, Hamilton, Franklin and Wayne, and mustered in at Camp Mather, near Shawneetown. The regiment participated in the siege, and second battle, of Corinth, the Yazoo expedition, the siege of Vicksburg—being engaged at Champion Hills, and in numerous assaults; also took part in the battles of Missionary Ridge and Resaca, and in the campaign in the Carolinas, including the battle of Bentonville. Some 200 members of the regiment perished in a wreck off Cape Hatteras, March 31, 1865. It was mustered out in Arkansas, August 12, 1865.

**FIFTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY.** Mustered into service, Dec. 26, 1861, at Chicago; took part in the battles of Fort Donelson and Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, and the second battle at that point; was also engaged at Resaca, Rome Cross Roads and Allatoona; participated in the investment and capture of Savannah, and the campaign through the Carolinas, including the battle of Bentonville. It was mustered out at Louisville, July 7, 1865, and received final discharge at Chicago, July 14.

**FIFTY-EIGHTH INFANTRY.** Recruited at Chicago, Feb. 11, 1862; participated in the battles of Fort Donelson and Shiloh, a large number of the regiment being captured during the latter engagement, but subsequently exchanged. It took part in the siege of Corinth and the battle of Iuka, after which detachments were sent to Springfield for recruiting and for guarding prisoners. Returning to the front, the regiment was engaged in the capture of Meridian, the Red River campaign, the taking of Fort de Russey, and in many minor battles in Louisiana. It was mustered out at Montgomery, Ala., April 1, 1866, and ordered to Springfield for final payment and discharge.

**FIFTY-NINTH INFANTRY.** Originally known as the Ninth Missouri Infantry, although wholly recruited in Illinois. It was organized at St. Louis, Sept. 18, 1861, the name being changed to the Fifty-ninth Illinois, Feb. 12, 1862, by order of the War Department. It was engaged at Pea Ridge, formed part of the reserve at Farmington, took part at Perryville, Nolansville, Knob Gap and Murfreesboro, in the Tullahoma campaign and the siege of Chattanooga, in the battles of Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Adairsville, Kingston, Dallas, Ackworth, Pine Top, Kenesaw Mountain, Smyrna, Atlanta, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville. Having re-enlisted as veterans, the regiment was ordered to Texas, in June, 1865, where it was mustered out, December, 1865, receiving its final discharge at Springfield.

**SIXTIETH INFANTRY.** Organized at Anna, Ill., Feb. 17, 1862; took part in the siege of Corinth and was besieged at Nashville. The regiment re-enlisted as veterans while at the front, in January, 1864; participated in the battles of Buzzard's Roost, Ringgold, Dalton, Resaca, Rome, Dallas, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Nickajack, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Averysboro and Bentonville; was mustered out at Louisville, July 31, 1865, and received final discharge at Springfield.

**SIXTY-FIRST INFANTRY.** Organized at Carrollton, Ill., three full companies being mustered

in, Feb. 5, 1862. On February 21, the regiment, being still incomplete, moved to Benton Barracks, Mo., where a sufficient number of recruits joined to make nine full companies. The regiment was engaged at Shiloh and Bolivar, took part in the Yazoo expedition, and re-enlisted as veterans early in 1864. Later, it took part in the battle of Wilkinson's Pike (near Murfreesboro), and other engagements near that point; was mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 8, 1865, and paid off and discharged at Springfield, September 27.

**SIXTY-SECOND INFANTRY.** Organized at Anna, Ill., April 10, 1862; after being engaged in several skirmishes, the regiment sustained a loss of 170 men, who were captured and paroled at Holly Springs, Miss., by the rebel General Van Dorn, where the regimental records were destroyed. The regiment took part in forcing the evacuation of Little Rock; re-enlisted, as veterans, Jan. 9, 1864; was mustered out at Little Rock, March 6, 1866, and ordered to Springfield for final payment and discharge.

**SIXTY-THIRD INFANTRY.** Organized at Anna, in December, 1861, and mustered into service, April 10, 1862. It participated in the first investment of Vicksburg, the capture of Richmond Hill, La., and in the battle of Missionary Ridge. On Jan. 1, 1864, 273 men re-enlisted as veterans. It took part in the capture of Savannah and in Sherman's march through the Carolinas, participating in its important battles and skirmishes; was mustered out at Louisville, July 13, 1865, reaching Springfield, July 16. The total distance traveled was 6,453 miles, of which 2,250 was on the march.

**SIXTY-FOURTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Springfield, December, 1861, as the "First Battalion of Yates Sharp Shooters." The last company was mustered in, Dec. 31, 1861. The regiment was engaged at New Madrid, the siege of Corinth, Chambers' Creek, the second battle of Corinth, Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Decatur, the siege of Atlanta, the investment of Savannah and the battle of Bentonville; re-enlisted as veterans, in January, 1864; was mustered out at Louisville, July 11, 1865, and finally discharged, at Chicago, July 18.

**SIXTY-FIFTH INFANTRY.** Originally known as the "Scotch Regiment"; was organized at Chicago, and mustered in, May 1, 1862. It was captured and paroled at Harper's Ferry, and ordered to Chicago; was exchanged in April, 1863; took part in Burnside's defense of Knoxville; re-enlisted as veterans in March, 1864, and participated

in the Atlanta campaign and the "March to the Sea." It was engaged in battles at Columbia (Tenn.), Franklin and Nashville, and later, near Federal Point and Smithtown, N. C., being mustered out, July 13, 1865, and receiving final payment and discharge at Chicago, July 26, 1865.

**SIXTY-SIXTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Benton Barracks, near St. Louis, Mo., during September and October, 1861—being designed as a regiment of "Western Sharp Shooters" from Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana and Ohio. It was mustered in, Nov. 23, 1861, was engaged at Mount Zion (Mo.), Fort Donelson, Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, Iuka, the second battle of Corinth, in the Atlanta campaign, the "March to the Sea" and the campaign through the Carolinas. The regiment was variously known as the Fourteenth Missouri Volunteers, Birge's Western Sharpshooters, and the Sixty-sixth Illinois Infantry. The latter (and final) name was conferred by the Secretary of War, Nov. 20, 1862. It re-enlisted (for the veteran service), in December, 1863, was mustered out at Camp Logan, Ky., July 7, 1865, and paid off and discharged at Springfield, July 15.

**SIXTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Chicago, June 13, 1862, for three months' service, in response to an urgent call for the defense of Washington. The Sixty-seventh, by doing guard duty at the camps at Chicago and Springfield, relieved the veterans, who were sent to the front.

**SIXTY-EIGHTH INFANTRY.** Enlisted in response to a call made by the Governor, early in the summer of 1862, for State troops to serve for three months as State Militia, and was mustered in early in June, 1862. It was afterwards mustered into the United States service as Illinois Volunteers, by petition of the men, and received marching orders, July 5, 1862; mustered out, at Springfield, Sept. 26, 1862—many of the men re-enlisting in other regiments.

**SIXTY-NINTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Camp Douglas, Chicago, and mustered into service for three months, June 14, 1862. It remained on duty at Camp Douglas, guarding the camp and rebel prisoners.

**SEVENTIETH INFANTRY.** Organized at Camp Butler, near Springfield, and mustered in, July 4, 1862. It remained at Camp Butler doing guard duty. Its term of service was three months.

**SEVENTY-FIRST INFANTRY.** Mustered into service, July 26, 1862, at Chicago, for three months. Its service was confined to garrison duty in Illinois and Kentucky, being mustered out at Chicago, Oct. 29, 1862.

**SEVENTY-SECOND INFANTRY.** Organized at Chicago, as the First Regiment of the Chicago Board of Trade, and mustered into service for three years, August 23, 1862. It was engaged at Champion Hill, Vicksburg, Natchez, Franklin, Nashville, Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely; mustered out of service, at Vicksburg, August 6, 1865, and discharged at Chicago.

**SEVENTY-THIRD INFANTRY.** Recruited from the counties of Adams, Champaign, Christian, Hancock, Jackson, Logan, Piatt, Pike, Sangamon, Tazewell and Vermillion, and mustered into service at Springfield, August 21, 1862, 900 strong. It participated in the battles of Stone River, Perryville, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Adairsville, Burnt Hickory, Pine and Lost Mountains, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville; was mustered out at Nashville, June 12, 1865, and, a few days later, went to Springfield to receive pay and final discharge.

**SEVENTY-FOURTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Rockford, in August, 1862, and mustered into service September 4. It was recruited from Winnebago, Ogle and Stephenson Counties. This regiment was engaged at Perryville, Murfreesboro and Nolansville, took part in the Tullahoma campaign, and the battles of Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Adairsville, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Tunnel Hill, and Rocky Face Ridge, the siege of Atlanta, and the battles of Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville. It was mustered out at Nashville, June 10, 1865, with 343 officers and men, the aggregate number enrolled having been 1,001.

**SEVENTY-FIFTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Dixon, and mustered into service, Sept. 2, 1862. The regiment participated in the battles of Perryville, Nolansville, Stone River, Lookout Mountain, Dalton, Resaca, Marietta, Kenesaw, Franklin and Nashville; was mustered out at Nashville, June 12, 1865, and finally discharged at Chicago, July 1, following.

**SEVENTY-SIXTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Kankakee, Ill., in August, 1862, and mustered into the service, August 22, 1862; took part in the siege of Vicksburg, the engagement at Jackson, the campaign against Meridian, the expedition to Yazoo City, and the capture of Mobile, was ordered to Texas in June, 1865, and mustered out at Galveston, July 22, 1865, being paid off and disbanded at Chicago, August 4, 1865—having traveled 10,000 miles.

**SEVENTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY.** Organized and mustered into service, Sept. 3, 1862, at Peoria; was engaged in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou,

Arkansas Post, the siege of Vicksburg (including the battle of Champion Hills), the capture of Jackson, the Red River expedition, and the battles of Sabine Cross Roads and Pleasant Hill; the reduction of Forts Gaines and Morgan, and the capture of Spanish Fort, Fort Blakely and Mobile. It was mustered out of service at Mobile, July 10, 1865, and ordered to Springfield for final payment and discharge, where it arrived, July 22, 1865, having participated in sixteen battles and sieges.

**SEVENTY-EIGHTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Quincy, and mustered into service, Sept. 1, 1862; participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Rome, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Averysboro and Bentonville; was mustered out, June 7, 1865, and sent to Chicago, where it was paid off and discharged, June 12, 1865.

**SEVENTY-NINTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Mattoon, in August, 1862, and mustered into service, August 28, 1862; participated in the battles of Stone River, Liberty Gap, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Dallas, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy, Franklin and Nashville; was mustered out, June 12, 1865; arrived at Camp Butler, June 15, and, on June 23, received final pay and discharge.

**EIGHTIETH INFANTRY.** Organized at Centralia, Ill., in August, 1862, and mustered into service, August 25, 1862. It was engaged at Perryville, Dug's Gap, Sand Mountain and Blunt's Farm, surrendering to Forrest at the latter point. After being exchanged, it participated in the battles of Wauhatchie, Missionary Ridge, Dalton, Resaca, Adairsville, Cassville, Dallas, Pine Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, Marietta, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy Station and Nashville. The regiment traveled 6,000 miles and participated in more than twenty engagements. It was mustered out of service, June 10, 1865, and proceeded to Camp Butler for final pay and discharge.

**EIGHTY-FIRST INFANTRY.** Recruited from the counties of Perry, Franklin, Williamson, Jackson, Union, Pulaski and Alexander, and mustered into service at Anna, August 26, 1862. It participated in the battles of Port Gibson, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hill, Black River Bridge, and in the siege and capture of Vicksburg. Later, the regiment was engaged at Fort de Russey, Alexandria, Guntown and Nashville, besides assisting in the investment of Mobile. It was mustered out at Chicago, August 5, 1864.

**EIGHTY-SECOND INFANTRY.** Sometimes called the "Second Hecker Regiment," in honor of Colonel Frederick Hecker, its first Colonel, and formerly Colonel of the Twenty-fourth Illinois Infantry—being chiefly composed of German members of Chicago. It was organized at Springfield, Sept. 26, 1862, and mustered into service, Oct. 23, 1862; participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Wauhatchie, Orchard Knob, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, New Hope Church, Dallas, Marietta, Pine Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta and Bentonville; was mustered out of service, June 9, 1865, and returned to Chicago, June 16—having marched, during its time of service, 2,503 miles.

**EIGHTY-THIRD INFANTRY.** Organized at Month in August, 1862, and mustered into service, August 21. It participated in repelling the rebel attack on Fort Donelson, and in numerous hard-fought skirmishes in Tennessee, but was chiefly engaged in the performance of heavy guard duty and in protecting lines of communication. The regiment was mustered out at Nashville, June 26, 1865, and finally paid off and discharged at Chicago, July 4, following.

**EIGHTY-FOURTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Quincy, in August, 1862, and mustered into service, Sept. 1, 1862, with 939 men and officers. The regiment was authorized to inscribe upon its battle-flag the names of Perryville, Stone River, Woodbury, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold, Dalton, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Burnt Hickory, Kenesaw Mountain, Smyrna, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy Station, Franklin, and Nashville. It was mustered out, June 8, 1865.

**EIGHTY-FIFTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Peoria, about Sept. 1, 1862, and ordered to Louisville. It took part in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Knoxville, Dalton, Rocky-Face Ridge, Resaca, Rome, Dallas, Kenesaw, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Savannah, Bentonville, Goldsboro and Raleigh; was mustered out at Washington, D. C., June 5, 1865, and sent to Springfield, where the regiment was paid off and discharged on the 20th of the same month.

**EIGHTY-SIXTH INFANTRY.** Mustered into service, August 27, 1862, at Peoria, at which time it numbered 923 men, rank and file. It took part in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Rome, Dallas, Kenesaw, Peach Tree Creek, Jonesboro, Aversboro and Bentonville; was mustered out on June 6, 1865, at Washington, D. C., arriving

on June 11, at Chicago, where, ten days later, the men received their pay and final discharge.

**EIGHTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY.** Enlisted in August, 1862; was composed of companies from Hamilton, Edwards, Wayne and White Counties; was organized in the latter part of August, 1862, at Shawneetown; mustered in, Oct. 3, 1862, the muster to take effect from August 2. It took part in the siege and capture of Warrenton and Jackson, and in the entire campaign through Louisiana and Southern Mississippi, participating in the battle of Sabine Cross Roads and in numerous skirmishes among the bayous, being mustered out, June 16, 1865, and ordered to Springfield, where it arrived, June 24, 1865, and was paid off and disbanded at Camp Butler, on July 2.

**EIGHTY-EIGHTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Chicago, in September, 1862, and known as the "Second Board of Trade Regiment." It was mustered in, Sept. 4, 1862; was engaged at Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Adairsville, New Hope Church, Pine Mountain, Mud Creek, Kenesaw Mountain, Smyrna Camp Ground, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy Station, Franklin and Nashville; was mustered out, June 9, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn., and arrived at Chicago, June 13, 1865, where it received final pay and discharge, June 22, 1865.

**EIGHTY-NINTH INFANTRY.** Called the "Railroad Regiment"; was organized by the railroad companies of Illinois, at Chicago, in August, 1862, and mustered into service on the 27th of that month. It fought at Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Knoxville, Resaca, Rocky Face Ridge, Pickett's Mills, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy's Station, Spring Hill, Columbia, Franklin and Nashville; was mustered out, June 10, 1865, in the field near Nashville, Tenn.; arrived at Chicago two days later, and was finally discharged, June 24, after a service of two years, nine months and twenty-seven days.

**NINETIETH INFANTRY.** Mustered into service at Chicago, Sept. 7, 1862; participated in the siege of Vicksburg and the campaign against Jackson, and was engaged at Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Dallas, New Hope Church, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, Marietta, Nickajack Creek, Roswell, Atlanta, Jonesboro and Fort McAllister. After the review at Washington, the regiment was mustered out, June 6, and returned to Chicago, June 9, 1865, where it was finally discharged.

**NINETY-FIRST INFANTRY.** Organized at Camp Butler, near Springfield, in August, 1862, and



mustered in on Sept. 8, 1862; participated in the campaigns against Vicksburg and New Orleans, and all along the southwestern frontier in Louisiana and Texas, as well as in the investiture and capture of Mobile. It was mustered out at Mobile, July 12, 1865, starting for home the same day, and being finally paid off and discharged on July 28, following.

**NINETY-SECOND INFANTRY (Mounted).** Organized and mustered into service, Sept. 4, 1862, being recruited from Ogle, Stephenson and Carroll Counties. During its term of service, the Ninety-second was in more than sixty battles and skirmishes, including Ringgold, Chickamauga, and the numerous engagements on the "March to the Sea," and during the pursuit of Johnston through the Carolinas. It was mustered out at Concord, N. C., and paid and discharged from the service at Chicago, July 10, 1865.

**NINETY-THIRD INFANTRY.** Organized at Chicago, in September, 1862, and mustered in, Oct. 13, 1862 strong. It participated in the movements against Jackson and Vicksburg, and was engaged at Champion Hills and at Fort Fisher; also was engaged in the battles of Missionary Ridge, Dallas, Resaca, and many minor engagements, following Sherman in his campaign through the Carolinas. Mustered out of service, June 23, 1865, and, on the 25th, arrived at Chicago, receiving final payment and discharge, July 7, 1865, the regiment having marched 2,554 miles, traveled by water, 2,296 miles, and, by railroad, 1,237 miles—total, 6,087 miles.

**NINETY-FOURTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Bloomington in August, 1862, and enlisted wholly in McLean County. After some warm experience in Southwest Missouri, the regiment took part in the siege and capture of Vicksburg, and was, later, actively engaged in the campaigns in Louisiana and Texas. It participated in the capture of Mobile, leading the final assault. After several months of garrison duty, the regiment was mustered out at Galveston, Texas, on July 17, 1865, reaching Bloomington on August 9, following, having served just three years, marched 1,200 miles, traveled by railroad 610 miles, and, by steamer, 6,000 miles, and taken part in nine battles, sieges and skirmishes.

**NINETY-FIFTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Rockford and mustered into service, Sept. 4, 1862. It was recruited from the counties of McHenry and Boone—three companies from the latter and seven from the former. It took part in the campaigns in Northern Mississippi and against Vicksburg, in the Red River expedition, the campaigns

against Price in Missouri and Arkansas, against Mobile and around Atlanta. Among the battles in which the regiment was engaged were those of the Tallahatchie River, Grand Gulf, Raymond, Champion Hills, Fort de Russey, Old River, Cloutierville, Mansura, Yellow Bayou, Guntown, Nashville, Spanish Fort, Fort Blakely, Kenesaw Mountain, Chattahoochee River, Atlanta, Ezra Church, Jonesboro, Lovejoy Station and Nashville. The distance traveled by the regiment, while in the service, was 9,960 miles. It was transferred to the Forty-seventh Illinois Infantry, August 25, 1865.

**NINETY-SIXTH INFANTRY.** Recruited during the months of July and August, 1862, and mustered into service, as a regiment, Sept. 6, 1862. The battles engaged in included Fort Donelson, Spring Hill, Franklin, Triune, Liberty Gap, Shelbyville, Chickamauga, Wauhatchie, Lookout Mountain, Buzzard's Roost, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Kingston, New Hope Church, Dallas, Pine Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, Smyrna Camp Ground, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Rough and Ready, Jonesboro, Lovejoy's Station, Franklin and Nashville. Its date of final pay and discharge was June 30, 1865.

**NINETY-SEVENTH INFANTRY.** Organized in August and September, 1862, and mustered in on Sept. 16; participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bluffs, Arkansas Post, Port Gibson, Champion Hills, Black River, Vicksburg, Jackson and Mobile. On July 29, 1865, it was mustered out and proceeded homeward, reaching Springfield, August 10, after an absence of three years, less a few days.

**NINETY-EIGHTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Centuria, September, 1862, and mustered in, Sept. 3; took part in engagements at Chickamauga, McMinnville, Farmington and Selma, besides many others of less note. It was mustered out, June 27, 1865, the recruits being transferred to the Sixty-first Illinois Volunteers. The regiment arrived at Springfield, June 30, and received final payment and discharge, July 7, 1865.

**NINETY-NINTH INFANTRY.** Organized in Pike County and mustered in at Florence, August 23, 1862; participated in the following battles and skirmishes: Beaver Creek, Hartsville, Magnolia Hills, Raymond, Champion Hills, Black River, Vicksburg, Jackson, Fort Esperanza, Grand Coteau, Fish River, Spanish Fort and Blakely: days under fire, 62; miles traveled, 5,900; men killed in battle, 38; men died of wounds and disease, 149; men discharged for disability, 127; men deserted, 35; officers killed in battle, 3;

officers died, 2; officers resigned, 26. The regiment was mustered out at Baton Rouge, July 31, 1865, and paid off and discharged, August 9, following.

**ONE HUNDREDTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Joliet, in August, 1862, and mustered in, August 30. The entire regiment was recruited in Will County. It was engaged at Bardstown, Stone River, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and Nashville; was mustered out of service, June 12, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn., and arrived at Chicago, June 15, where it received final payment and discharge.

**ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST INFANTRY.** Organized at Jacksonville during the latter part of the month of August, 1862, and, on Sept. 2, 1862, was mustered in. It participated in the battles of Wauhatchie, Chattanooga, Resaca, New Hope Church, Kenesaw and Pine Mountains, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Averysboro and Bentonville. On Dec. 20, 1862, five companies were captured at Holly Springs, Miss., paroled and sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and formally exchanged in June, 1863. On the 7th of June, 1865, it was mustered out, and started for Springfield, where, on the 21st of June, it was paid off and disbanded.

**ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND INFANTRY.** Organized at Knoxville, in August, 1862, and mustered in, September 1 and 2. It was engaged at Resaca, Camp Creek, Burnt Hickory, Big Shanty, Peach Tree Creek and Averysboro; mustered out of service June 6, 1865, and started home, arriving at Chicago on the 9th, and, June 14, received final payment and discharge.

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD INFANTRY.** Recruited wholly in Fulton County, and mustered into the service, Oct. 2, 1862. It took part in the Grierson raid, the sieges of Vicksburg, Jackson, Atlanta and Savannah, and the battles of Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain and Griswoldville; was also in the campaign through the Carolinas. The regiment was mustered out at Louisville, June 21, and received final discharge at Chicago, July 9, 1865. The original strength of the regiment was 803, and 84 recruits were enlisted.

**ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Ottawa, in August, 1862, and composed almost entirely of La Salle County men. The regiment was engaged in the battles of Harts-ville, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek, Utoy Creek, Jonesboro and Bentonville, besides many severe skirmishes; was mustered out at Washing-

ton, D. C., June 6, 1865, and, a few days later, received final discharge at Chicago.

**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH INFANTRY.** Mustered into service, Sept. 2, 1862, at Dixon, and participated in the Atlanta campaign, being engaged at Resaca, Peach Tree Creek and Atlanta, and almost constantly skirmishing, also took part in the "March to the Sea" and the campaign in the Carolinas, including the siege of Savannah and the battles of Averysboro and Bentonville. It was mustered out at Washington, D. C., June 7, 1865, and paid off and discharged at Chicago, June 17.

**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH INFANTRY.** Mustered into service at Lincoln, Sept. 18, 1862, eight of the ten companies having been recruited in Logan County, the other two being from Sangamon and Menard Counties. It aided in the defense of Jackson, Tenn., where Company "C" was captured and paroled, being exchanged in the summer of 1863; took part in the siege of Vicksburg, the Yazoo expedition, the capture of Little Rock, the battle of Clarendon, and performed service at various points in Arkansas. It was mustered out, July 12, 1865, at Pine Bluff, Ark., and arrived at Springfield, July 24, 1865, where it received final payment and discharge.

**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH INFANTRY.** Mustered into service at Springfield, Sept. 4, 1862; was composed of six companies from DeWitt and four companies from Platt County. It was engaged at Campbell's Station, Dandridge, Rocky-Face Ridge, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Spring Hill, Franklin, Nashville and Fort Anderson, and mustered out, June 21, 1865, at Salisbury, N. C., reaching Springfield, for final payment and discharge, July 2, 1865.

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Peoria, and mustered into service, August 28, 1862; took part in the first expedition against Vicksburg and in the battles of Arkansas Post (Fort Hindman), Port Gibson and Champion Hills; in the capture of Vicksburg, the battle of Guntown, the reduction of Spanish Fort, and the capture of Mobile. It was mustered out at Vicksburg, August 5, 1865, and received final discharge at Chicago, August 11.

**ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH INFANTRY.** Recruited from Union and Pulaski Counties and mustered into the service, Sept. 11, 1862. Owing to its number being greatly reduced, it was consolidated with the Eleventh Infantry in April, 1863. (See *Eleventh Infantry*.)

**ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Anna and mustered in, Sept. 11, 1862; was

engaged at Stone River, Woodbury, and in numerous skirmishes in Kentucky and Tennessee. In May, 1863, the regiment was consolidated, its numbers having been greatly reduced. Subsequently it participated in the battles of Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, the battles around Atlanta and the campaign through the Carolinas, being present at Johnston's surrender. The regiment was mustered out at Washington, D. C., June 5, 1865, and received final discharge at Chicago, June 15. The enlisted men whose term of service had not expired at date of muster-out, were consolidated into four companies and transferred to the Sixtieth Illinois Veteran Volunteer Infantry.

**ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH INFANTRY.** Recruited from Marion, Clay, Washington, Clinton and Wayne Counties, and mustered into the service at Salem, Sept. 18, 1862. The regiment aided in the capture of Decatur, Ala.; took part in the Atlanta campaign, being engaged at Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw, Atlanta and Jonesboro; participated in the "March to the Sea" and the campaign in the Carolinas, taking part in the battles of Fort McAllister and Bentonville. It was mustered out at Washington, D. C., June 7, 1865, receiving final discharge at Springfield, June 27, having traveled 3,736 miles, of which 1,836 was on the march.

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH INFANTRY.** Mustered into service at Peoria, Sept. 20 and 22, 1862; participated in the campaign in East Tennessee, under Burnside, and in that against Atlanta, under Sherman; was also engaged in the battles of Columbia, Franklin and Nashville, and the capture of Fort Anderson and Wilmington. It was mustered out at Goldsboro, N. C., June 20, 1865, and finally discharged at Chicago, July 7, 1865.

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH INFANTRY.** Left Camp Hancock (near Chicago) for the front, Nov. 6, 1862; was engaged in the Tallahatchie expedition, participated in the battle of Chickasaw Bayou, and was sent North to guard prisoners and recruit. The regiment also took part in the siege and capture of Vicksburg, was mustered out, June 20, 1865, and finally discharged at Chicago, five days later.

**ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH INFANTRY.** Organized in July and August, 1862, and mustered in at Springfield, Sept. 18, being recruited from Cass, Menard and Sangamon Counties. The regiment participated in the battle of Jackson (Miss.), the siege and capture of Vicksburg, and in the battles of Guntown and Harrisville, the pursuit

of Price through Missouri, the battle of Nashville, and the capture of Mobile. It was mustered out at Vicksburg, August 3, 1865, receiving final payment and discharge at Springfield, August 15, 1865.

**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH INFANTRY.** Ordered to the front from Springfield, Oct. 4, 1862; was engaged at Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge, Tunnel Hill, Resaca and in all the principal battles of the Atlanta campaign, and in the defense of Nashville and pursuit of Hood; was mustered out of service, June 11, 1865, and received final pay and discharge, June 23, 1865, at Springfield.

**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH INFANTRY.** Recruited almost wholly from Macon County, numbering 980 officers and men when it started from Decatur for the front on Nov. 8, 1862. It participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Dallas, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, Stone Mountain, Atlanta, Fort McAllister and Bentonville, and was mustered out, June 7, 1865, near Washington, D. C.

**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Springfield, and mustered in, Sept. 19, 1862; participated in the Meridian campaign, the Red River expedition (assisting in the capture of Fort de Russey), and in the battles of Pleasant Hill, Yellow Bayou, Tupelo, Franklin, Nashville, Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely. It was mustered out at Springfield, August 5, 1865, having traveled 9,276 miles, 2,307 of which were marched.

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH INFANTRY.** Organized and mustered into the service at Springfield, Nov. 7, 1862; was engaged at Chickasaw Bluffs, Arkansas Post, Port Gibson, Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, Jackson (Miss.), Grand Coteau, Jackson (La.), and Amite River. The regiment was mounted, Oct. 11, 1863, and dismounted, May 22, 1865. Oct. 1, 1865, it was mustered out, and finally discharged, Oct. 13. At the date of the muster-in, the regiment numbered 820 men and officers, received 283 recruits, making a total of 1,103; at muster-out it numbered 523. Distance marched, 2,000 miles; total distance traveled, 5,700 miles.

**ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH INFANTRY.** Organized at Quincy, in September, 1862, and was mustered into the United States service, October 10; was engaged in the Red River campaign and in the battles of Shreveport, Yellow Bayou, Tupelo, Nashville, Spanish Fort and Fort

Blakely. Its final muster-out took place at Mobile, August 26, 1863, and its discharge at Springfield.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH INFANTRY. Mustered into the service, Oct. 28, 1862, at Springfield; was mustered out, Sept. 7, 1865, and received final payment and discharge, September 10, at Springfield.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST INFANTRY. (The organization of this regiment was not completed.)

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND INFANTRY. Organized at Carlinville, in August, 1862, and mustered into the service, Sept. 4, with 960 enlisted men. It participated in the battles of Tupelo and Nashville, and in the capture of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely, and was mustered out, July 15, 1865, at Mobile, and finally discharged at Springfield, August 4.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD INFANTRY. Mustered into service at Mattoon, Sept. 6, 1862; participated in the battles of Perryville, Milton, Hoover's Gap, and Farmington; also took part in the entire Atlanta campaign, marching as cavalry and fighting as infantry. Later, it served as mounted infantry in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, taking a prominent part in the capture of Selma. The regiment was discharged at Springfield, July 11, 1865—the recruits, whose terms had not expired, being transferred to the Sixty-first Volunteer Infantry.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH INFANTRY. Mustered into the service, Sept. 10, 1862, at Springfield; took part in the Vicksburg campaign and in the battles of Port Gibson, Raymond and Champion Hills, the siege of Vicksburg, the Meridian raid, the Yazoo expedition, and the capture of Mobile. On the 16th of August, 1865, eleven days less than three years after the first company went into camp at Springfield, the regiment was mustered out at Chicago. Colonel Howe's history of the battle-flag of the regiment, stated that it had been borne 4,100 miles, in fourteen skirmishes, ten battles and two sieges of forty-seven days and nights, and thirteen days and nights, respectively.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH INFANTRY. Mustered into service, Sept. 3, 1862; participated in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta and Jonesboro, and in the "March to the Sea" and the Carolina campaign, being engaged at Averysboro and Bentonville. It was mustered out at Washington, D. C., June 9, 1865, and finally discharged at Chicago.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH INFANTRY. Organized at Alton and mustered in, Sept. 4, 1862, and participated in the siege of Vicksburg. Six companies were engaged in skirmish line, near Humboldt, Tenn., and the regiment took part in the capture of Little Rock and in the fight at Clarendon, Ark. It was mustered out July 12, 1865.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY. Mustered into service at Chicago, Sept. 6, 1862; took part in the first campaign against Vicksburg, and in the battle of Arkansas Post, the siege of Vicksburg under Grant, the capture of Jackson (Miss.), the battles of Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain, the Meridian raid, and in the fighting at Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta and Jonesboro; also accompanied Sherman in his march through Georgia and the Carolinas, taking part in the battle of Bentonville; was mustered out at Chicago, June 17, 1865.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH INFANTRY. Mustered in, Dec. 18, 1862, but remained in service less than five months, when, its number of officers and men having been reduced from 860 to 161 (largely by desertions), a number of officers were dismissed, and the few remaining officers and men were formed into a detachment, and transferred to another Illinois regiment.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH INFANTRY. Organized at Pontiac, in August, 1862, and mustered into the service Sept. 8. Prior to May, 1864, the regiment was chiefly engaged in garrison duty. It marched with Sherman in the Atlanta campaign and through Georgia and the Carolinas, and took part in the battles of Resaca, Buzzard's Roost, Lost Mountain, Dallas, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Averysboro and Bentonville. It received final pay and discharge at Chicago, June 10, 1865.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH INFANTRY. Organized at Springfield and mustered into service, Oct. 25, 1862; was engaged at Port Gibson, Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, Vicksburg, Jackson (Miss.), and in the Red River expedition. While on this expedition almost the entire regiment was captured at the battle of Mansfield, and not paroled until near the close of the war. The remaining officers and men were consolidated with the Seventy-seventh Infantry in January, 1865, and participated in the capture of Mobile. Six months later its regimental reorganization, as the One Hundred and Thirtieth, was ordered. It was mustered out at New Orleans, August 15, 1865, and discharged at Springfield, August 31.



ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST INFANTRY. Organized in September, 1862, and mustered into the service, Nov. 13, with 815 men, exclusive of officers. In October, 1863, it was consolidated with the Twenty-ninth Infantry, and ceased to exist as a separate organization. Up to that time the regiment had been in but a few conflicts and in no pitched battle.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND INFANTRY. Organized at Chicago and mustered in for 100 days from June 1, 1864. The regiment remained on duty at Paducah until the expiration of its service, when it moved to Chicago, and was mustered out, Oct. 17, 1864.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD INFANTRY. Organized at Springfield, and mustered in for one hundred days, May 31, 1864; was engaged during its term of service in guarding prisoners of war at Rock Island; was mustered out, Sept. 4, 1864, at Camp Butler.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH INFANTRY. Organized at Chicago and mustered in, May 31, 1864, for 100 days; was assigned to garrison duty at Columbus, Ky., and mustered out of service, Oct. 25, 1864, at Chicago.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH INFANTRY. Mustered in for 100-days' service at Mattoon, June 6, 1864, having a strength of 852 men. It was chiefly engaged, during its term of service, in doing garrison duty and guarding railroads. It was mustered out at Springfield, Sept. 28, 1864.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH INFANTRY. Enlisted about the first of May, 1864, for 100 days, and went into camp at Centralia, Ill., but was not mustered into service until June 1, following. Its principal service was garrison duty, with occasional scouts and raids amongst guerrillas. At the end of its term of service the regiment re-enlisted for fifteen days; was mustered out at Springfield, Oct. 22, 1864, and discharged eight days later.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY. Organized at Quincy, with ex-Gov. John Wood as its Colonel, and mustered in, June 5, 1864, for 100 days. Was on duty at Memphis, Tenn., and mustered out of service at Springfield, Ill., Sept. 4, 1864.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH INFANTRY. Organized at Quincy, and mustered in, June 21, 1864, for 100 days; was assigned to garrison duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and in Western Missouri. It was mustered out of service at Springfield, Ill., Oct. 14, 1864.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINTH INFANTRY. Mustered into service as a 100-day's regi-

ment, at Peoria, June 1, 1864; was engaged in garrison duty at Columbus and Cairo, in making reprisals for guerrilla raids, and in the pursuit of the Confederate General Price in Missouri. The latter service was rendered, at the President's request, after the term of enlistment had expired. It was mustered out at Peoria, Oct. 25, 1864, having been in the service nearly five months.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTIETH INFANTRY. Organized as a 100-days' regiment, at Springfield, June 18, 1864, and mustered into service on that date. The regiment was engaged in guarding railroads between Memphis and Holly Springs, and in garrison duty at Memphis. After the term of enlistment had expired and the regiment had been mustered out, it aided in the pursuit of General Price through Missouri; was finally discharged at Chicago, after serving about five months.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIRST INFANTRY. Mustered into service as a 100-days' regiment, at Elgin, June 16, 1864—strength, 842 men; departed for the field, June 27, 1864; was mustered out at Chicago, Oct. 10, 1864.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SECOND INFANTRY. Organized at Freeport as a battalion of eight companies, and sent to Camp Butler, where two companies were added and the regiment mustered into service for 100 days, June 18, 1864. It was ordered to Memphis, Tenn., five days later, and assigned to duty at White's Station, eleven miles from that city, where it was employed in guarding the Memphis & Charleston railroad. It was mustered out at Chicago, on Oct. 27, 1864, the men having voluntarily served one month beyond their term of enlistment.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-THIRD INFANTRY. Organized at Mattoon, and mustered in, June 11, 1864, for 100 days. It was assigned to garrison duty, and mustered out at Mattoon, Sept. 26, 1864.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOURTH INFANTRY. Organized at Alton, in 1864, as a one-year regiment; was mustered into the service, Oct. 21, its strength being 1,159 men. It was mustered out, July 14, 1865.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIFTH INFANTRY. Mustered into service at Springfield, June 9, 1864; strength, 880 men. It departed for the field, June 12, 1864; was mustered out, Sept. 23, 1864.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIXTH INFANTRY. Organized at Springfield, Sept. 18, 1864, for one year. Was assigned to the duty of guarding drafted men at Brighton, Quincy, Jacksonville

and Springfield, and mustered out at Springfield, July 5, 1865.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY. Organized at Chicago, and mustered into service for one year, Feb. 18 and 19, 1865; was engaged chiefly on guard or garrison duty, in scouting and in skirmishing with guerrillas. Mustered out at Nashville, Jan. 22, 1866, and received final discharge at Springfield, Feb. 4.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHTH INFANTRY. Organized at Springfield, Feb. 21, 1865, for the term of one year; was assigned to garrison and guard duty and mustered out, Sept. 5, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn.; arrived at Springfield, Sept. 9, 1865, where it was paid off and discharged.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINTH INFANTRY. Organized at Springfield, Feb. 11, 1865, and mustered in for one year; was engaged in garrison and guard duty; mustered out, Jan. 27, 1866, at Dalton, Ga., and ordered to Springfield, where it received final payment and discharge.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH INFANTRY. Organized at Springfield, and mustered in, Feb. 14, 1865, for one year; was on duty in Tennessee and Georgia, guarding railroads and garrisoning towns. It was mustered out, Jan. 16, 1866, at Atlanta, Ga., and ordered to Springfield, where it received final payment and discharge.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIRST INFANTRY. This regiment was organized at Quincy, Ill., and mustered into the United States service, Feb. 23, 1865, and was composed of companies from various parts of the State, recruited, under the call of Dec. 19, 1864. It was engaged in guard duty, with a few guerrilla skirmishes, and was present at the surrender of General Warford's army, at Kingston, Ga.; was mustered out at Columbus, Ga., Jan. 24, 1866, and ordered to Springfield, where it received final payment and discharge, Feb. 8, 1866.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND INFANTRY. Organized at Springfield and mustered in, Feb. 18, 1865, for one year; was mustered out of service, to date Sept. 11, at Memphis, Tenn., and arrived at Camp Butler, Sept. 9, 1865, where it received final payment and discharge.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THIRD INFANTRY. Organized at Chicago, and mustered in, Feb. 27, 1865, for one year; was not engaged in any battles. It was mustered out, Sept. 15, 1865, and moved to Springfield, Ill., and, Sept. 24, received final pay and discharge.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOURTH INFANTRY. Organized at Springfield, Feb. 21, 1865, for one year. Sept. 18, 1865, the regiment was

mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., and ordered to Springfield for final payment and discharge, where it arrived, Sept. 22; was paid off and discharged at Camp Butler, Sept. 29.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIFTH INFANTRY. Organized at Springfield and mustered in Feb. 28, 1865, for one year, 904 strong. On Sept. 4, 1865, it was mustered out of service, and moved to Camp Butler, where it received final pay and discharge.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH INFANTRY. Organized and mustered in during the months of February and March, 1865, from the northern counties of the State, for the term of one year. The officers of the regiment have left no written record of its history, but its service seems to have been rendered chiefly in Tennessee in the neighborhood of Memphis, Nashville and Chattanooga. Judging by the muster-rolls of the Adjutant-General, the regiment would appear to have been greatly depleted by desertions and otherwise, the remnant being finally mustered out, Sept. 20, 1865.

FIRST CAVALRY. Organized — consisting of seven companies, A, B, C, D, E, F and G—at Alton, in 1861, and mustered into the United States service, July 3. After some service in Missouri, the regiment participated in the battle of Lexington, in that State, and was surrendered, with the remainder of the garrison, Sept. 30, 1861. The officers were paroled, and the men sworn not to take up arms again until discharged. No exchange having been effected in November, the non-commissioned officers and privates were ordered to Springfield and discharged. In June, 1862, the regiment was reorganized at Benton Barracks, Mo., being afterwards employed in guarding supply trains and supply depots at various points. Mustered out, at Benton Barracks, July 14, 1862.

SECOND CAVALRY. Organized at Springfield and mustered into service, August 12, 1861, with Company M (which joined the regiment some months later), numbering 47 commissioned officers and 1,040 enlisted men. This number was increased by recruits and re-enlistments, during its four and a half year's term of service, to 2,236 enlisted men and 145 commissioned officers. It was engaged at Belmont; a portion of the regiment took part in the battles at Fort Henry, Fort Donelson and Shiloh, another portion at Merryweather's Ferry, Bolivar and Holly Springs, and participated in the investment of Vicksburg. In January, 1864, the major part of the regiment re-enlisted as veterans, later, participating in the

Red River expedition and the investment of Fort Blakely. It was mustered out at San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 22, 1865, and finally paid and discharged at Springfield, Jan. 3, 1866.

**THIRD CAVALRY.** Composed of twelve companies, from various localities in the State, the grand total of company officers and enlisted men, under the first organization, being 1,433. It was organized at Springfield, in August, 1861; participated in the battles of Pea Ridge, Haines' Bluff, Arkansas Post, Port Gibson, Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, and the siege of Vicksburg. In July, 1864, a large portion of the regiment re-enlisted as veterans. The remainder were mustered out Sept. 5, 1864. The veterans participated in the repulse of Forrest, at Memphis, and in the battles of Lawrenceburg, Spring Hill, Campbellsville and Franklin. From May to October, 1865, engaged in service against the Indians in the Northwest. The regiment was mustered out at Springfield, Oct. 18, 1865.

**FOURTH CAVALRY.** Mustered into service, Sept. 26, 1861, and participated in the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, and Shiloh; in the siege of Corinth, and in many engagements of less historic note; was mustered out at Springfield in November, 1864. By order of the War Department, of June 18, 1865, the members of the regiment whose terms had not expired, were consolidated with the Twelfth Illinois Cavalry.

**FIFTH CAVALRY.** Organized at Camp Butler, in November, 1861; took part in the Meridian raid and the expedition against Jackson, Miss., and in numerous minor expeditions, doing effective work at Canton, Grenada, Woodville, and other points. On Jan. 1, 1864, a large portion of the regiment re-enlisted as veterans. Its final muster-out took place, Oct. 27, 1865, and it received final payment and discharge, October 30.

**SIXTH CAVALRY.** Organized at Springfield, Nov. 19, 1861; participated in Sherman's advance upon Grenada; in the Grierson raid through Mississippi and Louisiana, the siege of Port Hudson, the battles of Moscow (Tenn.), West Point (Miss.), Franklin and Nashville; re-enlisted as veterans, March 30, 1864; was mustered out at Selma, Ala., Nov. 5, 1865, and received discharge, November 20, at Springfield.

**SEVENTH CAVALRY.** Organized at Springfield, and was mustered into service, Oct. 13, 1861. It participated in the battles of Farmington, Iuka, Corinth (second battle); in Grierson's raid through Mississippi and Louisiana; in the engagement at Plain's Store (La.), and the investment of Port Hudson. In March, 1864, 288

officers and men re-enlisted as veterans. The non-veterans were engaged at Guntown, and the entire regiment took part in the battle of Franklin. After the close of hostilities, it was stationed in Alabama and Mississippi, until the latter part of October, 1865; was mustered out at Nashville, and finally discharged at Springfield, Nov. 17, 1865.

**EIGHTH CAVALRY.** Organized at St. Charles, Ill., and mustered in, Sept. '18, 1861. The regiment was ordered to Virginia, and participated in the general advance on Manassas in March, 1862; was engaged at Mechanicsville, Gaines' Hill, Malvern Hill, Sugar Loaf Mountain, Middletown, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Sulphur Springs, Warrenton, Rapidan Station, Northern Neck, Gettysburg, Williamsburg, Funkstown, Falling Water, Chester Gap, Sandy Hook, Culpepper, Brandy Station, and in many raids and skirmishes. It was mustered out of service at Benton Barracks, Mo., July 17, 1865, and ordered to Chicago, where it received final payment and discharge.

**NINTH CAVALRY.** Organized at Chicago, in the autumn of 1861, and mustered in, November 30; was engaged at Coldwater, Grenada, Wyatt, Saulsbury, Moscow, Guntown, Pontotoc, Tupelo, Old Town Creek, Hurricane Creek, Lawrenceburg, Campbellsville, Franklin and Nashville. The regiment re-enlisted as veterans, March 16, 1864; was mustered out of service at Selma, Ala., Oct. 31, 1865, and ordered to Springfield, where the men received final payment and discharge.

**TENTH CAVALRY.** Organized at Springfield in the latter part of September, 1861, and mustered into service, Nov. 25, 1861; was engaged at Prairie Grove, Cotton Plant, Arkansas Post, in the Yazoo Pass expedition, at Richmond (La.), Brownsville, Bayou Metoe, Bayou La Fourche and Little Rock. In February, 1864, a large portion of the regiment re-enlisted as veterans, the non-veterans accompanying General Banks in his Red River expedition. On Jan. 27, 1865, the veterans, and recruits were consolidated with the Fifteenth Cavalry, and all reorganized under the name of the Tenth Illinois Veteran Volunteer Cavalry. Mustered out of service at San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 22, 1865, and received final discharge at Springfield, Jan. 6, 1866.

**ELEVENTH CAVALRY.** Robert G. Ingersoll of Peoria, and Basil D. Meeks, of Woodford County, obtained permission to raise a regiment of cavalry, and recruiting commenced in October, 1861. The regiment was recruited from the counties of Peoria, Fulton, Tazewell, Woodford,

Marshall, Stark, Knox, Henderson and Warren; was mustered into the service at Peoria, Dec. 20, 1861, and was first under fire at Shiloh. It also took part in the raid in the rear of Corinth, and in the battles of Bolivar, Corinth (second battle), Iuka, Lexington and Jackson (Tenn.); in McPherson's expedition to Canton and Sherman's Meridian raid, in the relief of Yazoo City, and in numerous less important raids and skirmishes. Most of the regiment re-enlisted as veterans in December, 1863; the non-veterans being mustered out at Memphis, in the autumn of 1864. The veterans were mustered out at the same place, Sept. 30, 1865, and discharged at Springfield, October 20.

**TWELFTH CAVALRY.** Organized at Springfield, in February, 1862, and remained there guarding rebel prisoners until June 25, when it was mounted and sent to Martinsburg, Va. It was engaged at Fredericksburg, Williamsport, Falling Waters, the Rapidan and Stevensburg. On Nov. 26, 1863, the regiment was relieved from service and ordered home to reorganize as veterans. Subsequently it joined Banks in the Red River expedition and in Davidson's expedition against Mobile. While at Memphis the Twelfth Cavalry was consolidated into an eight-company organization, and the Fourth Cavalry, having previously been consolidated into a battalion of five companies, was consolidated with the Twelfth. The consolidated regiment was mustered out at Houston, Texas, May 29, 1866, and, on June 18, received final pay and discharge at Springfield.

**THIRTEENTH CAVALRY.** Organized at Chicago, in December, 1861; moved to the front from Benton Barracks, Mo., in February, 1862, and was engaged in the following battles and skirmishes (all in Missouri and Arkansas): Putnam's Ferry, Cotton Plant, Union City (twice), Camp Pillow, Bloomfield (first and second battles), Van Buren, Allen, Eleven Point River, Jackson, White River, Chalk Bluff, Bushy Creek, near Helena, Grand Prairie, White River, Deadman's Lake, Brownsville, Bayou Metoe, Austin, Little Rock, Benton, Batesville, Pine Bluff, Arkadelphia, Okolona, Little Missouri River, Prairie du Anne, Camden, Jenkins' Ferry, Cross Roads, Mount Elba, Douglas Landing and Monticello. The regiment was mustered out, August 31, 1865, and received final pay and discharge at Springfield, Sept. 13, 1865.

**FOURTEENTH CAVALRY.** Mustered into service at Peoria, in January and February, 1863; participated in the battle of Cumberland Gap, in the defense of Knoxville and the pursuit of Long-

street, in the engagements at Bean Station and Dandridge, in the Macon raid, and in the cavalry battle at Sunshine Church. In the latter General Stoneman surrendered, but the Fourteenth cut its way out. On their retreat the men were betrayed by a guide and the regiment badly cut up and scattered, those escaping being hunted by soldiers with bloodhounds. Later, it was engaged at Waynesboro and in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, and was mustered out at Nashville, July 31, 1865, having marched over 10,000 miles, exclusive of duty done by detachments.

**FIFTEENTH CAVALRY.** Composed of companies originally independent, attached to infantry regiments and acting as such; participated in the battles of Fort Donelson and Shiloh, and in the siege and capture of Corinth. Regimental organization was effected in the spring of 1863, and thereafter it was engaged chiefly in scouting and post duty. It was mustered out at Springfield, August 25, 1864, the recruits (whose term of service had not expired) being consolidated with the Tenth Cavalry.

**SIXTEENTH CAVALRY.** Composed principally of Chicago men—Thieleman's and Schambeck's Cavalry Companies, raised at the outset of the war, forming the nucleus of the regiment. The former served as General Sherman's body-guard for some time. Captain Thieleman was made a Major and authorized to raise a battalion, the two companies named thenceforth being known as Thieleman's Battalion. In September, 1862, the War Department authorized the extension of the battalion to a regiment, and, on the 11th of June, 1863, the regimental organization was completed. It took part in the East Tennessee campaign, a portion of the regiment aiding in the defense of Knoxville, a part garrisoning Cumberland Gap, and one battalion being captured by Longstreet. The regiment also participated in the battles of Rocky Face Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Kingston, Cassville, Cartersville, Allatoona, Kenesaw, Lost Mountain, Mines Ridge, Powder Springs, Chattahoochee, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Franklin and Nashville. It arrived in Chicago, August 23, 1865, for final payment and discharge, having marched about 5,000 miles and engaged in thirty-one battles, besides numerous skirmishes.

**SEVENTEENTH CAVALRY.** Mustered into service in January and February, 1864; aided in the repulse of Price at Jefferson City, Mo., and was engaged at Booneville, Independence, Mine Creek, and Fort Scott, besides doing garrison duty, scouting and raiding. It was mustered



out in November and December, 1865, at Leavenworth, Kan. Gov. John L. Beveridge, who had previously been a Captain and Major of the Eighth Cavalry, was the Colonel of this regiment.

**FIRST LIGHT ARTILLERY.** Consisted of ten batteries. Battery A was organized under the first call for State troops, April 21, 1861, but not mustered into the three years' service until July 16; was engaged at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, the sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson, and in the Atlanta campaign; was in reserve at Champion Hills and Nashville, and mustered out July 3, 1865, at Chicago.

Battery B was organized in April, 1861, engaged at Belmont, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, in the siege of Corinth and at La Grange, Holly Springs, Memphis, Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, the siege of Vicksburg, Mechanicsburg, Richmond (La.), the Atlanta campaign and the battle of Nashville. The Battery was reorganized by consolidation with Battery A, and mustered out at Chicago, July 2, 1865.

Battery D was organized at Cairo, Sept. 2, 1861; was engaged at Fort Donelson and at Shiloh, and mustered out, July 28, 1865, at Chicago.

Battery E was organized at Camp Douglas and mustered into service, Dec. 19, 1861; was engaged at Shiloh, Corinth, Jackson, Vicksburg, Gun-town, Pontotoc, Tupelo and Nashville, and mustered out at Louisville, Dec. 24, 1864.

Battery F was recruited at Dixon and mustered in at Springfield, Feb. 25, 1862. It took part in the siege of Corinth and the Yocona expedition, and was consolidated with the other batteries in the regiment, March 7, 1865.

Battery G was organized at Cairo and mustered in Sept. 28, 1861; was engaged in the siege and the second battle of Corinth, and mustered out at Springfield, July 24, 1865.

Battery H was recruited in and about Chicago, during January and February, 1862; participated in the battle of Shiloh, siege of Vicksburg, and in the Atlanta campaign, the "March to the Sea," and through the Carolinas with Sherman.

Battery I was organized at Camp Douglas and mustered in, Feb. 10, 1862; was engaged at Shiloh, in the Tallahatchie raid, the sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson, and in the battles of Chattanooga and Vicksburg. It was veteranized, March 17, 1864, and was mustered out, July 26, 1865.

Battery K was organized at Shawneetown and mustered in, Jan. 9, 1862, participated in Burn-

side's campaign in Tennessee, and in the capture of Knoxville. Part of the men were mustered out at Springfield in June, 1865, and the remainder at Chicago in July.

Battery M was organized at Camp Douglas and mustered into the service, August 12, 1862, for three years. It served through the Chickamauga campaign, being engaged at Chickamauga; also was engaged at Missionary Ridge, was besieged at Chattanooga, and took part in all the important battles of the Atlanta campaign. It was mustered out at Chicago, July 24, 1864, having traveled 3,102 miles and been under fire 178 days.

**SECOND LIGHT ARTILLERY.** Consisted of nine batteries. Battery A was organized at Peoria, and mustered into service, May 23, 1861; served in Missouri and Arkansas, doing brilliant work at Pea Ridge. It was mustered out of service at Springfield, July 27, 1865.

Battery D was organized at Cairo, and mustered into service in December, 1861; was engaged at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Jackson, Meridian and Decatur, and mustered out at Louisville, Nov. 21, 1864.

Battery E was organized at St. Louis, Mo., in August, 1861, and mustered into service, August 20, at that point. It was engaged at Fort Donelson and Shiloh, and in the siege of Corinth and the Yocona expedition—was consolidated with Battery A.

Battery F was organized at Cape Girardeau, Mo., and mustered in, Dec. 11, 1861; was engaged at Shiloh, in the siege and second battle of Corinth, and the Meridian campaign; also at Kenesaw, Atlanta and Jonesboro. It was mustered out, July 27, 1865, at Springfield.

Battery H was organized at Springfield, December, 1861, and mustered in, Dec. 31, 1861; was engaged at Fort Donelson and in the siege of Fort Pillow; veteranized, Jan. 1, 1864, was mounted as cavalry the following summer, and mustered out at Springfield, July 29, 1865.

Battery I was recruited in Will County, and mustered into service at Camp Butler, Dec. 31, 1861. It participated in the siege of Island No. 10, in the advance upon Corinth, and in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and Chattanooga. It was veteranized, Jan. 1, 1864, marched with Sherman to Atlanta, and thence to Savannah and through the Carolinas, and was mustered out at Springfield.

Battery K was organized at Springfield and mustered in Dec. 31, 1863; was engaged at Fort Pillow, the capture of Clarkston, Mo., and the

siege of Vicksburg. It was mustered out, July 14, 1865, at Chicago.

Battery L was organized at Chicago and mustered in, Feb. 28, 1863; participated in the advance on Corinth, the battle of Hatchie and the advance on the Tallahatchie, and was mustered out at Chicago, August 9, 1865.

Battery M was organized at Chicago, and mustered in at Springfield, June, 1862; was engaged at Jonesboro, Blue Spring, Blountsville and Rogersville, being finally consolidated with other batteries of the regiment.

**CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE BATTERY.** Organized through the efforts of the Chicago Board of Trade, which raised \$15,000 for its equipment, within forty-eight hours. It was mustered into service, August 1, 1862, was engaged at Lawrenceburg, Murfreesboro, Stone River, Chickamauga, Farmington, Decatur (Ga.), Atlanta, Lovejoy Station, Nashville, Selma and Columbus (Ga.). It was mustered out at Chicago, June 30, 1865, and paid in full, July 3, having marched 5,268 miles and traveled by rail 1,231 miles. The battery was in eleven of the hardest battles fought in the West, and in twenty-six minor battles, being in action forty-two times while on scouts, reconnaissances or outpost duty.

**CHICAGO MERCANTILE BATTERY.** Recruited and organized under the auspices of the Mercantile Association, an association of prominent and patriotic merchants of the City of Chicago. It was mustered into service, August 29, 1862, at Camp Douglas, participated in the Tallahatchie and Yazoo expeditions, the first attack upon Vicksburg, the battle of Arkansas Post, the siege of Vicksburg, the battles of Magnolia Hills, Champion Hills, Black River Bridge and Jackson (Miss.); also took part in Banks' Red River expedition; was mustered out at Chicago, and received final payment, July 10, 1865, having traveled, by river, sea and land, over 11,000 miles.

**SPRINGFIELD LIGHT ARTILLERY.** Recruited principally from the cities of Springfield, Belleville and Wenona, and mustered into service at Springfield, for the term of three years, August 21, 1862, numbering 199 men and officers. It participated in the capture of Little Rock and in the Red River expedition, and was mustered out at Springfield, 114 strong, June 30, 1865.

**COGSWELL'S BATTERY, LIGHT ARTILLERY.** Organized at Ottawa, Ill., and mustered in, Nov. 11, 1861, as Company A (Artillery) Fifty-third Illinois Volunteers, Colonel Cushman commanding the regiment. It participated in the

advance on Corinth, the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Missionary Ridge, and the capture of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely, near Mobile. The regiment was mustered out at Springfield, August 14, 1865, having served three years and nine months, marched over 7,500 miles, and participated in seven sieges and battles.

**STURGES RIFLES.** An independent company, organized at Chicago, armed, equipped and subsisted for nearly two months, by the patriotic generosity of Mr. Solomon Sturges; was mustered into service, May 6, 1861; in June following, was ordered to West Virginia, serving as body-guard of General McClellan; was engaged at Rich Mountain, in the siege of Yorktown, and in the seven days' battle of the Chickahominy. A portion of the company was at Antietam, the remainder having been detached as foragers, scouts, etc. It was mustered out at Washington, Nov. 25, 1862.

**WAR, THE SPANISH-AMERICAN.** The oppressions and misrule which had characterized the administration of affairs by the Spanish Government and its agents for generations, in the Island of Cuba, culminated, in April, 1898, in mutual declarations of war between Spain and the United States. The causes leading up to this result were the injurious effects upon American commerce and the interests of American citizens owning property in Cuba, as well as the constant expense imposed upon the Government of the United States in the maintenance of a large navy along the South Atlantic coast to suppress filibustering, superadded to the friction and unrest produced among the people of this country by the long continuance of disorders and abuses so near to our own shores, which aroused the sympathy and indignation of the entire civilized world. For three years a large proportion of the Cuban population had been in open rebellion against the Spanish Government, and, while the latter had imported a large army to the island and subjected the insurgents and their families and sympathizers to the grossest cruelties, not even excepting torture and starvation itself, their policy had failed to bring the insurgents into subjection or to restore order. In this condition of affairs the United States Government had endeavored, through negotiation, to secure a mitigation of the evils complained of, by a modification of the Spanish policy of government in the island; but all suggestions in this direction had either been resented by Spain as unwarrantable interference in her affairs, or promises of reform, when made, had been as invariably broken.

In the meantime an increasing sentiment had been growing up in the United States in favor of conceding belligerent rights to the Cuban insurgents, or the recognition of their independence, which found expression in measures proposed in Congress—all offers of friendly intervention by the United States having been rejected by Spain with evidences of indignation. Compelled, at last, to recognize its inability to subdue the insurrection, the Spanish Government, in November, 1897, made a pretense of tendering autonomy to the Cuban people, with the privilege of amnesty to the insurgents on laying down their arms. The long duration of the war and the outrages perpetrated upon the helpless "reconcentrados," coupled with the increased confidence of the insurgents in the final triumph of their cause, rendered this movement—even if intended to be carried out to the letter—of no avail. The proffer came too late, and was promptly rejected.

In this condition of affairs and with a view to greater security for American interests, the American battleship *Maine* was ordered to Havana, on Jan. 24, 1898. It arrived in Havana Harbor the following day, and was anchored at a point designated by the Spanish commander. On the night of February 15, following, it was blown up and destroyed by some force, as shown by after investigation, applied from without. Of a crew of 354 men belonging to the vessel at the time, 266 were either killed outright by the explosion, or died from their wounds. Not only the American people, but the entire civilized world, was shocked by the catastrophe. An act of horrible treachery had been perpetrated against an American vessel and its crew on a peaceful mission in the harbor of a professedly friendly nation.

The successive steps leading to actual hostilities were rapid and eventful. One of the earliest and most significant of these was the passage, by a unanimous vote of both houses of Congress, on March 9, of an appropriation placing \$50,000,000 in the hands of the President as an emergency fund for purposes of national defense. This was followed, two days later, by an order for the mobilization of the army. The more important events following this step were: An order, under date of April 5, withdrawing American consuls from Spanish stations; the departure, on April 9, of Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee from Havana; April 19, the adoption by Congress of concurrent resolutions declaring Cuba independent and directing the President to use the land and naval forces of the United States to put an end to

Spanish authority in the island; April 20, the sending to the Spanish Government, by the President, of an ultimatum in accordance with this act; April 21, the delivery to Minister Woodford, at Madrid, of his passports without waiting for the presentation of the ultimatum, with the departure of the Spanish Minister from Washington; April 23, the issue of a call by the President for 125,000 volunteers; April 24, the final declaration of war by Spain; April 25, the adoption by Congress of a resolution declaring that war had existed from April 21; on the same date an order to Admiral Dewey, in command of the Asiatic Squadron at Hongkong, to sail for Manila with a view to investing that city and blockading Philippine ports.

The chief events subsequent to the declaration of war embraced the following: May 1, the destruction by Admiral Dewey's squadron of the Spanish fleet in the harbor of Manila; May 19, the arrival of the Spanish Admiral Cervera's fleet at Santiago de Cuba; May 25, a second call by the President for 75,000 volunteers; July 3, the attempt of Cervera's fleet to escape, and its destruction off Santiago; July 17, the surrender of Santiago to the forces under General Shafter; July 30, the statement by the President, through the French Ambassador at Washington, of the terms on which the United States would consent to make peace; August 9, acceptance of the peace terms by Spain, followed, three days later, by the signing of the peace protocol; September 9, the appointment by the President of Peace Commissioners on the part of the United States; Sept. 18, the announcement of the Peace Commissioners selected by Spain; October 1, the beginning of the Peace Conference by the representatives of the two powers, at Paris, and the formal signing, on December 10, of the peace treaty, including the recognition by Spain of the freedom of Cuba, with the transfer to the United States of Porto Rico and her other West India islands, together with the surrender of the Philippines for a consideration of \$20,000,000.

Seldom, if ever, in the history of nations have such vast and far-reaching results been accomplished within so short a period. The war, which practically began with the destruction of the Spanish fleet in Manila Harbor—an event which aroused the enthusiasm of the whole American people, and won the respect and admiration of other nations—was practically ended by the surrender of Santiago and the declaration by the President of the conditions of peace just three months later. Succeeding

events, up to the formal signing of the peace treaty, were merely the recognition of results previously determined.

**HISTORY OF ILLINOIS REGIMENTS.**—The part played by Illinois in connection with these events may be briefly summarized in the history of Illinois regiments and other organizations. Under the first call of the President for 125,000 volunteers, eight regiments—seven of infantry and one of cavalry—were assigned to Illinois, to which was subsequently added, on application through Governor Tanner, one battery of light artillery. The infantry regiments were made up of the Illinois National Guard, numbered consecutively from one to seven, and were practically mobilized at their home stations within forty-eight hours from the receipt of the call, and began to arrive at Camp Tanner, near Springfield, the place of rendezvous, on April 26, the day after the issue of the Governor's call. The record of Illinois troops is conspicuous for the promptness of their response and the completeness of their organization—in this respect being unsurpassed by those of any other State. Under the call of May 25 for an additional force of 75,000 men, the quota assigned to Illinois was two regiments, which were promptly furnished, taking the names of the Eighth and Ninth. The first of these belonged to the Illinois National Guard, as the regiments mustered in under the first call had done, while the Ninth was one of a number of "Provisional Regiments" which had tendered their services to the Government. Some twenty-five other regiments of this class, more or less complete, stood ready to perfect their organizations should there be occasion for their services. The aggregate strength of Illinois organizations at date of muster out from the United States service was 12,280—11,789 men and 491 officers.

**FIRST REGIMENT ILLINOIS VOLUNTEERS** (originally Illinois National Guard) was organized at Chicago, and mustered into the United States service at Camp Tanner (Springfield), under the command of Col. Henry L. Turner, May 13, 1898; left Springfield for Camp Thomas (Chickamauga) May 17; assigned to First Brigade, Third Division, of the First Army Corps; started for Tampa, Fla., June 2, but soon after arrival there was transferred to Picnic Island, and assigned to provost duty in place of the First United States Infantry. On June 30 the bulk of the regiment embarked for Cuba, but was detained in the harbor at Key West until July 5, when the vessel sailed for Santiago, arriving in Guantanamo Bay

on the evening of the 8th. Disembarking on the 10th, the whole regiment arrived on the firing line on the 11th, spent several days and nights in the trenches before Santiago, and were present at the surrender of that city on the 17th. Two companies had previously been detached for the scarcely less perilous duty of service in the fever hospitals and in caring for their wounded comrades. The next month was spent on guard duty in the captured city, until August 25, when, depleted in numbers and weakened by fever, the bulk of the regiment was transferred by hospital boats to Camp Wikoff, on Montauk Point, L. I. The members of the regiment able to travel left Camp Wikoff, September 8, for Chicago, arriving two days later, where they met an enthusiastic reception and were mustered out, November 17, 1,235 strong (rank and file)—a considerable number of recruits having joined the regiment just before leaving Tampa. The record of the First was conspicuous by the fact that it was the only Illinois regiment to see service in Cuba during the progress of actual hostilities. Before leaving Tampa some eighty members of the regiment were detailed for engineering duty in Porto Rico, sailed for that island on July 12, and were among the first to perform service there. The First suffered severely from yellow fever while in Cuba, but, as a regiment, while in the service, made a brilliant record, which was highly complimented in the official reports of its commanding officers.

**SECOND REGIMENT ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY** (originally Second I. N. G.). This regiment, also from Chicago, began to arrive at Springfield, April 27, 1898—at that time numbering 1,202 men and 47 officers, under command of Col. George M. Moulton; was mustered in between May 4 and May 15; on May 17 started for Tampa, Fla., but en route its destination was changed to Jacksonville, where, as a part of the Seventh Army Corps, under command of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, it assisted in the dedication of Camp Cuba Libre. October 25 it was transferred to Savannah, Ga., remaining at "Camp Lee" until December 8, when two battalions embarked for Havana, landing on the 15th, being followed, a few days later, by the Third Battalion, and stationed at Camp Columbia. From Dec. 17 to Jan. 11, 1899, Colonel Moulton served as Chief of Police for the city of Havana. On March 28 to 30 the regiment left Camp Columbia in detachments for Augusta, Ga., where it arrived April 5, and was mustered out, April 26, 1,051 strong (rank and file), and returned to Chicago. Dur-



ing its stay in Cuba the regiment did not lose a man. A history of this regiment has been written by Rev. H. W. Bolton, its late Chaplain.

THIRD REGIMENT ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, composed of companies of the Illinois National Guard from the counties of La Salle, Livingston, Kane, Kankakee, McHenry, Ogle, Will, and Winnebago, under command of Col. Fred Bennitt, reported at Springfield, with 1,170 men and 50 officers, on April 27; was mustered in May 7, 1898; transferred from Springfield to Camp Thomas (Chickamauga), May 14; on July 22 left Chickamauga for Porto Rico; on the 28th sailed from Newport News, on the liner St. Louis, arriving at Ponce, Porto Rico, on July 31; soon after disembarking captured Arroyo, and assisted in the capture of Guayama, which was the beginning of General Brooke's advance across the island to San Juan, when intelligence was received of the signing of the peace protocol by Spain. From August 13 to October 1 the Third continued in the performance of guard duty in Porto Rico; on October 22, 986 men and 39 officers took transport for home by way of New York, arriving in Chicago, November 11, the several companies being mustered out at their respective home stations. Its strength at final muster-out was 1,273 men and officers. This regiment had the distinction of being one of the first to see service in Porto Rico, but suffered severely from fever and other diseases during the three months of its stay in the island.

FOURTH ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, composed of companies from Champaign, Coles, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Jackson, Jefferson, Montgomery, Richland, and St. Clair counties; mustered into the service at Springfield, May 20, under command of Col. Casimer Andel; started immediately for Tampa, Fla., but en route its destination was changed to Jacksonville, where it was stationed at Camp Cuba Libre as a part of the Seventh Corps under command of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee; in October was transferred to Savannah, Ga., remaining at Camp Onward until about the first of January, when the regiment took ship for Havana. Here the regiment was stationed at Camp Columbia until April 4, 1899, when it returned to Augusta, Ga., and was mustered out at Camp Mackenzie (Augusta), May 2, the companies returning to their respective home stations. During a part of its stay at Jacksonville, and again at Savannah, the regiment was employed on guard duty. While at Jacksonville Colonel Andel was suspended by court-martial, and finally tendered his resigna-

tion, his place being supplied by Lieut.-Col. Eben Swift, of the Ninth.

FIFTH REGIMENT ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY was the first regiment to report, and was mustered in at Springfield, May 7, 1898, under command of Col. James S. Culver, being finally composed of twelve companies from Pike, Christian, Sangamon, McLean, Montgomery, Adams, Tazewell, Macon, Morgan, Peoria, and Fulton counties; on May 14 left Springfield for Camp Thomas (Chickamauga, Ga.), being assigned to the command of General Brooke; August 3 left Chickamauga for Newport News, Va., with the expectation of embarking for Porto Rico—a previous order of July 26 to the same purport having been countermanded; at Newport News embarked on the transport Odbam, but again the order was rescinded, and, after remaining on board thirty-six hours, the regiment was disembarked. The next move was made to Lexington, Ky., where the regiment—having lost hope of reaching "the front"—remained until Sept. 5, when it returned to Springfield for final muster-out. This regiment was composed of some of the best material in the State, and anxious for active service, but after a succession of disappointments, was compelled to return to its home station without meeting the enemy. After its arrival at Springfield the regiment was furloughed for thirty days and finally mustered out, October 16, numbering 1,213 men and 47 officers.

SIXTH REGIMENT ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, consisting of twelve companies from the counties of Rock Island, Knox, Whiteside, Lee, Carroll, Stephenson, Henry, Warren, Bureau, and Jo Daviess, was mustered in May 11, 1898, under command of Col. D. Jack Foster; on May 17 left Springfield for Camp Alger, Va.; July 5 the regiment moved to Charleston, S. C., where a part embarked for Siboney, Cuba, but the whole regiment was soon after united in General Miles' expedition for the invasion of Porto Rico, landing at Guanico on July 25, and advancing into the interior as far as Adjunta and Utuado. After several weeks' service in the interior, the regiment returned to Ponce, and on September 7 took transport for the return home, arrived at Springfield a week later, and was mustered out November 25, the regiment at that time consisting of 1,239 men and 49 officers.

SEVENTH ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY (known as the "Hibernian Rifles"). Two battalions of this regiment reported at Springfield, April 27, with 33 officers and 765 enlisted men, being afterwards increased to the maxi-

mum; was mustered into the United States service, under command of Col. Marcus Kavanagh, May 18, 1898; on May 28 started for Camp Alger, Va.; was afterwards encamped at Thoroughfare Gap and Camp Meade; on September 9 returned to Springfield, was furloughed for thirty days, and mustered out, October 20, numbering 1,260 men and 49 officers. Like the Fifth, the Seventh saw no actual service in the field.

EIGHTH ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY (colored regiment), mustered into the service at Springfield under the second call of the President, July 23, 1898, being composed wholly of Afro-Americans under officers of their own race, with Col. John R. Marshall in command, the muster-roll showing 1,195 men and 76 officers. The six companies, from A to F, were from Chicago, the other five being, respectively, from Bloomington, Springfield, Quincy, Litchfield, Mound City and Metropolis, and Cairo. The regiment having tendered their services to relieve the First Illinois on duty at Santiago de Cuba, it started for Cuba, August 8, by way of New York; immediately on arrival at Santiago, a week later, was assigned to duty, but subsequently transferred to San Luis, where Colone, Marshall was made military governor. The major part of the regiment remained here until ordered home early in March, 1899, arrived at Chicago, March 15, and was mustered out, April 3, 1,226 strong, rank and file, having been in service nine months and six days.

NINTH ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY was organized from the counties of Southern Illinois, and mustered in at Springfield under the second call of the President, July 4-11, 1898, under command of Col. James R. Campbell; arrived at Camp Cuba Libre (Jacksonville, Fla.), August 9; two months later was transferred to Savannah, Ga.; was moved to Havana in December, where it remained until May, 1899, when it returned to Augusta, Ga., and was mustered out there, May 20, 1899, at that time consisting of 1,095 men and 46 officers. From Augusta the several companies returned to their respective home stations. The Ninth was the only "Provisional Regiment" from Illinois mustered into the service during the war, the other regiments all belonging to the National Guard.

FIRST ILLINOIS CAVALRY was organized at Chicago immediately after the President's first call, seven companies being recruited from Chicago, two from Bloomington, and one each from Springfield, Elkhart, and Lacon; was mustered in at Springfield, May 21, 1898, under command of

Col. Edward C. Young; left Springfield for Camp Thomas, Ga., May 30, remaining there until August 24, when it returned to Fort Sheridan, near Chicago, where it was stationed until October 11, when it was mustered out, at that time consisting of 1,158 men and 59 officers. Although the regiment saw no active service in the field, it established an excellent record for itself in respect to discipline.

FIRST ENGINEERING CORPS, consisting of 80 men detailed from the First Illinois Volunteers, were among the first Illinois soldiers to see service in Porto Rico, accompanying General Miles' expedition in the latter part of July, and being engaged for a time in the construction of bridges in aid of the intended advance across the island. On September 8 they embarked for the return home, arrived at Chicago, September 17, and were mustered out November 20.

BATTERY A (I. N. G.), from Danville, Ill., was mustered in under a special order of the War Department, May 12, 1898, under command of Capt. Oscar P. Yaeger, consisting of 118 men; left Springfield for Camp Thomas, Ga., May 19, and, two months later, joined in General Miles' Porto Rico expedition, landing at Guanico on August 3, and taking part in the affair at Guayama on the 12th. News of peace having been received, the Battery returned to Ponce, where it remained until September 7, when it started on the return home by way of New York, arrived at Danville, September 17, was furloughed for sixty days, and mustered out November 25. The Battery was equipped with modern breech-loading rapid-firing guns, operated by practical artillerymen and prepared for effective service.

NAVAL RESERVES.—One of the earliest steps taken by the Government after it became apparent that hostilities could not be averted, was to begin preparation for strengthening the naval arm of the service. The existence of the "Naval Militia," first organized in 1893, placed Illinois in an exceptionally favorable position for making a prompt response to the call of the Government, as well as furnishing a superior class of men for service—a fact evidenced during the operations in the West Indies. Gen. John McNulta, as head of the local committee, was active in calling the attention of the Navy Department to the value of the service to be rendered by this organization, which resulted in its being enlisted practically as a body, taking the name of "Naval Reserves"—all but eighty-eight of the number passing the physical examination, the places of these being promptly filled by new recruits. The first de-

tachment of over 200 left Chicago May 2, under the command of Lieut.-Com. John M. Hawley, followed soon after by the remainder of the First Battalion, making the whole number from Chicago 400, with 267, constituting the Second Battalion, from other towns of the State. The latter was made up of 147 men from Moline, 58 from Quincy, and 62 from Alton—making a total from the State of 667. This does not include others, not belonging to this organization, who enlisted for service in the navy during the war, which raised the whole number for the State over 1,000. The Reserves enlisted from Illinois occupied a different relation to the Government from that of the "naval militia" of other States, which retained their State organizations, while those from Illinois were regularly mustered into the United States service. The recruits from Illinois were embarked at Key West, Norfolk and New York, and distributed among fifty-two different vessels, including nearly every vessel belonging to the North Atlantic Squadron. They saw service in nearly every department from the position of stokers in the hold to that of gunners in the turrets of the big battleships, the largest number (60) being assigned to the famous battleship Oregon, while the cruiser Yale followed with 47; the Harvard with 35; Cincinnati, 27; Yankton, 19; Franklin, 18; Montgomery and Indiana, each, 17; Hector, 14; Marietta, 11; Wilmington and Lancaster, 10 each, and others down to one each. Illinois sailors thus had the privilege of participating in the brilliant affair of July 3, which resulted in the destruction of Cervera's fleet off Santiago, as also in nearly every other event in the West Indies of less importance, without the loss of a man while in the service, although among the most exposed. They were mustered out at different times, as they could be spared from the service, or the vessels to which they were attached went out of commission, a portion serving out their full term of one year. The Reserves from Chicago retain their organization under the name of "Naval Reserve Veterans," with headquarters in the Masonic Temple Building, Chicago.

**WARD, James H.**, ex-Congressman, was born in Chicago, Nov. 30, 1853, and educated in the Chicago public schools and at the University of Notre Dame, graduating from the latter in 1873. Three years later he graduated from the Union College of Law, Chicago, and was admitted to the bar. Since then he has continued to practice his profession in his native city. In 1879 he was elected Supervisor of the town of West Chicago,

and, in 1884, was a candidate for Presidential Elector on the Democratic ticket, and the same year, was the successful candidate of his party for Congress in the Third Illinois District, serving one term.

**WINNEBAGO INDIANS**, a tribe of the Dakota, or Sioux, stock, which at one time occupied a part of Northern Illinois. The word Winnebago is a corruption of the French *Ouinébégoutz*, *Ouinébégouc*, etc., the diphthong "ou" taking the place of the consonant "w," which is wanting in the French alphabet. These were, in turn, French misspellings of an Algonquin term meaning "fetid," which the latter tribe applied to the Winnebagoes because they had come from the western ocean—the salt (or "fetid") water. In their advance towards the East the Winnebagoes early invaded the country of the Illinois, but were finally driven northward by the latter, who surpassed them in numbers rather than in bravery. The invaders settled in Wisconsin, near the Fox River, and here they were first visited by the Jesuit Fathers in the seventeenth century. (See *Jesuit Relations*.) The Winnebagoes are commonly regarded as a Wisconsin tribe; yet, that they claimed territorial rights in Illinois is shown by the fact that the treaty of *Prairie du Chien* (August 1, 1829), alludes to a Winnebago village located in what is now Jo Daviess County, near the mouth of the Pecatonica River. While, as a rule, the tribe, if left to itself, was disposed to live in amity with the whites, it was carried away by the eloquence and diplomacy of Tecumseh and the cajoleries of "The Prophet." General Harrison especially alludes to the bravery of the Winnebago warriors at *Tippecanoe*, which he attributes in part, however, to a superstitious faith in "The Prophet." In June or July, 1827, an unprovoked and brutal outrage by the whites upon an unoffending and practically defenseless party of Winnebagoes, near *Prairie du Chien* brought on what is known as the "Winnebago War." (See *Winnebago War*.) The tribe took no part in the Black Hawk War, largely because of the great influence and shrewd tactic of their chief, *Naw-caw*. By treaties executed in 1832 and 1837 the Winnebagoes ceded to the United States all their lands lying east of the Mississippi. They were finally removed west of that river, and, after many shiftings of location, were placed upon the Omaha Reservation in Eastern Nebraska, where their industry, thrift and peaceable disposition elicited high praise from Government officials.

**WARNER, Vespasian**, lawyer and Member of Congress, was born in De Witt County, Ill., April 23, 1842, and has lived all his life in his native county—his present residence being Clinton. After a short course in Lombard University, while studying law in the office of Hon. Lawrence Weldon, at Clinton, he enlisted as a private soldier of the Twentieth Illinois Volunteers, in June, 1861, serving until July, 1866, when he was mustered out with the rank of Captain and brevet Major. He received a gunshot wound at Shiloh, but continued to serve in the Army of the Tennessee until the evacuation of Atlanta, when he was ordered North on account of disability. His last service was in fighting Indians on the plains. After the war he completed his law studies at Harvard University, graduating in 1868, when he entered into a law partnership with Clifton H. Moore of Clinton. He served as Judge-Advocate General of the Illinois National Guard for several years, with the rank of Colonel, under the administrations of Governors Hamilton, Oglesby and Fifer, and, in 1894, was nominated and elected, as a Republican, to the Fifty-fourth Congress for the Thirteenth District, being re-elected in 1896, and again in 1898. In the Fifty-fifth Congress, Mr. Warner was a member of the Committees on Agriculture and Invalid Pensions, and Chairman of the Committee on Revision of the Laws.

**WARREN**, a village in Jo Daviess County, at intersection of the Illinois Central and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railways, 26 miles west-northwest of Freeport and 27 miles east by north of Galena. The surrounding region is agricultural and stock-raising; there are also lead mines in the vicinity. Tobacco is grown to some extent. Warren has a flouring mill, tin factory, creamery and stone quarries, a State bank, water supply from artesian wells, fire department, gas plant, two weekly newspapers, five churches, a high school, an academy and a public library. Pop. (1890), 1,172; (1900), 1,327.

**WARREN, Calvin A.**, lawyer, was born in Essex County, N. Y., June 3, 1807; in his youth, worked for a time, as a typographer, in the office of "The Northern Spectator," at Poughkeepsie, Vt., side by side with Horace Greeley, afterwards the founder of "The New York Tribune." Later, he became one of the publishers of "The Palladium" at Ballston, N. Y., but, in 1832, removed to Hamilton County, Ohio, where he began the study of law, completing his course at Transylvania University, Ky., in 1834, and beginning practice at Batavia, Ohio, as the partner of

Thomas Morris, then a United States Senator from Ohio, whose daughter he married, thereby becoming the brother-in-law of the late Isaac N. Morris, of Quincy, Ill. In 1836, Mr. Warren came to Quincy, Adams County, Ill., but soon after removed to Warsaw in Hancock County, where he resided until 1839, when he returned to Quincy. Here he continued in practice, either alone or as a partner, at different times, of several of the leading attorneys of that city. Although he held no office except that of Master in Chancery, which he occupied for some sixteen years, the possession of an inexhaustible fund of humor, with strong practical sense and decided ability as a speaker, gave him great popularity at the bar and upon the stump, and made him a recognized leader in the ranks of the Democratic party, of which he was a life-long member. He served as Presidential Elector on the Pierce ticket in 1852, and was the nominee of his party for the same position on one or two other occasions. Died, at Quincy, Feb. 22, 1881.

**WARREN, Hooper**, pioneer journalist, was born at Walpole, N. H., in 1790; learned the printer's trade on the Rutland (Vt.) "Herald"; in 1814 went to Delaware, whence, three years later, he emigrated to Kentucky, working for a time on a paper at Frankfort. In 1818 he came to St. Louis and worked in the office of the old "Missouri Gazette" (the predecessor of "The Republican"), and also acted as the agent of a lumber company at Cairo, Ill., when the whole population of that place consisted of one family domiciled on a grounded flat-boat. In March, 1819, he established, at Edwardsville, the third paper in Illinois, its predecessors being "The Illinois Intelligencer," at Kaskaskia, and "The Illinois Emigrant," at Shawneetown. The name given to the new paper was "The Spectator," and the contest over the effort to introduce a pro-slavery clause in the State Constitution soon brought it into prominence. Backed by Governor Coles, Congressman Daniel P. Cook, Judge S. D. Lockwood, Rev. Thomas Lippincott, Judge Wm. H. Brown (afterwards of Chicago), George Churchill and other opponents of slavery, "The Spectator" made a sturdy fight in opposition to the scheme, which ended in defeat of the measure by the rejection at the polls, in 1824, of the proposition for a Constitutional Convention. Warren left the Edwardsville paper in 1825, and was, for a time, associated with "The National Crisis," an anti-slavery paper at Cincinnati, but soon returned to Illinois and established "The Sangamon Spectator"—the first paper ever published at



present State capital. This he sold out in 1829, and, for the next three years, was connected with "The Advertiser and Upper Mississippi Herald," at Galena. Abandoning this field in 1832, he removed to Hennepin, where, within the next five years, he held the offices of Clerk of the Circuit and County Commissioners' Courts and ex-officio Recorder of Deeds. In 1836 he began the publication of the third paper in Chicago—"The Commercial Advertiser" (a weekly)—which was continued a little more than a year, when it was abandoned, and he settled on a farm at Henry, Marshall County. His further newspaper ventures were, as the associate of Zebina Eastman, in the publication of "The Genius of Liberty," at Lowell, La Salle County, and "The Western Citizen"—afterwards "The Free West"—in Chicago. (See *Eastman*, *Zebina*, and *Lundy*, *Benjamin*.) On the discontinuance of "The Free West" in 1856, he again retired to his farm at Henry, where he spent the remainder of his days. While returning home from a visit to Chicago, in August, 1864, he was taken ill at Mendota, dying there on the 22d of the month.

**WARREN, John Esaias**, diplomatist and real-estate operator, was born in Troy, N. Y., in 1826, graduated at Union College and was connected with the American Legation to Spain during the administration of President Pierce; in 1859-60 was a member of the Minnesota Legislature and, in 1861-62, Mayor of St. Paul; in 1867, came to Chicago, where, while engaged in real-estate business, he became known to the press as the author of a series of articles entitled "Topics of the Time." In 1886 he took up his residence in Brussels, Belgium, where he died, July 6, 1896. Mr. Warren was author of several volumes of travel, of which "An Attache in Spain" and "Para" are most important.

**WARREN COUNTY.** A western county, created by act of the Legislature, in 1825, but not fully organized until 1830, having at that time about 350 inhabitants; has an area of 540 square miles, and was named for Gen. Joseph Warren. It is drained by the Henderson River and its affluents, and is traversed by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy (two divisions), the Iowa Central and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroads. Bituminous coal is mined and limestone is quarried in large quantities. The county's early development was retarded in consequence of having become the "seat of war," during the Black Hawk War. The principal products are grain and live-stock, although manufacturing is carried on to some extent. The county-seat and

chief city is Monmouth (which see). Roseville is a shipping point. Population (1880), 22,993. (1890), 21,281; (1900), 23,163.

**WARRENSBURG**, a town of Macon County, on Peoria Division Ill. Cent. Railway, 9 miles northwest of Decatur; has elevators, canning factory, a bank and newspaper. Pop. (1900), 503.

**WARSAW**, the largest town in Hancock County, and admirably situated for trade. It stands on a bluff on the Mississippi River, some three miles below Keokuk, and about 40 miles above Quincy. It is the western terminus of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway, and lies 116 miles west-southwest of Peoria. Old Fort Edwards, established by Gen. Zachary Taylor, during the War of 1812, was located within the limits of the present city of Warsaw, opposite the mouth of the Des Moines River. An iron foundry, a large woolen mill, a plow factory and cooperage works are its principal manufacturing establishments. The channel of the Mississippi admits of the passage of the largest steamers up to this point. Warsaw has eight churches, a system of common schools comprising one high and three grammar schools, a National bank and two weekly newspapers. Population (1880), 3,105; (1890), 2,721; (1900), 2,335.

**WASHBURN**, a village of Woodford County, on a branch of the Chicago & Alton Railway 25 miles northeast of Peoria; has banks and a weekly paper; the district is agricultural. Population (1890), 598; (1900), 703.

**WASHBURN, Elihu Benjamin**, Congressman and diplomatist, was born at Livermore, Maine, Sept. 23, 1816; in early life learned the trade of a printer, but graduated from Harvard Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1840. Coming west, he settled at Galena, forming a partnership with Charles S. Hempstead, for the practice of law, in 1841. He was a stalwart Whig, and, as such, was elected to Congress in 1852. He continued to represent his District until 1869, taking a prominent position, as a Republican, on the organization of that party. On account of his long service he was known as the "Father of the House," administering the Speaker's oath three times to Schuyler Colfax and once to James G. Blaine. He was appointed Secretary of State by General Grant in 1869, but surrendered his portfolio to become Envoy to France, in which capacity he achieved great distinction. He was the only official representative of a foreign government who remained in Paris, during the siege of that city by the Germans (1870-71) and the reign of the "Commune." For his conduct he was

honored by the Governments of France and Germany alike. On his return to the United States, he made his home in Chicago, where he devoted his latter years chiefly to literary labor, and where he died, Oct. 22, 1887. He was strongly favored as a candidate for the Presidency in 1880.

**WASHINGTON**, a city in Tazewell County, situated at the intersection of the Chicago & Alton, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, and the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroads. It is 21 miles west of El Paso, and 12 miles east of Peoria. Carriages, plows and farming implements constitute the manufactured output. It is also an important shipping-point for farm products. It has electric light and water-works plants, eight churches, a graded school, two banks and two newspapers. Pop. (1890), 1,301; (1900), 1,451.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**, an interior county of Southern Illinois, east of St. Louis; is drained by the Kaskaskia River and the Elkhorn, Beaucoup and Muddy Creeks; was organized in 1818, and has an area of 540 square miles. The surface is diversified, well watered and timbered. The soil is of variable fertility. Corn, wheat and oats are the chief agricultural products. Manufacturing is carried on to some extent, among the products being agricultural implements, flour, carriages and wagons. The most important town is Nashville, which is also the county-seat. Population (1890), 19,262; (1900), 19,526. Washington was one of the fifteen counties into which Illinois was divided at the organization of the State Government, being one of the last three created during the Territorial period—the other two being Franklin and Union.

**WASHINGTON HEIGHTS**, a village of Cook County, on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railways, 12 miles southwest of Chicago; has a graded school, female seminary, military school, a car factory, several churches and a newspaper. Annexed to City of Chicago, 1890.

**WATAGA**, a village of Knox County, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 8 miles northeast of Galesburg. Population (1900), 545.

**WATERLOO**, the county-seat and chief town of Monroe County, on the Illinois Division of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, 24 miles east of south from St. Louis. The region is chiefly agricultural, but underlaid with coal. Its industries embrace two flour mills, a plow factory, distillery, creamery, two ice plants, and some minor concerns. The city has municipal water and electric light plants, four churches, a graded school and two newspapers. Pop. (1890), 1,860; (1900), 2,114.

**WATERMAN**, Arba Nelson, lawyer and jurist, was born at Greensboro, Orleans County, Vt., Feb. 3, 1836. After receiving an academic education and teaching for a time, he read law at Montpelier and, later, passed through the Albany Law School. In 1861 he was admitted to the bar, removed to Joliet, Ill., and opened an office. In 1862 he enlisted as a private in the One Hundredth Illinois Volunteers, serving with the Army of the Cumberland for two years, and being mustered out in August, 1864, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. On leaving the army, Colonel Waterman commenced practice in Chicago. In 1873-74 he represented the Eleventh Ward in the City Council. In 1887 he was elected to the bench of the Cook County Circuit Court, and was re-elected in 1891 and, again, in 1897. In 1890 he was assigned as one of the Judges of the Appellate Court.

**WATSEKA**, the county-seat of Iroquois County, situated on the Iroquois River, at the mouth of Sugar Creek, and at the intersection of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois and the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroads, 77 miles south of Chicago, 46 miles north of Danville and 14 miles east of Gilman. It has flour-mills, brick and tile works and foundries, besides several churches, banks, a graded school and three weekly newspapers. Artesian well water is obtained by boring to the depth of 100 to 160 feet, and some forty flowing streams from these shafts are in the place. Population (1890), 2,017; (1900), 2,505.

**WATTS**, Amos, jurist, was born in St. Clair County, Ill., Oct. 25, 1821, but removed to Washington County in boyhood, and was elected County Clerk in 1847, '49 and '53, and State's Attorney for the Second Judicial District in 1856 and '60; then became editor and proprietor of a newspaper, later resuming the practice of law, and, in 1873, was elected Circuit Judge, remaining in office until his death, at Nashville, Ill. Dec. 6, 1888.

**WAUKEGAN**, the county-seat and principal city of Lake County, situated on the shore of Lake Michigan and on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, about 36 miles north by west from Chicago, and 50 miles south of Milwaukee; is also the northern terminus of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad and connected by electric lines with Chicago and Fox Lake. Lake Michigan is about 80 miles wide opposite this point. Waukegan was first known as "Little Fort," from the remains of an old fort that stood on its site. The principal part of the city is built on a bluff, which rises abruptly to the height of about

fifty feet. Between the bluff and the shore is a flat tract about 400 yards wide which is occupied by gardens, dwellings, warehouses and manufactories. The manufactures include steel-wire, refined sugar, scales, agricultural implements, brass and iron products, sash, doors and blinds, leather, beer, etc.; the city has paved streets, gas and electric light plants, three banks, eight or ten churches, graded and high schools and two newspapers. A large trade in grain, lumber, coal and dairy products is carried on. Pop. (1890), 4,915; (1900), 9,426.

#### WAUKEGAN & SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY. (See *Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway*.)

**WAVERLY**, a city in Morgan County, 18 miles southeast of Jacksonville, on the Jacksonville & St. Louis and the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroads. It was originally settled by enterprising emigrants from New England, whose descendants constitute a large proportion of the population. It is the center of a rich agricultural region, has a fine graded school, six or seven churches, two banks, two newspapers and tile works. Population (1890), 1,124; (1890), 1,337; (1900), 1,573.

**WAYNE, (Gen.) Anthony**, soldier, was born in Chester County, Pa., Jan. 1, 1745, of Anglo-Irish descent, graduated as a Surveyor, and first practiced his profession in Nova Scotia. During the years immediately antecedent to the Revolution he was prominent in the colonial councils of his native State, to which he had returned in 1767, where he became a member of the "Committee of Safety." On June 3, 1776, he was commissioned Colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Pennsylvania troops in the Continental army, and, during the War of the Revolution, was conspicuous for his courage and ability as a leader. One of his most daring and successful achievements was the capture of Stony Point, in 1779, when—the works having been carried and Wayne having received, what was supposed to be, his death-wound—he entered the fort, supported by his aids. For this service he was awarded a gold medal by Congress. He also took a conspicuous part in the investiture and capture of Yorktown. In October, 1783, he was brevetted Major-General. In 1784 he was elected to the Pennsylvania Legislature. A few years later he settled in Georgia, which State he represented in Congress for seven months, when his seat was declared vacant after contest. In April, 1792, he was confirmed as General-in-Chief of the United States Army, on nomination of President Washington. His connection with Illinois history began shortly after

St. Clair's defeat, when he led a force into Ohio (1783) and erected a stockade at Greenville, which he named Fort Recovery; his object being to subdue the hostile savage tribes. In this he was eminently successful and, on August 3, 1793, after a victorious campaign, negotiated the Treaty of Greenville, as broad in its provisions as it was far-reaching in its influence. He was a daring fighter, and although Washington called him "prudent," his dauntlessness earned for him the sobriquet of "Mad Anthony." In matters of dress he was punctilious, and, on this account, he was sometimes dubbed "Dandy Wayne." He was one of the few white officers whom all the Western Indian tribes at once feared and respected. They named him "Black Snake" and "Tornado." He died at Presque Isle near Erie, Dec. 15, 1796. Thirteen years afterward his remains were removed by one of his sons, and interred in Badnor churchyard, in his native county. The Pennsylvania Historical Society erected a marble monument over his grave, and appropriately dedicated it on July 4 of the same year.

**WAYNE COUNTY**, in the southeast quarter of the State; has an area of 720 square miles; was organized in 1819, and named for Gen. Anthony Wayne. The county is watered and drained by the Little Wabash and its branches, notably the Skillet Fork. At the first election held in the county, only fifteen votes were cast. Early life was exceedingly primitive, the first settlers pounding corn into meal with a wooden pestle, a hollowed stump being used as a mortar. The first mill erected (of the antique South Carolina pattern) charged 25 cents per bushel for grinding. Prairie and woodland make up the surface, and the soil is fertile. Railroad facilities are furnished by the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis and the Baltimore & Ohio (Southwestern) Railroads. Corn, oats, tobacco, wheat, hay and wool are the chief agricultural products. Saw mills are numerous and there are also carriage and wagon factories. Fairfield is the county-seat. Population (1880), 21,291; (1890), 23,806; (1900), 27,626.

**WEAS, THE**, a branch of the Miami tribe of Indians. They called themselves "We-wee-hahs," and were spoken of by the French as "Oui-at-a-nons" and "Oui-as." Other corruptions of the name were common among the British and American colonists. In 1718 they had a village at Chicago, but abandoned it through fear of their hostile neighbors, the Chippewas and Potawatomes. The Weas were, at one time, brave and warlike; but their numbers were reduced by

constant warfare and disease, and, in the end, debauchery enervated and demoralized them. They were removed west of the Mississippi and given a reservation in Miami County, Kan. This they ultimately sold, and, under the leadership of Baptist Peoria, united with their few remaining brethren of the Miamis and with the remnant of the Ill-i-ni under the title of the "confederated tribes," and settled in Indian Territory. (See also *Miamis; Piankeshaws.*)

**WEBB, Edwin B.**, early lawyer and politician, was born about 1802, came to the vicinity of Carmi, White County, Ill., about 1828 to 1830, and, still later, studied law at Transylvania University. He held the office of Prosecuting Attorney of White County, and, in 1834, was elected to the lower branch of the General Assembly, serving, by successive re-elections, until 1842, and, in the Senate, from 1842 to '46. During his service in the House he was a colleague and political and personal friend of Abraham Lincoln. He opposed the internal improvement scheme of 1837, predicting many of the disasters which were actually realized a few years later. He was a candidate for Presidential Elector on the Whig ticket, in 1844 and '48, and, in 1852, received the nomination for Governor as the opponent of Joel A. Matteson, two years later, being an unsuccessful candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court in opposition to Judge W. B. Scates. While practicing law at Carmi, he was also a partner of his brother in the mercantile business. Died, Oct. 14, 1858, in the 56th year of his age.

**WEBB, Henry Livingston**, soldier and pioneer (an elder brother of James Watson Webb, a noted New York journalist), was born at Claverack, N. Y., Feb. 6, 1795; served as a soldier in the War of 1812, came to Southern Illinois in 1817, and became one of the founders of the town of America near the mouth of the Ohio; was Representative in the Fourth and Eleventh General Assemblies, a Major in the Black Hawk War and Captain of volunteers and, afterwards, Colonel of regulars, in the Mexican War. In 1860 he went to Texas and served, for a time, in a semi-military capacity under the Confederate Government; returned to Illinois in 1869, and died, at Makanda, Oct. 5, 1876.

**WEBSTER, Fletcher**, lawyer and soldier, was born at Portsmouth, N. H., July 23, 1813; graduated at Harvard in 1833, and studied law with his father (Daniel Webster); in 1837, located at Peru, Ill., where he practiced three years. His father having been appointed Secretary of State

in 1841, the son became his private secretary, was also Secretary of Legation to Caleb Cushing (Minister to China) in 1843, a member of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1847, and Surveyor of the Port of Boston, 1850-61; the latter year became Colonel of the Twelfth Massachusetts Volunteers, and was killed in the second battle of Bull Run, August 30, 1862.

**WEBSTER, Joseph Dana**, civil engineer and soldier, was born at Old Hampton, N. H., August 25, 1811. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1832, and afterwards read law at Newburyport, Mass. His natural inclination was for engineering, and, after serving for a time in the Engineer and War offices, at Washington, was made a United States civil engineer (1835) and, on July 7, 1838, entered the army as Second Lieutenant of Topographical Engineers. He served through the Mexican War, was made First Lieutenant in 1849, and promoted to a captaincy, in March, 1853. Thirteen months later he resigned, removing to Chicago, where he made his permanent home, and soon after was identified, for a time, with the proprietorship of "The Chicago Tribune." He was President of the commission that perfected the Chicago sewerage system, and designed and executed the raising of the grade of a large portion of the city from two to eight feet, whole blocks of buildings being raised by jack screws, while new foundations were inserted. At the outbreak of the Civil War he tendered his services to the Government and superintended the erection of the fortifications at Cairo, Ill., and Paducah, Ky. On April 7, 1861, he was commissioned Paymaster of Volunteers, with the rank of Major, and, in February, 1862, Colonel of the First Illinois Artillery. For several months he was chief of General Grant's staff, participating in the capture of Forts Donelson and Henry, and in the battle of Shiloh, in the latter as Chief of Artillery. In October, 1862, the War Department detailed him to make a survey of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, and, the following month, he was commissioned Brigadier-General of Volunteers, serving as Military Governor of Memphis and Superintendent of military railroads. He was again chief of staff to General Grant during the Vicksburg campaign, and, from 1864 until the close of the war, occupied the same relation to General Sherman. He was brevetted Major-General of Volunteers, March 13, 1865, but, resigning Nov. 6, following, returned to Chicago, where he spent the remainder of his life. From 1869 to 1872 he was Assessor of Internal Revenue



there, and, later, Assistant United States Treasurer, and, in July, 1872, was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue. Died, at Chicago, March 12, 1876.

**WELCH, William R.**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Jessamine County, Ky., Jan. 22, 1828, educated at Transylvania University, Lexington, graduating from the academic department in 1847, and, from the law school, in 1851. In 1864 he removed to Carlinville, Macoupin County, Ill., which place he made his permanent home. In 1877 he was elected to the bench of the Fifth Circuit, and re-elected in 1879 and '85. In 1884 he was assigned to the bench of the Appellate Court for the Second District. Died, Sept. 1, 1888.

**WELDON, Lawrence**, one of the Judges of the United States Court of Claims, Washington, D. C., was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, in 1829; while a child, removed with his parents to Madison County, and was educated in the common schools, the local academy and at Wittenberg College, Springfield, in the same State; read law with Hon. R. A. Harrison, a prominent member of the Ohio bar, and was admitted to practice in 1854, meanwhile, in 1852-53, having served as a clerk in the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus. In 1854 he removed to Illinois, locating at Clinton, DeWitt County, where he engaged in practice; in 1860 was elected a Representative in the Twenty-second General Assembly, was also chosen a Presidential Elector the same year, and assisted in the first election of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency. Early in 1861 he resigned his seat in the Legislature to accept the position of United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, tendered him by President Lincoln, but resigned the latter office in 1866 and, the following year, removed to Bloomington, where he continued the practice of his profession until 1883, when he was appointed, by President Arthur, an Associate Justice of the United States Court of Claims at Washington—a position which he still (1899) continues to fill. Judge Weldon is among the remaining few who rode the circuit and practiced law with Mr. Lincoln. From the time of coming to the State in 1854 to 1860, he was one of Mr. Lincoln's most intimate traveling companions in the old Eighth Circuit, which extended from Sangamon County on the west to Vermilion on the east, and of which Judge David Davis, afterwards of the Supreme Court of the United States and United States Senator, was the presiding Justice. The Judge holds in his memory many pleasant remi-

niscences of that day, especially of the eastern portion of the District, where he was accustomed to meet the late Senator Voorhees, Senator McDonald and other leading lawyers of Indiana, as well as the historic men whom he met at the State capital.

**WELLS, Albert W.**, lawyer and legislator, was born at Woodstock, Conn., May 9, 1839, and enjoyed only such educational and other advantages as belonged to the average New England boy of that period. During his boyhood his family removed to New Jersey, where he attended an academy, later, graduating from Columbia College and Law School in New York City, and began practice with State Senator Robert Allen at Red Bank, N. J. During the Civil War he enlisted in a New Jersey regiment and took part in the battle of Gettysburg, resuming his profession at the close of the war. Coming west in 1870, he settled in Quincy, Ill., where he continued practice. In 1886 he was elected to the House of Representatives from Adams County, as a Democrat, and re-elected two years later. In 1890 he was advanced to the Senate, where, by re-election in 1894, he served continuously until his death in office, March 5, 1897. His abilities and long service—covering the sessions of the Thirty-fifth to the Fortieth General Assemblies—placed him at the head of the Democratic side of the Senate during the latter part of his legislative career.

**WELLS, William**, soldier and victim of the Fort Dearborn massacre, was born in Kentucky, about 1770. When a boy of 12, he was captured by the Miami Indians, whose chief, Little Turtle, adopted him, giving him his daughter in marriage when he grew to manhood. He was highly esteemed by the tribe as a warrior, and, in 1790, was present at the battle where Gen. Arthur St. Clair was defeated. He then realized that he was fighting against his own race, and informed his father-in-law that he intended to ally himself with the whites. Leaving the Miamis, he made his way to General Wayne, who made him Captain of a company of scouts. After the treaty of Greenville (1795) he settled on a farm near Fort Wayne, where he was joined by his Indian wife. Here he acted as Indian Agent and Justice of the Peace. In 1812 he learned of the contemplated evacuation of Fort Dearborn, and, at the head of thirty Miamis, he set out for the post, his intention being to furnish a body-guard to the non-combatants on their proposed march to Fort Wayne. On August 13, he marched out of the fort with fifteen of his dusky warriors behind

him, the remainder bringing up the rear. Before a mile and a half had been traveled, the party fell into an Indian ambush, and an indiscriminate massacre followed. (See *Fort Dearborn*.) The Miamis fled, and Captain Wells' body was riddled with bullets, his head cut off and his heart taken out. He was an uncle of Mrs. Heald, wife of the commander of Fort Dearborn.

**WELLS, William Harvey**, educator, was born in Tolland, Conn., Feb. 27, 1812; lived on a farm until 17 years old, attending school irregularly, but made such progress that he became successively a teacher in the Teachers' Seminary at Andover and Newburyport, and, finally, Principal of the State Normal School at Westfield, Mass. In 1856 he accepted the position of Superintendent of Public Schools for the city of Chicago, serving till 1864, when he resigned. He was an organizer of the Massachusetts State Teachers' Association, one of the first editors of "The Massachusetts Teacher" and prominently connected with various benevolent, educational and learned societies; was also author of several textbooks, and assisted in the revision of "Webster's Unabridged Dictionary." Died, Jan. 21, 1885.

**WENONA**, city on the eastern border of Marshall County, 20 miles south of La Salle, has zinc works, public and parochial schools, a weekly paper, two banks, and five churches. A good quality of soft coal is mined here. Population (1880), 911; (1890), 1,053; (1900), 1,486.

**WENTWORTH, John**, early journalist and Congressman, was born at Sandwich, N. H., March 5, 1815, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1836, and came to Chicago the same year, where he became editor of "The Chicago Democrat," which had been established by John Calhoun three years previous. He soon after became proprietor of "The Democrat," of which he continued to be the publisher until it was merged into "The Chicago Tribune," July 24, 1864. He also studied law, and was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1841. He served in Congress as a Democrat from 1843 to 1851, and again from 1853 to 1855, but left the Democratic party on the repeal of the Missouri Compromise. He was elected Mayor of Chicago in 1857, and again in 1860, during his incumbency introducing a number of important municipal reforms; was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1862, and twice served on the Board of Education. He again represented Illinois in Congress as a Republican from 1865 to 1867—making fourteen years of service in that body. In 1872 he joined in the Greeley movement, but later renewed his alle-

giance to the Republican party. In 1874 Mr. Wentworth published an elaborate genealogical work in three volumes, entitled "History of the Wentworth Family." A volume of "Congressional Reminiscences" and two by him on "Early Chicago," published in connection with the Fergus Historical Series, contain some valuable information on early local and national history. On account of his extraordinary height he received the sobriquet of "Long John," by which he was familiarly known throughout the State. Died, in Chicago, Oct. 16, 1888.

**WEST, Edward M.**, merchant and banker, was born in Virginia, May 2, 1814; came with his father to Illinois in 1818; in 1829 became a clerk in the Recorder's office at Edwardsville, also served as deputy postmaster, and, in 1833, took a position in the United States Land Office there. Two years later he engaged in mercantile business, which he prosecuted over thirty years—meanwhile filling the office of County Treasurer, ex-officio Superintendent of Schools, and Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1847. In 1867, in conjunction with W. R. Prickett, he established a bank at Edwardsville, with which he was connected until his death, Oct. 31, 1887. Mr. West officiated frequently as a "local preacher" of the Methodist Church, in which capacity he showed much ability as a public speaker.

**WEST, Mary Allen**, educator and philanthropist, was born at Galesburg, Ill., July 31, 1837; graduated at Knox Seminary in 1854 and taught until 1873, when she was elected County Superintendent of Schools, serving nine years. She took an active and influential interest in educational and reformatory movements, was for two years editor of "Our Home Monthly," in Philadelphia, and also a contributor to other journals, besides being editor-in-chief of "The Union Signal," Chicago, the organ of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union—in which she held the position of President; was also President, in the latter days of her life, of the Illinois Woman's Press Association of Chicago, that city having become her home in 1885. In 1892, Miss West started on a tour of the world for the benefit of her health, but died at Tokio, Japan, Dec. 1, 1892.

**WESTERN HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE**, an institution for the treatment of the insane, located at Watertown, Rock Island County, in accordance with an act of the General Assembly, approved, May 22, 1895. The Thirty-ninth General Assembly made an appropriation of \$100,000 for the erection of fire-proof buildings, while Rock Island County donated a tract of 400 acres

of land valued at \$40,000. The site selected by the Commissioners, is a commanding one overlooking the Mississippi River, eight miles above Rock Island, and five and a half miles from Moline, and the buildings are of the most modern style of construction. Watertown is reached by two lines of railroad—the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy—besides the Mississippi River. The erection of buildings was begun in 1896, and they were opened for the reception of patients in 1898. They have a capacity for 800 patients.

**WESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY**, an institution located at Upper Alton, Madison County, incorporated in 1892; has a faculty of eight members and reports eighty pupils for 1897-98, with property valued at \$70,000. The institution gives instruction in literary and scientific branches, besides preparatory and business courses.

**WESTERN NORMAL COLLEGE**, located at Bushnell, McDonough County; incorporated in 1888. It is co-educational, has a corps of twelve instructors and reported 500 pupils for 1897-98, 300 males and 200 females.

**WESTERN SPRINGS**, a village of Cook County, and residence suburb of the city of Chicago, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 15 miles west of the initial station. Population (1890), 451; (1900), 662.

**WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**, located in Chicago and controlled by the Protestant Episcopal Church. It was founded in 1883 through the munificence of Dr. Tolman Wheeler, and was opened for students two years later. It has two buildings, of a superior order of architecture—one including the school and lecture rooms and the other a dormitory. A hospital and gymnasium are attached to the latter, and a school for boys is conducted on the first floor of the main building, which is known as Wheeler Hall. The institution is under the general supervision of Rt. Rev. William E. McLaren, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

**WESTFIELD**, village of Clark County, on Cin., Ham. & Dayton R. R., 10 m. s.-e. of Charleston; seat of Westfield College; has a bank, five churches and two newspapers. Pop. (1900), 820.

**WEST SALEM**, a town of Edwards County, on the Peoria-Evansville Div. Ill. Cent. R. R., 12 miles northeast of Albion; has a bank and a weekly paper. Pop. (1890), 476; (1900), 700.

**WETHERELL**, Emma Abbott, vocalist, was born in Chicago, Dec. 9, 1849; in her childhood attracted attention while singing with her father (a poor musician) in hotels and on the streets in

Chicago, Peoria and elsewhere; at 18 years of age, went to New York to study, earning her way by giving concerts en route, and receiving aid and encouragement from Clara Louisa Kellogg; in New York was patronized by Henry Ward Beecher and others, and aided in securing the training of European masters. Compelled to surmount many obstacles from poverty and other causes, her after success in her profession was phenomenal. Died, during a professional tour, at Salt Lake City, Jan. 5, 1891. Miss Abbott married her manager, Eugene Wetherell, who died before her.

**WHEATON**, a city and the county-seat of Du Page County, situated on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, 25 miles west of Chicago. Agriculture and stock-raising are the chief industries in the surrounding region. The city owns a new water-works plant (costing \$60,000) and has a public library valued at \$75,000, the gift of a resident, Mr. John Quincy Adams; has a court house, electric light plant, sewerage and drainage system, seven churches, three graded schools, four weekly newspapers and a State bank. Wheaton is the seat of Wheaton College (which see). Population (1880), 1,160; (1890), 1,622; (1900), 2,345.

**WHEATON COLLEGE**, an educational institution located at Wheaton, Du Page County, and under Congregational control. It was founded in 1853, as the Illinois Institute, and was chartered under its present name in 1860. Its early existence was one of struggle, but of late years it has been established on a better foundation, in 1898 having \$54,000 invested in productive funds, and property aggregating \$136,000. The faculty comprises fifteen professors, and, in 1898, there were 321 students in attendance. It is co-educational and instruction is given in business and preparatory studies, as well as the fine arts, music and classical literature.

**WHEELER**, David Hilton, D.D., LL.D., clergyman, was born at Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 19, 1829; graduated at Rock River Seminary, Mount Morris, in 1851; edited "The Carroll County Republican" and held a professorship in Cornell College, Iowa, (1857-61); was United States Consul at Geneva, Switzerland, (1861-66); Professor of English Literature in Northwestern University (1867-75); edited "The Methodist" in New York, seven years, and was President of Allegheny College (1883-87); received the degree of D.D. from Cornell College in 1867, and that of LL.D. from the Northwestern University in 1881. He is the author of "Brigandage in South Italy"

(two volumes, 1864) and "By-Ways of Literature" (1883), besides some translations.

**WHEELER, Hamilton K.**, ex-Congressman, was born at Ballston, N. Y., August 5, 1848, but emigrated with his parents to Illinois in 1852; remained on a farm until 19 years of age, his educational advantages being limited to three months' attendance upon a district school each year. In 1871, he was admitted to the bar at Kankakee, where he has since continued to practice. In 1884 he was elected to represent the Sixteenth District in the State Senate, where he served on many important committees, being Chairman of that on the Judicial Department. In 1892 he was elected Representative in Congress from the Ninth Illinois District, on the Republican ticket.

**WHEELING**, a town on the northern border of Cook County, on the Wisconsin Central Railway. Population (1890), 811; (1900), 331.

**WHISTLER, (Maj.) John**, soldier and builder of the first Fort Dearborn, was born in Ulster, Ireland, about 1756; served under Burgoyne in the Revolution, and was with the force surrendered by that officer at Saratoga, in 1777. After the peace he returned to the United States, settled at Hagerstown, Md., and entered the United States Army, serving at first in the ranks and being severely wounded in the disastrous Indian campaigns of 1791. Later, he was promoted to a captaincy and, in the summer of 1803, sent with his company, to the head of Lake Michigan, where he constructed the first Fort Dearborn within the limits of the present city of Chicago, remaining in command until 1811, when he was succeeded by Captain Heald. He received the brevet rank of Major, in 1815 was appointed military store-keeper at Newport, Ky., and afterwards at Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, where he died, Sept. 3, 1829. Lieut. William Whistler, his son, who was with his father, for a time, in old Fort Dearborn—but transferred, in 1809, to Fort Wayne—was of the force included in Hull's surrender at Detroit in 1812. After his exchange he was promoted to a captaincy, to the rank of Major in 1826 and to a Lieutenant-Colonelcy in 1845, dying at Newport, Ky., in 1863. James Abbott McNeil Whistler, the celebrated, but eccentric artist of that name, is a grandson of the first Major Whistler.

**WHITE, George E.**, ex-Congressman, was born in Massachusetts in 1848; after graduating, at the age of 16, he enlisted as a private in the Fifty-seventh Massachusetts Veteran Volunteers, serving under General Grant in the campaign

against Richmond from the battle of the Wilderness until the surrender of Lee. Having taken a course in a commercial college at Worcester, Mass., in 1867 he came to Chicago, securing employment in a lumber yard, but a year later began business on his own account, which he has successfully conducted. In 1878 he was elected to the State Senate, as a Republican, from one of the Chicago Districts, and re-elected four years later, serving in that body eight years. He declined a nomination for Congress in 1884, but accepted in 1894, and was elected for the Fifth District, as he was again in 1896, but was defeated, in 1898, by Edward T. Noonan, Democrat.

**WHITE, Horace**, journalist, was born at Colebrook, N. H., August 10, 1834; in 1853 graduated at Beloit College, Wis., whither his father had removed in 1837; engaged in journalism as city editor of "The Chicago Evening Journal," later becoming agent of the Associated Press, and, in 1857, an editorial writer on "The Chicago Tribune," during a part of the war acting as its Washington correspondent. He also served, in 1856, as Assistant Secretary of the Kansas National Committee, and, later, as Secretary of the Republican State Central Committee. In 1864 he purchased an interest in "The Tribune," a year or so later becoming editor-in-chief, but retired in October, 1874. After a protracted European tour, he united with Carl Schurz and E. L. Godkin of "The Nation," in the purchase and reorganization of "The New York Evening Post," of which he is now editor-in-chief.

**WHITE, Julius**, soldier, was born in Cazenovia, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1816; removed to Illinois in 1836, residing there and in Wisconsin, where he was a member of the Legislature of 1849; in 1861 was made Collector of Customs at Chicago, but resigned to assume the colonelcy of the Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteers, which he commanded on the Fremont expedition to Southwest Missouri. He afterwards served with General Curtiss in Arkansas, participated in the battle of Pea Ridge and was promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General. He was subsequently assigned to the Department of the Shenandoah, but finding his position at Martinsburg, W. Va., untenable, retired to Harper's Ferry, voluntarily serving under Colonel Miles, his inferior in command. When this post was surrendered (Sept. 15, 1862), he was made a prisoner, but released under parole; was tried by a court of inquiry at his own request, and acquitted, the court finding that he had acted with courage and capability.



He resigned in 1864, and, in March, 1865, was brevetted Major-General of Volunteers. Died, at Evanston, May 12, 1890.

**WHITE COUNTY**, situated in the southeastern quarter of the State, and bounded on the east by the Wabash River; was organized in 1816, being the tenth county organized during the Territorial period: area, 500 square miles. The county is crossed by three railroads and drained by the Wabash and Little Wabash Rivers. The surface consists of prairie and woodland, and the soil is, for the most part, highly productive. The principal agricultural products are corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, tobacco, fruit, butter, sorghum and wool. The principal industrial establishments are carriage factories, saw mills and flour mills. Carmi is the county-seat. Other towns are Enfield, Grayville and Norris City. Population (1880), 23,087; (1890), 25,005; (1900), 25,386.

**WHITEHALL**, a city in Greene County, at the intersection of the Chicago & Alton and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroads, 65 miles north of St. Louis and 24 miles south-southwest of Jacksonville; in rich farming region; has stoneware and sewer-pipe factories, foundry and machine shop, flour mill, elevators, wagon shops, creamery, water system, sanitarium, heating, electric light and power system nurseries and fruit-supply houses, and two poultry packing houses; also has five churches, a graded school, two banks and three newspapers—one daily. Population (1890), 1,961; (1900), 2,030.

**WHITEHOUSE**, **Henry John**, Protestant Episcopal Bishop, was born in New York City, August 19, 1803; graduated from Columbia College in 1821, and from the (New York) General Theological Seminary in 1824. After ordination he was rector of various parishes in Pennsylvania and New York until 1851, when he was chosen Assistant Bishop of Illinois, succeeding Bishop Chase in 1852. In 1867, by invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, he delivered the opening sermon before the Pan-Anglican Conference held in England. During this visit he received the degree of D.D. from Oxford University, and that of LL.D. from Cambridge. His rigid views as a churchman and a disciplinarian, were illustrated in his prosecution of Rev. Charles Edward Cheney, which resulted in the formation of the Reformed Episcopal Church. He was a brilliant orator and a trenchant and unyielding controversialist. Died, in Chicago, August 10, 1874.

**WHITESIDE COUNTY**, in the northwestern portion of the State bordering on the Mississippi River; created by act of the Legislature passed in

1836, and named for Capt. Samuel Whiteside, a noted Indian fighter; area, 700 square miles. The surface is level, diversified by prairies and woodland, and the soil is extremely fertile. The county-seat was first fixed at Lyndon, then at Sterling, and finally at Morrison, its present location. The Rock River crosses the county and furnishes abundant water power for numerous factories, turning out agricultural implements, carriages and wagons, furniture, woollen goods, flour and wrapping paper. There are also distilling and brewing interests, besides saw and planing mills. Corn is the staple agricultural product, although all the leading cereals are extensively grown. The principal towns are Morrison, Sterling, Fulton and Rock Falls. Population (1880), 30,885; (1890), 30,854; (1900), 34,710.

**WHITESIDE**, **William**, pioneer and soldier of the Revolution, emigrated from the frontier of North Carolina to Kentucky, and thence, in 1793, to the present limits of Monroe County, Ill., erecting a fort between Cahokia and Kaskaskia, which became widely known as "Whiteside Station." He served as a Justice of the Peace, and was active in organizing the militia during the War of 1812-14, dying at the old Station in 1815.—**John** (Whiteside), a brother of the preceding, and also a Revolutionary soldier, came to Illinois at the same time, as also did **William B.** and **Samuel**, sons of the two brothers, respectively. All of them became famous as Indian fighters. The two latter served as Captains of companies of "Rangers" in the War of 1812, Samuel taking part in the battle of Rock Island in 1814, and contributing greatly to the success of the day. During the Black Hawk War (1832) he attained the rank of Brigadier-General. Whiteside County was named in his honor. He made one of the earliest improvements in Ridge Prairie, a rich section of Madison County, and represented that county in the First General Assembly. William B. served as Sheriff of Madison County for a number of years.—**John D.** (Whiteside), another member of this historic family, became very prominent, serving in the lower House of the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Fourteenth General Assemblies, and in the Senate of the Tenth, from Monroe County; was a Presidential Elector in 1836, State Treasurer (1837-41) and a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1847. General Whiteside, as he was known, was the second of James Shields in the famous Shields and Lincoln duel (so-called) in 1842, and, as such, carried the challenge of the former to Mr. Lincoln. (See *Duels*.)

**WHITING, Lorenzo D.**, legislator, was born in Wayne County, N. Y., Nov. 17, 1819; came to Illinois in 1838, but did not settle there permanently until 1849, when he located in Bureau County. He was a Representative from that county in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly (1869), and a member of the Senate continuously from 1871 to 1887, serving in the latter through eight General Assemblies. Died at his home near Tiskilwa, Bureau County, Ill., Oct. 10, 1889.

**WHITING, Richard H.**, Congressman, was born at West Hartford, Conn., June 17, 1826, and received a common school education. In 1862 he was commissioned Paymaster in the Volunteer Army of the Union, and resigned in 1866. Having removed to Illinois, he was appointed Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Fifth Illinois District, in February, 1870, and so continued until the abolition of the office in 1873. On retiring from the Assessorship he was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue, and served until March 4, 1875, when he resigned to take his seat as Republican Representative in Congress from the Peoria District, to which he had been elected in November, 1874. After the expiration of his term he held no public office, but was a member of the Republican National Convention of 1884. Died, at the Continental Hotel, in New York City, May 24, 1888.

**WHITNEY, James W.**, pioneer lawyer and early teacher, known by the nickname of "Lord Coke"; came to Illinois in Territorial days (believed to have been about 1800); resided for some time at or near Edwardsville, then became a teacher at Atlas, Pike County, and, still later, the first Circuit and County Clerk of that county. Though nominally a lawyer, he had little if any practice. He acquired the title, by which he was popularly known for a quarter of a century, by his custom of visiting the State Capital, during the sessions of the General Assembly, when he would organize the lobbyists and visitors about the capital—of which there were an unusual number in those days—into what was called the "Third House." Having been regularly chosen to preside under the name of "Speaker of the Lobby," he would deliver a message full of practical hits and jokes, aimed at members of the two houses and others, which would be received with cheers and laughter. The meetings of the "Third House," being held in the evening, were attended by many members and visitors in lieu of other forms of entertainment. Mr. Whitney's home, in his latter years,

was at Pittsfield. He resided for a time at Quincy. Died, Dec. 13, 1860, aged over 80 years.

**WHITTEMORE, Floyd K.**, State Treasurer, is a native of New York, came at an early age, with his parents, to Sycamore, Ill., where he was educated in the high school there. He purposed becoming a lawyer, but, on the election of the late James H. Beveridge State Treasurer, in 1864, accepted the position of clerk in the office. Later, he was employed as a clerk in the banking house of Jacob Bunn in Springfield, and, on the organization of the State National Bank, was chosen cashier of that institution, retaining the position some twenty years. After the appointment of Hon. John R. Tanner to the position of Assistant Treasurer of the United States, at Chicago, in 1892, Mr. Whittemore became cashier in that office, and, in 1895, Assistant State Treasurer under the administration of State Treasurer Henry Wulff. In 1898 he was elected State Treasurer, receiving a plurality of 43,450 over his Democratic opponent.

**WICKERSHAM, (Col.) Dudley**, soldier and merchant, was born in Woodford County, Ky., Nov. 22, 1819; came to Springfield, Ill., in 1843, and served as a member of the Fourth Regiment Illinois Volunteers (Col. E. D. Baker's) through the Mexican War. On the return of peace he engaged in the dry-goods trade in Springfield, until 1861, when he enlisted in the Tenth Regiment Illinois Cavalry, serving, first as Lieutenant-Colonel and then as Colonel, until May, 1864, when, his regiment having been consolidated with the Fifteenth Cavalry, he resigned. After the war, he held the office of Assessor of Internal Revenue for several years, after which he engaged in the grocery trade. Died, in Springfield, August 8, 1898.

**WIDEN, Raphael**, pioneer and early legislator, was a native of Sweden, who, having been taken to France at eight years of age, was educated for a Catholic priest. Coming to the United States in 1815, he was at Cahokia, Ill., in 1818, where, during the same year, he married into a French family of that place. He served in the House of Representatives from Randolph County, in the Second and Third General Assemblies (1820-24), and as Senator in the Fourth and Fifth (1824-28). During his last term in the House, he was one of those who voted against the pro-slavery Convention resolution. He died of cholera, at Kaskaskia, in 1833.

**WIKE, Scott**, lawyer and ex-Congressman, was born at Meadville, Pa., April 6, 1834; at 4 years of age removed with his parents to Quincy, Ill.,

and, in 1844, to Pike County. Having graduated from Lombard University, Galesburg, in 1857, he began reading law with Judge O. C. Skinner of Quincy. He was admitted to the bar in 1858, but, before commencing practice, spent a year at Harvard Law School, graduating there in 1859. Immediately thereafter he opened an office at Pittsfield, Ill., and has resided there ever since. In politics he has always been a strong Democrat. He served two terms in the Legislature (1863-67) and, in 1874, was chosen Representative from his District in Congress, being re-elected in 1888 and, again, in 1890. In 1893 he was appointed by President Cleveland Third Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, which position he continued to fill until March, 1897, when he resumed the practice of law at Pittsfield. Died Jan. 15, 1901.

**WILEY, (Col.) Benjamin Ladd**, soldier, was born in Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio, March 25, 1821, came to Illinois in 1845 and began life at Vienna, Johnson County, as a teacher. In 1846 he enlisted for the Mexican War, as a member of the Fifth (Colonel Newby's) Regiment Illinois Volunteers, serving chiefly in New Mexico until mustered out in 1848. A year later he removed to Jonesboro, where he spent some time at the carpenter's trade, after which he became clerk in a store, meanwhile assisting to edit "The Jonesboro Gazette" until 1853; then became traveling salesman for a St. Louis firm, but later engaged in the hardware trade at Jonesboro, in which he continued for several years. In 1856 he was the Republican candidate for Congress for the Ninth District, receiving 4,000 votes, while Fremont, the Republican candidate for President, received only 825 in the same district. In 1857 he opened a real estate office in Jonesboro in conjunction with David L. Phillips and Col. J. W. Ashley, with which he was connected until 1860, when he removed to Makanda, Jackson County. In September, 1861, he was mustered in as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fifth Illinois Cavalry, later serving in Missouri and Arkansas under Generals Steele and Curtiss, being, a part of the time, in command of the First Brigade of Cavalry, and, in the advance on Vicksburg, having command of the right wing of General Grant's cavalry. Being disabled by rheumatism at the end of the siege, he tendered his resignation, and was immediately appointed Enrolling Officer at Cairo, serving in this capacity until May, 1865, when he was mustered out. In 1869 he was appointed by Governor Palmer one of the Commissioners to locate the Southern Illinois Hospital for the Insane, and served as

Secretary of the Board until the institution was opened at Anna, in May, 1871. In 1869 he was defeated as a candidate for County Judge of Jackson County, and, in 1872, for the State Senate, by a small majority in a strongly Democratic District; in 1876 was the Republican candidate for Congress, in the Eighteenth District, against William Hartzell, but was defeated by only twenty votes, while carrying six out of the ten counties comprising the District. In the latter years of his life, Colonel Wiley was engaged quite extensively in fruit-growing at Makanda, Jackson County, where he died, March 22, 1890.

**WILKIE, Franc Bangs**, journalist, was born in Saratoga County, N. Y., July 2, 1830; took a partial course at Union College, after which he edited papers at Schenectady, N. Y., Elgin, Ill., and Davenport and Dubuque, Iowa; also serving, during a part of the Civil War, as the western war correspondent of "The New York Times." In 1863 he became an editorial writer on "The Chicago Times," remaining with that paper, with the exception of a brief interval, until 1888—a part of the time as its European correspondent. He was the author of a series of sketches over the nom de plume of "Poluto," and of a volume of reminiscences under the title, "Thirty-five Years of Journalism," published shortly before his death, which took place, April 12, 1892.

**WILKIN, Jacob W.**, Justice of the Supreme Court, was born in Licking County, Ohio, June 7, 1837; removed with his parents to Illinois, at 12 years of age, and was educated at McKendree College; served three years in the War for the Union; studied law with Judge Scholfeld and was admitted to the bar in 1866. In 1872, he was chosen Presidential Elector on the Republican ticket, and, in 1879, elected Judge of the Circuit Court and re-elected in 1885—the latter year being assigned to the Appellate bench for the Fourth District, where he remained until his election to the Supreme bench in 1888, being re-elected to the latter office in 1897. His home is at Danville.

**WILKINSON, Ira O.**, lawyer and Judge, was born in Virginia in 1822, and accompanied his father to Jacksonville (1835), where he was educated. During a short service as Deputy Clerk of Morgan County, he conceived a fondness for the profession of the law, and, after a course of study under Judge William Thomas, was admitted to practice in 1847. Richard Yates (afterwards Governor and Senator) was his first partner. In 1845 he removed to Rock Island, and, six years later,

was elected a Circuit Judge, being again closed to the same position in 1861. At the expiration of his second term he removed to Chicago. Died, at Jacksonville, August 24, 1894.

**WILKINSON, John P.**, early merchant, was born, Dec. 14, 1790, in New Kent County, Va., emigrated first to Kentucky, and, in 1828, settled in Jacksonville, Ill., where he engaged in mercantile business. Mr. Wilkinson was a liberal friend of Illinois College and Jacksonville Female Academy, of each of which he was a Trustee from their origin until his death, which occurred, during a business visit to St. Louis, in December, 1841.

**WILL, Conrad**, pioneer physician and early legislator, was born in Philadelphia, June 4, 1778; about 1804 removed to Somerset County Pa., and, in 1813, to Kaskaskia, Ill. He was a physician by profession, but having leased the saline lands on the Big Muddy, in the vicinity of what afterwards became the town of Brownsville, he engaged in the manufacture of salt, removing thither in 1815, and becoming one of the founders of Brownsville, afterwards the first county-seat of Jackson County. On the organization of Jackson County, in 1816, he became a member of the first Board of County Commissioners, and, in 1818, served as Delegate from that county in the Convention which framed the first State Constitution. Thereafter he served continuously as a member of the Legislature from 1818 to '34—first as Senator in the First General Assembly, then as Representative in the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth, and again as Senator in the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth—his career being conspicuous for long service. He died in office, June 11, 1834. Dr. Will was short of stature, fleshy, of jovial disposition and fond of playing practical jokes upon his associates, but very popular, as shown by his successive elections to the Legislature. He has been called "The Father of Jackson County." Will County, organized by act of the Legislature two years after his death, was named in his honor.

**WILL COUNTY**, a northeastern county, embracing 850 square miles, named in honor of Dr. Conrad Will, an early politician and legislator. Early explorations of the territory were made in 1829, when white settlers were few. The bluff west of Joliet is said to have been first occupied by David and Benjamin Maggard. Joseph Smith, the Mormon "apostle," expounded his peculiar doctrines at "the Point" in 1831. Several of the early settlers fled from the country during (or after) a raid by the Sac Indians.

There is a legend, seemingly well supported, to the effect that the first lumber, sawed to build the first frame house in Chicago (that of P. F. W. Peck), was sawed at Plainfield. Will County, originally a part of Cook, was separately erected in 1836, Joliet being made the county-seat. Agriculture, quarrying and manufacturing are the chief industries. Joliet, Lockport and Wilmington are the principal towns. Population (1880), 53,422; (1890), 62,007; (1900), 74,764.

**WILLARD, Frances Elizabeth**, teacher and reformer, was born at Churchville, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1839, graduated from the Northwestern Female College at Evanston, Ill., in 1859, and, in 1862, accepted the Professorship of Natural Sciences in that institution. During 1866-67 she was the Principal of the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary. The next two years she devoted to travel and study abroad, meanwhile contributing to various periodicals. From 1871 to 1874 she was Professor of *Æsthetics* in the Northwestern University and dean of the Woman's College. She was always an enthusiastic champion of temperance, and, in 1874, abandoned her profession to identify herself with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. For five years she was Corresponding Secretary of the national body, and, from 1879, its President. While Secretary she organized the Home Protective Association, and prepared a petition to the Illinois Legislature, to which nearly 200,000 names were attached, asking for the granting to women of the right to vote on the license question. In 1878 she succeeded her brother, Oliver A. Willard (who had died), as editor of "The Chicago Evening Post," but, a few months later, withdrew, and, in 1882, was elected as a member of the executive committee of the National Prohibition party. In 1886 she became leader of the White Cross Movement for the protection of women, and succeeded in securing favorable legislation, in this direction, in twelve States. In 1889 she founded the World's Christian Temperance Union, and, in 1888, was chosen its President, as also President of the International Council of Women. The latter years of her life were spent chiefly abroad, much of the time as the guest and co-worker of Lady Henry Somerset, of England, during which she devoted much attention to investigating the condition of women in the Orient. Miss Willard was a prolific and highly valued contributor to the magazines, and (besides numerous pamphlets) published several volumes, including "Nineteen Beautiful Years" (a tribute to her sister); "Woman in Temperance"; "How to Win," and



"Woman in the Pulpit." Died, in New York, Feb. 18, 1898.

**WILLARD, Samuel, A.M., M.D., LL.D.**, physician and educator, was born in Lunenburg, Vt., Dec. 30, 1821—the lineal descendant of Maj. Simon Willard, one of the founders of Concord, Mass., and prominent in "King Philip's War," and of his son, Rev. Dr. Samuel Willard, of the Old South Church, Boston, and seventh President of Harvard College. The subject of this sketch was taken in his infancy to Boston, and, in 1831, to Carrollton, Ill., where his father pursued the avocation of a druggist. After a preparatory course at Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, in 1836 he entered the freshman class in Illinois College at Jacksonville, but withdrew the following year, re-entering college in 1840 and graduating in the class of 1843, as a classmate of Dr. Newton Bateman, afterwards State Superintendent of Public Instruction and President of Knox College, and Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, now of Elmira, N. Y. The next year he spent as Tutor in Illinois College, when he began the study of medicine at Quincy, graduating from the Medical Department of Illinois College in 1848. During a part of the latter year he edited a Free-Soil campaign paper ("The Tribune") at Quincy, and, later, "The Western Temperance Magazine" at the same place. In 1849 he began the practice of his profession at St. Louis, but the next year removed to Collinsville, Ill., remaining until 1857, when he took charge of the Department of Languages in the newly organized State Normal University at Normal. The second year of the Civil War (1862) he enlisted as a private in the Ninety-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but was soon after commissioned as Surgeon with the rank of Major, participating in the campaigns in Tennessee and in the first attack upon Vicksburg. Being disabled by an attack of paralysis, in February, 1863, he was compelled to resign, when he had sufficiently recovered accepting a position in the office of Provost Marshal General Oakes, at Springfield, where he remained until the close of the war. He then became Grand Secretary of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows for the State of Illinois—a position which he had held from 1856 to 1862—remaining under his second appointment from 1865 to '69. The next year he served as Superintendent of Schools at Springfield, meanwhile assisting in founding the Springfield public library, and serving as its first librarian. In 1870 he accepted the professorship of History in the West Side High School of Chicago, which, with the exception of two years (1884-86),

he continued to occupy for more than twenty-five years, retiring in 1898. In the meantime, Dr. Willard has been a laborious literary worker, having been, for a considerable period, editor, or assistant-editor, of "The Illinois Teacher," a contributor to "The Century Magazine" and "The Dial" of Chicago, besides having published a "Digest of the Laws of Odd Fellowship" in sixteen volumes, begun while he was Grand Secretary of the Order in 1864, and continued in 1872 and '82; a "Synopsis of History and Historical Chart," covering the period from B. C. 800 to A. D. 1876—of which he has had a second edition in course of preparation. Of late years he has been engaged upon a "Historical Dictionary of Names and Places," which will include some 12,000 topics, and which promises to be the most important work of his life. Previous to the war he was an avowed Abolitionist and operator on the "Underground Railroad," who made no concealment of his opinions, and, on one or two occasions, was called to answer for them in prosecutions under the "Fugitive Slave Act." (See "Underground Railroad.") His friend and classmate, the late Dr. Bateman, says of him: "Dr. Willard is a sound thinker; a clear and forcible writer; of broad and accurate scholarship; conscientious, genial and kindly, and a most estimable gentleman."

**WILLIAMS, Archibald**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Montgomery County, Ky., June 10, 1801; with moderate advantages but natural fondness for study, he chose the profession of law, and was admitted to the bar in Tennessee in 1828, coming to Quincy, Ill., the following year. He was elected to the General Assembly three times—serving in the Senate in 1832-36, and in the House, 1836-40; was United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, by appointment of President Taylor, 1849-53; was twice the candidate of his party (the Whig) for United States Senator, and appointed by President Lincoln, in 1861, United States District Judge for the State of Kansas. His abilities and high character were widely recognized. Died, in Quincy, Sept. 21, 1863—His son, **John H.**, an attorney at Quincy, served as Judge of the Circuit Court 1879-85.—Another son, **Abraham Lincoln**, was twice elected Attorney-General of Kansas.

**WILLIAMS, Erastus Smith**, lawyer and jurist, was born at Salem, N. Y., May 22, 1821. In 1842 he removed to Chicago, where, after reading law, he was admitted to the bar in 1844. In 1854 he was appointed Master in Chancery, which

office he filled until 1863, when he was elected a Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. After re-election in 1870 he became Chief Justice, and, at the same time, heard most of the cases on the equity side of the court. In 1879 he was a candidate for re-election as a Republican, but was defeated with the party ticket. After his retirement from the bench he resumed private practice. Died, Feb. 24, 1884.

**WILLIAMS, James R.**, Congressman, was born in White County, Ill., Dec. 27, 1850, at the age of 25 graduated from the Indiana State University, at Bloomington, and, in 1876, from the Union College of Law, Chicago, since then being an active and successful practitioner at Carmi. In 1880 he was appointed Master in Chancery and served two years. From 1882 to 1886 he was County Judge. In 1892 he was a nominee on the Democratic ticket for Presidential Elector. He was elected to represent the Nineteenth Illinois District in the Fifty-first Congress at a special election held to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of R. W. Townshend, was re-elected in 1890 and 1892, but defeated by Orlando Burrell (Republican) for re-election in the newly organized Twentieth District in 1894. In 1898 he was again a candidate and elected to the Fifty-sixth Congress.

**WILLIAMS, John**, pioneer merchant, was born in Bath County, Ky., Sept. 11, 1808; between 14 and 16 years of age was clerk in a store in his native State; then, joining his parents, who had settled on a tract of land in a part of Sangamon (now Menard) County, Ill., he found employment as clerk in the store of Major Elijah Iles, at Springfield, whom he succeeded in business at the age of 23, continuing it without interruption until 1880. In 1856 Mr. Williams was the Republican candidate for Congress in the Springfield District, and, in 1861, was appointed Commissary-General for the State, rendering valuable service in furnishing supplies for State troops, in camps of instruction and while proceeding to the field, in the first years of the war; was also chief officer of the Illinois Sanitary Commission for two years, and, as one of the intimate personal friends of Mr. Lincoln, was chosen to accompany the remains of the martyred President, from Washington to Springfield, for burial. Liberal, enterprising and public-spirited, his name was associated with nearly every public enterprise of importance in Springfield during his business career—being one of the founders, and, for eleven years President, of the First National Bank; a chief promoter in the construction of

what is now the Springfield Division of the Illinois Central Railroad, and the Springfield and Peoria line; a Director of the Springfield Iron Company; one of the Commissioners who constructed the Springfield water-works, and an officer of the Lincoln Monument Association, from 1865 to his death, May 29, 1890.

**WILLIAMS, Norman**, lawyer, was born at Woodstock, Vt., Feb. 1, 1833, being related, on both the paternal and maternal sides, to some of the most prominent families of New England. He fitted for college at Union Academy, Meriden, and graduated from the University of Vermont in the class of 1855. After taking a course in the Albany Law School and with a law firm in his native town, he was admitted to practice in both New York and Vermont, removed to Chicago in 1858, and, in 1860, became a member of the firm of King, Kales & Williams, still later forming a partnership with Gen. John L. Thompson, which ended with the death of the latter in 1888. In a professional capacity he assisted in the organization of the Pullman Palace Car Company, and was a member of its Board of Directors; also assisted in organizing the Western Electric Company, and was prominently identified with the Chicago Telephone Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company. In 1881 he served as the United States Commissioner to the Electrical Exposition at Paris. In conjunction with his brother (Edward H. Williams) he assisted in founding the public library at Woodstock, Vt., which, in honor of his father, received the name of "The Norman Williams Public Library." With Col. Huntington W. Jackson and J. McGregor Adams, Mr. Williams was named, in the will of the late John Crerar, as an executor of the Crerar estate and one of the Trustees of the Crerar Public Library, and became its first President; was also a Director of the Chicago Public Library, and trustee of a number of large estates. Mr. Williams was a son-in-law of the late Judge John D. Caton, and his oldest daughter became the wife of Major-General Wesley Merritt, a few months before his death, which occurred at Hampton Beach, N. H., June 19, 1899—his remains being interred in his native town of Woodstock, Vt.

**WILLIAMS, Robert Ebenezer**, lawyer, born Dec. 3, 1825, at Clarksville, Pa., his grandfathers on both sides being soldiers of the Revolutionary War. In 1830 his parents removed to Washington in the same State, where in boyhood he worked as a mechanic in his father's shop, attending a common school in the winter until

he reached the age of 17 years, when he entered Washington College, remaining for more than a year. He then began teaching, and, in 1845 went to Kentucky, where he pursued the business of a teacher for four years. Then he entered Bethany College in West Virginia, at the same time prosecuting his law studies, but left at the close of his junior year, when, having been licensed to practice, he removed to Clinton, Texas. Here he accepted, from a retired lawyer, the loan of a law library, which he afterwards purchased; served for two years as State's Attorney, and, in 1856, came to Bloomington, Ill., where he spent the remainder of his life in the practice of his profession. Much of his time was devoted to practice as a railroad attorney, especially in connection with the Chicago & Alton and the Illinois Central Railroads, in which he acquired prominence and wealth. He was a lifelong Democrat and, in 1868, was the unsuccessful candidate of his party for Attorney-General of the State. The last three years of his life he had been in bad health, dying at Bloomington, Feb. 15, 1899.

**WILLIAMS, Samuel**, Bank President, was born in Adams County, Ohio, July 11, 1820; came to Winnebago County, Ill., in 1835, and, in 1842, removed to Iroquois County, where he held various local offices, including that of County Judge, to which he was elected in 1861. During his later years he had been President of the Watseka Citizens' Bank. Died, June 16, 1896.

**WILLIAMSON, Rollin Samuel**, legislator and jurist, was born at Cornwall, Vt., May 23, 1839. At the age of 14 he went to Boston, where he began life as a telegraph messenger boy. In two years he had become a skillful operator, and, as such, was employed in various offices in New England and New York. In 1857 he came to Chicago seeking employment and, through the fortunate correction of an error on the part of the receiver of a message, secured the position of operator and station agent at Palatine, Cook County. Here he read law during his leisure time without a preceptor, and, in 1870, was admitted to the bar. The same year he was elected to the lower House of the General Assembly and, in 1872, to the Senate. In 1880 he was elected to the bench of the Superior Court of Cook County, and, in 1887, was chosen a Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court. Died, August 10, 1889.

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY**, in the southern part of the State, originally set off from Franklin and organized in 1839. The county is well watered,

the principal streams being the Big Muddy and the South Fork of the Saline. The surface is undulating and the soil fertile. The region was originally well covered with forests. All the cereals (as well as potatoes) are cultivated, and rich meadows encourage stock-raising. Coal and sandstone underlie the entire county. Area, 440 square miles; population (1880), 19,324; (1890) 22,226; (1900), 27,796.

**WILLIAMSVILLE**, village of Sangamon County, on Chicago & Alton Railroad, 12 miles north of Springfield; has a bank, elevator, 3 churches, a newspaper and coal-mines. Pop. (1900), 573.

**WILLIS, Jonathan Clay**, soldier and former Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner, was born in Sumner County, Tenn., June 27, 1826; brought to Gallatin County, Ill., in 1834, and settled at Golconda in 1843; was elected Sheriff of Pope County in 1856, removed to Metropolis in 1859, and engaged in the wharf-boat and commission business. He entered the service as Quartermaster of the Forty-eighth Illinois Volunteers in 1861, but was compelled to resign on account of injuries, in 1863; was elected Representative in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly (1868), appointed Collector of Internal Revenue in 1869, and Railway and Warehouse Commissioner in 1892, as the successor of John R. Tanner, serving until 1893.

**WILMETTE**, a village in Cook County, 14 miles north of Chicago, on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, a handsome suburb of Chicago on the shore of Lake Michigan; principal streets paved and shaded with fine forest trees; has public library and good schools. Pop. (1900), 2,300.

**WILMINGTON**, a city of Will County, on the Kankakee River and the Chicago & Alton Railroad, 53 miles from Chicago and 15 south-southwest of Joliet; has considerable manufactures, two National banks, a graded school, churches and one newspaper. Wilmington is the location of the Illinois Soldiers' Widows' Home. Population (1890), 1,576; (1900), 1,420.

**WILSON, Charles Lush**, journalist, was born in Fairfield County, Conn., Oct. 10, 1818, educated in the common schools and at an academy in his native State, and, in 1835, removed to Chicago, entering the employment of his older brothers, who were connected with the construction of the Illinois & Michigan Canal at Joliet. His brother, Richard L., having assumed charge of "The Chicago Daily Journal" (the successor of "The Chicago American"), in 1844, Charles L. took a position in the office, ultimately securing a partnership, which continued until the death

of his brother in 1856, when he succeeded to the ownership of the paper. Mr. Wilson was an ardent friend and supporter of Abraham Lincoln for the United States Senate in 1858, but, in 1860, favored the nomination of Mr. Seward for the Presidency, though earnestly supporting Mr. Lincoln after his nomination. In 1861 he was appointed Secretary of the American Legation at London, serving with the late Minister Charles Francis Adams, until 1864, when he resigned and resumed his connection with "The Journal." In 1875 his health began to fail, and three years later, having gone to San Antonio, Tex., in the hope of receiving benefit from a change of climate, he died in that city, March 9, 1878.—**Richard Lush** (Wilson), an older brother of the preceding, the first editor and publisher of "The Chicago Evening Journal," the oldest paper of consecutive publication in Chicago, was a native of New York. Coming to Chicago with his brother John L., in 1834, they soon after established themselves in business on the Illinois & Michigan Canal, then in course of construction. In 1844 he took charge of "The Chicago Daily Journal" for a publishing committee which had purchased the material of "The Chicago American," but soon after became principal proprietor. In April, 1847, while firing a salute in honor of the victory of Buena Vista, he lost an arm and was otherwise injured by the explosion of the cannon. Early in 1849, he was appointed, by President Taylor, Postmaster of the city of Chicago, but, having failed of confirmation, was compelled to retire in favor of a successor appointed by Millard Fillmore, eleven months later. Mr. Wilson published a little volume in 1842 entitled "A Trip to Santa Fe," and, a few years later, a story of travel under the title, "Short Ravelings from a Long Yarn." Died, December, 1856.—**John Lush** (Wilson), another brother, also a native of New York, came to Illinois in 1834, was afterwards associated with his brothers in business, being for a time business manager of "The Chicago Journal;" also served one term as Sheriff of Cook County. Died, in Chicago, April 13, 1888.

**WILSON, Isaac Grant**, jurist, was born at Middlebury, N. Y., April 26, 1817, graduated from Brown University in 1838, and the same year came to Chicago, whither his father's family had preceded him in 1835. After reading law for two years, he entered the senior class at Cambridge (Mass.) Law School, graduating in 1841. In August of that year he opened an office at Elgin, and, for ten years "rode the cir-

cuit." In 1851 he was elected to the bench of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit to fill a vacancy, and re-elected for a full term in 1855, and again in '61. In November of the latter year he was commissioned the first Colonel of the Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but resigned, a few weeks later, and resumed his place upon the bench. From 1867 to 1879 he devoted himself to private practice, which was largely in the Federal Courts. In 1879 he resumed his seat upon the bench (this time for the Twelfth Circuit), and was at once designated as one of the Judges of the Appellate Court at Chicago, of which tribunal he became Chief Justice in 1881. In 1885 he was re-elected Circuit Judge, but died, about the close of his term, at Geneva, June 8, 1891.

**WILSON, James Grant**, soldier and author, was born at Edinburgh, Scotland, April 28, 1832, and, when only a year old, was brought by his father, William Wilson, to America. The family settled at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where James Grant was educated at College Hill and under private teachers. After finishing his studies he became his father's partner in business, but, in 1855, went abroad, and, shortly after his return, removed to Chicago, where he founded the first literary paper established in the Northwest. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he disposed of his journal to enlist in the Fifteenth Illinois Cavalry, of which he was commissioned Major and afterwards promoted to the colonelcy. In August, 1863, while at New Orleans, by advice of General Grant, he accepted a commission as Colonel of the Fourth Regiment United States Colored Cavalry, and was assigned, as Aid-de-camp, to the staff of the Commander of the Department of the Gulf, filling this post until April, 1865. When General Banks was relieved, Colonel Wilson was brevetted Brigadier-General and placed in command at Port Hudson, resigning in July, 1865, since which time his home has been in New York. He is best known as an author, having published numerous addresses, and being a frequent contributor to American and European magazines. Among larger works which he has written or edited are "Biographical Sketches of Illinois Officers"; "Love in Letters"; "Life of General U. S. Grant"; "Life and Letters of Fitz Greene Halleck"; "Poets and Poetry of Scotland"; "Bryant and His Friends"; and "Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography."

**WILSON, James Harrison**, soldier and military engineer, was born near Shawneetown, Ill., Sept. 2, 1837. His grandfather, Alexander Wil-



son, was one of the pioneers of Illinois, and his father (Harrison Wilson) was an ensign during the War of 1812 and a Captain in the Black Hawk War. His brother (Bluford Wilson) served as Assistant Adjutant-General of Volunteers during the Civil War, and as Solicitor of the United States Treasury during the "whisky ring" prosecutions. James H. was educated in the common schools, at McKendree College, and the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating from the latter in 1860, and being assigned to the Topographical Engineer Corps. In September, 1861, he was promoted to a First Lieutenancy, then served as Chief Topographical Engineer of the Port Royal expedition until March, 1862; was afterwards attached to the Department of the South, being present at the bombardment of Fort Pulaski; was Aid-de-camp to McClellan, and participated in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam; was made Lieutenant-Colonel of Volunteers in November, 1862; was Chief Topographical Engineer and Inspector-General of the Army of the Tennessee until October, 1863, being actively engaged in the operations around Vicksburg; was made Captain of Engineers in May, 1863, and Brigadier-General of Volunteers, Oct. 31, following. He also conducted operations preliminary to the battle of Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge, and for the relief of Knoxville. Later, he was placed in command of the Third Division of the cavalry corps of the Army of the Potomac, serving from May to August, 1864, under General Sheridan. Subsequently he was transferred to the Department of the Mississippi, where he so distinguished himself that, on April 20, 1865, he was made Major-General of Volunteers. In twenty-eight days he captured five fortified cities, twenty-three stands of colors, 288 guns and 6,820 prisoners—among the latter being Jefferson Davis. He was mustered out of the volunteer service in January, 1866, and, on July 28, following, was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of the Thirty-fifth United States Infantry, being also brevetted Major-General in the regular army. On Dec. 31, 1870, he returned to civil life, and was afterwards largely engaged in railroad and engineering operations, especially in West Virginia. Promptly after the declaration of war with Spain (1898) General Wilson was appointed, by the President, Major-General of Volunteers, serving until its close. He is the author of "China; Travels and Investigations in the Middle Kingdom"; "Life of Andrew J. Alexander"; and the "Life of Gen. U. S. Grant," in conjunction with Charles A.

Dana. His home, in recent years, has been in New York.

**WILSON, John M.**, lawyer and jurist, was born in New Hampshire in 1802, graduated at Bowdoin College in 1824—the classmate of Franklin Pierce and Nathaniel Hawthorne; studied law in New Hampshire and came to Illinois in 1835, locating at Joliet; removed to Chicago in 1841, where he was the partner of Norman B. Judd, serving, at different periods, as attorney of the Chicago & Rock Island, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and the Chicago & Northwestern Railways; was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Cook County, 1853-59, when he became Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Chicago, serving until 1868. Died, Dec. 7, 1883.

**WILSON, John P.**, lawyer, was born in Whiteside County, Ill., July 3, 1844; educated in the common schools and at Knox College, Galesburg, graduating from the latter in 1865; two years later was admitted to the bar in Chicago, and speedily attained prominence in his profession. During the World's Fair period he was retained as counsel by the Committee on Grounds and Buildings, and was prominently connected, as counsel for the city, with the Lake Front litigation.

**WILSON, Robert L.**, early legislator, was born in Washington County, Pa., Sept. 11, 1805, taken to Zanesville, Ohio, in 1810, graduated at Franklin College in 1831, studied law and, in 1833, removed to Athens (now in Menard County), Ill.; was elected Representative in 1836, and was one of the members from Sangamon County, known as the "Long Nine," who assisted in securing the removal of the State Capital to Springfield. Mr. Wilson removed to Sterling, Whiteside County, in 1840, was elected five times Circuit Clerk and served eight years as Probate Judge. Immediately after the fall of Fort Sumter, he enlisted as private in a battalion in Washington City under command of Cassius M. Clay, for guard duty until the arrival of the Seventh New York Regiment. He subsequently assisted in raising troops in Illinois, was appointed Paymaster by Lincoln, serving at Washington, St. Louis, and, after the fall of Vicksburg, at Springfield—being mustered out in November, 1865. Died, in Whiteside County, 1880.

**WILSON, Robert S.**, lawyer and jurist, was born at Montrose, Susquehanna County, Pa., Nov. 6, 1812; learned the printer's art, then studied law and was admitted to the bar in Allegany County, about 1833; in 1836 removed to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he served as Probate Judge

and State Senator; in 1850 came to Chicago, was elected Judge of the Recorder's Court in 1853, and re-elected in 1858, serving ten years, and proving "a terror to evil-doers." Died, at Lawrence, Mich., Dec. 23, 1882.

**WILSON, William**, early jurist, was born in Loudoun County, Va., April 27, 1794; studied law with Hon. John Cook, a distinguished lawyer, and minister to France in the early part of the century; in 1817 removed to Kentucky, soon after came to Illinois, two years later locating in White County, near Carmi, which continued to be his home during the remainder of his life. In 1819 he was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court as successor to William P. Foster, who is described by Governor Ford as "a great rascal and no lawyer," and who held office only about nine months. Judge Wilson was re-elected to the Supreme bench, as Chief-Justice, in 1825, being then only a little over 30 years old, and held office until the reorganization of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of 1843—a period of over twenty-nine years, and, with the exception of Judge Browne's, the longest term of service in the history of the court. He died at his home in White County, April 29, 1857. A Whig in early life, he allied himself with the Democratic party on the dissolution of the former. Hon. James C. Conkling, of Springfield, says of him, "as a writer, his style was clear and distinct; as a lawyer, his judgment was sound and discriminating."

**WINCHESTER**, a city and county-seat of Scott County, founded in 1839, situated on Big Sandy Creek and on the line of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 29 miles south of Beardstown and 84 miles north by west of St. Louis. While the surrounding region is agricultural and largely devoted to wheat growing, there is some coal mining. Winchester is an important shipping-point, having three grain elevators, two flouring mills, and a coal mine employing fifty miners. There are four Protestant and one Catholic church, a court house, a high school, a graded school building, two banks and two weekly newspapers. Population (1890), 1,626; (1890), 1,542; (1900), 1,711.

**WINDSOR**, a city of Shelby County at the crossing of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and the Wabash Railways, 11 miles north-east of Shelbyville. Population (1880), 768; (1890), 888; (1900), 866.

**WINES, Frederick Howard**, clergyman and sociologist, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., April 9, 1838, graduated at Washington (Pa.) College

in 1857, and, after serving as tutor there for a short time, entered Princeton Theological Seminary, but was compelled temporarily to discontinue his studies on account of a weakness of the eyes. The Presbytery of St. Louis licensed him to preach in 1860, and, in 1862, he was commissioned Hospital Chaplain in the Union army. During 1862-64 he was stationed at Springfield, Mo., participating in the battle of Springfield on Jan. 8, 1863, and being personally mentioned for bravery on the field in the official report. Re-entering the seminary at Princeton in 1864, he graduated in 1865, and at once accepted a call to the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Ill., which he filled for four years. In 1869 he was appointed Secretary of the newly created Board of Commissioners of Public Charities of Illinois, in which capacity he continued until 1893, when he resigned. For the next four years he was chiefly engaged in literary work, in lecturing before universities on topics connected with social science, in aiding in the organization of charitable work, and in the conduct of a thorough investigation into the relations between liquor legislation and crime. At an early period he took a prominent part in organizing the various Boards of Public Charities of the United States into an organization known as the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, and, at the Louisville meeting (1883), was elected its President. At the International Penitentiary Congress at Stockholm (1878) he was the official delegate from Illinois. On his return, as a result of his observations while abroad, he submitted to the Legislature a report strongly advocating the construction of the Kankakee Hospital for the Insane, then about to be built, upon the "detached ward" or "village" plan, a departure from then existing methods, which marks an era in the treatment of insane in the United States. Mr. Wines conducted the investigation into the condition and number of the defective, dependent and delinquent classes throughout the country, his report constituting a separate volume under the "Tenth Census," and rendered a similar service in connection with the eleventh census (1890). In 1887 he was elected Secretary of the National Prison Association, succeeding to the post formerly held by his father, Enoch Cobb Wines, D.D., LL.D. After the inauguration of Governor Tanner in 1897, he resumed his former position of Secretary of the Board of Public Charities, remaining until 1899, when he again tendered his resignation, having received the appointment to the position of Assistant Director

of the Twelfth Census, which he now holds. He is the author of "Crime and Reformation" (1895); of a voluminous series of reports; also of numerous pamphlets and brochures, among which may be mentioned "The County Jail System; An Argument for its Abolition" (1878); "The Kankakee Hospital" (1882); "Provision for the Insane in the United States" (1885); "Conditional Liberation, or the Paroling of Prisoners" (1886), and "American Prisons in the Tenth Census" (1888).

**WINES, Walter B.**, lawyer (brother of Frederick H. Wines), was born in Boston, Mass., Oct. 10, 1848, received his primary education at Williston Academy, East Hampton, Mass., after which he entered Middlebury College, Vt., taking a classical course and graduating there. He afterwards became a student in the law department of Columbia College, N. Y., graduating in 1871, being admitted to the bar the same year and commencing practice in New York City. In 1879 he came to Springfield, Ill., and was, for a time, identified with the bar of that city. Later, he removed to Chicago, where he has been engaged in literary and journalistic work.

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY**, situated in the "northern tier," bordering on the Wisconsin State line; was organized, under an act passed in 1836, from La Salle and Jo Daviess Counties, and has an area of 552 square miles. The county is drained by the Rock and Pecatonica Rivers. The surface is rolling prairie and the soil fertile. The geology is simple, the quaternary deposits being underlaid by the Galena blue and buff limestone, adapted for building purposes. All the cereals are raised in abundance, the chief product being corn. The Winnebago Indians (who gave name to the county) formerly lived on the west side of the Rock River, and the Pottawatomies on the east, but both tribes removed westward in 1835. (As to manufacturing interests, see *Rockford*.) Population (1880), 30,505; (1890), 39,938; (1900), 47,845.

**WINNEBAGO WAR.** The name given to an Indian disturbance which had its origin in 1827, during the administration of Gov. Ninian Edwards. The Indians had been quiet since the conclusion of the War of 1812, but a few isolated outrages were sufficient to start terrified "runners" in all directions. In the northern portion of the State, from Galena to Chicago (then Fort Dearborn) the alarm was intense. The meagre militia force of the State was summoned and volunteers were called for. Meanwhile, 600 United States Regular Infantry, under command

of Gen. Henry Atkinson, put in an appearance. Besides the infantry, Atkinson had at his disposal some 130 mounted sharpshooters. The origin of the disturbance was as follows: The Winnebagoes attacked a band of Chippewas, who were (by treaty) under Government protection, several of the latter being killed. For participation in this offense, four Winnebago Indians were summarily apprehended, surrendered to the Chippewas and shot. Meanwhile, some dispute had arisen as to the title of the lands, claimed by the Winnebagoes in the vicinity of Galena, which had been occupied by white miners. Repeated acts of hostility and of reprisal, along the Upper Mississippi, intensified mutual distrust. A gathering of the Indians around two keel-boats, laden with supplies for Fort Snelling, which had anchored near Prairie du Chien and opposite a Winnebago camp, was regarded by the whites as a hostile act. Liquor was freely distributed, and there is historical evidence that a half-dozen drunken squaws were carried off and shamefully maltreated. Several hundred warriors assembled to avenge the deception which had been practiced upon them. They laid in ambush for the boats on their return trip. The first passed too rapidly to be successfully assailed, but the second grounded and was savagely, yet unsuccessfully, attacked. The presence of General Atkinson's forces prevented an actual outbreak, and, on his demand, the great Winnebago Chief, Red Bird, with six other leading men of the tribe, surrendered themselves as hostages to save their nation from extermination. A majority of these were, after trial, acquitted. Red Bird, however, unable to endure confinement, literally pined to death in prison, dying on Feb. 16, 1838. He is described as having been a savage of superior intelligence and noble character. A treaty of peace was concluded with the Winnebagoes in a council held at Prairie du Chien, a few months later, but the affair seems to have produced as much alarm among the Indians as it did among the whites. (For *Winnebago Indians* see page 576.)

**WINNETKA**, a village of Cook County, on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, 16½ miles north of Chicago. It stands eighty feet above the level of Lake Michigan, has good schools (being the seat of the Winnetka Institute), several churches, and is a popular residence town. Population (1880), 584; (1890), 1,079; (1900), 1,833.

**WINSTON, Frederick Hampton**, lawyer, was born in Liberty County, Ga., Nov. 20, 1830, was brought to Woodford County, Ky., in 1835, left an orphan at 12, and attended the common

schools until 18, when, returning to Georgia, he engaged in cotton manufacture. He finally began the study of law with United States Senator W. C. Dawson, and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1852; spent some time in the office of W. M. Everts in New York, was admitted to the bar and came to Chicago in 1853, where he formed a partnership with Norman B. Judd, afterwards being associated with Judge Henry W. Blodgett; served as general solicitor of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railways—remaining with the latter twenty years. In 1855 he was appointed, by President Cleveland, Minister to Persia, but resigned the following year, and traveled extensively in Russia, Scandinavia and other foreign countries. Mr. Winston was a delegate to the Democratic National Conventions of 1868, '76 and '84; first President of the Stock Yards at Jersey City, for twelve years President of the Lincoln Park Commission, and a Director of the Lincoln National Bank.

**WISCONSIN CENTRAL LINES.** The Wisconsin Central Company was organized, June 17, 1887, and subsequently acquired the Minnesota, St. Croix & Wisconsin, the Wisconsin & Minnesota, the Chippewa Falls & Western, the St. Paul & St. Croix Falls, the Wisconsin Central, the Penokee, and the Packwaukee & Montebello Railroads, and assumed the leases of the Milwaukee & Lake Winnebago and the Wisconsin & Minnesota Roads. On July 1, 1888, the company began to operate the entire Wisconsin Central system, with the exception of the Wisconsin Central Railroad and the leased Milwaukee & Lake Winnebago, which remained in charge of the Wisconsin Central Railroad mortgage trustees until Nov. 1, 1889, when these, too, passed under the control of the Wisconsin Central Company. The Wisconsin Central Railroad Company is a reorganization (Oct. 1, 1879) of a company formed Jan. 1, 1871. The Wisconsin Central and the Wisconsin Central Railroad Companies, though differing in name, are a financial unit; the former holding most of the first mortgage bonds of the latter, and substantially all its notes, stocks and income bonds, but, for legal reasons (such as the protection of land titles), it is necessary that separate corporations be maintained. On April 1, 1890, the Wisconsin Central Company executed a lease to the Northern Pacific Railroad, but this was set aside by the courts, on Sept. 27, 1893, for non-payment of rent, and was finally canceled. On the same day receivers were appointed to

insure the protection of all interests. The total mileage is 415.46 miles, of which the Company owns 258.90—only .10 of a mile in Illinois. A line, 58.10 miles in length, with 8.44 miles of side-track (total, 66.54 miles), lying wholly within the State of Illinois, is operated by the Chicago & Wisconsin and furnishes the allied line an entrance into Chicago.

**WITHROW, Thomas F.**, lawyer, was born in Virginia in March, 1833, removed with his parents to Ohio in childhood, attended the Western Reserve College, and, after the death of his father, taught school and worked as a printer, later, editing a paper at Mount Vernon. In 1855 he removed to Janesville, Wis., where he again engaged in journalistic work, studied law, was admitted to the bar in Iowa in 1857, settled at Des Moines and served as private secretary of Governors Lowe and Kirkwood. In 1860 he became Supreme Court Reporter; served as Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee in 1863 and, in 1866, became associated with the Rock Island Railroad in the capacity of local attorney, was made chief law officer of the Company in 1873, and removed to Chicago, and, in 1890, was promoted to the position of General Counsel. Died, in Chicago, Feb. 3, 1893.

**WOLCOTT, (Dr.) Alexander**, early Indian Agent, was born at East Windsor, Conn., Feb. 14, 1790; graduated from Yale College in 1809, and, after a course in medicine, was commissioned, in 1812, Surgeon's Mate in the United States Army. In 1820 he was appointed Indian Agent at Fort Dearborn (now Chicago), as successor to Charles Jouett—the first Agent—who had been appointed a United States Judge in Arkansas. The same year he accompanied General Lewis Cass and Henry Schoolcraft on their tour among the Indians of the Northwest; was married in 1823 to Ellen Marion Kinzie, a daughter of Col. John Kinzie, the first permanent settler of Chicago; in 1825 was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Peoria County, which then included Cook County; was a Judge of Election in 1830, and one of the purchasers of a block of ground in the heart of the present city of Chicago, at the first sale of lots, held Sept. 27, 1830, but died before the close of the year. Dr. Wolcott appears to have been a high-minded and honorable man, as well as far in advance of the mass of pioneers in point of education and intelligence.

**WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE OF CHICAGO.** (See *Northwestern University Woman's Medical School*.)



**WOMAN SUFFRAGE.** (See *Suffrage*.)

**WOOD, Benson**, lawyer and Congressman, was born in Susquehanna County, Pa., in 1839; received a common school and academic education; at the age of 20 came to Illinois, and, for two years, taught school in Lee County. He then enlisted as a soldier in an Illinois regiment, attaining the rank of Captain of Infantry; after the war, graduated from the Law Department of the old Chicago University, and has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. He was elected a member of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly (1872) and was a delegate to the Republican National Conventions of 1876 and 1888; also served as Mayor of the city of Effingham, where he now resides. In 1894 he was elected to the Fifty-fourth Congress by the Republicans of the Nineteenth District, which has uniformly returned a Democrat, and, in office, proved himself a most industrious and efficient member. Mr. Wood was defeated as a candidate for re-election in 1896.

**WOOD, John**, pioneer, Lieutenant-Governor and Governor, was born at Moravia, N. Y., Dec. 20, 1798—his father being a Revolutionary soldier who had served as Surgeon and Captain in the army. At the age of 21 years young Wood removed to Illinois, settling in what is now Adams County, and building the first log-cabin on the site of the present city of Quincy. He was a member of the upper house of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth General Assemblies, and was elected Lieutenant-Governor in 1859 on the same ticket with Governor Bissell, and served out the unexpired term of the latter, who died in office. (See *Bissell, William H.*) He was succeeded by Richard Yates in 1861. In February of that year he was appointed one of the five Commissioners from Illinois to the "Peace Conference" at Washington, to consider methods for averting civil war. The following May he was appointed Quartermaster-General for the State by Governor Yates, and assisted most efficiently in fitting out the troops for the field. In June, 1864, he was commissioned Colonel of the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteers (100-days' men) and mustered out of service the following September. Died, at Quincy, June 11, 1880. He was liberal, patriotic and public-spirited. His fellow-citizens of Quincy erected a monument to his memory, which was appropriately dedicated, July 4, 1883.

**WOODFORD COUNTY**, situated a little north of the center of the State, bounded on the west by the Illinois River; organized in 1841; area,

540 square miles. The surface is generally level, except along the Illinois River, the soil fertile and well watered. The county lies in the northern section of the great coal field of the State. Eureka is the county-seat. Other thriving cities and towns are Metamora, Minonk, El Paso and Roanoke. Corn, oats, wheat, potatoes and barley are the principal crops. The chief mechanical industries are flour manufacture, carriage and wagon-making, and saddlery and harness work. Population (1890), 21,429; (1900), 21,822.

**WOODHULL**, a village of Henry County, on Keithsburg branch Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 15 miles west of Galva; has a bank, electric lights, water works, brick and tile works, six churches and weekly paper. Pop. (1900), 774.

**WOODMAN, Charles W.**, lawyer and Congressman, was born in Aalborg, Denmark, March 11, 1844; received his early education in the schools of his native country, but took to the sea in 1860, following the life of a sailor until 1863, when, coming to Philadelphia, he enlisted in the Gulf Squadron of the United States. After the war, he came to Chicago, and, after reading law for some time in the office of James L. High, graduated from the Law Department of the Chicago University in 1871. Some years later he was appointed Prosecuting Attorney for some of the lower courts, and, in 1881, was nominated by the Judges of Cook County as one of the Justices of the Peace for the city of Chicago. In 1894 he became the Republican candidate for Congress from the Fourth District and was elected, but failed to secure a renomination in 1896. Died, in Elgin Asylum for the Insane, March 18, 1898.

**WOODS, Robert Mann**, was born at Greenville, Pa., April 17, 1840; came with his parents to Illinois in 1842, the family settling at Barry, Pike County, but subsequently residing at Pittsfield, Canton and Galesburg. He was educated at Knox College in the latter place, which was his home from 1849 to '58; later, taught school in Iowa and Missouri until 1861, when he went to Springfield and began the study of law with Milton Hay and Shelby M. Cullom. His law studies having been interrupted by the Civil War, after spending some time in the mustering and disbursing office, he was promoted by Governor Yates to a place in the executive office, from which he went to the field as Adjutant of the Sixty-fourth Illinois Infantry, known as the "Yates Sharp-Shooters." After participating with the Army of the Tennessee, in the Atlanta campaign, he took part in the "March to the Sea," and the campaign in the Carolinas, includ-

ing the siege of Savannah and the forcing of the Salkahatchie, where he distinguished himself, as also in the taking of Columbia, Fayetteville, Cheraw, Raleigh and Bentonville. At the latter place he had a horse shot under him and won the brevet rank of Major for gallantry in the field, having previously been commissioned Captain of Company A of his regiment. He also served on the staffs of Gens. Giles A. Smith, Benjamin F. Potts, and William W. Belknap, and was the last mustering officer in General Sherman's army. In 1867 Major Woods removed to Chicago, where he was in business for a number of years, serving as chief clerk of Custom House construction from 1872 to 1877. In 1879 he purchased "The Daily Republican" at Joliet, which he conducted successfully for fifteen years. While connected with "The Republican," he served as Secretary of the Illinois Republican Press Association and in various other positions.

Major Woods was one of the founders of the Grand Army of the Republic, whose birth-place was in Illinois. (See *Grand Army of the Republic*; also *Stephenson, Dr. B. F.*) When Dr. Stephenson (who had been Surgeon of the Fourteenth Illinois Infantry), conceived the idea of founding such an order, he called to his assistance Major Woods, who was then engaged in writing the histories of Illinois regiments for the Adjutant-General's Report. The Major wrote the Constitution and By-laws of the Order, the charter blanks for all the reports, etc. The first official order bears his name as the first Adjutant-General of the Order, as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., APRIL 1, 1866.

GENERAL ORDERS!

No. 1. (The following named officers are hereby appointed and assigned to duty at these headquarters. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Colonel Jules C. Webber, A. D. C. and Chief of Staff.

Colonel John M. Snyder, Quartermaster-General.

Major Robert M. Woods, Adjutant-General.

Captain John A. Lightfoot, Assistant Adjutant-General.

Captain John S. Phelps, Aid-de-Camp.

By order of B. F. Stephenson, Department Commander.

ROBERT M. WOODS,  
Adjutant-General.

Major Woods afterwards organized the various Departments in the West, and it has been conceded that he furnished the money necessary to carry on the work during the first six months of the existence of the Order. He has never accepted a nomination or run for any political office, but is now engaged in financial business in Joliet and Chicago, with his residence in the former place.

**WOODSON, David Meade**, lawyer and jurist, was born in Jessamine County, Ky., May 18, 1806; was educated in private schools and at Transylvania University, and read law with his father. He served a term in the Kentucky Legislature in 1832, and, in 1834, removed to Illinois, settling at Carrollton, Greene County. In 1839 he was elected State's Attorney and, in 1840, a member of the lower house of the Legislature, being elected a second time in 1868. In 1843 he was the Whig candidate for Congress in the Fifth District, but was defeated by Stephen A. Douglas. He was a member of the Constitutional Conventions of 1847 and 1869-70. In 1848 he was elected a Judge of the First Judicial Circuit, remaining in office until 1867. Died, in 1877.

**WOODSTOCK**, the county-seat of McHenry County, situated on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, about 51 miles northwest of Chicago and 32 miles east of Rockford. It contains a court house, eight churches, four banks, three newspaper offices, foundry and machine shops, planing mills, canning works, pickle, cheese and butter factories. The Oliver Typewriter Factory is located here; the town is also the seat of the Todd Seminary for boys. Population (1890), 1,683; (1900), 2,502.

**WORCESTER, Linus E.**, State Senator, was born in Windsor, Vt., Dec. 5, 1811, was educated in the common schools of his native State and at Chester Academy, came to Illinois in 1836, and, after teaching three years, entered a dry-goods store at Whitehall as clerk, later becoming a partner. He was also engaged in various other branches of business at different times, including the drug, hardware, grocery, agricultural implement and lumber business. In 1843 he was appointed Postmaster at Whitehall, serving twelve years; was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1847, served as County Judge for six years from 1853, and as Trustee of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, at Jacksonville, from 1859, by successive reappointments, for twelve years. In 1856 he was elected, as Democrat, to the State Senate, to succeed John M. Palmer, resigned; was re-elected in 1860, and, at the session of 1865, was one of the five Democratic members of that body who voted for the ratification of the Emancipation Amendment of the National Constitution. He was elected County Judge a second time, in 1863, and re-elected in 1867, served as delegate to the Democratic National Convention of 1876, and, for more than thirty years, was one of the Directors of the Jacksonville branch of the Chicago & Alton

Railroad, serving from the organization of the corporation until his death, which occurred Oct. 19, 1891.

**WORDEN**, a village of Madison County, on the Wabash and the Jacksonville, Louisville & St. Louis Railways, 32 miles northeast of St. Louis. Population (1890), 522; (1900), 544

**WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.** An exhibition of the scientific, liberal and mechanical arts of all nations, held at Chicago, between May 1 and Oct. 31, 1893. The project had its inception in November, 1885, in a resolution adopted by the directorate of the Chicago Interstate Exposition Company. On July 6, 1888, the first well defined action was taken, the Iroquois Club, of Chicago, inviting the co-operation of six other leading clubs of that city in "securing the location of an international celebration at Chicago of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus." In July, 1889, a decisive step was taken in the appointment by Mayor Cregier, under resolution of the City Council, of a committee of 100 (afterwards increased to 256) citizens, who were charged with the duty of promoting the selection of Chicago as the site for the Exposition. New York, Washington and St. Louis were competing points, but the choice of Congress fell upon Chicago, and the act establishing the World's Fair at that city was signed by President Harrison on April 25, 1890. Under the requirements of the law, the President appointed eight Commissioners-at-large, with two Commissioners and two alternates from each State and Territory and the District of Columbia. Col. George R. Davis, of Chicago, was elected Director-General by the body thus constituted. Ex-Senator Thomas M. Palmer, of Michigan, was chosen President of the Commission and John T. Dickinson, of Texas, Secretary. This Commission delegated much of its power to a Board of Reference and Control, who were instructed to act with a similar number appointed by the World's Columbian Exposition. The latter organization was an incorporation, with a directorate of forty-five members, elected annually by the stockholders. Lyman J. Gage, of Chicago, was the first President of the corporation, and was succeeded by W. T. Baker and Harlow N. Higinbotham.

In addition to these bodies, certain powers were vested in a Board of Lady Managers, composed of two members, with alternates, from each State and Territory, besides nine from the city of Chicago. Mrs. Potter Palmer was chosen President of the latter. This Board was particu-

larly charged with supervision of women's participation in the Exposition, and of the exhibits of women's work.

The supreme executive power was vested in the Joint Board of Control. The site selected was Jackson Park, in the South Division of Chicago, with a strip connecting Jackson and Washington Parks, known as the "Midway Plaisance," which was surrendered to "concessionaires" who purchased the privilege of giving exhibitions, or conducting restaurants or selling-booths thereon. The total area of the site was 633 acres, and that of the buildings—not reckoning those erected by States other than Illinois, and by foreign governments—was about 200 acres. When to this is added the acreage of the foreign and State buildings, the total space under roof approximated 250 acres. These figures do not include the buildings erected by private exhibitors, caterers and vendors, which would add a small percentage to the grand total. Forty-seven foreign Governments made appropriations for the erection of their own buildings and other expenses connected with official representation, and there were exhibitors from eighty-six nations. The United States Government erected its own building, and appropriated \$500,000 to defray the expenses of a national exhibit, besides \$2,500,000 toward the general cost of the Exposition. The appropriations by foreign Governments aggregated about \$6,500,000, and those by the States and Territories, \$6,120,000—that of Illinois being \$800,000. The entire outlay of the World's Columbian Exposition Company, up to March 31, 1894, including the cost of preliminary organization, construction, operating and post-Exposition expenses, was \$27,151,800. This is, of course, exclusive of foreign and State expenditures, which would swell the aggregate cost to nearly \$45,000,000. Citizens of Chicago subscribed \$5,608,206 toward the capital stock of the Exposition Company, and the municipality, \$5,000,000, which was raised by the sale of bonds. (See *Thirty-sixth General Assembly*.)

The site, while admirably adapted to the purpose, was, when chosen, a marshy flat, crossed by low sand ridges, upon which stood occasional clumps of stunted scrub oaks. Before the gates of the great fair were opened to the public, the entire area had been transformed into a dream of beauty. Marshes had been drained, filled in and sodded; driveways and broad walks constructed; artificial ponds and lagoons dug and embanked, and all the highest skill of the landscape gardener's art had been called into play to produce



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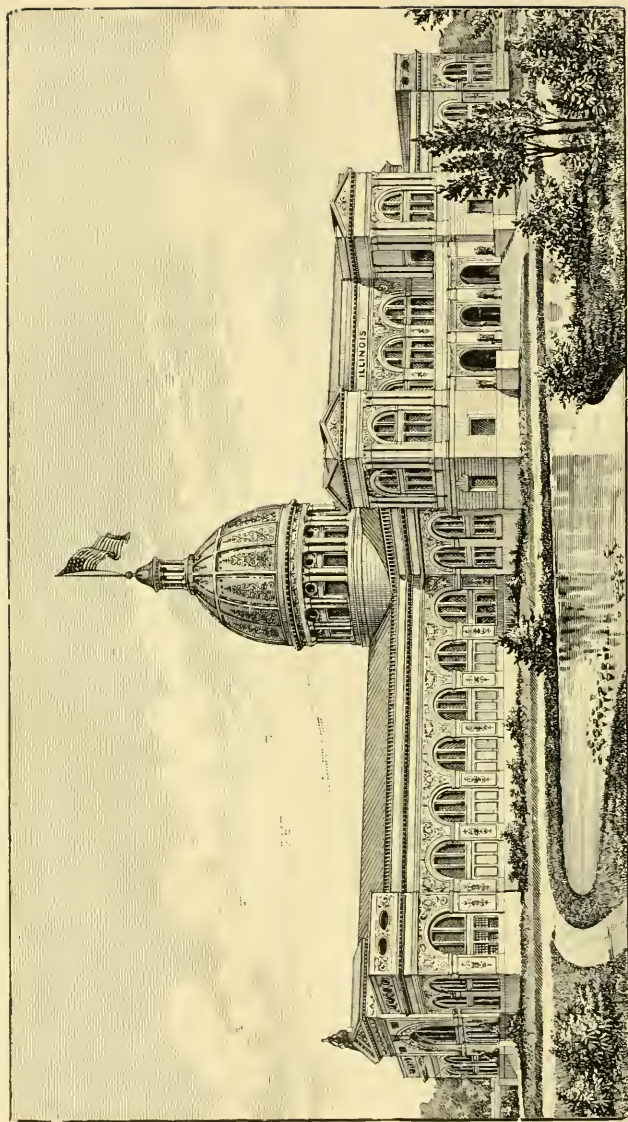
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ILLINOIS STATE BUILDING, WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION, 1893.

varied and striking effects. But the task had been a Herculean one. There were seventeen principal (or, as they may be called, departmental) buildings, all of beautiful and ornate design, and all of vast size. They were known as the Manufacturers' and Liberal Arts, the Machinery, Electrical, Transportation, Woman's, Horticultural, Mines and Mining, Anthropological, Administration, Art Galleries, Agricultural, Art Institute, Fisheries, Live Stock, Dairy and Forestry buildings, and the Music Hall and Casino. Several of these had large annexes. The Manufacturers' Building was the largest. It was rectangular (1687x787 feet), having a ground area of 31 acres and a floor and gallery area of 44 acres. Its central chamber was 1280x380 feet, with a nave 107 feet wide, both hall and nave being enroounded by a gallery 50 feet wide. It was four times as large as the Roman Coliseum and three times as large as St. Peter's at Rome; 17,000,000 feet of lumber, 13,000,000 pounds of steel, and 2,000,000 pounds of iron had been used in its construction, involving a cost of \$1,800,000.

It was originally intended to open the Exposition, formally, on Oct. 21, 1893, the quadri-centennial of Columbus' discovery of land on the Western Hemisphere, but the magnitude of the undertaking rendered this impracticable. Consequently, while dedicatory ceremonies were held on that day, preceded by a monster procession and followed by elaborate pyrotechnic displays at night, May 1, 1893, was fixed as the opening day—the machinery and fountains being put in operation, at the touch of an electric button by President Cleveland, at the close of a short address. The total number of admissions from that date to Oct. 31, was 27,530,460—the largest for any single day being on Oct. 9 (Chicago Day) amounting to 761,944. The total receipts from all sources (including National and State appropriations, subscriptions, etc.), amounted to \$28,151,168.75, of which \$10,626,330.76 was from the sale of tickets, and \$3,699,581.43 from concessions. The aggregate attendance fell short of that at the Paris Exposition of 1889 by about 500,000, while the receipts from the sale of tickets and concessions exceeded the latter by nearly \$5,800,000. Subscribers to the Exposition stock received a return of ten per cent on the same.

The Illinois building was the first of the State buildings to be completed. It was also the largest and most costly, but was severely criticised from an architectural standpoint. The exhibits showed the internal resources of the State, as well as the development of its govern-

mental system, and its progress in civilization from the days of the first pioneers. The entire Illinois exhibit in the State building was under charge of the State Board of Agriculture, who devoted one-tenth of the appropriation, and a like proportion of floor space, to the exhibition of the work of Illinois women as scientists, authors, artists, decorators, etc. Among special features of the Illinois exhibit were: State trophies and relics, kept in a fire-proof memorial hall; the display of grains and minerals, and an immense topographical map (prepared at a cost of \$15,000), drafted on a scale of two miles to the inch, showing the character and resources of the State, and correcting many serious cartographical errors previously undiscovered.

**WORTHEN, Amos Henry**, scientist and State Geologist, was born at Bradford, Vt., Oct. 31, 1813, emigrated to Kentucky in 1834, and, in 1836, removed to Illinois, locating at Warsaw. Teaching, surveying and mercantile business were his pursuits until 1842, when he returned to the East, spending two years in Boston, but returning to Warsaw in 1844. His natural predilections were toward the natural sciences, and, after coming west, he devoted most of his leisure time to the collection and study of specimens of mineralogy, geology and conchology. On the organization of the geological survey of Illinois in 1851, he was appointed assistant to Dr. J. G. Norwood, then State Geologist, and, in 1858, succeeded to the office, having meanwhile spent three years as Assistant Geologist in the first Iowa survey. As State Geologist he published seven volumes of reports, and was engaged upon the eighth when overtaken by death, May 6, 1888. These reports, which are as comprehensive as they are voluminous, have been reviewed and warmly commended by the leading scientific periodicals of this country and Europe. In 1877 field work was discontinued, and the State Historical Library and Natural History Museum were established, Professor Worthen being placed in charge as curator. He was the author of various valuable scientific papers and member of numerous scientific societies in this country and in Europe.

**WORTHINGTON, Nicholas Ellsworth**, ex-Congressman, was born in Brooke County, W. Va., March 30, 1836, and completed his education at Allegheny College, Pa., studied Law at Morgantown, Va., and was admitted to the bar in 1860. He is a resident of Peoria, and, by profession, a lawyer; was County Superintendent of Schools of Peoria County from 1868 to 1872, and a mem-

ber of the State Board of Education from 1869 to 1872. In 1882 he was elected to Congress, as a Democrat, from the Tenth Congressional District, and re-elected in 1884. In 1886 he was again a candidate, but was defeated by his Republican opponent, Philip Sidney Post. He was elected Circuit Judge of the Tenth Judicial District in 1891, and re-elected in 1897. In 1894 he served upon a commission appointed by President Cleveland, to investigate the labor strikes of that year at Chicago.

**WRIGHT, John Stephen**, manufacturer, was born at Sheffield, Mass., July 16, 1815; came to Chicago in 1832, with his father, who opened a store in that city; in 1837, at his own expense, built the first school building in Chicago; in 1840 established "The Prairie Farmer," which he conducted for many years in the interest of popular education and progressive agriculture. In 1852 he engaged in the manufacture of Atkins' self-raking reaper and mower, was one of the promoters of the Galena & Chicago Union and the Illinois Central Railways, and wrote a volume entitled, "Chicago: Past, Present and Future," published in 1870. Died, in Chicago, Sept. 26, 1874.

**WULFF, Henry**, ex-State Treasurer, was born in Meldorf, Germany, August 24, 1854; came to Chicago in 1863, and began his political career as a Trustee of the town of Jefferson. In 1866 he was elected County Clerk of Cook County, and re-elected in 1890; in 1894 became the Republican nominee for State Treasurer, receiving, at the November election of that year, the unprecedented plurality of 133,427 votes over his Democratic opponent.

**WYANET**, a town of Bureau County, at the intersection of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railways, 7 miles southwest of Princeton. Population (1890), 670; (1900), 902.

**WYLIE, (Rev.) Samuel**, domestic missionary, born in Ireland and came to America in boyhood; was educated at the University of Pennsylvania and the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and ordained in 1818. Soon after this he came west as a domestic missionary and, in 1820, became pastor of a church at Sparta, Ill., where he remained until his death, March 20, 1872, after a pastorate of 52 years. During his pastorate the church sent out a dozen colonies to form new church organizations elsewhere. He is described as able, eloquent and scholarly.

**WYMAN, (Col.) John B.**, soldier, was born in Massachusetts, July 12, 1817, and educated in the

schools of that State until 14 years of age, when he became a clerk in a clothing store in his native town of Shrewsbury, later being associated with mercantile establishments in Cincinnati, and again in his native State. From 1846 to 1850 he was employed successively as a clerk in the car and machine shops at Springfield, Mass., then as Superintendent of Construction, and, later, as conductor on the New York & New Haven Railroad, finally, in 1850, becoming Superintendent of the Connecticut River Railroad. In 1852 he entered the service of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, assisting in the survey and construction of the line under Col. R. B. Mason, the Chief Engineer, and finally becoming Assistant Superintendent of the Northern Division. He was one of the original proprietors of the town of Amboy, in Lee County, and its first Mayor, also serving a second term. Having a fondness for military affairs, he was usually connected with some military organization—while in Cincinnati being attached to a company, of which Prof. O. M. Mitchell, the celebrated astronomer (afterwards Major-General Mitchell), was Captain. After coming to Illinois he became Captain of the Chicago Light Guards. Having left the employ of the Railroad in 1858, he was in private business at Amboy at the beginning of the Civil War in 1861. As Assistant-Adjutant General, by appointment of Governor Yates, he rendered valuable service in the early weeks of the war in securing arms from Jefferson Barracks and in the organization of the three-months' regiments. Then, having organized the Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry—the first organized in the State for the three years' service—he was commissioned its Colonel, and, in July following, entered upon the duty of guarding the railroad lines in Southwest Missouri and Arkansas. The following year his regiment was attached to General Sherman's command in the first campaign against Vicksburg. On the second day of the Battle of Chickasaw Bayou, he fell mortally wounded, dying on the field, Dec. 28, 1862. Colonel Wyman was one of the most accomplished and promising of the volunteer soldiers sent to the field from Illinois, of whom so many were former employes of the Illinois Central Railroad.

**WYOMING**, a town of Stark County, 31 miles north-northwest from Peoria, at the junction of the Peoria branch Rock Island & Pacific and the Rushville branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway; has two high schools, churches, two banks, flour mills, water-works, machine

shop, and two weekly newspapers. Coal is mined here. Pop. (1890), 1,116; (1900), 1,277.

**XENIA**, a village of Clay County, on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, 87 miles east of St. Louis. Population (1900), 800.

**YATES CITY**, a village of Knox County, at the junction of the Peoria Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, with the Rushville branch, 23 miles southeast of Galesburg. The town has banks, a coal mine, telephone exchange, school, churches and a newspaper. Pop. (1890), 687; (1900), 650.

**YATES, Henry**, pioneer, was born in Caroline County, Va., Oct. 29, 1786—being a grand-nephew of Chief Justice John Marshall; removed to Fayette County, Ky., where he located and laid out the town of Warsaw, which afterwards became the county-seat of Gallatin County. In 1831 he removed to Sangamon County, Ill., and, in 1832, settled at the site of the present town of Berlin, which he laid out the following year, also laying out the town of New Berlin, a few years later, on the line of the Wabash Railway. He was father of Gov. Richard Yates. Died, Sept. 13, 1865.—**Henry (Yates), Jr.**, son of the preceding, was born at Berlin, Ill., March 7, 1835; engaged in merchandising at New Berlin; in 1862, raised a company of volunteers for the One Hundred and Sixth Regiment Illinois Infantry, was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel and brevetted Colonel and Brigadier-General. He was accidentally shot in 1863, and suffered sun-stroke at Little Rock, from which he never fully recovered. Died, August 3, 1871.

**YATES, Richard**, former Governor and United States Senator, was born at Warsaw, Ky., Jan. 18, 1815, of English descent. In 1831 he accompanied his father to Illinois, the family settling first at Springfield and later at Berlin, Sangamon County. He soon after entered Illinois College, from which he graduated in 1835, and subsequently read law with Col. John J. Hardin, at Jacksonville, which thereafter became his home. In 1842 he was elected Representative in the General Assembly from Morgan County, and was re-elected in 1844, and again in 1848. In 1850 he was a candidate for Congress from the Seventh District and elected over Maj. Thomas L. Harris, the previous incumbent, being the only Whig Representative in the Thirty-second Congress from Illinois. Two years later he was re-elected over John Calhoun, but was defeated, in 1854, by his old opponent, Harris. He was one of the

most vigorous opponents of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill in the Thirty-third Congress, and an early participant in the movement for the organization of the Republican party to resist the further extension of slavery, being a prominent speaker, on the same platform with Lincoln, before the first Republican State Convention held at Bloomington, in May, 1856, and serving as one of the Vice-Presidents of that body. In 1860 he was elected to the executive chair on the ticket headed by Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency, and, by his energetic support of the National administration in its measures for the suppression of the Rebellion, won the sobriquet of "the Illinois War-Governor." In 1865 he was elected United States Senator, serving until 1871. He died suddenly, at St. Louis, Nov. 27, 1873, while returning from Arkansas, whither he had gone, as a United States Commissioner, by appointment of President Grant, to inspect a land-subsidy railroad. He was a man of rare ability, earnestness of purpose and extraordinary personal magnetism, as well as of a lofty order of patriotism. His faults were those of a nature generous, impulsive and warm-hearted.

**YORKVILLE**, the county-seat of Kendall County, on Fox River and Streator Division of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 12 miles southwest of Aurora; on interurban electric line; has water-power, electric lights, a bank, churches and weekly newspaper. Pop. (1890) 375; (1900), 413.

**YOUNG, Brigham**, Mormon leader, was born at Whittingham, Vt., June 1, 1801, joined the Mormons in 1831 and, the next year, became associated with Joseph Smith, at Kirtland, Ohio, and, in 1835, an "apostle." He accompanied a considerable body of that sect to Independence, Mo., but was driven out with them in 1837, settling for a short time at Quincy, Ill., but later removing to Nauvoo, of which he was one of the founders. On the assassination of Smith, in 1844, he became the successor of the latter, as head of the Mormon Church, and, the following year, headed the exodus from Illinois, which finally resulted in the Mormon settlement in Utah. His subsequent career there, where he was appointed Governor by President Fillmore, and, for a time, successfully defied national authority, is a matter of national rather than State history. He remained at the head of the Mormon Church until his death at Salt Lake City, August 29, 1877.

**YOUNG, Richard Montgomery**, United States Senator, was born in Kentucky in 1796, studied law and removed to Jonesboro, Ill., where he was admitted to the bar in 1817; served in the Second



General Assembly (1820-22) as Representative from Union County; was a Circuit Judge, 1825-27; Presidential Elector in 1828; Circuit Judge again, 1829-37; elected United States Senator in 1837 as successor to W. L. D. Ewing, serving until 1843, when he was commissioned Justice of the Supreme Court, but resigned in 1847 to become Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington. During the session of 1850-51, he served as Clerk of the National House of Representatives. Died, in an insane asylum, in Washington, in 1853.

**YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,** first permanently organized at Chicago, in 1858, although desultory movements of a kindred character had previously been started at Peoria, Quincy, Chicago and Springfield, some as early as 1854. From 1858 to 1872, various associations were formed at different points throughout the State, which were entirely independent of each other. The first effort looking to union and mutual aid, was made in 1872, when Robert Weidensall, on behalf of the International Committee, called a convention, to meet at Bloomington, November 6-9. State conventions have been held annually since 1872. In that of 1875, steps were taken looking to the appointment of a State Secretary, and, in 1876, Charles M. Morton assumed the office. Much evangelistic work was done, and new associations formed, the total number reported at the Champaign Convention, in 1877, being sixty-two. After one year's work Mr. Morton resigned the secretaryship, the office remaining vacant for three years. The question of the appointment of a successor was discussed at the Decatur Convention in 1879, and, in April, 1880, I. B. Brown was made State Secretary, and has occupied the position to the present time (1899). At the date of his appointment the official figures showed sixteen associations in Illinois, with a total membership of 2,443, and property valued at \$126,500, including building funds, the associations at Chicago and Aurora owning buildings. Thirteen officers were employed, none of them being in Chicago. Since 1880 the work has steadily grown, so that five Assistant State Secretaries are now employed. In 1886, a plan for arranging the State work under departmental administration was devised, but not put in operation until 1890. The present six departments of supervision are: General Supervision, in charge of the State Secretary and his Assistants; railroad and city work; counties and towns; work among students; corresponding membership department, and office work. The

two last named are under one executive head, but each of the others in charge of an Assistant Secretary, who is responsible for its development. The entire work is under the supervision of a State Executive Committee of twenty-seven members, one-third of whom are elected annually. Willis H. Herrick of Chicago has been its chairman for several years. This body is appointed by a State convention composed of delegates from the local Associations. Of these there were, in October, 1898, 116, with a membership of 15,888. The value of the property owned was \$2,500,000. Twenty-two occupy their own buildings, of which five are for railroad men and one for students. Weekly gatherings for young men numbered 248, and there are now representatives or correspondents in 665 communities where no organization has been effected. Scientific physical culture is made a feature by 40 associations, and educational work has been largely developed. The enrollment in evening classes, during 1898-99, was 978. The building of the Chicago branch (erected in 1893) is the finest of its class in the world. Recently a successful association has been formed among coal miners, and another among the first grade boys of the Illinois State Reformatory, while an extensive work has been conducted at the camps of the Illinois National Guard.

**ZANE, Charles S.,** lawyer and jurist, was born in Cumberland County, N. J., March 2, 1831, of English and New England stock. At the age of 19 he emigrated to Sangamon County, Ill., for a time working on a farm and at brick-making. From 1852 to '55 he attended McKendree College, but did not graduate, and, on leaving college, engaged in teaching, at the same time reading law. In 1857 he was admitted to the bar and commenced practice at Springfield. The following year he was elected City Attorney. He had for partners, at different times, William H. Herndon (once a partner of Abraham Lincoln) and Senator Shelby M. Cullom. In 1873 he was elected a Judge of the Circuit Court for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, and was re-elected in 1879. In 1883 President Arthur appointed him Chief Justice of Utah, where he has since resided, though superseded by the appointment of a successor by President Cleveland. At the first State election in Utah, held in November, 1895, he was chosen one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the new Commonwealth, but was defeated for re-election, by his Democratic opponent, in 1898.



SCENES IN SOUTH PARK.



WORLD'S FAIR BUILDINGS.

The Peristyle.

Administration Building.

German Building.  
The Fisheries.

## SUPPLEMENT.

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The following matter, received too late for insertion in the body of this work, is added in the form of a supplement.

**COGHLAN, (Capt.) Joseph Bullock**, naval officer, was born in Kentucky, and, at the age of 15 years, came to Illinois, living on a farm for a time near Carlyle, in Clinton County. In 1860 he was appointed by his uncle, Hon. Philip B. Fouke—then a Representative in Congress from the Belleville District—to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, graduating in 1863, and being promoted through the successive grades of Ensign, Master, Lieutenant, Lieutenant-Commander, and Commander, and serving upon various vessels until Nov. 18, 1896, when he was commissioned Captain and, in 1897, assigned to the command of the battleship Raleigh, on the Asiatic Station. He was thus connected with Admiral Dewey's squadron at the beginning of the Spanish-American War, and took a conspicuous and brilliant part in the affair in Manila Bay, on May 1, 1898, which resulted in the destruction of the Spanish fleet. Captain Coghlan's connection with subsequent events in the Philippines was in the highest degree creditable to himself and the country. His vessel (the Raleigh) was the first of Admiral Dewey's squadron to return home, coming by way of the Suez Canal, in the summer of 1899, he and his crew receiving an immense ovation on their arrival in New York harbor.

**CRANE, (Rev.) James Lyons**, clergyman, army chaplain, was born at Mt. Eaton, Wayne County, Ohio, August 30, 1823, united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Cincinnati in 1841, and, coming to Edgar County, Illinois, in 1842, attended a seminary at Paris some three years. He joined the Illinois Conference in 1846, and was assigned to the Danville circuit, afterwards presiding over charges at Grandview, Hillsboro, Alton, Jacksonville, and Springfield—at the last two points being stationed two or more times, besides serving as Presiding Elder of the Paris, Danville, and Springfield Districts. The importance of the stations which he filled during his itinerant career served as evidence of his recognized ability and popularity as a preacher.

In July, 1861, he was appointed Chaplain of the Twenty-first Regiment Illinois Volunteers, at that time commanded by Ulysses S. Grant as Colonel, and, although he remained with the regiment only a few months, the friendship then established between him and the future commander of the armies of the Union lasted through their lives. This was shown by his appointment by President Grant, in 1869, to the position of Postmaster of the city of Springfield, which came to him as a personal compliment, being reappointed four years afterwards and continuing in office eight years. After retiring from the Springfield postoffice, he occupied charges at Island Grove and Shelbyville, his death occurring at the latter place, July 29, 1879, as the result of an attack of paralysis some two weeks previous. Mr. Crane was married in 1847 to Miss Elizabeth Mayo, daughter of Col. J. Mayo—a prominent citizen of Edgar County, at an early day—his wife surviving him some twenty years. Rev. Charles A. Crane and Rev. Frank Crane, pastors of prominent Methodist churches in Boston and Chicago, are sons of the subject of this sketch.

**DAWES, Charles Gates**, Comptroller of the Treasury, was born at Marietta, Ohio, August 27, 1865; graduated from Marietta College in 1884, and from the Cincinnati Law School in 1886; worked at civil engineering during his vacations, finally becoming Chief Engineer of the Toledo & Ohio Railroad. Between 1887 and 1894 he was engaged in the practice of law at Lincoln, Neb., but afterwards became interested in the gas business in various cities, including Evanston, Ill., which became his home. In 1896 he took a leading part in securing instructions by the Republican State Convention at Springfield in favor of the nomination of Mr. McKinley for the Presidency, and during the succeeding campaign served as a member of the National Republican Committee for the State of Illinois. Soon after the accession of President McKinley, he was appointed Comptroller of the Treasury, a position



which he now holds. Mr. Dawes is the son of R. B. Dawes, a former Congressman from Ohio, and the great-grandson of Manasseh Cutler, who was an influential factor in the early history of the Northwest Territory, and has been credited with exerting a strong influence in shaping and securing the adoption of the Ordinance of 1787.

**DISTIN, (Col.) William L.**, former Department Commander of Grand Army of the Republic for the State of Illinois, was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 9, 1843, his father being of English descent, while his maternal grandfather was a Colonel of the Polish Lancers in the army of the first Napoleon, who, after the exile of his leader, came to America, settling in Indiana. The father of the subject of this sketch settled at Keokuk, Iowa, where the son grew to manhood and in February, 1863, enlisted as a private in the Seventeenth Iowa Infantry, having been twice rejected previously on account of physical ailment. Soon after enlistment he was detailed for provost-marshal duty, but later took part with his regiment in the campaign in Alabama. He served for a time in the Fifteenth Army Corps, under Gen. John A. Logan, was subsequently detailed for duty on the Staff of General Raum, and participated in the battles of Resaca and Tilton, Ga. Having been captured in the latter, he was imprisoned successively at Jacksonville (Ga.), Montgomery, Savannah, and finally at Andersonville. From the latter he succeeded in effecting his escape, but was recaptured and returned to that famous prison-pen. Having escaped a second time by assuming the name of a dead man and bribing the guard, he was again captured and imprisoned at various points in Mississippi until exchanged about the time of the assassination of President Lincoln. He was then so weakened by his long confinement and scanty fare that he had to be carried on board the steamer on a stretcher. At this time he narrowly escaped being on board the steamer *Sultana*, which was blown up below Cairo, with 2,100 soldiers on board, a large proportion of whom lost their lives. After being mustered out at Davenport, Iowa, June 28, 1865, he was employed for a time on the Des Moines Valley Railroad, and as a messenger and route agent of the United States Express Company. In 1872 he established himself in business in Quincy, Ill., in which he proved very successful. Here he became prominent in local Grand Army circles, and, in 1890, was unanimously elected Commander of the Department of Illinois. Previous to this he had been an officer of the Illinois National Guard, and

served as Aid-de-Camp, with the rank of Colonel, on the staff of Governors Hamilton, Oglesby and Fifer. In 1897 Colonel Distin was appointed by President McKinley Surveyor-General for the Territory of Alaska, a position which (1899) he still holds.

**DUMMER, Henry E.**, lawyer, was born at Hallowell, Maine, April 9, 1808, was educated in Bowdoin College, graduating there in the class of 1827, after which he took a course in law at Cambridge Law School, and was soon after admitted to the bar. Then, having spent some two years in his native State, in 1832 he removed to Illinois, settling first in Springfield, where he remained six years, being for a part of the time a partner of John T. Stuart, who afterwards became the first partner in law of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Dummer had a brother, Richard William Dummer, who had preceded him to Illinois, living for a time in Jacksonville. In 1838 he removed to Beardstown, Cass County, which continued to be his home for more than a quarter of a century. During his residence there he served as Alderman, City Attorney and Judge of Probate for Cass County; also represented Cass County in the Constitutional Convention of 1847, and, in 1860, was elected State Senator in the Twenty-second General Assembly, serving four years. Mr. Dummer was an earnest Republican, and served that party as a delegate for the State-at-large to the Convention of 1864, at Baltimore, which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency a second time. In 1864 he removed to Jacksonville, and for the next year was the law partner of David A. Smith, until the death of the latter in 1865. In the summer of 1878 Mr. Dummer went to Mackinac, Mich., in search of health, but died there August 12 of that year.

**ECKELS, James H.**, ex-Comptroller of the Currency, was born of Scotch-Irish parentage at Princeton, Ill., Nov. 22, 1858, was educated in the common schools and the high school of his native town, graduated from the Law School at Albany, N. Y., in 1881, and the following year began practice at Ottawa, Ill. Here he continued in active practice until 1893, when he was appointed by President Cleveland Comptroller of the Currency, serving until May 1, 1898, when he resigned to accept the presidency of the Commercial National Bank of Chicago. Mr. Eckels manifested such distinguished ability in the discharge of his duties as Comptroller that he received the notable compliment of being retained in office by a Republican administration more than a year after the retirement of Presi-

dent Cleveland, while his selection for a place at the head of one of the leading banking institutions of Chicago was a no less marked recognition of his abilities as a financier. He was a Delegate from the Eleventh District to the National Democratic Convention at Chicago in 1892, and represented the same district in the Gold Democratic Convention at Indianapolis in 1896, and assisted in framing the platform there adopted—which indicated his views on the financial questions involved in the campaign of that year.

**FIELD, Daniel**, early merchant, was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Nov. 30, 1790, and settled at Golconda, Ill., in 1818, dying there in 1855. He was a man of great enterprise, engaged in merchandising, and became a large landholder, farmer and stock-grower, and an extensive shipper of stock and produce to lower Mississippi markets. He married Elizabeth Dailey of Charleston, Ind., and raised a large family of children, one of whom, Philip D., became Sheriff, while another, John, was County Judge of Pope County. His daughter, Maria, married Gen. Green B. Raum, who became prominent as a soldier during the Civil War and, later, as a member of Congress and Commissioner of Internal Revenue and Pension Commissioner in Washington.

**FIELD, Green B.**, member of a pioneer family, was born within the present limits of the State of Indiana in 1787, served as a Lieutenant in the War of 1812, was married in Bourbon County, Kentucky, to Miss Mary E. Cogswell, the daughter of Dr. Joseph Cogswell, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and, in 1817, removed to Pope County, Illinois, where he laid off the town of Golconda, which became the county-seat. He served as a Representative from Pope County in the First General Assembly (1818-20), and was the father of Juliet C. Field, who became the wife of John Raum; of Edna Field, the wife of Dr. Tarlton Dunn, and of Green B. Field, who was a Lieutenant in Third Regiment Illinois Volunteers during the Mexican War. Mr. Field was the grandfather of Gen. Green B. Raum, mentioned in the preceding paragraph. He died of yellow fever in Louisiana in 1823.

**GALE, Stephen Francis**, first Chicago bookseller and a railway promoter, was born at Exeter, N. H., March 8, 1812; at 15 years of age became clerk in a leading book-store in Boston; came to Chicago in 1835, and soon afterwards opened the first book and stationery establishment in that city, which, in after years, gained an extensive trade. In 1842 the firm of S. F.

Gale & Co. was organized, but Mr. Gale, having become head of the Chicago Fire Department, retired from business in 1845. As early as 1846 he was associated with Wm. B. Ogden and John B. Turner in the steps then being taken to revive the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad (now a part of the Chicago & Northwestern), and, in conjunction with these gentlemen, became responsible for the means to purchase the charter and assets of the road from the Eastern bondholders. Later, he engaged in the construction of the branch road from Turner Junction to Aurora, became President of the line and extended it to Mendota to connect with the Illinois Central at that Point. These roads afterwards became a part of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy line. A number of years ago Mr. Gale returned to his old home in New Hampshire, where he has since resided.

**HAY, John**, early settler, came to the region of Kaskaskia between 1790 and 1800, and became a prominent citizen of St. Clair County. He was selected as a member of the First Legislative Council of Indiana Territory for St. Clair County in 1805. In 1809 he was appointed Clerk of the Common Pleas Court of St. Clair County, and was continued in office after the organization of the State Government, serving until his death at Belleville in 1845.

**HAYS, John**, pioneer settler of Northwest Territory, was a native of New York, who came to Cahokia, in the "Illinois Country," in 1793, and lived there the remainder of his life. His early life had been spent in the fur-trade about Mackinac, in the Lake of the Woods region and about the sources of the Mississippi. During the War of 1812 he was able to furnish Governor Edwards valuable information in reference to the Indians in the Northwest. He filled the office of Postmaster at Cahokia for a number of years, and was Sheriff of St. Clair County from 1798 to 1818.

**MOULTON, (Col.) George M.**, soldier and building contractor, was born at Readsburg, Vt., March 15, 1851, came early in life to Chicago, and was educated in the schools of that city. By profession he is a contractor and builder, the firm of which he is a member having been connected with the construction of a number of large buildings, including some extensive grain elevators. Colonel Moulton became a member of the Second Regiment Illinois National Guard in June, 1881, being elected to the office of Major, which he retained until January, 1893, when he was appointed Inspector of Rifle Practice on the staff of General Wheeler. A year later he was com-

missioned Colonel of the regiment, a position which he occupied at the time of the call by the President for troops to serve in the Spanish-American War in April, 1898. He promptly answered the call, and was sworn into the United States service at the head of his regiment early in May. The regiment was almost immediately ordered to Jacksonville, Fla., remaining there and at Savannah, Ga., until early in December, when it was transferred to Havana, Cuba. Here he was soon after appointed Chief of Police for the city of Havana, remaining in office until the middle of January, 1899, when he returned to his regiment, then stationed at Camp Columbia, near the city of Havana. In the latter part of March he returned with his regiment to Augusta, Ga., where it was mustered out, April 26, 1899, one year from the date of its arrival at Springfield. After leaving the service Colonel Moulton resumed his business as a contractor.

**SHERMAN, Lawrence Y.**, legislator and Speaker of the Forty-first General Assembly, was born in Miami County, Ohio, Nov. 6, 1858; at 3 years of age came to Illinois, his parents settling at Industry, McDonough County. When he had reached the age of 10 years he went to Jasper County, where he grew to manhood, received his education in the common schools and in the law

department of McKendree College, graduating from the latter, and, in 1881, located at Macomb, McDonough County. Here he began his career by driving a team upon the street in order to accumulate means enabling him to devote his entire attention to his chosen profession of law. He soon took an active interest in politics, was elected County Judge in 1886, and, at the expiration of his term, formed a partnership with George D. Tunnicliffe and D. G. Tunnicliffe, ex-Justice of the Supreme Court. In 1894 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Representative in the General Assembly, but withdrew to prevent a split in the party; was nominated and elected in 1896, and re-elected in 1898, and, at the succeeding session of the Forty-first General Assembly, was nominated by the Republican caucus and elected Speaker, as he was again of the Forty-second in 1901.

**VINYARD, Philip**, early legislator, was born in Pennsylvania in 1800, came to Illinois at an early day, and settled in Pope County, which he represented in the lower branch of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth General Assemblies. He married Miss Matilda McCoy, the daughter of a prominent Illinois pioneer, and served as Sheriff of Pope County for a number of years. Died, at Golconda, in 1862.

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## SUPPLEMENT NO. II.

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**BLACK HAWK WAR, THE.** The episode known in history under the name of "The Black Hawk War," was the most formidable conflict between the whites and Indians, as well as the most far-reaching in its results, that ever occurred upon the soil of Illinois. It takes its name from the Indian Chief, of the Sac tribe, Black Hawk (Indian name, Makatai Meshekiakia, meaning "Black Sparrow Hawk"), who was the leader of the hostile Indian band and a principal factor in the struggle. Black Hawk had been an ally of the British during the War of 1812-15, served with Tecumseh when the latter fell at the battle of the Thames in 1813, and, after the war, continued to maintain friendly relations with his "British father." The outbreak

in Illinois had its origin in the construction put upon the treaty negotiated by Gen. William Henry Harrison with the Sac and Fox Indians on behalf of the United States Government, November 3, 1804, under which the Indians transferred to the Government nearly 15,000,000 acres of land comprising the region lying between the Wisconsin River on the north, Fox River of Illinois on the east and southeast, and the Mississippi on the west, for which the Government agreed to pay to the confederated tribes less than \$2,500 in goods and the insignificant sum of \$1,000 per annum in perpetuity. While the validity of the treaty was denied on the part of the Indians on the ground that it had originally been entered into by their chiefs under duress, while held as prisoners

under a charge of murder at Jefferson Barracks, during which they had been kept in a state of constant intoxication, it had been repeatedly reaffirmed by parts or all of the tribe, especially in 1815, in 1816, in 1822 and in 1823, and finally recognized by Black Hawk himself in 1831. The part of the treaty of 1804 which was the immediate cause of the disagreement was that which stipulated that, so long as the lands ceded under it remained the property of the United States (that is, should not be transferred to private owners), "the Indians belonging to the said tribes shall enjoy the privilege of living or hunting upon them." Although these lands had not been put upon the market, or even surveyed, as "squatters" multiplied in this region little respect was paid to the treaty rights of the Indians, particularly with reference to those localities where, by reason of fertility of the soil or some other natural advantage, the Indians had established something like permanent homes and introduced a sort of crude cultivation. This was especially the case with reference to the Sac village of "Saukennk" on the north bank of Rock River near its mouth, where the Indians, when not absent on the chase, had lived for over a century, had cultivated fields of corn and vegetables and had buried their dead. In the early part of the last century, it is estimated that some five hundred families had been accustomed to congregate here, making it the largest Indian village in the West. As early as 1823 the encroachments of squatters on the rights claimed by the Indians under the treaty of 1804 began; their fields were taken possession of by the intruders, their lodges burned and their women and children whipped and driven away during the absence of the men on their annual hunts. The dangers resulting from these conflicts led Governor Edwards, as early as 1828, to demand of the General Government the expulsion of the Indians from Illinois, which resulted in an order from President Jackson in 1829 for their removal west of the Mississippi. On application of Col. George Davenport, a trader of much influence with the Indians, the time was extended to April 1, 1830. During the preceding year Colonel Davenport and the firm of Davenport and Farnham bought from the United States Government most of the lands on Rock River occupied by Black Hawk's band, with the intention, as has been claimed, of permitting the Indians to remain. This was not so understood by Black Hawk, who was greatly incensed, although Davenport offered to take other lands from the Government in exchange or cancel the sale—an arrangement to

which President Jackson would not consent. On their return in the spring of 1830, the Indians found whites in possession of their village. Prevented from cultivating their fields, and their annual hunt proving unsuccessful, the following winter proved for them one of great hardship. Black Hawk, having made a visit to his "British father" (the British Agent) at Malden, Canada, claimed to have received words of sympathy and encouragement, which induced him to determine to regain possession of their fields. In this he was encouraged by Neapope, his second in command, and by assurance of support from White Cloud, a half Sac and half Winnebago—known also as "The Prophet"—whose village (Prophet's Town) was some forty miles from the mouth of Rock River, and through whom Black Hawk claimed to have received promises of aid in guns, ammunition and provisions from the British. The reappearance of Black Hawk's band in the vicinity of his old haunts, in the spring of 1831, produced a wild panic among the frontier settlers. Messages were hurried to Governor Reynolds, who had succeeded Governor Edwards in December previous, appealing for protection against the savages. The Governor issued a call for 700 volunteers "to remove the band of Sac Indians" at Rock Island beyond the Mississippi. Although Gen. E. P. Gaines of the regular army, commanding the military district, thought the regulars sufficiently strong to cope with the situation, the Governor's proclamation was responded to by more than twice the number called for. The volunteers assembled early in June, 1831, at Beardstown, the place of rendezvous named in the call, and having been organized into two regiments under command of Col. James D. Henry and Col. Daniel Lieb, with a spy battalion under Gen. Joseph Duncan, marched across the country and, after effecting a junction with General Gaines' regulars, appeared before Black Hawk's village on the 25th of June. In the meantime General Gaines, having learned that the Pottawatomies, Winnebagoes and Kickapoos had promised to join the Sacs in their uprising, asked the assistance of the battalion of mounted men previously offered by Governor Reynolds. The combined armies amounted to 2,500 men, while the fighting force of the Indians was 300. Finding himself overwhelmingly outnumbered, Black Hawk withdrew under cover of night to the west side of the Mississippi. After burning the village, General Gaines notified Black Hawk of his intention to pursue and attack his band, which had the effect to bring the fugitive chief to the General's head-



quarters, where, on June 30, a new treaty was entered into by which he bound himself and his people to remain west of the Mississippi unless permitted to return by the United States. This ended the campaign, and the volunteers returned to their homes, although the affair had produced an intense excitement along the whole frontier, and involved a heavy expense.

The next winter was spent by Black Hawk and his band on the site of old Fort Madison, in the present State of Iowa. Dissatisfied and humiliated by his repulse of the previous year, in disregard of his pledge to General Gaines, on April 6, 1832, at the head of 500 warriors and their families, he again crossed the Mississippi at Yellow Banks about the site of the present city of Oquawka, fifty miles below Rock Island, with the intention, as claimed, if not permitted to stop at his old village, to proceed to the Prophet's Town and raise a crop with the Winnebagoes. Here he was met by The Prophet with renewed assurances of aid from the Winnebagoes, which was still further strengthened by promises from the British Agent received through a visit by Neapope to Malden the previous autumn. An incident of this invasion was the effective warning given to the white settlers by Shabona, a friendly Ottawa chief, which probably had the effect to prevent a widespread massacre. Besides the towns of Galena and Chicago, the settlements in Illinois north of Fort Clark (Peoria) were limited to some thirty families on Bureau Creek with a few cabins at Heunepin, Peru, LaSalle, Ottawa, Indian Creek, Dixon, Kellogg's Grove, Apple Creek, and a few other points. Gen. Henry Atkinson, commanding the regulars at Fort Armstrong (Rock Island), having learned of the arrival of Black Hawk a week after he crossed the Mississippi, at once took steps to notify Governor Reynolds of the situation with a requisition for an adequate force of militia to coöperate with the regulars. Under date of April 16, 1832, the Governor issued his call for "a strong detachment of militia" to meet by April 22, Beardstown again being named as a place of rendezvous. The call resulted in the assembling of a force which was organized into four regiments under command of Cols. John DeWitt, Jacob Fry, John Thomas and Samuel M. Thompson, together with a spy battalion under Maj. James D. Henry, an odd battalion under Maj. Thomas James and a foot battalion under Maj. Thomas Long. To these were subsequently added two independent battalions of mounted men, under command of Majors Isaiah Stillman and David Bailey, which were

finally consolidated as the Fifth Regiment under command of Col. James Johnson. The organization of the first four regiments at Beardstown was completed by April 27, and the force under command of Brigadier-General Whiteside (but accompanied by Governor Reynolds, who was allowed pay as Major General by the General Government) began its march to Fort Armstrong, arriving there May 7 and being mustered into the United States service. Among others accompanying the expedition who were then, or afterwards became, noted citizens of the State, were Vital Jarrot, Adjutant-General; Cyrus Edwards, Ordnance Officer; Murray McConnel, Staff Officer, and Abraham Lincoln, Captain of a company of volunteers from Sangamon County in the Fourth Regiment. Col. Zachary Taylor, then commander of a regiment of regulars, arrived at Fort Armstrong about the same time with reinforcements from Fort Leavenworth and Fort Crawford. The total force of militia amounted to 1,935 men, and of regulars about 1,000. An interesting story is told concerning a speech delivered to the volunteers by Colonel Taylor about this time. After reminding them of their duty to obey an order promptly, the future hero of the Mexican War added: "The safety of all depends upon the obedience and courage of all. You are citizen soldiers; some of you may fill high offices, or even be Presidents some day—but not if you refuse to do your duty. Forward, march!" A curious commentary upon this speech is furnished in the fact that, while Taylor himself afterwards became President, at least one of his hearers—a volunteer who probably then had no aspiration to that distinction (Abraham Lincoln)—reached the same position during the most dramatic period in the nation's history.

Two days after the arrival at Fort Armstrong, the advance up Rock River began, the main force of the volunteers proceeding by land under General Whiteside, while General Atkinson, with 400 regular and 300 volunteer foot soldiers, proceeded by boat, carrying with him the artillery, provisions and bulk of the baggage. Whiteside, advancing by the east bank of the river, was the first to arrive at the Prophet's Town, which, finding deserted, he pushed on to Dixon's Ferry (now Dixon), where he arrived May 12. Here he found the independent battalions of Stillman and Bailey with ammunition and supplies of which Whiteside stood in need. The mounted battalions under command of Major Stillman, having been sent forward by Whiteside as a scouting party, left Dixon on the 13th and, on the afternoon of

the next day, went into camp in a strong position near the mouth of Sycamore Creek. As soon discovered, Black Hawk was in camp at the same time, as he afterwards claimed, with about forty of his braves, on Sycamore Creek, three miles distant, while the greater part of his band were encamped with the more war-like faction of the Pottawatomies some seven miles farther north on the Kishwaukee River. As claimed by Black Hawk in his autobiography, having been disappointed in his expectation of forming an alliance with the Winnebagoes and the Pottawatomies, he had at this juncture determined to return to the west side of the Mississippi. Hearing of the arrival of Stillman's command in the vicinity, and taking it for granted that this was the whole of Atkinson's command, he sent out three of his young men with a white flag, to arrange a parley and convey to Atkinson his offer to meet the latter in council. These were captured by some of Stillman's band regardless of their flag of truce, while a party of five other braves who followed to observe the treatment received by the flagbearers, were attacked and two of their number killed, the other three escaping to their camp. Black Hawk learning the fate of his truce party was aroused to the fiercest indignation. Tearing the flag to pieces with which he had intended to go into council with the whites, and appealing to his followers to avenge the murder of their comrades, he prepared for the attack. The rangers numbered 275 men, while Black Hawk's band has been estimated at less than forty. As the rangers caught sight of the Indians, they rushed forward in pell-mell fashion. Retiring behind a fringe of bushes, the Indians awaited the attack. As the rangers approached, Black Hawk and his party rose up with a war whoop, at the same time opening fire on their assailants. The further history of the affair was as much of a disgrace to Stillman's command as had been their desecration of the flag of truce. Thrown into panic by their reception by Black Hawk's little band, the rangers turned and, without firing a shot, began the retreat, dashing through their own camp and abandoning everything, which fell into the hands of the Indians. An attempt was made by one or two officers and a few of their men to check the retreat, but without success, the bulk of the fugitives continuing their mad rush for safety through the night until they reached Dixon, twenty-five miles distant, while many never stopped until they reached their homes, forty or fifty miles distant. The casualties to the rangers amounted to eleven killed and two

wounded, while the Indian loss consisted of two spies and one of the flag-bearers, treacherously killed near Stillman's camp. This ill-starred affair, which has passed into history as "Stillman's defeat," produced a general panic along the frontier by inducing an exaggerated estimate of the strength of the Indian force, while it led Black Hawk to form a poor opinion of the courage of the white troops at the same time that it led to an exalted estimate of the prowess of his own little band—thus becoming an important factor in prolonging the war and in the bloody massacres which followed. Whiteside, with his force of 1,400 men, advanced to the scene of the defeat the next day and buried the dead, while on the 19th, Atkinson, with his force of regulars, proceeded up Rock River, leaving the remnant of Stillman's force to guard the wounded and supplies at Dixon. No sooner had he left than the demoralized fugitives of a few days before deserted their post for their homes, compelling Atkinson to return for the protection of his base of supplies, while Whiteside was ordered to follow the trail of Black Hawk who had started up the Kishwaukee for the swamps about Lake Koshkonong, nearly west of Milwaukee within the present State of Wisconsin.

At this point the really active stage of the campaign began. Black Hawk, leaving the women and children of his band in the fastnesses of the swamps, divided his followers into two bands, retaining about 200 under his own command, while the notorious half-breed, Mike Girty, led a band of one hundred renegade Pottawatomies. Returning to the vicinity of Rock Island, he gathered some recruits from the Pottawatomies and Winnebagoes, and the work of rapine and massacre among the frontier settlers began. One of the most notable of these was the Indian Creek Massacre in LaSalle County, about twelve miles north of Ottawa, on May 21, when sixteen persons were killed at the Home of William Davis, and two young girls—Sylvia and Rachel Hall, aged, respectively, 17 and 15 years—were carried away captives. The girls were subsequently released, having been ransomed for \$2,000 in horses and trinkets through a Winnebago Chief and surrendered to sub-agent Henry Gratiot. Great as was the emergency at this juncture, the volunteers began to manifest evidence of dissatisfaction and, claiming that they had served out their term of enlistment, refused to follow the Indians into the swamps of Wisconsin. As the result of a council of war, the volunteers were ordered to Ottawa, where they

were mustered out on May 28, by Lieut. Robt. Anderson, afterwards General Anderson of Fort Sumter fame. Meanwhile Governor Reynolds had issued his call (with that of 1831 the third,) for 2,000 men to serve during the war. Gen. Winfield Scott was also ordered from the East with 1,000 regulars although, owing to cholera breaking out among the troops, they did not arrive in time to take part in the campaign. The rank and file of volunteers responding under the new call was 3,148, with recruits and regulars then in Illinois making an army of 4,000. Pending the arrival of the troops under the new call, and to meet an immediate emergency, 300 men were enlisted from the disbanded rangers for a period of twenty days, and organized into a regiment under command of Col. Jacob Fry, with James D. Henry as Lieutenant Colonel and John Thomas as Major. Among those who enlisted as privates in this regiment were Brig.-Gen. Whiteside and Capt. Abraham Lincoln. A regiment of five companies, numbering 195 men, from Putnam County under command of Col. John Strawn, and another of eight companies from Vermilion County under Col. Isaac R. Moore, were organized and assigned to guard duty for a period of twenty days.

The new volunteers were rendezvoused at Fort Wilbourn, nearly opposite Peru, June 15, and organized into three brigades, each consisting of three regiments and a spy battalion. The First Brigade (915 strong) was placed under command of Brig.-Gen. Alexander Posey, the Second under Gen. Milton K. Alexander, and the third under Gen. James D. Henry. Others who served as officers in some of these several organizations, and afterwards became prominent in State history, were Lieut.-Col. Gurdon S. Hubbard of the Vermilion County regiment; John A. McClernand, on the staff of General Posey; Maj. John Dement; then State Treasurer; Stinson H. Anderson, afterwards Lieutenant-Governor; Lieut.-Gov. Zadoc Casey; Maj., William McHenry; Sidney Breese (afterwards Judge of the State Supreme Court and United States Senator); W. L. D. Ewing (as Major of a spy battalion, afterwards United States Senator and State Auditor); Alexander W. Jenkins (afterwards Lieutenant-Governor); James W. Semple (afterwards United States Senator); and William Weatherford (afterwards a Colonel in the Mexican War), and many more. Of the Illinois troops, Posey's brigade was assigned to the duty of dispersing the Indians between Galena and Rock River, Alexander's sent to intercept Black Hawk up the Rock River,

while Henry's remained with Gen. Atkinson at Dixon. During the next two weeks engagements of a more or less serious character were had on the Pecatonica on the southern border of the present State of Wisconsin; at Apple River Fort fourteen miles east of Galena, which was successfully defended against a force under Black Hawk himself, and at Kellogg's Grove the next day (June 25), when the same band ambushed Maj. Dement's spy battalion, and came near inflicting a defeat, which was prevented by Dement's coolness and the timely arrival of reinforcements. In the latter engagement the whites lost five killed besides 47 horses which had been tethered outside their lines, the loss of the Indians being sixteen killed. Skirmishes also occurred with varying results, at Plum River Fort, Burr Oak Grove, Sinsinawa and Blue Mounds—the last two within the present State of Wisconsin.

Believing the bulk of the Indians to be camped in the vicinity of Lake Koshkonong, General Atkinson left Dixon June 27 with a combined force of regulars and volunteers numbering 2,600 men—the volunteers being under the command of General Henry. They reached the outlet of the Lake July 2, but found no Indians, being joined two days later by General Alexander's brigade, and on the 6th by Gen. Posey's. From here the commands of Generals Henry and Alexander were sent for supplies to Fort Winnebago, at the Portage of the Wisconsin; Colonel Ewing, with the Second Regiment of Posey's brigade descending Rock River to Dixon, Posey with the remainder, going to Fort Hamilton for the protection of settlers in the lead-mining region, while Atkinson, advancing with the regulars up Lake Koshkonong, began the erection of temporary fortifications on Bark River near the site of the present village of Fort Atkinson. At Fort Winnebago Alexander and Henry obtained evidence of the actual location of Black Hawk's camp through Pierre Poquette, a half-breed scout and trader in the employ of the American Fur Company, whom they employed with a number of Winnebagoes to act as guides. From this point Alexander's command returned to General Atkinson's headquarters, carrying with them twelve day's provisions for the main army, while General Henry's (600 strong), with Major Dodge's battalion numbering 150, with an equal quantity of supplies for themselves, started under the guidance of Poquette and his Winnebago aids to find Black Hawk's camp. Arriving on the 18th at the Winnebago village on Rock River where Black

Hawk and his band had been located, their camp was found deserted, the Winnebagos insisting that they had gone to Cranberry (now Horicon) Lake, a half-day's march up the river. Messengers were immediately dispatched to Atkinson's headquarters, thirty-five miles distant, to apprise him of this fact. When they had proceeded about half the distance, they struck a broad, fresh trail, which proved to be that of Black Hawk's band headed westward toward the Mississippi. The guide having deserted them in order to warn his tribesmen that further dissembling to deceive the whites as to the whereabouts of the Sacs was useless, the messengers were compelled to follow him to General Henry's camp. The discovery produced the wildest enthusiasm among the volunteers, and from this time events followed in rapid succession. Leaving as far as possible all incumbrances behind, the pursuit of the fugitives was begun without delay, the troops wading through swamps sometimes in water to their armpits. Soon evidence of the character of the flight the Indians were making, in the shape of exhausted horses, blankets, and camp equipage cast aside along the trail, began to appear, and straggling bands of Winnebagos, who had now begun to desert Black Hawk, gave information that the Indians were only a few miles in advance. On the evening of the 20th of July Henry's forces encamped at "The Four Lakes," the present site of the city of Madison, Wis., Black Hawk's force lying in ambush the same night seven or eight miles distant. During the next afternoon the rear-guard of the Indians under Neapope was overtaken and skirmishing continued until the bluffs of the Wisconsin were reached. Black Hawk's avowed object was to protect the passage of the main body of his people across the stream. The loss of the Indians in these skirmishes has been estimated at 40 to 68, while Black Hawk claimed that it was only six killed, the loss of the whites being one killed and eight wounded. During the night Black Hawk succeeded in placing a considerable number of the women and children and old men on a raft and in canoes obtained from the Winnebagos, and sent them down the river, believing that, as non-combatants, they would be permitted by the regulars to pass Fort Crawford, at the mouth of the Wisconsin, undisturbed. In this he was mistaken. A force sent from the fort under Colonel Ritner to intercept them, fired mercilessly upon the helpless fugitives, killing fifteen of their number, while about fifty were drowned and thirty-two

women and children made prisoners. The remainder, escaping into the woods, with few exceptions died from starvation and exposure, or were massacred by their enemies, the Menominees, acting under white officers. During the night after the battle of Wisconsin Heights, a loud, shrill voice of some one speaking in an unknown tongue was heard in the direction where Black Hawk's band was supposed to be. This caused something of a panic in Henry's camp, as it was supposed to come from some one giving orders for an attack. It was afterwards learned that the speaker was Neapope speaking in the Winnebago language in the hope that he might be heard by Poquette and the Winnebago guides. He was describing the helpless condition of his people, claiming that the war had been forced upon them, that their women and children were starving, and that, if permitted peacefully to recross the Mississippi, they would give no further trouble. Unfortunately Poquette and the other guides had left for Fort Winnebago, so that no one was there to translate Neapope's appeal and it failed of its object.

General Henry's force having discovered that the Indians had escaped—Black Hawk heading with the bulk of his warriors towards the Mississippi—spent the next and day night on the field, but on the following day (July 23) started to meet General Atkinson, who had, in the meantime, been notified of the pursuit. The head of their columns met at Blue Mounds, the same evening, a complete junction between the regulars and the volunteers being effected at Helena, a deserted village on the Wisconsin. Here by using the logs of the deserted cabins for rafts, the army crossed the river on the 27th and the 28th and the pursuit of black Hawk's fugitive band was renewed. Evidence of their famishing condition was found in the trees stripped of bark for food, the carcasses of dead ponies, with here and there the dead body of an Indian.

On August 1, Black Hawk's depleted and famishing band reached the Mississippi two miles below the mouth of the Bad Ax, an insignificant stream, and immediately began trying to cross the river; but having only two or three canoes, the work was slow. About the middle of the afternoon the steam transport, "Warrior," appeared on the scene, having on board a score of regulars and volunteers, returning from a visit to the village of the Sioux Chief, Wabasha, to notify him that his old enemies, the Sacs, were headed in that direction. Black Hawk raised the white flag in token of surrender, but the officer



in command claiming that he feared treachery or an ambush, demanded that Black Hawk should come on board. This he was unable to do, as he had no canoe. After waiting a few minutes a murderous fire of canister and musketry was opened from the steamer on the few Indians on shore, who made such feeble resistance as they were able. The result was the killing of one white man and twenty-three Indians. After this exploit the "Warrior" proceeded to Prairie du Chien, twelve or fifteen miles distant, for fuel. During the night a few more of the Indians crossed the river, but Black Hawk, seeing the hopelessness of further resistance, accompanied by the Prophet, and taking with him a party of ten warriors and thirty-five squaws and children, fled in the direction of "the dells" of the Wisconsin. On the morning of the 2d General Atkinson arrived within four or five miles of the Sac position. Disposing his forces with the regulars and Colonel Dodge's rangers in the center, the brigades of Posey and Alexander on the right and Henry's on the left, he began the pursuit, but was drawn by the Indian decoys up the river from the place where the main body of the Indians were trying to cross the stream. This had the effect of leaving General Henry in the rear practically without orders, but it became the means of making his command the prime factors in the climax which followed. Some of the spies attached to Henry's command having accidentally discovered the trail of the main body of the fugitives, he began the pursuit without waiting for orders and soon found himself engaged with some 300 savages, a force nearly equal to his own. It was here that the only thing like a regular battle occurred. The savages fought with the fury of despair, while Henry's force was no doubt nerved to greater deeds of courage by the insult which they conceived had been put upon them by General Atkinson. Atkinson, hearing the battle in progress and discovering that he was being led off on a false scent, soon joined Henry's force with his main army, and the steamer "Warrior," arriving from Prairie du Chien, opened a fire of canister upon the pent-up Indians. The battle soon degenerated into a massacre. In the course of the three hours through which it lasted, it is estimated that 150 Indians were killed by fire from the troops, an equal number of both sexes and all ages drowned while attempting to cross the river or by being driven into it, while about 50 (chiefly women and children) were made prisoners. The loss of the whites was 20 killed and 13 wounded. When the "battle" was nearing its

close it is said that Black Hawk, having repented the abandonment of his people, returned within sight of the battle-ground, but seeing the slaughter in progress which he was powerless to avert, he turned and, with a howl of rage and horror, fled into the forest. About 300 Indians (mostly non-combatants) succeeded in crossing the river in a condition of exhaustion from hunger and fatigue, but these were set upon by the Sioux under Chief Wabasha, through the suggestion and agency of General Atkinson, and nearly one-half their number exterminated. Of the remainder many died from wounds and exhaustion, while still others perished while attempting to reach Keokuk's band who had refused to join in Black Hawk's desperate venture. Of one thousand who crossed to the east side of the river with Black Hawk in April, it is estimated that not more than 150 survived the tragic events of the next four months.

General Scott, having arrived at Prairie du Chien early in August, assumed command and, on August 15, mustered out the volunteers at Dixon, Ill. After witnessing the bloody climax at the Bad Axe of his ill-starred invasion, Black Hawk fled to the dells of the Wisconsin, where he and the Prophet surrendered themselves to the Winnebagoes, by whom they were delivered to the Indian Agent at Prairie du Chien. Having been taken to Fort Armstrong on September 21, he there signed a treaty of peace. Later he was taken to Jefferson Barracks (near St. Louis) in the custody of Jefferson Davis, then a Lieutenant in the regular army, where he was held a captive during the following winter. The connection of Davis with the Black Hawk War, mentioned by many historians, seems to have been confined to this act. In April, 1833, with the Prophet and Neapope, he was taken to Washington and then to Fortress Monroe, where they were detained as prisoners of war until June 4, when they were released. Black Hawk, after being taken to many principal cities in order to impress him with the strength of the American nation, was brought to Fort Armstrong, and there committed to the guardianship of his rival, Keokuk, but survived this humiliation only a few years, dying on a small reservation set apart for him in Davis County, Iowa, October 3, 1838.

Such is the story of the Black Hawk War, the most notable struggle with the aborigines in Illinois history. At its beginning both the State and national authorities were grossly misled by an exaggerated estimate of the strength of Black Hawk's force as to numbers and his plans for recovering the site of his old village, while

Black Hawk had conceived a low estimate of the numbers and courage of his white enemies, especially after the Stillman defeat. The cost of the war to the State and nation in money has been estimated at \$2,000,000, and in sacrifice of life on both sides at not less than 1,200. The loss of life by the troops in irregular skirmishes, and in massacres of settlers by the Indians, aggregated about 250, while an equal number of regulars perished from a visitation of cholera at the various stations within the district affected by the war, especially at Detroit, Chicago, Fort Armstrong and Galena. Yet it is the judgment of later historians that nearly all this sacrifice of life and treasure might have been avoided, but for a series of blunders due to the blind or unscrupulous policy of officials or interloping squatters upon lands which the Indians had occupied under the treaty of 1804. A conspicuous blunder—to call it by no harsher name—was the violation by Stillman's command of the rules of civilized warfare in the attack made upon Black Hawk's messengers, sent under flag of truce to request a conference to settle terms under which he might return to the west side of the Mississippi—an act which resulted in a humiliating and disgraceful defeat for its authors and proved the first step in actual war. Another misfortune was the failure to understand Neapope's appeal for peace and permission for his people to pass beyond the Mississippi the night after the battle of Wisconsin Heights; and the third and most inexcusable blunder of all, was the refusal of the officer in command of the "Warrior" to respect Black Hawk's flag of truce and request for a conference just before the bloody massacre which has gone into history under the name of the "battle of the Bad Axe." Either of these events, properly availed of, would have prevented much of the butchery of that bloody episode which has left a stain upon the page of history, although this statement implies no disposition to detract from the patriotism and courage of some of the leading actors upon whom the responsibility was placed of protecting the frontier settler from outrage and massacre. One of the features of the war was the bitter jealousy engendered by the unwise policy pursued by General Atkinson towards some of the volunteers—especially the treatment of General James D. Henry, who, although subjected to repeated slights and insults, is regarded by Governor Ford and others as the real hero of the war. Too brave a soldier to shirk any responsibility and too modest to exploit his own deeds, he felt

deeply the studied purpose of his superior to ignore him in the conduct of the campaign—a purpose which, as in the affair at the Bad Axe, was defeated by accident or by General Henry's soldierly sagacity and attention to duty, although he gave out to the public no utterance of complaint. Broken in health by the hardships and exposures of the campaign, he went South soon after the war and died of consumption, unknown and almost alone, in the city of New Orleans, less two years later.

Aside from contemporaneous newspaper accounts, monographs, and manuscripts on file in public libraries relating to this epoch in State history, the most comprehensive records of the Black Hawk War are to be found in the "Life of Black Hawk," dictated by himself (1834); Wakefield's "History of the War between the United States and the Sac and Fox Nations" (1834); Drake's "Life of Black Hawk" (1854); Ford's "History of Illinois" (1854); Reynolds' "Pioneer History of Illinois; and "My Own Times"; Davidson & Stuve's and Moses' "Histories of Illinois; Blanchard's "The Northwest and Chicago"; Armstrong's "The Sauks and the Black Hawk War," and Reuben G. Thwaite's "Story of the Black Hawk War" (1892.)

**CHICAGO HEIGHTS**, a village in the southern part of Cook County, twenty-eight miles south of the central part of Chicago, on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern and the Michigan Central Railroads; is located in an agricultural region, but has some manufactures as well as good schools—also has one newspaper. Population (1900), 5,100.

**GRANITE**, a city of Madison County, located five miles north of St. Louis on the lines of the Burlington; the Chicago & Alton; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis; Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis (Illinois), and the Wabash Railways. It is adjacent to the Merchants' Terminal Bridge across the Mississippi and has considerable manufacturing and grain-storage business; has two newspapers. Population (1900), 3,122.

**HARLEM**, a village of Proviso Township, Cook County, and suburb of Chicago, on the line of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, nine miles west of the terminal station at Chicago. Harlem originally embraced the village of Oak Park, now a part of the city of Chicago, but, in 1884, was set off and incorporated as a village. Considerable manufacturing is done here. Population (1900), 4,085.

**HARVEY**, a city of Cook County, and an important manufacturing suburb of the city of Chi-

cago, three miles southwest of the southern city limits. It is on the line of the Illinois Central and the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railways, and has extensive manufactures of harvesting, street and steam railway machinery, gasoline stoves, enameled ware, etc.; also has one newspaper and ample school facilities. Population (1900), 5,395.

**IOWA CENTRAL RAILWAY**, a railway line having its principal termini at Peoria, Ill., and Manly Junction, nine miles north of Mason City, Iowa, with several lateral branches making connections with Centerville, Newton, State Center, Story City, Algona and Northwood in the latter State. The total length of line owned, leased and operated by the Company, officially reported in 1899, was 508.98 miles, of which 89.76 miles—including 3.5 miles trackage facilities on the Peoria & Pekin Union between Iowa Junction and Peoria—were in Illinois. The Illinois division extends from Keithsburg—where it enters the State at the crossing of the Mississippi—to Peoria.—(HISTORY.) The Iowa Central Railway Company was originally chartered as the Central Railroad Company of Iowa and the road completed in October, 1871. In 1873 it passed into the hands of a receiver and, on June 4, 1879, was reorganized under the name of the Central Iowa Railway Company. In May, 1883, this company purchased the Peoria & Farmington Railroad, which was incorporated into the main line, but defaulted and passed into the hands of a receiver December 1, 1886; the line was sold under foreclosure in 1887 and 1888, to the Iowa Central Railway Company, which had effected a new organization on the basis of \$11,000,000 common stock, \$6,000,000 preferred stock and \$1,379,625 temporary debt certificates convertible into preferred stock, and \$7,500,000 first mortgage bonds. The transaction was completed, the receiver discharged and the road turned over to the new company, May 15, 1889.—(FINANCIAL.) The total capitalization of the road in 1899 was \$21,337,558, of which \$14,159,180 was in stock, \$6,650,095 in bonds and \$528,283 in other forms of indebtedness. The total earnings and income of the line in Illinois for the same year were \$532,568, and the expenditures \$566,333.

**SPARTA**, a city of Randolph County, situated on the Centralia & Chester and the Mobile & Ohio Railroads, twenty miles northwest of Chester and fifty miles southeast of St. Louis. It has

a number of manufacturing establishments, including plow factories, a woolen mill, a cannery and creameries; also has natural gas. The first settler was James McClurken, from South Carolina, who settled here in 1818. He was joined by James Armour a few years later, who bought land of McClurken, and together they laid out a village, which first received the name of Columbus. About the same time Robert G. Shannon, who had been conducting a mercantile business in the vicinity, located in the town and became the first Postmaster. In 1839 the name of the town was changed to Sparta. Mr. McClurken, its earliest settler, appears to have been a man of considerable enterprise, as he is credited with having built the first cotton gin in this vicinity, besides still later, erecting saw and flour mills and a woolen mill. Sparta was incorporated as a village in 1837 and in 1859 as a city. A colony of members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Covenanters or "Seceders") established at Eden, a beautiful site about a mile from Sparta, about 1822, cut an important figure in the history of the latter place, as it became the means of attracting here an industrious and thriving population. At a later period it became one of the most important stations of the "Underground Railroad" (so called) in Illinois (which see). The population of Sparta (1890) was 1,979; (1900), 2,041.

**TOLUCA**, a city of Marshall County situated on the line of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad, 18 miles southwest of Streator. It is in the center of a rich agricultural district; has the usual church and educational facilities of cities of its rank, and two newspapers. Population (1900), 2,629.

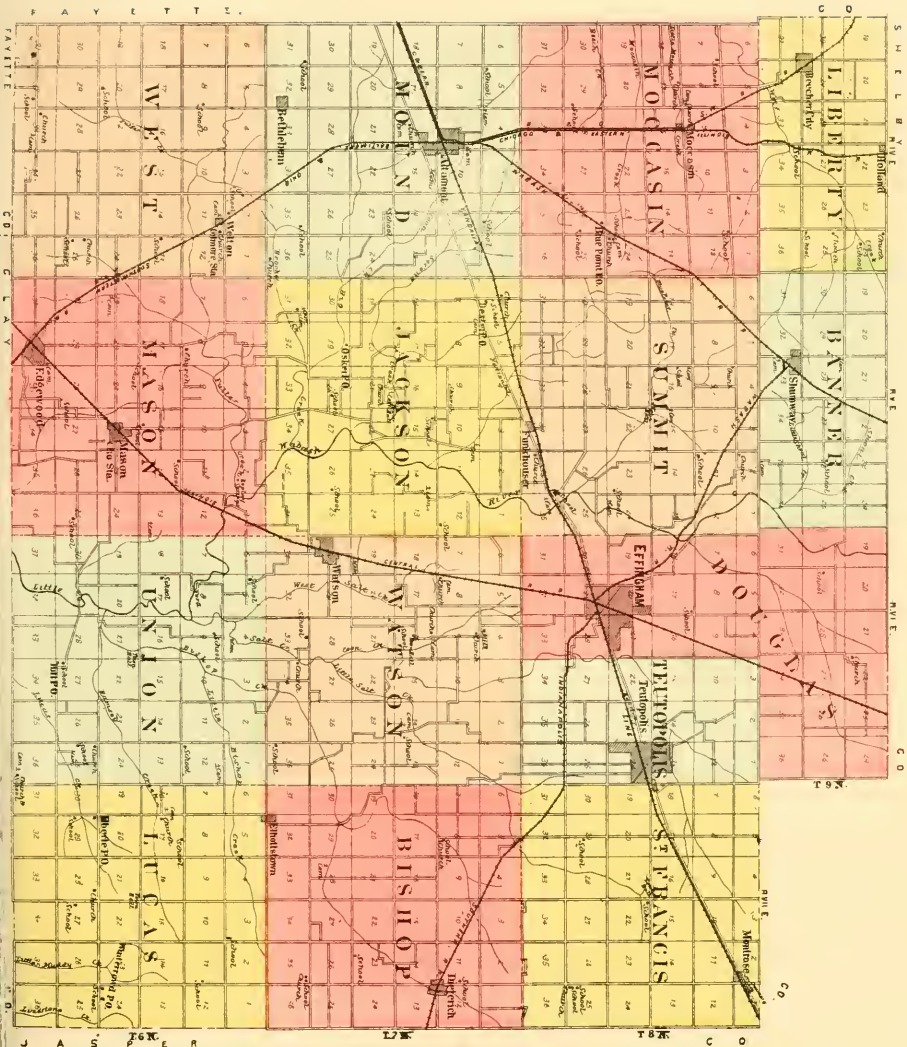
**WEST HAMMOND**, a village situated in the northeast corner of Thornton Township, Cook County, adjacent to Hammond, Ind., from which it is separated by the Indiana State line. It is on the Michigan Central Railroad, one mile south of the Chicago City limits, and has convenient access to several other lines, including the Chicago & Erie; New York, Chicago & St. Louis, and Western Indiana Railroads. Like its Indiana neighbor, it is a manufacturing center of much importance, was incorporated as a village in 1892, and has grown rapidly within the last few years, having a population, according to the census of 1900, of 2,935.

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## CHAPTER I.

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### INTRODUCTORY.

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SPIRIT WHICH ANIMATED EARLY SETTLERS IN ILLINOIS—GRIFFIN TIPSWORD THE FIRST WHITE SETTLER IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY—SETTLED AMONG THE INDIANS IN 1814—ORIGINAL NAME AND PERSONAL HISTORY—OTHER EARLY COMERS AND REMINISCENCES OF FRONTIER LIFE.

History continually repeats itself, and in nothing more than in the great migrations which take place from one section to another less civilized. In the United States there has ever been that tendency to press forward, even when there are serious dangers to be encountered, for the people are essentially home-seekers and, when one locality becomes congested, the more adventurous leave for those that promise better things. The settlers of Illinois were not in quest of gold, but of land whereon they might build homes for themselves, and those who came after them and in their work they accomplished more than their most sanguine expectations ever imagined.

It is not the purpose of this work to deal with the State at large, but with that part of it which is embraced within the confines of Effingham County, one of the most fertile localities in the commonwealth. About 1814 Griffin Tipsword emigrated to this section of Illinois, taking up his residence among the Kickapoo Indians, who then occupied portions of the present counties of Fayette, Shelby and Effingham, and, without doubt, he was the first white settler. He came here from Virginia, and was a pioneer doctor and preacher. Utterly fearless in his dealings with the Indians, he ministered to their spiritual and physical needs and gained their con-

fidence and affection. His family name was Souards, but he changed it to Tipsword after he left Virginia, for reasons best known to himself.

Many entertaining accounts are given of this remarkable man, and his nephew, Moses Doty, who came to the county some years after him, pictures the mighty pioneer as one of the benefactors of humanity. True it is that he understood the nature of the Indian and saved the succeeding settlers much trouble. What he told them to do, the Indians did. His death occurred in 1845, and he was buried on the banks of Wolf Creek, his three sons, John, Isaac and Thomas, surviving him. No costly monument marks his last resting place; but none is needed, for as long as Effingham exists, his work will live and his name be honored.

John Tipsword married and became the father of Jackson, Griffin, Jerusha, James and Carlin, all of whom married and had large families. Isaac Tipsword married Nancy Stanberry, and their children were: Isaac, Ashby, Sallie, Ruth, Thomas, Martha, Marlon, John, William, Rebecca and Melissa, and these, too, all married and had many children. Thomas Tipsword was the father of Albert, Jonathan, Isaac, Jackson, Millie, Lydia, Mary and Bell, and they, too, married and their descendants are to be found all over the county.

It is claimed that Dr. John O. Scott was the first white man to kindle a fire within the confines of Effingham County, although there were others here before him. The following record is as authentic as can be gathered from material on hand.

Griffin Tipsword and family in 1815:

Isaac Fancher and family in 1825:

Ben Campbell, Jesse and Jack Fuller in 1826:

John O. Scott and Elliott and wife passed through in 1825.

In 1828 came Thomas I. Crockett and family, Stephen Anstin, Dick Robinson, John McCoy, Bud Moore and Richard Cohea, followed in



1829 by John Broom, Jonathan Parkhurst, Ben Allen, Mrs. Charlotte Kempley, Jacob Nelson, Andrew Martin, Alexander Stewart, John Ingraham, John Trapp, Samuel Bratton, John Fairleigh, Alfred Warren, Amos Martin, old Aunt Bratton, Andrew Lilley, Henry Tucker, William Stephens, Alec Stewart, Bill Stewart and Jacob Nelson.

In 1830 came Jesse Surralls, T. J. Renfro, James Turner, John Allen, Micajah Davidson, Henry P. Bailey, George Neavills, Alexander McWhorter, Jesse White, Enoch Neavills.

The settlers in 1831 were Jacob Slover, Isaac Slover, John Gallant, William Gallant; Seymour, Powell and Thomas Loy; William J. Hankins, the Hutchinsons and John Galloway.

This shows there were fifty-one families located within Effingham County before February 15, 1831, when the county was organized by act of the Legislature.

These people were in settlements in Blue Point, on Fulfer Creek, the Wabash River, Brockett's Creek, and Union Township.

One of the most important of the early pioneers was Ben Campbell, who located here in 1826. He was a typical pioneer, rough in appearance and speech but possessed of sterling traits of character, able and willing to do the work of many and fearless in his actions. He was a great fighter and hunter, and was always to be seen with his gun and clothing made of skins, with a close fitting red bonnet, which he never removed. His death occurred on Christmas Day, 1856, when he was riding on horseback, and his grave is unmarked, but his memory lives, and his deeds are recounted, and his jokes remembered, although many who could lay claim to higher things are forgotten.

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## CHAPTER II.

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### COUNTY ORGANIZATION.

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DATE OF ORGANIZATION—COUNTIES OF WHICH  
EFFINGHAM HAS FORMED A PART AT DIFFERENT  
PERIODS—AREA AND BOUNDARIES—TOPOGRAPHY  
—STREAMS—INDIAN RELICS—MINERAL RE-

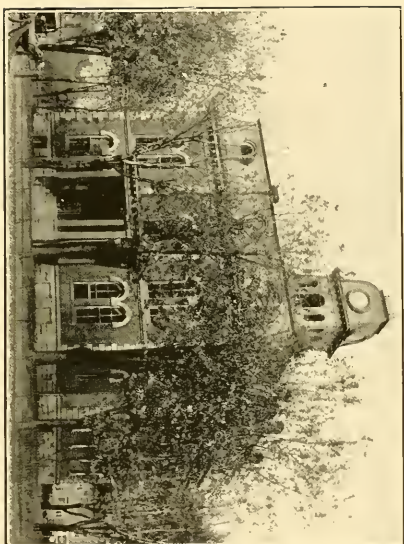
SOURCES—COAL, BUILDING ROCK AND MINERAL  
WATERS—EWINGTON THE FIRST COUNTY SEAT—  
REMOVAL TO EFFINGHAM—SOME FIRST EVENTS—  
FIRST LAND DEED, FIRST MARRIAGE AND FIRST  
SCHOOL.

Effingham County was created by act of the State Legislature February 15, 1831, out of the eastern portion of Fayette County and a tier of three townships from the western portion of what was then Crawford County. The territory which it comprises had previously constituted successively parts of the following counties: Knox County (which then included Eastern Illinois and Western Indiana), 1790 to 1801; St. Clair County, 1801 to 1812; Madison County, 1812 to 1815; Edwards County, 1815 to 1816; Crawford County, 1816 to 1821, with the exception of three half-townships on its northern border, then embraced in Crawford County; and finally Fayette and Crawford Counties, 1821 to 1831.

AREA AND BOUNDARIES.—The area, as defined by the act of February 15, 1831, creating the county, is described as follows:

"Beginning at the northwest corner of Jasper County, running south with the line thereof to the southeast corner of Township No. 6; thence with the line dividing Townships 5 and 6 to the northwest corner of Township 5 North, in Range 4 East; thence north with the township lines to the northwest corner of Section 19 of Township 9 North, Range 4 East; thence east with the section line to the northeast corner of Section 24, Range 6 East, thence south with the township line to the southeast corner of Township 9 North; thence east to the northeast corner of Township 8 North, Range 7 East, and thence south with the range line to the place of beginning."

As thus defined the county embraces twelve entire congressional townships—Towns 6 to 8 North (inclusive) from south to north, and Ranges 4 to 7 East, from west to east, with a tier of three half townships on its northern border adjoining Shelby County, making a total of thirteen and one-half congressional townships—an area of 486 square miles, which has remained unchanged since the date of organization. This area is divided into fifteen incorporated townships under the general Township Organization Act, which are treated separately in another chapter under the head, "Township His-



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tory." The county is bounded on the north by Fayette and Cumberland Counties, on the east by Cumberland and Jasper, south by Clay and Fayette and west by Fayette County.

**STREAMS—TOPOGRAPHY.**—The county is about equally divided by the Little Wabash River, while in the eastern portion are the Lucas, Big Bishop, Little Bishop and Ramsey Creeks, Big and Little Salt Creeks, Brush Creek, Green Creek and Sugar Fork; and in the western portion Fulfer and Limestone Creeks, Big and Brockett's Creeks, Second Creek, Funkhouser, Blue Point and Shoal Creeks and Green and Moccasin Creeks.

When the first settlers came into the county they found about half of it swamp land and practically useless, because of the water lying upon it a large part of the year. Now, through the magnificent drainage system that has been developed, all of this land has been redeemed and produces astonishing crops. Then the higher surfaces were covered with white and burr-oaks, hickory and post-oaks. There is some rolling land in the county and several marked elevations, notably Blue Mound, in the eastern part of the county, and a low ridge near Mason.

Curious graves, containing relics of Indians, have been found in the extreme southern part of the county, along the Wabash River.

**MINERAL RESOURCES.**—There are indications that coal will be found at some distant day, but as yet none has been discovered for mining purposes. Iron ore has been found in different parts of the county, especially in the neighborhood of the mouth of Big Creek.

Building stone is found on Sugar Creek and Green Creek, and there is a quarry of excellent gray sandstone on Salt Creek Bluffs; on Shoal Creek, Fulfer Creek, Ramsey Creek and Big Creek there is a good quality of sandstone. A large portion of the stone used on the National Road was obtained from the limestone quarries on Limestone, Fulfer and Big Creeks.

Effingham County is well supplied with mineral waters, as would be expected from the presence of limestone. Douglas, Watson, Mason, and Jackson Townships contain springs that possess excellent medicinal qualities. Some of these are iron, others sulphur springs, and in olden times the Indians, who perhaps understood their properties better than their white successors, used to frequent them.

However, Effingham is essentially an agricultural county. The soil is peculiarly adapted to

the growing of wheat and corn, and since the redemption of the low lands through drainage, its soil is of unrivaled richness and blackness.

**COUNTY-SEAT.**—John Haley, James Galloway and John Hall were appointed by the Act creating Effingham County in 1831, commissioners to select the location of the county-seat, and they located it at Ewington and a court house was built by Hankins & Cartwright, at a contract price of \$580.37½. In 1860, nearly thirty years after its establishment at Ewington, the county-seat was removed by the vote of the people to Effingham, which was considered more central, and there it has since remained. Ewington at that time had a population of about 200, while Effingham (originally called Broughton) was still a very small village. The county buildings are excellent, and add much to the beauty and dignity of Effingham, the largest and most substantial of the congested districts of Effingham.

**SOME FIRST EVENTS.**—The first deed recorded in Effingham County was dated on February 27, 1833, and bears the names of Isaac Fancher and his wife Amy, who transferred farm land to T. J. Gillenwaters. During the first year of the county's existence, the entire revenue from taxes was but \$50. The heaviest tax-payer during 1837 was John Funkhouser, who paid \$5. The first marriage license issued bears the date of January 21, 1833, and was for James C. Haden and Nancy Nesbitt.

The first school taught in Effingham was that of Elisha Parkhurst, who established it in 1831, when he was only twelve years old. Thomas I. Brockett established a school, and the twelve-year old lad was followed by Dr. John Gillenwaters. In 1838 John Funkhouser was elected School Commissioner for the county, and during that year \$103.10 was paid out for teachers in the entire county.

Judge William J. Hankins was one of the earliest lawyers of Effingham County, others are mentioned in the various townships wherein they settled.

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## CHAPTER III.

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### EARLY SETTLEMENTS.

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CONDITIONS AND MODES OF LIFE IN PIONEER DAYS  
—EARLY SETTLEMENTS—MEETINGS OF OLD SET-



TLERS' ASSOCIATION—REMINISCENCES OF SOME OF ITS MEMBERS—WOLF CREEK, GREEN CREEK, LIMESTONE CREEK, FREEMANTON AND ELLIOTTSTOWN SETTLEMENTS—LETTERS AND SPEECHES—INCIDENTS OF LOCAL AND GENERAL COUNTY HISTORY.

To those of the present generation the details of pioneer life seem impossible. The traveler through the fertile farming districts of Effingham County finds it difficult to realize that, scarcely half a century ago, this land was almost a wilderness. Log-houses sheltered but imperfectly the people, who were content to plant bits of land, although they might be the owners of whole sections. Here and there was a primitive schoolhouse, usually used for church purposes as well. Wild game was plentiful, and the woodman's gun was an important adjunct to the housekeeping outfit, for by means of it the housewife could have her larder supplied with game. The roads were miserable, the settlements few and far between, and the comforts of life unknown.

The settlers who came into the county from the earliest settlements until long after the establishment of the railroad, made the trip with wagons, drawn sometimes by oxen and at other times, when they were a little better off, by horses. The timbered regions were preferred because of the necessity for wood, and here in the midst of dense forests, tangled with undergrowth, the little log-house was erected, the only light coming from the swinging door on its leather hinges. A mud fireplace sheltered the huge logs, and in its embers the housewife cooked the frugal meals. And yet there come down to us accounts of good cheer, boundless hospitality, great deeds, wonderful courage, and, above all, a compassionate Christianity, that cannot be equaled today. Whenever these pioneers were called upon, they responded in a remarkable manner. These pioneers reared large families, and but few of these children of the frontier turned out badly. They made the best of their limited opportunities, learned to work hard and to save their scanty earnings, continually investing in land, that eventually was destined to repay them many-fold for their efforts. Lacking, though, the founders of Effingham County may have been in many things, they had plenty of courage, endurance and patience; they knew how to work hard and to a

purpose, and those who have sprung from their loins need have no hesitation in claiming for them the honor that is most justly their honest due.

The following sketches of the more important early settlement in Effingham County are taken, in somewhat condensed form, from articles read at different meetings before the Effingham Old Settlers' Association, for which the publishers are indebted to D. H. Wright, Secretary of the Association:

#### WOLF CREEK SETTLEMENT.

(By G. W. Tipsword, 1903.)

According to the most reliable authority, this locality was first invaded by the white race of that adventurous creature known as man, about 1814 or 1815, in the person of Griffin Tipsword. Further than this we know not, until in the '30s. Then we begin to learn of such sterling and noble characters as the Powells, Coxes, John Scully, Benjamin Griffith, Barr, Pullen, Dutton, Allen and Elisha Howard, A. J. Gilbert, Isaac D. Sidwell, John D. Acres, Daniel White, John Myers, the Cunninghams and Olingers, Lyman Pratt, Edward and Samuel Mahan, Alfred McCann, Dickey Reynolds, Henry Copeland, Joseph and Thomas Dowty, William Starner, Walker D. Gossage, the descendants of Griffin Tipsword, and many others. These people came from various European countries and from the Buckeye, Hoosier and Southern States.

Wolf Creek Precinct was formed June 3, 1839, and was known as the Third Justice's District. The place designated for holding general elections was at the house of Isaac Tipsword, near Wolf Creek, on the south bank, in Town 8 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian. It comprised all that part of Effingham County lying north of the National Road and west of the middle of Grand Prairie. In August, 1840, the first election was held, Walker D. Gossage, William Starner and John Tipsword being judges. They received \$1.00 each for their services, and Mr. Gossage received 72 cents for carrying the poll back to Ewington, at that time the county-seat. The last election held in this precinct was in November, 1860. Then followed township organization and the formation of Moccasin and Liberty Townships, which include all the territory once comprising Wolf Creek Precinct.

June 3, 1839, the first Board of School Trustees for Town 8 North, Range 4 East (which

is Moccasin Township), was appointed, and the members were Walker D. Gossage, John Lyles and Thomas Tipsword. The first entry of land in this precinct was made by Isaac D. Sidwell, on the east  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Town 9 North, Range 4 East, March 1, 1837. Then followed John Tipsword, southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32, Town 9 North, Range 4 East, October 20, 1838; by John Scully the east  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5, Town 8 North, Range 4 East, November 26, 1839; by Isaac Tipsword the northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  and part of southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5, Town 8 North, Range 4 East, January 23, 1839; on the same date S. B. Sturgeon entered land in Section 21, Town 9 North, Range 4 East, in 1839; A. W. Hopt, in Section 19, Town 9 North, Range 4 East, in 1838; and John Acres in Section 23, same town, November 8, 1838. We find from an examination of the entry records that, at the formation of this precinct, there were perhaps more entries of land made there than in any other portion of the county.

In June, 1840, Walker D. Gossage was appointed the first Assessor of the precinct, and the same year was appointed Supervisor of Roads, and allowed \$5.00 in full for his services as Supervisor during that year. The total amount of taxes upon all the property in the county, in 1840, was \$193.33-1/3.

March 6, 1846, the territory now comprising Moccasin Township was formed into one road district, No. 4, and John Scully was the first Supervisor. All able-bodied men over twenty-one and under fifty years of age were required to perform four days' labor on the public roads each year. June 5, 1849, the road running from Freemanton northwest to the "mouth" of Lorton's Lane, on the county line between Effingham and Fayette Counties, was ordered by the Court and (so far as the writer can learn) was the first public road in this precinct. The same day this action was taken the County Commissioners' Court allowed D. W. Powell \$6.00 for wolf-scals. He later removed to Altamont.

Among others following those already mentioned were: William Getz, Senas Spore, Benjamin Jones, John and Wendell Hotz, William and Samuel Garrison, William Owens, Anthony Grant, Douglas Larimore, the Sweeneys, John Alsop, George Eccles, Thomas Tenney, S. D. Lorton, L. R. McMurry, W. B. Metham, Dr. John Wills, Moses and Pickett Dowty, John Scoles, the Bodkins family, Gabriel McKinzey,

the Townsend family, Thomas Perry, Thomas Patterson, Parker Davidson, G. W. Harrison, Henderson Gillmore, James Gilstrap, Abrahm and James Force, the Lockards, Mordecai Yarnall, Jonathan Smith, Henry Yunker, John T. Frazey, G. W. Barcus, Edwin Buckley, Peter Campbell, Arema Clark, Isham Jennings, Samuel Jones, a Mr. Hedge, Stacy Lawyer, and many others who furnished brave sons to do patriotic duty in the '60s.

Perhaps the first schoolhouse in this precinct was situated on Section 17, Town 8 North, Range 4 East, and was built of logs. It was replaced by another log building located on the same section of land, but further north, and in this house the writer first attended school, in the '50s. About this time there was another schoolhouse built north of where Beecher City now stands, known as the Eccles School. There was also one further up the creek, known as the Bar School.

The first church building erected in the precinct was located on the north line of Section 17, Town 8 North, Range 4 East, near the center east and west, and it is still used for worship. It was built in the '50s, and is known as Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal Church.

We remember many difficulties and hardships that all, in a measure, were compelled to endure. The post-office was at Freemanton and the doctor, too; the grist mills at Shelbyville and Teutopolis; our markets were distant and many took their produce to St. Louis and Terre Haute in wagons. Yet, with all our disadvantages and drawbacks, civilization has steadily moved on and developed a most generous and hospitable people and a country second to none for peace, health and happiness. We should continue to let fond memories cling to the past in remembrance of the old settlers.

Perhaps S. R. Powell, grandfather of the writer, was the first carpenter in this territory; he came from Tennessee to Vandalia, in 1829, and a few years later settled in what is now Moccasin Township. Daniel White is supposed to have been the first blacksmith, unless it should have been the father of Captain T. H. Dobbs. Benjamin Griffith was the first chair-maker and Mr. Hedge the only hat-maker ever located in this territory. John Hubbart, Douglas Larimore and L. R. McMurry brought the first threshing machines, known as "chaff fillers," but it remained for A. S. Moore, later a resident of Effingham, to bring into the precinct

the first threshing machine known as a "separator." L. R. McMurphy, who came from Marshall County, Ill., along in the '50s, and bought a large body of land and at that time, we think, was the largest farmer in the precinct. He brought in the first reaping machine, which was a self-raker, known as the Atkins Patent, and it was, indeed, a wonder for us "natives" to gaze at. W. B. Matthews followed soon after, with a combined reaper and mower, known as the John H. Manny Patent. Then followed John T. Frazey, with the Illinois harvester, and Ashby Tipsword, with the John P. Manny combined reaper and mower. Samuel Jones brought the first steam grist and saw mill into the precinct, and ran it successfully for many years.

Abner Dutton, we think, was the pioneer store-keeper in this territory. His store was located near Jones' Mill, one-half mile west of where the Village of Moccasin now is. Samuel Jones was the first Postmaster and the post-office was called Moccasin. This was near his mill, and when first begun, the route gave mail each way one day in the week; later, mail came from each way two days in the week. This was along a pony route, running from Freemantown to Greenland, better known as Bob Dene, a village long since extinct. Joseph Stevenson was the mail-carrier from the formation of the route until it was abandoned in 1871, when the railroad invaded this precinct. This railroad was the present Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, the first railroad to pass through this corner of the county.

Much might be said of the sterling worth, not only of those we have mentioned, but many others that identified themselves in making the early history of the Wolf Creek Settlement, but space and time forbid further review on this occasion. The writer well remembers the features of the majority of those we have mentioned, and can vouch for their valuable assistance in bringing about the pleasant surroundings which we all, we trust, gladly enjoy this day. The writer believes he can justly claim the distinction of pioneer stock, being a lineal descendant, in the fourth generation, of the first white man in the county.

#### GREEN CREEK SETTLEMENT.

(By Anton Jansen, 1905.)

The Green Creek Settlement, in the real sense, is identified with the Teutopolis Settlement. The

very first white settlers in the vicinity of Green Creek were Americans, commonly called Yankees, but who emigrated from some of the Southern States, most of them from Tennessee. The first of whom there is any record is Richard Cohea, who came as early as 1827 and settled on the banks of Green Creek, in Section 32, on a little round hill, but next to a spring which was all people looked for; wherever they found a good spring there was a good place to settle down. The next man to come was Alex Stewart, who came a few years later and settled one-half mile from Richard Cohea, on the west side of the creek. A few years later came William Dunham, who settled on the north side of the creek (where it runs a more easterly and westerly course), about one mile northeast of Mr. Cohea; with him came John Hooten, who settled a mile and a quarter southeast of Dunham, near a little creek called Sugar Fork, a tributary of Green Creek. Some time after John and Nell Lankford came, settling northwest of all the others, nearer the Little Wabash River. All of them came from Tennessee.

James Ramsey came in 1830, settling on the Wabash River, in Section 19; he was the first one that owned or built a mill of any capacity. The first he had was a horse-power mill, but after operating that a few years, he began to build a water mill on the Wabash, to which people came from all the surrounding country to have their grain ground. Cohea had brought a hand-power mill with him and contemplated building a water mill, but when Ramsey began to build his on the Wabash, the neighborhood concluded that would be a better location than Green Creek, on account of having a more constant water supply. Cohea abandoned his own plans and he, as well as the entire settlement, helped build Ramsey's. At this water mill the old settlers would come together from near and far and have a good time. This settlement later on developed into what was more familiarly known as "Bull Flat." (This information is mostly obtained from John R. Cohea, a grandson of Richard Cohea.)

The settlement of Green Creek by the Germans began as early as 1837, when H. H. Nieman, Bernard Tebbe and Jacob Doedtmann came with other immigrants, from Cincinnati, to build up the colony at Teutopolis. Some of those who came with them went southeast to



Very truly  
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Bishop, while these others came to the Green Creek Settlement. Nieman bought out John Hooten—I. e., the little improvements in the way of buildings, etc., he had made, as at that time nobody owned land. Tebbe an Doedtmann built their own cabins. In December, 1839, my grandfather, J. B. Brummer, came with his family (wife and one daughter, my mother), and bought the cabin Richard Cohea had built in 1827. With them came the Surs, who settled about one-half mile east of them, on the same side of the creek. In 1840 Richard Lohman came and bought William Dunham's few improvements; with him came Henry Hollera, who settled about a quarter-mile east of him. About the same time came William and Dick Kabbes, Bernard Arns and Peter Thoele; these four settled about two and one-half miles northeast of the others. Joe Woerman and Herman Siemer settled near the north county line. Soon after them came a Mr. Remme, who had a family, and with him came three bachelors—Fisher, Osterhaus and Dorenkamp; these three built their log cabin together in a hollow, or branch, as some call it, about one-half mile east of where the Green Creek church now stands. They built in the low place to overcome the hard work of lifting the logs up on the building; they had the advantage of rolling them down. Remme built a little farther northwest.

In 1841 my father, Anthony B. Jansen, came to stay, as he had been here previously on a visit to his father, who had settled east of Teutopolis. About the same time Henry Dust came to stay; he had been here some years before and entered the piece of land he wanted to settle on, which is still owned by his oldest son, H. W. Dust. A few years later his brother, Rudolph Dust, and their brother-in-law, William Aulenbrouck, came. In 1845 Gerhard Doedtmann and Herman Doedtmann (brothers of Jacob Doedtmann, who had come in 1837), Henry Gerdes, Clem and Harmon Stubbers, arrived on Green Creek and settled down in different places. In 1846 H. H. Tegencamp, H. Mette, H. H. Koors, and a Mr. Knoppe followed the others. H. B. Tegencamp, the oldest son of H. H. Tegencamp, who came with his father as a little boy, is now the second oldest surviving settler, and to him is partly due the information I am relating.

In 1847 F. Meyer, H. Koors, B. Sanders and

Joe Wendt settled down in the northeast corner of Douglas Township. Henry Worman came about the same time and settled about one mile north of the church. In 1850-55 G. H. Nuxoll, B. J. Arnzen, Mr. Wolters and several others arrived on Green Creek, and by this time the settlement, as a permanent one, was pretty well established.

The settlers had, as soon as possible, built a place of worship. The first one was built of logs and with that they had also provided for a school as best they could in those days. At this time (from 1855-60) they made preparations, under the direction of the Franciscan Fathers, who then had charge of the congregation, to build the fine, spacious church, which was the second largest structure of its kind in the county at the time it was built. It stands an everlasting monument to the zeal, energy and religious conviction of our German forefathers.

The first settler in the locality, Richard Cohea, came from Tennessee to Illinois, spending a short time in Clay County. For some reason or other he went in search of another location and finally struck the spot that I now own. He immediately went to work to build a log cabin and the necessary enclosure to keep the stock that he possessed at the time. By making several trips to the place he finally had it in shape to move his family there. The first night he stayed there, he had to build a big fire in the enclosure and, every now and then, take a burning stick from the fire and throw over the enclosure to keep the wolves from coming over into it and devouring the few cattle and hogs he had. The Indians at that time were peaceful, but not much to be trusted. The greatest annoyance was, that they would now and then, when on a hunting trip, shoot a hog that belonged to the whites.

The first houses or log cabins the settlers had did not require the services of an architect to plan or a carpenter to build. Meats could often be obtained with little difficulty but the bread-stuff was more difficult to get. They often had to carry it for miles on their backs or grind it in a hollow stump.

#### LIMESTONE CREEK SETTLEMENT.

(By Henry B. Kepley, 1903.)

The Limestone Creek Settlement was begun in the year 1828, in Section 18, Town 6 North,

Range 5 East of the Third Principal Meridian. This section became the central point of the settlement, which extended north into Sections 7 and 8, east into Section 17 and south into Section 19. The following is a list of those who settled there before and during the year 1843: John McCoy, John McCoy, Jr., Fielding McCoy, Tilghman McCoy, Andrew Lilly, Benjamin Allen, John Broom, John McGuire, William V. Broom, Samuel Broom, John Barton, John Minton, Drewry Andrews, Charlotte Kepley, old Mrs. Young, Bryant Young, Alexander Young, Joseph Young, Samuel B. Gray, James Gillmore, John Gillmore, Green Key, Dick Jones, old Mr. Edwards, Charles Edwards, David Edwards, Berry Edwards, Wesley Golden, John Allen, William George, John Hunt, John Catlin, Morgan Kavanaugh, Asahel Chamberlain, Lewis Chamberlain, Dr. William W. Jones. There may have been a few others, not now remembered. This list includes only the heads of families and others who had homes of their own and were, therefore, entitled to be recognized as settlers.

The first settler here was John McCoy, who in the year 1828 made a small improvement on the northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Town 6 North, Range 5 East. The next year he sold out to Benjamin Allen and, later on, made another improvement about one mile northwest, where he remained till his death about the year 1842. He was survived by the following children: John, Fielding, Tilghman, Franklin, Washington, Arena, Mary, Luvicy and Nancy, all of whom became members of the Limestone Creek Settlement.

Benjamin Allen became a settler in Limestone Creek Settlement in 1829 having purchased the improvement made by John McCoy, as before mentioned. He afterward entered the land on which this improvement was made and occupied it as his home until his death in the year 1841. He was born in Rowan County, N. C., remained in that State till past middle life, moved to Tennessee, where he remained some years, and then came to Limestone Creek Settlement. When he moved, he took with him all his family, his sons, his sons' wives, his daughters and their husbands and his grandchildren. The names of his sons were Jephtha, Abner and Henry; his daughters were Charlotte, Mary, Abigail and Aletha. None of his sons became permanent settlers in the Limestone Creek settlement.

Drewry Andrews, who became a member of the settlement about the year 1838 or '39, was formerly from Tennessee, a tanner and a shoemaker. The first pair of shoes the writer of this paper remembers wearing were made by Mr. Andrews out of leather tanned by him. He died December 5, 1845. His daughter Mary married John Barton, Susan married John Minton, Lizzie married Dick Jones, and Sophia married John Catlin, all early settlers in that settlement. Mr. Andrews had a son, Thomas A.

Samuel B. Gray became a member of Limestone Creek Settlement about 1840. He came from Marion County, Ill., and remained a member of the settlement until his death, which occurred about the year 1850—possibly a year or so later. Mr. Gray was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was noted as an exhorter of that denomination. His voice was full, rich and pleasant.

John Barton came to the settlement about 1840, coming to Illinois from Tennessee. He was a Baptist and began to preach here in 1841, continuing that calling till his death, February 25, 1865. When he first began to preach he had but little education, and it was with difficulty that he could read the hymns and his texts, but later on, by diligent effort, he improved his education and became fairly well informed. He was a man of sterling qualities and greatly devoted to his church and to his duties as a minister of the gospel.

Joseph Young married Nancy Kepley and settled in Section 18 as a member of the Limestone Creek Settlement. About 1858 or '59 he moved to Clay County, Ill. He enlisted in the army and became a member of Company A, Ninety-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteers.

Wesley Golden married Mary Kepley and became a member of the Limestone Creek Settlement, in the year 1842. After three or four years, however, he moved to Clay County, Ill. He, too, became a member of Company A, Ninety-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteers.

Samuel Broom became a member of this settlement about the year 1838. He was the first school teacher there and made a small farm in Section 18, and later became a merchant, having erected a small storehouse on his farm near his residence. He laid off on his farm the town of Broomsburg, which, however, did not flourish, and later became extinct. After following the vocation of merchant for some years,

he sold his farm and moved his stock of merchandise to White County, Ill.

William V. Broom became a member of the settlement before 1838, opened a farm in Section 17, and became the owner of a large body of land. He was one of the prosperous and prominent citizens of the settlement. At an early date he was elected Justice of the Peace and held that office continuously till his death, about 1857 or '58.

Andrew Lilly married Arena McCoy, a daughter of John McCoy, Sr., and settled on the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 19, about 1830. He lived there until about 1855, when he moved to Union County, Ill., where he died at a ripe old age.

John McGuire married Mrs. Aletha Seal, the widow of Solomon Seal, and daughter of Benjamin Allen. He settled in Section 18, and for many years continued to be a member of the settlement. He finally met his death while at work in the construction of the Illinois Central Railroad, near Dismal Creek, Ill.

The first land entry in the Limestone Creek Settlement was made by Benjamin Allen, who, on August 5, 1833, entered the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 18, Town 6 North, Range 5 East. On December 21, 1833, he entered the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 18. The next land entry was made by John McCoy, Jr., who, on May 24, 1839, entered the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 7, Town 6 North, Range 5 East. In the same year he also entered the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 7, Town 6 North, Range 5 East. The next entry was made by Dr. William Jones, who, on the 17th of June, 1839, entered the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 9, and the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 15, both in Town 6 North, Range 5 East. On the same date Asabel Chamberlain entered the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 9, and the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 15, in Town 6 North, Range 5 East. On June 5, 1840, Andrew Lilly entered the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 19, Town 6 North, Range 5 East. After this date the land entries in the settlement became quite frequent. Before that date the majority of the settlers were content to live on Congress land.

The first public industry in Limestone Creek

Settlement was the quarrying of rock on Limestone Creek, for use in the building of the National or Cumberland Road. The place where the rock was quarried was called "The Diggings." The rock was quarried and hauled to the level ground near the quarry in such a large amount that it covered two acres of ground. While the quarrying was going on, the work on the National Road was abandoned and the rock that was quarried was not used for the purpose intended. As years went by, it was used by the people of the settlement for walling wells, foundations for buildings and burned into lime. It was a good quality of limestone and from this the creek got its name.

The first school in the settlement was taught by Samuel Broom, in a log building belonging to John Broom, which had formerly been used as a blacksmith shop. The building was neither chinked nor daubed, and was not floored. This was in the summer of 1841. The following year a small log schoolhouse was built near the south line of Section 18. Samuel Broom taught the school of the settlement in this building during the summer and part of the winter of 1842. This schoolhouse was found to be too small and too far south to meet the needs of the school district, and in the year 1843 a large schoolhouse was built of hewed logs, on the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 8, Town 6 North, Range 5 East. This schoolhouse was about twenty-five by thirty feet and was used until the year 1850, when Peter McElroy entered the land on which it was built and took possession of the house. This house was also used for religious purposes, the Baptist, Christian, and Methodist Churches holding meetings there at different times. The first school taught in the new schoolhouse was by Samuel Broom, in 1843. The next year (1844) the school was taught by a Mr. Adams. In 1845-48 the school was taught by J. W. P. Davis, of Clay County. In 1849 it was taught by Samuel D. Elder and in 1850 William A. Broom taught the last school there.

The first church organized in the settlement was in 1842, the Wabash Baptist Church, also known in those days as the Missionary Baptist. The place of meeting during its first year was the small log schoolhouse in Section 18. After the large schoolhouse was built in Section 8, the place of worship was changed to that building, and meetings were held there as long as it was



used as a schoolhouse; then a church building was erected about a quarter of a mile west of the site of that schoolhouse. The first pastor of the church was Rev. Kellum, who at that time lived in Vandallia. He was a man of fair ability, a pleasant speaker and one who won the friendship of the church members and congregation. He did not, however, long remain pastor, as rumors came to the church authorities, from where he had formerly lived, that he was of anything but an exemplary character and that he was wholly unfit for the ministry. Investigation resulted in confirming the rumors and the ending of his pastorate of the church. The church soon obtained worthier preachers, among whom were Revs. Boyakin, Stacey, Steel, Odell, I. H. Elkin, John Barton and Steven Blair.

The first sermon preached in the settlement was by John Barton, in the year 1841, at my mother's home. About ten o'clock in the forenoon people began to gather, the majority of the men bringing their guns with them. It was then the custom of the majority of the men of the settlement to carry their guns with them all the days of the week, Sunday not excepted. There was no need of doing so except the probability that a deer might, impertinently and daringly, come within very close range, and no Limestone Creek settler would take such a dare from a deer, even if it were Sunday; hence, they brought their guns on the day of the preaching. They stacked their guns around a large tree in the yard, most of them retaining their shot-bags swung over their shoulders in the usual manner, and attached to them were the hunting knives. I may further say that this was not only the first sermon preached in the settlement, but it was also the first sermon preached by John Barton and was also the first sermon I ever heard preached. I was then only five years old, and I well remember the impression it made on me at the time. At the beginning of the sermon some of the men were whittling with their hunting knives. After Mr. Barton had progressed a while with his sermon, he talked very loud and gesticulated vigorously, telling them of some one having been slain or, as I got the impression, that some one was about to be slain. While he was preaching most earnestly, some of the men stopped whittling and looked, as I thought, threateningly at the preacher, retaining their hunting knives in their

hands, and it seemed to me there was going to be a conflict between the preacher and the men. I went to my mother and asked her if there was any danger that anyone would be killed or hurt, and she assured me there was no danger, which quieted my apprehensions.

Following are the names of some of the persons who were members of the Wabash Baptist Church at the time of its organization, or soon thereafter became members thereof: Jeremiah Gillmore and wife, Jackson Gillmore and wife, James Gillmore and wife, Charlotte Allen, Andrew Lilly and wife, William Gillmore, James L. Gillmore, John Gillmore and wife, Alex. Young and wife, old Mrs. Young, (I think) old Mr. Edwards and wife, David Edwards, John Minton and wife, Elizabeth Seal, Cynthia Seal, and John Barton and wife. There were others, whose names I cannot now recall.

The Methodist Episcopal Church formed a class in the settlement about 1843. Their meetings were held in the houses of members of the class, or occasionally in the schoolhouses above mentioned. Finally they erected a church building in Section 8, Town 6 North, Range 5 East near Fulfer Creek, which they named "New Hope." Here that church kept its place of worship for a number of years.

While the Christian Church had no organization in the settlement, they held religious meetings and had preaching there from about 1844. The principal place of holding meetings was in the large schoolhouse in Section 8. Among the preachers of the Christian denomination who preached in the settlement was Steven J. Williams, who lived a few miles east of the Wabash River, and who preached frequently in the large schoolhouse in Section 8. He continued to preach from time to time in the settlement up to the breaking out of the Civil War, when he enlisted in the army.

I was a member of the Limestone Creek Settlement. I was born there June 20, 1836, and made that settlement my home until November, 1862, and when I "have shuffled off this mortal coil," I expect to be buried there on a piece of land in Section 18, owned by me and reserved for that purpose.

#### FREEMANTON SETTLEMENT.

(By J. B. Jones)

The settlement in the vicinity of Freemanton commenced perhaps as early as 1830, that being



*Edward Austin*



the earliest date of entries of land in the United States Land Office in that locality. The first entry was made by Riley Howard, the land being situated about two miles west of what was afterwards the location of the town site of Freemanton. The first settlers in this locality, with few exceptions, were not land owners in the beginning of the settlement. Many of them were men who had come with the building of the National Road, and when work on the road was suspended and the enterprise abandoned in 1834, they remained with their families and finally most of them entered land from the Government and became actual settlers and made themselves homes. Among these were William Drysdall, Christopher Radley, Henry Job and Isaac Lackey. What was known as the Freemanton Settlement extended along the National Road from Funkhouser Creek west to what is now Altamont Prairie, north of the National Road to Devore's Point and south of the road as far as Brockett's Creek. All the earliest settlers made their first improvements in, or close to, the timber; first, for the convenience of obtaining fuel and building material easily and, second, to avoid the danger of the prairie fire and the ravages of the green-head flies. Riley Howard, Christopher Radley, John and William Freeman, and Henry Job are the first settlers in the vicinity of Freemanton that we have any record of, Howard in 1830, Radley in 1831, and John and William Freeman in 1833. From this time the settlement spread out and new settlers were coming from the East and South almost continuously.

About four miles south of Freemanton a settlement was begun in 1826 by Benjamin Campbell, and between 1826 and 1829 this settlement had increased to several families, viz.: Thomas I. Brockett, Stephen Austin, William Osteln and others. This settlement increased and extended north to Big Creek and Second Creek, being finally recognized as a part of the Freemanton Settlement. On April 18, 1834, the land which was made the town site was entered from the Government by Robert H. Peebles, and was a short time afterwards conveyed to John Freeman, and on the 21st day of June, 1834, William J. Hankins, County Surveyor, certified that he laid out and platted the Town of Freemanton. The people then began to settle there and make improvements, and it was not long before a post-office was established and Freemanton became

one of the important stations where all the United States Mail coaches stopped for relay and mail delivery. This post-office accommodated the Wolf Creek Settlement, a part of the Blue Point Settlement, the Rock Creek Settlement, which was along the county line north and west of Freemanton and extended into Fayette County; and all the people south and west of Freemanton got their mail at this office as far south as Fulfer Creek, until there was a post-office established in the vicinity of Mason.

Joseph Thomasson and family and Hugh Combs and family came in 1836; John Galloway, Charles Bogges, and Jonathan L. Taylor and their families settled near Freemanton in 1833; and Hiram Maxfield and John Trapp settled in the vicinity in 1839. In 1840 immigration came very rapidly, bringing the Devores, Mr. McCracken, George Wood, Evan Jenkins, W. W. Young, John M. Brown, James Martin, the two Gallants and their families, and James D. Clark, Richard J. Hill and Eli Bishop, with their families. In 1841 Jacob Bishop, James Woodruff, Henry W. Davis and Major Mitchell, with their families, arrived in the settlement. In 1842 Maxwell Crabb, Horace Toothaker and John Moore came with their families from Ohio. In order to induce immigration and to protect the early settlers, the Legislature passed a law making it a penal offense to set fire in the prairie or timber, for any unlawful, malicious or careless purpose. It had been the practice of the trapper and hunter, heretofore, during the dry season of the year, to drive the game from its cover by setting fire to the prairie, thereby endangering the improvements of the early settlers; in this way they might, without so much labor, procure plenty of meat for their families. These hardy, self-reliant pioneers pronounced this law a very unjust and wicked innovation of their rights. It was in 1842 that Richard J. Hill, who lived in the east end of Freemanton, was shot and instantly killed while sitting on his horse near the blacksmith shop, conversing with a neighbor.

In 1843 the settlement in this part of the county had increased until the voters began to think they ought to have a voting place at Freemanton; and on the 4th day of September, 1843, Samuel Houston, who was at that time County Surveyor, presented a petition to the Commissioners' Court asking that body to grant a new voting precinct, to be known as Freemanton.



This petition was granted and the boundaries were fixed. They are a little indefinite, but presumably took in all of what is now Mound Township, about one-half of Jackson Township, and a part of Summit and Moccasin Townships. The first election was held at Freemantion, October 2, 1843, Charles Bogges, W. W. Young and Richard D. McCranor being the first election judges. I find no record as to what officers were elected. The village and vicinity were now getting into a condition to put on airs; there was a blacksmith shop, a store, a mill, and other industries, as well as a post-office. It is not known to any certainty who kept the first store; the best information we have on this part of our history is, that Jacob Bishop started a little store and trading shop about 1843, and in 1844 he also started a mill, which was propelled by oxen on a tread wheel.

John Armstrong and family settled in the vicinity in 1844. About this time a church organization was effected, and steps were taken to have regular church services. The organizers of this church were James Devore and Jacob Bishop, both licensed preachers. Charles Bogges and wife, Maxwell Crabb and wife, Mrs. Woodruff, and the families of Jacob Bishop, James Devore, Joshua Devore, W. W. Young and others were among the first members of the church organization. They were of the Methodist Episcopal faith and the first building they used was a log structure built at the east end of the village, near where the cemetery is located. Later on, John Miller and Levi Lowery located in the settlement; Mr. Lowery was a Methodist minister of considerable ability, and Miller was a man full of zeal, a Methodist and a great church worker. The church organization has been kept up by such men as these, and they now have a good congregation and edifice at Dexter.

In 1845 the village and settlement were well established, with post-office, store and blacksmith shop, and to this shop is given the credit of making the first steel-plow made inside the county. About this time William Johnson, a Scotchman, opened a little store in the village and became a very successful merchant, accumulating a nice little fortune. He sold out his holdings in 1858 and moved to Cumberland County, Ill. In 1844 Dr. C. F. Falley located at Freemantion and practiced medicine successfully for several years, then moved to Ewington and afterwards to Georgetown, Clay County, Ill.

Joseph Bishop studied medicine while engaged in the milling and store business, and entered into the practice of his profession about 1849, becoming a very successful practitioner. In 1850 he also put steam power in his mill, and became famous as miller, doctor and merchant.

In 1846 the settlement had spread out over considerable territory, and when the Mexican War broke out and volunteers were called for, Freemantion proved its loyalty and furnished its quota of six soldiers to the army, viz.: James Tucker, Jonathan P. Tucker, Tillman Clark, Hiram Maxfield and Duma B. Elder. Soon after the close of this war John C. Defenbaugh opened a general store in the village and kept for sale everything from silk goods down to ox-yokes, ox-bows and bow-plows. He ran this business successfully up to about 1862 and sold out to Daniel Boyer, who, after the building of the Vandalla Railroad, moved the business to Altamont.

During the '50s there were several enterprising men who entered into merchandising, among them John M. Brown and Peter Nelson. Samuel Jackson and his son Joe manufactured chairs at this time, and were acknowledged good mechanics in that line. About 1856 John M. Brown became owner of the Bishop mill, and prepared to turn it into a factory for making plows and other farm implements. He had it partially completed when the war commenced. This brought on a confusion in almost all of the home industries, and it forever stopped the Freemantion plow factory. When the call was made for volunteers, this settlement again responded to the call of their country, and somewhere near one hundred men enlisted from the settlement before the close of the war. During the war, business in the village of Freemantion was almost entirely abandoned and the village depopulated. When the Vandalla Railroad was built in 1869-70, it missed Freemantion by about half a mile, and the village of Altamont was laid out about four miles west, becoming a thriving town and a good business point, and later the railroad company established a station just north of the old village, which station was named Dexter, and a post-office of the same name was established. By this time the old Village of Freemantion was almost entirely abandoned, everything movable taken away, the village plat vacated and the lots turned into farm lands, and to-day, a stranger would hardly recognize it as

once a village site. The lands in that vicinity are all improved and under cultivation, and the original settlement has become well populated. On marble slabs in the cemetery near by may be found the names of a great many of the first settlers; some went further west and some went to different neighborhoods in Illinois. There are a very few of the descendants of the first settlers living in the old settlement. The lands in the vicinity are all occupied by a good class of intelligent and industrious citizens, surrounded by modern improvements and conveniences, and they have excellent schools and churches.

"The wolf and the deer are seen no more  
Among the woods along the shore,  
And where was heard the panther's scream,  
The farmer drives his jocund team.  
Where once the Indian wigwam stood,  
Upon the border of the wood,  
The stately mansion now is seen,  
Amid broad fields and pastures green."

#### ELLIOTTSTOWN SETTLEMENT.

(By Dr. Thomas J. Dunn.)

The task of preparing a paper on the history of the Elliottstown Settlement has been difficult, for the reason that the settlement was begun long before I was on the ground,—even before I was born. The first settler, of whom I could obtain anything like a definite account, was Thomas Stroud, who located on the northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4, in Lucas Township, in 1840. He had lived in Southern Indiana and, desiring to change his location, moved to Louisville, Ky., but not being satisfied there, went to Iowa. Here he also failed to be suited and started back to his old home in Indiana. While camped near where the City of Jacksonville is now located, his horses strayed away and started toward Indiana. He followed and overtook all but one at the home of one Eckels, who lived on the above-described land. Stroud proposed to trade the chance of finding the missing horse for Eckels' claim, which proposition was accepted by Mr. Eckels, who pursued and captured the runaway horse and took his family back to Indiana, whence they had come. Stroud returned to his camp and brought his family to the claim. He resided there continuously until 1856, when he removed to the vicinity of Quincy, Ill., but returned a year or two later and settled on Trapp Prairie, where

he died in 1873. His wife died in 1852 and was buried on the old farm, as also was he. They reared a large family and two sons, Ner and Richard N., are still residents of the vicinity.

Boh French, a brother-in-law of Mr. Stroud, came with him and located on the land now owned by Joseph Lidley. Mr. French remained only a short time and then sold his claim to Dr. Tilton, who, in turn, sold or traded it to James Holt and went to Iowa, about 1849-50.

William White settled in Section 31, Bishop Township, about 1839-40, lived there several years, and finally moved two or three miles further east, where he died. He and his brother, Dr. Thomas White, who lived at Bishop Point, were noted characters, but perhaps not quite as bad as painted in Perrin's History of Effingham County.

Henry Armstrong settled on the King Place, now owned by G. H. Schmidt, about the time the Whites came. He was a useful citizen and, it is supposed, built the first grist-mill in the settlement. He died many years ago and some of his descendants now live in Clay County.

Richard Marion and James Bennfield settled just west of where Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church now stands, about 1837-38. Mr. Marion lived there until his death and some of his descendants still live in the county. Bennfield remained only a few years, then removed farther west. The land on which they settled is now owned by S. M. Haynes.

Old Mr. Simpson located at the mouth of the Little Bishop in Union Township, about 1838-39, and lived there a number of years. He finally moved to the Delaney Farm in Watson Township, where he died. He had several sons,—John, George W., William, Joseph and Thomas—all of whom settled a few miles west of Elliottstown, though all have now moved away or died. A son-in-law of Mr. Simpson, Ed. Llewellyn, settled on the place now owned by George A. Woodworth, and was quite a prominent trader. He built the first brick building in the neighborhood, a residence, in 1852-53, but left the neighborhood years ago. Another son-in-law of Mr. Simpson, Jacob Lewis, settled where L. D. Dunn now lives, in Lucas Township, although he sold out to Elijah Poynter some time in the '40s and removed to Jersey County, Ill., where he died a few years ago.

Thomas Walls settled in Section 31, Bishop Township, about 1844; he sold his claim to Am-

brose Field, who came from Kentucky, spending a few years in Edgar County, and reached the settlement at Elliottstown in 1847. Mr. Walls moved a few miles further east, where he spent the remainder of his life, and Field remained on the farm mentioned until his death, which occurred in 1855, during an epidemic of cholera. He left a large family, and several of his descendants are well-known residents of Effingham County.

Mr. Murphy located in Section 28, Bishop Township, in 1845-46. He died there many years ago, leaving three sons, two of whom lived in the county until very recently.

Smith Elliott and George Barkley, Kentuckians, located on Section 5 in Lucas Township, in 1845-46, after spending a few years in Edgar County. Mr. Elliott settled on land now owned by Mrs. Rheney Merry and Mr. Barkley on the Hand Farm. Mr. Elliott was prominent in church and Sunday-school work, becoming a member of the Baptist Church at its organization. He was the founder of the village that bears his name, and died during the cholera epidemic of 1855. He left a large family, all of whom have left the county, and all except one son and one daughter are deceased. Mr. Barkley died near Watson, Ill., in 1867. He was a veteran of the War of 1812 and left several children, all of whom have now removed from the county.

James Holt settled in Section 4, Lucas Township, in 1845. About 1860 he removed to Union Township, and died there several years ago. The only member of his family now living in the State is a daughter in Clay County. Isaac McBroom, a brother-in-law of Mr. Holt, also settled in Section 4 in 1847-48. He died north of Elliottstown, about 1860, and none of his descendants remain in the neighborhood.

John L., G. W. and William Baty came to the settlement about 1845-46, John L. and William settling in Section 6, Lucas Township, and G. W. on the place now occupied by W. D. Wiles. William died soon after locating in the settlement and his widow afterward married James Green. John L. sold out many years ago and removed to the far Northwest, where he died soon after. G. W. removed to Kansas about thirty-five years ago, and he, too, is deceased. W. C., a son of John L., was Sheriff of the county one term, and died a few years ago in Colorado.

William King located on the land where Henry Armstrong first settled, about 1848, and he and his son William died of cholera in 1853 or '54. A daughter, Mrs. Joseph Gillmore, now resides in Watson Township.

George W. Merry came to the settlement from Madison County, Ill., about the year 1845, and was prominently identified with the early history of the county. He died in 1868, leaving several sons and one daughter (Mrs. Sarah Green). His sons, William H., Owen T., James R., Daniel and George W., are all deceased except Daniel, who now lives at Montana, Kan. Several descendants of Owen T. and James R. still live in the vicinity.

James Green came to the settlement at the same time as Mr. Merry, and located on and improved the northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12 in Union Township, where he resided several years. His father, Thomas Green, who came with him, is buried on this farm, having died at the age of one hundred and three years. Mr. Green reared a large family, of whom one son, William, died only a few years ago, and several descendants still reside in the county.

John Knowles came to the farm where William White settled, about the year 1849. He died soon after, leaving a large family, all of whom moved away. Richard Wood and Jacob Forsythe, sons-in-law of Mr. Knowles, came a few years later. Mr. Wood died in Union Township, April 1, 1903, and Mr. Forsythe at one time sold goods in Elliottstown, but left many years ago. Andrew Wood, son of Richard Wood, still lives in Union Township.

Jane Walker, a sister-in-law of James Holt, took possession of the Tilton Place, now owned by Joseph Lidley, about 1850, and remained there about ten years, when she moved to the vicinity of Springfield, Mo.

John B. Streife came to the settlement from Switzerland and located in Section 36, Watson Township, about 1850. A few years after the Civil War he removed to California.

John S. Tedrick located on the place which still bears his name, in 1850-51. He was originally from Maryland, but had stopped a few years in Ohio or Indiana. He prospered from the start and became possessed of considerable property. His wife was prominent in church and temperance work. He died over twenty years



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ago and his wife about ten years later; they left a number of descendants in the locality.

Levi Jacobs came to the settlement in 1851-52, and lived where Jacob L. Kagay now resides. He accumulated a great deal of property and it is said the first election in the place was held at his house. He died in Effingham.

Andrew Dunn and John Barkley came in 1853, the former settling on a farm in Lucas Township that now bears his name. He died in Teutopolis, Ill., January 6, 1871, and his widow, Sarah A. Dunn, died on the old farm October 16, 1892, when past the age of eighty years. A son, Dr. T. J., of Lucas Township, and a daughter, Mrs. Andrew Baillie, of Mason, are still residents of the county. Mr. Barkley removed to Missouri about the beginning of the Civil War.

After 1853 the country settled up very fast. John H. Anderson, Enoch Fishback and W. H. Delaney came in 1854. Mr. Anderson died at Mason, Ill.; Fishback removed to Missouri after the Civil War, and Mr. Delaney died in Effingham. William James bought the farm now owned by William Dye, in 1855, and died there about four years later. John G. James, a well-known citizen of Watson Township, is his son.

Many others located in the settlement about this time, and among them were Rev. G. W. Barcus and John Trapp, who came from "The Patch" and located on Trapp Prairie, or, as it was sometimes called, "Lazy Neck." Rev. Barcus lived at Bobdoane, Fayette County, and Trapp at Freemanton and vicinity for quite a while before going to "The Patch." Mr. Wilkinson, Adam L. Walker, David Kershner, Jacob S. Covert and Richard P. Rogers also came to the settlement about this time.

The village of Elliottstown was surveyed and platted by R. A. Howard, for Smith Elliott, owner of the land, in June, 1854; Dr. L. J. Field had built a residence on the land a year or so previously. A. E. Elliott built a house about the time the town was platted; and Richard P. Rogers, Robert B. Evans, and some others, built residences about the same time. G. W. Baty built a steam saw-mill in 1855, and later added a grist mill. This mill was owned by various men and remained for several years in operation. It was patronized by people for many miles around the town. Several others have conducted saw and grist mills in the village; I recall to mind Samuel Field, who did a good business for some time.

Robert B. Evans conducted the first store, and he was followed by Jacob Forsythe, L. J. Field, John Marble, Thomas S. Duckworth, Hamilton L. Smith, G. W. Sloan, Sloan & Barr, C. C. Hunter, Kennedy & Lloyd, Wiles & Lloyd, Dye & Sloan, J. P. Floyd & Co., Ira Pendlay, and many others. O. T. Merry did a successful business for several years and his widow succeeded to his business at his death, which occurred in January, 1895. N. A. Kite is also in business at present.

Dr. L. J. Field was instrumental in establishing a post-office in 1855 and was the first Postmaster, serving many years. The post-office was discontinued August 31, 1906.

The following physicians have practiced in the village in about the order named: L. J. Field, Dr. Abbott, Dr. Hughes, Dr. Lesseur, Dr. Shindle, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Sloan, Dr. Lloyd, Dr. Larrabee and Dr. Dunn.

A schoolhouse was erected in 1856, by David Kershner, and John Russ taught the first school there; he was followed by Samuel Field, H. B. Kepley, Robinson McCann, W. B. Hannawalt, C. A. Van Allen, W. P. Surralls, T. J. Dunn and many others. Dr. Field taught the first school in the settlement long before the Village of Elliottstown was thought of, in a cabin on the land now owned by Lee Burrell. A schoolhouse was built a few years later on the land belonging to Smith Elliott, about a mile north of the village. This was used for school purposes until the building was erected in town, as before mentioned, in 1856.

John Y. Ball conducted the first blacksmith shop, beginning about the year 1855. W. D. Wiles is now in that business, and has a good trade.

The first church was organized by the Baptists, who held a meeting at the home of Smith Elliott in 1852. After the town was laid out they erected a good building, which was destroyed by fire about fifteen years ago. Rev. G. W. Barcus was conspicuous in maintaining this church. The organization has now ceased to exist. The Christian Church was organized during the Civil War. They have a church building and hold regular meetings, also supporting a Sunday School.

The Methodist Protestant Church was organized some years ago; they own a good building and have regular services, as well as a well-attended Sunday School.

A lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was moved from Winterrowd to Elliotts-town about 1869. They have a hall and about twenty members.

The village has had no regular saloons for many years. Farther back each grocery and general store was well provided with "Old Johnson County," but this was discouraged and finally discontinued.

The settlement was very prompt to respond to the call for volunteers, at the outbreak of the Civil War. Three families that I now call to mind,—the Field, Kershull and Stroud families, each contributed six soldiers. The following sent all male members old enough for enlistment: the Abraham, Barkley, Barcus, Dunn and King families. The Green, Merry, Baty, Knowles and many other families also contributed freely. All Jacobs and King families who went gave up their lives,—not a member of either family returned.

Many other persons are deserving of mention in this paper, did space permit. The Ramsey Point Settlement is also worthy of mention.

#### LETTER OF H. H. WRIGHT, 1898.

I came to the county in 1834, and if I could recall all the conditions that existed at that time, I could give you an interesting letter. The county was then pretty much a wilderness. The settlements were on the Little Wabash, Limestone Creek, along the National Road, on Wolf Creek and on Bishop and Ramsey Creeks. Robert Moore lived at the head of Blue Point, on the old road that ran north to Galena. He had a small field on the prairie and a little bottom at Blue Point; this was the only farm on the prairie in the county at that time, and he owned about a thousand acres. The voting places were then in Ewington, Freemannton, on Wolf Creek, and at John Broom's near Mason. We then polled about sixty votes in the county, which would make nearly 300 inhabitants.

The first persons buried in the Ewington Cemetery were John Hankins and Mrs. Samuel White. In this cemetery are headstones that mark the graves of many old settlers of the county.

There are few left of those who were here sixty-four years ago. Those who have seen the black bear prowl around the cabin and heard the panther scream or the wolf howl; the men who went ten or twelve miles to mill with a

bushel of corn and had to wait till the next day to get their grist; who plowed corn with a single ox or cow, hitched to bull-tongued plows with rawhide or hickory bark tugs; who plowed by moonlight to escape the ravages of the green-head flies; the women who carded wool and spun it into yarn and wove it into cloth, and who soaked hard corn and grated it on a tin grater to make bread: these men and women are passing away and we cannot too often do them honor.

The family names of the old settlers in 1834 were: Turner, Nelson, Higgs, Brockett, Trapp, McWhorter, McCann, Cronk, Parkhurst, Tucker, Porter, Scott, Gilmore, Laukford, Neaville, Levitt, Slaven, Cartwright, Tarrant, Rentfrow, Ramsey, Cohen, Dobbs, Tipsword, Jennings, Griffith, Holmes, Gordon, Cox, Gossage, Powell, Lorton, Harris, Anderson, Olinger, Ingraham, Thomason, Wagner, Bengaman, Gillenwaters, Funk, Funkhouser, Shadwell, Stallings, Martin, Broom, Ostin, Hankins, Loy, Wright, Gillespie, Ballie, Blunt, Farley, McCoy, Kepley.

I used to carry the mail from Vandalia to Palestine, in Crawford County, by way of Martinsville, taking three days for the trip. While I was on this route the Government established an "Express train," which was the talk of the whole country. This consisted of a saddle horse, the carrier riding at the greatest possible speed the horse could sustain, relays of horses being provided at close and convenient stations. This express made ten miles an hour and was really a great achievement. It used to pass me on my route.

The mills were great industries in those days; in 1834 they were all horse mills. Those I can recall were Parkhurst Mill, near Mason; Short's mill in Ewington, which my father bought in 1835; White's mill on Bishop Creek; Davidson's mill at Turner's Place, and Ramsey's mill, north of Effingham. The first water mills were Meek's mill at the Park's ford on the Wabash; Brockett's, since called Robinson's, and the Flemsburg mill. The first steam mill was built in Freemannton by Bishop and was a "wonder."

#### LETTER FROM GEORGE C. VAN ALLEN.

The following are extracts from a letter sent to the Effingham Old Settlers' Association in 1898, by George C. Van Allen, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa:

"The years 1857-59 I spent looking after the interests of the Illinois Central Railroad Land Department, and making friends for myself meanwhile. I remember how I visited almost every section of land in Effingham County; how I was kindly entertained on my trips, which were often made on foot from some station along the railroad. I sold railroad lands all over the region to men who made their first payment, but never came back to claim the land. The great crash of 1857 closed out almost all the contracts.

"I was married in 1857 and brought my wife to Effingham. Our social life was very agreeable. My wife was young and not very strong, yet she put a new activity into the place, being the cause of a Sunday school, a sewing circle and a reading club. Among others, I remember Boleyjack; Mr. Mette, who kept a store at the corner of the square; Mr. George Scoles, who lived near by; Bob Phillips, who at one time kept a hotel and did other business for a living; and Mr. Holdskom, who kept a hotel and harness shop in the same building,—he working at his trade and his wife doing the honors of the hotel, which did a thriving business.

"Altogether my recollection of Effingham life is very agreeable. I had great hopes there, wiped out, however, by the financial depression of 1857. After that and before removing from Effingham, I did a great deal of surveying in and around Effingham. I understand many of the corners I set are still standing as land marks for other surveyors.

"I was sick with ague in the fall of 1859. I became discouraged and went back to New York, where I spent about two years completing a course in law."

#### SPEECH OF OWEN SCOTT.

The following includes some brief extracts from a speech delivered by Hon. Owen Scott, at a meeting of the Effingham County Old Settlers' Association held in 1898. Mr. Scott is a native of Effingham County, born in Jackson Township in 1848:

"It took genuine courage for these men to come into this wilderness and make and maintain a settlement, to fight against those obstacles that beset every step of their onward progress. One of the greatest difficulties in settling this section of the country was the green-head flies; these ravenous pests would take a horse and abso-

lutely eat him up. They came in swarms and drove.

"Not only green-head flies, but ague, another enemy of civilization, had to be conquered. It wasn't fought with guns, but with quinine. In those days they did not have any quinine, so they fought it the best way they could by taking the barks of certain trees, the elder and others that produced the same element as quinine. They had to fight wolves and all the wild beasts that infested this section. They had to fight these single-handed and at great odds.

"The way they made most of their clothes in those days was to plant a little patch of flax and raise, cut, reap, 'hackle' it, weave it, and make it up into the 'wamus' that the men wore in those days. They also wore buckskin and leather breeches. A little later came the wool that was sheared from the sheep and carded.

"They had no mills. They had to go in the early days to Shelbyville to mill. I have heard my father tell about going there, driving his horses at night (when he had a horse), to escape the green-head flies, getting his grist ground or grinding it himself on the old horse mill upon the river, and then the next night drive back."

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#### CHAPTER IV.

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#### TOWNSHIP HISTORY.

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HISTORY OF INDIVIDUAL TOWNSHIPS IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY—EARLY SETTLERS AND WHEN THEY CAME—PRIMITIVE CONDITIONS—TOWNS AND VILLAGES—SCHOOLS, CHURCHES AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS—OTHER ITEMS OF LOCAL HISTORY.

Township organization in Effingham County was adopted by popular vote in 1860, and went into operation in 1861, the first meeting of the Board of Supervisors being held on April 22d of the latter year, the county then being divided into thirteen townships which have been increased by subsequent divisions to fifteen. In the following pages will be found a history of individual townships arranged in alphabetical order:



## BANNER TOWNSHIP.

Banner Township, organized in 1874, from the northern part of Summit Township, is located in the middle of the northern tier of townships in Effingham County, and made up of the south half of Town 9 North, Range 5 East of the Third Principal Meridian.

John Bingaman is the first recorded settler in the territory now embraced in Banner Township, having located in the timber along the Little Wabash about 1840. Prior to this he had lived in Jackson Township. In 1843 Jefferson Rentfrow came to the same locality, and located on a farm, which he redeemed from the wilderness. Robert Shumard came here about the same time. Nathan Ramsey located east of the present site of Shumway in 1849, and there were a number of other early settlers, all of whom had in mind the establishment of permanent homes.

When settlement was first made here, Shelbyville was the nearest source of supply, and the roads were mere Indian trails. Corn was the first crop, but several years later, wheat was planted and grown successfully. Banner Township is now the best wheat-producing township in Effingham County.

Unlike some of the other townships, Banner early established churches, the first services having been conducted in the home of Nathan Ramsey by Elder Henry Shellenberger of the Old School Baptist denomination. A little later a log church was built on Wall Creek, and for some years the faithful gathered here to be ministered to by traveling preachers. Later the congregation moved to Shumway. The German Methodists established a church on the north of Shumway about 1869. Other denominations followed, until Banner Township is as well supplied with places of worship as any other in Effingham County.

While the people of Banner Township were anxious about their spiritual welfare, they did not neglect the intellectual development of their children, for they soon built a log school house, and placed F. M. Griffith in charge of the school. After twelve years of service, this little building burned. Another was built in its place, also of logs, for the first frame schoolhouse was not put up until about 1868 or 1869, and stood north of Shumway. In it was taught the first public school, by F. M. Griffith, and he was followed by

Hester Ann Crollard, Maggie Means, Martha Means, Susan Small, Riley Walker and J. A. Arnold. The Paducah & Chicago Railroad passes through Banner Township.

The village of Shumway was formerly a part of the farm of Hugh Dennis, one of the pioneers of the county, and he sold it to the Paducah & Chicago Railroad in 1863. The lots were not placed on the market until 1874, and the first to buy were Henry Bernard, Edward Meyer, M. M. Hemphill, Henry Metzler, and D. J. N. Phifer. The first house and blacksmith shop were owned by Fred Meyer, and about the same time M. M. Hemphill built a hotel. Dr. Phifer erected his house during the summer of 1874, and thus was the beginning of the village assured. Henry Bernard had the first store, and he carried a general stock calculated to supply all the needs of the people depending upon him for their goods. The second store was established by Henry Metzler in the fall of 1874.

The first physician in Shumway, and probably in the entire township was Dr. Phifer, and he was later followed by Drs. J. H. Carper, J. B. Johnson, John Vandervort and George Haummesser.

Shumway's first school house was put up in 1875, and Prof. J. A. Arnold, later County Superintendent, presided over its fortunes. The Shumway Flouring Mill was built in 1878 by Henry Bernard, and became an important industry. Several warehouses were also established, and Shumway became a center of a large shipping business.

As Banner is essentially so religious a community, the religious element is well represented here by a number of substantial churches, the Lutheran, the German Methodist and the St. Mary's Roman Catholic being among the oldest.

As already explained, Banner Township was set off from Summit Township in 1874, and is bounded on the north by Shelby County, on the east by Douglas Township, on the south by Summit and west by Liberty. The Little Wabash, Shoal and Moots Creeks water it, and at one time it was covered by heavy timber and undergrowth. A good deal of the land was under water, but since its redemption through drainage, this hitherto valueless land has become the most desirable in the township, and those owning it are either refusing to sell or are quoting very high prices.



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## BISHOP TOWNSHIP.

Bishop Township, one of the original townships of Effingham County, in the middle of the eastern tier of townships, embraces the whole of Town 7 North, Range 7 East. The township takes its name from Bishop Creek, which, with Salt Creek, waters this section. It is noted for its fruit, there being scarcely a farm within its confines where fruit-growing is not specialized. Wheat and corn are also grown extensively, but the soil is better suited for the raising of fruit, and the farmers have been quick to appreciate this fact. Stock growing has attracted the attention of many, and the shipments of stock form an important factor in the business life of this part of the county.

The first settlement in Bishop Township was made in 1837 by Samuel Bishop, who gave his name to the creek and township. Others followed, but none seemed suited with this region, until Christian Reamen, a German, came here. With the patience and industry of his nation, he entered land and lived here the remainder of his life, dying in 1878. A Mr. Westendorf, also a German, settled here a year later. Until 1842 these two were the only settlers in the township, but that year brought Elias Layton, Theophilus Wilson, William White and Thomas White, all from Ohio. Joseph Melson, John Tedrick, Isaiah Wall and a Mr. Armstrong came here about 1844. In 1847 Ambrose Field established the prominent Field family in the township, as did Dr. Field. The latter entered land and taught school while continuing his medical studies, and he was the first physician in Bishop. The first mill was built by Mr. Armstrong and was operated by horsepower, and another was built by Dr. White.

The first election in the original precinct was held in 1848, at the home of Levi Jacobs, and the result was strongly Democratic. Schools were regarded of first importance, and there are some excellent schools now maintained in various parts of the township. The first religious services were held at a private residence by Elder Stephen A. Williams, a Christian minister, who organized a church of that denomination. The Methodists also held services early in the history of the township. The Catholic and Lutheran churches bore their part in the religious development, and all have flourishing congregations.

Elliottstown, the principal village of Bishop Township, was surveyed June 17, 1854, for Smith Elliott, who gave his name to the place. Dr. L. J. Field and E. A. Elliott had already built houses, and they were followed by others who recognized the possibilities of the new town. There had been a post-office established here, with Dr. Field as Postmaster. Robert Evans opened a store, and in 1854 John Marble started another. In 1855 H. L. Smith opened up a third, and now the mercantile interests of this thriving village are well represented by several stores, conducted by merchants of public-spirit and enterprise. The hotel here was established by George Dye, who also operated a drug store. Dr. Field was the first physician, and was followed by Drs. Abbott, Hughes, Sloan, Johnson, Lesseur, Shindle and Larrabee.

The first school in Elliottstown was taught by John Russ, beginning with the fall of 1856, in a small frame building. Samuel Field, H. B. Kepley and W. B. Hannawalt are remembered as early teachers, and a number of the leading men of the township laid the foundations of a broader education under them. The Baptist Church was organized March 27, 1852, at the residence of Samuel Elliott. The Christian Church dates its beginnings back to 1866, and other denominations are here represented, although they are of later growth. The people of Elliottstown are law-abiding, intelligent citizens who are proud of their progress, their schools and churches, and are eager to add to their improvements.

Delia Lodge, No. 525, A. F. & A. M. has the distinction of being the first fraternal organization in Elliottstown, but of late years other orders have been organized here.

The village of Dieterich was laid out by M. Dieterich, and it was surveyed January 8, 1881. It is on the Springfield, Effingham & South-eastern Railroad, and is a shipping center for the agricultural district surrounding, and several important warehouses and elevators are located here. Naturally several stores have also sprung up about this prairie village. John Richards was the first Postmaster of the place, and he was succeeded by Dr. Chapman, the first physician here.

Graceville was surveyed February 5, 1881, for John Grace, and it adjoins Dieterich. It, too, is a shipping center, but without much individual history. These three places—Elliotts-



town, Dieterich and Graceville—make up the quota of villages in Bishop, and they control the large amount of shipping of grain and stock done from their part of the county.

#### DOUGLAS TOWNSHIP.

Douglas Township first included all of Town 8 North, and the south half of Town 9 North, Range 6 East, but in December, 1863, the east half of Town 8 North, was organized into what is now Teutopolis Township. The present township is therefore made up of the south half of T. 9 N., R. 6 E., and the west half of T. 8 N., R. 6 E., and is bounded on the north by Shelby County, on the east by Cumberland County and Teutopolis Township, south by Watson and Teutopolis Townships and west by Summit and Banner Townships, with the Little Wabash River draining it. The principal city of the county is located in this township, being Effingham, which is the county-seat. The remainder of this township is given up to agricultural activities.

The first settlers of the township were Isaac Slover, James Cartwright, James Leavitt, Jefferson Langford, John Gannaway, James and Nathan Ramsey, Aaron Williams, Richard Cohea and others. In the list of Germans who located in the township prior to 1840, are to be found the names of Joseph Bernard, Henry and George Koester, Ferdinand Braum, Joseph Feldhake, Matthias Moenning, Joseph Boessing, Gerhard Osthoff, Fr. Hoffman, Bernard Vogt, John Fechtrop, Bernard Deters, Fred Grimme, Arnold Kreke, Joseph Suer, Henry Herboth and many others.

The second Catholic Church organized in Effingham County was located on Green Creek in the northern part of the township, and is the Maria Help or Green Creek Church. This was established in 1857 by the Rev. Father Frauenhofer.

Effingham City is situated at the intersection of the Chicago branch of the Illinois Central and the Vandalia Railroads, and at the end of the Wabash and the Effingham & Southeastern Narrow-Gauge lines. The town was originally named Broughton, for Gov. John Brough, of Ohio, who was then the principal promoter of the Vandalia Railroad line, but this name was dropped in 1858. The plat of Effingham, proper,

was made by James M. Healey, Deputy County Surveyor, September 12, 1855, and a number of additions have since been made to it, until the population now numbers something between 4,000 and 5,000.

The first store in Effingham was opened in 1854 by William Dorsey, from Princeton, Ind. The post-office, before the appointment of a Postmaster was called Wehunka, but this name was later changed to Effingham, and John Hoeny was made the first Postmaster and George Scoles was his successor.

The first regular hotel was the Central House, located west of the Illinois Central tracks, and was kept by Dr. Bishop about 1855-56, but he soon sold it to John Woods, who was succeeded by Samuel Fleming. There are a number of first-class hosteleries in Effingham, which are noted for their admirable cuisine and comfortable quarters.

Dr. George Scoles was the first practicing physician of Effingham, located there about 1857, and continued for many years. Dr. Farley was also an early and much beloved physician, and there are many others whose names might well be added to the roster.

Craddock & Habing organized the first banking institution of Effingham, in 1866, in the Little Building, and this was continued until 1873, when the firm was dissolved. The Effingham Bank was founded in 1879 by F. A. Von Gassy. Other financial institutions have sprung up, and some are still in existence, while others have passed out or been absorbed by the larger ones.

Effingham is essentially a residence city, its beautiful streets and avenues being lined with some of the most handsome and modern homes to be found in this part of the State. Manufacturing interests are not largely represented here for that very reason, for the men of this locality, realizing the beauty of the place, have hesitated to invade it with the smoke and grime so much a part of large plants of this character in other cities. However, the city has a large enough number of manufactories to give employment to a considerable proportion of the population, and the products rank well in the markets of the country.

The big fire of 1863 will long be remembered for its destructive nature, and there have been several others of less importance, but now the city has a very fully equipped fire department



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and is able to handle the fires with which it may be visited.

The village of Effingham was incorporated, but no record of that act can be found. In 1867 it became a city with B. F. Kagay as Mayor; E. H. Bishop, Clerk; Wesley Spitler, R. E. Moore, W. H. St. Clair and Fred Mindrup as the first Board of Aldermen.

The first church to be established in Effingham was the Methodist, presided over by Rev. Mr. Graham in 1835. The Baptist Church was organized in 1861, by Elder Uriah McKay. The St. Anthony's Catholic Church was organized in 1858 by Father Bartels. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized by Rev. Mr. Luther in 1865, but is now extinct. St. Mary's Mission Episcopal Church was established by Rev. John W. Osborne about 1871. The first Presbyterian Church of Effingham dates back to November 13, 1864, when it was organized in the court house by Revs. A. T. Norton and S. R. Bissell. St. John's Lutheran Church was organized in 1864 by Rev. Charles Meyer.

There are many fraternal organizations in Effingham, of which only passing mention can be given. The Free Masons were established in the county at Ewington, February 10, 1854, with James M. Long as Master.

Effingham has always been noted for the excellence of its schools, and, from its very beginning, the foundation and maintenance of schools occupied the minds of the settlers. The first school was presided over by John Hoeny, who began in 1855, and Alexander S. Moffitt taught the second school. Now the school system is one of the best in the State, and the teachers rank with the highest. The buildings are thoroughly modern, and the methods are the best known in pedagogy.

The sick are taken care of in Mercy Hospital, a city institution, under the care of the Franciscan Sisters of Mercy, and was established by St. Anthony's congregation.

Effingham is one of the best examples of a flourishing mid-state city that can be found in the country. It is conveniently located, both as to transportation, and climatic conditions; is the center of a rich farming community that looks to it as a natural source of supply, and is the home of a number of wealthy men who have retired from their farms. Effingham is a city of homes, and its people are not transients, but

are bound to it by ties of property as well as friendship, so that its government is stable, and its improvements made for all time, and not to gratify an empty love of display.

#### JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

Jackson, one of the central townships of Effingham County, embraces all of Town 7 North, Range 5 East. For many years the land in the township was considered of little worth, as much of it lay under water, but now, owing to the present drainage system, it is included with the most valuable in Effingham County. It lies in the Wabash bottoms, southwest from Effingham City, bounded on the north by Summit Township, on the east by Watson, on the south by Mason and on the west by Mound. The Little Wabash flows through it, and with its tributaries, gives it all the water it can stand. The trees of the bottom lands were walnut, papaw, cottonwood, sycamore, sugar maple, buckeye, soft maple, while on the ridges were to be found the different oaks, hickory and other hardy growth.

The first settlement in what is now Jackson Township was made by Isaac Fancher in 1825. A couple of years later, his brother Byron came on and located here too. They were both natives of Tennessee. Indeed a good deal of Effingham County was settled by Southern people, who sought in the new lands a home free from the conflicting questions of the day, that were to terminate later on in the greatest struggle the world has ever known. Ben Campbell was the next settler, he coming about 1826, and he was followed by Jesse and Jack Fuller, Thomas I. Fred and William Brockett, and in 1829 by Samuel Bratton, Andrew Lilly, Henry Tucker, William Stephens. In 1830 there were many settlements made by men who wanted to make permanent homes in the wilderness. None of these pioneers were afraid of hard work; they came prepared to subdue the wild land and conquer adverse circumstances, and they succeeded beyond their wildest expectations. An interesting circumstance is, that the first births in the townships were those of twins, born of different parents in the same house on the same night. A son was born to Stephen Austin, and a daughter to Thomas I. Brockett. The first death resulted



from an accident. Isaac Fuller was caught by a falling limb and killed. The first graveyard was located near Freemanton, but there were a number of private graveyards, it being quite an ordinary thing for people to be buried on the property they had owned while living.

Naturally those people living along the water courses built mills sooner than the ones who lived further in the interior, and Jackson soon had its mills, Brockett probably establishing the first. Funkhouser had a horse mill; Tucker established another, and others were built as there was need of them. They were all primitive affairs, but served their purpose.

At first there were no roads, paths through the timber serving. The old National Road runs through a corner of Jackson Township. The first voting place was in the house of Thomas I. Brockett, and the first store in the township was opened in 1833 by John Funkhouser. This store was a large one for the times, and Mr. Funkhouser did an extensive business.

The first school in Jackson Township was taught by Elisha Parkhurst in the stable owned by Thomas I. Brockett, and Col. Houston had another. As the number of the children increased, better facilities were furnished, until now the schools of Jackson compare favorably with any other farming district in the State, and pupils from them are constantly entering the larger institutions of learning throughout the country.

Naturally churches were founded soon after the settlement, although of course the first services were held in the houses of the pioneers. The Baptists seem to have been the leaders in the religious movement here, the first preacher, Elder Whitely being of that faith. The Methodists were not far behind their Baptist brethren, and now there are a number of flourishing churches in different parts of the township, having excellent congregations and doing a good work.

The village of Freemanton, in the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 7 of the township, was laid out June 21, 1834, William and John Freeman being among the earliest settlers, and the place named in their honor. The original name was The X Roads, but as it gained an unsavory reputation on account of the drinking and gambling, which was carried on under the old rule, when the village was laid out, the

name was changed. The first store at Freemanton was probably kept by a Mr. Johnson, a Mr. Jenks was the first blacksmith, and a post-office was established with Milton Flack as Postmaster, but this was removed to Dexter. The first tavern was kept by Toothacker. The Methodists were early in starting a church by the graveyard, with the Rev. Mr. Lowry in charge. Until the railroads were built Freemanton was prosperous, but now its glory has departed.

Dexter is another village of Jackson Township, located on the Vandalia Railroad. A store was opened there by H. H. Brown; a Methodist church was established, and the place has an excellent school.

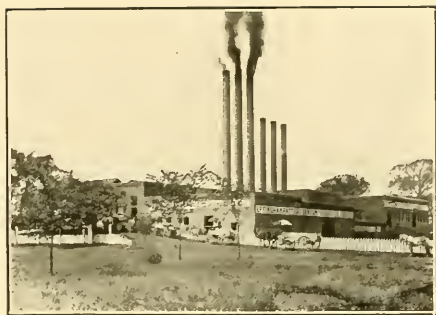
Still another village, Granville, is on the maps, although as a village it has disappeared. It was surveyed by Samuel Houston for John Funkhouser and William Clark. There were a few stores and houses there, but they disappeared, leaving nothing but a memory behind them.

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#### LIBERTY TOWNSHIP.

This township, lying in the northwest corner of Effingham County, consists of the south half of Town 9 North, Range 4 East. It is of the same size as Banner Township, these two being the smallest townships in the county, each covering an area of eighteen square miles. The township, however, has a history of its own that is very interesting to those who have helped to make it, or who can trace back to those who are intimately associated with its early development. Liberty is south of Shelby County, west of Banner Township, north of Moccasin Township, and east of Fayette County. Along the water courses timber was found in abundance, the trees being oak, hickory, walnut, elm, sycamore, sugar maple and cottonwood. Wolf Creek runs through the township, and furnishes a good natural drainage, but the farmers have found it necessary to do considerable tilling. Moore Creek empties into Wolf Creek. The Springfield Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad runs through the township, and there are sufficient transportation facilities to accommodate the shipments of grain and live stock.

The early settlers of Liberty Township came



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from New England, Ohio, Indiana, the various Southern States, from Germany, England and Ireland, and they have blended together into one of the most patriotic communities to be found in Illinois. Among the very early settlers were the Coxes, who came from Tennessee, and there were also Thomas Dutton, George Eccles, Allsop, Alexander Bylaski, George Superoski, Dennis Stebbins, Samuel Lorton, and many others who combined to make the locality what it now is—a delightful place in which to live, and the center of some of the most valuable farming lands in the State.

Beecher City is the only village in the township, and the station of the railroad. It was recorded April 8, 1872, and was named for the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, who was then in the zenith of his fame. The first store here was established by Miller & Nelson. Jennings Brothers had the second, and there are now a number, and all are in a flourishing condition. A post-office was soon established with H. L. Beecher as Postmaster. The churches and schoolhouse are among the best in the county, and the people take a pride in them and their proper care. Many of the secret societies are well represented, for the people recognize their value.

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#### LUCAS TOWNSHIP.

Lucas Township, embracing Towns 6 North, Range 7 East, is located in the southeast corner of Effingham County, and is bounded on the east by Jasper, and south by Clay County. It long enjoyed the distinction of being the only Republican township in a strongly Democratic county, and proudly made its returns. In 1863 there was but one Democratic vote cast in the entire township,—a very remarkable occurrence, but indicating the sturdy loyalty of the mass of its citizens in Civil War days.

As this township offered excellent opportunities for a successful agricultural life, many settlers flocked there. Probably William Morris was the first, he coming here in 1830. His place of settlement is known as Morris' Field. The next pioneer was from Kentucky, he locating near Lucas Creek in 1831. Until 1840 there were no permanent settlements made, but in that year a number located in this vicinity. In 1845 there was a regular influx of settlers, and

the township began to assume some of the aspects of a partially settled region. W. C. Davis, William and Henry Lake, and John L. Baty came about 1846. There was hard work ahead of all of the pioneers when they came here to make a home for themselves, but there seems to be no record of their shirking their responsibilities. Evidently they expected hardships, and took them as a matter of course.

The first mill was a small one operated by horsepower. As time went on, good roads were established, schools were founded, churches were erected, and the people felt that there was no longer any necessity to consider themselves pioneers, for they had become old residents.

In the fall of 1846 the first marriage in the township took place, when Jesse Marion and a Miss Greenwood were united. The first school was taught by Dr. Field, and the second one was presided over by James Gibson. The first public school was taught by Elizabeth Taylor. All the old conditions governing educational matters have passed away, giving place to all the new ideas, that have resulted in the establishment in this country of the finest school system in the world.

Lucas Township was not backward in securing places of worship. The first preacher was Rev. George Monical, a Methodist preacher, who held services in 1846 at the home of Edward Sanderson. Alexander Ortrey was also an early minister of the township. The Lutherans are strong in this locality, as are the Baptists. The Presbyterians once had a church here, but there were not enough of this denomination to justify the maintenance of a church organization.

The Eberle post-office was established in 1867, with Dr. Allen as Postmaster. When the Civil War claimed so many loyal men, Lucas Township was not lacking in patriotism, but contributed many of its brave men to the mighty conflict, some of whom never returned.

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#### MASON TOWNSHIP.

Mason Township, in the southern tier of Effingham County townships, and embracing all of Town 6 North, Range 5 East, is one of the oldest of the divisions of Effingham County, and includes several prosperous villages. It is not a manufacturing center, however, the business



of the entire section being devoted almost solely to agricultural interests. The settlement of this part of the county occurred in 1829, its first settlers coming chiefly from Tennessee. Johnathan Parkhurst is one of the earliest pioneers; John McCoy, Alexander Stewart and several by the name of Lilly came a little later, followed by John Broom, Benjamin Allen and others. The first wheat planted in Effingham, was sown by these last two named. Additional pioneers were John and Josiah Stewart, Andrew Martin, John Trapp and Isaac L. Leith.

The first school in the township was taught by Col. Sam Houston. The first preachers were the Revs. Whitely and Surrells, belonging to the Regular Baptists, and they held services in private houses. The Wabash Church was organized in 1840, and was of the Missionary Baptist faith. A log church was built, followed in 1860 by a more pretensions structure.

The village of Mason is a beautiful little town on the Illinois Central Railroad, twelve miles south of Effingham, which was surveyed and platted by George Wright for Aaron W. Henry, Josiah W. Robinson and Robert M. Rankin, who owned the land. Additions have since been made. Mason was known originally as Bristol, but it was absorbed in the later town. A. W. Henry was the first merchant of Mason, as well as the first Postmaster. The second store was kept by Stephen Hardin.

The first residence in Mason was built by Mr. Rankin, and he opened a hotel in it. Whiting Avery taught the first school of Mason, which was conducted on the subscription plan. Now the school system is excellent, the town being proud of it, and sparing no expense to provide comfortable buildings and efficient teachers, realizing to the utmost the grave importance of furnishing first-class educational facilities to the growing generation.

The Methodists and Baptists early established churches in Mason, and are in a flourishing condition. The fraternal societies have a good representation in Mason, and rank well with other lodges.

Mason was very patriotic during the Civil War, and in the spring of 1863 a paper was established called the *Loyalist*, which was devoted to the cause of the Union.

The village was incorporated in 1865 under an act of the Legislature. While the business interests of this town are not as extensive as

those of Effingham or Altamont, the various houses are in an excellent financial condition, and, as a residence district, it offers advantages difficult to be bettered.

Edgewood is another village of Mason Township that is a desirable place for those seeking a pleasant home in a somewhat retired neighborhood. It is located at the crossing of the Illinois Central and the Springfield Division of the Baltimore & Ohio, S. W. Railroad, in the south half of the northeast quarter. It was surveyed and platted in 1857 for the Illinois Central Railroad. The first house in it was built by James Buckner, and the next was built by Byron Woodhull. Ichabod Stedman kept the first store, which he opened in 1859. The post-office was located in 1858, with Byron Woodhull as Postmaster. Ichabod Stedman built a flourmill. The Methodists established themselves here in 1870. St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church was founded in 1866, with Father Kellin as first priest. Like the other villages in Effingham County, Edgewood has its quota of fraternal organizations, the Masons numbering the largest membership, the lodge having been established here in October, 1866.

The village of Edgewood was incorporated in 1869 with the following Board of Trustees: E. Barbee, James Johnson, J. F. Erwin, Joseph Fiechs and Joseph Hall, with E. Barbee as President and Joseph Hall, Clerk.

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#### MOCCASIN TOWNSHIP.

This township, located in the western tier of townships in Effingham County, includes in its area the whole of Town 8 North, Range 4 East. The name Moccasin indicates that, at one time, this locality was the home of the deadly Moccasin snake, when a goodly portion of it lay submerged by water and its fallow acres brought forth nothing but rank swamp grasses, and bred the miasma so fatal to the settlers who ventured into this part of the wilderness. Moccasin and Wolf Creeks flow through its territory, which now is the location of some of the most fertile and valuable farms in the State. The names of these streams were given them by the pioneer Griffin Tipsword, who was the first settler of the county, locating in this vicinity. The timber of this locality consisted of white oak, hick-



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RESIDENCE OF H. H. BAILEY, ALTAMONT, ILL.



ory, walnut, cottonwood, sugar maple and elm. The boundaries of the township are Liberty Township on the north, Summit on the east, Mound on the south, and Fayette County on the west.

The Tipwords were quite active in the history of Moccasin Township, but Moses Doty became prominent later, though he did not locate here until 1840. When he came to this region he found S. R. Powell, Thomas Perry, John Scully, J. P. and Hiram Doty, Samuel Cunningham, Edward and Samuel Mahon, Jesse and Daniel Doty already here, and probably all of these came between 1830 and 1840.

Moses Doty, who has given much effort towards the compilation of county and township history, tells many interesting stories in his published articles of those early days. According to him the people of Moccasin were not backward in securing educational advantages for their children, and Samuel Mahon was the first teacher. The first preacher of whom there is any record was Boleyjack, and he held meetings in the houses of the settlers. The Methodist Episcopal church was the first to be built in the township. It was built about 1854-55, and later was established an excellent school. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized and a church edifice built in 1868-69. The German Methodist Church is also represented here.

The village of Moccasin is on the Wabash Railroad and was named after Moccasin Township. Snook & Ross opened the first store here. The village was surveyed in 1872 for Benjamin Jones, Joseph Yarnall and J. H. Miller, who were the proprietors. While it is small, it is in an excellent condition, and considerable shipping is done from this point. However, like many of the other townships of Effingham, Moccasin is more important as an agricultural neighborhood, and its residents are substantial farmers who look to other neighborhoods for their social advantages, as well as for business transactions.

#### MOUND TOWNSHIP.

Mound Township, located on the western border of Effingham County immediately south of Moccasin Township, is identical in area with Town 7 North, Range 4 East. The second town

in point of population, it is one of the most flourishing subdivisions of Effingham County, and the center of some of the most valuable farming land in this part of the State. It is watered by Big Creek, Coon Creek, and several smaller streams. On the north Mound is bounded by Moccasin Township, east by Jackson, south by West Township and west by Fayette County. The Vandalla, the Springfield Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, and the Wabash Railroads furnish excellent transportation.

Perhaps one of the first settlers of the township bore the name of Moore. He located in the eastern part of the township, but this family had no relationship to the present Moores of Blue Mound. John C. Deffenbaugh, William Ashton, James Grant, Peter Coleman, Daniel Conner, John Armstrong, Alfred Newman, James Woodruff, Nelson Wallace, Peter Poorman were also very early settlers. James Stevenson and George Ingraham are also numbered among those who early located in Mound Township.

The southern part of the township was settled largely by Germans, and they naturally established their church as soon as possible, prior to 1860, and it was of the German Lutheran faith. A log building was put up about 1862, and in 1868 a fine edifice was erected at a cost of \$8,000, said to be the best in Effingham County. At the same time a town plat was laid out, a store was opened, and a post-office established, but the settlement did not flourish. There is also another church of the Lutheran faith in Mound Township, the Hilleman Church, which was established in 1860.

The schools of Mound Township not only are good but beyond the average, and are governed by teachers of a superior order. The people of this township have always been interested in educational matters, and have seen to it that the children are given every opportunity along this line.

Altamont, the principal town of the township, was laid out by J. W. Conologue, the first Superintendent of the Vandalla Railroad, the plat being recorded July 19, 1870. The first lot was bought by Abner Dutton; R. S. Cutter bought the second, and opened a store. Daniel Boyer, Dr. J. N. Groves, H. H. Brown, J. C. Russell and Mr. Broom were the next settlers, and from then on the little settlement flourished.



The town is beautifully located at the crossing of the Vandalia and the Springfield Division of the Baltimore & Ohio S. W. Railroads, and a number of additions have been made to the original plat. Mound Township derived its name because of its elevation, and the name Altamont was given to the new town for the same reason.

The first hotel was built in 1871 by Daniel Boyer, and named after him, the Boyer House. The Altamont House is also a well known hotel. Ben Brazil was the first blacksmith. There had been a post-office established at Montville, on the National Road, several miles south of Altamont, but it was moved to the latter place in 1871, and the first Postmaster was G. H. Melville. The town is a center for several important manufacturing industries, being admirably suited for such purposes on account of its transportation facilities. The grain business of the town is very large, farmers from the country surrounding, marketing their product here.

The Altamont Bank was established in July, 1874, and was the first financial institution of the town. The founder was George Mittendorf. In 1876 another bank was established by C. M. Wright & Co.

On September 4, 1870, the railroad station was opened, and this resulted in the establishment of the town. Naturally a newspaper followed, and the *Altamont News* and the *Courier* divided honors. The first school here was taught by George Poorman, and the first schoolhouse was put up in 1870, to be followed in 1874 by substantial buildings.

The German Reformed Church was founded in 1872; the Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded in 1873; the Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in 1872; St. Clare's Roman Catholic Church had its beginnings in 1874. The cemetery is one of the most beautiful in the county, and is well kept up by the Town Trustees.

Hale Johnson was the first lawyer of Altamont, coming here in 1873. W. S. Holmes and P. K. Johnson were also among the early legal representatives.

Nearly all the fraternal societies are represented in Mound Township. Of course, the Masonic order is firmly established, as well as the Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen, Knights of Pythias and others.

Altamont was organized as a town in 1871,

and as a village in 1872, the first Board of Trustees being Daniel Boyer, J. M. Huffman, J. Holtz, A. H. Dutton and W. L. Snook, with Mr. Boyer as President, and Mr. Hugg as Clerk.

#### ST. FRANCIS TOWNSHIP.

Located in the northeast corner of Effingham County, St. Francis Township embraces in area the whole of Town 8 North, Range 7 East. The township is one of the richest farming sections in this part of the State. The soil is a rich black loam, which produces magnificent crops. There was more prairie than timber land in this township, although at one time Salt Creek was heavily wooded with hickory, oak, elm, sycamore, maple and walnut. This township is in the wheat belt, although corn, rye, oats, barley, flax and other cereals are grown profitably.

This township was not settled as early as some of the others, although there seems no reason why it should not have been, except, perhaps, that it was not as heavily wooded, and in the early days the pioneers sought the timber regions because they needed wood for fuel, building houses and inclosing fields. It is generally supposed that the first settler was a German named Tacla, who came here in the years between 1840 and 1845, with his family from Cincinnati. The next settler was probably Abraham Marble, who was from Ohio and came in 1845. His settlement was made on the present site of Montrose, on the stage line of the National Road, and he kept a hotel. There was a little settlement formed on the National Road by Kit Radly, who kept a hotel which did not bear a good name, and, fortunately, he did not prosper for long. H. B. Hobbings, John H. Wernsing, and B. H. Dryer were later settlers. Henry Rump, John Lorkins, the Hartlips, and many others came here, located property and began to develop farms out of the wild lands.

When the township was still new some of the pioneers had to go to Terre Haute for necessities, so that they were forced to depend upon game and the scanty crops for much of their food, and the early settlers knew how to get along in ways that would astonish their descendants.

In St. Francis, the Methodists did the missionary work, although the Lutherans have be-



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come very strong and closely followed their Methodist brethren. The first church was established by the Lutherans, in 1808, by Rev. H. H. Holtermann, in a schoolhouse, but in 1871 a more commodious structure was reared to meet the requirements of the rapidly increasing congregation. The religious spirit has always been very strong in St. Francis.

The first settlers of this township did not establish schools as early as some others, because of the better advantages offered by Cumberland County. However, about 1854 Miss Lizzie Rolfe taught a little school west of Montrose. The first school building was put up by Newton Gibson, in 1856. Now, however, there are fine schools all over the township, presided over by teachers carefully selected and of exceptional ability.

Transportation is furnished by the Vandalia Railroad, and when it was completed in 1868, really took a decided leap, and has been increasing in value ever since. On account of the installation of proper drainage, much of land formerly regarded as worthless has been redeemed, and now yields magnificent crops. Strange to say there are very few mills in St. Francis Township, the only one of any importance being that put up by John F. Wascheffort, near Teutopolis, which is a combination lumber and grain mill.

The only village in the township is Montrose, on the Vandalia Railroad, which has a population of four to five hundred. This was laid out by Calvin Mitchell, and the first building was put up by Browning and Schooley as a store house. They laid in a stock of general merchandise, and carried on an extensive business for several years. Another store building was put up, and in 1871 a third came into being. This last was built by P. H. Wiwi, who also built a grain storehouse and operated extensively along both lines. Still later he embarked in a live stock business, and was one of the most wealthy and influential men of the township. About 1871 a blacksmith shop was established at Montrose by James Tubert, and the Brazil House was the first hotel, the James House becoming the second hostelry. Dr. John Johnson located here about a year after the village was established, and he was followed by Drs. Hallenbeck, Gladwell, Schefner, Minter and Park.

Owing to the grain and live-stock shipments made from Montrose, the railroad laid a switch

here, and later built a depot, which has been well patronized.

Miss Eva Gilmore taught the first school in Montrose, but now there is an excellent graded school. The religious spirit of the community has manifested itself in the erection of several places of worship, although the Methodists and Roman Catholics were the first to locate here. Taking the village, all in all, it probably exhibits more lines of commercial industry than any other place of its size in the State, and the public-spirit displayed by its people has resulted in a beautifully kept town, and the erection of residences that compare favorably with those in any of the other townships in Effingham County.

#### SUMMIT TOWNSHIP.

Summit Township, comprising the territory embraced in Town 8 North, Range 5 East, lies west of Douglas Township, and contains some of the best farms in the county. Originally the land was fairly well divided between prairie and timber land, the latter lying along the Wabash River, and consisting of walnut, sugar maple, burr oak, poplar, cottonwood, buckeye, hackberry, soft maple; while on the ridges were to be found white-oak, pin-oak, post-oak, red-oak and hickory. Summit Township is much better drained than Effingham and Douglas Townships.

Summit Township originally belonged to Banner Township, and was not separated from that township until June, 1874. The Vandalia and two branches of the Wabash Railroad pass through it, but the Vandalia is the only one that has a shipping point within its limits.

The first white people to settle in Summit Township were Alexander McWhorter, Robert Moore, John Trapp and the Renfros who came here in 1830, and others followed. In 1831 others came to swell the little settlement. The first marriage in Summit Township was that of Alexander McWhorter and a Miss Loy, in 1826. The first death was that of old "Granddaddy" Hankins.

The old National Road, also called the Cumberland, passed through the southern part of the township, where the Vandalia Railroad now runs, and it was the highway of commerce. Lining it were the taverns, the stores and the



leading farms of the locality. A man by the name of Reed kept the first tavern; Judge Gilenwaters kept one of the early ones, as did Charles Klinzie. William H. Blakely sold the first goods here, and a Mr. Fisher was the first blacksmith. In 1832-33 the first mill was built in Summit Township, near Ewington, and was operated by a McIntosh. Mr. Reed built a horse-mill in Ewington, and later the first grist-mill.

The first bridge in the township was built over the Little Wabash, about 1838, and was a toll bridge, but in 1847 it was made free by the Legislature, the act to go into effect ten years later. It was washed away in 1872-73, and was never re-built, there being an excellent one two miles north of the old site. The first mail was brought from Terre Haute over the National Road to St. Louis, once a week. Later another was established between Fairfield and Shelbyville, passing through Ewington.

The name of Summit was given to the township because the greater part of it is higher than the surrounding country.

The first school was taught by Dr. John Gilenwaters and all of the schools were subscription until 1838. The first preacher of the township was a Methodist, and he was succeeded by a Mr. Chamberlain. The first church edifice was a log building on Section 2, and it was used for school purposes as well, put up in 1852. Later it became a barn. The Baptist denomination was founded here in 1872, and the Dowell Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was founded in 1874-75.

Ewington, the original county-seat, is located in Summit, but it is no longer of any importance. It was incorporated as a village in 1855, but in 1860 the county-seat was removed to Effingham, as its location was regarded as more convenient. The old court-house is now used as a poor-house.

Funkhouser was laid out in 1869 by C. A. Van Allen. Wilson Funkhouser kept a store here, and established quite a large grain business. He was also Postmaster, but the importance of this village has also departed.

Summit therefore is principally noted as an agricultural district. The fertile acres of the many valuable farms yield so handsome a profit upon the investment that there is no inducement to convert them into more settled localities.

## TEUTOPOLIS TOWNSHIP.

Teutopolis Township, organized in 1864, out of the eastern part of Douglas Township, includes the east half of Town 8 North, Range 6 East. It is claimed that the township owes its origin to the superior patriotism of its citizens during the Civil War period, resulting in a larger proportion of enlistments in that section than in other parts west of Douglas Township. In order to secure credit in proportion to their actual enlistments, its citizens demanded to be set apart as a separate township and as a result its quota was filled and no draft was found necessary there.

The township is bounded on the north by Douglas Township, on the east by St. Francis, on the south by Watson, and on the west by Douglas, and contains 11,520 acres, or just one-half of a governmental township. The original woodland was comprised of white oak, ash, walnut, hickory, elm, burr-oak, black oak, pin-oak and cottonwood. The soil is excellent and the farms are especially valuable. Salt and Willow Creeks, with smaller streams water the township. A goodly portion of this section lay under water, in all seasons, and was practically valueless until the present system of drainage was introduced.

Teutopolis, the principal village of the township, and situated in the eastern part, was incorporated in 1837, but the real settlement was not made until February 27, 1845, when the site was bought by a committee of Germans. This organization was formed in Cincinnati, consisting of 138 members, who furnished by assessment the sum of \$16,000. A sub-committee consisting of Clem Uptmor, John F. Waschefort and G. H. Bergfeld, was chosen to select a suitable location. After much investigation, they decided upon this locality, and they bought 10,000 acres of land, paying \$1.25 per acre for all except the 80 acres comprised within the site of the town, for which they paid \$400. The old National Road was made the main street of the town, and the blocks were 48 in number, each block containing nine lots, with fifty-foot frontage, and extending back 533 feet.

In 1838 J. H. Uptmor, Henry Vormor, G. H. Bergfeld and Joseph Bockmann located here, and the first house was built by Mr. Uptmor, and he sold it to his brother Clemens for \$5. In 1839 the former started a small store, with



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\$50 worth of goods, and his stock was eagerly sought by the pioneers. In 1842 Clemens Uptmor built a four-arm mill, which was turned by hand. The first saw mill was built by Theodore Penner in 1848, and was operated by power obtained from Salt Creek. The first schoolhouse was built in 1840 of logs, and C. Robe was the first teacher, and six pupils attended. Now the public school system is one of the best in the county, and practically all the children in the neighborhood attend. St. Joseph Diocesan College is located here, and is one of the best Catholic institutions in this part of the State. St. Francis Convent is also located here, and Teutopolis has long been the center of the work of the Catholic Church in the county. St. Francis Catholic Church was begun in a log church in 1839, and this primitive structure was replaced by another more pretentious, which gave way in 1850 to a substantial brick edifice. Additions have been made to this as the growth of the congregation demanded. Other denominations are represented, but in the main the people belong to the Catholic Church.

The first Postmaster of Teutopolis was C. Uptmor, and he continued in office for twenty-eight years. The Vandalia Railroad runs through the village, affording excellent transportation, while the Effingham & Southeastern Railroad runs through the township. Many branches of industrial and commercial activity are represented in Teutopolis, and its people, with those of the township, are in a flourishing condition, and are a credit to the county.

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#### UNION TOWNSHIP.

Union Township is one of the southern tier of townships in Effingham County, embracing within its area all of Town 6 North, Range 6 East. The township has more level land within its limits than any other in Effingham County, although along the Little Wabash River, which is the principal water course, there are beautiful bluffs which once were covered with hardy trees. This township was settled in 1829 by Frederick Brockett, who entered land, cleared off forty acres, and put up the first mill. He was the only miller in this locality for some

years, and so was an important factor in the development of this locality, for men coming to him with their grain were influenced by the opportunities offered, and remained to build homes. Brockett came from Tennessee, was a man of sterling integrity, and possessed of a true Christian spirit and love of mankind. He espoused the cause of education, started a school, and as he could not get a teacher, taught the first pupils himself. At the first election he was made a Justice of the Peace, and administered justice for many years with impartial vigor. His death occurred in 1856, and his remains were buried in this locality. The next settler was his son-in-law, Martin K. Robinson. William, Pleasant, Abraham, Joseph and Nelson Gordon seem to have been the next settlers. The first legal entry of land was made in 1836 by Isaac Gordon, who was an uncle of those above named, who entered land near Flemsburg Mill, in Section 30. William and Redding Blunt located near the center of the township about 1836. John Trapp came about 1838, and in 1842 Josiah and Martin Huill settled near Salt Creek.

As in all the other townships, the roads were mere Indian trails until the settlers took the matter in hand. However, until a recent date the roads were in bad shape, often being almost impassable during the spring rains. The Louisville and Ewington road passed through the southern part of the township. Another important road in early times was that known as the Clay County and Mason road, which ran east and west. Still another ran from the Brockett mill to Mason. There were no bridges at first, and the streams were forded, with danger to man and beast. Later, of course, the bridges were built, and now are in excellent condition, the people taking a pride in them and the preservation of them.

Union Township has not allowed her sister townships to distance her in the matter of affording the children exceptional educational advantages, and from the first she had maintained the best schools possible under existing conditions. Emeline Little was among the first educators of the township, and Dempsey Hamiltou was another. The first regular schoolhouse was built in the fall of 1848, in Section 18, of hewed logs. The first public school was taught by David Phelps.



In regard to matters spiritual, Union Township has been abreast of the times, and boasts some very modern churches of various denominations. The New Lights, or Christians, organized the first church in the township. Dr. James Long was the first physician of the township. The first birth was that of a child of Martin K. Robinson, soon after the family settlement here.

The Flensburg Mill was put up by Hartwig Samilson, in 1850, on the Little Wabash, and a small village was laid out about it in 1851, but did not prosper. The township contains many valuable farms, and some of the most progressive farmers in this part of the State—men who understand their business and have met with a remarkable success, although the land in this township is not as fertile as in some other parts of the county.

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#### WATSON TOWNSHIP.

Watson Township, embracing Town 7 North, Range 6 East, traces its history back to a native of Tennessee, named Davenport, who came here and located north of the present site of Watson village. He and his family lived alone in this section for some time, their only neighbors being the wolves and other wild things of the wilderness. He died in 1840, and his grave is in the old cemetery. The second settler was John Hudtson of Alabama, who came here in 1835. Benjamin Bryant made a settlement on Salt Creek soon after 1835, and he was a native of Kentucky. A Mr. Browning followed in 1838. An old hunter, Ci Blansett, was another well known settler. Others were Michael Sprinkle, Daniel Rinehart, William Moody, Alexander McDuester, Thomas Hillis, John Taylor, Daniel Le Crone, William Le Crone and the Loy family, the latter having been prominent from the beginning.

Watson is bounded on the north by Dougias and Teutopolis Townships, Bishop on the east, Union on the south, and Jackson on the west. The name was given in honor of an official of the Illinois Central Railroad, who had the village of Watson laid out.

Originally there was much valuable timber in the township, but a good deal of it has been

cleared off. The soil is very rich, and the farms lying within the confines of this township are exceedingly fertile. The surface is both high and low, with some beautifully rolling prairies between. Salt, Little Salt and Bishop Creeks drain the land excellently, while the Illinois Central Railroad affords splendid transportation.

The people of Watson Township did not wait for the inauguration of the free school system before they provided schools for their young. As early as 1846 a little log schoolhouse was built in the northwestern part of the township, and James Leavitt was placed in charge. Another early school was built near the Loy homestead, and others followed.

As is often the case, the Methodists were the first to gain permanent hold in this locality, the Loy Chapel being the first church, and John Loy was the first class leader, while the Revs. Allen and Williamson were among the first clergymen here. Several years later, a Lutheran Church was established.

The village of Watson is a pleasantly located town, which had its birth October 26, 1857. Its first building was a storeroom, in which a stock of goods was kept by Davis Trexler. A second store was started the following year by C. T. Burroughs. A sawmill was built in 1867 by A. J. Vance. Dr. G. S. Shindle was the first practitioner of Watson, locating here when there were but a couple of houses. He was followed by J. Ross, J. M. Wilhite, P. M. Martin, S. G. Huff, J. N. Groves, J. N. Matthews, L. W. Hammer and H. C. Finch, and S. G. Huff was the first druggist.

Watson is especially proud of its schools, which are among the best in this part of the State. The first teachers under the public school system were N. E. Clutter and Annie McPherson.

There are few localities in Illinois, now, which have not some secret societies, and Watson is no exception, for the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen and others are well represented here, and their members take an active part in lodge work.

The Methodist, Christian, Presbyterian and Baptist churches are well organized here, and are doing some exceptionally good work. The people of Watson are law-abiding, home loving, and are deeply interested in civic improve-



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family



ments. They own in most part their homes, and take a pride in keeping them up to standard and in improving their beautiful little town, for they realize that its strength lies in the fact that it is so essentially a home place, where all the advantages of the country can be secured without sacrificing any of those pertaining to urban life.

#### WEST TOWNSHIP.

West Township, located in the southwest corner of Effingham County, consists of Town 6 North, Range 4 East. Owing to the fact that the township is made up mostly of level prairie land, it is very fertile and especially well adapted to farming purposes. The township is drained by Fulfer Creek, which extends from west to east through its entire width. Along this creek some excellent timber was originally found, comprising white oak, walnut, hickory, cottonwood, hackberry, buckeye and sugar maple. The township is bounded on the north by Mound Township, on the east by Mason and on the south and west by Fayette County. The Springfield Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad runs through it, and there is considerable shipping done from Gilmore Station.

As West Township was mostly prairie, settlements were not made here as early as in some of the other parts of the county, but about 1840 several families came here. However, it was 1845 before a permanent settlement was made by Nelson Simons, Abraham Riddle, Jesse Newman, Jacob Nelson, Jack Houchin, Jerry and Abraham Hammonds and Morgan Kavanaugh, nearly all of whom were from Tennessee. Jesse Newman located on Fulfer Creek, opened a store, and bought the produce of his neighbors. Later he moved to Mason Township. Others followed, and soon the township was the home of earnest, energetic pioneers, struggling to make farms out of the wild land.

The first voting place for this section of the county was at the residence of John Broom, in Section 13, Mason Township, after which the voting place was changed to "Broomsburg," which was located in Section 18 Mason Township. Here it remained until the adoption of township organization in 1859, when the voting place was established at the Gilmore Schoolhouse, and

William Gilmore was elected the first Supervisor. The next change was made by removal of the voting place to the Mahon Schoolhouse, where it remained until the present town hall was built in 1901. This is located in the center of the township and is one of the best town halls in the county.

The first schoolhouse was built on Section 10 on Fulfer Creek, but the names of the teachers are not recorded. The only village in the township is Gilmore or Welton, the last name having been given in honor of H. S. Welton. The post-office was established in 1872, with John Furneaux as Postmaster. He had the first store in the place.

West Township is essentially an agricultural district, never having been the home of any manufacturing plants nor of commercial enterprises. The people find a ready market for their products in other localities, and are near enough to various centers of trade to obtain their necessities at a reasonable rate. Churches have not flourished here for the same reason, the people belonging to the various denominations in more closely populated sections, and they go to them for their amusements and secret societies. Taken as a whole, they are hard-working, economical, and solid, and they have brought their land into a magnificent state of culture.

The following gentlemen have represented the township as Supervisors in the order named: William Gilmore, J. L. Gilmore, N. T. Wharton, August Wolf, J. M. Schaef, Volina Willet, William Voelker, R. P. Mahon, H. A. Winkler, Joseph Danks and H. R. Burton.

#### CHAPTER V.

#### EFFINGHAM WAR RECORD.

EVIDENCE OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY PATRIOTISM—  
PART TAKEN BY ITS CITIZENS IN VARIOUS WARS—  
LIST OF THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE BLACK  
HAWK AND MEXICAN WARS—BREAKING OUT  
OF THE CIVIL WAR—FIRST COMPANY ORGAN-



IZED IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY BECOMES A PART OF THE ELEVENTH REGIMENT—LATER REGIMENTS ORGANIZED IN PART FROM EFFINGHAM COUNTY—DR. J. N. MATTHEWS' REMINISCENCES OF WAR DAYS IN MASON VILLAGE—TREASONABLE AND UNPATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS—SOME OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY'S PATRIOTIC HEROES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY.

Effingham County has never been backward in responding to the call of patriotism, and in all of the wars of the country, it has furnished more than its full quota. Both the Black Hawk and the Mexican Wars claimed many of the zealous patriots of this part of the State, but it was during the Civil War that the souls of men and women were tested. It is impossible to do full justice to these brave men; they did not fail when the country had need of them, and the Government has not forgotten them, but gratefully does all it can to offer a small recompense for the dangers braved, the sacrifices offered up and the lives endangered.

**THE BLACK HAWK WAR.**—Effingham County sent out its first warriors in 1832, when the Black Hawk War was in progress. This was even before the young county had a completely organized existence. Although not very strong in numbers, this little battalion was a large proportion of the able-bodied men of the county to go to war. The fourteen names recorded are as follows: Alexander McWhorter, John Griffy, Henry P. Bailey, John Trapp, Mike Brockett, John Allen, James Porter, Eli Parkhurst, John Beasley, Isaac Fancher, Alexander Fancher, James Patton, Gideon Louder and John Meeks. The last survivor of this number was Alexander McWhorter. Although this war was not great in the number of its battles or the proportion of men who lost their lives, it rendered a valuable service to the people of Illinois and the whole region of the Mississippi Valley, as the little band went forth to protect their homes and families from the dangers of the tomahawk and the fire and fagot of the cruel savage.

**THE MEXICAN WAR.**—In response to the second call for Illinois volunteers to go to Mexico, on the 14th day of May, 1847, the following thirty-six volunteers left Effingham for Alton: W. J. Hankins, Samuel Hankins, Dennis Kelly, George Zears, Jonathan Tucker, James Tucker, James Porter, Andrew J. Parks, William Parks,

Samuel Parks, T. D. Reynolds, D. C. Loy, Emanuel Cronk, David Perkins, Stephen Coy, William Ashley, Samuel Fortney, James Martin, James Green, Joseph Harris, Hurman Maxfield, Dr. Shindle, Mat H. Gillespie, a Mr. Duncan, T. J. Gillenwaters, James Gillenwaters, Dennis Elder, Tilman Clark, William Bryant, Reed Funk, Mathias Le Croue, John L. Baker, Henry Phillips, a Mr. Browning and J. W. Lee. These men were attached to Company C, under Captain Harvey Lee, of Fayette County, with H. W. Goode as First Lieutenant and William J. Hankins as Second Lieutenant. This company formed part of the Sixth Regiment, under command of Colonel James Collins. After being mustered in at Alton, August 2, 1847, the regiment started for Mexico by way of New Orleans. There it was divided into two battalions, one under command of Colonel Collins being sent to Vera Cruz, and the other, including Company C, under Lieutenant Colonel Hicks, to Tampico. Both battalions were occupied chiefly in guard or camp duty, with occasional conflicts with guerrillas, their period of service extending from August 3, 1847, to July 25, 1848, when they were mustered out, but without having taken part in any regular battle. It was probably due to this comparatively inactive life, that so many of the men were the victims of sickness during the entire length of their service. Andrew J. Parks and Samuel Parks died of sickness at Puebla. The war being over, the men returned to their homes in July, 1848.

**THE CIVIL WAR.**—It was a little over twelve years after the close of the Mexican War when the war cloud again gathered over the country, and, in 1861, the rebellion attained formidable proportions. During the war Illinois furnished the army with 225,300 men—a great army of itself—and as there were 102 counties in the State, the average would be a little more than 2,200 men from each county. Although Effingham was one of the smaller counties, it is believed that from first to last she furnished not less than 2,000 soldiers. She furnished twelve regularly organized companies, besides several squads of recruits, while a large number were taken to different camps in Illinois and Missouri and scattered among the regiments of various other States. Among these stragglers may be mentioned about 400 men who were

taken to Missouri by Charley Kinsey and Sam Winters.

The news that Fort Sumter had been fired upon on Friday, April 12, 1861, and had surrendered on the following day, marked the beginning of the Civil War, and two days later (Monday, April 15) President Lincoln issued his first call for 75,000 troops for three months' service in defense of the Union. This intelligence promptly reached Effingham County and stirred the patriotism of its citizens as it had never been stirred before. Colonel J. W. Filler and John L. Wilson, two prominent citizens, conferred together, with the result that Filler soon after closed his printing office and with Wilson began raising a company and, on Saturday following, telegraphed Gov. Yates that they had a company ready and were awaiting orders. The following Tuesday the company, then 102 strong, started for Springfield, with Captain Filler and Lieutenants J. H. Lacy and George W. Parks in command, which became a part of the Eleventh Regiment under command of Col. W. H. L. Wallace, who was fatally wounded at the battle of Shiloh. This company, which was recruited in so short time, was probably the finest looking lot of soldiers who ever left Effingham County. The night before they were to leave, a meeting of the citizens was held in the Court House in Effingham, the house was packed and speeches delivered, and the music of the fife and drum added greatly to the enthusiasm of the people. The company proceeded to Springfield, where they camped in a brick yard, being among the first on the ground. From Springfield they went to Villa Ridge, near Cairo, where they remained until June 20th, when they went to Bird's Point, Mo., and there served out their term. Upon the promotion of J. W. Filler to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Lucius M. Rose became Captain of the Effingham company.

Under a subsequent call for troops, three companies were organized, with Colonel Funkhouser, Captain O. L. Kelly and Captain McCracken in command, and these companies became a part of the Ninety-eighth Illinois Regiment of Infantry. The field officers and staff of the regiment were: John J. Funkhouser, Colonel; W. B. Cooper, Major; J. H. J. Lacy, Adjutant; with William McCracken, Captain of Company C, Stephen I. Williams First, and

John P. Powell, Second, Lieutenants. Williams resigned December 19, 1862, Powell was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant and Henry S. Watson became Second Lieutenant. David D. Marquis was Captain of Company B and A. W. Le Crone of Company F. Captain O. L. Kelly was killed September 8, 1862, and A. S. Moffitt became Captain, with William Tarrant First Lieutenant. Captain Dobbs raised a full company and joined the Thirty-fifth Illinois Infantry under Col. G. A. Smith; and Lieutenants Jesse D. Jennings and Nelson Staats, Captain Dobbs was severely wounded and resigned October 14, 1862, when Jennings became Captain and Joseph Moore First Lieutenant. In 1862 Captain Presley B. O'Dear and Merritt Redden First, and John F. Barkley Second, Lieutenants, recruited a company and joined the Fifty-fourth Regiment, Illinois Infantry. Captain J. P. M. Howard, with D. P. Murphy, First, and John Loy, Second Lieutenant, Captain D. L. Horn and Captain David Young each entered service with a company of men for the one hundred days' service.

Colonel Funkhouser's Company, with S. A. Newcomb First Lieutenant and D. P. Murphy Second Lieutenant, formed a part of the Twenty-sixth Infantry under Colonel Loomis. They were sent to Palmyra, Mo., and guarded that place two weeks before they were provided with guns, using clubs as substitutes. Colonel Funkhouser retired from this service and raised the Ninety-eighth Regiment.

Captain H. D. Caldwell raised the first and only cavalry company enlisted in the county, and which became a part of the Fifth Illinois Cavalry. The company was mustered in September, 1861, and went to Benton Barracks, Pilot Knob, Greenville, Reeves Station, Pochontas and Smithville, Ark. They took part in the skirmish at Davison, and, in the next one at Strawberry River, Ark. Marion Weller was killed and Sylvester Nye wounded. They also took part in the small engagements at Greenville and Cherokee Bay, Mo., and were present at the Siege of Vicksburg, after which they took up a long and dangerous march, in which they had skirmishes all the way to Champion Hills and back.

As soon as Captain Dobbs had sufficiently recovered from his wound, he raised a company of one hundred day men, who served in

the One Hundred Fifty-Fourth Regiment, after which Captain Dobbs returned home and raised a company for the One Hundred Thirty-fifth Regiment. Captain Dobbs thus raised over 300 men for service in the war, and although he was badly wounded at Pea Ridge, he served during most of the entire war.

SOME WAR REMINISCENCES.—We give below some local history of the war as connected with the Town of Mason, the same being taken from contributions furnished to the *Effingham Republican*, by the late Dr. J. N. Matthews.

"When Mason entered upon her second decade the country was convulsed with prospects of the impending war. A few days after the fall of Fort Sumter, a gigantic flag was run up near Goddard's Hotel, bearing the belligerent and patriotic inscription, 'Death to Traitors!' The citizens were wild with excitement and soon the streets began to exhibit palpable evidence of a determination to act in accordance with the sentiment expressed upon the flag. Men, feeble and old, rose up in the market-place and denounced secession in the most violent language, and admonished the youth to prepare for the inevitable struggle. Soon the fife and drum began to send forth their martial diapasons, and Mason, for the first, and it is to be hoped for the last time, was resonant with the tumult of approaching war. Old and young, rich and poor, alike caught up the patriotic fire and resolved to aid in the common cause of liberty and Union. Nightly meetings were held, and men unskilled in the art of oratory, but inspired by the occasion, delivered speeches with great force and eloquence. At one of these assemblies held in the Baptist Church, an enlistment paper was presented and many of our fellow-citizens put their names upon it with John Hancock boldness. Mr. Vincent Wright, then a young man hardly out of his teens, was the first to enlist. Many others followed his example, and in a few days a company of the Eleventh Illinois Infantry, three months' volunteers, left Mason for the tented field. And still the excitement waxed higher. Every train that thundered southward was loaded down with boys in blue and huge engines of war. Companies of home guards and minute men were formed, and paraded the streets almost daily in their battle-robcs, awaiting anxiously their marching orders.

"Such were the scenes that Mason presented in the terrible spring and summer of 1861. The cry was 'Liberty and Union,' and he was but a traitor or a craven who refused to raise his hand in defense of his falling country at that time. When the spring of 1862 dawned there were only one or two young men left in the town above the age of sixteen. The rest had wandered off to the war—some to fall in battle, others to perish in Southern prisons. It was a time never to be forgotten. Even the children formed themselves into mimic battalions, threw up breast-works, built clay forts and understood the evolutions of a company drill. When the news of a great victory arrived the town reverberated with their childish exultations and triumphal marches. Truly the children of those story times deserve to be remembered in connection with the history of Mason.

"When the town had at last been depleted of all who were willing and able to bear arms, and when the war clouds were every day gathering more ominously in the southern sky, then it was that the so-called 'Copper-heads' began to wriggle forth from their hiding places and empty their venom in the tracks of our departed townsmen. They formed themselves into 'Knights of the Golden Circle,' and held treasonable orgies almost nightly. They denounced the President, the soldiers and the war, and talked violently in places where no danger could be apprehended. When the soldiers were away they wore 'Butternut badges' and flourished and trumpeted their traitorous principles with surprising boldness. They even resolved at one time to lay the town in ashes, and made one or two futile attempts in that direction.

"Rank disorder and treason daunted their black pennons with impunity. The few loyal people left in the town were subjected to all sorts of insults and indecencies at the hands of these renegades, and nearly every man trembled for his personal safety. A 'Union League' was organized, but its numbers were so scanty that it proved of little advantage in checking the rancor of the Butternut Brotherhood. Finally a mass meeting of all parties was called in the old Methodist church for the purpose, if possible, of effecting some reconciliation between them. Resolutions were presented and passed to the effect that all bitterness and po-



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litical differences might be made subservient to the more peaceable and social relations as neighbors and friends. The result of the convention was beneficial. And from that night onward to the close of the rebellion there was less hostility between the home factions, and more courtesy, toleration and good will.

"In the month of April, 1863, the first number of the 'Loyalist,' edited and published by Mr. George Brewster, made its appearance. It was a neatly printed, seven-column folio, and a red-hot exponent of abolitionism. Its motto was 'Union and Liberty, now and forever, one and inseparable.' This was the first paper ever published in Mason. The printing office occupied the lower story of Stephen Hardin's store-building, on the corner of Main and Washington Streets. It was the scene of many an exciting caucus and political jamboree during the few fierce mouths of its life, and was a constant eye-sore to anti-war Democrats and rebel sympathizers. The paper was made up chiefly of war news, soldiers' letters and scorching editorials. Every man in the neighborhood who could swing a goose-quill gave vent to his party feelings, through its columns, with unbridled boldness. The editor was a man of considerable learning and talent as a writer, but of a phlegmatic temperament, which vacillated from one extreme to another. His leaders were pithy and pointed. His numerous tirades against deserters and other local insurgents frequently brought him face to face with dangers from which a man less courageous would have cowered. His office was constantly threatened with destruction, yet he continued to write with unflinching force and fidelity. Each compositor and, even the 'devil' himself—who, by the way, was your correspondent—was supplied with a gun and with orders to use it in case of attack, but fortunately no such occasion was presented. After a vigorous career of seven months the 'Loyalist' failed financially and was moved to Salem, Marion County, where it breathed its last shortly afterwards.

"When the war was ended, the last fight done, the battle-flag furled and the final roll was called, the following young men who had left their quiet homes with happy hearts and jubilant voices in the opening of the conflict, were not present to answer to their names: David Hughes, Frederic Hollis, Ezra Hollis, William

Tyner, Washington Tyner, Nathaniel Bailie, John Bailie, George McElroy, James McElroy, William Rankin, William Leith, Morgan Wright, John Ginter, Martin Bright, John Kimborts, John Hardin, James Parks, William Woods, Henry Brewster, Frank Carpenter, Daniel Hill, George Amspacher, Wyatt Baley, Patrick Brannon, Jonathan Blunt, James McCastlin, Miner Rogers, Joseph Willis, Jacob Willis, Christopher Gillmore. Our list is made up from memory and is possibly incomplete, but in our heart of hearts is a list, and a perfect one, which can never be forgotten, so long as we have the 'stars and stripes,' the emblem of freedom, to remind us of their heroic deeds.

"Of these only five or six were married. The rest were school boys in years and in appearance; but in soldier-life, they showed themselves to be brave and active men, capable of enduring all manner of hardships and dangers for the cause of their country, truth and humanity. How dull and insipid sounds the single voice of praise when we remember the hallowed tributes that fell, like benedictions, from the lips of a weeping nation upon the graves of our glorious dead! With what fearful anxiety did we watch the papers through the dark years of the war; and with what pangs of fear and grief did we scan the never-ending columns of the killed and wounded, and shudder to draw black lines around the names of those we loved—our tried friends and brothers! Aye! words are but prison-pens to the pure, patriotic pride that thrills our bosoms when we consider the Spartan-like manner in which these noble fellows, the flower of our community, sacrificed their young lives with all their hopes and aspirations, upon their country's altar. Looking far down the dew vale of the past, the war appears like some monstrous vision that hides everything behind it, and presents a horrid frown of death and desolation. Weeping widows and fatherless children stand out in melancholy relief to this, the most sorrowful picture in the book of time. Every nation has its honored dead, and towering monuments transmit the story of their deaths to generations unborn; but where in all the civilized universe can a grander and prouder record be seen upon a soldier's sepulcher than that which embellishes the tomb of Columbia's martyrs, who laid down their lives in defense of the lowly and oppressed.

. . . Truly did they die, but like the stars which go down in darkness they will arise with greater brilliance, and men will love and reverence them and be guided by their holy light to similar deeds of righteous warfare.

"Considering the population of Mason at the time of the rebellion, there are probably few places which can show a greater mortality among their volunteers, and especially of the youth. But strange as it may appear, there were scarcely any of them who died from natural diseases. They lost their lives either in battle or prison. Several of them reported as missing have never been heard of, and all the long cherished hopes of their ultimate return have been given up. When the final trumpet shall send its awakening blasts across the fields of Shiloh, Chattanooga, Franklin, Andersonville, and the thousand and other historic acres presided over by the God of Battles, then, and not till then, shall the last resting-places of Ezra Hollis, Nathaniel Ballie, and numerous others of our dear soldier friends, be revealed. . . . When we look abroad upon our free and beautiful prairies and marvel at the richness of the blessings that have been bestowed upon us, and as we watch the golden splendors of the peaceful and progressive future breaking over us, let us not forget the six hundred thousand silent hearts that sleep beneath our soil."

"How sleep the brave who sink to rest  
By all their country's wishes blest?  
When Spring, with dewy fingers cold,  
Returns to deck their hallowed mould,  
She there shall dress a sweeter sod  
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod.

"By fairy hands their knell is rung,  
By forms unseen their dirge is sung;  
There Honor comes, a pilgrim gray,  
To bless the turf that wraps their clay,  
And Freedom shall awhile repair  
To dwell a weeping hermit there."

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## CHAPTER VI.

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### RAILROADS.

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LINES OF RAILROAD IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY—  
DATES OF ORGANIZATION AND PERIODS OF CON-

STRUCTION—HISTORY OF ILLINOIS CENTRAL—  
VANDALLA LINE — WABASH — BALTIMORE &  
OHIO SOUTHWESTERN—MILEAGE AND STATIONS ON  
VARIOUS LINES WITHIN EFFINGHAM COUNTY.

In common with every other section of the State, the railroads have played an important part in the development of Effingham County. Until the interior portions of the State were penetrated by the railroad, progress was slow, as little could be accomplished outside of individual effort, for transportation was so difficult that it did not pay a farmer to raise either stock or grain for a distant market. All he did was to grow enough to supply his immediate wants, and to barter for some of the manufactured and other necessities. With the coming of the railroads, however, all this was changed and gradually the farmers of Effingham County have become some of the heaviest stock and grain producers in the State.

The first railroad to enter Effingham County was the Illinois Central, which was chartered in February, 1851, on the basis of a grant of lands made by Congress in accordance with an act passed during the previous year. While the construction of a line of railroad from the mouth of the Ohio River, and extending at least as far north as the Illinois River at La-Salle, and covering substantially the region now occupied by the Illinois Central to that point, had been advocated as early as 1835, there has been considerable controversy as to who was entitled to the credit of having first suggested the enterprise. One of the names most prominently mentioned in this connection was that of Judge Sidney Breese, then on the Circuit Bench but later (1843-49) United States Senator and, during a part of that time, Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands. Judge Breese was a zealous supporter of the plan for the construction of a railroad through Illinois, aided by a grant of public lands, and assisted in securing the passage of such an act by the United States Senate in 1844—which was defeated in the House by the opposition of the Illinois delegation, headed by Judge Douglas, on the ground that such a grant should be made to the State, and not to "an irresponsible corporation"—and later (1848) supported a bill introduced by Douglas (who had then been transferred to the Senate), which also passed that

body, this time making the grant directly to the State, and providing for the construction of a railroad from Cairo to the Upper Mississippi and Chicago. This passed the Senate but again failed in the House, and at the next session Judge Breese introduced a bill embodying a scheme for the preemption of lands by the State for a like purpose, which passed the Senate, but was rejected by the House.

The retirement of Judge Breese from the United States Senate by expiration of his term in 1849, left Judge Douglas as the principal factor in future legislation on the subject, although he had the hearty cooperation of Senator Shields (Judge Breese's successor) and the members of the House from Illinois. A bill introduced by Douglas in the Senate on January 3, 1850, passed that body on May 2d, and the House on September 17th, following, becoming a law by approval of the President on September 20, 1850. This act made a grant of "every alternate section of land designated by even numbers of six sections in width on each side" of the projected road and its branches, for the construction of a railroad "from the southern terminus of the Illinois and Michigan Canal to a point at or near the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers," with a branch of the same to Chicago, and another branch, via Galena, to Dubuque, Iowa—the aggregate lands covered by this grant amounting to 2,595,000 acres.

At the next session of the State Legislature (1851) an act was passed authorizing the incorporation of a company for the construction of the railroad by the aid of this grant of lands, with the condition that seven per cent. of the gross earnings of the road be paid to the State annually in consideration of same. This act became a law on February 10, 1851, and the Illinois Central Railroad Company was organized the same day. An engineering party was organized in May following and a preliminary survey begun, and the letting of contracts and work of construction were under way on different parts of the line during the following year. John F. Barnard, who had the contract for the section between Mattoon and Centralia, including the Effingham County district, and covering a distance of 75 miles, began work in the latter part of 1852, and for nearly three years, Ewington was the headquarters of several hundred employes scattered in squads and

housed in tents and cabins along the line. According to Moses' History of Illinois, the main line from Cairo to La Salle (300.99 miles) was completed June 8, 1855; the Galena branch from La Salle to Dunleith (146.73 miles), January 12, 1855; and the Chicago branch, from Chicago to junction with the main line near Centralia, (249.78 miles). September 26, 1856.

The city of Effingham, by this line, is 197.77 miles south of Chicago, and 162.35 miles north of Cairo. The Illinois Central operates about 25 miles of its main line (or Chicago branch) within Effingham County, besides 11 miles of the Indianapolis Southern, originally the Springfield, Effingham & Southeastern.

The St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad was chartered February 10, 1865, for the construction of a line from East St. Louis to the Wabash River, the first train ran into Effingham, April 26, 1870, and the line was completed June 12 following. This road was first leased to the Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad Company, but has since undergone a number of changes. At present it is operated under control of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, furnishing that system a direct connection with St. Louis, via Indianapolis, and with roads tributary thereto, extending to Vincennes, Ind., on the south, and South Bend, Ind., on the north. The line within Effingham County territory extends in a northeasterly and southwesterly direction, with a mileage of 25½ miles.

The Wabash Railroad, originally chartered March 10, 1869, as the Bloomington & Ohio River Railroad, underwent various changes, by consolidation with the Fairbury, Pontiac & Northwestern, becoming the Chicago & Paducah Railroad, and later the northern division of the Wabash Railroad, extending from Bement to Chicago. The southern division extends from Bement, on the main line of the Wabash Railway, by way of Sullivan in Moultrie County and Windsor in Shelby County, to Altamont and Effingham in Effingham County. The first train on this line reached Altamont June 29, 1874, but it was not until February, 1876, that trains began running into Effingham, the consolidation with the Chicago & Paducah Road taking place about 1881. The total mileage of this line in Effingham County is about 20 miles.

What is known as the Springfield Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, extending from Beardstown, on the Illinois



River, to Shawneetown on the Ohio, owes its existence to the consolidation, in 1869, of the Pana, Springfield, & Northwestern and the Illinois & Southeastern Railroads—each receiving its charter in 1867—and the new corporation taking the name of the Springfield & Illinois Southeastern, under which it was built and operated until March, 1871. After having passed through the hands of receivers, in 1875, by sale under foreclosure, it came into possession of the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad Company, and in 1893 the latter was consolidated with the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, which was the successor of the Cincinnati, Washington & Baltimore Railroad. This line enters Effingham County near Beecher City in the northwestern corner, extending south-southeasterly through Altamont and the western tier of townships, leaving the county at Edgewood on the southern border of Watson Township, and covering 22½ miles within the county.

The Indianapolis Southern Railroad,—now, as already explained, a branch of the Illinois Central, and extending from Effingham to Indianapolis, of which 56 miles is in the State of Illinois—was originally chartered in 1869 as the Springfield, Effingham & Quincy Railroad. It was first constructed as a narrow-gauge line, and successively bore the name of the Indiana & Illinois Southern, the St. Louis, Indianapolis & Eastern and the Springfield, Effingham & Southeastern, in the meanwhile being changed to standard-gauge.

The total mileage of these several lines within Effingham County amounts to a little more than 100 miles, with the following stations within the county: Illinois Central (main line)—Effingham, Watson, Mason and Edgewood; Indianapolis Southern (branch Illinois Central)—Effingham and Dieterich; Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern—Beecher City, Moccasin, Altamont, Gilmore and Edgewood; Vandalia Line—Altamont, Dexter, Funkhouser, Effingham and Tentopolis; Wabash—Effingham and Altamont.

## CHAPTER VII.

### BANKING INTERESTS.

HISTORY OF BANKING ENTERPRISES IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY—EARLY BANKS, WITH NAMES OF PRO-

MOTERS AND DATES OF ORGANIZATION—LIST OF PRESENT BANKS, LOCATION AND OFFICERS—CAPITALIZATION, DEPOSITS, ETC.

(By W. H. Engbring.)

A history of Effingham County would not be complete without a short sketch of its banks. The growth of the banking interests of the county has kept pace with its other business interests, both farming and mercantile. The writer of this well remembers when, in 1872, he had an opportunity to see the books of the only bank in the county, and seeing that it had a capital of \$6,000 and deposits of \$60,000, he was astounded at what, to him, seemed an immense amount of money. Today, at a low estimate, at least one-third of a million dollars is invested as capital in Effingham County banks, while the deposits will reach into the millions.

The year 1806 saw the beginning of the first bank in the county owned by Tom Craddock and H. G. Habing. It was a partnership affair until 1873, when Craddock retired, but Habing continued the business, however, until 1876, when, in the general panic of that year, the bank was discontinued.

In July, 1874, George Middendorf engaged in the banking business at Altamont, Illinois, but retired from business after a short time.

In 1876 C. M. Wright and L. Butler entered the business as C. M. Wright & Co., Bankers, Altamont, Ill., continuing the business until 1893, when Mr. Wright retired and the bank went into liquidation.

The city of Effingham, having been without banking accommodation for several years, F. A. Von Gassy in 1879 opened the Effingham Bank, W. H. Engbring being the cashier until the fall of 1880, when F. H. Evers succeeded him as cashier. In 1883 F. A. Von Gassy disappeared, necessitating the closing of the Bank.

September 1, 1881, Henry Eversman, Benson Wood, Virgil Wood and G. H. Engbring established the private bank of Eversman, Wood & Engbring, and in 1886 W. H. Engbring was admitted as a partner. The officers of the bank were Henry Eversman, cashier, W. H. Engbring, assistant cashier. In 1903 the bank was incorporated under the State Banking Laws, with a capital of \$50,000, under the name of "The Effingham State Bank."

The officers were Henry Eversman, President;



WILLIAM H. CON



MRS. WILLIAM H. CON



Benson Wood, Vice President; W. H. Engbring, Cashier; Henry Eversman, Jr., Assistant Cashier.

After the death of Mr. Eversman in 1903, Benson Wood was elected President of the bank. The bank can look back upon a successful business career for the past twenty-eight years, and the esteem and confidence held in it by the people of Effingham County is evidenced by a deposit line of nearly half a million dollars.

In 1885 Joseph Partridge established a private bank with Col. J. W. Filler as cashier, who shortly after was succeeded by Joseph Partridge, Jr. The officers of this bank continued unchanged until its incorporation as a National Bank with Joseph Partridge, Jr., as Cashier and C. L. Nolte, Assistant Cashier.

In 1890 this institution was reorganized as the First National Bank of Effingham, with a capital of \$50,000, taking over the business of its predecessor. The officers of the new institution were Joseph Partridge, President; Joseph Partridge, Jr., Cashier, and C. L. Nolte, Assistant Cashier.

In 1895 H. B. Wernsing succeeded Joseph Partridge, Jr., as Cashier, and at the death of Mr. Joseph Partridge, Sr., in 1898, Mr. L. Burrell was elected President.

At present the officers of the bank are L. Burrell, President; H. B. Wernsing, Cashier; Paul Partridge and Harry Alt, Assistant Cashier. Under the active management of H. B. Wernsing and Paul Partridge, the steadily increasing business of the bank shows that it enjoys the fullest confidence of the people.

In 1902, The Merchants and Farmers' Bank at Dieterich was organized by Gerhard Lufkin, Henry Lufkin, M. Wendt, J. C. Crews and H. C. Baldwin. They sold the business to T. F. and A. T. Collinson and A. C. Crays of Windsor, Ill., who are well known bankers of Central Illinois. The active management of the bank is in the hands of J. A. Parker, Cashier, who has, in the past six years, built up an enviable and prosperous business.

The same year (1902) the Crews Bank was established at Montrose, Illinois, by D. B. Crews, one of the wealthy landowners and stock-men of Effingham County. The present officers are D. B. Crews, President; James Johnson, Jr., Cashier and Vera Crews, Assistant Cashier. Under the active management of James John-

son, Jr., Cashier, the bank is growing rapidly, and the financial advantages it offers are made good use of by the people of Montrose and vicinity.

The Bank of Edgewood, at Edgewood, Ill., was established by Anderson & Graham in 1903. Mr. B. F. Wharton, one of the best known residents of the southern part of Effingham County, is the cashier and active manager of this institution.

In 1905 a number of local business men organized a private bank at Teutopolis, Illinois, known as the Teutopolis Bank. The officers of this bank were B. H. Wernsing, President; J. C. Rnudy, Vice President, H. H. Hardick, Cashier; and H. J. Weber, Assistant Cashier.

At the death of Mr. Wernsing, J. H. Uptmor was elected President. The cashier, Mr. H. H. Hardick, has, for a long time been one of the foremost business men of the county, and under his management the bank enjoys the fullest confidence of its patrons, and its rapidly increasing deposits, show that the services of the bank are made use of and appreciated by the citizens of Teutopolis and vicinity.

After the retirement of Mr. C. M. Wright from the banking business at Altamont, Ill., Mr. M. E. Hogan, one of the wealthiest residents of Effingham County, supplied the business interests of that place with banking facilities in connection with his other mercantile enterprises, in 1905 establishing the Hogan Bank of Altamont, of which for several years Mr. F. Gresching was the efficient cashier. In 1907 Thomas C. Hogan succeeded Mr. Gresching, and is at present the active manager of the concern. The Hogan Bank enjoys a reputation second to none in the county for strength and reliability.

The western part of the county also is being well served by the Bank of P. R. Phillips & Co., organized in October, 1905, by P. R. Phillips and W. H. Jennings. The present officers are P. R. Phillips, President; W. H. Jennings, Vice President and F. G. Morrison, Cashier, and W. J. Campbell, Assistant Cashier.

The Shumway Bank, of Shumway, Ill., was opened for business in 1906. The officers of this bank are J. F. Richardson, President; M. W. Kelly, Vice President, and W. F. Lane, Cashier. Messrs. Kelly and Lane are both old residents



of Effingham County and well known business men of Shumway.

In 1907 several banks were organized in the county, the first of that year being the bank at Watson, Ill., known as Abraham & Co., bankers, of which A. L. Abraham is the Cashier and Leo J. Munday, Assistant Cashier.

In July, 1907, W. H. Shubert and others organized the First National Bank of Altamont, Ill., and although one of the youngest, it is forging rapidly to the front among the banks of the county. The officers of this bank are: W. H. Shubert, President; H. Schwerdtfeger, Vice President; L. B. Osborn, Cashier, and J. L. Brummerstadt, Assistant Cashier.

In September, 1907, was established the Mason Exchange Bank, of Mason, Ill., owned by Mrs. Ella Gibson and A. K. Gibson, of which A. K. Gibson is the cashier and manager. As the towns of Mason and Watson are quite important shipping points for grain, hay, etc., the banks at both places are appreciated by the people in their vicinity, as indicated by their growing business.

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## CHAPTER VIII.

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### EFFINGHAM COUNTY BENCH AND BAR.

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BLACKSTONE'S DEFINITION OF MUNICIPAL LAW—  
IMPORTANCE OF DUTIES VESTED IN COURTS—  
EFFINGHAM COUNTY ORGANIZED—EARLY COURTS  
AND PRESIDING JUSTICES—FIRST PRACTICING  
ATTORNEYS IN THE COUNTY—DISTINGUISHED  
CITIZENS WHO HAVE PRACTICED AT THE EFFING-  
HAM COUNTY BAR—LIST OF LATER AND PRESENT  
JUSTICES AND MEMBERS OF THE BAR.

(By Hon. William B. Wright.)

"THE LAW—Her seat is the bosom of God; her voice the harmony of the world; all things on earth and in heaven unite to do her homage—the weak as feeling her protecting care and the strong as not exempt from her power."

Municipal law, as defined by Blackstone, is "a rule of civil conduct prescribed by the Supreme power in a state, commanding what is right and prohibiting what is wrong."

The ministers of this great force in the conduct of human affairs are those who occupy the Bench and those who constitute the Bar. From the members of the bar those who preside over the courts are chosen.

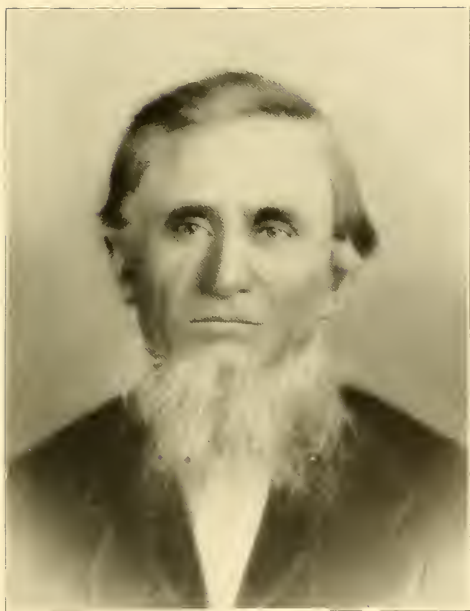
It is to the courts and to the attorneys, who are sworn officers of the courts in which they practice, that all must look for the final and righteous settlement of disputed matters between themselves and their neighbors, regarding their property rights and the just and impartial disposition of all charges made against individuals involving life and liberty. Possessed of such important functions, it is of the highest importance that Bench and Bar be composed of broad, liberal minded, learned, clean, conscientious, courageous members.

Effingham County has the right to be satisfied with its good fortune in that respect. Its Bench has been represented by clean and able men with hardly an exception. And its practitioners at the Bar have, in the main, been men of ability and integrity.

But the reader will search this volume for facts, not for the moralizing of the writer, and the following facts are presented, not as a full and complete history of the Bench and Bar of this county, but rather as an epitome of such history.

Effingham County was organized in 1833. The bill for its organization was introduced in the Legislature by Hon. William L. D. Ewing, a distinguished lawyer who represented Fayette County, of which the territory now embraced in Effingham County was then a part. The bill was introduced in 1831. It was passed and the county organized. Its county-seat was named Ewington in his honor.

William L. D. Ewing has long since gone to his reward and the town named for him long since been abandoned. For twenty-seven years it flourished on the western bluffs of the Little Wabash River, a prosperous, bustling, progressive village, with dreams of future greatness, justified by the grandeur of its site and the fertility of the soil around it. In 1855-56, the Illinois Central Railroad Company completed its line of road through the county, and Effingham, in anticipation of the building of the road, had sprung up and soon that claimed its location upon the railroad entitled it to the county-seat. Its claim was approved by the people of the County



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at an election for the removal of the seat of justice held in 1859. Effingham became the County Seat and Ewington went into a decline. The old court house, standing on the hill facing the setting sun, is the only monument of its departed glory. The churches and school house are gone, the cemetery is grown over with brush and briars and vines, and the spirit of "The Deserted Village" hangs, like a pall, over the scenes of its former activities.

Here we are moralizing again. We must get down to the facts.

The first term of the Circuit Court, as it was held in Effingham County, met at Ewington, in May, 1833, Theophilus W. Smith, Judge presiding. At that time the Judges of the Supreme Court held the Circuit Courts, and all of the Circuit Judges, sitting together, constituted the Supreme Court.

At that term of court there were four civil cases on the docket and the Grand Jury returned three indictments. Three lawyers were present; William L. D. Ewing, Levi Davis and A. P. Field, all residents of Vandalia.

Thomas Ford, who was afterward elected Governor of the State, was the next Judge to hold court in Ewington. Judge Sidney Breeze held the courts from 1835 to 1842, and was the third Judge. Hon. James Shields was the fourth presiding Judge; Hon. James Semple, the fifth; Hon. William H. Underwood, the sixth; Gustavus Koerner, the seventh; Justin Harlin, the eighth; Charles Emerson, the ninth; and Charles Constable the tenth, the term of office ending in October, 1865.

The history of Illinois cannot be written with fullness and accuracy without special mention of all these men and an account of the part they took in forming and moulding the institutions of this great State, yet an individual notice of each cannot be given in an article so short as this.

The attorneys, whose names appear on the records of the court during the period above mentioned, are few in number, but among them are those who distinguished themselves and their people by their services. Those worthy of being here mentioned include Samuel McRoberts, Thomas C. Browne, Anthony Thornton, Daniel Gregory, Ferris Forman, George Bissell, Philip Fouke, A. J. Gallagher, Elam Rusk, Orlando B.

Picklin, Samuel Moulton, Usher Linder and Abraham Lincoln.

These are among the most distinguished, and the mere mention of their names must force the conclusion the early courts were held and the business conducted in a dignified manner, and that the legal rights of parties litigant were skillfully and ably protected.

The lawyers resident in the county, in the order of location and admission to the bar were: Kendal H. Buford, Eli Phillbrook, James Ladow, John Anderson, Henry D. Caldwell, Wm. J. Stevenson, William B. Cooper, and Benjamin F. Kagay.

Cooper, Caldwell and Kagay came to Effingham when it became the county-seat and for many years engaged in active practice, Cooper and Kagay maintaining their position as leaders of the bar until late in the seventies. Mr. Cooper died in 1883 and Mr. Kagay continued in practice the Nestor of this bar, until February, 1908, when he was garnered to his final rest, a ripened sheaf ready for the harvest.

Capt. H. D. Caldwell did not devote himself exclusively to the practice of law after the removal of the county-seat, but engaged in farming and other enterprises, maintaining a law office only a part of the time. He was one of the strong characters of his time and always enjoyed a good practice when engaged in the law business. He died in 1905. With the passing of Cooper and Kagay and H. D. Caldwell, the last links connecting the old seat of justice with the new were severed. No other lawyer now living in Effingham ever practiced in Ewington and, with the exception of the writer, none of them ever lived there, and his parents brought him to Effingham before he was five years of age.

Of the Judges who have presided over our courts at Effingham, Emerson and Constable have been mentioned.

Judge Hiram B. Decius held the courts from January, 1866, to April, 1873, and Hon. James C. Allen from 1873 to 1878. Judge Allen is still living at Olney, Ill., at the ripe age of about eighty-eight.

Judge James H. Halley presided from 1878 to 1879, when three Judges were elected for the circuit, viz.: William C. Jones, Thomas Casey and Chauncey S. Conger, who held the courts until 1885. They were succeeded by William



C. Jones, S. Z. Landes and Curtis C. Boggs, whose terms expired in 1891. Landes and Boggs were re-elected and E. D. Youngblood took the place of William C. Jones, who had already served two terms.

In 1897 Judges William M. Farmer, Samuel L. Dwight and Truman E. Ames were elected and, in 1903, were all re-elected. In 1907 Judge Farmer was elected to the Supreme Bench of which he is now Chief Justice, and the vacancy caused by his promotion was filled by the election of Hon. Albert M. Rose. At the regular election in 1909, Judge Rose was re-elected and with him, as associates, James C. McBride and Thomas M. Jett. These three constitute the present Bench and the service they are giving the people is up to the standard set by their distinguished predecessors, two of whom, Curtis C. Boggs and William M. Farmer, were found worthy of seats on the Supreme Bench and each of them has measured fully up to the duties and responsibilities of that exalted and responsible position.

The lawyers practicing in our court during the period from 1860 not above mentioned were and are: H. B. Kepley, S. F. Gilmore, Benson Wood, Virgil Wood, J. N. Gwin, A. W. LeCrone, William H. Barlow, William H. Gilmore, Ada H. Kepley, E. N. Rinehart, John C. White, D. W. Wood, R. C. Harrah, Owen Scott, W. S. Holmes, William E. Buckner, F. W. Loy, P. K. Johnson, William B. Wright, Jacob Zimmerman, G. F. Taylor, David L. Wright, B. Overbeck, Charles H. Kelly, A. S. Loy, M. O'Donnell, H. S. Parker, Walter E. Rinehart, Harry J. Rickelman, Guy P. Denton, Byron Piper, George I. Danks.

Of the foregoing the following are deceased: H. B. Kepley, J. N. Gwin, A. W. LeCrone, William H. Barlow, William H. Gilmore, John C. White, P. K. Johnson and Charles H. Kelly. The following have moved away: D. W. Wood, Owen Scott, William E. Buckner and F. W. Loy.

The present Bar consists of the following firms and individuals: Wood Brothers & Rickelman, composed of Benson Wood, Virgil Wood and Harry J. Rickelman; Wright Brothers & Denton, composed of William B. Wright, David L. Wright and Guy P. Denton; Zimmerman & Rinehart, composed of Jacob Zimmerman and Walter E. Rinehart. Those practicing alone

are: S. F. Gilmore, R. C. Harrah, W. S. Holmes, G. F. Taylor, B. Overbeck, A. S. Loy, M. O'Donnell, and H. S. Parker, all of Effingham, Byron Piper of Altamont, and George I. Danks of Edgewood.

Mrs. Ada H. Kepley is not engaged in practice. A. D. McCallen and Manson McCallen have both been admitted to the bar, but neither of them have taken up the practice of law.

Since the County Court has had jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases the Judges have been: Joseph B. Jones, S. F. Gilmore, William B. Wright, David L. Wright and M. O'Donnell. Judge Jones now lives in Chicago, the others live in Effingham and are active practitioners. M. O'Donnell is the present Judge.

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## CHAPTER IX.

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### THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

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LIST OF PHYSICIANS WHO HAVE PRACTICED IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY—DATE OF ENTRANCE INTO THE PROFESSION AND COMING TO THE COUNTY—SOME PROMINENT CHARACTERS AND NOTABLE EVENTS.

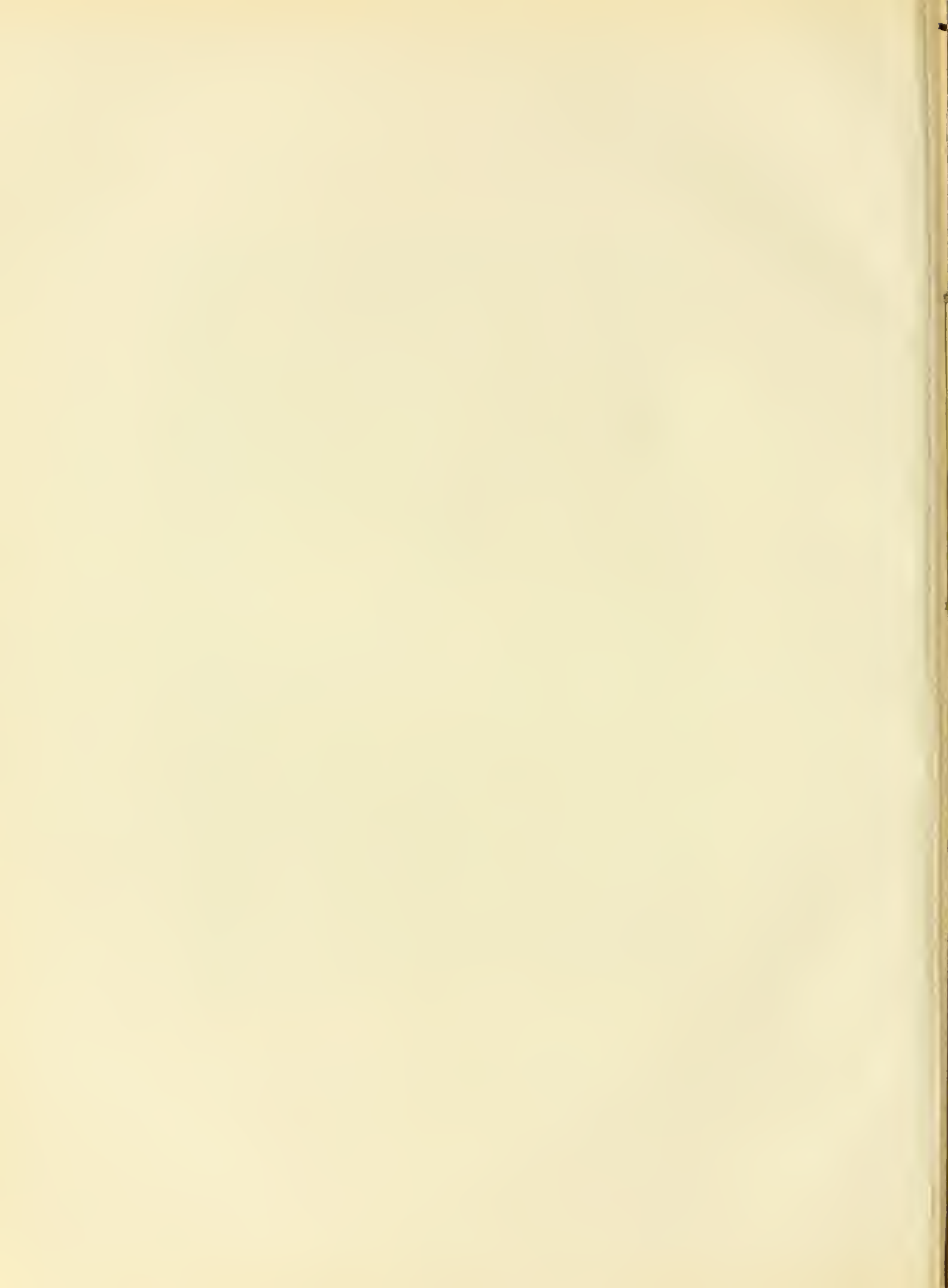
(By Dr. F. W. Goodell.)

"In writing this article concerning the Medical Profession, I have endeavored to be correct, impartial and truthful. I have used all the means at my command to get each member and treat him fairly, and forgetting any frailties which he may have possessed, have sought his virtues and placed them on record, with charity toward all and malice toward none. If I've left out a name or important event, I yet feel that I've compiled the best history of the profession so far put together. Judge S. F. Gilmore has written the biography of your historian.

"Our profession has passed, in its advancement, all other societies of letters or learning in its rapid strides of progress, in the last few years. New ideas of the transmission of diseases have been proven true, new modes of diagnosis have been found, and new medicines



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have been discovered or invented. The microscope has been improved and has revealed hidden mysteries, while surgery has daringly invaded every organ in the human body. Go on, my beloved profession, with study, care, courage and success; go the limit, asking God to direct you. Stop not with fright at lions by the wayside,—you'll find them tied when you get to them; stop not for the river that would carry you across to greener fields and fairer pastures of investigation; labor ere the sun sets—for us, the sun is up. And the sands of time are passing fast away, and soon we'll join that glorious, grand profession, on that immortal river, not so far away."

[Owing to lack of space it has been found necessary to present the following matter in condensed form, although the attempt has been made to preserve the history of the more important facts and events.—THE EDITOR.]

Dr. George Scoles was one of the first physicians to begin practice in Effingham, which he did in 1857. He is said to have been endowed with literary taste and gave evidence of culture.

Dr. Farley is believed to have been the second doctor to practice in Effingham.

Dr. G. S. Shindle, the first doctor in Watson, came when there were but two or three houses, also practiced in Tentopolis in 1857; he served as Assistant Surgeon for a short time in the Mexican War and in the Civil War.

Dr. Worley began practice on Green Creek, Douglas Township, in 1871, in 1875 removed to Stewardson, Ill., where he remained until 1889, when he removed to Baton Rouge, La., and there spent the remainder of his life. He married Miss Macy Mitchell, and in a steamboat explosion on the Mississippi, their two daughters, fourteen and sixteen years of age, leaped into the water, and were drowned. From this shock neither he nor his wife ever recovered.

A Dr. Vandervort was practicing in Effingham County during the days of the Civil War.

Dr. Jonathan W. Loy, born in Ewington in 1840, studied medicine with Dr. J. N. Groves, graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, and took a post-graduate course in Tennessee; served in the Civil War and afterward practiced successfully in Millshoals until his death.

Dr. John Wills, born in St. Charles County, Va., in 1825, removed to Ohio in 1848; after spending a short time as clerk in a store, began

the study of medicine, graduating from Cleveland Medical College in 1853; in 1857 located in Fayette County, Ill., and in 1873 purchased a farm near Beecher City, Effingham County, where he made a permanent home, pursuing his profession of physician and surgeon and also cultivating his farm. He married Josephine E. Methan, in 1854, and they became parents of nine children. Dr. Wills died on his homestead, mourned by the entire community.

Dr. Cook, a single man, practiced medicine in Winterrowd from 1867 to '70, when he died.

Dr. Samuel Clark, born in Piketon, Ohio, in 1831, took a course of medical lectures at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and later received a diploma from the St. Louis Medical College in 1878. After practicing some twenty years in Ramsey, Ill., and spending five years in Altamont, he located in Effingham, October 5, 1882, where he engaged in the dry-goods business in connection with his practice; for a time was partner of the late Dr. J. N. Groves, at Altamont. He died of asthma and uræmia at Effingham, leaving a handsome estate. He was a member of the Effingham County and Southern Illinois Medical Societies, and married Miss Hargia Harris, of Shelbyville, Ill., in 1858.

Dr. McMarty was engaged in practice in Mason, Ill., about 1865-70.

Dr. Gardner practiced medicine in Mason 1859-61; then moved to Mahomet, Ill., where he had a son in the practice of the same profession.

Dr. Claus Deitrich Koch, born in Hanover, Germany, in 1824, died at his home in Effingham, Ill., in 1879. His wife was Miss Henrietta Schmidt.

J. W. Dunn, M. D., was born at Elliotts-town, Ill., in 1882, and after receiving the degree of B. S. from Austin College, Effingham, spent some time studying medicine with his father, and attended Marion Simms Beaumont Medical College, St. Louis, from which he graduated in 1905. He practiced in Oklahoma for a time and in 1906 located in Dieterich, Ill., where he is now practicing. (See sketch of Dr. Dunn in Biographical Chapter of this volume.)

Dr. Mack practiced medicine in Mason at an early day, dying there of cholera, about 1854-55.

N. Curtis Calhoun, M. D., born in Effingham County in 1881, attended Austin College, was



engaged in teaching some years, resigning a position in the Effingham High School in 1905, after which he attended the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, with Frank W. Goodell, M.D., as preceptor, receiving his degree in 1909; later located in Watson, Ill., also had some experience in Jefferson Hospital, St. Louis, and spent two summers at the State Insane Asylum at Peoria, Ill. In 1900 Dr. Calhouu married Louise Klinger, of Mason, Ill.

Dr. McKivans came from the East, purchased a farm near Altamont, and practiced there about eight years; about 1854 sold his farm and returned to his former home.

Dr. Henry Eversman, born in Hanover, Germany, in 1837, was educated in his native country, and after coming to the United States, in parochial schools in Cincinnati, Ohio. After spending three years at St. Xavier College, he studied three years at Ohio Medical College and read medicine with his father. In 1861 he was appointed House Surgeon in the Commercial Hospital, and a year later became Assistant Surgeon in the Union army. Six months later he was promoted as Surgeon, also served on staff duty in Lexington, Louisville, and Cincinnati, and for nineteen months was Chief Medical Officer at Johnson's Island. In 1865 he removed to Effingham, Ill., and entered business life; was member of the private banking firm which later became Effingham State Bank, being Cashier of both institutions; was Mayor of Effingham in 1870-71. He married Miss Caroline Waschefort, of Teutopolis, in 1865, and died in Effingham.

Dr. John Alsop, who was a Southerner, graduated from a medical school of Louisville, Ky.; located in Beecher City, Effingham County, in 1878, and practiced medicine there until his death, about ten years later. He kept a drug store, was a successful physician.

Presley M. Martin, M. D., born in Martinsville, Va., which was named in honor of his father; worked seven years as clerk in the Patent Office in Washington, meanwhile studying medicine; after graduating came to Effingham County and purchased the old Andy Parks farm, near Watson, later moving into Watson where he practiced until his death in 1876. He married, in 1845, Miss Eliza King, of Wheeling, W. Va.

J. L. Kershner, M. D., now practicing in

Dieterich, is a native of Illinois, and graduated from Marion Sims Medical College, St. Louis, in 1892, when he began practicing at Elliottstown, Effingham County; is a member of the County and State Medical Societies, and official examiner for several insurance companies. He married Miss Florence Emma Dueker, of Bible Grove, Ill., June 11, 1898. (See more detailed sketch in Biographical chapter of this volume.)

J. C. Chapman, M. D., practiced at Dieterich, Ill., in 1885, then moved to Wheeler, the first station east, where he opened a store and looks after same in connection with his practice.

Dr. Willien practiced medicine in Effingham about 1860, at the same time being engaged in the drug business, in partnership with Mr. Newell. He sold his drug store interest and removed to Terre Haute, Ind., where he still resides.

Joseph H. Walker, M. D., born on a farm near Robinson, Ill., received his preliminary education at St. Joseph's and Austin Colleges; in 1896 graduated from Barnes Medical College, and has since practiced at St. Louis, Mo., and Mechanicsburg and Effingham, Ill., being now a resident of the latter city. He is a member of the local, State, and American Medical Societies and Assistant Surgeon in the Fourth Infantry Illinois National Guard. He married Miss Aldula Sartorius, June 22, 1902.

Dr. Clark practiced some time in Beecher City, then moved with his family to Watson, Effingham County, where he remained from 1892-96, then locating in Memphis, Tenn.

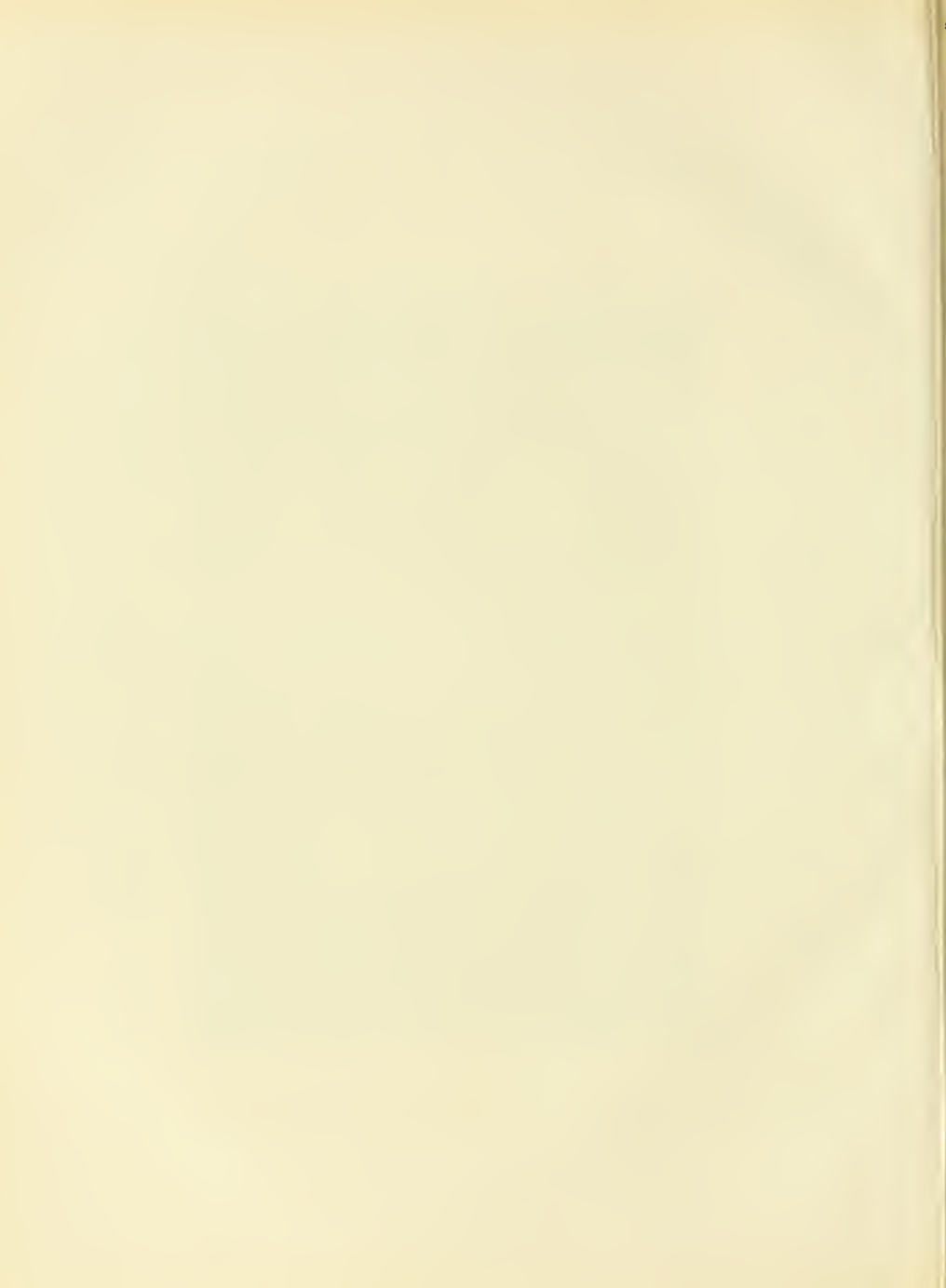
Dr. L. A. Coonse, after living a number of years in Chicago, located in Watson, Effingham County, in January, 1898; is now a resident of the latter place and enjoys a good practice.

Dr. Christian removed from Northern Illinois to Effingham County about 1880, and lived some time near Funkhouser; now resides some five miles west of Effingham and devotes his time to agricultural pursuits, having retired from active practice.

Dr. W. I. N. Fisher, born in Mifflin County, Pa., in 1814, in youth was a school teacher and in 1841 came to Illinois, where he met and married Miss Sarah A. Turney. After studying medicine with a Dr. Miller, about 1844 he removed to Shelbyville and began practicing. In 1860 he located in Effingham, and there was



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actively engaged in organizing companies for the Union Army, becoming a member of Company L, Fifth Cavalry, but nine months later returned broken in health; afterward served as County Superintendent of Schools. He died in Effingham, January 28, 1873.

Dr. William Sloan came to Illinois from Indiana, and after spending some time in Clay County, located in Elliottstown, Effingham County, about 1862; later removed to Teutopolis and there died of small-pox in 1869. He married Mary Dye.

Dr. Travice, commonly known as an "Indian doctor," practiced medicine west of Elliottstown, in 1863.

Dr. Haffaker graduated from the Homeopathic Medical College, Cincinnati, and about 1882 commenced practice at Effingham. A few years later he removed to Denver, Colo., where he has continued in practice. He married Miss Ada Connolly, whose father practised law in Effingham about 1874-81.

Dr. Louis T. Beemer lived in Teutopolis in the '60s and located in Effingham in 1882. In 1889 he made affidavits that he had practiced medicine ten years previous to the "Medical Practice Act," and was allowed to continue. His "materia medica" consists of preparations from herbs, and he makes no pretensions to scientific acquirements. He is a man of sagacity and good judgment.

Dr. Stewart came to Watson, Ill., from Washington, Ind., in 1893, and five years later he moved to Tacoma, Wash.; was considered a good physician and made many friends.

Dr. Morey came to Effingham about 1898, from southwestern Illinois, where he had acquired a reputation for unusual success in treatment of typhoid fever. In 1905 he removed to Cotter, Ark. He was greatly interested in botanical and agricultural matters and this interfered somewhat with his practice.

Dr. Carter began practice in Effingham in 1903, continuing there with gratifying success until 1905; then went to Texas where he married Miss Wiwi, of Montrose, Ill., as his third wife; now lives in Indianapolis, Ind.

Dr. Johnson, a brother of A. B. Johnson, lived near the present town of Shumway, and practiced medicine among his neighbors.

J. N. Groves, M. D., born in Perry County, Ohio, in 1841, and came in 1856 with his parents,

to Crawford County, Ill., in 1856. For three years he attended Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, but returning to Illinois in 1858, formed a partnership with Dr. S. M. Meeks, at Hardinsville. In 1860 he took a course at the Chicago Medical College, and in July, 1861, located in Watson; the next year enlisted as private in Company F, Ninety-eighth Illinois Infantry; in 1863 was appointed Hospital Steward, later became First Assistant Surgeon of the regiment, and was detailed as Surgeon to accompany the expedition of the Fourth Michigan Cavalry when they captured Jefferson Davis. After the close of the war he located in Effingham, where he formed a partnership with Dr. John LeCrone, but later took a course at Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he graduated in the spring of 1866; then practiced for a time at Freemantle and Altamont, but in 1880 removed to the City of Effingham, where he established the Effingham Surgical Institute and Eye and Ear Infirmary. Dr. Groves was a charter member of the Effingham Medical Society, and belonged to the Southern Illinois, the Illinois State and the Interstate Medical Societies. He served one term as Mayor of Effingham and was a popular physician; was three times married, (first) to Miss White, (second) to Miss Kellom and (third) to Miss Sligar. He died a few years ago.

Dr. Ellison graduated from a medical course in 1876, then formed a partnership with Dr. Cornwell and practiced in Mason a few years, when he removed to Bedford, Ind.

J. B. Johnson, M. D., located in Shumway, Ill., in 1875, for active practice, but in 1879 removed to Alma, Ill., his former home; was later ordained a Baptist minister, and was a great worker for the cause of temperance.

Dr. Parks engaged in the practice of medicine and conducted a drug-store in Montrose, about 1880; in 1890 moved, with his family, to Cumberland County, Ill., where he continued in practice until his death; a good physician and well liked.

Dr. John LeCrone, born in Fayette County, Pa., in 1816, removed with his parents in boyhood to Fairfield County, Ohio. By close economy he was able to save enough money from his salary as a school teacher to pursue the study of medicine; began his studies with Drs. Hyde and Evans, at Rushville, Ohio, in



1842 removed to Geneva, Ohio, and after spending two years there in 1844 came with his father to Effingham County, Ill. The following year he moved to Ewington, then the county seat, and began the practice of his profession. In 1861 he removed to Effingham and in 1864 served as Assistant Surgeon of the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Illinois. In 1835 he married Miss Elizabeth Allen, of Virginia, who bore him eleven children, but later died and he married again. He was a member of the Aesculapian, Illinois State Medical and Interstate Medical Societies, a Protestant, a Mason and a Democrat. He served as County Clerk and twice as Mayor of Effingham, finally dying in that city.

John G. McCoy, M. D., born in Smithfield, Ohio, in 1835; when a boy removed with his parents to New Philadelphia, Ohio; taught school when seventeen years of age, to help finish a course at college in Mt. Union, Ohio. In 1855 he began the study of medicine and in 1857 removed with his parents to Wayne County, Ill., where he taught school and practiced his profession. In company with A. J. Rudy, he raised Company K, Sixty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, of which he was elected Lieutenant, six months later becoming Captain. After the close of the war, he located in Effingham, where in 1875 he purchased an interest in a woolen mill which was destroyed by fire in 1881. He married Miss L. M. Lock, of Grayville, Ill., and they had twelve children. He performed some delicate surgical operations with success; removed with his family to Greencastle, Ill., where he engaged in dry-goods business.

J. L. Schifferstein, M. D., born in Jasper County, Ill., in 1850, as a young man, from 1867-69, was express agent at Olney, Ill., meanwhile pursuing the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. H. A. Lemon. In 1869 he entered St. Louis Medical College, and graduated in the spring of 1873; spent one year in the City Hospital as the First Assistant Physician, when returning to Olney, Ill., he practiced there until 1882, then locating in Effingham. He served in the famous Bolin trial as chemist for the Coroner, Dr. William Goodell, Effingham. He had studied the diseases of the eye and ear for three summers under the tutelage of Prof. H. C. Gill, of St. Louis, a specialist and lecturer on this subject. He later took charge of the eye and ear department of the Effingham Sur-

gical Institute, which he conducted three years. He then engaged in general practice, making a specialty of diseases of the eye, and was becoming very successful in this line, when he was seized with paresis and died, after a few weeks' illness, in 1901. For a time he was Surgeon-in-Chief of the St. Louis & Southeastern, the Ohio & Mississippi Railroads. He married Miss Kate Connors, in 1874, at St. Louis, Mo. He was a Roman Catholic and buried in the cemetery just north of the city.

Dr. John O. Scott, born in Davidson County, Tenn., in 1805, about 1821 came with his father to Franklin County, Ill., after moving twice to Gibson County, Ind., and returning to Illinois, in 1831, made a permanent location in Effingham County, and in 1833 broke ground in what later became Jackson Township. He often helped nurse his neighbors, and becoming imbued with a desire to study medicine, borrowed some books of Dr. Le Crone, and studied in connection with cultivating his farm. He was often called in case of emergency, and so gradually drifted into practice, which he carried on some twenty years. In 1875 Dr. Scott retired from active practice and located in Effingham, where he died. He held various local offices. His wife, familiarly known as "Aunt Polly," was a Miss Martha Parkhurst, of Tennessee.

Dr. Wesley Thompson was born at Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1845, served two years in the Union Army, studied medicine under Dr. J. H. Longbridge, of Rensselaer, Ind., and graduated from Miami Medical College, of Cincinnati, in 1869, after which he located in Effingham and engaged in the drug business. In 1870 he removed to Lincoln, Nebr., remaining there seven years, when returning to Effingham, he resumed practice, but in 1880 virtually retired and devoted his time to his orchard and horticulture. About 1884 he removed to San Bernardino, Cal., where he resumed practice. He served several terms as Coroner of Effingham County, once on account of the death of the Sheriff, being called to fill the vacancy for nearly a whole term.

Dr. Thomas G. Vandiveer, born in Orange County, Ind., in 1834, at nine years of age removed with his parents to Clay County, Ill., and in 1850 began operating his brother's mill in Union Township, Effingham County; in 1853, began the study of medicine under Dr. J. H. Rob-



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inson, of Mason, also studied two years under Drs. Hull and Barber, of Clay County, Ill.; took a course at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and then, after practicing six months in Georgetown, Ill., removed to Mason, where he practiced until 1859; in 1860 served as Deputy Circuit Clerk, and in 1862 became Contract Surgeon in Companies I and K, Seventy-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry. In 1864 he engaged as clerk for R. Gilbert and in 1877 entered the drug store of W. F. Pape, where he remained some years, when, his health failing, he and his wife removed to California, where he died a few years since. He served four years as County Coroner, was a Protestant and a Democrat. May 3, 1865, he married Miss Martha Jackson, of Effingham County.

Henry M. Drewry, M. D., born in Switzerland County, Ind., in 1847, in 1862 came with his parents to Mason, Ill., and in 1868 entered the University of Illinois, graduating in the class of 1872. In 1863 he married Miss Harriet A. W. Dunn, who lived but a few months afterward. The following year returning to Urbana, he began the study of medicine under Dr. Samuel Birney, receiving the degree of M. D. from the Chicago Medical College, in March, 1867. After returning to Effingham he practiced in partnership with Dr. J. N. Groves, at Altamont, and later with Edwin M. Yaretz, M. D., but has since continued practice alone. He is a successful practitioner and a well-read man. He married (second), October 22, 1882, at Newton, Ill., Miss Harriet Mann.

Sylvester Stuart Rice, M. D., was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1834; in 1853-55, taught school in Bucksville, Ky.; in 1855 attended medical lectures at Cincinnati and in 1882 took a post-graduate course at the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, Mo. He first practiced his profession in 1858, at Collinsville, Ill., but in 1872, removed to Altamont, where he remained until his death, some years ago. He was liberal-minded, a Protestant, a Democrat, a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and member of several medical societies.

George Schlagenhauf, M. D., born in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1849, in 1854 was brought to America by his father, who died in Hamilton County, Ohio, and the son then went to live with his brother John in St. Louis. He attended the St. Louis Medical College, receiving the

degree of M. D. in 1874, later took a post-graduate course at the same institution, and in the fall of 1876 he opened an office for the practice of his profession in Altamont, where he continued until his death, caused by heart disease.

C. M. Wright, M. D., was born in Boston, Mass., in 1834, earned his way through a medical school in Philadelphia by teaching, graduated from the Eclectic College in 1856, and located in Altamont, Ill., where he began his practice. He came to the town without a dollar, but after continuously practicing medicine twenty-two years, was able to retire from active life and opened a private bank, although several times called into council after his retirement. With but one hand, he drove spirited horses and was very successful in every enterprise. He occupied one of the finest homes in Effingham County, where he died a few years since.

Thomas J. Dunn, M. D., born in Bracken County, Ky., in 1845, came with his parents to Lucas Township, Effingham County, in 1853, in 1864 enlisted in Company H, One Hundred Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, became Sergeant and was mustered out as Lieutenant in September, 1865. Returning to Effingham County he taught school until 1875, when he began the study of medicine and in 1881 received the degree of M. D. from Rush Medical College, Chicago, and began practice in Elliottstown, which he has since continued with gratifying success. He is a Protestant, a Republican, a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of Effingham County and Illinois State Medical Societies; has served in several official positions including chairman of the Central Republican Township Committee, Town Clerk, and the Medical Pension Board, having been twice appointed to the latter on which post he is now serving, with Drs. J. N. Matthews and Frank W. Goodell. (For a more detailed sketch of Dr. Dunn, see Biographical Chapter in this volume.)

William J. Jayne, M. D., born in Pendleton County, Ky., August 22, 1855, took a preparatory course at a seminary in Sullivan, Ill., and then by teaching earned the means for a course of medical lectures at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., later graduating from the Medical School at Keokuk, Iowa, in 1879. He began the practice of medicine at Winter-



rowd, and in 1867 was appointed the first Postmaster of that town.

Francis F. Eversman, M. D., was born in the Province of Hanover, Prussia, in 1807, and finished a course of study in Baltimore, Md., in 1837. In the cholera epidemic of 1849, though not yet a graduate physician, he volunteered to treat cases, as he had studied medicine and had a good knowledge of drugs. In 1850 he graduated from a medical college in Cincinnati, Ohio, and began practicing in that city, but in 1853 he moved to Teutopolis, where he continued in practice until his death. In 1865 he established a drug store in Teutopolis, which was conducted by his son Charles. He married Charlotte Pier. At the time Dr. Eversman located in Teutopolis there was only a small settlement there, and his services among the pioneer Germans will long be remembered. He was a Democrat in politics and a Roman Catholic in religion.

G. W. Cornwell, M. D., was born in Fleming County, Ky., about 1851 began the study of medicine in Stilesville, Ind., under Dr. J. N. Green, and also attended Asbury University two years. In 1855 he graduated from Rush Medical College, in Chicago, and in August following located in Mason, Ill., and there continued practice until his death. He was a Democrat, a Protestant and a member of the Masonic Order, and served once as Representative in the State Legislature (1867-68). He was a skilled physician and met with success in his profession.

Joseph Hall, M. D., born in Ontario County, New York, in 1840, at fifteen years of age came to Mason, Ill., spent a short time there, and in 1864 married Miss Laura A. Turge, of Wayne County, Mich., a few months later returning to Mason, where he was engaged in the practice of medicine until his death. He conducted a drug store several years, in 1870 was appointed Postmaster, but resigned in 1873 and was re-appointed to office in 1881. He studied medicine with his father, who was practicing in Bloomfield, N. Y.

Dr. Joseph Hall, Sr., father of the above, was born in Westchester County, N. Y., in 1805, and studied medicine under Drs. Beach and Smith, of New York City; was also an ordained minister. He practiced medicine in New York until

1850, then located in West Township, Effingham County, where he died February 14, 1861.

William Matthews, M. D., was born in Montgomery County, Va., July 27, 1819; in 1839 began the study of medicine under Dr. Talbot, of Greencastle, Ind., and later attended Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill., from which he graduated with honor. His first wife was a Miss Ruth A. Jessop. In 1848 he married Miss Della Hopwood, of Belleville, Ind.; from 1848 to '58 he practiced in Putnam County, Ind., then moved to Effingham County, Ill., where he practiced in Mason until his death, January 14, 1874. He had unusual literary talents and wrote extensively for the press. He was a Universalist in religion and a Republican in politics.

James N. Matthews, M. D., son of the preceding, was born near Greencastle, Ind., May 27, 1852, and came to Mason with his father when a small boy, and at ten years of age began working in a printing office, and was widely and favorably known as a writer of ability. He entered the University of Illinois, from which he graduated with first honors in 1872 and in 1875 entered a St. Louis medical college, graduating therefrom with the degree of M. D. and first prize for proficiency. In 1878 he married Miss Luella Brown and began practicing at Mason, Effingham County, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was an officer of the Effingham County Medical Society and a member of the Illinois State Medical Society, was also President of the Medical Pension Board of Effingham County, and of the Western Writers' Association, of which he was the organizer. His first wife having died, he married (second), in 1896, Miss Madeline Wright. He died deeply mourned by a large circle of friends, March 7, 1910.

Dr. G. H. Paugh was born in Kentucky, December 27, 1814. His mother having died when he was a child, he was reared by a sister, who took him to Monroe County, Ind., at seven years of age. When a young man he began the study of medicine, and spent five years under the tutelage of Dr. E. C. Moberly, later engaged in practice at Bedford, Ind., removing thence to Springville, in the same county, where he resided thirty consecutive years. In 1867 he located in Mason, Ill., where he made a permanent residence. He was twice married,



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first, to Miss Hannah Scroggin, who died May 13, 1840, and second, in the latter part of the same year to Miss Eliza Cook, of Lawrence County, Ind. He was a Methodist, a Mason and Republican.

William M. Trimble, M. D., born in Illinois in 1874, graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, St. Louis, in the class of 1902, and after spending a short time in practice at Gila, Ill., went to Dieterich, where he still practices medicine, and is Medical Examiner for several social life insurance organizations. He married Miss Maude Marks, June 10, 1905.

J. C. Paugh was born in Lawrence County, Ind., in 1841, and received his primary medical education from his father, Dr. G. H. Paugh. Later he studied under Dr. Grey and, when he had completed his course, became Dr. Grey's partner. He located in Mason, Ill., in 1865 and married Miss Marian Woods in 1870.

Dr. Golightly practiced some time in Beecher City; in 1905 removed to Green River, Ill., where he still practices.

Dr. Guthrie practiced at Beecher City some time, but since about 1905 has been a resident of Pueblo, Colo.

Dr. Mann located in Ewington about 1880, practiced there some years with success; but later moved to Terre Haute, Ind., and died there.

Dr. Mallett practiced in Ewington in 1860-61, then sold his practice to Dr. L. W. Smith and removed to Indiana.

E. A. Bing, M. D., of Altamont, is a native of Illinois, born in 1876; attended Austin College at Effingham, and graduated from the medical department of the Missouri University, after which he began practice at Browns, Ill. He belongs to the Effingham County and Illinois State Medical Societies. In 1906 he married Miss Cora Whitson.

Henry Stein, M. D., born in Iowa, in 1869, graduated from the Missouri Medical College and married Miss Clara Williams, of Mount Vernon; began practice at Defiance, Iowa, later moving to Altamont, Ill., where he is still practicing and serving as City Health Officer.

John Edward Groves, M. D., born in Illinois in 1865, received his degree from the Bennett Medical College, Chicago, in 1887, practiced for sometime at Greenville, East St. Louis and Effingham, Ill., and in 1902 was appointed phy-

sician of the Southern Illinois Hospital for the Insane, at Anna, which position he held four years. In 1907 he located in Altamont and entered general practice. In 1888 he married Miss Minnie Norman, of Greenville. (For a more extended sketch of Dr. Groves see Biographical Chapter in this volume.)

Dr. Williams, an early physician of Effingham County, practiced in Douglas Township in 1847, living near Ramsey's Mill on Green Creek. He won considerable public notice as a hypnotist.

Dr. Wiles, an eclectic physician, located in Effingham for practice about 1878. Seven years later he removed to Decatur, Ill.

G. Homesser, M.D., has had a large practice in the vicinity of Shumway, Ill., since 1887, married a Miss Rice and has carried on a business in addition to medical practice. He is a Modern Woodmen, a Democrat, and a member of the Effingham County and Illinois State Medical Societies; is also Medical Examiner for several insurance companies.

R. O. Broadway, M.D., was registered for practice in Illinois in 1894, being located several years at Watson, Effingham County, then removed to Nebraska, returned to Watson, and is now located in Southern Illinois.

G. M. Baker, M. D., took the degree of M. D. in 1892, from Beaumont Medical College, St. Louis, Mo., and was registered in Illinois the same year. He is a member of Effingham County and Illinois State Medical Societies, and is engaged in practice in Altamont. (See sketch of Dr. G. M. Baker in Biographical Chapter in this volume.)

Bert Caldwell, M. D., is a native of Illinois, took his medical course in a St. Louis Medical college, located at Montrose, Ill., later spent a short time at Watson, then moved to Oklahoma and was there appointed a member of the State Board of Health, of which he became Secretary; is now holding the position of Surgeon under the United States Government in the Canal Zone.

Ralph R. Holson, M. D., graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville, in 1891, and the same year located in Altamont.

James E. Beard, M. D., a native of Effingham County, graduated from Barnes Medical College, St. Louis, in 1895; then began practicing at



Dieterich, Effingham County, where he remained until his death in 1903.

William Sherman Goodell, M. D., born in Weathersfield, Vt., in 1813, after receiving a superior education, chose the profession of medicine and began to fit himself for the same. In the spring of 1867 he located in Effingham, having previously practiced his profession in various places in Illinois and other States, and took his son, William L., into partnership with him. He built a substantial house in Effingham, but later removed to Texas, where he invested a considerable sum of money in cattle, and was so successful in this enterprise that, after a few years he prepared to return to Effingham and spend the remainder of his life in ease and comfort. Before his arrangements were completed, however, he was asked to visit an Indian chief in a professional way, and being caught in a severe rainstorm, contracted pneumonia, from which he never recovered, but after a sickness of five days, passed away and was buried near Bonham, Fannin County, Tex. After his death his money was stolen and his cattle and fine horses driven to the Indian Nation and scattered along the Rio Grande. (A more extended sketch of Dr. William S. Goodell will be found in Biographical Department of this volume.)

Dr. Casper studied medicine with a Dr. Knott in Northern Illinois; in 1874 located in Shumway, remaining two years.

Dr. J. G. Allan, born in Kentucky, attended Hanover (Ind.) College and, taking up the study of medicine, received his degree of M. D. from the University of Louisville, Ky., in 1882. After practicing some years in his native State, in 1898 received his certificate to practice in Illinois; is now located in Edgewood, and is a member of the Effingham County and Illinois State Medical Societies.

Charles McWhorter, M. D., was born in Effingham, about 1864, studied medicine for a time and, in 1898, went to St. Louis, where he attended medical lectures; in 1900 graduated in his course and returned to Effingham County for practice; from 1901-08 practiced in Dieterich, and then moved to Texas.

Dr. I. P. Cromwell was born in Queensbury, N. Y., in 1848; studied medicine under his father, and later under Dr. L. H. Holden, and then attended medical lectures at the University of New York, until receiving his degree. He

practiced for a time at Cleveland, Patten's Mills and Salem, N. Y., and at Chicago, Ill., after which he spent fourteen consecutive years at DeKalb, Ill., then moved to Colorado and from there, in 1903, to Effingham, Ill., where he is now engaged in the practice of homeopathy. He is a Protestant, a Democrat and a member of the Masonic Order.

James R. Scott, M. D., was born in Jefferson County, Ky., September 13, 1840; removed to Pike County with his parents when a child, and received his preliminary education under the tutelage of A. T. Hendricks, brother of Thomas A. Hendricks; then removed to Petersburg, Ind., where he began the study of medicine under the direction of Drs. J. R. Adams and J. L. Hallin, and afterward attended lectures at Cincinnati Medical College, from which he graduated with the Class of 1862. The same year he was appointed Assistant Surgeon in the Third Kentucky Infantry, and was discharged in October, 1864. At the close of the war he located at Edgewood, where he has since practiced his profession. He is a Protestant, a Mason and a Democrat. (For a more extended sketch see Biographical Chapter in this volume.)

Dr. A. McAnderson received his diploma from Jefferson Medical College in 1851, served as Surgeon in the Civil War; began practice in Mason, Effingham County, in 1880, and lived in the last log cabin that stood in Mason, where he was found dead in bed one morning in 1884.

B. F. Holland, M. D., passed the examination of the State Board of Health, and began the practice of medicine in Mason, Ill., in 1878; about three years later removed to Louisville, Ill., where he operated a saw-mill in connection with his practice.

Owen Wright, M. D., was born near Greencastle, Ind., in February, 1835; in 1852 began the study of medicine, just after coming to Effingham County, and in 1856 entered Rush Medical College, Chicago; later attended lectures in St. Louis and at the Ohio Medical College. He served as First Assistant Surgeon in the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteers, and in 1865 was detailed a Surgeon in an army corps. At the close of the war he located in Mason, Effingham County, where he has since continued in the practice of his profession. He is a Protestant, a Republican and a Mason, and preaches occasionally. He married Miss Mar-



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garet Wallis, in 1860. (A fuller sketch will be found in the Biographical Chapter, this volume.)

John Cook, M. D., born in Kent, England, came to the United States in 1868, and, after spending some time in Chicago, located in Liberty Township, Effingham County; there engaged in teaching school until 1878, when he began studying medicine with Dr. Wills, later attended St. Louis Medical College, graduating in 1880 with the first honors of his class. He formed a partnership with Dr. J. Pipber, of Shumway, but a year later moved to Beecher City, where he began an independent practice. August 24, 1873, he married Miss Julia Tenery. He is a Universalist in religion and a member of the I. O. O. F.

Lucien W. Hammer, M. D., was born in Clark County, Ky., November 12, 1819; in 1828 moved to Sangamon County, Ill., with his parents, and later to Moweaqua, where he began the study of medicine from text-books; became acquainted with drugs by working in a drug store, and in 1855 entered upon the practice of medicine. In 1879 he moved to Funkhouser, Ill., practiced there a year and then located in Effingham, where he practiced two years, later practiced several years at Watson, and then moved to Nebraska, where he died in 1905.

Dr. R. H. Shambart, a native of Ohio, studied medicine with his father and began practicing in Winterrowd, Ill., in 1877. He died in 1908. He married (first) Miss Molly Fry, of Jasper County, Ill., and (second) Miss Hagan, of Effingham.

Dr. George S. Shambart, born in 1823, studied medicine with his father's family physician; practiced for a time in Winterrowd, Ill., then moved into Jasper County, but he continued to care for his old patients in the vicinity of Winterrowd; married Miss Leach McVeigh, of Ohio, and died aged 84.

Dr. J. L. Field was born in Kentucky in 1821, when ten years old accompanied his brother to Edgar County, Ill., and as a young man taught school in Illinois and Kentucky. Having studied medicine for a time, in 1852 he began practice, locating in Bishop Township, Effingham County. There being then few doctors in the county, his practice was quite extensive. In November, 1861, he enlisted as Hospital Steward, in Company D, Sixty-fourth Illinois, from which he

was discharged the next year for disability. Returning home, he continued practice until he was so old and feeble he had to be helped in and out of his buggy, and when unable to make visits, many of his patients came to him for advice. He accumulated considerable land and drew a war pension. He died in 1906. He was a Protestant, a Democrat and a member of the Masonic Order. For seventeen years he was Postmaster at Elliottstown, and also served as Township Clerk and School Trustee. In 1843 he married Miss Frances T. Conrey, of Edgar County.

W. S. Jones, M. D., born in Harrison County, Ohio, in 1827, attended a course of medical lectures at Cincinnati, and in 1854 he began practice in Iowa, later moving to Knox County, Ill., and six years later to Moccasin Township, Effingham County, where he was in practice many years; was twice married, first in 1850, to Miss Elizabeth Johnson, of Holmes County, Ohio, who died in 1873, and second, 1876, to Miss Tena Piper.

Dr. Larable practiced for a time in Crawford County, Ill., and in 1871 came to Effingham County, where he formed a partnership with Dr. John McCrone, in Effingham; now resides in Wheeler, Ill., much broken in health.

H. G. Van Sandt, M. D., was born in Hamilton, Ohio, in 1843, graduated from St. Louis Medical College, served in the Civil War, then practiced for a time in Missouri, but later moved to Montrose, Ill., where he continued in practice until his death. He came to Montrose a poor man, but was helped to make a start and soon acquired a good practice; also had a general store, a drug store, and was engaged in buying and shipping cattle, dealing in real estate and loaning money. He was a Protestant, a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a Republican. In 1871 he married Miss Henrietta Morton.

John Gillenwaters, M. D., became a resident of Effingham County in 1835 and on account of the small population, being unable to make a living in the practice of his profession, engaged in teaching for a time, receiving a small pay for his services. He was a learned man, and became influential, and as his practice increased was able to devote his whole time to it.

William Lott Goodell, M. D., was born in Richland County, Ohio, in 1846, a son of Dr. William S. Goodell; at twelve years of age was brought



by his parents to Clark County, Ill.; while attending Marshall College and during his leisure hours and vacations assisted his father in a printing office, conducted in connection with his medical practice; later accompanied his parents to Ann Arbor, Mich., and there entered the University of Michigan, where he spent three years. Returning with his parents to Illinois a short time afterward he went to live with Dr. Williams, of Marshall, Ill. Later formed a partnership with Dr. Garner, of Salisbury, Ill., and in 1867 located in Effingham, where he and his father opened an office together. The younger man built up a large practice, at times travelling extensively night and day, over rough roads, often without certainty of remuneration for his service. He has been a member of various professional associations, organized the first medical society in Effingham County, the Inter-State Medical Society, served as delegate of the Illinois State Medical Society to the American Medical Association, was the first Secretary of the Effingham County Medical Society, and has been many times called into consultation with other physicians and surgeons, is now serving as City Health Officer, and has held other city and county offices. He works hard in the interest of his profession, which he considers a noble calling. (A more extended sketch of Dr. Goodell's professional career and personal history will be found in the Biographical Department of this volume.)

Dr. Wilson practiced sometime in the vicinity of Beecher City, and in 1905 moved to Centraffa, where he is now in active practice.

Dr. Lesher practiced medicine in Elliottstown, Ill., in the '50s.

Dr. S. C. Lloyd moved from Rising Sun, Canada, to Pennsylvania, where he practiced before coming to Illinois, later practiced in the vicinity of Watson and Elliottstown about 1865-71, and in 1878 moved to Harper, Kans., where he is now residing.

Dr. J. C. Brady practiced medicine in Elliottstown in an early day, moved to Teutopolis about 1861, and in 1862 became a resident of Effingham, as deputy for County Clerk John Trap; some twenty years later moved to the State of Texas, where he died.

Dr. Jacob Bishop, one of the earliest physicians of Effingham County, was engaged in practice in Freemantion in 1844. He was self-educated

and owned and operated the first grain mill and carding machine in Jackson Township; in 1856-57 kept a hotel in Effingham, and was also a Methodist minister. His practice extended outside the county and was quite successful.

Dr. James Long was practicing in Effingham County as early as 1843; moved from Union Township into Mason and in 1846 located near Eflensburg, where he practiced five or six years; was also a carpenter and millwright. He performed a number of amputations successfully, with such primitive instruments as a butcher knife and carpenter's saw, using a common needle and sewing thread for the closing of wounds. Later he removed to California, and there continued his practice. In 1850 he married Miss Louisa Williams.

Dr. Morgan began practicing medicine in Mason, Ill., about 1880, and a year later moved to Odin, Ill., where he now resides.

Frank Buckmaster, M. D., graduated from a medical college in St. Louis, in 1893, receiving a gold medal for proficiency; then began practicing at Altamont, Ill., and in 1900 moved to Effingham, where he opened an office in the Austin Opera Block. He devotes most of his time to surgery, is a member of the Effingham County and Illinois State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. (For a more extended sketch of Dr. Buckmaster see Biographical Chapter in this volume.)

J. B. Walker, M. D., the first President of the Effingham County Medical Society and member of the Illinois State and Æsculapian Medical Societies and the American Medical Association, at one time Mayor of the City of Effingham and for several years President of the Commercial Club, was born near Robinson, Ill., in 1857, there began studying medicine and later attended lectures in Cincinnati graduating in his course in 1882. He first formed a partnership with Dr. John LeCrone, of Effingham, who had an extensive practice, but being soon after elected County Clerk, practically retired for a time from practice, which was of great advantage to Dr. Walker in making a start. He is local Surgeon for a railroad company, at one time served as President of the School Board, is a Protestant, a Republican and a Mason. He married Miss Alice Maxwell, of Crawford County, Ill. (See sketch in Biographical Chapter, this volume.)

E. W. Brooks, M. D., born in Parker, Ind., in



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Mrs. J. M. Dunn.



1876, graduated from Barnes Medical College, St. Louis, in 1901, and in 1907 took a post-graduate course at Chicago. He began practicing at St. Elmo, Ill., was connected with Charleston Sanitarium in 1905, and is now practicing in Beecher City; he is a member of the County and Illinois Medical Societies, a Protestant and a Mason. In 1908 he married Miss Nellie Costivans. (A more extended sketch will be found in Biographical Department, this volume.)

Dr. Long was born near Newton, Ill., graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, St. Louis, in 1907, and located in Effingham for the practice of his profession, starting in the office made vacant by the death of Dr. Schifferstein. He carries on a general practice but pays special attention to the diseases of the eye, having received instruction in this branch of the profession under Professor Ball, the author and lecturer. He is a Roman Catholic and a Democrat. In 1908 he married Miss Dora Dallmuer, of Newton, Ill.

Dr. E. D. Danson is a native of Illinois and, after graduating from a medical course, engaged in practice in Effingham a few years ago; is a member of the County and State Medical Societies, a Protestant, a Republican and a Mason. (See fuller sketch in Biographical Chapter in this volume.)

Dr. William H. St. Clair has practiced many years in Effingham County and served one term Mayor of Effingham; was practicing in partnership with Dr. John LeCrone in the '60s, although his certificate from the State Board of Health is dated 1887. He is a member of the Effingham County, the Illinois State and the American Medical Societies; is a Democrat in politics.

Dr. Pruett was born in Marshall, Ill., about 1870, studied medicine with his father and graduated from an accredited medical college; began the practice of his profession in Effingham about 1898, and in 1901 moved away, is now practicing in northwestern Illinois. He was appointed a member of the Medical Pension Board for Effingham County, by President Cleveland, and served as Secretary of the Board, which included Drs. J. N. Groves and Frank W. Goodell. Dr. Pruett married Miss Van Allen, of Effingham.

Dr. Stewart, believed to be a regularly graduated physician, was practicing medicine in Teutopolis, in 1851-52. His patients included most

families living on upper Green Creek, Effingham County.

Joseph B. Ewers, M. D., graduated from a medical school at St. Louis, Mo., and after practicing in Brownstown, Ill., in 1882 located in Effingham, where he remained about three years, then moved with his family to Moultrie County, Ill., for some time was employed as travelling representative of a Surgical Institute.

Dr. Tarrant was practicing medicine in Summit Township, near the west end of the bridge over the Wabash River in 1857. He served as Probate Judge three terms, and also had an extensive practice. He died in Summit Township.

C. H. Diehl, M. D., a native of Effingham County, Ill., in 1894 entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, St. Louis, graduating in the Class of 1908. During the summer of 1907 he had practiced in Oklahoma, and in 1906 acted as interne at Jefferson Hospital; also took a special course in anatomy and diseases of the nervous system in the medical department of the University of Illinois. He is now practicing in Montrose, Ill., is a Lutheran and a Republican; in 1907 married Miss Jennie Deichman, of Effingham. (See fuller sketch in Biographical Chapter, this volume.)

Dr. Boggs, commonly known as "Bill Boggs," was practicing medicine in Watson Township in 1858; carried his medicine in a tin "writing box," to which he had fastened a handle; had many patients who could not afford to pay a "town" doctor and in emergency cases.

C. H. Foote, M. D., now practicing medicine at Beecher City, Ill., was born in Ohio, in 1873, is a graduate of the medical department of the University of Missouri, in the Class of 1895, and the same year married Miss Minnie Smithe. He takes no active part in political affairs and in religious views is a Methodist.

Dr. H. C. Finch was practicing medicine in Watson, Ill., about 1878, having attended medical lectures in Chicago, though not graduated from a course; in 1879-80 attended the medical department of Butler University, of Indianapolis, Ind., and then located in Iowa, where he is still engaged in practice.

F. N. A. Hoffman, M. D., was born in Missouri in 1865, graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, St. Louis, in 1894, and be-



gan practicing in Montrose, Ill., but later moved to Evanston; is now practicing in Teutopolis and is a member of several medical societies. In 1897 he married Miss Mary Gress, of Stewardson, Ill.

Dr. D. F. Lane practiced medicine in Mason, Ill., from 1873 to '75, then moved to St. Elmo and thence to Oregon State. He attended the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis and graduated from the Indiana Medical College. He married Miss Anna Leith, of Mason.

Dr. Fisk was practicing medicine in Mason, Ill., in 1866; married Miss Mapes of Mason, and they moved to Missouri in 1870.

Dr. C. F. Falley was practicing medicine in Ewington in 1857, having moved there from Freemanton; later moved to Fulfer Creek, and from there to Clay County, where he died in 1905. He was a Protestant and a Mason, and is kindly remembered by many old settlers of Effingham County.

Dr. Abbott, who came to Effingham County from New York, was a graduate of West Point, a good draftsman, sign painter, civil engineer and artist. In 1858 he formed a partnership with Dr. Bishop, at Freemanton, later became Fife Major in the Union Army; and died in service.

Dr. White, born in Ohio, in 1858 entered land at Bishop Point, Effingham County, Ill., where he carried on farming and practiced medicine; also started a horse-mill for grinding grain. He died about 1884, was a Democrat and a Protestant.

John G. Schuette, M. D., was born in the Province of Westphalia, Germany. In 1874, graduated from the Gymnasium of Rhine in 1868, took post-graduate courses at Wurzburg, Marburg and Grifswold, and graduated from a medical course in 1872. He served in the Prussian Army during the war with France, and in 1872 emigrated to the United States, locating in Teutopolis, Ill. He studied the English language eighteen months and then began giving instruction in languages and mathematics, which he continued a number of years. He married Catherine Mette, who died in 1877. Dr. Schuette was a Roman Catholic and a Democrat.

Dr. John N. Pipher was born in Louisiana in 1840, in 1878 graduated from St. Louis Medical College, and began practicing at Shumway, Ill., moving thence to Chicago, where he spent only a few months, when he engaged in practice

in Stewardson, Ill. He is a member of the Effingham County and Illinois State Medical Societies.

Dr. J. H. Robinson practiced medicine in Mason, Ill., in an early day, moving thence to Oklahoma, where he continued practice, and there died in 1906 at an advanced age.

Dr. J. L. Yoltan was born in Illinois, in 1857, in 1887 was engaged in the practice of medicine in Montrose; was a graduate of the Missouri Medical College in the Class of 1885.

Eugene E. West, M. D., was born in New Jersey, in 1861, studied medicine as a young man, and graduated at Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, in 1884. He immediately began the practice of homeopathy in Effingham, but a few years later returned to New Jersey, where he continued his practice. He married Miss Beulah Bessy, of Effingham.

H. C. Sanders, M. D., was born in Tennessee in 1852; in 1886 graduated from the Homeopathic Medical College of Missouri, St. Louis, and in 1887 began practicing at Altamont.

Dr. G. Schmidt was practicing medicine in Elliottstown, in 1878.

Dr. J. P. Guthrie was born in Illinois in 1849, and in 1885 graduated from the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis; in 1887 was practicing at Moccasin, Ill.,

Dr. Clemens A. Westholter was born in Germany in 1843, and his certificate giving him the right to practice in the State of Illinois was dated September 2, 1887.

Joseph A. Brunleve, M. D., who has practiced medicine many years in Teutopolis, Ill., is a native of Illinois and graduated from the Medical College of Ohio.

Lawrence A. Brunleve, M. D., son of the preceding, studied medicine with his father and in 1901 graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, St. Louis. Returning home, he engaged in practice with his father, which he still continues. In 1906 he was elected County Coroner, is a member of the Effingham County and Illinois State Medical Societies, and both he and his father are Catholics and Democrats. Both are able to speak both English and German fluently.

Charles A. Vandre, M. D., was born in New York, in 1843, in 1884 graduated from the Ecclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, and in 1887 was engaged in practice in Altamont.

Dr. J. P. Hutchinson studied medicine in



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Mason, Ill., where he practiced many years. In 1877 he was granted a certificate from the State Board of Health, having practiced twenty-four years.

Dr. Schuricht practiced medicine with success in Effingham about fourteen months, then moved to Missouri.

Dr. Barney was practicing medicine in Winterrowd, Ill., in 1865.

Dr. Martin began practicing medicine at Watson, about 1861, also engaged in farming; was a native of Virginia, a Democrat and a Protestant. He married Miss King, of Effingham County.

L. W. Smith, M. D., bought the practice of Dr. Mallett, in 1861. He was a graduate of an Eclectic Medical College, served one term as Postmaster of Effingham, and was probably the first surgeon in Effingham County appointed by the Government to examine soldiers for pensions. He practiced in Effingham a number of years, but becoming enfeebled from age, sold his home and went to Newton, Ill., where he died about 1898.

Dr. Jolly was practicing medicine in Freemantle in 1857, studied medicine under Dr. Bishop of that place, and moved from Effingham County to Iowa.

Dr. Meeker practiced medicine in Effingham 1870-72, and was considered a good physician. He moved to California where he continued in practice.

Dr. John G. Hughes, a native of Ohio, practiced medicine in Ewington in 1863-70, having previously practiced five years in Elliottstown. He died of ulcer of the stomach, in Ewington about 1873.

Dr. Ingram studied medicine with Drs. Bishop and Falley, and began practice in 1861, a few miles south of where Montrose now stands; afterwards practiced in Elliottstown and in Jackson Township, and died about 1895. He was a Democrat and a Protestant.

Frank Wise Goodell, M. D., was born in Marshall, Clark County, Ill., March 1, 1859, and in the spring of 1861 removed with his parents to Ann Arbor, Mich. The family later returned to Jasper County, Ill., and in the spring of 1867 located permanently in the City of Effingham. The subject of this sketch attended the Louisville (Ky.) Medical College and returning home in 1878, being then only nineteen years of age, entered into the practice of medicine under the

supervision of his brother, William L. Goodell, M. D., with whom he has since been associated. In the spring of 1880 he graduated from the medical department of Butler University, Indianapolis, just before attaining his majority. He has always enjoyed a large practice and has held memberships in many medical societies and is Secretary of Effingham County Medical Society. He has travelled extensively and is the author of several well-known poems. (A more extended personal sketch of Dr. Goodell is given in the Biographical Chapter in this volume.)

Dr. Henry Taphorn, of Effingham, was born in Carlyle, Ill., in 1871, and graduated from Washington University, of St. Louis, Mo., with degree of M. D., in 1898; in 1900 was appointed First Assistant Surgeon of St. Mary's Hospital, East St. Louis, Ill., where he remained four years, then engaged in general practice, is a member of a number of professional and fraternal organizations. (For a more extended sketch of Dr. Taphorn, see Biographical Department of this volume.)

Robert L. Wishard, M. D., an eclectic practitioner, graduated from the American Medical College, St. Louis, in the Class of 1892; in 1902 was practicing in Eberle, Effingham County, Ill.

George B. Tope, M. D., graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1896, and the same year located in Montrose, where he has a general practice and is local examiner for several insurance companies. He is a member of the local and State Medical Societies.

Nathan B. Thresh, M. D., graduated from Barnes Medical College, St. Louis, in 1902, and began practicing the same year in Beecher City.

C. M. Wright, M. D., was born in Altamont, and after studying medicine with his father, attended Washington University, St. Louis, graduating in 1902. He entered into practice in his native town and is a member of the local and Illinois State Medical Societies.

W. N. Davis, M. D., graduated from a medical school in St. Louis and began practicing in Brownstown, Ill.; about 1882 began practice in Effingham, and some three years later moved to Moultrie County, Ill.; was engaged for some time as travelling representative of a surgical institute.

Dr. Zachariah Allen was born in Putnam County, Ind., in 1830, studied medicine in 1855 and in 1859 attended a medical college. He practiced some time in Effingham County, at El-



liottstown and Winterrowd, being the first Postmaster of the letter place, appointed in 1867. He was a Republican and a member of the G. A. R. He died in 1902.

C. F. Burkhardt, M. D., a native of Kentucky, graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine in 1893, received his certificate admitting him to practice in Illinois in 1898. After practicing at various points in Illinois and Nebraska, located in Effingham, in 1907, and now makes a specialty of the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He is President of the Effingham County Medical Society and member of the Illinois State Medical Society.

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## CHAPTER X.

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### THE NEWSPAPER PRESS.

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THE NEWSPAPER PRESS OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY—THE PIONEER OF EWINGTON, THE FIRST PAPER IN THE COUNTY—CHANGES OF NAME AND LOCATION—IT FINALLY BECOMES THE DEMOCRAT—OTHER PAPERS OF A LATER PERIOD—THE UNIONIST AND THE LOYALIST OF WAR TIME—THE DAILY DEMOCRAT ESTABLISHED IN 1890—THE EFFINGHAM REGISTER AND REPUBLICAN—PAPERS AT ALTAMONT—GERMAN PAPERS—THE EFFINGHAM VOLKSELATT—TEUTOPOLIS PRESS—LATER PAPERS WHICH HAVE GONE OUT OF EXISTENCE.

(By George M. LeCrone.)

The newspaper press has been well represented in Effingham County ever since the founding of the first newspaper in the county at Ewington, in 1855. This was "The Pioneer," which was established by W. B. Cooper, Ewington then being the county-seat. In 1857 the plant became the property of Col. J. W. Filler, who, on the removal of the county-seat to Effingham, removed the paper to that place. In 1861, Col. Filler, having enlisted in the Civil War, left the paper in charge of Dr. T. G. Vandever, who soon after purchased "The Gazette," the first paper published in the City of Effingham, and which had been started in the spring of 1860 by L. M.

Rose as a Republican organ, but who later entered the army as Filler had done. Mr. Vandever then brought the material of the two offices together and both papers were suspended until October, 1861, when Col. Filler having returned from the field, in partnership with Dr. Vandever, began the publication of "The Unionist." But three editions of the paper had been issued, however, when Col. Filler again entered the army, leaving the paper in the hands of his partner.

In the spring of 1862 the owner of the mortgage on the old "Gazette" plant sold it to John Hoeny, who immediately renewed the publication, shortly thereafter purchasing the outfit of "The Pioneer," and uniting the two. The publication in this form was continued until July, 1862, when the office-building, which was located on the east side of the courthouse square, was burned and the entire outfit of both papers destroyed, except the old Pioneer hand-press, which had fortunately been left in the yard of the building. As there was no insurance on the property, the loss was entire, but Mr. Hoeny, borrowing \$100 from Mr. Barcus, the County Treasurer, went to Chicago and bought a quantity of second-hand type from Mr. Story, of the old "Chicago Times." With this publication of "The Gazette" was resumed and continued until 1865, when Mr. Hoeny sold out to Messrs. Hays & Bowen. The name of the paper was then changed to "Effingham County Democrat," but in the fall of the same year, the property was taken in charge by the creditors. Col. Filler, having then returned from the field, was placed in charge, and continued until 1868, when the concern was sold to H. C. Bradsby, who later dropped the word "County" from the name, and this has continued to the present time. In 1870 the paper again changed hands, J. C. Brady becoming the proprietor, and he soon after associated himself with John Hoeny, who in June of the same year became sole owner. This arrangement continued until 1878, when Mr. Hoeny sold one-half interest to George M. LeCrone, and in 1880 his remaining interest to Owen Scott, the firm then becoming LeCrone & Scott, but a year later Mr. LeCrone sold to Mr. Scott, the latter continuing the publication of the paper alone until 1884, when Mr. LeCrone purchased the entire plant. In 1890 he sold a half-interest to Mr. George V. Mechler, who retired in 1898, and Mr. LeCrone became sole pro-

prietor, which has continued to the present time. On the retirement of Mr. Mechler, H. O. Adams, who had previously been in charge of the mechanical department, became business manager.

On July 31, 1890, a daily edition of "The Democrat" was established, being published every afternoon except Sunday, and this has since been continued, proving an important aid to the regular weekly issue. On January 1, 1900, a Mergenthaler linotype machine was introduced for type-setting purposes and a Cranston cylinder press and engine, installed in 1891, gave place in 1902 to a Cottrell four-roller book and job press, and the mechanical equipment of the office is now one of the most complete to be found outside of the larger cities. The mechanical and business departments occupy a large two-story brick building, erected in 1901, and lighted by electricity, and in addition to the daily and weekly issues of the paper, the proprietor turns out a large amount of job-printing including books, periodicals, etc. In 1903, a souvenir edition of the "Democrat" was published by Mr. LeCrone in celebration of the semi-centennial of the founding of the City of Effingham, from which the principal facts regarding the history of the Effingham County Press have been taken.

The third paper published in Effingham was "The Register," which was established in November, 1864, as a Republican organ, by Maj. William Haddock. This was continued until 1872, when the paper having deflected to the support of Horace Greeley for President, on account of the loss of patronage, it was compelled to suspend. During the same year, Maj. Haddock removed his plant to Champaign, Ill., and purchasing "The Illinois Democrat," of that city, changed the name to "Liberal Democrat," to which he later gave the name, "Champaign Times," continuing its publication until his death in 1879.

During the month of April, 1863, a paper called "The Loyalist" was established at Mason, Effingham County, by Mr. George Brewster. According to the late Dr. James N. Matthews, who, as a boy, was an employee on this paper, and who is the contributor of some reminiscences connected with the history of Mason, published in Chapter V, on "Effingham War Record," in this volume, "The Loyalist" was a zealous supporter of the war policy of the Government against secession and was vigorously denounced as an abolition

organ. It stirred up popular sentiment and evoked much hostility among the anti-war Democrats, but had a brief existence, being suspended after a career of about seven months.

The next paper connected with Effingham County history was "The Effingham Republican," established at Effingham by Martin Brothers, of Shelbyville, in August, 1872, as successor to "The Register," referred to in a previous paragraph. In the fall of 1873 "The Republican" was sold by its founders to H. C. Painter, who continued its publication with success until the fall of 1885, when he sold out to E. B. Gorrell. Later Samuel Moulden succeeded to the management of the paper, but still later it again passed into the hands of Mr. Gorrell, who continued in charge until June, 1893, when it was sold to a stock company with R. F. Lawson as editor and business manager. This arrangement was continued until February, 1898, when Mr. Lawson, having been appointed Postmaster, was succeeded by W. H. Dietz as editor. In January, 1899, Dr. Sumner Clark purchased a large amount of stock of "The Republican," and his son, Homer Clark, was then installed as editor and business manager. In April, 1900, Mr. Clark sold "The Republican" to a new set of stockholders composed of leading Republicans of the county, among whom were Representative J. H. Loy and his brother, Rev. F. W. Loy. Rev. Loy's son-in-law, Harris Dante, was selected as manager, and the paper is now in his charge.

In May, 1873 "The Altamont Courier" was established in the village of Altamont, by G. W. Grove, of Kinmundy, but was published only one year, when it was discontinued and the plant moved away. In 1876 Loofbarrow & Humble established "The Altamont Telegram;" this was continued until June, 1877, when C. M. King, of Lexington, Ill., became proprietor. Selling out the old material and procuring a new equipment, Mr. King continued the publication until 1881, when he removed the plant to Gardner, Ill. In December of the same year, C. F. Coleman, later of "The Vandalla Leader," and George M. LeCrone, now of "The Effingham Democrat," established "The Altamont News." In 1884, Mr. LeCrone having returned to "The Effingham Democrat," L. J. Wallach acted as editor of "The News" for some ten years, was succeeded by F. M. Schilling, and Mr. Schilling in 1906, by H. H. Bailey, the present editor and proprietor. The

paper is issued as a weekly, has a good rural circulation and is meeting with satisfactory success.

The first German paper published in Effingham County was "The Effingham Volksblatt," established at Effingham in June, 1878, as a result of the visit of the late Gen. Herman Lieb, of Chicago, for the benefit of the growing German population of Effingham. Mr. A. Gravenhorst, of Effingham, at first furnished the local matter, the paper, a seven-column folio, being printed in the office of "The Chicago Democrat." A few months later "The Democrat" having been discontinued, the publication was transferred to Milwaukee, the paper in the meantime being enlarged to a ten-column folio. In 1882 an outfit of type was procured from St. Louis, and for the first year the mechanical work was done in local offices, but in 1883 Mr. Gravenhorst became proprietor of the press and the building from which the paper was issued, and has continued to be its publisher to the present time. The paper is a six-column, eight-page sheet, is Democratic in political views, and enjoys a large circulation among the German population of Effingham and adjoining counties.

"The Teutopolis Press" was established in Teutopolis, Effingham County, in 1898, by C. A. Worman and Henry Tegenkamp, its first issue appearing April 21st of that year. About a month later Mr. Tegenkamp sold out his interest, Mr. Worman becoming sole owner, which has continued to the present time. It was started as an independent paper, but a few years later became Democratic. Up to 1905 the paper was printed on a hand-press, propelled by human power, but in that year a gas engine was put in operation, and other material added to its equipment. Originally a seven-column folio sheet, in April, 1900, it was enlarged to a six-column quarto (eight-page), at the same time a large 37 x 52 two-revolution press being installed, and on January 1, 1910, it took possession of its present quarters, a commodious two-story brick building. "The Press" has a large circulation, its patrons being mostly German-Americans.

"The Special-Gazette," of Dieterich, is the outcome of the consolidation of two journals—"The Special" and "The Gazette"—which had an independent existence for some time, the latter being established by William Marrs, one of the oldest residents of Bishop Township. Later the consolidated paper was published by J. N. Stroud,

who was succeeded by the present proprietors, Arlen B. Wright and Frank Field, both natives of Dieterich and members of prominent families of that place.

"The Mason News," established in 1896, is a six-column quarto under the management of two ladies—Misses Nettie Richmond and Susie Smith—as editors and proprietors. The paper has a healthy circulation among an intelligent village and rural population. The publishers also conduct a job department in connection with their paper and are meeting with deserved success.

Other papers which have had a brief existence in Effingham County, include "The Herald," at Edgewood; "The Montrose Comet," at Montrose, and a paper published at Shumway for a short time. "The Jeffersonian" was established in Effingham, in August, 1902, by the Effingham Publishing Company, composed of Phillip Wiwi, F. W. Loy and Jonathan Arnold, with Mr. Arnold as editor. It was a neat six-column quarto, and was well edited, but had a brief career, going out of existence in 1904.

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## CHAPTER XI.

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### CHURCHES—SCHOOLS.

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EARLY CHURCHES OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY—THE METHODIST EWINGTON MISSION—FIRST LOCAL CHURCHES—DATE OF ORGANIZATION AND FIRST MEMBERS—FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EFFINGHAM—ITS HISTORY AND PRINCIPAL PASTORS—LAYING OF CORNER STONE OF NEW CHURCH BUILDING IN AUGUST, 1900—ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—FIRST GERMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY—PRIESTS WHO HAVE PRESIDED OVER ST. MARY'S CHURCH AND THE CHURCH AT TEUTOPOPOLIS—GERMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS—BISSELL COLLEGE.

Following is a history of principal church organizations in Effingham county:

#### EARLY METHODIST CHURCHES.

According to a history of Methodist Episcopal Churches in Effingham County, prepared by Mr.



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| 1. Christian  | 5. St. Anthony's |
| 2. St. John's | 6. Sacred Heart  |
| 3. Baptist    | 7. Presbyterian  |
| 4. Methodist  | 8. St. Paul's    |





Joseph B. Jones and read before a meeting of the Effingham County Old Settlers, the first organization of that denomination in the county occurred in 1835 at Ewington, then the county-seat of Effingham County and situated at the crossing of the Cumberland Road over the Little Wabash River. The first members of this church were T. J. Gillenwaters and wife, Aaron Williams and family, John Loy and family, Caleb Randall and wife, Michael Beem and wife, John Levitt and wife, with a few others whose names are not now recalled. At the annual session of the Illinois Conference the Ewington Mission was established and Rev. Graham placed in charge. The boundaries of this mission are not known with entire accuracy, but it included Effingham County and the northwest part of Fayette County, extending as far west as the Kaskaskia River. In 1851 this mission was divided, placing the northwestern part of Effingham County and the part of Fayette County that had belonged to the mission, in the Loudon City circuit, the remainder of Effingham County remaining in Ewington Mission.

Prior to this time a number of church societies had been formed within the territory covered by the Ewington Mission and preaching places established at Freemanton, Ebenezer, Gray's, Harrell's, New Hope, and Rankin. While Ewington remained the county seat and until 1860, it continued to be a preaching place, but no church was built, meetings being held at different periods in the courthouse and in the school house. In the meantime, the Illinois Central Railroad had been built, Effingham laid out, a railroad station established there, and the residents of Ewington began to move to the new town and county-seat. As a consequence the town of Ewington was finally absorbed by its new rival, and a church with a large membership was built up at Effingham, which now has a fine church building.

Freemanton became a preaching place in 1837, services being held at the house of Charles Bogges and about 1839 the second church society in the county was organized there. The leading members of the new organization were Charles Bogges and wife, Jacob Bishop, Richard McCranor and wife, and a few others. In 1844 Mr. Horace Toothaker donated a tract of land as the site for a church at Freemanton, and a log building was completed on it by the first of May of that year, which was the first Methodist

Episcopal church building in the county. This remained a regular preaching place until about 1860, when most of the society met at Mr. Devore's, where regular services were held in a building erected by Mr. Devore and others. For a number of years services were held alternately at both Devore's and Freemanton. After the building of the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad, a station was located at Dexter, near the village of Freemanton, and the two congregations were united and a church built at Dexter, which has a flourishing congregation. Two local preachers—James Devore and Jacob Bishop,—and two exhorters—John Miller and Joshua Devore,—emanated from this congregation, and later, three ministers—Douglas Shouse, Thurham Shouse and Denton Baker—came from the same source.

About 1837 to 1839, church services began to be held at various private homes under the auspices of the Ewington Mission, in the neighborhood of the Rentfros, who, with others, had come from Tennessee as early as 1820 and settled on the Little Wabash about seven miles north of Ewington. In 1839 arrived with his family, Leonard D. Tarrant, a licensed exhorter, and his presence stimulated the organization of a new church in that vicinity. Among the first members were Joseph Rentfro and wife, James M. Rentfro and wife, Levi Rentfro and wife, L. D. Tarrant and wife, Hickman Langford and wife, with Joseph Rentfro as class-leader, who later became a licensed exhorter. A log building was here erected for church purposes and dedicated in 1851, which became the seat of the Ebenezer Church. This church flourished until 1870, when some-dissension having arisen, a few of its members withdrew, and the remainder uniting with the M. E. Church, South, erected a new building about half a mile from the old site, but retaining the old name. The character of Rev. L. D. Tarrant, who was largely responsible for the original organization of this church, is still held in high regard.

The Loy congregation was organized in 1839 at the house of John Loy on the farm now owned by the county and used as the County Infirmary, with John Loy and family, Joseph Loy and wife, Mrs. Katy Bryant, Mrs. Betsy Funk and Mrs. Sally McKinnon among its first members. Joseph Bolyjack and Thomas M. Loy—the former an eccentric character and of limited education

but of reputed native ability, and the latter the son of John Loy—were noted exhorters who grew up in this church. The church held its services first in private homes and later in school houses until 1871, when a neat building was erected on the site first used as a school house and church, and which was dedicated as Loy Chapel, in memory of the original founder. Frank W. Loy and Henry Pitkin were later members of this church who won reputation as ministers and members of the Southern Illinois Conference.

The house of Samuel B. Gray, on Fulfer Creek, a little south and west of the village of Welton in West Township, was an early preaching place, although there is no evidence that a church was organized here. Later the home of Samuel Broom, three or four miles from Gray's, and still later, that of Jethro Harrell, four or five miles north of Broom's, were used for the same purpose. For some years services were kept up alternately at these places. About 1846 these three neighborhoods united and, in 1847, a building was erected and dedicated under the name of the New Hope Church. This church was continued until about 1862, when William W. Hollis, who had been a leader in its organization, having moved to the village of Mason on the Illinois Central Railroad, the New Hope church was finally abandoned, and under the leadership of Jethro Harrell a church was established three or four miles north of the New Hope site. Services were held here for several years when the church building was destroyed by fire; later a division arose over questions connected with the Civil War, and Harrell and his family and several of his neighbors joined the M. E. Church, South.

Appointments were kept up for a number of years at the home of R. M. Rankin, a licensed exhorter and early settler, about three miles south of the present village of Mason on the Illinois Central Railroad, but there is no evidence that a church was organized there. Mr. Rankin having moved to Mason, services which had been conducted at his home, were discontinued.

About 1847 services began to be held at the home of John Scoles in the vicinity of where the Pleasant Grove Church now stands, a small log building being erected about one-half mile south of the present church site. In the early '50s a

class was organized consisting of Thomas Patterson and wife, John Hotz and wife, John Wills and wife, William M. Metham and wife, Mordecai Yarnell and wife, Abraham Force, Elisha Howard and wife and others, Thomas Patterson being the first class-leader. William Getz, who soon after settled there, became an active factor in securing the erection of a house of worship, which was begun in 1857 but not completed until 1860. This church took the name of Pleasant Grove, and became a part of Londen City Circuit with Rev. R. G. Potner as its first pastor, and has maintained a prosperous career to the present time.

Mt. Zion M. E. Church had its beginning in a small settlement southeast of the city of Effingham about 1846, Rev. George Monical of Clay County, delivering the first sermon at the house of Edward Sanderson. An organization was finally effected with Edward Anderson and wife, David Merry and wife, Elijah Poynter, and John Tedrick and wife as first members, and a log house was built and served as a church and school house for several years. Through a struggle of many years, this church maintained its organization and is still served by an itinerant pastor in a comfortable house of worship.

The church edifices of Effingham County, in a general way, speak well for the enterprise, liberality and Christian zeal of its people.

The following is a list of names of those who served as itinerants of the Ewington Mission, between 1835 and 1851: Rev. Graham, first preacher in charge, followed by Revs. Chambers, Levi Lowry, Tennison, Newman, Washburn, Blackwell, Wilson C. Pitner, Cleveland, Massey, Hale, Barr and David Williamson.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EFFINGHAM.

The following history of the First Presbyterian Church of Effingham is taken from the columns of the *Effingham Republican* of August 10, 1909:

(By Calvin Austin.)

The First Presbyterian Church of Effingham, Ill., was organized at the Court House in Effingham, November 13, 1864, by the Rev. A. J. Norton, and Rev. Sanford R. Bissell, with the following members: Solomon Swingle, Mrs. M. C. Swingle, Mrs. Sarah Preston Bissell, Mr. Isaac Bates and Mrs. Jane Bates. The next record,

dated March 24, 1866, records the admission of Mr. John Trapp and wife, Mary Ann Trapp, Mrs. V. Yant from a Presbyterian Church, Henry Thompson from the Methodist, and his wife, Laura Thompson, from the Baptist Church of Effingham.

The first record of any officers elected in the church was under date of February 1, 1868. Henry Thompson, Solomon Swingle, Alfred Stewart and S. F. Gilmore were elected trustees.

February 2, 1868, Mr. Seneca Austin and his wife, Julia A. Austin, were received from the First Presbyterian Church of Newport, Kentucky, and Mr. Virgil Wood was received on profession of faith and baptized. The same day the first board of ruling elders was elected and ordained, consisting of Seneca Austin and Henry Thompson.

The Presbytery of Wabash met with the Presbyterian church at Effingham April 15, 1869, and opened with a sermon by Rev. J. L. McNair. Rev. G. A. Pollock preaching on the following Sunday. Up to this time the church had been served by the Rev. Bissell, preaching part of the time in the Court House and part of the time in a small school house, belonging to Mr. Bissell, standing the second house north of the present site of the Armory, and now occupied as a residence by S. G. Barbee.

In the autumn of 1869 the session of the church arranged with Rev. G. A. Pollock to preach for one year. He began his services the second Sunday of December, 1869 and remained eight years, or until the second of December, 1877.

In the early part of the year 1870 this congregation commenced to build a church, and on the 25th of October, 1870, the building was completed and dedicated at a total cost of \$4,300.

On Sunday, July 25, 1874, a terrific storm broke over the little city of Effingham. St. Anthony's church was struck by lightning and considerable damage done, also the Presbyterian church was struck. About half of the brick wall at the rear end was knocked down, and nearly two-thirds of the roof blown off. The congregation secured the Southern Methodist church (afterwards known as The Temple and now used as a residence) to hold services in, and continued to hold them there until their own building was repaired. I find no records of the cost, or how long it took to make these repairs, but the record shows that the session met in the church October 1, 1874, so it is presumed the

repairs were completed by or before that time.

The ministers serving the church since its organization are as follows: Rev. S. R. Bissell, 1864-69; Rev. G. A. Pollock, 1869-77; Rev. W. C. Cort, January, 1878, to April, 1879; Rev. M. F. Paisley, September, 1879, to April, 1880; Rev. J. E. Green, 1880, to April, 1881; Rev. G. D. McCulloch, July, 1881, to October, 1882; Rev. Henry Gardner, June, 1883, to October, 1885; Rev. A. W. Wright, January, 1887, to June, 1887; Rev. H. J. VanDuyn, November, 1887, to September, 1891; Rev. J. H. McDonald, February, 1892, to June, 1894; Rev. J. E. McNutt, June, 1894, to April, 1898; Rev. S. M. Morton, April, 1898, to October, 1907; Rev. R. L. Roberts, January, 1908, to May, 1909. Chas. R. Murray, a student from McCormick Seminary, supplied the pulpit during the summer of 1909.

[The corner-stone of a new church building for the First Presbyterian Church of Effingham was laid August 9, 1909, Rev. G. A. Pollock, of Elgin, Ill., a former pastor, conducting the services, while a number of pastors from other churches were present. The new building, erected on the site of the old one, is constructed of pressed brick with Bedford stone trimmings 50x80 feet with basement. It is composed of a main auditorium and Sunday school room, with a gallery providing several class rooms, and is heated by steam and lighted by electricity.]

**LADIES AID SOCIETY.**—The date of the organization of the Ladies Aid Society connected with the First Presbyterian Church of Effingham, cannot be given with entire accuracy, but from some reminiscences furnished by Mrs. J. H. Walker to the *Effingham Republican* of August 10, 1909, the society has been in existence for over twenty-five years. Mrs. Walker says: "Twenty-five years ago Effingham was not a city of many lodges, clubs and other diversions, the churches were the social centers of the town, and the Aid Society of the Presbyterian as well as the other churches, set a high standard for social and educational entertainment." Chicken dinners, beauty contests and quilting bees are mentioned among the entertainments. "The philanthropic work of the society was given over to a committee known as The Silent Workers. Through them much help was given the poor; the names of those receiving donations were never mentioned outside the committee meetings. In 1894 the society held a Jubilee Social in honor of release from the debt on the church building.



The mortgage was burned at this meeting and a general good time was enjoyed by all. . . . In 1900, by a unanimous vote the name The Ladies Aid Society was restored. In 1895 under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Busse the exchange or weekly market was installed. This was found to be the best 'money maker' the society had yet undertaken."

Those who have served as Presidents of the Society within the past twenty-five years have been Mesdames Stevens, Loer, Austin, Walker, Butler, Parker, Broom, Bissell, Surrells and Brady.

**SABBATH SCHOOL.**—The Sabbath School now connected with the First Presbyterian Church of Effingham, was organized by the Rev. R. S. Bissell, one year prior to the organization of the church in 1864, the sessions being held in what was known as the Bissell school house, under charge of Mr. Bissell. Later the school was removed to the Baptist church and held there until the erection of the Presbyterian church. Among those who served as superintendents of the school after its removal to the Presbyterian church appear the names of A. Stewart, Virgil Wood, John W. Loeck, Alfred Fitch, Emma P. Cooper and A. J. Hasbrouck. Those who have served as superintendents during later years include Jesse Pruett, Mrs. Alice Gwin, Mary Hasbrouck, Harry Parker and E. E. Flack, who has been superintendent during the past year. One of the most successful periods in the early history of the school is said to have been during the first two or three years of what was called the Loyal Sunday School Army plan, when the attendance ranged from 180 to 220 pupils and the collections from six to ten dollars, while the home study of lessons was general.

Other organizations connected with the First Presbyterian Church of Effingham include a Christian Endeavor Society, of which Miss Mamie Hough is President, and the Presbyterian Brotherhood. The latter, originally The Men's League, was organized under its present name in April, 1907, as a branch of the National Presbyterian Brotherhood of America, its object being the promotion of spiritual development, fraternal relations, denominational fealty and strengthening of fellowship among its members.

#### THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

(By Rev. F. J. Ostendorf.)

St. Mary's Church, or "The Green Creek Church," as it is familiarly known, is located in

Section 22, in the north part of Douglas Township. The first German Catholics settled in this neighborhood towards the end of the '30s. In order to fulfill their religious duties, they were obliged to go to Teutopolis. The distance, however, was a serious drawback to regular attendance, and hence, as the number of communicants increased, they were anxious to have a church of their own.

In 1846, John Osterhaus and Anthony Dorenkamp donated forty acres of land for church and school purposes; and two years later, Rev. Joseph Kuenster, who resided at Teutopolis, built a small log house, in which he occasionally held services. On week days this building served as a school. In 1850 Rev. F. J. Fischer said mass a few times. From 1850 to 1854 Rev. Joseph F. Zoegel, and 1854-56 Rev. X. M. Raphael, who probably built the second log church and school, attended to the spiritual wants of the congregation. One other priest, probably Rev. Joseph Weber, S. J., may have held religious services a few times in 1854, as Rev. Thomas Frauenhofer, the first resident pastor, appointed October, 1856, by the Rt. Rev. Anthony O'Regan, Bishop of Chicago, states that five priests had preceded him at Green Creek. For the first six months, Fr. Frauenhofer said mass alternately at Green Creek and Effingham; then for three months, from the beginning of May until the end of July, 1857, alternately at Green Creek and Teutopolis. In the spring of 1857, when the congregation numbered fifty families, the pastor called a meeting of the members, to discuss the advisability of building a large brick church. With one exception all were in favor of the plan. A subscription list was started and \$3,685 pledged for the new church. Shortly after, the Rt. Rev. H. D. Juncker, first Bishop of Alton, administered the sacrament of confirmation and gave permission for the erection of the building. Many difficulties, however, arose. Father Frauenhofer was a zealous and pious priest, untiring in his labors, bearing many personal sacrifices, yet he had enemies who continually thwarted his plans and persuaded many to withdraw their support. Seeing that he could make no headway he asked to be removed.

Two weeks later, in October, 1858, the Franciscan Fathers, who had just arrived at Teutopolis, took charge of the congregation at the request of the Rt. Rev. Bishop. Rev. P. Capistran Zwinge, O. F. M., 1858-62, immediately began



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preparations for the erection of the new church. Though many were willing and a building committee appointed, nevertheless, owing to adverse circumstances, it was not until the spring of 1860 that ground was broken. On the 5th of June, the Rt. Rev. H. D. Juncker laid the cornerstone, and on June 30th of the following year (1861), the first services were held. The steeple was completed in 1864. The substantial building, 92x40 feet, erected at a cost of \$5,500, is still in good condition and will stand for many years to come.

From 1862-93 the following Franciscan Fathers were pastors of St. Mary's Church:

- Rev. P. Damian Hennewig, O. F. M., 1862-64.
- Rev. P. Raynerius Dickneite, O. F. M., 1864-65.
- Rev. P. Killian Schloesser, O. F. M., 1865.
- Rev. P. Eugene Puers, O. F. M., 1866.
- Rev. P. Nazarius Kommerscheidt, O. F. M., 1867-69.
- Rev. P. Francis Albers, O. F. M., 1869-73.
- Rev. P. John Rings, O. F. M., 1873-75.
- Rev. P. Anselm Puetz, O. F. M., 1875-77.
- Rev. P. Paulus Teroerde, O. F. M., 1877-78.
- Rev. P. Andrew Butzkuehen, O. F. M., 1878-79.
- Rev. P. Symphorian Forstmann, O. F. M., 1879-84.
- Rev. P. Sebastian Cebulla, O. F. M., 1884-85.
- Rev. P. Marcus Thienel, O. F. M., 1885-91.
- Rev. P. Polycarp Rhode, O. F. M., 1891-93.
- Rev. P. Aloysius Wiewer, O. F. M., 1893.

In November, 1893, the Rt. Rev. James Ryan, Bishop of Alton, appointed Rev. J. Storp rector of St. Mary's Church Green Creek, and of the Sacred Heart Church, Lillyville, Cumberland County, as the Franciscan Fathers who had attended both missions, resided at Teutopolis. Father Storp's first attention was directed towards the building of a rectory. In August of the following year the foundation was laid and in a comparatively short time a fine two-story-brick residence was erected at a cost of about \$2,400, one fourth of which was contributed by the good pastor himself. Father Storp was a devoted and conscientious priest, laboring zealously for the welfare of the flocks entrusted to his care, unceasingly admonishing and encouraging his people to lead good Christian lives and to be honest and upright in their dealings with their fellow-men. He made many improvements in the church and, that at the time when the farmers had been having one failure after an-

other. He literally gave up his life for his people. No matter how bad the roads or how unpleasant the weather, he unfailingly conducted services every Sunday and Holiday at both Green Creek and Lillyville. On one of these trips, a very cold day in February, 1902, being in poor health, he contracted a severe cold, which developed into pneumonia and caused his death a few days later on the 8th of February. He was laid to rest at the foot of the large stone cross he had erected in the nearby cemetery.

After the death of Father Storp, the Franciscan Fathers, Rev. P. Desiderius von Frenz, O. F. M., and later, Rev. P. Alexius Bender, O. F. M., took charge of St. Mary's till a successor should be named.

On July 1, 1903, Rev. F. J. Ostendorf assumed charge for the two congregations, holding services on alternate Sundays at Green Creek and Lillyville. The good people, however, who had been having services regularly every Sunday for so many years, did not take kindly to this arrangement, and requested the Rt. Rev. Bishop to leave Father Ostendorf in charge of Green Creek alone. The following December this request was granted. The congregation, consisting of fifty-five families or two hundred communicants, is in a flourishing condition with practically no debt.

In 1870-71 a large two-story brick school house was erected, which cost approximately \$2,000. Half of the first story is a schoolroom and the remainder of the building serves as a residence for the teacher, who is also the organist. From the beginning it has been the endeavor of the congregation to have competent educators for the children. In the '40s and '50s there were few who would teach school, as the people were unable to pay a competent salary. As the number of children increased and a suitable building was erected, the teacher received a better compensation. The following teachers have been employed:

H. Koelker, H. H. Mette, H. H. Nuxoll, John Kroes, Leo Baltenwick, Mr. Stillike, Francis Hoene (1865-73), J. Masquelet (1873-74), B. Hussmann (1874-79), Jos. Kaufmann (1879-94), Henry Schlemmer (1894-1909), Jacob Karlin (1909—).

#### SCHOOLS.

The history of early common schools is treated in a general way in connection with the history



of individual townships. As a closing part of this chapter, therefore, it is only necessary to present some facts in regard to other institutions:

#### GERMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

(By J. H. Probst.)

The history of the German Catholic School dates back to the very beginning of the city. Being convinced that knowledge is a greater treasure than big farms, fine houses and a great deal of money, the German Catholics, who settled in and around the city of Effingham, were anxious to procure a good education for their children, and also knowing well, that the Catholic school is the bulwark of the church, the garden in which the pillars of the church are reared, and the foundation of every congregation, they built a school as soon as their means permitted them.

In regard to the early history of the Catholic schools, we have carefully collected the following from very reliable sources:

The first school, a small log house, was built early in the spring of 1854. It stood between Second and Third streets, south of Dr. Groves' office and due east of Joseph Thoele's residence. The funds for the building were raised by subscription.

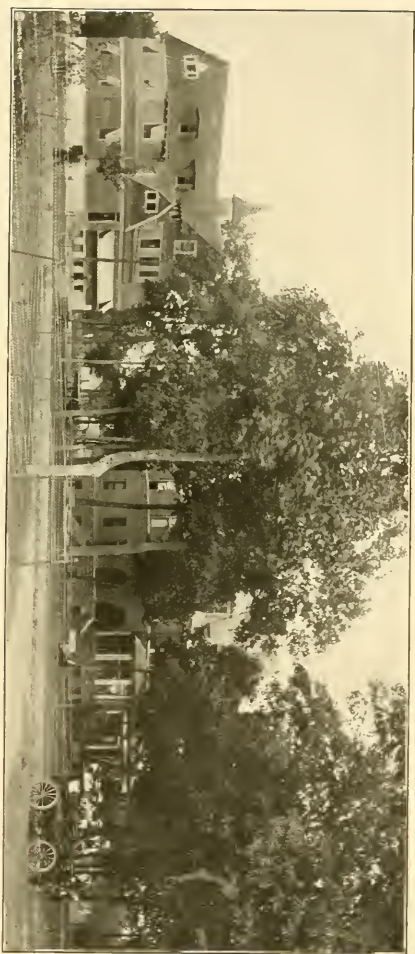
The first teacher was B. H. Wernsing, our former County Treasurer. He commenced school at once after the building was finished, about the month of March. By the request of John B. Carpenter, who was then Superintendent of the public schools, Mr. Wernsing wrote his own certificate, which, signed by Mr. Carpenter, made him a full-fledged teacher. This transaction took place in a house east of the courthouse, now owned by Jos. H. Probst. There being no other school in this city which Mr. Wernsing wielded the rod, his school was attended by children of all denominations, and he got along well, but his health failing, he was obliged to quit, after teaching about four months. His successor was Jos. Masquelet, who, after teaching only a very short time, was followed by Henry Ackersmann, who taught about two years. Then came John Kabbes, who taught only a few terms. The latter was succeeded by Lorenz Holmes, who successfully conducted this school till the year 1862. By this time the St. Anthony's congregation had erected a substan-

tial two-story brick school house near the old church, now used as a hall. Here Mr. Holmes continued to teach for a number of years, receiving his salary from the public funds, as all his predecessors had done. Children of all denominations attended this school. In the course of time the school became so crowded that an assistant teacher was required. This was about the year 1863-64. The first assistant was Jos. P. Schwerman, our present supervisor. Mr. Holmes left about the year 1865, and was succeeded by Teacher Royer, who conducted the school about two years. Jos. P. Schwerman held his position from 1863 to 1867. Mr. Royer was followed by Teacher Bonn, who taught only a short time, about four or five months, assisted by the Ven. Sisters of St. Francis, from Joliet. About this time the school was changed from a public to a parochial school, and the Ven. Sisters conducted the school till April, 1872, when Louis Rieg, under the principalship of Rev. Father Weis, took charge of the school, assisted by Barbara Weis, and very ably and successfully conducted the same till July, 1874.

The new church being finished at this time, the old one was converted into two large and commodious class rooms. Before this a third class had been conducted across the street in a small frame building. In the fall of the same year a change was made in the schools, the larger boys and girls were separated and taught in different rooms. Jos. P. Gruel was placed in charge of the big boys and two Ven. Sisters de Notre Dame in charge of the girls and the little boys. The number of pupils at this time was about 160. At the beginning of 1877 Jos. Gruel quit, and from that time on, till the fall of 1879, when Jos. H. Probst, the present incumbent, took charge of the school, the Ven. Sisters had charge of all the classes.

The following is the corps of Sisters, who taught since 1874:

Sr. Mr. Leonissa, from 1874 to 1876.  
 Sr. Sixta, from 1874 to 1878.  
 Sr. Tolentine, from 1877 to 1879.  
 Sr. Mathiasa, from 1878 to 1879.  
 Sr. Bernarda, from 1876 to 1877.  
 Sr. Castula, from 1878 to 1883.  
 Sr. Zenonis, from 1879 to 1882.  
 Sr. Pionina, from 1879 to 1889.  
 Sr. Leonarda, from 1882 to 1888.  
 Sr. Gelasia, from 1883 to 1891.



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Sr. Columhana, from 1888 to 1902.

Sr. Vita, from 1889 to 1890.

Sr. Norbertine, from 1890 to 1891.

Sr. Paulette, from 1891 to 1893.

Sr. Paul, from 1893 to 1894.

Sr. Serapia, from 1894 to 1898.

Sr. Leona, 1894 only.

The Superiors during this time were the following:

Sr. M. Léonissa, from 1874 to 1876. (She also taught.)

Sr. M. Bernarda, from 1876 to 1877.

Sr. M. Basilia, the ever memorable, from October 5, 1877, till she died suddenly during a visit to Teutopolis, July 26, 1891.

Sr. M. Regis, the pious, from Aug. 29, 1891, till she also died July 12, 1898.

The present teachers are: Sr. M. Gottharda, superior, since 1898; Sr. Gaudine, since 1891; Sr. Antonine, since 1902, and Jos. H. Probst, since 1879.

The course of study pursued is perfect and complete. It is perfect because the first on the programme is religion, which teaches the child its relation to God, the relation of the creature toward its Creator, the end for which man is created and the means to be used, in order to obtain this end.

It is complete because it embraces all branches required by law, general business forms, elementary book-keeping, Civil Government, and, at last, but not least, the teaching of the German language. Besides these, the Sisters teach the girls how to sew, knit, crochet, hemstitch, how to darn their stockings, and other fancy needle work. The practice of handling the broom and duster is not exempted, and it is a pleasure to see even the little tots herd at work to keep their schoolroom and surroundings in good order.

The present superb and substantial two-story brick school house was erected in 1893 at a cost of \$8,000. It contains six large, well lighted and ventilated class rooms, spacious halls, and fine, commodious seats. It is also equipped with all necessary up-to-date appliances, such as globes, charts, maps, etc. For the last twenty-five years there has existed the best harmony between the respective Rev. Rectors, the teachers, pupils and parents. The number of pupils, yearly enrolled, has been for the last twenty years from 200 to 235. Difficult was the task and hard the burden,

but teachers and pupils worked diligently and quietly together, and how well they succeeded is shown by the fact that so many of our best scholars, able citizens, competent business men, and accomplished ladies have received their education at St. Anthony's. Among those who deserve special mention are the following: Johanna Rebel, Mary Wiesman, Martie Merz, Julia Willenborg, Celestia Rickelman, Rosa Kreke, Mamie Jacobs, Minnie Bachman, Mary Hoefliger, Dr. Ewers, Lawrence Nolte, Fr. Nolte, Jos. Feldbake, Charles Worman, John Thies, Harry Rickelman, Theodore Gravenhorst, John Gravenhorst, Otto Reutlinger, Rud Flugge, Joseph Mussman, Chas. Bachman, Bernard Mussman, Chas. Boos, Chas. Ewers, John Purtill, Ben Wolters, Harry Underreiner, Henry Boos, Paul Partridge, Alois Osthoff and Anton Lange.

In these facts we must admit that a remarkable change has been wrought in the development of the Catholic school system, and that St. Anthony's school has kept in line with the general education, as well as with the progress of the city, and we, the citizens in general, as well as the members of St. Anthony's congregation, can be proud of having such an institution in our midst.

In 1895 another department was added, including the seventh and eighth grades, and in 1906 the ninth grade, taught by Rev. S. P. Hoffmann, was instituted. The course of studies in this grade consists of Stenography (Greggs), Type Writing, Book-keeping, General Business Forms, German and Latin.

The present teachers are:

Rev. S. P. Hoffman, Ninth Grade.

Jos. H. Probst, Seventh and Eighth Grades.

Sr. M. Silentia, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades.

Sr. M. Gaudine, Fourth and Fifth Grades.

Sr. M. Olivia, Third and Fourth Grades.

Sr. M. Antonine, First and Second Grades.

#### BISSELL COLLEGE.

What are known as the Bissell Colleges of Effingham, Ill., are made up of two principal departments for the teaching of different branches of art, viz.: photography and photo-engraving—the one being called the Illinois College of Photography and the other the Bissell College of Photo-Engraving. The former was established by its present President, Prof. Lewis H. Bissell, in



1893, and has had a successful career to the present time. The institution is provided with a Board of Officers and a Faculty of Instructors, the latter including some eight or ten members qualified for imparting instruction from the first steps in the art of photography to engraving and printing. The object of the institution is explained in an "annual prospectus" to be: "First to give practical training to those who have decided to adopt some branch of photo-mechanical photography as a business; second, to provide instruction in the different branches of work for those engaged in the profession who are able to spare the necessary time."

At the eighth annual convention of the International Association of Photo-Engravers held at St. Louis, June 22, 1904, a series of resolutions was adopted commending the work done by the institution, declaring it well equipped and provided with competent instructors, and adding, "we further agree to accept a certificate of graduation as sufficient recommendation for a position in our work rooms." A few years ago the institution came into possession of the buildings formerly occupied by the Austin College at Effingham, and is now especially well equipped in that line. It has been strongly commended by art periodicals, both in this country, and in Europe, as well as by other publications interested in art works.

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## CHAPTER XII.

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### DAIRYING INDUSTRIES.

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DEVELOPMENT OF DAIRYING INDUSTRIES IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY—EARLY CONDITIONS—FIRST SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT—COMING OF THE JERSEY COW—FIRST ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A CREAMERY IN THE COUNTY—OTHER EARLY CREAMERY ENTERPRISES AND FAILURES—THE OLEOMARGARINE CONTEST—EXTRACTS FROM THE "CREAMERY PATRONS' HAND BOOK"—LATER EXPERIMENTS AND THE MORE SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISES OF THE PRESENT DAY.

(By A. F. Jansen.)

From the pioneer days up to about twenty years ago, there was not much development of

the dairy business, for two reasons. One reason was, the people thought they did not have to, or rather they were not aware, they would eventually farm themselves out by continual crop-raising, without replacing the exhausted fertility of the soil. You see they were always taking from the soil. The other reason was, they did not want to because it did not pay.

In the earlier days of this country there was no market or demand for dairy products, such as we have now. The town and cities often had as many cows as families that lived inside their corporation limits. While domestic animals were running at large, they were of very little expense during the summer months, and in winter those town cows would always be on the lookout for the farmers to come in with loads of hay or corn or anything that came handy, even if it was bran or shorts gotten at the mills. Under these circumstances, the people could have their milk supply fresh and unadulterated, and as clean as they cared to make it, at less cost than a dairyman could possibly furnish it.

However, these things gradually changed and a little custom dairying began. Besides that, a few farmers, or rather farmers' wives, made a special effort to make good, first-class butter, for which they invariably succeeded in getting a good price. My wife, at one time, had a trade established for butter for which we received twenty cents a pound the year round, for all we could supply; but how does that compare with the prices creamery patrons now realize for butter?

The cows of those earlier days were, as a rule, just simply cows. Natives you might call them, but nevertheless there were some excellent milkers among them. The first improvement in that respect was made when some of the fine looking roan Shorthorns were brought to this State from Kentucky. They were known here as "Kentucky Roans."

The first dairy breed that attracted any attention were the Jerseys. In some instances the ignorant were imposed upon,—tried to make believe that, when milking one of these cows, the milker would have ready-made butter in her pail by the time she had done the milking.

At one time an overland traveler (a mover) went through this vicinity who had one of those "Chursey cows" tied behind his wagon. Along-



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side the road he was traveling, one of our German friends was working in the field. He had heard of the "Chursey cows" already making so much butter, that he concluded to buy one at the first opportunity. So, when he saw this little yellow cow behind the wagon, he thought this was his chance. When the traveler was near enough, he says, "Goot morning, nine friend; how was you this morning?" "Oh, thank you, very well," says the other, who happened to be an Irishman, "and how are ye?" "Oh, I was alright, I guess," he says, "but vat kind of cow is dat behind your wagon?" "That is the best little Jersey cow that iver walked on four feet," says the Irishman. "Das is all humbug," says the other, "an animal vat does not walk on four feet, never was a cow at all. But is dat one of dem real Chursey cows vat makes so much butter?" "Yes sir," says the other, "that is a full seven-eighths Jersey cow, begorra." "And vat is de odder eighth?" asked the German. "Why, I suppose just simply cow," said the Irishman. "O, I thinks may be it was Angora Goat," says the German, "but anyhow, vat you sell dat cow for?" "Oh, well," says the other, "that cow is worth fifty dollars, between brothers." "Das may be, abernicht between strangers," replied the first. "Das is too big money for so little cow."

The first attempt to make butter for market outside of what was made by the farmers at home, was commenced here in Effingham in the year 1889 by a creamery which was run on a cream gathering system. The proprietor was a man by the name of Stempel. He commenced operations some time in April, and closed and left again in the fall of the same year.

The next creamery to open was at Shumway, about eight miles northwest of here on the Wabash Road. It started in October, 1889, and was run until 1895, when it had to close on account of not getting enough milk; the supply varied from 2,500 to 4,500 pounds per day, with too low prices for the butter. The operator paid as low as forty cents per 100 pounds for milk.

The first co-operative creamery was established in Montrose, nine miles east of here, on the Vandalia Railroad. It opened up in 1890, and received the first day about 500 pounds of milk, and the highest it reached was about 4,000 pounds. After running a few years it was forced to close, for several reasons. One of these reasons was

that it, the same as Shumway creamery, did not receive enough milk, and another reason was possibly a little mismanagement, but the most important reason was, the low price of butter.

Now right here, my farmer friends and creamery patrons and shareholders, I wish to call your attention to some facts which, may be, you are not aware of. One is, what you owe to the State Dairy Association of this and other States, for insisting and forcing our Representatives in Congress to pass laws to restrict the sale and manufacture of oleomargarine.

I will read an extract from the "Creamery Patrons' Hand Book," proving the effect these laws have had in bringing better prices for good creamery butter:

"Farmers who sell milk to the creamery and receive pay therefor upon the basis of the market price of butter, little realize the losses which they have incurred as a result of the manufacture and sale of a mixture of lard, tallow and cottonseed oil, known as oleomargarine, but, until July 1 of this year, almost universally sold or served as butter, because of the fact that it was colored in exact imitation thereof.

"In 1886 this traffic amounted to 21,513,537 pounds; in 1894 it had grown to 69,622,246 pounds; in 1900 to 107,045,023 pounds, and during the last fiscal year was 123,180,075 pounds,—equal to 2,463,615 fifty-pound tubs, over six thousand car-loads, or as much oleomargarine as one thousand large creameries turn out of butter. In other words, twenty-seven oleomargarine factories turned out oleomargarine equal in quantity to 25 per cent. of the butter product of all the creameries in the United States."

"The National Dairy Union was organized for the purpose of fighting this fraud. In December, 1898, the proposition to ask Congress to place a tax of 10 cents per pound upon oleomargarine, colored in imitation of butter, was laid before the dairymen of the country by this organization. The work was immediately taken up, and, after more than three years of constant effort, the measure was finally passed. Every buttermaker or creamery manager knows what the results have been.

"Those most benefited by the work of the National Dairy Union are, the milkers of cows. Every cent added to the value of butter is a cent directly in their pockets. The merchant makes as much on butter sold at 15 cents as he does



on that sold at 25 cents, and the former price requires less capital to handle; the creamery company is benefited only to the extent of its increased output of butter, which results from driving a fraudulent competitor out of the market. It is the farmer who gets nine-tenths of any advance in price of butter."

The next creamery established was at Sigel, eight miles north of here, on the Illinois Central. Although being just over the line in Shelby County, it is somewhat connected with Effingham county in a business way—at any rate with the creamery, because it had quite a few patrons from this county. It commenced to operate August 7, 1899, with forty patrons and 1615 pounds of milk. It was the first creamery that was operated successfully in this part of the country, having paid as high as 40 per cent. dividend, one year, to its shareholders. It received as high as something over 22,000 pounds of milk in one day.

The next co-operative creamery established was right here in Effingham. It opened up to receive milk April 21, 1900. It paid out to patrons for the first full month of May, \$587.97; June, \$597.63; June, 1901, \$906.65; June, 1902, \$1,274.02; June, 1903, \$1,377.15. It paid a fair dividend to its shareholders for two years. It, however, closed its doors July 15, 1904, on account of the condenser paying better prices for milk than any creamery could afford to pay for milk of the average test, 4 per cent butter fat. However, I hope it will open up again some day when this part of the country will be developed enough in the dairy business to produce milk enough to supply both plants satisfactorily, and those who prefer the creamery business will have the cows that will be the most profitable for the creamery business.

The condenser before alluded to was built in 1902, after a long, persistent effort on the part of the citizens of Effingham to have a milk condensing factory located here. My farmer, as well as city friends, all remember the grand, jolly time we had going to Greenville and Highland viewing those factories, and the dairy conditions around there, and especially remember coming home more than going there. Well, those hopes and expectations failed to verify, but as before mentioned, we later on succeeded in getting a first-class, latest, up-to-date condensing factory here. It opened up to receive milk

February 3, 1903, with 2,936 pounds of milk. It kept on increasing from month to month until, in a year's time, on the first of February, 1904, it received 15,239 pounds. Excepting the following month, when the receipts were little less, the supply has kept steadily increasing until, on August 9th of the same year, the concern received 42,554 pounds, and up to June 19th it had paid out for milk alone \$115,361.

The next co-operative creamery, after the one built here in Effingham, was at Teutopolis, three and a half miles east of here on the Vandalia line. It opened up on the 18th of August, 1901, with 55 patrons and about 3,500 pounds of milk. It has at present about 130 patrons. The highest amount of milk received in any one day was about 12,000 pounds, and it has been fairly successful. The concern at one time shipped milk to St. Louis, but, after a few shipments, made butter again exclusively.

The next successful creamery opened up at Dieterich, about twelve miles southeast of here, on a branch of the Illinois Central near the east side of the county. It began to do business on the 15th of September, 1902, with forty-six patrons. During the first year this creamery made 56,137 pounds of butter. The largest amount of milk received by it in one day was 15,500 pounds, on June 12, 1905. Since it commenced operations, it has made 213,103 pounds of butter.

Besides those creameries mentioned, there is one doing business in Beecher City, on the extreme west side of the county. There is also one in the southern part of the county, at Welton. It opened May 17, 1904, with thirty-two patrons and about 1,700 pounds of milk. The highest amount received in one day was 5,000 pounds.

Some time last spring a cheese factory opened up at Edgewood, on the edge of the south county line.

The future possibilities of dairy farming are very promising for Effingham County, inasmuch as the farmers generally are aware of the necessity of more systematic and better farming, on a basis of fairer treatment of their land in the way of returning something to the soil they are always taking something from. In that way they will become what every farmer of this country should be: a maintainer and promoter of the national resources of our



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"Great Land of Liberty,  
Land of the brave and free,  
Whose fertile soils provide,  
If every farmer for himself decide  
To be the Nation's Pride,  
Everlastingly."

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## CHAPTER XIII.

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### COUNTY AND LOCAL FAIRS.

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FIRST EFFINGHAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ORGANIZED IN 1856—FIRST OFFICERS AND SOME EARLY FAIRS—SUSPENSION DURING THE CIVIL WAR PERIOD—ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL SOCIETY—NEW COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ORGANIZED IN 1880—ANOTHER PERIOD OF SUSPENSION—FAIRS AT WATSON—ALAMONT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED IN 1905—SUBSEQUENT FAIRS.

The first attempt to organize an Agricultural Society in Effingham County, of which any record has been obtainable, occurred in 1856, when, on May 5th of that year, a meeting of citizens of the county was held for that purpose at Ewington, then the county-seat. The meeting was organized with Dr. J. H. Robinson as Chairman and Greenbury Wright Secretary, and on motion of Presley Funkhouser, a constitution and by-laws were adopted. The following were elected the first officers: President, J. H. Robinson; Vice President, Presley Funkhouser; Secretary, Greenbury Wright; Treasurer, J. M. Long. An Executive Committee was also appointed consisting of sixteen members, representing the several townships of the county, and at a meeting held in July following, this committee was increased by the addition of twenty-six members.

At a meeting held October 21, 1857, the following officers were elected: Isaac L. Leith, President; Daniel Rinehart, Vice President; John S. Kelly, Secretary; Presley Funkhouser, Treasurer. The roll of membership at this time

amounted to 59, with a membership fee of fifty cents. A fair was held about the same time, at which premiums were issued to the amount of \$40.

At a meeting held in June, 1859, it was decided to hold a fair in October following, and a new Executive Committee was appointed, Dr. William Matthews also delivering an address on some agricultural theme. The second County Fair was held at Ewington on October 21st and 22nd of that year, this being regarded as quite successful, the premiums awarded amounting to \$93.50.

The fair of 1860 was held October 18th and 19th, and in March, 1861, a new set of officers, with an Executive Committee of nine members, was appointed, the award of premiums at the fair held on October 10th, 11th and 12th of that year amounting to \$84. In 1862 the list of members had increased to 115, but the Civil War being then in progress, no fair was held this year, and the Society went out of existence.

For a period of eleven years no fairs were held, but on August 24, 1872, a meeting was held in the City of Effingham, for the purpose of organizing the Effingham County Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical Society. This step was endorsed by the signing of 102 names to the articles of association, each subscriber taking shares of stock and the association being formally incorporated. The organization was completed by the election of William Gillmore, President; T. L. Sexton, Vice President; E. H. Bishop, Secretary, and the following Board of Directors: M. V. Parks, Eli Kelly, William C. Wright, I. L. Leith and W. H. Blakely. The corporation purchased a quarter section of land just outside the city limits, the northeast corner of this tract touching the southeast corner of the city corporation. The site was improved by inclosing the land and erecting an amphitheater, with halls, sheds and stock-pens, for the care of machines and implements and the housing of stock while on exhibition.

December 10, 1872, in conformity with the State law, the name of the Society was changed to the "Effingham County Agricultural Board," and the first fair under this arrangement was held September 30th and October 1st to 3rd, 1873. The original cost of the land was \$2,160, and with other expenditures, there was a constant balance of indebtedness. Fairs were held for



the next two years—for 1874, October 6-9, and for 1875, October 5-8—but in the former year the grounds were sold under foreclosure of mortgage, and the fair of 1875 was the last held under this organization, the corporation going out of existence, and for five years no fairs were held.

**A SECOND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**—In 1880 a renewed attempt was made to secure a series of fairs. A new County Agricultural Society was organized, with E. H. Bishop, President; G. M. LeCrone, Secretary; J. J. Funkhouser, Superintendent, and A. Gravenhorst, Treasurer. The old Fair Grounds were leased at a rental of \$60, and a fair was held the same year, the receipts amounting to about \$500, including \$100 from the State. Besides this amount about \$500, raised by subscriptions, was expended in improvement of the grounds and repair of buildings. Another fair was held in 1881, which met with a moderate degree of success, and in 1882 a vigorous effort was made to win success, about \$1,000 being expended, the receipts at the gate and for other privileges amounting to \$916. These fairs were continued only a few years, when the organization was abandoned and exhibitions discontinued.

**WATSON FAIRS.**—Out of this, however, grew the Watson Fair, an association being formed at that place as the place for holding exhibitions in 1887, with the following officers: Henry Turner, President; W. M. Abraham, Secretary; W. T. Jaycox, Treasurer. During the seventeen years that the fair was held at Watson, it always paid one hundred cents on the dollar in premiums, and when it was closed by mutual consent, the shareholders received two and one-half times the amount of their original stock. In addition to the above named officers, the following persons served at different times: H. N. Ruffner as President; L. P. Mautz as Secretary.

**ALTAMONT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.**—Following a free stock-show in the city of Altamont in the fall of 1905, the Altamont Agricultural Fair Association was organized. The first fair was held in September of 1906 with these officers: G. W. Gwin, President; Fred Naumer, Vice President; C. O. Faught, Secretary; Dr. C. N. Wright, Treasurer, with Directors as follows: G. W. Gwin, Fred Naumer, Dr. G. M. Baker, H. H. Klitzing, F. G. Burrow, G. W. Heth and Samuel Schroeder. The officers for

the second and third meets were Dr. G. M. Baker, President; Fred Naumer, Vice President; C. O. Faught, Secretary; W. L. Snook, Treasurer; for the fourth meet C. O. Faught, President; N. L. Brown, Vice President; Fred Naumer, Secretary; T. E. Hogan, Treasurer; and for the current fair, Dr. G. M. Baker, President; H. H. Bailey, Vice President; Fred Naumer, Secretary; T. E. Hogan, Treasurer, with the following directors: Dr. G. M. Baker, Fred Naumer, N. L. Brown, Samuel Schroeder, G. C. Dial, G. R. Voelker, G. W. Heth.

The grounds of this association are situated a half mile east of Altamont and contain forty-three acres of land. This land cost the association sixty-five dollars per acre. At the present time, these grounds, together with the improvements, are appraised at practically ten thousand dollars. The association has one of the finest half-mile speed rings in this section of the country, its buildings are adequate for all purposes required by an agricultural fair, and the management has installed a complete system of water works.

The annual premiums of the Altamont Agricultural Fair Association amount to over five thousand dollars, and all premiums awarded have always been paid one hundred cents on the dollar. The efforts of the progressive officials of this fair, coupled with the untiring enthusiasm of the citizens of the community, have made it one of the greatest county fairs in the State. Unlike other institutions of its kind, it is experiencing a continual and rapid growth.

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## CHAPTER XIV.

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### OLD SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION.

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ORGANIZATION OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY OLD SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION—FOUNDERS AND FIRST OFFICERS—SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS AND LATER OFFICERS—POPULAR INTEREST IN ANNUAL REUNIONS—ASSOCIATION IN PROSPEROUS CONDITION.

[By David L. Wright.]

Long prior to the organization of the Effingham County Old Settlers' Association, an effort



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on the part of pioneer settlers had been made to formulate an organization looking to the perpetuation of the recollections of pioneers, the preservation of biographical sketches of old settlers and the making and conservation of records of all important events transpiring in Effingham County, but no definite organization was effected until August 17, 1887.

It was through the efforts of such pioneers as Henry B. Kepley, Dr. John LeCrone, James L. Gillmore, Benjamin Kagay, Henry H. Wright, Frank Scott, Joseph B. Jones, Micajah Davidson, H. H. Hulse, Daniel Needham, N. T. Whorton, James P. Tucker, Lewis Hankins, Clemens Uptmor, Dr. L. J. Field, Col. John J. Funkhouser, Nute T. Gibbons, Edward Austin, Alexander McWhorter, I. L. Leith, Thomas H. Dobbs, Dr. W. H. St. Clair, Peter Th. Johnson, Joseph Feldhake, John J. Worman, Eli Kelly and Erastus N. Rinehart, that a call was made assembling the Pioneers and Old Settlers together at the beautiful and historical springs now known as Kepley Sulphur Springs, in the township of Mason, on the 17th day of August, 1887, at which time and place the Effingham County Old Settlers' Association was organized and the following named persons were duly elected the first officers of the association:

President—James L. Gillmore.

Vice President—Hon. B. F. Kagay.

Secretary—Frank Scott.

Treasurer—Micajah Davidson.

Hon. Henry B. Kepley was, by the President, appointed Historian of the Association and instructed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the regulation of the Association, which were to be submitted at the next annual meeting to be held in the Court House Yard in the City of Effingham on the 28th day of October, 1888.

The second meeting of the Association was held on the above date. A splendid program was rendered and an able address was made by Hon. Erastus N. Rinehart. Hon. Henry B. Kepley, the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, submitted his report, which was unanimously adopted as drafted, and about four hundred Old Settlers of the County became members by subscribing their names to the Constitution and By-Laws. The Constitution provided, among other things, that the name of the Association should be the Effingham County Old Settlers' Association,

provided for its officers and the election and appointment thereof, stated the object of the association, qualifications of its members (thirty years' residence in the county), and that the Association should hold an annual reunion in the City of Effingham at such times as should be fixed by the members.

The officers elected and appointed at the second meeting of the Association consisted of the following influential and well known old settlers of the county: H. H. Hulse was elected President, and one Vice-President from each Congressional Township in the county, as follows:

N. T. Whorton, West Township.

Daniel Needham, Mound Township.

George W. Tipsword, Moccasin Township.

Samuel Lorton, Liberty Township.

Jas. P. Tucker, Jackson Township.

Presley C. Hankins, Summit Township.

Thos. J. Rentfroee, Banner Township.

Dal Wilson, Union Township.

Andrew J. Parks, Watson Township.

Dr. John LeCrone, Douglas Township.

John Merry, Lucas Township.

Dr. L. J. Field, Bishop Township.

N. F. Gibbons, St. Francis Township.

Clemens Uptmor, Tentopolis Township.

Joshua Bradley, of Effingham, was chosen Secretary; James White, of Watson, Treasurer; Col. John J. Funkhouser, of Effingham, Marshal, and Hon. Benj. F. Kagay, Historian.

For some unknown reason no meeting of the Association was again held until the 18th day of September, 1895, at which time the Association met in reunion, in the Court House Yard in the City of Effingham. This reunion was a pronounced success, more than four hundred members of the association and some two thousand friends and relatives being in attendance and participating in the festivities of the occasion. At this meeting the Hon. Henry B. Kepley was elected President of the Association and served in that capacity until 1903, when Judge Joseph B. Jones was elected as his successor and served until 1906, at which time Albert Gravenhorst was elected and has continued in this position to the present time.

From the election of Mr. Kepley as President, the Association has held its annual reunions, regularly, on the second Thursday in September of each year. Great care has always been taken in the preparation and arrangement of the pro-



gram, looking to the special entertainment of the Old Settlers. In addition to the usual features of entertainment and the principal address, usually made by some person of more than local reputation, the program consisted of specially prepared written biographical sketches of pioneer citizens and historical accounts of the early settlement of the county. These biographical sketches and historical accounts have, from year to year, been filed in the archive of the Association until they now form almost a complete history of our people and our county.

The Association, and its annual reunions from its organization, have continued to grow in popular favor, each reunion surpassing in attendance and popularity the preceding one. These reunions are so favorably recognized that people from all parts of the county contribute liberally of their means to their support and promotion of their success. In fact, the Old Settlers' Association has come to be regarded as a public benefactor and its annual reunions are looked forward to by the entire population of the county as the one gala day and festive occasion of all the year.

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## CHAPTER XV.

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### MASONIC FRATERNITY—AUXILIARIES.

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MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY  
—FIRST LODGE IN THE COUNTY ORGANIZED AT  
EWINGTON IN 1854—REMOVED TO EFFINGHAM IN  
1862—INDIVIDUAL HISTORY OF LATER LODGES—  
MASON, DELIA, EDGEWOOD, ALTAMONT, PRAIRIE  
CITY, WATSON, MAYO AND BEECHER CITY—DATES  
OF ORGANIZATION, FIRST AND PRESENT OFFICERS  
AND PRESENT MEMBERSHIP—AUXILIARY ORGAN-  
IZATIONS—EFFINGHAM CHAPTER R. A. M.—EF-  
FINGHAM AND GOLDEN LAKE CHAPTERS OF THE  
EASTERN STAR.

Prior to the year 1854 the population of Effingham County was very small, and what there was was made up of people from different States and from Europe, and confined to settlements scat-

tered about in different parts of the county. Among these were a few members of the Masonic fraternity who had maintained their membership in their original lodges. There was at that time no Masonic Lodge or Society in the county, and they began to long for the privileges of those fraternal greetings and friendships which are found only in some fraternal order. The nearest lodge at that time was about twenty-four miles distant. About this time the Illinois Central Railroad was located through the county, and this brought a number of other members of the order into the vicinity and enough were now found to organize a lodge.

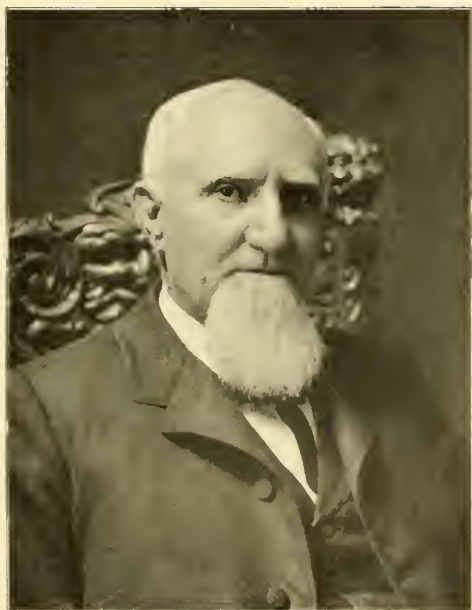
#### EFFINGHAM LODGE, No. 149, ORGANIZED.

During the year 1854 a dispensation was granted by James L. Anderson, Grand Master of the Order in the State of Illinois, to James M. Long, residing at Ewington, the county-seat of Effingham; Greenberry Wright, residing at Mason, in the south part of the county, and John H. Crocker, residing at Ewington, with others, to open a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, U. D., at the Village of Ewington. On the evening of February 10, 1854, the first lodge meeting was held in a hall provided for the purpose in the village. The lodge was opened with Brothers James M. Long, W. M.; Elisha L. Cunningham, G. W. pro tem.; John H. Crocker, J. W.; Eli Philbrook, Sec'y.; James M. Healy, S. D.; Brother Hubbard, J. D. pro tem.; and Brother Parker, Tyler, pro tem.

Ewington Lodge A. F. & A. M., U. D., was now ready for work. Brothers James M. Healy, Elisha L. Cunningham and John G. Wilson were appointed on the Finance Committee, and John H. Crocker, Greenberry Wright and Eli Philbrook on the Relief Committee.

James M. Long, first Master of this lodge, was from Indiana, and was a member of some lodge in that State. Greenberry Wright, the second officer of the lodge, was also an Indiana Mason and lived in the Village of Mason, in Effingham County. John C. Crocker, the third officer, was from Hiram Lodge, No. 118, located at St. Charles, Mo. Eli Philbrook, the first Secretary, resided at Ewington.

The membership was scattered over a large area extending northwest to the Kaskaskia River in Fayette County, and south and east to Clay and Jasper Counties, and its membership was



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made up of the most prominent and enterprising citizens. I deem it proper, in this connection, to name a few of them and their respective occupations at that time: Presley Funkhouser, residing at Ewington, leading merchant of the county, also farmer and stock-dealer, Representative in the General Assembly several terms, and Member of the State Senate at the time of his death; James M. Long, physician and surgeon; Greenberry Wright, attorney-at-law; John H. Crocker, civil engineer on construction of Illinois Central Railroad; Daniel Rinehard, County Clerk, merchant and farmer, residing at Ewington; John S. Kelly, Circuit Clerk and County Recorder; John LeCrone, physician; Orville L. Kelly, Sheriff and farmer; Thomas J. Gillenwaters, member of the County Commissioners' Court; Calvin B. Kitchell, County Superintendent of Schools and a prominent Masonic instructor.

This lodge flourished and increased its membership from its first meeting in February, 1854, until October of the same year, when a charter was granted by authority of the Grand Lodge of the State, being under the name and number, Ewington Lodge No. 149. The first W. M. under the charter was James M. Long, the first S. W., Greenberry Wright, and the first J. W., John H. Crocker. At a meeting held in their hall in the Village of Ewington the three principal officers named met and, by virtue of the authority of this charter, dated October 2, 1854, A. M. 5854, organized said Ewington Lodge No. 149 A. F. & A. M., elected a full set of officers, and it was from that date recognized as a regular lodge with full authority to work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois. This lodge worked and flourished, entering the names of quite a number of our best citizens on its roll of members. At the time of the organization under the charter it had a membership of thirty-eight.

Ewington Lodge grew in numbers and was in a flourishing condition from its first organization up to the year 1860, when, by a vote of the people, the county-seat was moved from Ewington to Effingham. That caused the Village of Ewington to be almost entirely abandoned—so much so that there was no place left where the members could be accommodated or entertained when attending the meetings of the lodge. As a consequence, on April 11, 1862, by a vote of its

members, the lodge was moved from Ewington to Effingham, and in October, 1869, by authority of the Grand Lodge, the name was changed to Effingham, and it is now Effingham Lodge No. 149, A. F. & A. M. This has always been the leading lodge of the county and has held a prominent place in the Grand Lodge of the State. Past Grand Master Owen Scott was once one of its members, and Past Grand Master William B. Wright was made a Mason here and has retained his membership here up to this time.

Effingham Lodge is to-day in a healthy and prosperous condition. Its present officers are: William M. Stewart, W. M.; Frank W. Goodell, S. W.; Frank O. Green, Jr., J. W.; David L. Wright, Treas.; Mammie L. Elbow, Sec'y.; Louis H. Broom, S. D.; Charles E. Belchamber, J. D.; Rev. William Pruitt, Chaplain; Strather G. Barbee, Organist; Gustav Napossa, S. S.; A. H. Clark, J. S. It now has seventy-one members.

Mason Lodge, No. 217, A. F. & A. M., is located at the Village of Mason, on the Illinois Central Railroad in the south part of Effingham County. I find no record of its first meetings under dispensation. In fact, there is no record to be found at this time of any of its meetings prior to the date of its charter, which was granted October 7, 1856. The officers named in the charter were: Greenberry Wright, W. M.; John S. Wilson, S. W.; Joseph H. Robinson, J. W. The members under the charter were: Morgan Wright, Larkin Wright, Owen Wright, Isham Mahan, Greenberry Wright, J. N. Wilkinson, and James Claypool. This lodge has had among its members, at different times, some of the most prominent citizens within its jurisdiction, viz.: Stephen Hardin, once a Member of the State Legislature, merchant and farmer; John Broom, County Judge and farmer; Greenberry Wright, attorney-at-law; Joseph H. Robinson, physician and surgeon; Captain Adam L. Walker; William Gilmore, Sheriff; G. W. Cornwell, physician and surgeon and once a member of the State Legislature; Hon. Isaac L. Leith, Member of the Constitutional Convention of 1862; Hon. David Leith, Member of the State Legislature at the time of his death; Owen Wright, M. D., A. M.; Hanson N. Ruffner, prominent farmer and fruit grower. This lodge is now in a healthy condition, with forty-seven members in good standing. Its present officers are E. W. Ruffner, W. M.; R. E. Hardsock, S. W.; C. E. Mesnard, J. W.;



A. K. Gibson, Treas., and L. M. Harding, Sec'y.

DELIA LODGE, No. 525.—Delia Lodge, U. D., A. F. & A. M., was constituted a lodge October 20, 1866, by dispensation granted by Jerome R. Gorin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to Phineas Palmer, J. M. Long, Washington Winterrowd, John C. Palmer, Daniel Palmer, L. J. Field, William C. Baty, and Curtis Scott. Phineas Palmer was the first W. M.; J. M. Long, S. W., and Washington Winterrowd, J. W. The other officers of the Lodge U. D., are not made a matter of record. This lodge worked under dispensation until October 1, 1869, when a charter was granted. The charter members were: Phineas Palmer, R. G. Scott, C. M. Scott, Washington Winterrowd, John C. Palmer, L. J. Field, David C. Kerstner, John A. Barr, George W. Sloan, B. L. Parmer, Andrew Wiles, J. W. Honrigan and Waymack Merry. Phineas Palmer was the first Master under the charter, and R. G. Scott and Washington Winterrowd were the first Wardens.

February 12, 1870, Delia Lodge was moved by vote of the members from Winterrowd to Elliottstown, a small village about six miles distant, where it is now located. It owns the hall where it continues to hold its meetings. It was named Delia out of the great respect the members had for the deceased wife of Brother Washington Winterrowd. The present officers are: J. D. Marshall, W. M.; F. J. Davis, S. W.; J. L. Poynter, J. W.; W. H. Poynter, Treas.; L. J. Dunn, Sec'y.; L. F. Hale, S. D.; Barlow Higgins, J. D.; E. R. Cambridge, Chap.; L. J. Wood, S. S.; N. A. Kite, J. S.; A. J. Stubbs, Tyler. This lodge has in all seventeen members.

The original members and promoters of this lodge are nearly all gone to join that Celestial Lodge where the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe presides, and where their work will be examined and tested by the Square of the Master Overseer, and accepted or rejected according to its merits.

EDGEWOOD LODGE, No. 484.—In the year 1866, the population of the south part of Effingham County had increased, and the Village of Edgewood, located on the I. C. R. R. and within half a mile of the Clay County line, had grown to be a populous and enterprising place, and the country surrounding it was being settled also by an energetic and enterprising class of citizens. In the village and country were quite a number of

Free Masons—enough to form a new lodge—and on March 6, 1866, a dispensation was granted by Grand Master Gorin to John S. Kelly, Jonathan Hooks, Thomas A. Austin, Isham Mahon, J. L. Gillmore, J. N. Faulk, F. C. Healy, Daniel Dyer and William McNeil to open a lodge at the Village of Edgewood, to be known as Edgewood Lodge, U. D., A. F. & A. M. Under authority of this dispensation the brethren named opened a lodge with John S. Kelly, W. M.; Jonathan Hooks, S. W.; Thomas A. Austin, J. W. The lodge worked and prospered until October 3, 1866, when it was chartered, and on November 17, 1866, its members met at their hall in the Village of Edgewood and were constituted a lodge in due form, R. W. James Claypool acting as Grand Master, under and by the authority of Most Worshipful Grand Master H. P. H. Bromwell. The officers of the chartered lodge were: John S. Kelly, W. M.; Jonathan Hooks, S. W.; Thomas A. Austin, J. W.; James L. Gillmore, Treas.; Jay N. Faulk, Sec'y. The other members present at the first meeting were: F. C. Healy, Daniel Dyer, William McNeil, M. Stedman, John Hanson, S. B. Fox, H. Behn, John Brown, G. W. Garey, M. A. Brown, L. D. Conley, E. Parks, J. A. Merwin, James McCaffey, John Scarife, B. W. Burk, Thomas Hamilton and John McDonald.

This lodge has worked and prospered from its first organization and its members are from the best citizens of the village and surrounding country. The present officers are: John M. Lieb, W. M.; C. M. Doty, S. W.; Wilbur Bartley, J. W.; Samuel Ging, Sec'y.; W. J. Cole, Treas.; J. R. Danks, S. D.; Roy Krohn, J. D.; Charles Robertson, Tyler. It has a present membership of fifty.

ALTAMONT LODGE, No. 533, A. F. & A. M.—The original records of this lodge were destroyed by fire, but they have been replaced as nearly as possible, based upon the memory of its members. Some time in the winter of 1866-67, a dispensation was granted by Grand Master Gorin and directed to Joseph B. Jones, John C. Russell, Jesse H. Said, Jacob Baker, Henry S. Hook, John Armstrong, James K. Slater, Ashby Tipsword, I. P. Carpenter, and others, to open a lodge at Freemanton, a small village on the National Road, nine miles southwest from Effingham. This lodge was to be known as Freemanton Lodge, U. D. Joseph B. Jones was its first



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Worshipful Master; John C. Russell, first S. W.; Jesse J. Said, first J. W.; Henry S. Hook, first Treasurer, and I. P. Carpenter, Secretary. The first meeting was held soon after the dispensation was granted, and the lodge worked and prospered, making a very creditable report of its acts and doings to the Grand Lodge of the State, held at Springfield, October 1, 1867. A petition for a charter was presented to that body, which was granted, and October 1, 1867, the charter was issued and the new lodge named Freemantion Lodge and numbered 533, A. F. & A. M. The first officers were: John C. Russell, W. M.; Jesse H. Said, S. W.; Jacob Baker, J. W.; Henry S. Hook, Treasurer; J. C. Walker, Secretary. The other members were: I. P. Carpenter, B. W. Eakin, W. F. Ingram, John F. Hipsler, John Harrison, John Armstrong, Shepley Cochran, and Ashby Tipsword.

In the year 1874, by the vote of the members, this lodge was moved from Freemantion to Altamont, a village at the intersection of the Vandalia and Baltimore & Ohio Railroads, and the name was changed to Altamont Lodge, No. 533. On January 14, 1905, the lodge hall and its contents, including all its records, charter and paraphernalia, were destroyed by fire. January 20, 1905, a duplicate charter was issued by Grand Master William B. Wright and signed by J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary, attested by the Seal of the Grand Lodge of the State. This lodge is in a healthy condition at the present time, and has thirty-two members. Its officers are: S. S. Smith, W. M.; G. N. Grant, S. W.; N. L. Brown, J. W.; G. F. Frollinger, Treas.; D. E. Piper, Sec'y.; Fred Naumer, S. D.; J. R. Thomas, J. D.; T. L. Carpenter, Tyler; and G. W. Guinn, Chap.

PRairie City Lodge, No. 578, A. F. & F. M., is located at Montrose, Ill., a small village on the T. H. & I. R. R. (Vandalia Line) in the northeast part of Effingham County, and about one mile from the Cumberland County line. Its early history has nothing to do with the Masonic history of Effingham County, having been chartered in 1868 and located at Prairie City, in Cumberland County. The first officers of this lodge were: Joel Smith, W. M.; J. H. Yanaway, S. W.; H. W. Green, J. W.; Wiley Ross, Treas.; R. Bloomfield, Sec'y.; M. R. Lee, S. D.; R. M. Young, J. D.; W. E. Lake, Tyler.

All of the first officers were residents of Cumberland County. The lodge was moved from

Prairie City to Montrose by a vote of the members, under a dispensation from the Grand Master of the State, on November 10, 1891. It still remains in Montrose, working under its first name and number. It is in a flourishing condition at the present time and has forty-three members. The present officers are: George H. White, W. M.; C. B. Hyatt, S. W.; John Hillier, J. W.; William Fearington, Treas.; C. S. Printz, Sec'y.; J. C. Spitter, S. D.; John Berry, J. D.; C. G. Hess, Tyler.

WATSON LODGE, No. 602, A. F. & A. M. The records of Watson Lodge while working under dispensation, have been lost or mislaid, so that the date of its organization cannot here be given. On October 6, 1868, a charter was granted to the lodge, the charter members being: F. Cooper, A. L. Walker, S. T. Hillis, W. F. Scott, F. B. Schooley, Robert Ward, J. M. Wilhite, J. B. Gillespie, J. V. Bail, J. T. Barkley and H. Barkley. The first meeting under the charter was held in March, 1869, the officers present at that time being: F. Cooper, W. M.; A. L. Walker, S. W.; S. L. Hillis, J. W.; J. V. Bail, Treas.; J. M. Wilhite, Sec'y.; J. T. Barkley, S. D.; F. B. Schooley, J. D.; Robert Ward, Tyler. The other members present were: J. B. Gillespie, H. Barkley and W. F. Scott.

This lodge worked and prospered and is now in good condition. It owns a one-fourth interest in a hall in the Village of Watson, the other interests in same being owned by various other societies or lodges. Watson Lodge now has thirty members. Of its charter members only two are now living, Captain Joseph T. Barkley, residing at Watson, and Captain F. B. Schooley, a resident of England, Ark. The present officers of the lodge are: J. F. Henderson, W. M.; L. P. Mantz, S. W.; R. H. Oliver, J. W.; J. C. Reynolds, Treas.; J. W. Claar, Sec'y.; F. M. Brown, S. D.; J. W. Wilson, J. D.; J. C. Trimble, Tyler.

Our Past Grand Master of the State of Illinois, Owen Scott, was initiated as a Mason in this lodge.

MAYO LODGE No. 664.—This lodge is located at Winterrowd, a small hamlet in the southeast corner of Effingham County. On the 16th day of November, 1870, a dispensation was granted to A. M. Clark, Daniel Palmer, Washington Winterrowd, Jesse Creech, C. M. Scott, R. H. Shammhart, J. C. Palmer, J. N. Holt and George Sham-



hart, to open a lodge, U. D., at Winterrowd, to be known as Mayo Lodge, U. D. The first meeting was held at the hall at Winterrowd, January 11, 1871, present: A. M. Clark, Daniel Palmer, Washington Winterrowd, Jesse Creech, C. M. Scott, R. H. Shambhart, J. C. Palmer, J. N. Holt, and George Shambhart. The names of the first officers are not given in the record.

Mayo Lodge No. 664, A. F. & A. M., was chartered by the Grand Lodge on October 3, 1871. The charter was granted to A. M. Clark, Daniel Palmer, Washington Winterrowd, Jesse Creech, C. M. Scott, R. H. Shambhart, J. C. Palmer, J. N. Holt, and George Shambhart. The officers named in the charter were: A. M. Clark, W. M.; Daniel Palmer, S. W.; Washington Winterrowd, J. W.; Jesse Creech, Treas.; C. M. Scott, Sec'y.; R. H. Shambhart, S. D.; J. C. Palmer, J. D.; J. N. Holt, Tyler.

The present membership numbers twenty-nine and the lodge is in a healthy condition. The present officers are: J. S. Clagg, W. M.; J. M. Chestnut, S. W.; George W. Pfullam, J. W.; Joseph Gossman, Treas.; James A. McCorker, Sec'y.; Henry C. Carter, S. D.; Noah Rife, J. D.; C. Clark, Tyler.

BEECHER CITY LODGE No. 665.—At Greenland, a small hamlet in Fayette County, and in its vicinity, there lived quite a number of Free Masons, but located quite remotely from any organization of the order. Being desirous of participating in the privileges and benefits derived from a fraternal society, they resolved to organize a lodge in their neighborhood. On August 16, 1870, a dispensation was granted by the Grand Master of the State to open a lodge U. D. at Greenland, to be known as Greenland Lodge U. D. This warrant of dispensation was directed to G. W. Spurgeon, Jesse D. Jennings, John Wills, Jacob Young, Samuel Arnold, Samuel D. Lorton, Orlando P. Nevins, Thomas D. Tenney, William Vail, and Richard A. Lilly. G. W. Spurgeon was named in the warrant of dispensation as first W. M., Jesse D. Jennings as S. W., and John Wills as J. W. They worked under this warrant until October 3, 1871, when a charter was granted and the lodge was named Greenland Lodge No. 665, A. F. & A. M. This charter named G. W. Spurgeon as first W. M.; Jesse D. Jennings as S. W.; John Wills, J. W. The members were: Jacob Young, Orlando P. Nevins, Samuel Beal, Samuel D. Lorton, Wil-

liam H. Jennings, Samuel Arnold, William Allsop, Thomas D. Tenney, Henry L. Arnold, Richard A. Lilly and Eli Underwood.

October 30, 1878, the members of this lodge decided to move from Greenland to the Village of Beecher City, located on the railroad and in Effingham County. The warrant of authority for removal of the lodge was signed by Grand Master Theodore L. Gurney, and the name of the lodge was changed to Beecher City No. 665, A. F. & A. M., on October 7, 1903. Beecher City is a thriving village in the northwest part of Effingham County and the lodge is in a thrifty condition, with thirty-three members. Its present officers are: F. B. Huffman, W. M.; H. R. Engel, S. W.; George J. Davis, J. W.; George W. Tipsword, Treas.; J. F. Jennings, Sec'y.; S. D. Larimore, S. D.; G. C. Tipsword, J. D.; Daniel Barr, Tyler. Its membership is made up from citizens of both Fayette and Effingham Counties.

EFFINGHAM CHAPTER No. 87, R. A. M.—Pursuant to a dispensation from W. M. Egan, Most Excellent High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Illinois, dated August 7, 1865, directed to Companions William B. Cooper, H. P.; Joseph B. Jones, K.; and William H. St. Clair, Scribe, empowered them to organize a Chapter under the name Effingham Chapter U. D., R. A. M. On the 15th day of August following, the above-named Companions met at their hall in the City of Effingham and opened the chapter in due form, for business. The officers present were: William B. Cooper, H. P.; Joseph B. Jones, K.; Jacob Goddard, Scribe. The companions present were: H. N. Ruffner, James Claypoole, Jesse Newman, N. C. Turner, H. B. Turner, J. T. Barkley and C. B. Kitchell.

This chapter worked under dispensation until the meeting of the Grand Chapter, when a regular charter was granted under the name of Effingham Chapter No. 87, R. A. M., located at Effingham, Ill. On November 16, 1865, the first meeting was held under this charter and the following were installed as officers and charter members: William B. Cooper, H. P.; Joseph B. Jones, K.; George Wright, S.; Benjamin P. Kagley, C. H.; N. L. Whitney, P. S.; Daniel Rinehart, Treas.; W. I. N. Fisher, Sec'y.; William L. Myers, R. A. C.; J. H. I. Lacey, M. 3d V.; George W. Parks, M. 2nd V.; John C. Eversman, M. 1st V.; E. L. Cunningham, Sent.



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This chapter has a membership at the present time of fifty-three. The present officers are: H. N. Huffner, H. P.; Joseph B. Jones, K.; R. C. Harrah, S.; D. L. Wright, Treas.; S. G. Barbee, Sec'y.; William B. Wright, C. of H.; S. A. Johnson, P. S.; M. L. Elbow, R. A. C.; F. W. Goodell, M. 3d V.; John Jones, M. 2nd V.; G. M. LeCrone, M. 1st V.; Stephen A. Johnson, Sentinel.

EFFINGHAM CHAPTER No. 110, O. E. S.—A Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star Masons was organized at Effingham, Ill., and held its first meeting June 23, 1887. The first officers were: Lizzie LeCrone, W. M.; Charles Butler, W. P.; Mrs. Charles Butler, A. M.; Nora Evers, Sec'y.; Ruth C. Busse, Treas.; P. A. Hannon, Con.; Mrs. L. A. Bowling, A. C.

This chapter prospered and became quite popular, as it admits ladies under certain conditions, and is quite an important auxiliary to the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. It is in a prosperous condition and has sixty-three members. Its present officers are: Mrs. Charles Ackerman, W. M.; George F. Taylor, W. P.; Ark Smith, A. M.; Sedalia Baker, Sec'y.; Minnie Burkhardt, Treas.; Anna Flack, Con.; Mrs. J. B. Sumner, Chap.; Mrs. Charles Butler, Mar.; Jessie Gravenhorst, Org.; Mrs. Brady, Adalia; Mrs. J. H. Walker, Ruth; Anna Surrels, Esther;

Ellie Mechler, Martha; Mrs. G. M. LeCrone, Electa; Mrs. J. McCallen, Warden; Mrs. S. A. Johnson, Sentinel.

GOLDEN LAKE CHAPTER No. 143, O. E. S.—Golden Lake Chapter No. 143, Order of Eastern Star, was organized under dispensation May 1, 1889, by Mrs. Jane Ricketts. Its officers U. D. were: Eva Gladson, W. M.; D. H. Holloway, W. P.; Louisa Davis, A. M.; Emma Holloway, Sec'y.; J. A. Gladson, Treas.; Mollie Hall, Con.; L. A. Sells, A. C.

A chapter was granted November 22, 1889, and the chapter was constituted under its original name and with the same officers who acted under the dispensation. The present officers are: Addie Danks, W. M.; Joseph Danks, W. P.; Dora Hardsock, A. M.; Lulu Goddard, Sec'y.; Martha Holloway, Treas.; Rosa Ruffner, Con.; Ella Miller, A. C. This chapter is located at Mason, Ill., is in good condition and has seventy-five members.

FIVE POINTS CHAPTER No. 513, O. E. S.—This chapter is located at Watson, Ill., and has a membership of nineteen. The principal officers are: Mrs. E. M. Trimble, W. M.; L. P. Mants, W. P.; Elizabeth Reynolds, A. M.; J. C. Trimble, Sec'y.





# BIOGRAPHICAL

## CHAPTER XVI.

### THE PART OF BIOGRAPHY IN GENERAL HISTORY— CITIZENS OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY AND OUTLINES OF PERSONAL HISTORY—INDIVIDUAL SKETCHES ARRANGED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

The verdict of mankind has awarded to the Muse of History the highest place among the Classic Nine. The extent of her office, however, appears to be, by many minds, but imperfectly understood. The task of the historian is comprehensive and exacting. True history reaches beyond the doings of court or camp, beyond the issue of battles or the effects of treaties, and records the trials and the triumphs, the failures and the successes of the men who make history. It is but an imperfect conception of the philosophy of events that fails to accord to portraiture and biography its rightful position as a part—and no unimportant part—of historic narrative. Behind and beneath the activities of outward life the motive power lies out of sight, just as the furnace fires that work the pistons and keep the ponderous screw revolving down in the darkness of the hold. So, the impulsive power which shapes the course of communities may be found in the molding influences which form its citizens.

It is no mere idle curiosity that prompts men to wish to learn the private, as well as the public, lives of their fellows. Rather is it true that such desire tends to prove universal brotherhood; and the interest in personality and biography is not confined to men of any particular caste or vocation.

The list of those, to whose lot it falls to play a conspicuous part in the great drama of life, is comparatively short; yet communities are made up of individuals, and the aggregate of achievements—no less than the sum total of human happiness—is made up of the deeds of those men and women whose primary aim, through life, is faithfully to perform the duty that comes nearest to hand. Individual influences upon human affairs will be considered potent or insignificant, according to the standpoint from which it is viewed. To him who, standing upon the seashore, notes the ebb and flow of the tides and listens to the sullen roar of the waves, as they break upon the beach in seething foam, seemingly chafing at their limitations, the ocean appears so vast as to need no helps to swell the "Father of Waters." the mighty torrent of the Mississippi would be lessened, and

the beneficent influence of the Gulf Stream diminished. Countless streams, currents and counter currents—sometimes mingling, sometimes counteracting each other—collectively combine to give motion to the accumulated mass of waters. So is it—and so must it ever be—in the ocean of human action, which is formed by the blending and repulsion of currents of thought, of influence and of life, yet more numerous and more tortuous than those which form the "fountains of the deep." The acts and characters of men, like the several faces that compose a composite picture, are wrought together into a compact or heterogeneous whole. History is condensed biography; "Biography is History teaching by example."

It is both interesting and instructive to rise above the generalization of history and trace, in the personality and careers of the men from whom it sprang, the principles and influences, the impulses and ambitions, the labors, struggles and triumphs that engross their lives.

Here are recorded the careers and achievements of pioneers who, "when the fullness of time had come," came from widely separated sources, some from beyond the sea, impelled by divers motives, little conscious of the import of their acts, and but dimly anticipating the harvest which would spring from the sowing. They built their primitive homes, toiling for a present subsistence while laying the foundations of private fortunes and future advancement.

Most of these have passed away, but not before they beheld a development of business and population surpassing the wildest dreams of fancy or expectation. A few yet remain whose years have passed the allotted three-score and ten, and who love to recount, among the cherished memories of their lives, their reminiscences of early days.

[The following items of personal and family history, having been arranged in encyclopedic (or alphabetical) order as to names of the individual subjects, no special index to this part of the work will be found necessary.]

**ABRAHAM, Arthur L.**, Postmaster, merchant and banker of Watson, Ill., presents in his life an instance of what a man can accomplish if he is persistent and does not permit himself to weary in his work of advancement. Mr. Abraham was born in the village of Watson, July 25, 1873, a son of William M. Abraham, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work.

Arthur L. Abraham was reared in Watson, and received a good common school education, which he followed by a course in the State University, and a business course at the Austin Business College of Effingham. Having completed

his education, Mr. Abraham made a six months' trip to California, after which he returned home and entered the mercantile business of his father under the firm name of W. M. Abraham & Company of Watson.

In 1838, Mr. Abraham enlisted in the Spanish-American War, in Company G, Fourth Illinois National Guards, volunteering for a three years' service. The regiment was organized and placed at the service of the United States at Springfield, Ill. It was sent to Jacksonville, Fla., reaching there May 30, 1838, and went into encampment. In July Mr. Abraham became ill and was operated upon for appendicitis. As soon as he was able to go he was sent home on sick leave. When he had recovered sufficiently, he was sent to Jefferson Barracks, at St. Louis, and there honorably discharged from the United States Service. Returning home, he was appointed Postmaster at Watson, which office he has since retained.

On June 1, 1899, Mr. Abraham married Edith Gladson, born in Mason, Ill., November 7, 1878, daughter of John and Eva (Baker) Gladson, the former now a merchant of Edgewood, Ill. Mrs. Abraham is one of a family of five children. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham have children as follows: Maurice, born March 8, 1901; Leonard, born September 25, 1904; John M., born January 30, 1908, and Ethelyn, born May 8, 1909. They are members of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Abraham is a highly educated lady, a graduate of the State University, and for three years she was a teacher in Effingham County, two of these years being spent at Watson. She is now very active in church work.

In 1902, Mr. Abraham Sr. retired from his mercantile business, at which time his son took charge of it, and has since handled it very successfully. In 1904 he added lumber to his other stock and in February, 1907, organized the Abraham Company Bank, of Watson. Under his skillful management a large business has already been built up, and he is justly numbered among the most enterprising young business men of the county. Mr. Abraham carries a full and varied stock of general merchandise, and controls a fine trade from the surrounding country. He belongs to the United Spanish War Veterans of Effingham, Ill. Like his father he is an all-round good business man, pleasant in manner and capable of making and retaining friends. Progressive in his methods, he never forgets to give the other man a fair deal, and there is a brilliant prospect before him, if what he has accomplished in the past be taken as an index of his future work.

**ABRAHAM, Hon. W. M.,** a citizen whose career as merchant, soldier and legislator has reflected honor upon himself and his community, now lives in comfortable retirement in Watson, Effingham County, Ill., where his hospitable home is still the Mecca to which come many of the distinguished friends of his political life, as well as those whose appreciation is entirely of a

personal nature. Mr. Abraham was born in Clermont County, Ohio, July 26, 1842, a son of John and Martha (Barkley) Abraham. The family is of old American stock, the father being born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Kentucky, the former dying in Ohio in 1852. There are but two surviving children: W. M. and Olive. The latter is the widow of George S. Elliott, who was Lieutenant of Company D., Fifty-fourth Illinois Infantry, and afterward moved to Kansas, where he died, leaving his widow, who remains there.

In 1860, the mother of Mr. Abraham thought best to have him leave the Clermont County Academy, where he was an advanced student, and accompany her to Elliottstown, Effingham County, Ill., and assist her in establishing a little store and he became Deputy Postmaster there. They continued the store until May, 1861, when he enlisted for service in the Civil War, answering the first call for troops. He served (first) for three months as a member of Company K Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and then re-enlisted for three years, General Grant at that time commanding his regiment. In the present limited space it would be impossible to trace every step by which the young soldier advanced, but promotion came fast, as did also dangers and hardships. He participated in the Battles of Frederickstown, Pittsburg Landing, Perryville, Corinth and others, and at the Battle of Stone River, near Murfreesboro, Tenn., was seriously wounded and was left on the battle field until the following day, when he was carried to a field hospital, which was shortly afterward captured by the enemy and the wounded were left in the hands of the Confederates. In recalling these unhappy days it is necessary to touch upon, as lightly as we can, the overwhelming personal loss that came to him. As soon as the devoted mother heard of her son's injury, she hastened to his side, although not in good health herself. She reached him and ministered to him for a week, when, overcome by grief, fatigue and sorrow, she succumbed. Her remains were reverently sent back to Elliottstown, but the injuries Mr. Abraham had received kept him in the hospital until July, 1863, being at Nashville, Tenn., when he was honorably discharged in the following month.

Mr. Abraham then returned to Elliottstown, where his one sister still resided. In November, 1863, he entered into partnership with J. F. Barkley, in the mercantile business, under the firm name of Barkley & Abraham, and a very extensive business was built up; the firm continued until 1873, when Mr. Abraham bought out Mr. Barkley's interest and continued the store alone, making his home in Watson Township. He saw profit in acquiring land and still owns 1,200 acres; at one time he owned 3,000 acres in Effingham County. He has directed his business affairs with careful outlay and with the ability which has brought him prosperity along the legitimate avenues of trade. In pro-



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pering himself, Mr. Abraham has not been unmindful of those less fortunate, and his liberality has covered not only the usual cases of charity which come to the notice of every man of capital, but he has been generous in his contributions to public-spirited enterprises and has been particularly interested in the erection of substantial school-houses throughout the county.

Not only has Mr. Abraham been a prominent business man for forty years, but he has also been a leader in public affairs. In 1878 he was elected, on the Republican ticket, to the Thirty-first General Assembly of the Illinois House of Representatives, representing Effingham, Cumberland and Shelby Counties. While a member of that august body he had the satisfaction of casting his ballot for Gen. John A. Logan for United States Senator. After the close of his legislative term he returned to his home and subsequently served in a number of local offices, in each one performing the duties in such a manner as to add to the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Abraham was married, November 15, 1865, to Miss Eliza R. Wayne, a native of Shelbyville, Ky., daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Cline) Wayne, both natives of Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Abraham were born five children, two of whom died in infancy. Ida A., the eldest daughter, is the wife of John H. Curry, who is owner and proprietor of the Pacific Hotel, at Effingham, and they have four children—Vera, Donald, Mildred and Wayne. Arthur L. Abraham has a separate sketch in this work. Eda A., the youngest daughter, is the wife of Frank G. Austin, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Abraham continued to be active in business until 1903, when he turned his interests over to his son, Arthur L., who is also a capable business man. For many years Mr. Abraham has been identified with the Masonic fraternity and has frequently been an official of the local lodge. On several occasions he has been commander of the G. A. R. Post at Watson and is held in the highest regard by his old comrades in arms, many of whom, like himself, have never entirely recovered from the injuries received while defending the cause of their country. Mr. Abraham and family are prominent members and liberal supporters of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Watson.

When Mr. and Mrs. Abraham came to Watson there were two saloons and no church; now there are four churches and no saloons. No saloons have existed in Watson for twenty-five years, and of this fact Mr. and Mrs. Abraham feel very proud. Watson is a neat little village, and Mr. and Mrs. Abraham have done their share toward its progress and welfare.

**ALBERS, William Adolph.**—One of the large business firms of Altamont, Ill., is the wagon building company of D. Albers & Son, of which

William Adolph Albers is the junior member. Mr. Albers was born in Altamont, Ill., November 22, 1881, and is a son of Dietrich and Augusta (Miller) Albers.

John Albers, the grandfather of William A., was born in Holstein, Germany, and was a blacksmith by trade, and died when quite young. He married Meta Brewer, a native of Hagenow, Hanover, Province of Stode, and she died at the age of forty-five years, having been the mother of three children: John, who is now living retired in California; Fred, a retired farmer of Broadlands, Champaign County, Ill., and Dietrich. Dietrich Albers was born in Hanover, Germany, February 14, 1851, and attended school until fourteen years of age, when he was left an orphan and forced to make his own way in the world. He became a shepherd boy, but at the age of seventeen years he sailed from Bremen to New York, in the sailing vessel "Charlotte," and from New York went to Hamilton, Wis., where he rented a farm for two years. After two years spent at the wagonmaker's trade he located in Chicago, where he spent two years at that business, followed by one year in Milwaukee. In the fall of 1873, he located in Altamont, and worked at his trade for about two years, then going to Assumption, Christian County, where he went into business for himself. After two years he again engaged in farming, but two years later returned to Altamont, where he established his present business, and he has continued therein with much success to the present time. The present style of the firm, D. Albers & Son, was adopted in 1905, when his son, William A., was admitted to the company. Mr. Albers is a member of the German Lutheran Church, and was formerly an official. A Republican in politics, he has served Altamont in the capacity of Alderman. On April 15, 1877, Mr. Albers was married to Augusta Miller, of Altamont, daughter of Gottfried and Dorothea (Shertzler) Miller, and they have had five children, namely: Alvina, Mrs. Martin S., of Broadlands, Ill.; Antoinette, Mrs. Henry Seider, of Champaign; William Adolph; Lena, who died at the age of twenty years; and Dorothy, a milliner in Jefferson County, Mo.

William Adolph Albers was sent to the Lutheran Parochial school from seven years of age until he was fourteen, and from that time until his nineteenth year he attended the grammar and high schools of Altamont. His first work was in the offices of express companies in Altamont, and he then spent four years in the shipping department of the Racine Sattley Co., of Springfield. Returning to Altamont, he assisted his father for one year, and in 1905 became the latter's partner in the business; they manufacture and deal in wagons, carriages, buggies and agricultural implements. Like his father, he is a good business man, and the firm's name is becoming widely known throughout the State. In politics, Mr. Albers is a staunch Republican, and

he is connected with the Altamont Free Public Library Board. His religious connection is with the German Lutheran Church.

**ALT, Henry**, who is prominently identified with the business and political interests of Effingham, bears an old and honorable German name, one that he has lived up to, his sterling character being generally recognized by his fellow citizens, who have, on many occasions, placed their public interests in his hands. Mr. Alt was born in St. Clair County, Ill., August 11, 1859, a son of Christian and Anna M. (Scharth) Alt. Christian Alt was born March 30, 1822, in Weede-hausen Province, Nieder Reihn, Koeringteich, Prussia, and came to America in 1835. His wife was born July 29, 1833, in Essenheim, Gross-herzogthum, Hesse Darmstadt, came to America with her parents in 1843, and later to St. Clair County, Ill. Her father, Adam Scharth, died at Effingham, when aged seventy-three years. In October, 1865, the two families came to Effingham County, where Christian Alt engaged in farming and milling and continued until within a short time of his death, which occurred in 1888. The venerable widow still survives, is in the enjoyment of excellent health, and has a wide circle of attached friends. To Christian and Anna Alt there were born eleven children, namely: Adam and Mary, both died in infancy; John, who died in 1884, was aged thirty-two years, married and left one son, Harry J.; Christian, who resides at Effingham, married Mary Custer and has two sons, Edward C. and Oscar; Henry; Elizabeth, who died when aged twelve years; Fred, who is a machinist at Effingham, married Ora Rhodes, and they have one child, Marie; Louise, who is the wife of Fred Benke, a machinist at Decatur; Kate, who is the widow of Fred Witt, who died in 1899, lives at home with her mother and has one son, Walter; Carrie, who is the widow of J. L. Wilson, has two sons, Carl and Paul; and William J., who died in 1900, married Adalina Frankenstein.

Henry Alt was six years old when his parents located in Effingham, and as his parents knew no English he could neither speak nor understand it when he started to school on the second day after reaching there. He was a boy of great ambition, however, and before long he was able to converse in the hitherto unknown language and in the course of years became as familiar with it as with the German, keeping up his studies in the public schools, where he was graduated with the class of 1875, having graduated from the German school two years earlier. He then went into the milling business with his father and worked most of the time with him until 1885. In 1880 he went into railroad work at Chicago, but returned home December 24, 1881. After finally leaving the mill he engaged in teaming and hauled the stone which went into the construction of St. Anthony's Church. In 1887 he was appointed a member of

the police force of Effingham, and served until March, 1889, resigning in order to accept a position as Deputy County Clerk, and continued to perform the duties of that office until March, 1895, when he was elected Assessor of Douglas Township and had other duties, but sickness made it necessary for him to resign all public work for a time.

Mr. Alt then became managing editor of the Effingham Democrat and it was while capably filling this position that he was appointed superintendent of the Effingham Water Works Company and drew up the rules and regulations for the board. On April 17, 1896, he took charge of the water works as superintendent, and continued in the employ of the company until September 1, 1907, when he resigned. Mr. Alt then embarked in sewer contracting, fire insurance and real estate investing, and does a large amount of business. He is located in Room 7, Austin Opera House Block. In addition to the public offices mentioned. Mr. Alt was Alderman from the First Ward from 1897 until 1899, and in 1907 he was elected Supervisor and was re-elected in 1909, to serve two years. He has always advocated public improvements and many important measures have been furthered by his influence. In politics he is a strong Democrat and for a number of years has been secretary of the Democratic County Central Committee.

On October 12, 1882, Mr. Alt was married to Miss Anna Streiff, who died November 22, 1900. She was born at Highland, Madison County, Ill., lost her mother in childhood, and was reared by her aunt. Mr. and Mrs. Alt had four children, namely: Karl F., born August 27, 1883, is a plumber by trade; Frank W., born September 30, 1887, is a machinist; Elsie B., born September 13, 1890, is her father's very efficient housekeeper; and Anna M., born July 24, 1892.

Mr. Alt is a member of numerous social and fraternal bodies and holds office in many of them. He is secretary of the local lodge of Elks, treasurer of the Labor Union, and deputy of the Modern American Fraternal Home, Lodge No. 1, Effingham, Ill. He drew up the constitution of the Effingham Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, which he organized in 1883, and is treasurer of same, a position he has filled for twenty-six years, and takes an active and real interest in all these bodies. He is a deservedly popular citizen. He has prospered materially, but only as the result of continued industry and a faithful adherence to duty.

**ALWERT, Charles.**—The business interests of Altamont, Ill., have grown to an amazing extent during the last few years, and the credit for this desirable state of affairs may be given to the enterprising business men, whose energy and modern methods have put the city on a sound financial basis, while co-operating with the city officials in looking after its municipal needs. It may be said of Charles Alwert, a leading citizen of Altamont, that he belongs to



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both classes, for not only is he one of the city's representative business men, but he is also serving as Alderman from the Second Ward. He was born in Altamont, November 29, 1868, a son of Fred and Sophia (Trost) Alwert.

Fred Alwert was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, in 1833, and attended the schools there, after which he became a laborer. He was married in 1860 and in 1866 set out for the United States, with two children, John F., and Minnie, the latter of whom died on the voyage and was buried at sea. The trip was a stormy one and the ship, which sprung a leak, was six months crossing the ocean. On landing in America Mr. Alwert came direct from New York to Illinois located in Effingham County, where relatives had preceded him. He bought a forty-acre farm, which he soon had under cultivation, adding forty acres, and still later eighty acres to his original tract, and here he resided until emigrating to Garfield County, Okla., where his death occurred, in 1906, and where his widow still survives. They were faithful members of the Lutheran Church and the parents of these children: John F., a traveling salesman of Denver, Colo., who married Cora Hurley; Lena, who married Henry Durbelm and resides in Oklahoma; Charles; Ernest, of Oklahoma, who married Jennie Kreuger; Augusta, who married William W. Bursling, of Oklahoma; and Sophia, who married C. W. Eggers, of Oklahoma.

Charles Alwert passed his early life on the home farm, attended the private German school at Bethlehem and spent three months in the public school at Altamont. He was thirteen years old when confirmed, and the following morning he started out with his little bundle to go to work for G. W. Leitzell, a farmer located seven miles distant, for eight dollars per month. He continued there eight months, then returned to his home, where he remained until the following spring, when he became porter in the Boyer House, then conducted by Wesley Vermillion, but left that position to enter the employ of G. W. Gwin, an implement dealer of Altamont. After six years with Mr. Gwin, Mr. Alwert commenced attending public school, and after one term's study became clerk in a store at St. Elmo, Ill., returning to Altamont a year later. For eighteen months he was engaged in tending bar for Albert Zacha, but subsequently became a clerk in the store of Klitzing & Munzel, general merchants, and continued with them for four years, at the end of which time he formed a partnership with Barney Dettert, in the saloon business a connection which continued for seven years. Mr. Alwert then began selling groceries and queensware, and kept adding from time to time to his stock until he now has a complete line of dry goods, groceries, clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes, notions, and such articles as are to be found in a complete stock of general merchandise. Starting on practically nothing, he has built up one of the best trades in his line in the city, and his establishment is well known

throughout this part of the county. He located in his present commodious quarters in 1895. A staunch Democrat in politics, Mr. Alwert has been prominent in public matters, having served as Alderman for six years and as Mayor for one term. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Alwert was married, February 12, 1893, to Bertha Schwerdtfeger, daughter of Henry and Fredericka Schwerdtfeger, and they have had three children: Edna; Jennie, who died when six years old; and Martin.

**ANDERS, James B.**—Effingham County is the home of some excellent citizens who have employed themselves in tilling the soil. Many of them have spent their lives on the farm, but there are others who have been engaged in other lines and have returned to an agricultural vocation. James B. Anders, of Altamont, is a man who has given up his own ambitions and sacrificed personal desires to do what he believed to be his duty. Mr. Anders was born September 2, 1852, at Dallas, Gaston County, N. C., a son of Peter Martin and Elizabeth (Stroup) Anders. When he was only two years old, the family removed to Prairie County, Ark., where the father took up a homestead of 160 acres. In 1866, he left there and located near Ramsey, Ill. Here James B. Anders received his education and grew to manhood. About 1885, the family settled near Altamont, on a farm of forty acres, and here his death occurred, March 29, 1903. Meanwhile his son, James B. Anders, had gone to California and had established himself nicely in San Francisco. However, when the father died, the young man realized where his duty lay, and, giving up his promising prospects, he came back home to take care of his mother. She passed away April 4, 1906, a kindly Christian woman, who is deeply mourned by all who knew her. She and her husband were devout Methodists. In political faith, the father was a Republican. There were five children in the family: Joseph, who married Lucy Moore and lives at Delavan, Ill.; James B.; Albertine, who married James Jett, and lives at Carrollton, Ky.; Almarinda, who married C. K. Rhoades, and lives near St. Elmo; and Martin L., who married Amy F. Flagers, and lives at Delavan. Mr. Anders is a hard-working, reliable man, and one who, having done his duty by those nearest and dearest, can rest content with what he has accomplished. Mr. Anders is a Republican.

**ARNOLD, Bartlett M.**—Industry, perseverance, intelligence and good judgment are the price of success in agricultural work in these modern days of farming, when the hard, unrelenting toil of former years has given way to scientific use of modern machinery and a knowledge of the proper treatment of the soil. Effingham County has many skilled farmers, who treat their vocation more as a profession than a mere occupation, and take a justifiable pride in their

accomplishments, and among these may be mentioned Bartlett M. Arnold, of Section 28, Watson Township, who was born in Fayette, Ill., September 2, 1868, son of William A. and Mary J. (Arnold) Arnold.

W. B. Arnold, the grandfather of Bartlett M. Arnold, was a native of Illinois, who came to Effingham County at a very early day, and here the father, William A. Arnold, was born in what is now Bishop Township, was there educated and married Mary Arnold, a native of Alabama, who came with her parents from that State to Illinois. William A. Arnold followed farming in Bishop Township until 1876, when he bought eighty acres of land in Watson Township, where he has spent his life and is still living at the age of eighty years. He has been a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in his political views a Republican, but although strong in the councils of his party, has never accepted public office. His wife, who was born in 1830, passed to her final rest in 1875, having been the mother of the following children: Barbara, at home; Emma, wife of W. S. Loy, and Jimima, wife of John Brosan, and both of Watson Township; Bartlett M.; and George, of Effingham. Mr. Arnold's second marriage was to a sister of his first wife, and they had two children: Lovina, wife of B. F. Palmer of Watson Township; and James B., a resident of Mattoon, Ill.

Bartlett M. Arnold came to Watson Township with his father in 1876 and was educated in the district schools, after which he engaged in working on the farm, his earnings being given to his father until he reached the age of twenty-one years. On March 6, 1890, he was married to Josephine Loy, daughter of D. C. (Uncle Clint) Loy, one of the pioneers of Effingham County who is now deceased. After marriage Mr. Arnold rented land and started out to establish a home for himself and wife. In December, 1891, he bought the property which he was renting, and has since purchased and sold several tracts in that locality. His holdings now aggregate 210 acres in one body, on which stands a comfortable residence and substantial barns and outbuildings. Mr. Arnold has been one of the progressive agriculturists of his section, and has also done considerable in the line of breeding fine horses and cattle. In 1906 he began giving some attention to the dairy business, and since that time his interests in this line have grown to large proportions. It is interesting to note that the majority of successful men of Effingham County, especially among the farming class, are those who started life in humble circumstances, and who through the force of their own industry and perseverance, have fought their way to the front, overcoming all obstacles which have lain in their path, and Mr. Arnold is no exception to this rule. He is considered one of the best judges of stock in his part of the county, and his judgment is often sought

on questions connected with agricultural interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have had five children: Cleo, born February 10, 1891, is the wife of Andrew Wood, a farmer of Watson township; George R., born April 29, 1893; William Clinton, born April 27, 1896; Herbert A., born February 22, 1899; and Myrtle, born May 2, 1902, died February 26, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his fraternal connections are with the Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen and Yeomen. He has always been a Republican, and on April 3, 1906, was elected on that party's ticket to the office of Highway Commissioner against a strong opponent.

**ASHBAUGH, Capt. William W.**, veteran of the Civil War and enterprising farmer on Section 8, Union Township, Effingham County, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, December 6, 1840, a son of John S. and Catherine (LeCrone) Ashbaugh, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. John Ashbaugh, the father of John S., was an early settler of Ohio, and is said to have served in Indian wars, while John S. was a native of Fairfield County, that State, where he was born in February, 1818. The mother, Catherine LeCrone, born in Pennsylvania in 1821, came to Fairfield County, Ohio, there married John S. Ashbaugh, and seven children were born to them—five in Ohio and two after coming to Illinois—four of whom died in infancy. Those surviving are: William A.; Daniel C., a resident of the city of Effingham, and Mrs. Mary M. Loy, widow of William Loy, and a resident of St. Louis, Mo.

In 1852 John S. Ashbaugh and family came to Illinois and settled a short distance south of the village of Watson, and there erected a log cabin and began improving a farm. Much of the country was then in a primitive condition, the prairies covered with a heavy growth of grass and the timbered region with brush and in some cases with dense forests. The use of "the mud and stick" chimneys sometimes made it necessary for the early settlers, especially during the winter season, to be extremely watchful to prevent their homes from being destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Catherine (LeCrone) Ashbaugh had been reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, but after coming to Illinois, there being no church of that denomination in her vicinity, she united with the Methodist Church, though adhering to her original belief. Up to the beginning of the Civil War, Mr. Ashbaugh was a Democrat, but then espoused the principles of the Republican party and was a zealous supporter of the Union cause, both his sons, William and Daniel C., enlisting in Illinois regiments—the latter being a member of the Twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry from the start to the finish of the war. A fuller statement of the war record of William W. will be given later on.



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John S. Ashbaugh remained at his home in Union Township, Effingham County, until his death in February, 1875, his widow surviving him until February 3, 1902, the last years of her life being spent with her son, the subject of this sketch.

Until twelve years of age, William W. Ashbaugh spent his life in his native county of Fairfield, Ohio, there attended the common schools, and in 1852 came with his parents to Effingham County, Ill. As already explained, the family settled south of the village of Watson, and there the son assisted his father in improving the farm, meanwhile during the winter seasons attending the primitive schools taught in the log school-house. With the ox-team he assisted in breaking the prairie sod and transforming the soil into its present productive condition. This continued until the breaking out of the Civil War, when in April, 1861, at the age of a little more than twenty years, he responded to the first call of Abraham Lincoln for troops to preserve the Federal Union, by enlisting in Company G, Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry under command of Col. W. H. L. Wallace, of Ottawa, Ill. The regiment was mustered in at Springfield, Ill., April 30, was ordered promptly towards Cairo, and after spending some time at Villa Ridge, Union County, went to Bird's Point, Mo., where it was on guard duty until muster-out, on the 30th of July following. At that time a large portion of the regiment reenlisted for three years' service, but Mr. Ashbaugh, then suffering from an attack of measles, was prevented from keeping step with his comrades. In the fall of 1862, he reenlisted and was mustered in at Centuria on September 3d as Corporal of Company F, Ninety-eighth, under the command of Albert W. McCrone as Captain and John J. Funkhouser as Colonel. The regiment was promptly ordered to Kentucky, and at Bridgeport, Ill., while on the way to Louisville, Ky., the train was thrown from the track, and eight men, including one Captain, were killed, and 75 men injured. By successive promotions he served as Second and First Lieutenants and as Captain of his company, being mustered with this rank June 27, 1865. While on detached duty at one time as Second Lieutenant, he was placed in command of the company.

In January, 1863, at Murfreesboro, Tenn., the Ninety-eighth was assigned to Wilder's Brigade, was on guard duty for some time, and in March following was mounted and for nearly two years served as cavalry. In the meantime it took part in the engagement at Hoover's Gap, the battles of Farmington, Chickamauga and the defeat of Bragg at Chattanooga. In January, 1864, it was assigned to the Second Cavalry Division, and during that year participated in the battle of Buzzard's Roost and the Atlanta campaign. At Macon, Ga., it assisted in the capture of four brass cannons which had been buried by the Confederates near the smallpox hospital, the spot being marked with head and foot-boards

as the burial place of deceased soldiers. One of these pieces was turned over to the Ninety-eighth Illinois, and later presented to the State of Illinois, and is now on exhibition in Memorial Hall at Springfield. On November 1, 1864, the regiment was dismantled, turning over its horses and cavalry equipment to Gen. Kilpatrick, then moved to Chattanooga and Nashville, and during the winter of 1864-65, took part in the campaign in Alabama, reaching both Selma and Montgomery. In the spring of 1865, again returning to Nashville, was mustered out June 27, and on July 7 received its final discharge at Springfield.

Returning home after the expiration of his term of military service, Capt. Ashbaugh resumed employment on the farm in Effingham County and in 1866, was married to Miss Hattie Voorhies, a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, who came to Effingham County with her parents in 1863. After his marriage Mr. Ashbaugh continued farming on rented land, in the meantime devoting attention to clearing a tract of eighty acres of land he had bought in Section 8, Union Township, and on which he built a log cabin about 1871. This land was heavily timbered, but by thorough clearing has been transformed into a well improved farm. Much of this timber was found available for manufacture into lumber or oak-ties for railroads, bringing the owner some return for his labor.

Captain and Mrs. Ashbaugh have had five children born to them, namely: Charlie, the oldest son, died at the age of ten years; Alfred C. and Edwin S., both at home; Nellie, wife of Robert Brown, a resident of Arthur, Ill., and they have two children—Raymond and Maurice; Harry W. of Arthur, Ill.

For fifty-eight years Capt. Ashbaugh's home has been in Effingham County, and there he has seen many wonderful changes, a fair proportion of which have been due to his personal industry and enterprise. With the exception of more than three years spent in the patriotic service of his country, his life has been devoted to tilling the soil. A Republican in political principles and a Presbyterian in religious faith, he has won the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens by a life of patriotism and integrity.

**AULENBROCK, Henry.**—The Germans have been the leading settlers in a considerable portion of Effingham County, bringing with them from their Fatherland those important characteristics of their nation,—industry and thrift,—and the farms owned by them and their children show the results of their hard work and prudent management. Henry Aulenbrock, although born in this county, comes of a German father. Mr. Aulenbrock was born in Douglas Township, within a mile of his present home, October 1, 1840, a son of William and Elizabeth (Koores) Aulenbrock, natives of Germany and Cincinnati, respectively.

William Aulenbrock, the father, came to America in young manhood, and for some time traveled extensively over the country, but in 1848 located in Effingham County, Ill., and took up land which he developed into a farm, later going to work for the Illinois Central Railroad company and saving his earnings. A sister of his, Mrs. Rudolph Diest, lived in Effingham County, so he was not without home ties. In 1858, he married and moved to his farm on Section 29, Douglas Township. He improved his land, added to it so that at the time of his death he owned 160 acres. His widow survives making her home on this farm. The following children were born to William Aulenbrock and wife: Henry; Anna, wife of Henry Lohmann of Willmont, Canada; Kallie, wife of Herman Lohmann, a farmer of Douglas Township; Joseph who is on the home farm; Mary, wife of Joseph Hadallar, a farmer of Douglas Township; Francis and Clara at home; John, who died when twenty-two years old; and Lizzie and Malinda, at home.

Henry Aulenbrock attended the Green Creek Catholic School and, being the eldest, when only twelve years old, began work on the farm. He well remembers those early days, when he had to make earnest effort to keep up with every task his father set for him. He helped to clear the land, and remained at home until twenty-four years old. In 1884, he married Catherine Ney, born near the city of Effingham, a sister of John Diest's wife, and his own cousin. He had bought a 40-acre farm on Section 30, on which was a log-cabin, and in that the young couple began house-keeping, and there six of their twelve children were born. He immediately began planning to buy more land, and he now owns 180 acres in Sections 30 and 31. In 1893, he built a more commodious residence, and has put up other buildings on the farm. Only thirty acres were cultivated when he bought his land, but he has cleared 120 acres, and his property is now in as good condition as any in the county. Some years ago he began breeding Poland-China hogs, and since then has become a leader in this line, feeding 100 head each year. About 1901 he turned his attention to the dairy business, and now has a fine herd of fifty cows, while at the head he has a full bred Holstein bull he bought from Stevens Bros., importers of Holstein cattle in New York. His dairy is a splendid one and he sells all his products to the Van Camp Condensing Company of Effingham. One of his barns is 48 x 75 feet, and the other 40 x 50 feet, and he has accommodations for fifty-five head of cows. He does all his own shredding and other work. He is one of the most progressive of farmers, and is prompt to experiment with new methods or devices. He was the first in his vicinity to grow alfalfa, in which he has been very successful, taking off four crops each year. He put in the first silo, the first gasoline engine, and other new machinery. Mr. Aulenbrock also raises tomatoes in

large quantities for the canning factory at Effingham. He takes all the leading dairy and agricultural papers and keeps thoroughly posted on what is being done in his several lines. Many of his neighbors have been inclined to laugh at him in the past, but they have lived to see that he was right and they were wrong, and now they are following his example. In politics he is a Democrat and he and his family belong to the Green Creek Catholic Church.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Aulenbrock are: Lizzie, at home; Francis, died in infancy; Nellie and Nancy, twins, also died in infancy; Mary, Annie, Malinda, Phrona, Clara, Willie, Traise and Leo, all at home. They help with the farm work and the dairy, and so helpful are they, that Mr. Aulenbrock does not have to employ outside labor, and therefore can be sure that his work is well done as he wishes it.

**AULENBROCK, Joseph.**—Some of the leading men of Effingham County are to be found on well-regulated farms, which demonstrate the ability, business acumen and sense of the owners. Joseph Aulenbrock, of Section 29, Douglas Township, is one of these prosperous young men. He was born and reared on the farm he now owns, his birth occurring January 2, 1866. He is a son of William Aulenbrock. A further account of the Aulenbrock family will be found elsewhere in this work. Joseph Aulenbrock was educated in the district schools and brought up as most country boys of his time; attending school in the winter, and farming in the summer. However, as neither the river nor creeks were bridged, his studies were seriously interrupted. After the death of his father, Mr. Aulenbrock took charge of the farm of 200 acres of finely cultivated land. Mr. Aulenbrock is very proud of this farm, for he helped to clear it as a boy, and much of its present condition is due to his efforts. Until 1899, he devoted himself to general farming, but then turned his attention towards the dairy business, with ten cows of common stock, but he soon saw that the Holstein stock was much superior, and in 1906 began to breed that brand, now having none other. At the head of his herd he has the registered bull Osceola, one of the finest in the county. He feeds twenty-seven head of full breed Holstein stock, and has forty-five head in all. All his stock is of a good line breed, and his product during the season averages about \$200 per month. His fine dairy barn is 40 x 100 feet, and he has all the latest improved appliances. The building is well ventilated and kept in a perfectly sanitary condition, and he has a remarkable record, for not a can of milk has ever been returned to him.

Mr. Aulenbrock is assisted in the management of the farm by his four sisters,—Frances, Clara, Lizzie and Malina. They attend to nearly all of the dairy work, and this insures perfectly pure milk. During 1908 Mr. Aulenbrock sold over \$2,000 worth of milk. He feeds all the



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grain he raises. Mr. Aulenbrock is an excellent example of the live, progressive, up-to-date farmer of the Twentieth Century, who knows how to make his land pay him a good profit, and how to enjoy his life, among the surroundings which have always been his.

In politics Mr. Aulenbrock is a Democrat, although his farm duties have prevented his taking any active part in public events. He, as well as the rest of the family, belongs to the Green Creek German Catholic Church.

**AUSTIN, Calvin.**—Most intimately associated with the growth and character of any community are its business interests. They mold the life of its people, give direction to their efforts, and crystallize the present and future possibilities of the locality into concrete form. The leading business men of a town are its greatest benefactors, silently controlling the forces that bring progress and prosperity, and the measure of the credit that is due them is not always fully appreciated. To write of the lives of these leaders in material growth is a pleasure, for the influence of their careers is ever helpful and cheering. When the development of Effingham is under discussion, one name is always mentioned, viz.: that of Austin. One of the members of this very prominent family is Calvin Austin, who, as promoter and business man, has made his influence felt for many years, and always for the good of the community.

Mr. Austin was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 10, 1853, a son of Seneca and Julia Ann (Burnett) Austin. The father was born in Orwell, Vt., December 21, 1798, while the mother was a native of Dayton, Ohio, born August 29, 1812.

Seneca Austin, was a farmer, lawyer and minister, was graduated from the Litchfield, (Conn.) Law School, and practiced law at Burlington, Vt. It was while practicing law with a Mr. Foote, that Mr. Austin furnished the money and Mr. Foote published the still famous "Burlington Free Press." In 1840 Mr. Austin removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, and there studied in the Lane Theological Seminary, becoming a clergyman and later called to a number of different charges. His fields of labor included Hancock County, Ill.; Walnut Hill, Ohio; and Campbell County, Ky., going from there to Cincinnati. From Cincinnati he went to Kenton County, Ky., and finally returned to Illinois, settling in Jasper County in 1864. In 1867 he moved to Effingham County, where he died in June, 1880. Besides his other occupations he had been engaged in farming, and was everywhere loved for his gentle, kindly nature. The mother died near Cincinnati in 1873. Although a strong Republican, he never desired office. His religious life was devoted to labor in the Presbyterian Church. Calvin Austin is the youngest of a family of three sons and one daughter.

The Austin family is of English descent, An-

thony Austin having come from England with his widowed mother and brother Richard, and settled in Suffield County, Conn., about 1650. Caleb Austin was a private in Captain John Stark's Company of Militia, Colonel Ira Allen's Regiment, in the Revolutionary War. The Burnett family is also prominent, Isaac G. Burnett, the maternal grandfather of Calvin Austin, having served as Mayor of Cincinnati fourteen years. Dr. William Burnett was Surgeon-in-Chief in the Essex Cavalry Militia, and hospital physician and surgeon in the Continental Army, from February 17, 1776, to the end of the Revolutionary War.

As often happens to the children of clergymen, Calvin Austin's education was interrupted by changes of the family residence, but he went to school in Campbell County, Ky., in Newton, Ill., spent two winters in the log schools of Jasper County, Ill., and part of two winters in the school taught by Rev. S. R. Bissell, in Effingham. Leaving school, he engaged in various kinds of work. For four years he was a cabinet-maker during 1869-70, being in Effingham, 1871-72 in Mattoon, and he made dozens of black walnut coffins that were used in Effingham County. Following this, Mr. Austin worked for two years in a jewelry store for C. L. Smith, of Mattoon. Then, for two years he was at Salem, N. Y., as companion of an unmarried uncle, when he returned to Illinois and for a short time was in the dry-goods store of Frank Kern at Newton, and in 1881-83 was employed in the Big Four Railroad car-shops at Mattoon. In 1884-86 he worked in a Mattoon stocking supporter factory, becoming general superintendent. In 1886 he returned to his uncle in New York, but later settled in Effingham as an undertaker. For about ten years from 1893 he was manager of the Effingham Electric Light & Power Company. Mr. Austin is a graduate of the Barnes School of Embalming and of the Philadelphia School in the same line.

Fraternally Mr. Austin is a member of Venice Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, of which order he is Deputy Grand Chancellor. He is also affiliated with the Modern American Fraternal Order, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Illinois State Undertakers' Association. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian and is one of the most active members of that church in Effingham, having served fifteen years as elder. While representing the Effingham Church at a meeting of the Mattoon Presbytery, at Tuscola in 1903, Mr. Austin was elected Moderator, this being the second instance of the choice of a layman as Moderator in the history of the Mattoon Presbytery. His political belief makes him a Republican, but he has held no office aside from serving as President of the School Board for three years.

On September 15, 1880, at Newton, Ill., Mr. Austin was married to Sarah Brooks, born March 29, 1857, in Newton, Ill., daughter of John E. and Mary (Barrett) Brooks, both of

whom are deceased. Mr. Brooks was a farmer and merchant, and one of the pillars of the Methodist Church for years, while in political faith he was a Democrat. Mrs. Austin was one of thirteen children, of whom five are living. Mr. and Mrs. Austin have had five children: Harriet, wife of Theodore R. Jennings, of Bay County, Mich.; Gordon Burnet, an engineer in the electric light plant in Effingham; Seneca Brooks, a stenographer working for Dr. J. B. Walker; Mary Louise, and Paul Reuben, who are at school. Mr. Austin is an excellent type of the old-school gentleman, and his sympathetic manner and tactful capability have made him welcome at many homes of mourning. Mrs. Austin is a member of the Narcissus Club and of the Modern American Lodge. The Austin home is one of the most delightful in the city, where refined taste and genial hospitality prevail.

**AUSTIN, Edward (deceased).**—In every community there are certain men who, by reason of their ability, stand out from the rest. Upon such men many cares devolve, they are the center of all activity; it is their brains and money that are lack of most enterprises, whether private or public, and to them belongs the credit of the progress gained. Edward Austin, financier, promoter and public-spirited citizen of Effingham, was one of the best known men in his county, and was recognized as the head of the most important enterprises that engage the people of his community. Mr. Austin was born in Hancock County, Ill., August 29, 1842, a son of Seneca and Julia (Burnett) Austin, the former born in 1798, in Orwell, Vt., and died in Effingham, in May, 1880, and his wife, born in Dayton, Ohio, August 29, 1812, died May 8, 1873, in Delhi, Ohio. They became parents of four children.

Edward Austin attended school in Walnut Hill, Ohio, and at Walnut Hill Academy, Campbell County, Ky., graduating from that institution in 1860. He was appointed Professor of Mathematics in the Academy and held this chair one year. In 1861 he moved to Kenton County, Ky., where with his wife he started a private school, and continued the same until they came to Jasper County, Ill., in 1863, where for the following three years they engaged in farming. They then moved to Effingham County and for a quarter of a century. Mr. Austin was extensively engaged in the farming and dairying business. At the expiration of this period he retired from farm life and began to interest himself in some of the mammoth enterprises which engrossed his attention and energy for the rest of his life, and have proved beneficial to Effingham County.

Not confining himself to any one line of business, Mr. Austin was interested during his business life in many different industries. For fourteen years he owned a large green-house and was successful as a florist. In 1893 he built the Austin Opera House, which has furnished the people of Effingham with some excellent enter-

tainments and housed some noted actors. He and his brother bought the electric light plant and formed a corporation, but later Mr. Austin became sole owner and operator of the plant. Five years ago he rebuilt the plant at a cost of \$60,000, putting in the most modern electrical machinery, and the people of Effingham are now furnished with better electric light at a lower rate than any other city in the State. Mr. Austin and his brother also furnished the money for building and establishing Austin College, the buildings of which were later purchased for the use of the well-known Bissell's College of Photo-Engraving. They also promoted the canning company, now known as the Mullens, Blackledge, Nellis Company, and the furniture company, which they sold out to J. Boos & Company, manufacturers of butcher-blocks. Mr. Austin and Joseph Partridge, Sr., organized the First National Bank of Effingham, with Mr. Partridge as President and Mr. Austin as Vice President, and Mr. Austin also financed the Effingham Roller Mills, and was ever ready to lend encouragement to all enterprises which he deemed of benefit to the city and its people.

Mr. Austin was strong enough as a Republican to run ahead of his ticket, in the face of a Democratic majority of 500 votes, being elected to the office of Supervisor, which he held two terms. He also served as School Director in Effingham for six years, and was always much interested in educational matters. While on the Board of Education he effected some important changes, his former experience as an educator proving of benefit to him in this regard. He was a charter member of the Modern Woodmen of America and also of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian and liberal in his donations to his church.

October 17, 1861, Mr. Austin married, in Campbell County, Ky., Susie L. Winter, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 23, 1839, a daughter of William and Nancy (Phillips) Winter, natives of England and Kentucky, respectively. Mrs. Austin is one of their three daughters, all living. Mr. Austin and his wife had nine children, namely: Harry B., of Florence, Ala., a contractor; Charles E., manager of his father's farming interests; Cornelia B., living with her parents; Frank G., who has large dairy interests in Effingham; William W., Postmaster of Effingham; W. G., Manager of the Effingham electric light plant; Calvin P., conducts an electric supply store; Julia A., wife of Claude Willford, of Florence, Ala.; Gertrude E., formerly a teacher of stenography in a business college, but now Assistant Postmaster under her brother. The pupils who have studied under Miss Gertrude Austin are numbered among the most efficient stenographers in many of the large cities of the State and command good salaries. In 1889-90 Mr. Austin built a magnificent modern residence, at a cost of \$15,000. It is located in the edge of the city, is elegantly furnished and

one of the finest homes in Southern Illinois. Mr. Austin died February 15, 1910, and was buried in Oakridge Cemetery, Effingham, Ill.

**AUSTIN, Frank G.**—The subject of this sketch is the proprietor of the F. G. Austin Farm, on which he carries on the breeding of the famous Holstein-Friesian cattle from the best and most approved strain of the breed. Mr. Austin's herd is headed by "Lord Nederland Cornucopia De-Kol" H 37390 H. F. H. B., one of the best bred bulls in this country, being a son of a full brother of "Aaggie Cornucopia Pauline," who made the world's butter record of 34.31 lbs of butter in seven days. The milk from Mr. Austin's herd is bottled and retailed in the city of Effingham.

Frank G. Austin was born on a farm one mile southwest of Effingham, Ill., on March 26, 1869. He is a son of Edward Austin, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. The boyhood of Mr. Austin was spent on his father's farm, and he attended the public schools of Effingham until December, 1885, when he went to Kentucky to spend the winter with an uncle and attend school there. He worked on his uncle's farm for awhile, drove a milk-wagon in Newport, Ky., a month and then took a job in the Hecla Iron Works in Cincinnati. In June, 1886, he was sent down the Ohio River and up the Tennessee in charge of a steamboat hull for the McNabb Coal & Coke Company. He landed at Florence, Ala., on June 14th, and it was found impossible to take the boat hull any farther until there should be a rise in the river, so the company decided to complete the boat at Florence instead of Chattanooga, as had been intended. Then being taken sick, he was compelled to leave before the boat was completed. On August 25th, he left Florence for Cincinnati via Huntsville, Ala., and Chattanooga, Tenn., and from Cincinnati he came back to Effingham, arriving on September 9th. During the following winter he attended the high school in Effingham. On February 7, 1887, he again went to Florence, Ala., and worked at the carpenter's trade until May, 1889, when he again returned to Effingham. Mr. Austin was married July 31, 1889, to Miss Emma L. Smith, by whom he had two children: Frank G., who died in infancy, and Beulah, who graduated from the Effingham High School in the class of 1909. Mrs. Austin died in May, 1893, and on August 26, 1895, he was married (second) to Miss Eda Abraham, of Watson, Ill. He purchased his present home, the "F. G. Austin Farm," in October, 1889, and has lived on it continuously to the present day. Six children have been born of this second marriage; Margaret W. Milton, Dorothy, F. Gilbert, Arthur Herbert and Abraham.

Mr. Austin built the Effingham Canning factory in the summer of 1890, and operated it as its manager for fifteen years, employing as

many as 150 persons at one time. In 1899 he packed forty-three carloads of canned goods in twenty-seven days. In 1905 he sold his interest in the canning factory, to enable him to give his entire attention to the operation of his dairy farm.

Mr. Austin is a leader in breeding dairy cattle in his community, is the President of the Effingham County Holstein-Friesian Association, has served as Secretary of the Effingham County Dairy Association and as Treasurer of the Illinois State Dairy Cattle Improvement Association. In politics he is a republican, and fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and Modern American Association.

**AUSTIN, Thomas B.**, one of the honored pioneers of Effingham County, Ill., stands out pre-eminently for the work he has accomplished and the interest he has shown in the development and welfare of his community. Mr. Austin was born in Jackson Township, Effingham County, October 24, 1828, son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Martin) Austin, both natives of Tennessee, where they were married. The parents came to Illinois in 1828, shortly before the birth of Thomas B., and before the organization of the county. Mr. Austin entered eighty acres of Government land, paying \$1.25 per acre for it. The land was all covered with timber and he had to cut down trees to clear a space large enough to put up his cabin. After he had cleared and improved this farm he entered another forty acres from the Government at the same price. This land was all in Jackson Township, and here the family lived until the death of the mother in 1845. Mr. Austin survived his wife ten years, dying at the age of sixty-five years, and both are buried in Jackson Township. They were parents of eight children, six of whom reached maturity, and Thomas B., the fifth in order of birth, was the first white child born in Effingham County.

Thomas B. Austin received a scanty education in the subscription schools of his native county, the same being held in the little log-cabin that was common to the period, so ably described in the historical portion of this work. He worked hard on his father's farm and remained at home until his marriage, in 1845, to Elizabeth Higgins, a native of Crawford County, Ill. She died in early life and is buried in Jackson Township, having borne her husband three children: James R., who is deceased, William F., and Mary C., still living. Mr. Austin married (second) in 1863, Elizabeth Nevil, who was born and reared in Effingham County, daughter of Elijah and Phoebe Nevil, natives of Tennessee. Mr. Nevil and his wife were early settlers in Illinois and both died on their farm in Effingham County. Mr. Austin's second wife died about 1894 and is buried in Jackson Township. She and her husband had seven children, five of whom reached maturity,



as follows: Mary, Caroline, Evelyn, George T. and Ervita. Mr. Austin has twenty-four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Austin formerly owned another farm in Jackson Township, but in 1866 sold it and purchased the farm where he now lives. It was then but little improved, and he has worked hard, early and late, and being industrious and energetic, has brought it to a high state of cultivation. He has added all possible modern conveniences and machinery and is surrounded by the comforts he has himself earned. When a young man he spent much time in hunting, using an old flintlock gun and powder and ball rifle. Being a splendid marksman he secured an abundance of wild game.

A staunch Democrat, Mr. Austin has always been active in the interests of his party and has held the office of Road Commissioner several times, though he has never aspired to public office. Some years ago he was a member of the F.M. B. A., of Effingham. Reared in the Christian Church, he joined that organization as a young man and is one of its most liberal subscribers. When he first began to carry on his farm he had little machinery and cradled his wheat by hand, also cut his grass with a scythe. At one time he helped mow 300 acres of grass in this way, for William Middlesworth, of Shelby County. He cut his own lumber and hewed it, for his house and barns, and made his own rude wagons, making the wheels by cutting a large tree and sawing blocks from it. At first he had to go to mill on horseback, waiting his turn to have his grist ground. Though he is now eighty-one years old, he greatly enjoys fishing and is so proficient in this sport that he is able to compete successfully with almost any young man of the county. He is much interested in current events and issues and has traveled extensively through the United States. He is known by his friends as "Uncle Tommy" Austin, and is well known and revered throughout Effingham County.

**AUSTIN, Capt. William W.**—From the beginning of the postal service the representative men of each community have been chosen to fill the important office of Postmaster. As so much responsibility rests in their hands, it is necessary for them to be men of strict honesty, reliability and solidity. Captain William W. Austin, Postmaster of Effingham, is one of the best officials in the employ of the postal authorities, and he is discharging his duties in a way that awakens admiration and brings forth commendation on every side. Captain Austin was born on his father's farm, near the City of Effingham, April 3, 1871; is still in the full flush of vigorous young manhood, and has already accomplished more than many men twice his age. He is a son of Edward Austin, a sketch of whom is found elsewhere in this work.

Captain W. W. Austin was reared on the farm and taught to work hard, although he was

given an excellent education in the High School at Effingham. After completing this course he entered Austin College, and there took a two years' course. Having completed his studies, he entered the Effingham Planing Mills Company, in 1892, as Secretary, and in 1897 took charge of the Austin Lumber Company of Effingham, holding this position until 1902.

Meanwhile, politics claimed him, and in 1898 he was nominated by the Republican party for Alderman from the Fourth Ward, and although this is a Democratic stronghold, he was elected by a large majority on account of his personal popularity. During the two years he was a member of the City Council, he proved himself worthy of the trust reposed in him. In 1904 new honors awaited him, for he was elected as a member of the State Board of Equalization from the Twenty-third Congressional District. This, too, is strongly Democratic, yet he received a majority of 1,400 votes, 500 more than the head of the ticket, a most remarkable occurrence, considering the strong influence of President Roosevelt. As a member of this Board Captain Austin proved his mettle and showed his capabilities. However, owing to his appointment, February 13, 1907, by President Roosevelt, to the office of Postmaster of Effingham, he resigned from the board. He assumed his new duties April 1, 1907, and since then has bent every effort to gain all advantages for the patrons, and in June, 1909, had the satisfaction of installing city delivery. During his incumbency in his present office the business done in the Effingham postoffice has increased as shown by the increase of receipts amounting to \$3,000.

April 18, 1903, Captain Austin received the commission of First Lieutenant of Company G, Fourth Infantry Illinois National Guard, and June 24, 1907, was elected Captain of his company. In 1908 he served with his company in Springfield, to assist in suppressing the trouble there; also at Cairo in a similar capacity, November 11 to 15, 1909, and again at Cairo February 18 to 27, 1910. Company G is one of the best in the State.

July 7, 1896, Captain Austin married Miss Mamie Wade, born in Effingham, daughter of Thomas and Linnie (Moller) Wade, early settlers in the city. Captain and Mrs. Austin are the parents of four children: James W., born December 19, 1898; T. Edward, born May 21, 1901; Linnie E., born July 20, 1904, and Mary A., born May 11, 1909. Mrs. Austin's friends find it a pleasure to call at her beautiful home, which is situated at the extreme end of Fayette Avenue and surrounded by ornamental shade trees, and here both she and her husband make all who come feel at home and welcome. She is a woman of culture and refinement, whose pleasant manner is the reflection of her character. Captain Austin is an active member of the Presbyterian Church, while his wife belongs to Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Wood-



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men of America, the Modern American Fraternal Order, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is genial and popular, having been from earliest manhood associated with the growth of the city. His usefulness is not near its close nor his advancement at its highest, as without doubt higher honors await this typical son of Illinois, who personifies what is best and noblest in her public men.

**BAILIE, Andrew.**—Many of the more progressive farmers of Effingham County are specializing on certain distinct lines, and are succeeding much better than if they had confined their operations to the regular routine. Andrew Bailie, who lives on the eastern edge of Mason, is well known as a fruit and truck-grower, but has spent the greater portion of his time at carpenter work. He was born near Mt. Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, November 28, 1834, a son of Robert and Catherine (Hammond) Bailie, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they were married. They located on a farm in Knox County, Ohio, about 1832, and later removed to Hamilton County, near Cincinnati. In 1856 they came to Effingham County, Ill. Andrew, their son, having preceded them in 1854, where he began contracting and building. His brothers, James and John, had located here in 1853 and bought land and began farming. Their successful operations were broken in upon by the war, and in December, 1861, Andrew Bailie, with his three brothers, Gilbert, John and Nathaniel, enlisted in Company E, Fifty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years. John and Nathaniel were both killed in battle. Andrew Bailie was mustered into service at Chicago, and in February, 1862, was sent to the front. He participated in the battles of Farmington, Corinth, Stone River and others. He served for a time with his regiment under General Rosecrans. After the battle of Stone River, Mr. Bailie was wounded and being taken a prisoner, was sent to the infamous Libby Prison at Richmond, where he was held thirty-one days, when he was sent to the parole camp at St. Louis, Mo. He was placed on detached duty and sent to Indianapolis, Ind., where he was placed in charge of construction work on commissary and other buildings in the rebel prison in that city, and here he served the remainder of his term of enlistment. He then returned to Mason, Effingham County, and resumed his contracting and building.

In April, 1856, Mr. Bailie married Sarah Winteringer, a native of Ohio, who was brought to Illinois by her parents. The following children were born of this marriage: Arthur D., a graduate of the Illinois Law School, Circuit Judge, and resident of Storm Lake, Iowa; Eva, wife of Charles Sisson, station agent of the Illinois Central Railroad at Mason; Gertrude, at home. Mrs. Bailie died February 2, 1894, firm in the faith of the Methodist Church, of which she was an active member. She was also a member of the

W. C. T. U. Mr. Bailie married (second) April 17, 1898, Sarah B. Dunn (nee Harlan), born near Germantown, Ky., February 19, 1863, daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Elliott) Dunn. In the fall of 1853 she was brought to Illinois by her parents, who settled on a farm in Lucas Township, Effingham County.

In 1858 Mr. Bailie bought twenty acres of land adjoining Mason, and in the fall of 1865 built one of the finest homes in Mason Township. Unfortunately, both his first and second houses were burned, and he then erected a beautiful eight-room cottage, with basement, which is a model dwelling well supplied with modern conveniences. Mr. Bailie has 600 fruit trees, which bear prolifically and from which he ships fruit to outside markets. Not content with improving this property until it is now one of the finest in the township, Mr. Bailie has built some of the best residences and business blocks in this part of the State.

In politics Mr. Bailie is a Republican and has always been actively identified with his party. He is a Mason, belonging to Lodge No. 217, of Mason, and he and his wife belong to Golden Lake Chapter of the Eastern Star. Both are active in the Methodist Church, of which they are members, and Mrs. Bailie is a factor in the Dorcas Society. For over half a century Mr. Bailie has been identified with the best interests of this part of the county. Naturally, considering his war record, he is a staunch member of the G. A. R. Post, at Mason. Little by little Mr. Bailie has retired from the business activities which have occupied so much of his life, concentrating his care on his beautiful home. He and his wife are delightful entertainers, and many are the happy visitors who gather under their roof to enjoy this cordial hospitality lavishly shown to all.

**BAILIE, Gilbert.**—Among the retired citizens of Altamont, Ill., may be mentioned Gilbert Bailie, for many years engaged in contracting, brick-laying and plastering business in his part of the State, and a veteran of the great Civil War. Mr. Bailie was born December 21, 1836, in Knox County, Ohio, a son of Robert and Sarah (Hammond) Bailie.

The grandfather of Gilbert Bailie came to the United States from the north of Ireland, and settled in Monongahela County, Pa., later removing to Knox County, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. Robert Bailie was born in Monongahela County, Pa., and after his marriage moved to Knox County and later to Hamilton County, Ohio, locating in Illinois in 1853. Settling in Effingham County on Christmas Day of that year, he engaged in farm work, and so continued until the time of his death, in 1874, at the age of eighty-three years. The death of his wife occurred at Mason, Ill., when eighty-seven years of age. They had a family of thirteen children, all of whom reached mature years with the excep-



tion of a child which died in infancy, and Nathaniel, who was nineteen years of age when killed in the battle of Franklin, during the Civil War. Another son was thirty-five years of age when he died from the effects of a wound received at the battle of Chickamauga.

Gilbert Bailey received his education in the public schools of Knox County, Ohio, and later in Hamilton County, that State. When fifteen years of age he went to Cincinnati, where he was apprenticed for three years learning the plastering trade, and on locating in Illinois took up that business, which he followed with much success throughout his active life. On February 10, 1862, he enlisted at Chicago as a private in Company E, Fifty-first Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years, and served for three years and three months, fifteen months of which were spent as a prisoner in Libby, Danville, Andersonville, Charleston and Florence prisons, at the latter place being taken with scurvy and not being expected to live. His weight was reduced from 208 pounds to ninety pounds, but after a long and serious sickness he recovered. Among the battles in which Mr. Bailey participated may be mentioned Corinth, Decatur, Stone River (where he was slightly wounded three times), Talahoma, Bridgeport and Chickamauga, in the latter battle being taken prisoner. He did his full duty as a soldier and has a war record that will stand comparison with the best. After his return from the war he began contracting and his business soon grew to such proportions as to necessitate the employment of fifteen men.

Mr. Bailey has been Quartermaster of Robert Anderson Post, No. 632, Grand Army of the Republic, every year (with one exception) since its organization, and served as its Commander one term. He is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in the past has been an official thereof. In political matters he is a staunch Republican.

On October 16, 1858, Mr. Bailey was married to Catherine Hollis, born in Ohio, a daughter of William and Ann Eliza (Saulsbury) Hollis, and her death occurred in the year 1908. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bailey: Samuel R., of Chicago; Edward, who died in Altamont in 1903; Margaret, Mrs. Leslie L. Engledon, of Watseka, Ill.; Lewis Emery, of Terre Haute, Ind.; and Minnie, Mrs. Henry Hesseman, of Altamont.

**BAILEY, Harvey Henry**, the energetic and progressive editor of "The Altamont News," at Altamont, Ill., conducts his paper along modern lines and has built up a large circulation in the four or five years he has been its head. Mr. Bailey was born in Prairie Township, Shelby County, Ill., March 25, 1876, a son of Samuel and Fanny (Williams) Bailey. Samuel Bailey, son of Isaac and Jane (Moore) Bailey, was born in England, October 14, 1838, and his wife, a native of Holland Township, Shelby County, Ill.,

was born April 15, 1847, a daughter of John B. and Fannie (Blue) Williams, natives of Loudoun County, Va., who located in Holland Township in 1839.

Harvey H. Bailey spent his early years on the farm which his father purchased from the railroad near Stewardson, and received his early education in the country schools. Later he attended Austin College, at Effingham, Ill., and graduated from the Western Illinois Normal School, at Macomb, in 1898. In the fall of 1894, Mr. Bailey began teaching and continued in that profession for twelve years. For five years he taught the Mound School, near Altamont; for two years served as Principal of the Coffeen Public Schools; spent two years as Superintendent of the Altamont Public Schools, three years as Superintendent of the Albion Public Schools and was one of the special teachers at the Western Illinois Normal School during the summer of 1901.

In May, 1906, Mr. Bailey purchased "The Altamont News," and since that time the circulation of this paper has more than doubled. The predominating qualities of the paper are its neat, attractive appearance, its bright, newsy items and its forceful editorials. The proprietor of this enterprise believes in progress, and has his newspaper plant in one of the best appointed offices in Central Illinois. He has taken an active interest in local affairs and has identified himself with several public enterprises. He is now Vice President of the Altamont Agricultural Fair Association and President of the Altamont Canning Company, both of which are incorporated. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen, and for many years has been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having served six years as steward and is now serving his fifth year as president of the board of stewards. Mr. Bailey takes no active part in political affairs and has never cared for public office. He manifests an interest in every movement for progress and improvement and is a most public-spirited citizen.

He was married, September 16, 1902, at Altamont, Ill., to Miss Katie E. Kuffel, the only child of G. W. and Amelia (Zimmerman) Kuffel. Mrs. Bailey was educated in the common schools of Effingham County and in the Effingham High School. Mr. Kuffel, a prominent farmer, is the oldest son of the late Adam Poe Kuffel, and a direct descendant of Adam Poe, one of the early pioneers of Ohio, and the man who killed Big Foot, a noted Indian warrior. Mrs. Kuffel is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Zimmerman, of Altamont, early pioneers of Effingham County. One child has blessed the union of Mr. Bailey and his wife, Kathryn, born at Albion, May 23, 1905. In 1907, Mr. Bailey erected the first concrete residence in Altamont, and so complete is this cottage in every detail that it was used by the Miracle Block Company in their special exhibit at the National Cement Show in Chicago,

In the fall of 1907. A picture of this house appeared in the leading magazines of the country for several months during the winter of 1907-08.

**BAILEY, William H.**—The farming interests of Effingham County are in charge of efficient, capable men, who have given to their labor that application of scientific effort that is bound to bring the best results. Years of observance of the best methods have brought the occupation of farming up to the standard of one of the sciences, and the constant improving of farming machinery has done wonders in making the harvesting of large crops a surety. William H. Bailey, one of the prosperous farmers of Jackson Township, was born January 18, 1847, in Putnam County, Ind., son of Henry P. and Susan (Landreth) Bailey, and a grandson of a Revolutionary soldier who served under Washington and died in Virginia.

Henry P. Bailey was born in Virginia in 1809, and came with his parents to Indiana as a young man, having already learned the trade of a blacksmith. He worked at his trade in Indiana, and later came to Illinois and established a blacksmith shop in Jackson Township, Effingham County, where he lived with his mother. Previous to 1839 he returned to Indiana, and, in Putnam County, was married to Susan Landreth, also a native of Virginia, and born in 1812. They remained in Putnam County for a few years, and then came to Illinois, settling in Effingham County, where Mr. Bailey carried on the blacksmith trade until the Civil War. He had had earlier experience as a soldier during the Black Hawk War, and in 1862 enlisted in Company B, the Thirty-eighth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and entering the service under Rosecrans, served for four years, during which time he was never wounded or captured, but on account of his age, his strength gave way on a forced march, and he was assigned to garrison duty until the close of the war. Two of his sons were also in the war, the oldest, who served in the same company with his father, never being heard of after the battle of Chickamanga, it being reported, however, that he had been wounded and captured, taken to the Confederate prison at Andersonville and there died. The other brother, being younger, enlisted late in the war, at Danville, Ill., during the last 100 days, and was camped at Helena, Ark., where it was said the Confederates poisoned the drinking water, from which the young man became sick, and died soon after reaching Mattoon, Ill., where he was to have been discharged. After the close of the war Henry P. Bailey returned to his family in Effingham County, where he lived until his death in the fall of 1879, when past seventy years of age. His wife survived him some years dying in 1904, past ninety-two years of age. Both are buried in the Bailey Cemetery in Mason Township. This worthy couple were the parents of twelve children, as follows: Eliza Jane, deceased; Wyatt, who died while in the

country's service; Tandy, who died at Mattoon; Cassander; Mary, deceased; William H.; James A.; Rebecca; Francis, deceased; Maria A.; John L., deceased; and Sophia, who died in infancy.

William H. Bailey attended school in Effingham County during the Civil War, being too young to enlist. He remained at home until his marriage, April 23, 1868, in Effingham County, to Nancy Ann Holland, who was born in Mason Township, November 10, 1851, and educated in Effingham County, being twelve years of age before there was a school in her district which she could attend. She was the daughter of William and Rhoda Elizabeth (Bradley) Holland, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Tennessee. They were married near Memphis, in the latter State, where they resided about two years, and then came to Effingham County, Ill., settling in Mason Township, where they were engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of their lives, the father dying about 1872, when sixty years of age, and the mother in February, 1896, when seventy-five years of age. Both were buried in the Bradley Cemetery. They were the parents of ten children: Catherine, Martha, Robert, Sarah, William, Nancy Ann, James Morris, Sophia, Evangeline and Johnny.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey settled on a farm in Mason Township, but in 1883 moved to Jackson Township, where the family has lived to the present time, having resided on their present farm for the past nineteen years. Mr. Bailey's tract of forty-four acres is in an excellent state of cultivation, and he has made extensive improvements on his land, including a fine orchard. Although living a somewhat retired life at present, he still takes a deep interest in the management of his property. His life has been that of an honorable and upright citizen, and he has the respect and esteem of the community in which he resides. He has always been a Democrat in politics and takes a lively interest in the local affairs of his party. He was formerly a member of the F. M. B. A., in Jackson Township, but is not now connected with any fraternal order. He is religiously affiliated with the Baptist Church, as is his wife, while his two daughters are Missionary Baptists.

The eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are as follows: Clara Viola, wife of Charley Creek, of Mason Township, and they have two children,—Willie and Lola; Susan, wife of Clement Herrell, a farmer of Jackson Township, and who has had four children,—Lucy and Vangy, who are deceased, and Wade H. and Randall; Gertrude, wife of John Culley, of Mason Township, has had five children,—Jennie Annie, who died in infancy, and Maude, Rosie, Hattie and John; Eliza, wife of E. B. Tucker, of Effingham County, has one child,—Floyd; Everett, of Jackson Township, married Maude White, and they have three children,—Russell, Henry and Herschel; William, also of Jackson Town-

ship, married Bessie Riley, and they have two children,—Dorothy and Carl; and Grace and Nora, single and at home. Miss Nora Bailey, who has decided to take up the profession of teaching, graduated from the eighth grade, passing the highest examination in the township, for which she received a free scholarship in any State Normal School in Illinois, granting her free tuition, the scholarship being awarded her by County Superintendent Calvin C. Mitchell.

**BAKER, George Britton McClellan, M. D.**—The medical profession has advanced with rapid strides during the past decade or two, and is still advancing so rapidly that the physician who wishes to keep abreast of the times must constantly devote his spare time to study and a perusal of the latest periodicals, in order that he may keep up with the latest inventions and discoveries in his profession. One of Effingham County's eminent medical men is George Britton McClellan Baker, whose field of practice is the flourishing city of Altamont, where he is respected both in his professional capacity and as a citizen. He comes of an old and honored family, which originated in Germany, and whence it emigrated to Lancaster County, Pa., spreading thence to Maryland and finally into Virginia, and it is from the latter branch of the family that Dr. Baker descends.

John Baker, the grandfather of Dr. Baker, settled in the Shenandoah Valley, in Virginia, where he was married to a Miss Devore, and had a large family of children. Most of his children went to Iowa, where he followed them, and he died in Washington, that State, at the home of his son, his wife surviving him several years.

Jacob Baker, son of John, was born June 30, 1818, in the Shenandoah Valley, Va., and there grew to manhood, learning the cabinetmaker's trade at Lancaster, Pa. In 1844 he left for the west, walking to Pittsburg, whence he went by boat to St. Louis, and journeyed by foot to old Freemantle, Effingham County, Ill., where he landed with but sixty cents. He worked at his trade for a time, but his principal work was driving the stage between Freemantle and St. Louis, and he also clerked for a time in the store of Dan Boyer. Although he worked at his trade only for short intervals, he had a shop at Freemantle, which was known all over the county, and he made furniture and coffins and engaged in carpenter work to some extent. He became prosperous, and owned 320 acres of land, but did not cultivate it himself, allowing his sons to be the farmers. While building a barn for a neighbor, he contracted pneumonia, and May 28, 1891, died from this attack, being buried in the old Freemantle Cemetery. Originally a member of the United Brethren Church, in later years he joined the Methodist Episcopal denomination at Dexter. In political matters he was a Republican. He settled up many estates, and being well versed in law matters, settled many

disputes, being consulted upon numerous subjects by the people of his neighborhood.

June 29, 1848, Mr. Baker was married, in Effingham County, to Martha Ann Powell, who when a small child was brought from North Carolina to Tennessee. She was a daughter of Seymour Powell, a veteran of the Black Hawk War, who had fought side by side with Abraham Lincoln, with whom he was most intimate. Seymour Powell came to Illinois in 1826, settling near Vandalia, and he died in 1872, at the home of Mr. Baker. Mrs. Baker was born March 1, 1826, and died June 6, 1906; she is buried at Freemantle beside her husband. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Baker were as follows: John, who died at the age of nineteen years; Margaret Ann, who married J. K. Wallace, of Altamont; Amos W., a merchant at Dexter, Ill.; Daniel Webster, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Equality, Ill.; Michael Benton, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Upper Allen; Rachel, who died unmarried; George B. M.; Sarah Luella, who married Siegel Baker, of Baldwin, Kan.; and Sedalia, unmarried.

George Britton McClellan Baker was born March 25, 1863, near Dexter, Effingham County, Ill., where his education was begun in the public schools. Later he attended the State Normal College, at Bloomington, Ill., and the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, graduating in the teacher's course in the class of 1885. For five years he taught school in Effingham County, and during this time, August 29, 1886, he was married to Annie Hipsler, of Mound Township, daughter of John F. and Katy (Sterritt) Hipsler. For two years Dr. Baker farmed in Jackson Township, and he then sold out and entered the Central Normal College at Danville, Ind., taking a scientific and medical course and graduating in the class of 1888. He then spent two years at Beaumont Medical College, St. Louis, graduating March 30, 1892, and on May 18th of the same year began the practice of his profession at Altamont, where he has since continued and has built up a large practice. He is a close and careful student, a kind and sympathetic physician and a steady-handed surgeon, and his success in a number of complicated cases has won him the confidence of the people of his locality. He is a member of the State and county medical societies, a director in the First National Bank, and a Director in the Altamont Agricultural Fair Association, of which for two years he was President. He also belongs to the Masons, the Woodmen, the Court of Honor, and is medical examiner for many life insurance companies. In political matters he is a Republican, and he has been President of the Altamont School Board for nine years.

The children born to Dr. and Mrs. Baker are as follows: Cecil H., born on a farm near Dexter, June 26, 1887, is now taking his final course in medicine; Jacob St. John, born November 12, 1888, is principal of the Shumway public



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schools, a position he has held for three years; Ida Elnora, born November 19, 1890, is a teacher in the schools of Edgewood, Effingham County; William Hargrave, born January 29, 1893, is bookkeeper in the First National Bank, at Altamont; and George, born November 6, 1898, at home.

**BANDELOW, Rudolph A. W.**—The "Southern Hotel," of Beecher City, Ill., is presided over by Rudolph A. W. Bandelow and his capable wife. Mr. Bandelow is also a contractor for draying and teaming, and in both lines conducts a large and thriving business. He was born near Bethlehem, in Mound Township, Effingham County, Ill., January 7, 1870, a son of Frederick G. and Sophia (Schutte) Bandelow, both natives of Germany.

Frederick G. Bandelow, who was a son of Gottfried F. and Christina (Ster) Bandelow, was born March 10, 1828, in Ukemark, Prussia, Germany, near the Town of Schoenewetter. Gottfried Bandelow and his wife had children as follows: Gottfried, born January 22, 1828; Christina, born in 1834; Wilhelmina, born in 1836; Frederick, born in 1838, and Frederika, born in 1840. Gottfried Bandelow married about 1854, Frederika Publin, and their children were: August, Frederick, Wilhelm, Herman, Mary and Ferdinand, all living. His first wife died and his second marriage was to Mrs. Christina Rahl, a widow, of West Township. Christina married a Mr. Pinska, and they live in Ukemark, Germany. Wilhelmina married Carl Miar, of Ukemark. Frederika also married, but the name of her husband is unknown.

When Frederick Bandelow was seven years of age his father died and he went to live with his uncle, Wilhelm Bandelow, a baker living in Ukemark. He began working for this uncle, delivering bread, by means of a dog and cart. He received his education while living with his uncle, and at the age of fourteen years, took up the responsibility of making his own way in the world. He began working for a farmer in his native country and was assigned the duties common to farm laborers. In 1862 he bade good-by to his native land and embarked for New York in a sailing vessel, arriving at his destination after six weeks spent upon the water. He located immediately in Mound Township, Effingham County, Ill., where he began working for farmers. October 18, 1864, Mr. Bandelow was united in marriage with Mrs. Sophia (Schutte) Rahn, born April 7, 1828, at Ukemark, Prussia, and widow of Charles Rahn, who was born in Germany. Mr. Rahn emigrated to the United States as a young man and first located in Buffalo, N. Y., but later settled in Mound Township, Effingham County. He died March 10, 1864, and is buried in Bethlehem Cemetery, being survived by a widow and three children. The children are: Julius G., born July 17, 1858; Helena, born April 8, 1862; and Otilie, born March 20, 1864. Julius G. married Mary Conn and they

had two sons—Charlie and Frank. His wife died in 1896 and he later married Mary Collins, a widow with one child, and they live near Edgewood, Ill. Helena is the widow of Paul Berg, of Springfield, Ill., and has three children—Paulina, Herman and Paul. Otilie married Henry Hubrich, of Blue Point, Ill., and they have two children—William and Tillie. Frederick Bandelow's first wife died December 11, 1894, and he married (second) Frederika Wichmann, widow of Karl Wichmann, of Mound Township, their marriage taking place March 13, 1905.

Frederick Bandelow and his first wife settled on Section 32, Mound Township, and here their children were born. They had an eighty-acre farm and became prosperous farmers, and were parents of children as follows: John G. F. and Rudolph. John G. F. Bandelow was born April 24, 1866, on November 21, 1889, married Miss Louisa Grasshoff, daughter of Conrad and Louisa Grasshoff, and they have two children—Conrad, born August 20, 1890, and Adeline, born April 12, 1894.

The boyhood days of Rudolph A. W. Bandelow were spent on a farm and he received his education in the Lutheran and public schools, helping in the work upon the farm as soon as old enough. At the age of fourteen years he was confirmed in the Lutheran Church. He remained on the farm with his father until two years after his marriage, then rented a sixty-six acre tract, which is the present Fair Ground at Altamont, and prospered well there for a few years, when he located in Bloomington, where he worked with his brother-in-law at drilling wells. Mr. Bandelow and his wife have been residents of Beecher City since October 18, 1897. At first he took a position on section work for the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, soon after becoming a foreman. He remained with the railroad company five years and was offered a section, but declined the position. His wife kept roomers and boarders, thus helping in the effort he was making to better himself and secure a home of his own. They soon bought out the "City Hotel," which they conducted with profit three years, and then sold their interest to Rev. J. C. Stamper, of Herrick, Ill., when they purchased a house of four rooms with eight lots, for which they paid six hundred dollars. They now have a thoroughly modern establishment, which has taken the place of their former home, and their eleven-room house, liberally supplied with closet and cellar space, is fitted with all possible conveniences and comforts. They conduct the finest hotel of its kind in a city of like size in the State, and the property, with all improvements, is easily worth \$5,000. Traveling men and many others enjoyed their time spent with the Bandelows, as the surroundings are both pleasant and sanitary, and the host and hostess make their guests comfortable and at home. They enjoy the good will of all who know them, and have a large circle of friends in the community.

Mr. Bandelow was married October 18, 1891, to Mary Luella Smith, daughter of John W. and Martha C. (Broom) Smith, of Mason Township, Effingham County. John W. Smith, son of David and July Ann (Brown) Smith, was born December 19, 1836, and Martha C. Broom, daughter of John and Mary (Allen) Broom, was born August 1, 1839. David Smith met with a sad accident in 1862, as he was working with a threshing machine, his arm being caught while he was feeding the machine and torn off near the elbow; however, this did not prevent him from following his trade of blacksmithing. John Broom, Mrs. Bandelow's grandfather, was the son of Miles and Edith (Vincent) Broom, the former a personal friend of General Jackson. John Broom had the distinction of reading the Declaration of Independence for the first time in Effingham County, performing the service at a meeting where Burke Berry and Aiken Evans, of Vandalia, were orators, and he stood upon a cotton-wood log, which served as platform. He was a typical pioneer Judge, and is given mention elsewhere in this work.

John W. Smith and his wife had children as follows: Rosetta, Elnora, Laura A., Mrs. Bandelow, John D., Julia May\* and Lulu Day (twins), William A. and Nellie H. (twins), Eddie C. and Herschel V. (twins). Rosetta, born June 29, 1859, is now the widow of William F. Redding, of Effingham County, Ill., to whom she was married by her grandfather, Judge John Broom, March 16, 1879. Mr. Redding died May 29, 1893, survived by his widow and eight children—Charles, Edgar, Fred, Nellie, Vernie, Reuben, Lulu and Roy (who died in 1896). Elnora, born November 12, 1860, is the wife of George W. Johnson, and they now reside in Paragould, Ark., and have one child—Annette. Laura A. Smith, born July 3, 1864, married (first) Curtis M. Davis, of Mason Township, who died, and she married (second) W. Henry Spade, of McLean County, and they now live at Normal, Ill., and have four children—Pearl, Earl, Cecil and Walter. John D. Smith, born January 23, 1870, married Fannie A. Anderson, daughter of Lewis and Kate Anderson, of West Township, and they were married August 28, 1895, on a stove, at the park in Altamont, Ill., the stove being donated by Mr. Pickett, a merchant of the city, to the bride and groom who would be married on it. They have five children—Jesse, Louis, Oscar, Mabel and Harold. Julia May and Lulu Day Smith were born February 14, 1872, but neither reached the age of ten years. William A. and Nellie H. Smith were born March 21, 1874, the former being twenty minutes older than his sister. William A. married Eva Kienbartz, daughter of Ambrose and Nella Kienbartz, of Mason Township. They were married March 16, 1888, and she died October 5, 1905, leaving one child, Vera May, born December 16, 1903. William A. Smith married (second) April 10, 1907, Miss Inez Blunt, daughter of Milton C. and Phoebe M. Blunt, of Mason Township, who was born in

Union Township May 15, 1874. Nellie H. Smith married Julius Wehrly, of Mason Township, February 17, 1897, and they live in Kenewick, Wash., and have three children—Lawrence, Sophie and Verina. Eddie C. and Herschel V. Smith were born October 28, 1876, and the latter lived only a short time. Eddie C. was married, November 3, 1908, in Paragould, Ark., to Lillie Griffith, and they live at Piggett Ark.

Mrs. John Smith died November 11, 1876, deeply mourned by her husband and children. Mr. Smith passed away June 23, 1880.

Mrs. Bandelow lived at home until the death of her father, then went to live in the home of Robert Dunbar, of Mound Township. She was treated the same as their own children, of whom there were fourteen, although at the time she entered their household they had but seven living. Although she was not the oldest child, it devolved upon her, between 1876 and 1880, to care for her brothers and sisters. She received her early education in the public school, occupying a seat (part of the time) near the boy who was some day to grow to be the man to lead her to the altar. About the time she reached maturity Mr. Dunbar broke up housekeeping, his wife having died August 16, 1885, and she then worked for others, thus learning the art of cooking, in which she became an expert, and is well known in Beecher City for her skill in the culinary art. She was married at the home of her husband's father, whose other children had also been married from the same house. While living in Altamont one child was born to them, Edna Rosetta, who was born April 3, 1896, but died at Bloomington, October 4, 1897, and was buried in the Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery at Altamont. January 26, 1902, they were blessed with another daughter, whom they named Alma Esther, and she is a bright, beautiful and loving little girl, who promises to develop into a remarkably fine woman. She attends the public school at Beecher City, is a member of the Christian Church, and is a promising pupil. Mr. and Mrs. Bandelow are both members of the Modern Americans, and have also joined the Christian Church, of Beecher City.

**BARTELS, Ernest H.**, a prominent citizen of Effingham County, residing at Dieterich, Ill., has been identified with public affairs for a number of years and now most acceptably fills the office of District Game Warden. Mr. Bartels was born in Cook County, Ill., August 9, 1857, a son of Henry and Sophia (Darges) Bartels. These worthy people came from Hanover, Germany, and landed on the American shores in 1848. After spending three years in Pennsylvania and New York, they pushed on to Illinois and, in 1859, came to Effingham County settling in Jackson Township. On September 21, 1861, when the second call came for troops for service in the Civil War, Henry Bartels responded by enlisting and subsequently served for two years as a member of Company K, Fifth Illinois



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Cavalry, being finally discharged at Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, on account of disability. The hardships he had endured had so undermined his health that he was never afterward able to perform any hard work, dying January 3, 1877. His widow still survives, residing on her farm in Jasper County, which her husband had bought of the Illinois Central Railroad Company. The seven children born to Henry Bartels and wife still survive, namely: Henry, living on the homestead with his mother; Ernest H.; Lewis, a farmer, residing in Clay County; George C., residing in Oklahoma; Caroline, widow of Henry Rathe, residing at Mattoon, Ill.; Mary, wife of John Conrad, a farmer living near Charleston, Ill.; and Louisa, married and living near Jefferson City, Mo.

Ernest H. Bartels accompanied his parents to Effingham County in 1859, when they settled with other German colonists in Jackson Township. In 1869 the family removed to Jasper County and secured land near Hickory Grove, and there Mr. Bartels attended school in the winter time and labored on the farm in summer. After completing his education in a parochial school in Watson Township, in 1872, he then learned the carpenter trade under the direction of his brother-in-law, Henry Rathe, in 1875 went to Coles County and worked on a farm near Mattoon, for five years, when he took advantage of the opportunity to attend school during part of the winter months. In 1880 he entered the railroad shops of the Big Four at Mattoon and worked as a carbuilder for three years, in his second year being promoted to the position of foreman under Master Car Builder Gove. In 1883 he went to St. Louis and worked as a stair builder there, until September 27th of that year, when he purchased a full stock of furniture and undertaking goods, which he shipped to Dieterich, with the intention of embarking in business in that place. He did a good business for two years but in the meanwhile had also built up a large contracting business, and the latter demanded so much of his attention that he disposed of his furniture and undertaking business in 1885. He followed contracting until 1898, and to his industry and honest filling of contracts the village owes much of its present substantial and attractive appearance.

On October 12, 1889, Mr. Bartels was married to Miss Annie Steinmetz, born in Hanover, Germany. She accompanied some family friends to America and while visiting a sister in Chicago, became acquainted with Mr. Bartels. Mr. and Mrs. Bartels have three living children: Herbert Garfield, born August 17, 1892; Ottilie, born May 10, 1894; and Roy R., born March 16, 1905. The two older children have shown great love of study, have won scholarship prizes and are attending State Normal School. Mr. Bartels and wife are members of the M. E. Church, of which he is a trustee. Fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows and his wife is interested in the auxiliary order of Rebekahs.

In his political views, Mr. Bartels has always been a firm supporter of the Republican party, and has labored for the principles for which Abraham Lincoln laid down his life. He has been very active in both county and State politics, has frequently been a delegate to important conventions, notably those which nominated Hon. Joseph W. Fifer and Charles Deneen for Governor, and at present is a member and secretary of the County Central Committee. For fourteen years he was Police Magistrate, was twice Census Enumerator, for thirteen years a Notary Public, and twice Commissioned Deputy U. S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Illinois. For the past twelve years he has given all his time to the duties of District Game Warden, to which office he was appointed by Gov. John R. Tanner, in 1898, and reappointed by Gov. Yates in 1903, and Gov. Deneen in 1906. September 1, 1909, he temporarily moved to Charleston, Ill., to give his two oldest children the benefit of the Eastern Illinois Normal School.

**BEAVER, Peter (deceased).**—The late Peter Beaver was one of the pioneers of Effingham County and widely known throughout its territory. His associations with the early history of his locality were such as to make him a fit subject for a sketch in this work. He was born in Franklin County, Ohio, March 16, 1838, and came to Effingham County in 1855, locating on a farm in Summit Township, where he operated a saw-mill and manufactured brooms. Mr. Beaver always took a strong interest in developing the resources of the county and was largely instrumental in establishing the Farmers' Institute of Effingham County, being President of this organization at the time of his death.

Mr. Beaver married Isabelle Besse, in Licking County, Ohio, where she was born. She survives him and still lives on the farm. Six children were born to them, four of whom are now living, namely: Frank, a farmer near the old home; Charlie, who died at the age of fifteen; Seymour, of Texas; Nettie, deceased, wife of Harry Keating, of Chicago; Eva, who married William Topp, was born December 12, 1872; Jesse, a farmer of Summit Township.

Mr. Beaver was reared in the Baptist faith and was much devoted to his family, his church and his work. An excellent farmer, he developed his farm of 145 acres until it was one of the best in the neighborhood. Quiet and unassuming, he did what he believed was his full duty, and is remembered as a good citizen, a kind friend and helpful neighbor. The death of Mr. Beaver occurred July 26, 1904, and his funeral was one of the most largely attended in the county for years. His neighbors and friends gathered to pay a last tribute to his memory and to testify their sympathy with his family in the bereavement that had befallen them. It is such men as Peter Beaver who have made Effingham County what it is today.

**BECKER, Charles.**—The Illinois farmer, if enterprising and energetic, is usually loath to transfer the control of his operations to other hands, even when he has reached the age at which men engaged in other lines of industry would be considered advanced in years, but when he finally does relinquish active labor and retire to a residence in the nearby city, he makes one of the good, solid citizens of his new community. Charles Becker, living retired in Altamont, Ill., has spent many years in farming in Effingham County, and is a veteran of the great Civil War. He was born September 19, 1842, in the Province of Pomerania, Prussia, a son of Joachim and Mary (Krouse) Becker.

In 1862, the father and his family came to the United States and after arriving in New York, came from that city to Chicago, going thence to Crete Township, Will County, Ill., where the father during his four years' residence, owned six farms. He then removed to Effingham County, buying seventy-two acres in Section 3, most of which was wild land, but in 1884 sold this property to his son Charles, and moved to a farm in Union Township, where he died in 1901, his wife having passed away some years before. He was a Lutheran in religious belief and a Democrat in politics. The children of Joachim and Mary Becker were: Charles; Fred, deceased; John, deceased; Minnie, deceased; Martin, of Chicago; Fredericka, who married A. P. Hanky, of Evanston; and William and Theodore, deceased.

Charles Becker went to school until fourteen years of age in Germany, and worked on farms until coming to this country at the age of twenty years. After locating here he worked as a farm hand, and in 1884 purchased his father's farm in Mound Township, adding thereto until he owned 174 acres, which has been operated by his sons since his retirement in February, 1908. On October 5, 1864, Mr. Becker enlisted from Will County, Ill., for one year or during the war, in Company A, Twentieth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Milken and Col. King, and camped at Springfield, until the following spring, when the regiment was sent to Goldsboro, N. C., in which vicinity it remained until the close of hostilities. Mr. Becker received his honorable discharge at Chicago, Ill.

On November 10, 1870, Mr. Becker was married to Bertha Richard, daughter of Joachim and Minnie Richard, and to this union were born ten children, as follows: Martin, who died in infancy; Aime, Mrs. John Klitzing, of Champaign County; John, who is deceased; Bertha, Mrs. Otto Klitzing of Champaign County; Mary, Mrs. Ernest Winters of Altamont; Emily, Mrs. Herman Haker of Moccasin Township; Paulina, who died aged eight years; and Charles, Fred and Adolph, who are working the home farm.

In 1890 Mrs. Becker died on the farm, and in 1896 Mr. Becker was married (second) to Mrs. Mary Krueger, daughter of John and Fredericka (Ohlenburg) Klitzing, and to this

union there were born two children: Walter, who died aged five years; and one who died in infancy. Mrs. Becker was born July 28, 1857, in Chicago, and when five years of age was taken to Moccasin Township by her parents, where she attended the public schools. She was married (first) to Mr. Krueger, who died in February, 1892. They had eight children, of whom two survive: Amanda and Rosa, both of whom are single.

Mr. and Mrs. Becker are Lutherans, and while living in the country, he was trustee of St. Paul's Lutheran Church for eighteen years. He is a staunch Democrat in politics and has served as Road Overseer for eight years.

**BELLCHAMBER, Charles Edward, D. M. D.**—The dentist of today is a man thoroughly trained, whose experience has been gained under the supervision of experts. Not only has he taken the exacting course of study, but he keeps abreast by reading and attendance upon lectures, of all the discoveries and improvements in his profession. If it were not for the fact that the teeth of the human race are deteriorating so rapidly, the science of dental surgery would preserve them indefinitely. Among the leading exponents of this profession in Effingham County, Dr. Charles Edward Bellchamber occupies an enviable position. He was born in Effingham December 15, 1875, a son of William and Ella (Carroll) Bellchamber.

After graduating from the Effingham Public Schools in 1893, Dr. Bellchamber turned his attention towards the law, and studied with Hon. J. N. Gwin, but finally concluded that his inclination lay more in the direction of dentistry, and so in 1895, he entered the Dental Department of Washington University (Missouri Dental College) at St. Louis, from which he was graduated April 28, 1898, with the degree of D. M. D. On May 10, 1898, he began the practice of his profession in his native city, and now has not only the largest, but the best practice in Effingham County, and many of his patients come to him from a distance. His office at 120 S. Fifth Street, where he also resides, is splendidly equipped with all the appliances known to dental science, and he is thoroughly proficient, and some of his work has been nothing less than remarkable.

Dr. Bellechamber is a staunch Democrat, and has represented his party in the City Council from the Second Ward, and his record in that body shows that he was a faithful official who carefully guarded the interests of his community. His fraternal connections are many, he belonging to the Modern Woodmen of America No. 451 Effingham Lodge; the B. P. O. E. in which he is a life member; Royal Arch Chapter No. 87 and No. 149 A. F. & A. M. of Effingham, while professionally he belongs to the National Dental Association, the Illinois State Dental Society, the Wabash River Section of the State Society, and the Southern Illinois Dental Society, and is



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"Official Dentist" for St. Joseph College, Teutopolis, Ill. He is a Baptist in religious belief.

Dr. Bellchamber was married in Effingham, May 25, 1898, to Cora Maude (Bradley) Bellchamber.

Dr. and Mrs. Bellchamber are very popular socially, and in their church connections, and both are leaders in the society events among the younger set of married people. Dr. Bellchamber is a most excellent dentist, conscientious, skilled and progressive, and from the very first practice has prospered. He has the full confidence of his city, not only as a professional man, but as a good citizen, and genial, pleasant companion.

**BELLCHAMBER, Harry A.**—Every line of business is being successfully prosecuted at Effingham, for it is of sufficient importance to command a large trade from the surrounding country, and the people who make it their market demand the best of goods and service. One of the leading business men of this city is Harry A. Bellchamber, who carries on a plumbing and heating establishment, and has won the confidence of those whom he serves. Mr. Bellchamber was born in Effingham, May 3, 1883, a son of William Bellchamber, a history of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Harry A. Bellchamber was reared in his native city, receiving an excellent education, and graduated from Effingham High School, Class of 1901. He then commenced learning the trade of plumber, and in 1902 he purchased the stock owned by L. E. Grould, beginning business on his own account. In the years which have followed, Mr. Bellchamber has made such progress that he is now regarded as a leader in his line in this part of the State. Mr. Bellchamber makes a specialty of installing heating and hot water plants, and has executed some very important contracts, not only in Effingham, but throughout the entire county, his work being satisfactory in every respect. His establishment is equipped with all machinery and appliances necessary to the proper conduct of both branches of his business, and in the busy season he employs from four to six assistants.

On October 20, 1904, Mr. Bellchamber was married to Miss Sue Harrigan, daughter of Edward Harrigan. Mrs. Bellchamber is a member of the Christian Church, towards which she gives liberally. Mr. Bellchamber is a member of the Elks and Modern American. In politics he is a Democrat, but although often solicited to accept nomination, he has refused, as his time has been needed for the conduct of his business. Still a young man in years, Mr. Bellchamber is old in experience in his work, and is justly proud of what he has been able to accomplish in his little more than a quarter century of life.

**BERNHARD, Louis.**—The farming element is very strong in Summit Township, Effingham

County, Ill., for this is essentially an agricultural locality, both soil and climate making it a good place for general farming. Louis Bernhard, of Section 10, this township, is one of the leading young farmers and stock-men of the county. He was born in Moccasin Township, December 19, 1874, a son of Louis Bernhard, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He attended school in the winter, and during the summer worked on the farm. So industrious was he, in his boyhood, that he oftentimes did more work in a day than his father.

Until he attained his majority, Louis Bernhard, Jr., worked for his father, but then engaged by the month with Edward Austin, and continued with him for three years, when he left, though urged to remain. Mr. Bernhard then took a short trip, returning in 1899, when he located on the old farm, on account of the illness of his father. Owing to this, he had to abandon his own plans in order to take charge of the farm, and for two years he acted as manager. At last he bought 160 acres of it on Section 10, and later bought the old home on Section 15. At the same time he continued to manage his mother's farm of 120 acres.

On June 10, 1908, Mr. Bernhard married Miss Emma Sporleder, born in Summit Township, June 7, 1884, daughter of Ernest Sporleder, a farmer of that township. They lived with his mother until late that summer, when Mr. Bernhard erected a beautiful cottage on Section 10, on his 160-acre farm. It is a modern home, with a furnace and running water. There is a fine basement under the main part. On December 3, 1909, they moved into the new home, which is nicely furnished and is one of the most pleasant in this part of the county. On April 30, 1909, a daughter was born to them, whom they have named Lillian Louise.

Mr. Bernhard has been one of the hard-working progressive young men of this locality. He has saved his money and carefully invested it, now owning 280 acres of choice farming land. Each year he has fine crops of corn, oats, wheat and hay. When he first began dairying, he had the high grade short horn stock, but now prefers the Holstein breed. All that Mr. Bernhard possesses he has earned, and he deserves the success to which he has attained, for he has never neglected a duty or wasted his substance or time. He is a member of the M. W. A., Shumway Camp No. 1233. In national politics Mr. Bernhard is a Democrat, but in local matters he prefers to vote for the man rather than for the party. For several years he filled the office of Township Clerk of Summit Township. Mrs. Bernhard belongs to the Lutheran Church. Many local honors might have been Mr. Bernhard's had he chosen to accept them, but he has preferred to give his attention to his own affairs, although he is interested in the advancement of his locality, and takes a pride in the improvements that have been made since he was a boy.

**BERNHARD, Louis (deceased).**—The German-Americans of this country are numbered among our best citizens, wherever they are found. The best element in Effingham County is largely composed of those who were born in Germany or come from German stock, and in no family is this more clearly shown than in that bearing the name of Bernhard. The late Louis Bernhard was one of the pioneers of Effingham County. He was born in Baden, Germany, November 25, 1831, and died in Effingham County, Ill., February 13, 1899. In 1852 he came with friends to America and for a time lived in New York, then in St. Louis, where he engaged in a butchering business. From that city he went to St. Clair County, Ill., and worked at the carpenter trade. There he boarded with Mrs. Christina Freidberger, whose sister, Sybilla Keim, came from Germany, and the two met and were married at Belleville, September 27, 1859. He followed the carpenter trade until 1864, when he came to what is now known as Blue Point, Moccasin Township, Effingham County, where he had previously invested in eighty acres of land. The family began their pioneer life in a log cabin, but as soon as possible replaced this by a frame house.

Mr. Bernhard had but little money when he came to the county, but was a frugal man and knew how to save; he finally opened a store in Blue Point, which was the first and only one there, and naturally he had a good trade. He built his residence, barns and other structures on his farm, himself. In 1876 he sold his store and the family moved to Shumway, where he became a clerk in the store of his brother, Henry Bernhard, one of the successful merchants of the village. In 1878 Mr. Bernhard bought 280 acres of land—120 acres on Section 15 and 160 on Section 10—and 80 acres in Moccasin Township, making 360 acres in Effingham County. He also invested in thirty-three Shumway town lots. He thus became one of the heavy land owners of this part of the county. He always voted the Democratic ticket, and worked for his party, but while he was enthusiastic in this, he would never accept office. He and his wife were for many years consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and contributed liberally towards its support.

Mrs. Bernhard was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, October 28, 1837, and with her daughter resides on the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard had the following children: George, born in St. Clair County, September 13, 1860, now residing in Effingham; Louisa M., born February 22, 1863, wife of Anton Leleudcker of Chicago; Christina, born September 20, 1864, in Effingham, died March 7, 1907; Catherine, born January 5, 1866, married Frederick Goupe, a farmer of Summit Township; Elizabeth, born August 14, 1868, at home with her mother; Regina, born December 17, 1872, died May 20, 1903; Louis born December 19, 1874, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Annie

M., born December 3, 1876, married Joseph Hoefliger, a farmer of Lafayette County, Mo.; Susanna, born March 10, 1881, married Harry M. Coombe, and resides at Bourbon, Ill., and two who died in infancy.

By his upright, steadfast, Christian life, Louis Bernhard set an example that his children are endeavoring to follow. He never willingly wronged a fellow being; he was honest in all his dealings, and through his hard work, economy and good management, made a fortune, which his heirs are now enjoying, but at the same time he never lost the friendship or respect of those who knew him.

**BIRCK, John.**—England has given to the world its greatest colonizers, and wherever an Englishman is found, the community is bettered by his efforts. Effingham County owes much to these sturdy pioneers who never permitted any hardships to daunt them but forged steadily to the front. One deserving of special mention is John Birck of West Township, an old soldier and honored resident of this locality. He was born in Lancashire, England, December 24, 1842, a son of Henry and Alice (Alworth) Birck, both natives of the same place. In 1854, Henry Birck came to the United States, landing in New York, whence he went to Rhode Island, and there worked as a teamster and stationary engineer. He brought his family west in 1857, settling on eighty acres of land in West Township, which remained his home until he left the farm and located in the vicinity of Edgewood, where he still lives, being now eighty-eight years old.

John Birck was twelve years old when the family came to this country, and here he received a limited education, remaining at home until the outbreak of the war. He then enlisted for a three years' service, at Mason, Ill., in Company D, Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Captain Dare and Colonel Harris commanding. The regiment was assigned to the Sixteenth Army Corps, under General Schofield. His service extended over three years and six months, and he had some exciting experiences, being taken prisoner in Arkansas by troops belonging to the command of Marmaduke and Shelby. He was paroled on the field and joined his regiment at Little Rock, and was there mustered out, and discharged at Springfield, October 15, 1865.

On October 5, 1870, Mr. Birck married Mary Elizabeth Gilmore, daughter of the Rev. Gilmore and Cynthia (Seals) Gilmore. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Birck located on eighty acres of land on Section 26, but in March, 1887, moved to the present home, a farm of 160 acres on Section 35, West Township. This property is a valuable one, made so through Mr. Birck's efforts. Mr. and Mrs. Birck have had the following children: James LeRoy of Edgewood, who married Maggie Lewis; William of Chicago, married Kitty Garrett; Jennie, Mrs. John Dewese of Shelbyville, Ill.; Nettie, Mrs. George Howie, of Edgewood; Flora, Mrs. Charles Ruff, of West



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Township; Fred, of Fayette County, married Emma Harper, and Riley, at home.

Mr. Birck has always supported the principles of the Republican party in national affairs, but in local matters he likes to do his own thinking. A hard worker, thrifty in his habits, he has been able to accumulate a good property and to bring up his family comfortably. He and his wife are now enjoying some of the comforts their industry has produced, and they have the friendship and esteem of all who know them.

**BISSELL, Lewis Horace.**—Some men seem destined by nature to succeed. No matter what obstacles may appear in their paths, they are able to overcome them, if for no other reason than that of never giving up. Lewis Horace Bissell, of Effingham, Ill., President of the Illinois College of Photography, and President of the Bissell College of Photo-Engraving, is one of the most successful men of Effingham County, and one who is intimately associated with its best interests.

Mr. Bissell was born in Huntington, Ind., June 29, 1859, a son of Sanford Rockwell and Sarah (Preston) Bissell. Sanford R. Bissell was a Presbyterian minister, and he and his wife most earnest Christian people. He organized the first Presbyterian church in Effingham, and was its pastor for a protracted period. Both he and his wife were born in Connecticut, but lived in Ohio for a number of years. Mr. Bissell was a well educated man, upright in the highest degree, and a great temperance worker. He was assisted in all of his work by his wife, who will long be remembered for her loving deeds and tender sympathy.

When he was a lad of fifteen years, Lewis Horace Bissell entered a photograph studio and learned the business from the beginning. Eventually he opened a studio of his own, but his business developed into the widely known Illinois College of Photography, and the Bissell College of Photo-Engraving, of each of which he is President. Students attend these two schools from all parts of the country.

Mr. Bissell is a Democrat, served as a member of the City Council of Effingham from 1902 to 1904, and was Mayor of the city from 1904 to 1906. Fraternally he is a Mason, a Knight of Pythias and an Elk. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church.

On March 20, 1882 Mr. Bissell married Ruby Winston Witlessey, born June 3, 1861, in La-Crosse, Wis. Her ancestors were active participants in the Revolutionary War and her father served in the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Bissell are the parents of two children: Ruby Harriet, born September 27, 1883, and James Garnet, born October 14, 1886.

**BOVARD, Rev. Charles E.,** proprietor of the Cottage Grove Stock Farm, at Mason, Ill., is also the beloved pastor of the Alma Methodist Episcopal Church, and is as widely known for

the success which has attended his ministry as for the excellence of the stock turned out from his farm. The standard in the breeding of roadsters all over the county has been set by him. He was born at Howard's Point, now St. Elmo, Fayette County, Ill., July 2, 1863, a son of Elijah and Mary J. (Parker) Bovard. Grandfather Bovard was born in France and during the latter part of his life was a local Methodist preacher in Pennsylvania, where his son, Elijah Bovard was born. The Bovard family came to Fayette County at an early day as did also the Parker family, the latter coming from Ohio and originally from England. Elijah Bovard died in 1870, but his widow still survives and continues to live on the old homestead. She was reared in the Catholic faith but later united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Four children were born to Elijah Bovard and wife, namely: Charles E.; Orival E., who lives at Davenport, Ia., is a traveling salesman; Fannie, who is the wife of Walter Spears, of Villa Grove; and Florence, who is the wife of Fred Egelston, residing at Marion, Ill.

The boyhood days of Mr. Bovard were spent on the home farm, his primary education was obtained in the local schools and later he attended the public schools of St. Elmo. At the age of eighteen years he was converted in the old Methodist Church at St. Elmo, and then he began the close study of the Bible which his good mother had provided. The little red-bound Testament was his constant companion, and he pondered on the wise sayings and inspiring suggestions found within its covers, when he was plowing a furrow, working in the din of the threshing machine, or driving his binder or mowing machine, and thus the conviction was forced upon him that he was called to the ministry. When twenty-one years of age he was given a charge at Shobonier, Ill., where he preached one year, and so earnest were his appeals and so zealous his work for souls, that he added more than one hundred names to the church roll during that time. Meanwhile, he began to recognize his need of more thorough training for his work, and when twenty-two years old he entered McKendree College, where he took a three-year theological course, leaving in 1888, and in the same year had charge of the Mason Church. For two years he served both the Mason and Edgewood Churches and, as at first, his preaching added ere long to the membership of those congregations. Subsequently he had charges at Alma, Carlyle, Altamont and other points, up to 1900, when he partially retired from active ministerial labor, on account of failing health. He still has charge of the church at Alma and is much beloved by his congregation, old and young.

In 1884 Mr. Bovard was married (first) to Miss Elizabeth Fletcher, of St. Elmo, who died in 1889, leaving two children,—Heulah and Enola, both of whom are successful teachers. His second marriage took place in 1890, to Miss

Laura Cannon, born at Mason, Ill., daughter of Ira Cannon, an honored pioneer and a survivor of the War of the Rebellion. The following children have been born to this union: Alma B., who is a graduate of the Mason schools; Lois, who died in infancy; George, who died in infancy; and Charles, Paul, Robert and Nellie.

In 1900, Mr. Bovard purchased the thirty-acre farm of Ira Cannon, adjoining the village of Mason, and to this he added 145 acres, having 125 acres under cultivation. In operating his farm, Mr. Bovard has gained his normal health and is thus better fitted for the many duties that devolve upon him. From his boyhood he has admired a good horse and thoroughly understands these useful and intelligent animals. For a number of years he has raised horses and has tried to improve the standard. The first horse he raised from good stock he named "Bismarck," and this animal was the sire of a long list of fast roadsters which have made his stock farm notable. In addition to his speedy horses, he has fine Jersey cattle and the best grade of hogs, and has in contemplation the addition of Angora goats.

In politics Mr. Bovard is a Republican but he is greatly interested in the cause of temperance and has served as chairman of the Local Option Committee. For four years he served also as a member of the Town Board.

**BOYD, John L.**, proprietor of the beautiful Maplehurst Farm, of 120 acres, on Section 20, West Township, Effingham County, Ill., inherited this property from his father, who had inherited it from his father's estate, so it is now the property of the third generation of owners. The Boyd family is of Irish extraction. Mr. Boyd's grandfather, James Boyd, having been born in County Tyrone, Ireland, March 28, 1811. James Boyd received a good education in his native land and there learned the trade of a stone-cutter. Coming to America in young manhood, he worked at his trade in New York City, later moving to Columbiana County, Ohio, and still later to Washington County, same State. His next removal was to St. Louis, where he helped put up the stone work on the court house in that city. He next located in Edwardsville, Ill., and bought a farm in that vicinity which he operated in connection with his trade. In addition, he became an extensive cattle dealer. In the spring of 1868 he moved to West Township, Effingham County, where he bought 120 acres on Section 20, now owned by his grandson, John L., and here he died in the fall of 1869, being buried in Gilmore Cemetery. He was a member of the Church of England. His wife, whom he married in New York City, died in 1880, at the age of seventy-three years. They had children as follows: John M., father of John L.; James W., who died at Gray's Ridge, Mo., while Fife Major in an Illinois Regiment—had married Caroline M. Ahmyr; Mary Jane, married W. B. Johnson, and died in Edwardsville, Ill.; Sarah M., mar-

ried Werner Phenninger; Angelica, married J. T. Fahnestock.

John M. Boyd was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, February 18, 1838, and was still a child when his parents moved to St. Louis, where he was educated. He was reared on a farm and assisted his father in the work in which he was engaged. He came with his parents to Effingham and inherited the homestead, becoming a successful farmer and dealing extensively in cattle. He retired from active life in 1899, and since then has been a resident of Loogootee, Ill., being one of the most esteemed men of that locality. While in active life he was a powerful factor in the business life of Effingham County, and made a record for honorable dealing of which he may be justly proud. Mr. Boyd married Emma C. Leonard, daughter of Jonas Leonard, and their only child is John L.

John L. Boyd was born on the farm which he now occupies, November 5, 1869, and was then reared to manhood, enjoying the advantages offered by the schools of West Township. His first teacher was John Campbell, and among the others were Amanda Spragg, Rose Millington, Sadie Brets and Emma Fulton. When he was nineteen years of age Mr. Boyd left home and learned telegraphy, and when twenty-one became operator and Station Agent at Venedy, Ill., remaining in that position four years. After spending another three years in a similar position at Dahlgren, Ill., he was assigned to extra work in various parts of the country. In 1899 he left this occupation to take charge of the home farm, being at that time in the employ of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad, at East St. Louis. Since then he has improved the homestead by erecting a new barn and other outbuildings, and inaugurating other changes. In politics Mr. Boyd is a staunch Republican, and although not a member of any church, he inclines toward the Methodist belief.

September 17, 1893, Mr. Boyd married Nellie Myrtle Jones, of Opiyke, Ill., daughter of Lewis E. and Katie B. (Burns) Jones, and they have one son, Gratton Everett, born September 23, 1894, now attending high school at Sparta. Mrs. Boyd is an artist of remarkable talent and her landscape and animal studies are exceedingly true to nature and show fine drawing and color work. However, it is as a sculptor that she has done her best work. She moulds in cement, working with very crude tools, and the results are astonishing. Her bust of Lincoln is worthy a place in any art gallery, especially as working with cement is her own idea. Both Mr. Boyd and his wife have many friends in the county, and their home is the gathering place upon numerous occasions, as those who have once enjoyed its hospitality return whenever opportunity offers.

**BRACKEN, William S.**—The skillful and energetic farmer in Effingham County, especially if possessed of fertile land, can always be sure of



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a substantial return for his labor, but many of the enterprising men of this section have not confined their attentions to agricultural pursuits, but have combined with farming other industries, in which they have become equally successful. An example of this type of business men in Jackson Township, Effingham County, is William S. Bracken, the owner of a fine tract of 145 acres of farming land, who also owns and successfully operate a sawmill. Mr. Bracken was born in Effingham County, April 7, 1870, a son of Buchanan and Delia (Sarver) Bracken.

The parents of Mr. Bracken were both born in Virginia, and when young accompanied their parents to Tennessee, where they were married. In 1861 they moved to Illinois, settling in Effingham County, where the remainder of their lives was spent, the mother dying in January, 1891, and the father surviving until 1904, both being buried in the Sulphur Springs Cemetery in Mason Township. They were the parents of the following children: Mary W., wife of Wiley Hunter, but now deceased; Ella, wife of William Jenks, a resident of Jackson Township; John; Bryce; Rhoda, wife of Frank Baughman; Gilmore; Lottie, wife of Halleck Ingram, now deceased; Julia, deceased; Delia, wife of Owen Smith, of Jackson Township; William S., and two who died in infancy. Buchanan Bracken served for one year in the Kentucky State Militia, in the Home Guard duty.

William S. Bracken received the advantages of a good public school education in his native county, and remained at home on the farm until the death of his mother, when he began working out by the month on farms in the neighborhood. He was married in Effingham County, February 16, 1897, to Maud Parker, who was also born in that county, April 17, 1878, a daughter of Adwin and Martha (Brackett) Parker, who now reside on a farm in Jackson Township. Mr. and Mrs. Parker were the parents of six children: Claude; Maud; Blanche, the wife of Walter Mesnard; Burrell and Pearl, twins, the latter of whom is the wife of Walter Fry; and Tracy, the wife of Charles Davis. Mr. Parker saw three years of hard and active service in the War of the Rebellion, being a member of the Ninety-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bracken settled upon a farm in Jackson Township, and in 1903 located on their present farm. With the exception of one year they have spent their entire married life in this township. Mr. Bracken now owns a tract of 145 acres of well improved farming property, on which is located a fine residence and substantial barn, and here he successfully carries on general farming. In addition he owns considerable real estate in other portions of Illinois, including a half-interest in city property in Bement, Ill., valued at about \$1,000. He also operates a sawmill near his home, which has a capacity of 5,000 feet daily, and in all is considered one of the substantial

men of his community, where his sterling integrity has won the confidence of his fellow-townsmen. In politics a Republican, he is staunch in the support of his party, although he has never sought public preferment. With his wife, he is active in the work and support of the Methodist Church in Jackson Township. Mr. and Mrs. Bracken have been the parents of four children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being, Roy, James and Burrell.

**BRADEN, James S.**—In spite of the handicap of crude tools, poor irrigation and wild, untamed land, the farmers of fifty years ago were able, through their knowledge of agricultural methods and conditions, by hard work and untiring perseverance, to make their farms yield good crops, and the man who kept everlastingly at it was able to amass a competency for his later years. In these days, however, the work is not so hard, nor success so difficult to attain, and the farmers of the younger generation are making records in the raising of crops that should cause those of former years to look to their laurels. James S. Braden, a successful young farmer of Section 9, Union Township, Effingham County, was born in Washington County, Ind., January 31, 1871, a son of John and Sarah (Pennington) Braden.

John Braden was a native of Tennessee, and in young manhood moved to Indiana, where he was married to Sarah Pennington, a native of the latter State. He had served in the Union army from 1862 to 1865, and in 1886 moved to Effingham County, Ill., where he continued to reside until March, 1905, after the death of his wife, when he went to make his home with a son in Sangamon County, Ill., where he now resides. Of eleven children born to John Braden and wife, five grew to maturity, as follows: Charles, with whom the father makes his home in Sangamon County; Mary, wife of Henry Boggs, a farmer in Sangamon County; Blanche, living with her brother Charles; Elsie, deceased, who was the wife of Charles Beck, of Sangamon County; and James S.

James S. Braden was educated in the common schools of Indiana, and of Watson Township, Effingham County, and at the age of thirteen years began to make his own way in the world. At the age of fourteen, he commenced work on a farm at \$7 per month, and after five months' employment—during which time he was never absent from his work for a day—he secured a position at \$9, and there kept up his clean record for the ensuing five months. His next wages were \$13 per month, and he soon went to the northern part of the State, eventually returning to his home. Later still, he began to work for William M. Abraham, with whom he continued three years. On December 25, 1889, Mr. Braden was married to Jane Ashley, who was born March 16, 1871, a daughter of William and Armilda (Bozarth) Ashley, natives of Kansas and early settlers of Clark County, Ill. Mr.

Ashley was a soldier in the Mexican War and later entered the Twenty-sixth Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, with which he served through the Civil War. He died in 1901, his widow still surviving and making her home in Effingham County. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Braden rented a farm in Watson Township, which they operated until 1893, when he again went to work for Mr. Abraham, his old employer, continuing with him for three years. From Mr. Abraham he rented a farm in Union Township until 1900, when he bought a tract of forty acres in Section 9, Union Township, on which was located a log cabin. He at once commenced to cultivate his land, adding to it, until he now has a tract comprising 280 acres, seventy-five acres of which are timber, the rest being under cultivation. During later years, Mr. Braden has given much attention to the raising of stock, and he now owns thirteen head of fine horses, including some Percheron mares, as well as prize mules and Duroc Jersey hogs. His present success in life is due to his own industry and perseverance, and, as a self-made man, his record is an inspiration to the enterprising youth of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Braden had seven children: John, born March 8, 1893; Ethel, January 18, 1895; Pearl, March 10, 1897; Inez, February 26, 1899; Russell, December 19, 1901; Avis, April 23, 1905; and Loua, May 18, 1909.

Mrs. Braden was a devoted member of the Christian Church, as also is her husband.

On October 11, 1909, Mrs. Braden died, a loss that was deeply felt by her bereaved husband and their seven children. Owing to the tender age of his children—all except the older son ranging from fourteen years to four and a half months—Mr. Braden's friends advised him to place them in charge of some friendly families. After careful consideration, he declined to do so, preferring, with the aid of his older son and daughters, to care for them, and the wisdom of his determination is shown in the fact that, while they all mourn the loss of their faithful and devoted mother, the younger members of the family are being well cared for. The older daughters, Ethel, at fourteen years of age, and her sister, at twelve, are making a record as housekeepers of which their father is justly proud, believing it can nowhere be surpassed. Besides caring for their younger sister, at less than five months of age at the time of her mother's death, they are keeping the home in neat condition and up-to-date, while their brother, John, at seventeen years of age, cannot be beaten in the zeal and energy with which he follows out his daily task as a farmer without complaint, giving promise of a highly successful future.

The success which has attended Mr. Braden's business is indicated by the fact that, while starting out in life with few advantages and dependent upon his personal labor, even in boyhood, for means of subsistence, he is now the owner

of 280 acres of land developed by his own industry and enterprise, of which as much as 100 acres are devoted to that stable commodity of Illinois, Indian corn, and the local maxim is, "whenever any corn is raised in the country, just look in Jim's crib and you will find some of it."

Politically Mr. Braden is a Republican and has served his District as School Director. His fraternal relations are with the Yeomen of Watson, and Camp No. 2705, Modern Woodmen of America.

**BRADLEY, Benjamin F.**—The Illinois farmer, if he is enterprising and energetic, is usually loath to transfer the control of his operations to other hands, even when he has reached an age that men in other lines of industry would consider advanced years, but when finally he does relinquish his hold on active labor and retires to a residence in the city, he makes one of the substantial, solid citizens of his new community, and as such is a welcome addition. One of the best and most favorably known men of Effingham County, Ill., residing at No. 326 South Third Street, Effingham, was born in Summit Township, Effingham County, Ill., November 13, 1845, son of Joshua Bradley.

Joshua Bradley, who was for many years a teacher in the subscription schools of the pioneer days of Effingham County, became noted throughout the county for his extreme kindness and goodness of heart. No worthy claim ever made on his time or resources was refused, and many of the successful men of today can look back to the time when their start in life was given them by this grand old pioneer. Reared in a Christian home, with such a father for a teacher and guide, it is only natural that Benjamin F. Bradley should inherit many of the worthy traits of his father. His education was secured in the schools of his day, and until seventeen years of age he remained on the home farm. At the time of the call for 300,000 volunteers to avenge the insult when the flag was fired upon at Fort Sumter, young Bradley, fired with enthusiasm, was the second man to offer his services to his country, but his youthful appearance caused his refusal. However, in February, 1862, he was accepted as a member of Company A, Twenty-sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, being mustered in for three years' service at Springfield, and accompanied the regiment to Nashville, Tenn., afterwards serving with this, the hardest fighting regiment from Illinois, in its fifty-six battles, the sieges of Atlanta and Vicksburg, the March to the Sea with Sherman, and the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., at the close of the war. Mr. Bradley had no hospital service, never missed a roll call, or failed to be on hand to partake of his hard tack and rations, and was ever ready to do his full duty as a soldier, cheerfully, bravely and faithfully. After the Grand Review, the Twenty-sixth was sent to Louisville, Ky., where the regiment remained



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until July 20, 1865, and then was sent to Springfield, where the soldiers received their honorable discharge.

On December 29, 1869, Mr. Bradley was married to Sarah E. Morgan, who was born in Crawford County, Ind., November 30, 1851, daughter of John J. and Sarah (Short) Morgan, natives of Kentucky, who were married young and became early settlers of Indiana, later moving to Coles County, Ill., where both died, being interred in Dodge Grove Cemetery. For two years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley resided on the farm on which he had been born, and then removed to Mattoon, Ill., where he accepted employment with the Big Four Railroad, with which he was identified until 1876, and in the latter year purchased a farm in Effingham County. From 1879 until 1900 he was in continuous service with the Vandalia Railroad Company, and it was with regret that the Company received notice of his resignation in the latter year, when he again resumed farming and shipping stock, continuing in this line with much success until 1905, when he practically retired from active pursuits. He was an excellent judge of stock, and his opinion was often consulted on the stock market, while buyers from all over the country preferred to deal with him rather than others.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley have never been blessed with any children of their own, but their hearts have gone out to those who have been unfortunate, although deserving. The extent of their charities in this way will never be fully known, but almost countless boys and girls, who in no other way would have known it, have realized the loving kindness and tender affection of parents through them. Fred Bradley, whom they reared and educated, was taken by them as a child of six months, and is now an honored citizen of Effingham. Florence R. Bradley was found on the seat of a car, ticketed to an orphan asylum, by Mr. Bradley, who was on a trip to Terre Haute, Ind., January 2, 1889. He took the child home, and at once his kind-hearted wife decided that they should raise the little one, who is now holding a lucrative position as stenographer with a large St. Louis concern, and every second Sunday makes a visit to the home of her benefactors, to see "Pa" and "Ma." Edward Francis Morgan, who came to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley after the death of his mother, when he was two years old, is now living with them. William J. Morgan, now State Factory Inspector of Missouri, owes and credits his success in life to this couple, who took him to their hearts and home when he was fourteen years of age, gave him an excellent education and reared him to be a vigorous, honorable man. Samuel Majors, now principal of schools of Houston, Tex., and one of the leading educators of the State, was given his educational advantages by Mr. and Mrs. Bradley.

To use another's words: "Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are doing God's own work." Having in their

hearts that love and tenderness which may find its truest expression when bestowed upon little ones, and being deprived of children of their own, they have given their lives to assisting little ones to grow up into good women and strong men, and now in their declining years can look back with satisfaction upon their handiwork. Long after they have passed away their memories will be honored and kept green, not only in the hearts of those whom they have assisted directly, but those who saw and recognized their true worth in other ways.

Mrs. Bradley has been a life-long member of the Presbyterian Church, and is active in the work of that denomination, the Sunday school and the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Although not directly connected with any denomination of a religious nature, Mr. Bradley has been ever ready to give of his time and means for the support of educational and religious movements. Socially he is a member of Yates Post, Grand Army of the Republic, No. 88, in which he has passed all the chairs; of the Modern Woodmen of America, Tall Timber Camp No. 351; and the Order of Railroad Conductors. In political matters he is a staunch and earnest Republican.

**BRADLEY, Edwin E.**—The city of Effingham, Ill., has its full quota of successful business men, and all lines of business endeavor are represented. Mr. Edwin E. Bradley, one of the city's prominent business citizens of the younger generation, was born at Altamont, Ill., December 19, 1875, a son of John H. Bradley, whose sketch in this volume contains further history of the family.

Edwin E. Bradley began his education in his native city, and in 1887 went with his father to Terre Haute, Ind., where he continued his studies, completing same in the schools of Effingham. At the age of sixteen years he left school to learn the marble business, in the shop of his father, and was given a thorough training in all branches of this work, continuing as a workman until 1897, when he purchased the shop of Cole & Nireder, at Altamont, and conducted at that place successfully until 1903. In this year he bought his father's shop in Effingham, and consolidated the two, and here he has continued to the present time. He installed a pneumatic plant, having a compressed air drill for all engraving, has an overhead traveling crane for lifting and moving heavy blocks of marble, and estimates that he can now handle five tons more easily than he could 100 pounds in the old way. At his plant, situated at the corner of South Banker and Section Streets, may be found all kinds of foreign and domestic granite, and most of the fine work at the cemetery has been done by Mr. Bradley, who makes a specialty of fine design work of any kind desired. He also does all kinds of cut stone building work, and deals extensively in crushed stone.

On June 19, 1903, Mr. Bradley was married to

Miss Adeline Goetting, of Altamont, who was born at St. Louis, Mo., December 25, 1878. Three children have been born to this union, namely: Margaret, born April 11, 1904; Helen, born April 10, 1906; and Eugenia, born December 21, 1908. Mr. Bradley is a member of the Baptist Church, while his wife is a Lutheran. He is socially connected with the A. F. & A. M., the B. P. O. E. and the M. W. A., of Effingham. In political matters he is a Democrat, and is somewhat liberal in his views. He has ever been ready to advance the interests of his State, where the family has been in the marble business since Illinois was admitted to the Union.

**BRADLEY, John H.**—The growth and development of Effingham County, Ill., has been rapid and sure, and the present general prosperity of the county is due to the efforts of citizens who have been steadfast and earnest in their efforts in behalf of progress. One who has made his home in the City of Effingham all of his life, although now practically retired from active work, is John H. Bradley, who for many years was engaged in the marble business there. Born in Summit Township, Effingham County, December 19, 1854, Mr. Bradley is a son of Joshua and Susan (Bourland-Flack) Bradley, and comes of an old pioneer family of this part of Illinois.

It is related that in the early settlement of the State, Hughes Bradley, the great-grandfather of John H., was killed by the Indians near Kaskaskia. He had gone across the river to a point where he had a truck patch, when he was surprised and shot by the Indians, who also killed one of the children before the frantic mother, who was handling the oars in the canoe, could get out of range. However, she managed to drag the child out of the water, and with the two bodies rowed across the river. The child had been shot in the breast, but recovered, and lived to tell the experience in after years and show an awful scar. This early pioneer home was often the stopping place of the Indians, who came for milk and other supplies, and when General LaFayette made his trip to this section of the country in 1825, he stopped there and was given buttermilk and corn bread by John H. Bradley's grandmother.

Susan Bourland was born in Kentucky, from which State she came to Illinois, her father, Andrew Bourland, being at that time Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk at the State Capital. Her first husband was Milton Flack, one of the original surveyors of the State, and the first Postmaster of Effingham County, the office being situated on the old State Road at Freemont. By her first marriage she had two children: James A. Flack, who still resides in Effingham, and a daughter who died in infancy. Her second marriage was to Joshua Bradley, who was born in Jackson County, Ill., a son of James H. Bradley, who was the first man to do stone cutting and monument work in this part of the

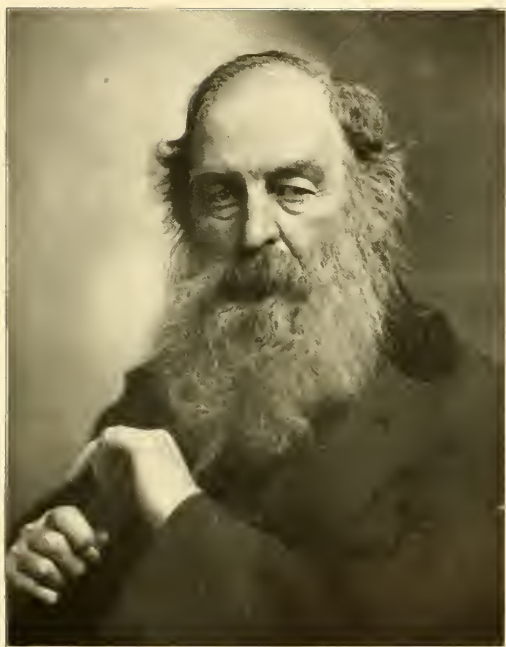
State, shaping boulders and sandstone into monuments in honor of the memory of the old pioneers who passed to their reward; he was also a maker of grindstones. The son, Joshua Bradley, having learned the business, in 1860 established himself in this enterprise and bought the business of a Mr. Gribbins. He continued in the marble business until his death, in 1890, and was successful to a large degree. His family consisted of the following children: Lucy, who died in infancy; B. F., a resident of Effingham; J. F., deceased; John H.; Mary V., the wife of A. J. Gloyd of St. Elmo, Ill.; and William A., who died in infancy. The mother of these children survived until 1904.

John H. Bradley was educated in the common schools, after leaving which he went into the shop with his father and continued in that business the rest of his active life. In 1887 he took charge of the establishment, and continued to operate it successfully until 1903, when, on account of ill health, he was compelled to give up his duties in the shop and since that time has been practically retired, although he still does some outside work, including the taking of orders. In the latter named year he sold out the business to his son, Edwin E., who has since been conducting it.

Mr. Bradley was married to Miss Sarah Kagway, daughter of Daniel H. Kagway, one of the old pioneers of the county and a carpenter by trade. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley: Edwin E., a sketch of whose successful career will be found in another part of this volume; C. Maude, wife of Dr. C. E. Belchamber, whose sketch is also in this work; Mabel, who died at the age of thirteen years; Nellie E., the wife of T. A. Seller, of Peru, Ind.; Walter W., a baker of Terre Haute, Ind.; Otis Roy, connected with the Wellman Tobacco Company, of St. Louis, Mo.; Ralph E., a marble cutter by trade, employed in the shop of his brother; Lottie Irene, at home; and Mont and Mart, twins, the latter of whom died in infancy. In political matters Mr. Bradley is a Democrat, and for four years held the office of Town Clerk of Mound Township. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, at Effingham, and with his wife is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

**BRADLEY, William C.**, for thirty-five years a resident of Effingham County, Ill., where he has seen many changes take place, and as a veteran of the great Civil War throughout which he served with credit to himself and his country, is now retired after a long and useful life spent in agricultural pursuits, his only occupation being that of caring for his truck farm in Watson village. Mr. Bradley was born near Shiloh Hill, Jackson County, Ill., May 10, 1835, a son of James H. and Martha (Hughes) Bradley, two of the most prominent pioneer families of Illinois.

James H. Bradley was born in North Carolina in 1797, and was reared in Tennessee, whence his



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father emigrated in 1819. He went with General Jackson to New Orleans, and served in the battle near that city under Captain Coffee and General Carroll. He continued under General Jackson to the close of the war, and after his return home in 1815, settled in Jackson County, Ill., where he married Martha Hughes, who in the early days was known as "Aunt Patsie." Mr. Bradley was a stone-cutter by trade, and for many years lived on his farm and manufactured monuments and chimney foundations. His death occurred in 1866, his wife having passed away in 1844. Mr. Bradley lived all of his later life in Jackson County, his death occurring near Shiloh Hill. Six of the thirteen children of James H. and Martha Bradley grew to maturity, namely: William C.; Joshua; James H., a soldier, who was honorably discharged and accidentally killed after his return home; Richard, who went to California; Mary Ann, who married Nathan Woodridge and died in California.

William C. Bradley began his school days in Jackson County, and one of his schoolmates at Shiloh Hill College was that great soldier, General John A. Logan, who was one of Mr. Bradley's warmest boyhood friends, an attachment that continued throughout the General's life. Mr. Bradley remembers him as an upright, fearless lad, and a leader among the friends of youth, as he was later to become such a great leader of men. Mr. Bradley's last meeting with the General was while the latter was a member of the United States Senate, when for three hours at the old Logan Hotel the two talked over boyhood days, and when it came time for the General to speak, he took Mr. Bradley's arm and led him to the platform where he gave him a seat on his right hand. This incident, which served to prove that General Logan never forgot a friend, occurred during the campaign of 1872.

Mr. Bradley left his home when he was sixteen years of age to make his home with an uncle, Richard A. Bradley, who was twice elected to the State Legislature on the Democratic ticket. In 1835 Mr. Bradley went to Warren County, Ill., where he remained until 1859, and then went back to Jackson County, where he was farming in 1861. In July of that year he enlisted in Company I, Tenth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and on August 3 following was mustered in with the rank of Sergeant for three years under command of Col. James D. Morgan. In April, 1862, the regiment was sent to New Madrid, from whence in Payne's Brigade it went to Island No. 10; was later engaged in the first campaign against Corinth, Miss., and operations in Alabama and Tennessee, taking part in the march to Knoxville, and afterwards for several months on duty about Nashville. It also took part in the engagements at Dalton Gap, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain and Peach Tree Creek, and after the capture of Atlanta, in the March to Sea, the capture of Savannah, and the subsequent campaign through

the Carolinas and Virginia, finally taking part in the Grand Review at Washington, which marked the end of the war. The Tenth, marching in the soiled uniforms in which it had made its last campaign, told the story of the awful hardships through which it had passed. It was then sent to Louisville, Ky., where the regiment was mustered out, being finally paid off and discharged in Chicago. Mr. Bradley's service ending July 14, 1865, after four years and ten days of continuous service. He was always a brave and faithful soldier, performing cheerfully the duties assigned him, and won the friendship of his comrades and the respect of his officers.

Mr. Bradley's first vote for President was cast in 1856 for John C. Fremont, and he has since continued to act with the Republican party. He considers the best vote of his life was that cast for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, when but eight votes were cast for Lincoln in his precinct. After the war, Mr. Bradley bought a farm in Jackson County, which he operated until 1875, then coming to Effingham County, where he has since made his home. Aside from raising truck and fruit he is now living a retired life, but in his active years has borne his part in the development of the county, and still can be counted on to do his full share in advancing those movements which have for their ultimate object the betterment of his community.

In April, 1865, Mr. Bradley was married (first) to Melissa Koen, who was born in St. Clair County, Ill. She died in 1869, leaving two children: Curtis, born May 29, 1866, who is a carpenter and builder of Vandalla, married Mahala Gibbs and has four children,—Flossie, Madeline, Omer and Fred; and Frank E., born November 20, 1867, and died in October, 1892. Mr. Bradley's second marriage occurred in 1870, when he was united with Emily Tash, a widow whose maiden name was Steel, and they have had one daughter, Alice May, born August 21, 1871. She married Charles LeCrone, and they had one daughter, Blanche, who is making her home with her grandparents, and a daughter who is living with her father at Watson, Ill.

During Mr. Bradley's seventy-four years in Effingham County and Jackson County, he has been prominent in many directions. Always energetic, and with a reputation for sterling integrity, he has been elected to numerous township offices by his fellow citizens, serving for years as a member of the County Central Committee, and as a delegate to numerous county and State conventions, in addition to capably filling the office of Police Magistrate. He joined the Masonic fraternity in 1865 at Alma, Ill., now being a member of the lodge at Watson, and also belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the Eastern Star order, in both of which he has filled all the chairs. For many years a popular comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, he is now serving as Commander of the Watson Post. Mr. Bradley is rightly considered one of the representative men of Effingham County, and his war record, if not

eclipsed, has been equaled by his record as a public-spirited citizen in times of peace.

**BRAUN, Anton.**—During the past forty years improvements have been made in methods of farming that have almost revolutionized agricultural life. Today the farmer is one of the most independent men in the country, for upon the success or failure of crops depends the prosperity of the country. For this and other reasons, the farmer is making money, and enjoys many comforts his forbears never even dreamed of. Anton Braun, a farmer of Section 8, Douglas Township, Effingham County, was born in that township, on Section 17, which was the original family home, August 5, 1863, a son of the late Ferdinand and Angela (Steinke) Braun, natives of Prussia and Hanover, Germany, respectively. Ferdinand Braun was probably one of the most desirable German-Americans who ever located in Effingham County, and his memory is held in high esteem by those who had the honor of knowing this honest, sturdy man. He was born in 1815, and when twenty-two years old (in 1837) he came to America, landing at New York. He went to work immediately, and saved his money, so that in 1843 he was able to go south. In time he reached the Mississippi River and came up it to Illinois, coming on to Effingham County about 1844. He entered land on Section 17, Douglas Township, paying \$1.25 per acre for it, obtaining in all 120 acres of raw land. On this he put up a little log cabin, in which he lived alone, until his marriage in 1847. His wife had come to America with her parents, who located in Douglas Township. With the help of his wife, Mr. Braun added to his farm until he owned 300 acres adjoining his first purchase, on which all of his children were born. These children were: Ferdinand, deceased, who married Mary Siemer, and she later married Ben Starman; William, of Hanover, Kan.; Anton; Lizzie, who lives with her brother Henry; Harman, and five who died in infancy.

During his long residence in his adopted country, Ferdinand Braun lived to see the raw land converted into rich farms, and no one rejoiced more than he over the wonderful change. His death occurred about 1893, his wife having died in 1890. He was one of the noble-hearted men of the county, who will long be remembered. He was one of those honest men whose word was as good as another's note; whenever he stated a fact, its truth was undisputed. He was a devout Catholic, and took much comfort and pleasure in his religion. He and his wife gave their children a good education, and were very proud of them, and at his death they were all provided for through his own hard work and thrifty investments. For years he was School Director, and gave liberally of his means towards the cause of religion and education. Mr. Braun was very charitable, and without doubt gave assistance to many of which he kept no record. He was generous and kind-hearted to

a fault, deeply beloved in his family, and honored in the community. Such men are rare, and when they are found, special mention should be made of their virtues and the work they accomplished.

Anton Braun was educated in the district schools and at St. Anthony Parochial School at Effingham. When he had finished at the latter institution, he came back to the farm, and lived until his marriage, May 3, 1887, to Rosa Koester, born in Douglas Township, daughter of G. H. Koester, one of the prosperous farmers of Effingham County. Mr. and Mrs. Braun began their married life on the farm he owns, in a small house he had built. The farm was a sixty-acre unimproved one, and at first it was hard work clearing it, but they soon had a good start, and he now owns 200 acres in one of the best localities of the county. He has a good house, a big barn 36 x 80 feet, and feeds Holstein cattle, having at the head of his herd a registered bull. He has always been progressive in his work, and his farm is one of which any man might well be proud.

Mr. and Mrs. Braun have had children as follows: Henry, Frank, Minnie, Clara, Edward, Louis, Alphonse, Louisa, and two who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Braun are members of St. Anthony Catholic Church, of Effingham. In politics Mr. Braun is a Democrat, and for several years he has been School Director. Like his father he has always been identified with the best interests of the county, and the people of Douglas Township have every reason to be glad that such men as those belonging to the Braun family have been numbered among its residents.

**BROOKS, E. W., M. D.**—No learned profession demands so much of its members as that of medicine. The conscientious physician of to-day has little rest, as when he is not ministering to the sick he must spend a great deal of time reading along the lines of his profession to keep in touch with recent discoveries and theories. Those in general practice have to give more of themselves in their work than those who confine their attention to specialties or to office consultations, as regardless of weather they must fare forth to look after patients who need their care. The smaller cities and villages of Illinois know many of these self-sacrificing men, who regard their work as a sacred duty, and none enjoys a larger amount of good will in his community than Dr. E. W. Brooks.

Dr. Brooks was born at Parker, Randolph County, Ind., being a son of Daniel and Sarah Catherine (Arbogast) Brooks. The Brooks family was founded in this country by three brothers who came originally from England, one locating in New York, a second in Tennessee and the third in South Carolina. Dr. Brooks is descended from the last-named. His maternal ancestors included both Dutch and Irish blood. His great-grandfather fought in the War of 1812



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and his father in the Civil War, the latter enlist-Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving with credit in Company B. One Hundred Thirty-fourth and bravery. Daniel Brooks, who is now sixty-five years of age, had the misfortune to lose his wife, who died March 23, 1904, at the age of fifty-five years.

The boyhood of Dr. Brooks was passed upon a farm one mile south of Beecher City, to which the family had moved in 1883, from Shelby County. They had come from Indiana in 1876, and located near Cowden, in Shelby County. Having determined to study medicine when a boy, Dr. Brooks taught school with the purpose of securing money to pursue his studies, studying for a time with Dr. N. S. Cox. He took his course at the Barnes Medical College, St. Louis, from which he graduated in 1901, a member of the first class to graduate after the passage of the law requiring a four-year course. He had prepared for his medical studies by taking a course at Austin College and had begun to study with Dr. Cox in 1896, so that at the time of his graduation he stood well among his associates in the matter of good marks. Following this course he took a post-graduate course at the Chicago Hospital and one at the Postgraduate Medical School, completing these in 1907. His first practice was in connection with Henneberger & Friant Lumber Company, at Pascola, Mo., where he gained valuable experience.

Dr. Brooks had established himself in practice at St. Elmo, Ill., in 1901, but when the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad moved its division from that town, he accepted a position as instructor at the Charleston Sanitarium, remaining there until 1909, when he purchased the practice of Dr. A. L. Golightly, at Beecher City, where he is now located. He has established himself in the confidence of his fellow-citizens and his prospects are good. He is a member of the various medical societies and is also affiliated with the A. F. & A. M., the M. W. A., the I. O. O. F., the M. A. F. O., the K. of P. and the I. T. A. A. He was formerly a member of Company G, Fourth Regiment Illinois National Guard. While a resident of St. Elmo he was President of the Board of Education and in 1904 was unanimously chosen to represent his party as Coroner of Fayette County, but declined the honor.

May 19, 1899, Dr. Brooks married Nellie M. Castevens, the ceremony taking place at the First Christian Church, No. 3126 Locust Street, St. Louis, Reverend F. O. Fannon officiating.

Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Brooks, two of whom survive: Juanita and Charles C. Little Earl C. died when only sixteen days old.

Wherever Dr. Brooks has been located he has gained universal esteem and has steadily won friends by his reliability and warm sympathy. Unsolicited, he has received many testimonials to his skill and kindly interest in his patients, of which lack of space forbids mention here, although they richly deserve such recognition.

He never spared himself in obtaining his education and training, struggling through college by his own efforts, and while still in the very prime of young manhood, he has attained an enviable position in his profession and has friends throughout Effingham and adjoining counties. He is a close student, a skilled physician and surgeon, and it is rare indeed that his care fails in rendering benefit, and even in some cases saving the life of a patient. The services of such a man are a valuable boon to any community, and the people of Beecher City manifest their appreciation of the service rendered by Dr. Brooks in choosing their community as the field of his labor.

**BROOM, Judge John**, was the second son of Miles and Edith (Vincent) Broom and was born in the newly settled portion of the Old Dominion known as "New Virginia," (now West Virginia) near the Tennessee line, October 16, 1809. While still an infant his parents moved to Jackson County, Tenn., and soon after to Smith County, in the same State, where his boyhood was passed in a log hut in the wilds of a dismal canebrake. Miles Broom served in the War of 1812 and when discharged at New Orleans, started home, but when only thirty miles on his way, sickened and died. This was in the year 1815. Mrs. Broom was thus left with three small children, and John Broom, then a very small boy, toiled and struggled to help his mother on the ten acres of land she had secured, until he was seventeen years old. When less than nineteen years old, in 1828, he married Mary Allen, of Smith County, Tenn. In August, 1829, their first child was born, and in October of the same year the little family started west, taking with them their goods, which they loaded into a "carry-all." He joined his father-in-law, Benjamin Allen, and the two families arrived at their new home in Illinois, near the present site of Mason, November 6th. John Broom, then a husband and father, but not yet a voter, was five dollars in debt with nothing to depend upon but his stout heart and brawny arm. He and his father-in-law purchased the improvements on a claim made by John McCoy, and Mr. Broom went to Vandalia and there bought, on a year's credit, such things as he was compelled to have.

In 1835 Mr. Broom secured employment at thirty-seven and a half cents a day, getting out rock in a limestone quarry for the National Road, and thus earned money to pay for eighty acres of land, together with a yoke of oxen. This was the foundation of his fortune and he prospered so well that he was able to give each son 100 acres of land, each daughter forty, and retain 400 acres himself.

In 1830 Judge Broom was elected Constable and in 1839 Justice of the Peace, holding that office for over forty years. For five years he held the office of Associate Judge and in 1862 was elected County Judge, which office he held four years. Judge Broom's was a useful, busy life, as he won his success in life mainly through

farming, stock raising, contracting and teaming and also various other occupations. He married people, tried suits, adjusted the difficulties of neighbors, administered estates, and often gave gratuitous legal advice. He read the Declaration of Independence, standing on a cotton-wood log, at the first Fourth of July celebration held in Effingham County, on the occasion when Alken and Berry Evans, of Vandallia, were orators of the day. He was well known through his public life and in his private capacity as neighbor and friend was greatly esteemed. Judge Broom died February 9, 1886.

**BROWN, James W.**, who ranks high among the honored pioneers of Effingham County, and who has done much to advance its best interests, is now residing on Section 16, Summit Township. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 3, 1835, a son of John and Martha (Hood) Brown. Mrs. Brown was born in Kentucky, and was brought by her parents to Illinois at an early day. They located in White County, where Mrs. Hood died. The trip was made down the Ohio River on a flat boat, which upset and everything was lost. After the death of her mother, Martha Hood went to what was known as the "American Bottom," near St. Louis, Mo., with a cousin. She was robbed of all her belongings and left among strangers, when only twelve years old. The child was then offered a home, and grew up with her new found friends. John Brown was born in Maryland, and his father was a native of Scotland. The family came to Ohio, locating in Belmont County, near Wheeling, W. Va., and remained there until after the death of Mrs. Brown, when John was a mere lad. They had made the trip overland, and John walked the entire distance. While in Belmont County they set out the first orchard there. When the War of 1812 broke out, John Brown enlisted. He was as brave as a lion, really courted danger, and had a very exciting career as a soldier. After he was discharged, he came west to Alton, Ill., at a time when the Indians were giving trouble, and helped to build a block house at Upper Alton, which still stands. The shingles were made by hand, and it was a remarkable piece of work. Mr. Brown then went to St. Louis, which was then a French settlement. He went to the "American Bottom," and there, at the home of Isaac Gilham, he met Martha Hood. They were married at Edwardsville, Madison County, Ill., in 1827. For a time they lived in a little log cabin they put up, and their bed was built along one side of it. In 1829, Mr. and Mrs. Brown started back to the home in Ohio, and reached Cincinnati, when they ran out of money; there Mr. Brown secured employment tearing up log rafts, and taking them through the shoals to the mill, for which he received seventy-five cents per day. After this he went to work in the shipyards, and worked until 1846, making some money. Part of this he invested in a good home in the city, in which James W. was born. How-

ever, he was not satisfied, and in 1846 moved his family to Jamestown, now Dayton, Ky., remaining there until 1852, when once more a change was made, the family coming to Freeport, Ill. He had traded his Kentucky property for a farm near Freeport, and they lived on it until April 17, 1855, when he sold that farm and came overland to Effingham County. Mr. Brown then bought 280 acres on Section 15, Summit Township, the site of the present George William Hertzell farm, and eighty acres of John W. Brown's farm. Here John Brown rounded out his useful and eventful life, dying in 1866. His death was very sudden; he had driven hogs to Effingham, and having disposed of them, was sitting chatting and laughing with his friends, when he fell dead before them. James W. Brown and his sister Elizabeth Jane were the only children born to their parents. She married John W. Piles, and lived and died in Campbell County, Ky.

James W. Brown was farming when the call was issued for 300,000 volunteers, and fired by the same spirit that made his father a soldier of 1812, he enlisted, July 25, 1861, at Effingham, in Company G, Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years or until the close of the war. He was mustered into the service and the regiment was sent to Fort Henry, then to Bird's Point, where Mr. Brown was wounded in the jaw by a revolver, and one tooth was knocked out, and he was also wounded in the left shoulder and small of the back. The Eleventh was on the right flank, under T. G. Ransom, and while they were charging this brave man was struck in the body, and the bullet is still there. Owing to his many wounds, he was sent to Paducah, Ky., and from there home on a furlough. In spite of his serious condition, he remained at home only thirty days, and then rejoined his regiment, in time to participate in the battle of Shiloh, which was so fatal that but a few of the old Eleventh remained. From Shiloh the regiment was sent to Vicksburg, and the Eleventh not only participated in the forty-six days' siege, but was in the charges of May 19 and 22. Mr. Brown was with his regiment until July 25, 1864, when he was honorably discharged at Springfield, Ill., having served three years to a day.

Returning to his old home in Summit Township, he resumed his duties. In 1867 he married Cynthia A. Levitt, born south of Effingham, in Douglas Township, daughter of James Levitt, who was one of the old pioneers of Effingham County, and died in Summit Township, in June, 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have had five children: William W., a farmer of Shelby County; Martha E., wife of Samuel W. Shewmake of Shelby County; Georgiana, wife of W. H. Smith, a farmer of Shelby County; James Frank, a farmer of Summit Township; Lucy J., wife of Leonard Young, a farmer of Watson Township. Mr. Brown has supported the principles of Abraham Lincoln as embodied in the Republican



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party. His first vote was cast for John C. Fremont, and he has never cast any since except for Republican candidates. While he is enthusiastic in his support of the party, he has no desire for public honors, and although he once served as Assessor, he did so against his own wishes. Mr. Brown was too brave a soldier and too true a citizen ever to have any use for a coward or hypocrite. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church, and heartily endorse its principles. Ever since its organization he has been a faithful member of the G. A. R. and belongs to Yates Post, No. 88, of Effingham, Ill. He openly expresses his wish that at his death the flag for which he suffered so much, be wrapped about him. Costly equipments do not appeal to him,—what he wants is to go to the last roll call beneath the flag under which he responded to so many while here on earth. After his long life of hard work and heavy suffering, Mr. Brown is now surrounded by all the comforts his means afford. He stands very high in the confidence and respect of his neighbors and friends, is proud of his children, and comforted by the devotion of his wife, so that he is greatly to be envied by those whose sense of duty has not been strong enough to keep them on the straight road that leads to true happiness and well-earned prosperity.

**BUCHHOLZ, William Frederick**, one of the representative and enterprising farmers of Effingham County, who is operating an excellent property in Mound Township, was born on the farm which he now occupies, February 9, 1865, a son of Rev. Fred and Elizabeth (Mahler) Buchholz.

Rev. Fred Buchholz was born in Germany and attended the public schools there until he was fourteen years of age, when he engaged in the manufacture of cigar boxes and carpentering. He was married in his native country to Elizabeth Mahler, a daughter of Henry Mahler, and about 1856 they came to the United States, landing in New York after a voyage of eight weeks. They lived near Chicago about eight years and in the fall of 1864 came to Effingham County, purchasing 160 acres of land near Altamont and living in the old Hephser home until their log cabin was finished. Mr. Buchholz died on this farm August 11, 1882, at the age of fifty-three years, his death resulting from a tumor. He was a German Lutheran when he came to America, but later joined the German Methodist Church, near Chicago, and later at Altamont, and soon after began preaching, his circuit including Altamont, Bible Grove, Dieterich, Effingham and Shumway. He was a lifelong Republican.

The children born to Fred Buchholz and his wife were as follows: Fred, a German Methodist Episcopal minister, died at the age of twenty-six years, at Ellis Grove, leaving a widow, Louisa (Fritz) Buchholz, and one child, Emma; Richard, who met his death while on a hunting trip, December 14, 1898, having married (first) Rosetta Fritz, who died ten weeks afterward, and

(second) Christina Rodenburg, who bore him four children—Joe (deceased), Nellie, Oda and Mildred, the wife having died in 1902; John, who married Sarah Sutton, and is a local preacher in the American Methodist Episcopal Church at Watson, Ill.; Lizzie (now deceased), who married William Dickman; William Frederick; and Mary, who died in infancy. Mrs. Fred Buchholz survives her husband, having now reached the age of seventy-nine years.

William Frederick Buchholz was sent to the German Methodist Episcopal Church School for a year or so, and then became a pupil in the public school under Mr. Baudry until eleven years of age, when he returned to the German School for two winters, then again attended public school until he was seventeen years old. Reared on the home farm, he worked for his father until his death, and after that for his mother until July 7, 1891, when he was married to Bertha Hessemann, who was born near Dexter, Effingham County, and at four years of age was taken by her parents to Nashville, Ill. When fourteen years old she went to Sutter County, Cal., but in 1890 returned east. Her parents were Fred and Rosina (Corber) Hessemann, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Buchholz are members of the German Methodist Church, of which he has been Steward for many years. He has been a lifelong Republican.

The following children have been born to William F. Buchholz and wife: Frederick Arthur, Walter Edward, Esther Rosina, Alma Viola, Edna and William Paul.

**BUCKMASTER, Frank, M. D.**—In nothing has medical science made such tremendous strides as in its treatment of tuberculosis. Until within the past decade this once most dreaded of all diseases was regarded as absolutely incurable and transmittable from one generation to another. Innumerable homes have been rendered desolate because of its ravages; many young hearts have been kept asunder because of fear of its terrors. Now, however, the great White Plague can be prevented by the patient as well as the physician, and the fact that it is not an inherited disease has been clearly demonstrated beyond possibility of doubt. So interesting is the study of this disease, which presents itself in innumerable forms, that many physicians are specializing with regard to it, and among these eminent men of science, who have attained a distinction in this line, is Dr. Frank Buckmaster, of Effingham, Ill.

Dr. Buckmaster was born May 14, 1876, near Ramsey, Fayette County, Ill., son of Frederick B. and Ellen (Alley) Buckmaster, natives of North Carolina, who were among the pioneers of the southern part of Illinois. The father died in April, 1877, and the mother survived until March, 1900. Dr. Buckmaster was the only child of his parents, and was deprived of his father when but one year old. His early education was secured in the district schools, and at

the age of seventeen he began teaching, which he continued until 1895, when he took his carefully hoarded earnings and entered a medical college in St. Louis. Next he took a three-year course in the Barnes Medical College, where he won two gold medals, the first being the medal on anatomy and the second for highest general average in the senior class of 1899, which was composed of 275 members. During the last year he was first assistant to the chair of anatomy. After finishing his medical course, Dr. Buckmaster went to Beecher City, where he formed a partnership with Dr. J. F. Guthrie, and remained until January 12, 1900, at which time he located at Altamont, successfully following his chosen profession until 1909, when he concluded to locate in Effingham, in order to be situated near St. Anthony's Hospital, of which he had been in charge for several years, and is now giving his time to surgery. This hospital, which was the Old People's Home, has grown to large dimensions under his directorship, and they have been compelled to build a \$30,000 addition to accommodate the patients.

Although still young in years, Dr. Buckmaster stands at the head of his profession in the southern part of the State, and has been especially successful in surgery and in his treatment of tuberculosis. His fine suite of six rooms in the Opera House Building is fully equipped with all the modern appliances and latest discoveries of the profession, including a complete X-Ray outfit, and one of the largest medical libraries in Illinois. The Doctor finds time from his professional duties to assist in public movements, and is also well known fraternally, being a prominent member of the Masons and the Elks.

**BURKHARDT, Charles Frederick.**—The physician of to-day must be a man of education, carefully trained, experienced in all branches and many times specially skilled in certain lines. His is a profession that admits of no standstill methods, but he must ever push onward and upward, constantly studying and keeping abreast of latest discoveries in scientific matters. Dr. Charles Frederick Burkhardt, of Effingham, is one of the most efficient and popular physicians of Effingham County, and his position in his profession has been honestly earned by efficiency and careful training. Dr. Burkhardt was born at Elliston, Grant County, Ky., September 16, 1868, a son of William and Nancy Elizabeth (Arnold) Burkhardt, the former born in Pittsburg, Pa., and the latter in Grant County, Ky.

William Burkhardt was a mechanic. He and his wife were married in Grant County, Ky., and they had two children, Dr. Burkhardt and a daughter, now deceased. The father died in 1882 and the mother in 1885. In politics William Burkhardt was a Democrat, and he served as Justice of the Peace for many years. In religious faith he was a Lutheran.

Dr. Burkhardt was well educated before beginning his professional training. After com-

pleting his course in the district schools he attended the Central Normal College at Danville, Ind., taking a teacher's course, and also graduated from the business college at Pleasnerville, Ky. He then entered the Kentucky School of Medicine, of Louisville, Ky., from which he graduated June 22, 1893. In August of the same year he entered into active practice at Napoleon, Ky., remaining there until November 22, 1897, when he removed to Watson, Ill., and remained in the latter city until May 1, 1907. He then settled in Effingham, where he has built up a large practice. Dr. Burkhardt took a post-graduate work at the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, in 1908 and 1909, and also at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, New York City. He makes a specialty of the diseases of these organs, in which he is achieving success. Whatever is undertaken by him is carried through with thoroughness, and his ability is widely recognized in his profession. Before entering upon the study of medicine he spent six years in teaching, and here his work was so well appreciated that he was elected County Superintendent of Schools of Gallatin County, Ky., and held this responsible position eight years. He is one of the leading Democrats in the county where he now resides. Fraternally Dr. Burkhardt is a Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Modern Americans, and the Court of Honor. He takes an active interest in the work of these lodges, and is a member of the Methodist Church.

Dr. Burkhardt was married, April 9, 1891, at Warsaw, Ky., to Minnie Lee Winn, a native of Warsaw, Ky., and daughter of Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Flack) Winn. Mr. Winn was a native of Kentucky, and died in 1881, but his widow, also a native of Kentucky, survives. Dr. and Mrs. Burkhardt have no children.

Mrs. Burkhardt is a highly educated lady, having attended Fairmount Female College, at Sulphur, Ky., and after graduation she taught school some years, becoming a member of the County Board of Teacher Examiners. She is a member of the Methodist Church, and is active in its good work. Dr. Burkhardt is a member of the Effingham County Medical Society, the Illinois State and American Medical Associations, and is President of the first named. He is a firm believer in the efficacy of medical societies, and has materially assisted in the development of his branch of the County Medical Society to so large an extent that his services were rewarded by his election to the executive chair.

Dr. Burkhardt's paternal grandparents were both natives of Germany, the grandfather, George Burkhardt, marrying a Miss Beck. On the maternal side he has ancestors of whom he may feel justly proud, his mother's grandmother being a Miss Monroe, who was a relative of former President Monroe.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN KAUFMANN





**CLARK, George A.**—Pioneer existence in Effingham County was a very different matter from farm life to-day, and those who passed through the experiences of those early days can appreciate the wonderful changes much better than those who are of the present generation. George A. Clark, of Jackson Township, is one of the representative farmers of this locality. He was born in Bedford County, Tenn., October 4, 1838, a son of James D. and Mary (Sanders) Clark, both natives of Tennessee, where they married at an early day. Prior to their permanent settlement in Illinois, they made a trip to the State and remained a short time in the vicinity of Decatur, but returned to Tennessee and there lived until 1839. In that year they came back to Illinois and located in Effingham County, buying farm land. In 1863 the father died and he is buried in the Porter Cemetery in Jackson Township. His widow survived him several years, dying in 1874, and is buried by her husband's side. They were the parents of six children, all of whom grew to maturity. George A. Clark was the fifth in order of birth, but is the only one now living.

Mr. Clark was married in Effingham County, in November, 1858, to Elizabeth Parkhurst, who was born in Indiana, in 1841. She died January 20, 1872, and is buried in the Porter Cemetery. Three children were born of this marriage: Elsie Sophronia, wife of J. C. Clay, resides in Jo Daviess County, Ill.; Alameda, wife of James Sullivan (now deceased), resides in Effingham; Josephine, wife of Walter Eaton, resides at Moro, Ill. Mr. Clark was again married, on December 15, 1872, to Annie Mary Lorimer, who was born in Adams County, Pa., June 9, 1825, daughter of J. Z. Thomas and Leah (Hettington), both natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Indiana, and located in Logansport, where they remained until their deaths. The father was born September 8, 1809, and died at the age of eighty-seven years. His widow survived him, dying in 1906, aged ninety years, and both are buried in Logansport, Ind. They were the parents of five children, all of whom grew to maturity, but only Mrs. Clark and one other survive. Three children were born to the second marriage of Mr. Clark: Nellie, who died December 28, 1896, and is buried in Sulphur Springs Cemetery; Charlie, who married Mary Brockett, and they have three children,—George A., Ruth Annie and Florence Beatrice, and he and his wife reside near Mr. Clark in Jackson Township; and one child who died in infancy.

Mr. Clark has an honorable war record, having enlisted August 12, 1862, in Company K, Ninety-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Kelley. He was mustered into service on September 3, 1862. While the regiment was being sent south by railroad, there was a wreck and twenty-eight were killed and wounded. The regiment camped at Louisville, Ky., and soon thereafter marched through Kentucky and Tennessee, spending the winter at Murfreesboro.

After this Mr. Clark took part in the engagement at Hoover's Gap in Tennessee, and was then assigned to Wilder's Brigade, acting as cavalry, in which he remained during the balance of his time of service. He was mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., June 6, 1865, and was honorably discharged with high marks of credit at Springfield, Ill., July 6, 1865.

Mr. Clark has always been a strong Republican, devoted to his party, and taking an active interest in local politics. He has always done all he could to further the interests of Republicanism. In past years he was an active member of the G. A. R. Post at Watson, Ill., but, owing to increasing years, for some time past he has not attended very often. Before the war Mr. Clark was elected to the office of Constable but resigned to enlist in the service of his country, and aside from that he has not held office, preferring to use his influence as a private citizen. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Clark have been devoted members of the Jackson Township Baptist Church. Mr. Clark has always been a hard-working man until recently, but now he and his good wife are spending their declining years in ease, surrounded by the comforts his efforts have procured. Their farm of 100 acres of fertile land in Jackson Township is a source of pride to them, for it represents much hard work on the part of them both. Their home is often the gathering place for many of their warm friends who delight to go there and participate in the generous hospitality which is characteristic of both Mr. and Mrs. Clark.

**COHEA, John R.**—Pioneers of Effingham County are regarded with special favor by those who are now enjoying the fruits of their industry and thrift. No one man, perhaps, in Douglas Township, did more to develop and improve his locality than did John R. Cohea, now living on Section 31, of this township, who was born here, May 4, 1840, a son of James and Didama (Dunham) Cohea. His father, James Cohea, was born in Hickman County, Tenn., May 2, 1816, and his wife in DeKalb County, Tenn., November 18, 1818. James was a son of Richard Cohea, who was born in Maryland and was living there when the War of 1812 began. He entered the United States service when but a lad, and continued in it until the close of the war.

He and a comrade started out for Hickman County, Tenn., but on the way the latter died. He requested Mr. Cohea to carry his gun and other possessions to his family, and his wishes were complied with. Mr. Cohea was so pleased with the country that he settled there. He met with a serious accident, being bitten by a snake, but while he was being nursed back to health by Miss Rodisa Renfrow, he fell in love with her and they were married. In 1820, they went to Clay County, Ill., where they made their home until 1827, when they came to Effingham County, settling on Green Creek, on land now owned by Anton F. Jansen. He there built a little log

cabin, but later, as the site was too much exposed to the wind, he built another cabin across the creek under the shelter of the hill. He was the first settler in this part of the county. Realizing the need of a mill, he built one operated by hand, and farmers came from the surrounding country to get their corn ground. Mr. Cohea began building a water mill on the Little Wabash, but having been taken ill, the idea was abandoned, though later taken up by a Mr. Ramsey in 1831 or '32.

Richard Cohea was a natural mechanic, and could make almost anything in the way of house furnishings. Not only did he supply his family with furniture, buckets, barrels and like articles, but his neighbors as well, and his son James, who inherited his talent, continued the work. Richard Cohea was a noble, high-minded man, and when he died March 17, 1852, the whole county mourned his passing away. He was a man who had a deep sympathy with the under dog, and did not hesitate to express his opinions about matters. No one ever called upon him for help in vain. He fed thousands in his day, for which he never took a cent. Both he and his excellent wife were members of the Methodist Church, and they carried their faith into their everyday life. In the early days, meetings were held in their house. Mrs. Cohea survived him until 1892, when she died.

James Cohea, son of these honored pioneers, was one of the six children born to his parents, one of whom survives. He spent his life on the farm. He and his wife had six children: John R.; Adrian H., gate keeper for the Illinois Central Railroad at Effingham; Mary E., wife of J. H. Maston of Allensville, Ill.; Vestia, wife of J. P. Baker, moved to Reese, Kan., where both died; while two other children died of cholera in 1855. James Cohea died November 15, 1890, his widow surviving him until 1893. He was a Democrat politically.

John R. Cohea is a native son of Douglas Township, and with the exception of thirteen months spent in northern Missouri, this has been his home. There were but few educational advantages at that time, but Mrs. Cohea gave her son what instruction she could. When a Mr. Renfrow, a writing and singing master, came into the neighborhood, John attended his school. The teacher boarded with James Cohea, and took a great deal of interest in John, and taught him all he could. Many have been the changes Mr. Cohea has witnessed. When a lad, venison was an every day meat. Whenever more was needed, he or another member of the household would pick out the best deer in the herds which were within easy reach, and shoot it with the old flint lock rifle. There were all other kinds of wild game in great profusion.

On January 27, 1861, Mr. Cohea married Mary Ellen Gamble, born in Douglas Township, July 29, 1843, a daughter of John G. Gamble, at one time Sheriff of Effingham County, and one of the very prominent men of this locality. He was a

native of Licking County, Ohio, but is now deceased, his wife also being dead. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Cohea settled on Section 29, in Douglas Township. He there built a log cabin, which was much better than many of their neighbors possessed, for he was an expert in building, and he put in a fine stick and clay chimney. In this little home four of the eight children were born: Sarah E., wife of S. E. Daniel, a farmer near Newton, Ill.; James A., died in infancy; Arminta C., wife of Charles Bushul, a farmer of Union Township; Didama Ann, wife of E. F. Carr, a farmer and dairyman near Effingham; Samuel G., who lives in one of the western States; Frank R., a farmer of Douglas Township; John H., at home; Mary Alice, wife of A. W. Huntzburger, a contractor and builder and a resident of Decatur, Ill.

Mr. Cohea is a "Dry Democrat," and has filled the office of Township Constable, and twice has been Supervisor. He has very ably represented his constituents, and has always been one of the leading men of the northern part of the county. For many years he and his wife have been members of the Christian Church in which for eleven years he has been deacon.

Some years ago Mr. Cohea had a very favorable offer for his property, so he sold it and for eleven years has operated 160 acres of the Scherman land. He has been very successful in all his undertakings, and has gained the full confidence of his neighbors. Many times he is called upon to settle a dispute, and his advice is followed without question. Many a lawsuit has been prevented by him, for he seems to know the right and wrong of a question, and how to convince his neighbors as to what they ought to do. Such a man is very valuable in a community, and his neighbors fully appreciate his service and give him their confidence. Always a hard worker and a man of exceptional energy, Mr. Cohea has not only been able to attend to his own affairs with success, but has given freely of his time and money to public matters.

**COULTER, O. E., D. V. M.**—The veterinary doctor and surgeon of to-day recognizes the benefit of science as applied to his profession, and it is a noteworthy fact that, within the last decade, the course in this line is as strict as that of a regular doctor of medicine, while the scope of practice being wider, many of the young men of to-day are taking up the veterinary line in preference. O. E. Coulter, a successful young veterinary surgeon of Altamont, Ill., was born in Crawford County, Ill., in October, 1884, the youngest child of Henry and Kate (Hill) Coulter, retired farming people of Crawford County.

O. E. Coulter's early educational advantages were secured in the public schools of his native place, and later deciding upon his profession, he entered the Indiana Veterinary College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1909. He has had five years' experience in this line of work, however, and although he has been a resi-



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dent of this district but a short time, in fact from the spring of 1909, he has built up a large and lucrative practice, he being the only college veterinary graduate within twenty miles of Altamont. He uses the latest scientific methods, and keeps abreast of the latest inventions and discoveries in his profession by subscription to various veterinary journals, and his success has won for him the confidence of the community.

On December 25, 1907, Dr. Coulter was united in marriage with Mary Jane Shoemaker, who was born in Crawford County, Ill. Dr. Coulter is a member of the Indiana Alumni Association, and one of the progressive young professional men of his section. The standard of his science is being constantly raised through the efforts of just such men as Dr. Coulter, and his profession is recognized as one of the most important. The Government recognizes this fact, and has many skilled veterinary surgeons constantly in its employ, to care for the health of the valuable stock belonging to it, as well as to pass upon that which is to be slaughtered.

**COX, Dr. William H.**, veterinary physician and surgeon of Mason, Effingham County, Ill., demonstrates in his daily work the importance of his profession. The lives of valuable, registered stock often depend upon the skill of the man who is called to attend them, and such advances have been made in this branch of medical science, that the course the veterinary physician and surgeon takes is quite as exacting as that in many other professional fields. Dr. Cox was born at Oskaloosa, Clay County, Ill., November 3, 1856, a son of Hardin and Belinda (Rakistraw) Cox, natives of North Carolina and Indiana respectively. Both went to Clay County, Ill., at a very early day, before there were any railroads through southern Illinois. They had to go to Vandalia for all deeds and land transfers. St. Louis was then the market for stock, and the source of supplies. The present generation has no conception of the hardships and privations of those noble old pioneers who went ahead preparing the way for the present advanced civilization.

Hardin Cox became a merchant and stock-dealer in Clay County, and did a large business, buying all farm produce. Once he bought 1,000 head of geese, which he drove to St. Louis. In his time he was one of the most extensive merchants and stockmen of his part of the State, and he operated over a wide territory. He remained at Oskaloosa until his death, which occurred about 1856, his widow surviving until 1859. Those times were hard upon both the men and the women, and they aged early. It was not an uncommon thing for men to die soon after they had passed the half century line, and many died long before that, exhausted by their privations. The women died even earlier, for the bearing of large families, without even the common necessities of life, combined with their hard work, was too much for them. Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Cox had seven children, but all of those

now living are Dr. Cox, and his sister Prudy, wife of J. E. Willis, of Toloma, Ill., a retired farmer, and one of the influential men of that town.

Dr. Cox was only three years old when he lost his mother. He was taken in charge by a Mr. and Mrs. Love, and remained with them until he was seven, when he was taken by his uncle, T. J. Cox, who had returned home after a three-years' service in the Civil War. The family spent a year in Kansas, but in 1866 the uncle moved to Springfield, Mo., where the lad was given the advantage of attending the city schools. At the age of seventeen he began the study of his chosen profession at Little York, Mo., with Dr. Phelps, for three years studied with that distinguished veterinary physician and surgeon, and, when only nineteen, began practicing with his tutor. A year later, Dr. Phelps having died, Dr. Cox succeeded to his large practice. In 1878 he decided to return to his native State, so he located in Macoupin County and began practicing there, where he continued until 1880. In the latter year he came to Effingham County, first locating on a farm of 120 acres in Union Township. This was only partly improved, and he began to clear it off, and since then he has greatly extended its improvements. At the same time he continued his practice, which steadily increased so that in 1900, he rented his farm, bought property in the southeastern part of the village of Mason, and now devotes all his attention to his profession. He has always kept up with the discoveries in his profession, and took a post-graduate course at Taylor Springs. He takes all the leading veterinary journals, and no man in his profession is better posted than he. For many years he has been a member of the Southern Illinois Veterinary Association, which meets twice each year and discusses the treatment of different diseases. Some of the most prominent men of the profession lecture at these meetings. Dr. Cox makes it a point to attend all these meetings and his patrons benefit by his care in these matters. He has a large laboratory, and compounds his own medicines. As he thoroughly understands his business, he has an extensive practice throughout Southern Illinois, for it extends over Jasper, Clay, Fayette, Jefferson and Effingham counties, and he is often called into consultation with others of his profession.

Dr. Cox was married in 1877 to Mary C. Kincaid, who was born in Macoupin County, Ill., the daughter of A. J. Kincaid, one of the prominent citizens of that part of the State. Dr. and Mrs. Cox have had children as follows: Julietta, born June 29, 1883, wife of S. J. Marquis, a merchant of Edgewood, Ill.; Claudius H., born April 16, 1888, a brakeman on the Illinois Central Railroad, and Otto W., born October 29, 1892. The eldest, Nellie P., born November 3, 1878, died December 6, 1908. She had married Oscar Boone, a farmer in Union Township, and they had two children, Ruby and George. As the children grew

up, Dr. Cox educated them carefully. The youngest, Otto, is a musical genius, and has been given special advantages to pursue his studies. He has won several gold medals in oratorical contests, and is the pride of Mason, its citizens looking for something remarkable from this gifted young man.

Dr. Cox was left an orphan at a tender age, and has had to make his own way in the world. That he has succeeded in a remarkable manner, his present status shows. He has friends all over the State, and his personality is so pleasing that he gains new ones wherever he goes. A strong Democrat, he is ever ready to work for his party, and has been honored upon many occasions by election to various offices, the duties of which he has discharged in the same painstaking manner he does everything he attempts.

**CRAMER, Michael.**—The business interests of Effingham, Ill., are heavy and varied, offering opportunities for development and advancement, as the city is the natural center of a rich farming community that looks to this point as a source of supplies, as well as a market for farm products. It is, therefore, perfectly logical that those engaged in business there have succeeded, and one of the sound, practical men of Effingham is Michael Cramer, jeweler, optician, dealer in real estate and maker of loans. He was born in Effingham, October 3, 1872, a son of Chris and Susan (Schannel) Cramer, both natives of Germany, who came to America with their parents. They were married in Effingham County.

Chris Cramer was a stone mason, and after the great fire in Chicago he located in that city, in the latter part of 1872, was stricken with smallpox and died there in June, 1873, leaving two small sons, Michael, subject of this sketch, and Charles, who died at the age of five years. Michael Cramer was educated in the School of St. Anthony (German Catholic) of Effingham. Meanwhile, his mother had married Charles Schmidt, who was her third husband, she having been the widow of Henry May when she married Mr. Cramer. By her first marriage she had two sons, Joseph and Frank, the former of whom was killed by lightning May 17, 1908, near Benton, Ky. Frank is now a resident of Effingham.

Charles Schmidt, step-father of Michael Cramer, was a son of Henry Schmidt, a jeweler, who came to America, and his son was also a jeweler. Therefore, Michael Cramer at the age of twelve began learning the same trade and remained in the Schmidt store from 1884 to 1889, when he went on the road for three years, traveling over several States. In December, 1892, he returned home and embarked in a branch store at Altamont for his step-father. In 1899, he was in charge of a jewelry store at Dodge City, Kan., but returned to Illinois, locating at Decatur, and there conducted a repair shop. For about ten years he has been conducting his present business, having bought out Mr. Schmidt. Since then he added to his stock, and now has the largest

and finest in Effingham County. By his careful attention to and thorough knowledge of his business, and his comprehension of the needs of his patrons, he has built up a splendid trade, and is the most reliable man in his line in this part of the State. In 1902 he began dealing in real estate and is now doing a good real estate and loan business.

Mr. Cramer had the misfortune to lose his mother March 7, 1909, but her husband (Mr. Schmidt) survives, having attained the ripe old age of ninety-four, being born in 1815. The grandmother Schannel lived to be ninety-six, and then her death was caused by a fall. Mrs. Schmidt was seventy at the time of her demise, so Mr. Cramer comes of a long-lived stock.

Mr. Cramer was married in Effingham, December 10, 1893, to Amelia Koch, daughter of Dr. Diedrich Clans Anton Koch, who was one of the pioneer physicians of this part of the State. He and his wife had ten children. Mr. and Mrs. Cramer have had five children: Viola Myrtle, born September 26, 1894; Michael, Jr., born October 12, 1895; Arthur Schaefer, born July 20, 1899; one who died in infancy and Noble, born March 22, 1903. Mrs. Cramer is a member of the German Lutheran Church. Fraternally Mr. Cramer is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and Modern Americans. He has always been ready to do his full part in the upbuilding of the community, and wins many friends, which he has no difficulty in keeping.

Mr. Cramer is a graduate of the Charles McCormick College of Chicago, and has now had fourteen years experience, having graduated October 14, 1895.

Mrs. Cramer is a first cousin of the world-famous Dr. Cook, who came through Effingham in October, 1909, and Mr. and Mrs. Cramer accompanied him on his trip to St. Louis.

**CRAVER, Alexander (deceased).**—In the death of Alexander Craver Effingham County, Ill., lost one of its most public-spirited citizens, a man whose life was an exemplary one and who had won the esteem and regard of all who knew him by his honest and upright character. Mr. Craver was born in North Carolina March 27, 1814, a son of John and Mary (or Polly) (Ladd) Craver. John Craver and his wife moved to Indiana and remained there until 1851, when they located in Mason Township, Effingham County, where they spent their remaining days. Mr. Craver was a successful farmer and became prominent in the community.

Alexander Craver spent his boyhood in North Carolina and there received his education. He came with his parents to Illinois and settled with them in Mason Township. While living in Indiana he became a cooper and wagon-maker, but after coming to Illinois he engaged in farming and followed this occupation the rest of his life. He became one of the leading Democrats of the county and was several times elected Supervisor from Mason Township. He and his family were



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all members of the Christian Church, and with true Southern hospitality, he welcomed ministers of every denomination to his home. He made his religion his daily companion and was always ready to help the sick or distressed. Kind and charitable to all, he was greatly missed at the time of his death, which occurred January 18, 1892.

While a resident of Indiana Mr. Craver married Lydia Chadwick, thought to have been a native of North Carolina. They were parents of five children, two of them born in Effingham County, namely: Mary, born January 3, 1843, married (first) William Wright and after his death married (second) John Anderson, and both are now deceased; Phoebe, born in Putnam County, Ind., March 26, 1848, wife of M. C. Blount, a farmer of Mason Township; Salina, born in Putnam County, April 22, 1850, deceased, wife of Ernest Fisher, of LaCade, Ill.; Josephine, born June 16, 1855, wife of Hiram Anderson, a farmer of Mason Township, and John A., born June 1, 1890, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

**CRAVER, John A.**—In naming the representative citizens of any community, we invariably find among the most prominent the men who started out in life with little or no advantages, and who worked their way to the top by their own industry and perseverance. One of the most successful farmers of Effingham County, Ill., John A. Craver, may be named in this class. He was born June 1, 1861, on his father's farm on Section 25, Mason Township, a son of Alexander and Lydia (Chadwick) Craver, natives of North Carolina, who were married in that State and moved thence to Putnam County, Ind., later removing to Effingham County, Ill. Here Alexander Craver died on January 18, 1892, and his wife December 4, 1876.

John A. Craver was educated in the district schools, and at the age of seven years started out to do his share of work on the farm, toiling with a double shovel plow in cultivating corn. In the fall of 1882 he was given a horse, a cow and a wagon, and also at this time had \$150 in cash, with which he purchased forty acres of land on Section 36, Mason Township, the horse going to make a payment on a loan. His second oldest sister, who is now deceased, came to keep house for him, and in this way he started his farming operations, which have since proven so successful.

On December 25, 1889, Mr. Craver was married to Ida Cornwell, who was born in Mason Township, a daughter of Anderson Cornwell, one of the pioneers of Effingham County. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Craver settled down to the work of the farm, although the latter had been educated for teaching, and had intended to take a school when her marriage to Mr. Craver interfered. Mr. Craver bent every energy to make his land pay, and energy and perseverance won their reward and, as a result, he became one

of the most successful men of his county. He now owns 300 acres of land in Sections 35 and 36, on which they lived until October 20, 1900, when they removed to their present location near Mason, on Section 23, where Mr. Craver farms 351 acres. In addition to farming Mr. Craver makes a specialty of raising high grade cattle and hogs, and for five years was also engaged in raising and shipping cattle and hogs. Mr. Craver has always been a Democrat, and for years served as Road Commissioner in his township; he is also an active member of the Christian Church, in which his wife is prominent both in the choir and Sunday school, and fraternally he is connected with the Masons (of which for one year he was Master), the Modern Woodmen of America, and other organizations. Every movement of a beneficial character will find in him a ready supporter.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Craver have been as follows: Glenn, born November 29, 1890; Bernice, born August 4, 1892; and Nolan, born July 12, 1894. The children have been given good educational advantages, and Miss Bernice has been trained in both vocal and instrumental music, and shows promise of a bright future in this field.

**CREWS, David B.**—The prosperous capitalist, illustrates by his experiences and successes the ups and downs of life, its fascinating promises of reward, as well as its equally abundant opportunities for failure. His extended relations with outside concerns bring new capital to his community, and if he has sound judgment and is sufficiently conservative to limit his investments to enterprises he feels sure will succeed, he is certain of gratifying success. David B. Crews, a retired farmer and banker living at Effingham, Ill., has illustrated what may be accomplished by steadily directed effort, and is one of the prosperous men of the city, having a good standing in the community.

Mr. Crews was born in Grove Township, Jasper County, Ill., August 17, 1861, son of James L. Crews, now deceased, who is given extensive mention elsewhere in this work. Mr. Crews was born on a farm and reared to agricultural pursuits, attending the district school until he was about eighteen years of age. When he was twenty years old he went to Ellis County, Tex., where he bought a large ranch and became an extensive stock-raiser, handling as many as 500 head of cattle at one time, taking as his brand the abbreviation for his native State, "Ill." This brand had to be recorded in the State the same as a deed to property, and still stands. After three years of successful operations in Texas, Mr. Crews sold his property there in 1884 and returned to his old home.

October 26, 1886, Mr. Crews married Miss Frances Morton, born in Farmington, Iowa, daughter of Greenberry Morton, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. After their marriage they located on a farm near Montrose, Ill.,

but in Jasper County, and Mr. Crews was elected Supervisor of Grove Township, serving at the same time his father was on the Board. The father was a member of the Board at the time of the building of the Pekin, Lincoln & Decatur (later the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville) Railroad, now a branch of the Illinois Central, and had opposed the issue of the bonds the county donated to help build the road. However, the proposition having been submitted to the vote of the people was accepted, and bonds issued to the extent of \$80,000, bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent to mature in twenty years. The son, David B. Crews, was a member of the Board when the bonds matured, being then Chairman. He stood for the issue of new bonds at five per cent interest, and in this connection signed his name to various documents some 500 times, the last of the debt being paid in 1908.

Mr. Crews remained on his 240 acre farm until 1890, devoting himself to raising stock, and being very successful. He then sold this farm and bought 600 acres, also in Grove Township, increasing his stock and feeding operations, and shipping 200 to 300 head of cattle each year. He increased his holdings from time to time until he now owns 1,000 acres, part of which is in Clark County. In 1900 he retired from the farm, but continued in the stock business. He erected a handsome residence on Fayette Avenue, Effingham, where he took up his residence. In 1902 he established the D. B. Crews Bank of Montrose, now one of the most substantial institutions in the county. In 1907 he established the Bank of Commerce, of Wheeler, Ill., and this also has flourished, owing to his conservative policy and thorough understanding of the banking business.

Mr. and Mrs. Crews have had children as follows: Verna May, born August 20, 1887, is Assistant Cashier of the Montrose Bank; Beulah Babb, born February 23, 1889, is an artist of considerable talent; Veva Claretta, born January 11, 1891, is City Librarian of Effingham; James Morton, born December 26, 1892, is at school; Bethel Wood, born August 17, 1894; Zella Venus, born August 14, 1896; Archie Barton, born December 16, 1898; Herschel Lawrence, born May 13, 1901, died January 25, 1903; Lillian Ramona, born September 30, 1903; Frances Vivian, born October 9, 1905; and Rhea Verona, born November 26, 1906. Mr. Crews has given his children excellent educational advantages and the three eldest are graduates of Effingham High School.

Since coming to Effingham Mr. Crews has been elected Chairman of the Board of Education and polled the largest vote ever cast for that office. He is one of the leading Democrats in the county. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., of Montrose. The family attend the Methodist Church, of which he is Trustee. He is thoroughly conversant with all the details of his various lines of business, in which the active years of his life have been spent, and he has made an enviable reputation as a man of sound judgment and unquestioned integrity. He is an ex-

cellent manager and a friend of progress, championing and adopting any changes he believes will work for the ultimate benefit of all concerned.

**CREWS, James L. (deceased).**—The late James L. Crews, who earned wide-spread popularity and held to the day of his death the full confidence of his community, had all the essential qualities for a useful and successful business man. Quick to perceive, always ready to act as he believed expedient, he met all questions with ease, though he always acted as he considered wisest and best for all concerned. Mr. Crews was born near Terre Haute, Ind., November 14, 1825, a son of John and Elizabeth (McBeth) Crews. John Crews was a son of James Crews, a native of Virginia, who served in the Revolutionary War. At an early day he located in Tennessee, where he lived the remainder of his life, rearing a large family, including six sons. One of these, John, went to Vigo County, Ind., about 1820, and spent the remainder of his life there, passing away in 1876. His wife died on the old homestead about seven miles west of Terre Haute, when she was over ninety years of age.

The late James L. Crews left his native State in 1850, and locating in Jasper County, Ill., there bought a small tract of land. He became a successful farmer and stock-raiser and added to his land until he owned 1,400 acres, which he brought to a high state of cultivation, devoting it to general farming and also making a specialty of raising stock.

September 19, 1850, Mr. Crews married Mary A. Green, of Cumberland County and they had eleven children, as follows: John, deceased; Mary, became the wife of David Splitter, by whom she had three children—Cora A., Clyde and Stella; Frank, now of Manhattan, Nev.; Harriet, wife of Reuben Woodward, of Montrose; Alexander, deceased; David, now a resident of Effingham; Lucy A., wife of Ephraim Mason, of Wheeler, Ill.; Ella M. (now deceased), who married Hon. L. Y. Sherman, former Lieutenant-Governor of Illinois; James, who married Edith Mason, and had three children—Howard, Wayne and Mildred (who died in infancy); Joseph and Victoria, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Crews died February 6, 1883, after a noble, Christian life, filled with good deeds. Mr. Crews died May 14, 1898, and was buried from the Methodist Church, of which he had long been a member, and to which he had been a liberal contributor. For many years he was a member of the County Board of Supervisors, representing Grove Township, and his advice was always sound and practical. He will long be remembered as one of the highest types of manhood, always reliable, staunch and steadfast. He advocated Jeffersonian principles of politics and lived up to his beliefs. Although years have elapsed since his demise, he is remembered with respect and his sons are sustaining the honor of the



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name by living up to the high standard he set for them and others to follow.

**CUNNINGHAM, Fred C., D. D. S.**—The improvements made and changes effected through a better knowledge of the science of dental surgery are most remarkable. No science has shown such rapid advancement within the past decade as that which deals with the preservation of the teeth. The present members of the dental fraternity have to be men of intelligence, who have been carefully prepared by years of earnest endeavor at first-class colleges, and gain some experience before they enter upon their own practice. Among those who have attained success as dentists is Dr. Fred C. Cunningham, of Effingham, Ill., whose office is conveniently located in Effingham State Bank Building.

Dr. Cunningham was born in Muskegon, Mich., April 16, 1886, son of Clyde Cunningham, a prominent business man of Muskegon. Clyde Cunningham was a manufacturer of furniture, and during his vacations, while he was studying in the schools of his native city, Dr. Cunningham helped his father, but his heart was set upon entering a profession, and although he worked in the factory for two years, finally (in 1905) he entered the Dental Department of the Michigan State University, at Ann Arbor, Mich., being graduated in the Class of 1908. He then engaged in dental work with one of the faculty, L. P. Hall. Later he was associated with Dr. F. L. Cunningham, at Manistee, Mich., until May 5, 1909, when he bought the practice of Dr. John J. Condon, of Effingham, where he has already established himself in the confidence of his patrons. Having been connected so recently with leaders of dental science in his university, Dr. Cunningham is thoroughly versed in all the new developments and discoveries, while his equipment is such as to insure perfect work.

On June 22, 1909, Dr. Cunningham was united in marriage with Miss Helen McKinley, born in Toledo, Ohio, daughter of David McKinley, now a resident of Decatur, Ill. Dr. and Mrs. Cunningham are both active members of the Congregational Church, and already have many friends, although newcomers to the locality. Judging by his work, which is unquestionably that of an expert, Dr. Cunningham has a brilliant future before him, and, measuring his probable success by what he has already achieved, he is destined to become one of the leading dentists of his part of the State.

**CUNNINGHAM, James Perry**, who for many years has been engaged in business in Altamont, Ill., is one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of that place, where he has the distinction of being the oldest living harness maker. Mr. Cunningham was born on a farm near Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio, September 21, 1849, son of John Perry and Rose Anna (Donagh) Cunningham.

James Cunningham, the grandfather of James P., was an early settler of Richland County, Ohio,

and was of Irish extraction. A farmer by occupation, he was noted as an Indian fighter, and all his life was spent in Ohio, where he died at the age of ninety-seven years, his widow surviving him some years and dying when she was 103. Of their children John P. was the eldest, and was born in Richland County, where early in life he carried on a store. At the beginning of the war, in addition to being a recruiting officer, he organized a company, becoming its captain, and served in the capacity of First Lieutenant of another company organized by him. He was a lawyer by profession, and an emphatic and magnetic speaker, and during many campaigns took the stump in behalf of the candidates of the Democratic party. Later in life he removed to a farm near Amity, Knox County, Ohio, and there spent the remainder of his days, retired from active life.

The children of John P. and Rose A. Cunningham were: Arthur, a civil engineer of Pennsylvania; John Franklin, of Akron, Ohio.; James Perry, Nancy, who married Charles Allen, of Columbus, Ohio; W. M., of North Platte, Neb.; Matilda, who married Lewis Porter, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Dora, of Akron, Ohio, and Thomas, deceased.

James Perry Cunningham was still a boy when his parents removed to Knox County, Ohio, and there he received a common school education. Reared on the home farm, at the age of twelve or thirteen years he began to trade in anything and everything, and the training thus secured early in life has stood him in good stead on many occasions. At the age of sixteen years he learned the harness-maker's trade, which has been his principal occupation throughout life, although in his youth he owned and rode fast running horses. He was married in Amity, Ohio, December 25, 1873, to Louisa Belle Dowds, daughter of William Dowds, of Knox County, now deceased, and in the fall of 1877 removed to Effingham County, Ill., and located near Gilmore, on a farm of sixty-five acres, on which he resided for seven years. He then came to Altamont, where for seven years he was engaged in working at his trade by the week for Gilbert Baile, but subsequently entered the business field on his own account. Later he sold out his interests and remained out of the business for some time, but eventually he re-entered it, establishing his present business. Mr. Cunningham has at times dealt in real estate, and he now owns another property in town besides the one on which his business is located. He has been a lifelong Democrat, and is well known not only as a successful business man, but as a useful and public-spirited citizen.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, namely: Orville Clifton, of Decatur, Ill., married Emma Thomas, and has three children—James Earle, Audrey and Mary Belle; May, married Henry Flaherty, of Altamont, and has two children—Orville and Inez LaVerne; and Edith, who is at home.

**CURRY, John H.**—Few men thoroughly understand how to conduct a hotel so that it will be pleasant and homelike to those whom business keeps on the road. The Pacific Hotel, of Effingham, Ill., enjoys a reputation that is second to none in this part of the State, through the efforts of its proprietor, John H. Curry, who is an ideal host. Mr. Curry was born south of Terre Haute, in Vigo County, Ind., July 27, 1862, son of H. A. Curry. When he was only three years old his father left the farm in Indiana and came to Humboldt, Coles County, Ill., and it was there that he began attending school. In 1889, when the family moved to Effingham, he entered the schools there, and received a liberal education.

At the age of sixteen, John H. Curry engaged to work in a woolen mill in Effingham, and continued with this concern three years. After this he engaged in several lines of business, both at Effingham and Paxton, and at the latter place began work as clerk of the Occidental Hotel. A year later he went to Charleston, Ill., and once more entered a woolen mill, as carder. Later he had charge of the carding department at Wapello, Iowa, but returned to Effingham, where he began handling musical instruments, carrying a full line of pianos, organs and other instruments. This business occupied him for seven years.

In 1880, Mr. Curry married Ida Abraham, daughter of William M. Abraham, and immediately thereafter went to Watson, where he formed a partnership with Mr. Abraham, under the firm name of Abraham & Curry, general merchants, and for six years the two conducted a flourishing business, controlling an immense trade. In 1887 he once more returned to Effingham, and took charge of a general stock. Later he sold his interests in Watson and opened up a large mercantile business in Effingham, with several branch stores. However, in 1894, he sold his main store and one of its branches, and formed a stock company, known as the Effingham Ice & Cold Storage Company, and was its manager for two years. About this time he resigned, and bought the Pacific Hotel, the largest in this part of the State. The ice and cold storage plant is an immense one, having a capacity of ten tons of ice and 600 gallons of ice cream, which was shipped to the surrounding cities within a radius of seventy-miles. The ice is as clear as crystal and perfectly pure.

While the Pacific Hotel was well known when Mr. Curry bought it, under his able management it has grown in favor until it is the most largely patronized hostelry in Southern Illinois. With its annex accommodation is afforded sixty-three guests; the rooms are large, well ventilated, and kept in perfect condition. The dining rooms, parlors, and other public rooms are elegantly appointed, and nothing is left undone to minister to the comfort and well being of those who make it their temporary home. The cuisine is excellent and the cooking of a quality not usually found outside a private home.

Mr. Curry is a strong and faithful Republican, and well versed in national and local issues. He is genial, pleasant, and entertaining; his friends number legion, and are to be found in all parts of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry have had four children: Vera, Donald, Mildred and Wayne.

**DAMRON, Elbert L., M. D.**—Many of the physicians and surgeons of today are devoting their energies to certain special lines, believing that in this way they accomplish much more good than if they spread their efforts over a wider field. Especially have they effected much in the direction of the improvement of hospitals, bringing these institutions to a marvelous state of perfection. Among the members of the medical profession who have made names for themselves, may be appropriately mentioned that of Elbert L. Damron, of Effingham, one of the most efficient physicians and surgeons of Effingham County, if not of his part of the State.

Dr. Damron was born in Progress, Union County, Ill., November 22, 1878, a son of Jasper W. and Nancy J. Damron, natives of Union County, Ill., and Tennessee, respectively. The father was a stock dealer and the family was early located in Union County. After passing through the State Normal University at Carbondale, Ill., Dr. Damron entered the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he was graduated in 1907, and he entered upon active practice in Effingham, where he is now very favorably known.

During the Spanish-American War Dr. Damron served in Company C, Fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with distinguished bravery. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen, Elks, Masonic fraternity, Modern Americans and the Yeomen, also the American, State and County Medical Associations. His religious belief makes him a member of the Christian church and he is highly valued in that congregation. He is a Republican but has not sought public preferment, although his energetic efforts in the direction of civic reform have brought him before the people of Effingham very prominently.

Dr. Damron regards his surgical work in connection with St. Anthony's Hospital as the best he has accomplished, and certainly to his untiring efforts is largely due the present standing of this institution, which is recognized as one of the best hospitals in the State.

A close student, a careful observer, full of energy and possessed of executive ability, Dr. Damron is one of the leaders not only in his profession, but also in the city where he resides.

**DANKS, George I.**—Effingham County is fortunate in that it numbers among its most progressive and energetic men those who are yet in the very prime of vigorous manhood, for from them much can be expected. George I. Danks, merchant, attorney and manager of the large Gillmore estate, is one of those young business



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and professional men who have made the county what it is today. He was born in West Township, Effingham County, Ill., March 18, 1878, a son of Joseph and Addie (Coley) Danks.

Joseph Danks was born in New Jersey, but came to Effingham County, Ill., when a boy, and secured employment in Mason Township by the month. He was frugal, saved his money, and bought land in West Township, where he is still living. Eventually, he made a fine farm of 250 acres, which is well stock and is one of the best in his locality. For three terms, he has been elected Supervisor, on the Democratic ticket, and he has acted as Chairman one term, always giving his constituents the best service that lies in his power. He is a Mason, and a Modern Woodman, and in religious faith is an Episcopalian. He and his wife had thirteen children, and all survive, no deaths having occurred in the family. They are: William C., an attorney of Denver; George I.; Anna, wife of Henry Laugerhausen, a farmer of Liberty Township; Joseph R. and Charles R., at home; Ada, wife of William E. Bell, a farmer of Logan County; Sadie, wife of Joseph Lieb, a farmer of West Township; Ruth, Eva, Ethel, Samuel, James and Mark, at home. All have been well educated.

George I. Danks was reared to farm life in West Township, attending the district school and a private school at Edgewood. In 1895 he entered Austin College, of Effingham, where he took a teacher's course, and began teaching in 1897, in Mason Township. During 1898 and 1899 he taught in the county schools, and during 1900 taught in Edgewood. Meanwhile he had been studying law, and in 1900 he entered the law department of Huntington (Tenn.) University, from which he was graduated in 1901, and he located at Great Falls, Mont., where he built up a large practice, and for two years served as Assistant District Attorney. On August 21, 1907, he returned to Edgewood and married Maude Gillmore, daughter of Hon. William Gillmore, one of the most honored of Effingham's pioneers, who was prominent in the affairs of the county and State. Mrs. Danks was born in Edgewood, August 10, 1885. After marriage Mr. Danks returned to his home at Great Falls, closed out his practice, and on account of the feeble health of Mr. Gillmore, they returned to Edgewood, where Mr. Danks took charge of the former's mercantile business and various other interests. Owing to the magnitude of the Gillmore estate, Mr. Danks has been able to resume his law practice only incidentally.

Politically he is a Democrat. Fraternally is a Mason, belonging to Lodge No. 484, of Edgewood, and the O. E. S. Chapter, of Mason, and is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

**DANKS, Joseph**, a prominent citizen, Justice of the Peace and leading farmer of West Township, belongs to the old Danks family of New Jersey, which was founded in that State by Samuel Danks, a native of England who emigrated to this

country, locating in New Jersey. One of his descendants, William Danks, the father of Joseph, born in England, settled four miles from Paterson, N. J., and was a farmer all his life. After coming to America he married Rhoda Izon, who was of English descent, and after rearing a family of children, both died in New Jersey. Their children were: Sarah, Mrs. James Billings, of New Jersey; Samuel, deceased; Elizabeth, Mrs. Matthews, deceased; William; Joseph; Charles, of New Jersey, and Anna.

Joseph Danks was brought up on the homestead, where he was born, April 14, 1854, and there he received his common school education and helped his father. When sixteen years old he and his brother Samuel went west and found employment at Edgewood, Effingham County. Mr. Danks was employed by William Coley on the farm which he now owns, at fifteen dollars per month. Later Mr. Coley became his father-in-law. For fourteen years Mr. Danks worked for various farmers in this neighborhood, and so expert did he become that during the last two years he received twenty dollars per month. Being a thrifty man he saved his money, invested it carefully and it was not long before he had considerable accumulated.

On December 20, 1874, occurred the marriage of Mr. Danks and Addie Coley, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. William Campbell, a Methodist clergyman, in the old log house then the Coley family home. This old residence is still preserved by Mr. and Mrs. Danks. Mrs. Danks was born January 25, 1854, in Elgin, Kane County, Ill., a daughter of William and Rebecca (Dewell) Coley. Mr. and Mrs. Coley were natives of England who lived in Utica, N. Y., for seven years after coming to the United States, then moving to Elgin, Ill., which remained their home until they located in West Township, Effingham County, when Mrs. Danks was six years old.

When Mr. and Mrs. Danks were married, Mr. Coley gave Mrs. Danks the farm which is now the Danks home, consisting of 160 acres, being the northeast quarter of Section 28. In addition to this Mr. Danks owns ninety acres in LaCade Township, Fayette County, which he operates in conjunction with his home farm. Mr. Danks has been very active in politics for many years as a staunch Democrat, and has held various offices, including those of School Director, Township Supervisor, Road Commissioner and Township Assessor. For two years he was Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and for two years was Chairman of the Board of Review. In former years he was a director of the Gillmore Telephone Company, and has been interested in the work of the Farmers' Institute for a long period, serving as its President for several years. He has given his party yeoman service, acting as Township Central Committeeman for many years, and has never been found lacking in any of the essentials that go to make the good citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Danks are the parents of thirteen children: William C.; George I., born

March 18, 1878, educated in the public schools and Austin College, taught several years, then studied law in the University of Tennessee, and after graduation practiced law for seven years at Great Falls, Mont., but returning to Effingham County, he and his wife (formerly Maud Gilmore) now reside at Edgewood—they have no issue; Annie E., born September 1, 1880, was educated in the public schools and Austin College, taught school prior to her marriage to Henry Laugerhansen, now resides at Shumway, where she is still teaching—no issue; Joseph R., born December 14, 1883, educated in the public schools, is at home and serving as Clerk of West Township; Ada Frances, born December 10, 1885, educated in the public schools and Austin College, taught school in Effingham County for several years prior to her marriage to W. R. Bell, of Logan County, Ill., and they have one child—Eva G.; Sarah J., born March 2, 1888, married Joseph Lieb of West Township, they have one child—Ruth Marie; Charles Robert, born January 27, 1890, attending public school; Emma Ruth, born July 7, 1892, holds a teacher's certificate; Mary Eva, born December 10, 1894, attending school; Ethel May, born January 6, 1897; Samuel John and James Henry, twins, born January 6 and January 8, 1900; and Mark Jay, born April 28, 1902. William C., the eldest, was born December 16, 1875, and attended the public schools and Austin College, and the Lincoln College. He then studied law at Dixon, Ill., where he was admitted to the bar. His first law practice occurred at Great Falls, Mont., but after a few years he returned to Illinois and located in Cornland, Logan County, Ill., where he practiced law and looked after his landed interests until about 1905, when he went to Denver, Colo., which is his present home. He is remembered as one of the popular teachers of Effingham County, where he taught in young manhood. When the Spanish-American War broke out, he enlisted in Company K, First Illinois Cavalry, under Captain John Oglesby, at present Lieutenant-Governor of Illinois, remaining with his regiment until the close of the war, when he was mustered out at Fort Sheridan. He married Tillie E. Lanham, of Logan County, Ill., and they have two children, Edna Montana and Willa E.

**DANTE, Harris.**—The power of the press has never been more clearly demonstrated than it is today, when the newspapers of the country practically control public opinion. The editors of these organs shoulder a great responsibility, when they assume charge of a sheet destined to go into the homes of thousands, and especially is this true of the newspapers that circulate in the rural communities. The "Effingham Republican," of which Harris Dante is editor, is the only Republican paper published in Effingham County. Mr. Dante is President of the Southern Illinois Editorial Association and a young man of considerable newspaper experience.

Mr. Dante was born in Menard County, Ill., the son of J. Frank and Anna (Curry) Dante, and grandson of Rev. H. P. Curry, of Petersburg, the oldest Baptist preacher in Illinois, and a native of Kentucky who became one of the sturdy pioneer settlers of Central Illinois. Five sons and two daughters were born to J. Frank Dante and his wife, of whom Harris Dante was the third child in order of birth. Harris Dante is a self-made young man, having worked his way through Athens (Ill.) High School, from which he graduated at the age of seventeen years, and then began teaching. After following this profession several terms, he attended Lincoln College one term and read law one year. However, his legal studies being interrupted through force of circumstances, he entered the newspaper field, and during his first efforts in this direction, did considerable work for Springfield, St. Louis and Chicago papers. For three years he was associated with Litchfield papers, and was for more than two years managing editor of a Centralia paper, taking charge of the Effingham County Printing Company (publishers of the Republican) in January, 1908. He is manager and editor of the paper, having a three-fourths interest, with an option on the remainder, so that in a short time he will be sole owner. The company is incorporated on a capital of \$5,000, and leading Republicans throughout the county hold stock in the enterprise. Under its present management the paper is recognized as one of the leading papers of its part of the State.

September 17, 1907, Mrs. Dante was married at Centralia, Ill., to Miss Myrtle Loy, second daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frank William Loy. Dr. Loy is one of the foremost Methodist preachers and lecturers of Southern Illinois, and member of a prominent family in that part of the State. Mrs. Dante is well educated, being a graduate of McKendree College. She is largely interested in her husband's work and is very helpful in his chosen field. Mr. Dante is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias, is prominently identified with the Y. M. C. A. organization of Illinois, and is frequently called upon to participate in public meetings of the Association.

**DAVIS, Foster J.**—To the man of industry and enterprise a life of retirement, after many years spent in hard and faithful toil, seems repellent, and not until he feels absolutely convinced that he has done his share in developing his community, will the average Illinois farmer relinquish his hold upon active operations. Then, when he finally does settle down in his home in the city, he is bound to prove a valuable asset in whatever community he makes his home and is invariably a welcome addition. Foster J. Davis, an honored resident of Lucas Township, Effingham County, a veteran of the Civil War, is now living retired after a long period spent in agricultural pursuits in Effingham County. He was born in



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Madison County, Ill., October 12, 1846, a son of William C. and Ruth (Holloway) Davis.

William C. Davis was a native of Bracken County, Ky., came to Madison County, Ill., with his father, Foster Davis, and was there married, in 1844, to Ruth Holloway. Mr. Davis went to Effingham County in 1848, and there he and his wife resided until their deaths. They had a family of nine children, of whom four are still living: Andrew J., a retired merchant of Eberle; Thomas W., a farmer in Lucas Township; Lewis R., of Stonington, Ill.; and Foster J. Those deceased are: W. H., who died in Eberle; John W., at Elliottstown; James R., in Bishop Township; Curtis M., in Lucas Township; and Amanda A., who was the wife of Hiram Evans, of Lucas Township. All of these children had families with the exception of James and Curtis.

Foster J. Davis went to Bond County, Ill., in 1849, and there remained until 1851, when the family moved to Lucas Township, Effingham County, settling on Section 18 when the country was wild and game plentiful. Deer were so numerous that the family's first crop of wheat was destroyed by them, and Mr. Davis well remembers having to run out into the field to chase them away. His father planted the first crop of wheat in his part of the county. He was one of the progressive men of the day and, in addition to raising good crops, would each year drive to St. Louis with a load of dressed deer and wild turkeys, which he would exchange for sugar, coffee and other necessities, making the trip overland with teams, which consumed about six days. In these primitive days the younger children often had young deer for pets. The wolves were then so bold that they were a constant menace; hogs were driven all the way to Chicago to market, and matches were an unknown quantity, the settlers often having to go to a neighbor's house to get coals with which to start fire. Mr. Davis has been the witness of wonderful changes: the haunts of the deer and wolf have disappeared; in place of the flint and steel there is now the match with gas and electricity, and the old hand-plow has been supplanted by machine cultivator and the sickle and cradle by the reaper and self-binder. Where once stood little log-cabins with puncheon or earthen floors, handsome churches and school-buildings rear their stately spires, and the old days of hard, unremitting toil and little gain have become the modern days of prosperity and plenty. William C. Davis passed to his reward April 6, 1881, his wife having died in October, 1872. He was first a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and he and his wife were lifelong members of the New Light Church.

When he was but seventeen years of age, Foster J. Davis enlisted in Company D, Fifty-fourth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years, and from February, 1863, until the close of the war, was with his regiment on all its hard and trying marches, heavy engagements, foraging expeditions and skirmishes, ever bearing his

hardships and privations with the utmost bravery. August 24, 1864, he was at Brownsville, Ark., when eight companies of the regiment were captured and there paroled, at which time the boys walked to St. Louis, and after six months in captivity were exchanged. After having been exchanged for the prisoners then confined at Camp Douglas, Chicago, the regiment was reorganized at Little Rock, Ark., and from there went to Fort Smith, whence they were sent to suppress the Indian uprising in the West. Returning to the fort, they there received honorable discharge in October, 1865. At Brownsville, Ark., Mr. Davis lost an eye from fever and exposure while a prisoner. After his discharge he returned home and engaged in farming.

In the spring of 1866, Mr. Davis married Aeline Russell, a native of Ohio, and they went to live on a farm in Union Township, which he rented for seventeen years from W. M. Abraham. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis: Ida, wife of Hannibal H. Strand, a farmer of Elliottstown, and Charles, who married Minnie Richenson, and they had two children, after which both he and his wife died. Mrs. Davis died in October, 1869, and in February, 1871, Mr. Davis married (second) Lavina Gillmore, by whom he had five children: William H., married Ethel Rockwell and they had six children—Lester, Ardith, Glen, Lottie, Beulah and Enfir—and live on a farm in Lucas Township; Hiram R., a farmer of Jackson Township, married (first) Emma Agnew, by whom he had one child, Orville, and (second) Elizabeth Ernie, nee Park, by whom he has one child, Otis; Sarah, wife of George Croft, a farmer in Watson Township, has had six children—Josie, Orvie, Ethel, Amy, Leonard and Ruby, of whom Orvie is deceased; Leora, wife of John Calhoun, a farmer of Watson Township; and Tony B., a farmer of Union Township, married Nettie Arney, and they have two children—Agnes and Forest. The mother of these children died in May, 1884.

Mr. Davis married (third) Mrs. Emma Gossman, who was born in Pendleton County, Ky., and came with her parents to Effingham County. She was first married to John Poe, by whom she had one child—Sylvester E. Mr. Poe died in 1876 and his widow married (second) Benjamin Gossman, by whom she had four children—two who died in infancy, Henry B. and Albert R. Mr. Gossman died in 1883 and June 3, 1886, she was married to Mr. Davis. To this union have been born children as follows: Curtis F., born June 26, 1888; Joyce Alice, born September 15, 1890, wife of John W. Dobbins, whom she married March 29, 1908, and they have one child, Curtis, born July 10, 1909; and Naomi F., born June 29, 1900.

Mr. Davis has been a resident of Effingham County since 1851 and, until 1899, he made his home in Union Township, since then having resided in Lucas Township and being retired from active life. He was for a long period one of the successful farmers of his community and was

also prominently identified with the Republican party. Although Union Township was strongly Democratic, Mr. Davis was elected on the Republican ticket to every township office in the gift of his fellow-citizens, and while a member of the School Board did much to further the cause of education by erecting new buildings, installing innovations and ever being ready to hire the best instructors. He has served as Assessor of Lucas Township and for thirty-five years has been a Justice of the Peace. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order, having been for thirty-years a member of Delia Lodge No. 525, at Elliottstown, filling all the chairs in the lodge, and being now Senior Warden. His sons are all members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his wife belongs to the Order of Rebekahs, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Davis has had a long and useful life and one to which he can look back without shame or regret. His record as a soldier fighting to uphold his country's honor was good, and his record as a private citizen, striving to maintain the high standard of his community, is no less meritorious. The example set by his actions may well be used as a pattern for the generation now growing up.

**DENTON, Guy P.**—Some of the most eminent attorneys of the country are numbered among those who have fitted themselves for their profession, without ever having had the opportunity to attend a law school. They have proven themselves and their force of character by persistent, individual effort. Guy P. Denton, attorney at law and member of the law firm of Wright Brothers & Denton, was born at Paris, Ill., August 22, 1878, but has made Effingham his home since the age of four years, when he was brought here by his parents, Henry A. and Katherine S. (Partridge) Denton. Henry A. Denton was captain of the Twelfth Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry, and served throughout the war.

Guy P. Denton is a graduate of the Effingham High School, class of 1894, and of the Stenographic Department of Austin College, Effingham, class of 1896, and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in February, 1908. When only seventeen he began working in the Vandalia shops as call boy, and remained there about two years when the shops were removed to Terre Haute, Ind. When only twenty-two he had already made himself felt so strongly, that he was elected City Clerk of Effingham on the Democratic ticket, carrying every ward in the city, and served very ably one term. On February 6, 1905, he was appointed Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court, and in December, 1908, he was re-appointed. On February 1, 1910, he resigned his position as Deputy Clerk to engage in the active practice of law, having entered into partnership with the firm of Wright Bros., one of the leading law firms of Effingham. On or about the 1st of February, 1910, he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Triple

Adjustment Company, incorporated, which position he still holds.

On April 17, 1902, Mr. Denton married at Terre Haute, Ind., C. Ethel Glick. Mr. and Mrs. Denton are pleasantly located at No. 504 E. Jefferson Street, Effingham, where they show gracious hospitality to their many friends. Mr. Denton has always been a Democrat, and his influence in his party is felt to such an extent that it is more than probable that he will be called upon to represent it in much higher offices than he has yet occupied; and, if he does, there is no doubt that he will prove himself quite as capable then as he always has in the past.

**DETTERT, Barney**, a well known business man of Altamont, Ill., where he is representing the Evansville Brewing Company, is one of the self-made men of Effingham County, and has forged his way to a place among the prosperous business men of his community solely through his own efforts. Mr. Dettert was born on a farm in Douglas Township, January 23, 1851, a son of Barney and A. (Hoving) Dettert. The parents of Mr. Dettert came from Prussia and settled in Douglas Township, the father first working in a sawmill on Salt Creek. Later he purchased a farm of 120 acres, which he operated until his death, in 1863. His widow was eighty-four years old at the time of her death, which occurred at the home of her son Barney, in Altamont. There were three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Dettert: Barney; Katy, who died in childhood; and Mary, who married B. H. Hilmer and died in Altamont.

Barney Dettert was educated in the common schools of his native locality and was reared on the home farm, on which he remained until thirty years of age. He then spent two years in the roundhouse of the Vandalia lines, and in 1884, the year of his marriage, moved to Altamont, where for six years he was engaged as a bartender. He then bought property, erected a building and engaged in the saloon business, in which he continued for twelve years with various partners, and at the end of that time engaged in the wholesale liquor business for the Indianapolis Brewing Company. In 1902 he became connected with the Evansville Brewing Company, and has been their agent in the wholesale trade to the present time. Starting in life with little or no resources, Mr. Dettert has made a success of his business, and is one of the best known men in his line in Effingham County. He is a prominent Democrat in politics, and his religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic Church.

On February 17, 1884, Mr. Dettert was united in marriage with Rose Ungrunt, of Effingham, and they have one child, Anthony, born in 1886, who was graduated from the public and High schools of Altamont, spent part of a year in the Vandalia Depot, after which he took a two years' course in business college, and is now keeping books for his father.



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**DEVORE, William C.**—In addition to operating his seventy-seven acre farm, William C. Devore conducts a general mercantile business at the cross roads, one mile west of Dexter and three miles east of Altamont, and by combining these two lines he has made a success of his work. The Devore family is of French origin, but the earliest of whom anything very definite is known, is James Devore, grandfather of William C., who was born, reared and married in Pennsylvania. He came to Illinois in the early thirties, and for some time lived in the vicinity of Mattoon, but eventually came to Effingham County, settling on a farm containing one-half section of land in Summit Township. James Devore became well known throughout that part of the State as a local Methodist preacher of great eloquence. He was a prominent man, served as Justice of the Peace many years, and impressed the community with his personality. He married Elizabeth Ashwahi, and they reared a large family.

Jacob Devore, son of James and father of William C., was born in Pennsylvania, and had reached maturity when the family emigrated to Illinois. He married Maria Reynolds, of Effingham County, daughter of Dick Reynolds, but who died when her son, William C., was three years old. Later Mr. Devore married Jane Lowry, daughter of a local Methodist preacher. He was married (third) to a Mrs. Kelly, finally dying on his farm in Summit Township. In politics he was a Republican but was not so active in public life as his father had been. By his first wife Jacob Devore had children as follows: Catherine married Thomas Dewall and, after his death, married (second) an old soldier, S. S. Lovelace; William C.; James married a Miss Lawyer; and Benjamin married a Miss Sarah E. Wells, and went West. By his second marriage he had children as follows: Susie, who married a Mr. Domfick, in California, and Robert, who is deceased. By his third marriage there were two children: Elsie and Susie.

William C. Devore was born in Effingham County, October 9, 1844, and in his youth attended school about three days out of the week during the winter months, when he could be spared from farm work. When only sixteen years old he began doing a man's work, and continued to work for his father until he attained his majority. About this time his father died and he worked for two uncles, Daniel and John Wesley Devore, five years. He then spent a year or two on the home farm, when he was married. November 5, 1875, Mr. Devore married Nancy Lovelace, a native of Ohio, and immediately after their marriage they settled upon his present property, then a brush farm, which he has now developed until it is in a remarkably fine condition. He has erected all the buildings himself, and in 1890 started his store, in which he enjoys a good trade. Politically he is a Republican, and his religious affiliations are with the Methodist Church of Dexter, of which he is treasurer and a trustee. He is liberal in his donations to

the cause of the church and is prominent in the congregation.

The children born to Mr. Devore and wife are: Orvil, who died young; Jessie, married Willard Young, of Effingham; Roy, lives at Dexter, and married a Miss Kepler; Julia, and Durrell, at home. Mr. Devore enjoys the confidence of a wide circle of friends and is proud of the record his family have made in the history of the county.

The father of Mrs. Devore was born in Maryland, came to Ohio when fourteen years of age, and in 1864 removed to Illinois, where he died, January 25, 1876. Mrs. Lovelace was born in Ohio and came to Illinois with her husband. She survived him a few years, passing away April 17, 1881, and both she and her husband are buried in the cemetery at Altamont.

**DICKMANN, Henry.**—Effingham County has its full quota of business men, manufacturers, doctors and lawyers, but particularly has it been noted for the high standard set by its agriculturists, whose energy and enterprise, during the past decade or two, have made this part of the State one of the garden spots of Illinois. Henry Dickmann, a prosperous farmer, residing on Section 2, Mound Township, two and one-half miles northeast of Altamont, was born on a farm in Cook County, Ill., February 8, 1863, the third son and fifth of a family of six children of Frederick and Catherine (Herwig) Dickmann.

Henry Dickmann was about two years old when his parents located in Effingham County, where the father had purchased 160 acres of land. Henry Dickmann was sent to the public schools, and some of his teachers were: Mr. Bondry, Joe Ashing, Catherine Yarnell, Hale Johnson, Mr. Clark and Claude Mitchell, the latter now being County Superintendent of Schools. At sixteen years of age, Mr. Dickmann quit school and started in to operate the home farm with his two brothers. When the estate was divided, he received as his share fifty-six acres.

Mr. Dickmann was married, March 15, 1888, to Alice E. Smith, of Kossuth, Iowa, and to this union the following children have been born: George Frederic, born December 27, 1888, received a public school and Normal School education, and began teaching, October 6, 1909, at the Oak Ridge School and will enter college this fall; Charles Henry, born November 28, 1899; Mary Edith, born January 30, 1895; and Laura Blanche, born July 4, 1897. Mr. Dickmann is considered one of the reliable citizens of his community, and is an acknowledged judge in agricultural matters. In 1897 his home was destroyed by fire, but it was soon after replaced by his present comfortable residence. Both Mr. Dickmann and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Altamont, having been reared in that faith.

Mrs. Dickmann was born in Kossuth, Iowa, where she lived until her marriage, being for a time a teacher in the public schools. Her father,

James B. Smith, was born near Clarksburg, Ind., and removed to Kossuth with his family after marriage in the year 1849. He and his wife, who was also a native of Indiana, died in Iowa. Mr. Smith in June, 1896, and Mrs. Smith in May, 1898. They were parents of children as follows: John T., who died in August, 1907; Sarah J., who married Edward Moore, and died in February, 1908; Mary E., who was Mrs. John Todd, died in February, 1909; Laura J., married James Moore and is living in Oklahoma; David G., died in May, 1906; George P., of Nebraska; Mrs. Dickmann; James W., who died in childhood; Michael S., residing in Oklahoma; and Mattie N., who married Charles Eckey, of Winfield, Iowa. Mrs. Dickmann is a member of the Royal Neighbors, which is auxiliary of the Modern Woodmen, of which organization Mr. Dickmann is a member, being affiliated with Diamond Camp, No. 786. Mr. Dickmann and his family are all very pleasant and sociable, and the stranger who comes to their home is made to feel at home. In politics Mr. Dickmann is a Democrat. Both his sons, George F. and Charles H., are prominent in church work, belonging to the Methodist Church, its Epworth League and Y. M. C. T. U., and both sing in the church choir, the former being a member of the male quartette. The daughters also belong to this church. Mr. Dickmann is a member of the Epworth League and of W. C. T. U.

**DICKMANN, William.**—The farmers of Effingham County are among the most progressive of the State, for this part of it is especially fertile and adapted to agricultural purposes. One of those who has proven the profit to be had from cultivation of the soil is William Dickmann, of Mound Township. He was born on a farm in Cook County, Ill., October 12, 1853, being a son of Fred Dickmann, who was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1795, and was a farmer in the Fatherland. His first marriage occurred in his native land, but he had the misfortune to lose both his wife and their one child, and, in 1838, came to the United States to forget his sorrow among new surroundings. From New York he came on to Chicago, and there lived for a number of years, marrying in 1852 Mrs. Catherine Herriek, also a native of Germany. Following his marriage, Mr. Dickmann farmed in Cook County until 1865, when he moved to Mound Township, Effingham County, and bought 160 acres on Section 2. Here his death occurred in 1869, and he is buried on the farm. In religious faith he was a Methodist, and his political opinions made him a member of the Republican party. His widow survived him until about 1901, when she died and was buried in Union Cemetery, Altamont. The children born to these two were: William; Mary, deceased; Henry, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and John, who resides with William.

William Dickmann first attended a private school in Cook County, and was about ten years

old when removal was made to Effingham County, where he attended the public schools. He was reared upon the home farm, and its heavy duties interfered with his school work to a considerable degree. On December 1, 1882, occurred his marriage with Elizabeth Buchholz, daughter of Fred Buchholz and Elizabeth Mathler Buchholz. A year after marriage Mr. Dickmann located on his present farm of 140 acres. In addition to this he owns land in Jackson Township. On his property he built a comfortable house. In 1896, Mrs. Dickmann died, and in 1902 Mr. Dickmann married Mrs. Annie (McCoy) Majors, widow of Frank Majors. By his first marriage Mr. Dickmann had four children: Lydia, Mrs. Otto Priess; Matilda, Mrs. Young; Christina, Mrs. Edward Coumbs; and Frederick, at home. Mrs. Dickmann had three children by her former marriage: George, Flora and James. Mr. and Mrs. Dickmann have one child, Arvitta. Mr. Dickmann is a Methodist, while his political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

Always a hard worker, intelligently applying a training of a lifetime to his calling, Mr. Dickmann has developed a fine property and has something to show for his efforts. He has also gained and retained the friendship and esteem of his neighbors and business associates.

**DIEHL, Christian Herman, M. D.**—One of the men who has achieved success in his chosen walks of life, almost before the flush of youth has faded from his countenance, and has made his name a representative one in his community in the profession of medicine, is Dr. Christian Herman Diehl, who has been established in practice at Montrose since 1908. Dr. Diehl was born December 9, 1879, at Montrose, Effingham County, Ill., son of George and Louisa (Goebel) Diehl.

The parents of Dr. Diehl were both born in Germany and came to America with their parents, the mother being reared at Mendota, Ill., and the father at Belleville. About 1860, George Diehl came to Effingham County and bought some 200 acres of land from the Illinois Central Railroad, and about the same time the Goebel family also came to this section, and thus the two families became acquainted. After his marriage, George Diehl settled on his farm adjoining the village of Montrose, and spent many years of his life converting the wild, marshy land into fertile and productive acres. He now owns 675 acres in Effingham County and has become one of the representative citizens of that locality. His wife survived until March 8, 1906. She was an admirable woman in every way, a most excellent manager and adviser in business matters, a faithful wife and devoted mother. Of the family of nine children, four died in infancy and those yet living are as follows: Lizzie, wife of John Hitzer, a farmer in Jasper County; John, a farmer and stockman, residing north of Effingham; Christian Herman; Lena, wife of John Miller, of Jasper County; and George, Jr., residing with his father on the homestead.



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Christian Herman Diehl's boyhood was spent in attendance at school and helping with the farm duties, and when fifteen years old he entered the German Lutheran School at Island Grove, remaining there two years. At seventeen years of age he decided to embark in a mercantile business and, as a means of preparation, became a clerk in the store of Hyatt Bros., at Montrose, where he worked through the summer of 1896 and then returned home. Later he accepted a position in the Illinois Southern Hospital, under H. G. Van Zant, and continued there until 1897, after which he attended two terms at the State Normal School at Camp Girardeau, Mo., following this by taking a course in Austin College, at Effingham, where he received the degree of B. S. The young student then bent all his energies to complete his medical education, taking a course of four years at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in St. Louis, and was creditably graduated with the class of 1908. During his vacations he continued to apply himself to his studies and investigations, taking special courses in anatomy and nervous diseases in the medical department of the University of Illinois. Prior to graduation he took an examination in Indian Territory and practiced there during that summer, and following his graduation he had the splendid experience afforded as an interne in the Jefferson Hospital, taking the Missouri State medical examination and the rigid one exacted by the Illinois State Board. To his old home town he then came and has proved the falsity of the ancient saying that a prophet has no standing in his own community. He has built up a large and lucrative practice, and has handled some very discouraging cases with complete success. He has his own laboratory and compounds his own medicines. He keeps thoroughly abreast of the times and is identified with medical organizations.

Dr. Diehl was married October 6, 1907, to Miss Jennie Deichmann, who was also educated at Austin College. Her father, Leonard Deichmann, is a prominent retired farmer living at Effingham. She was reared in the Methodist Episcopal Church and he in the Lutheran faith.

**DIEHL, John H.**—Some of the most successful farmers of Effingham County, Ill., are those of the younger generation, who are now profiting from the sacrifices made for them by the pioneers who braved everything to secure homes in the new country. Mr. John H. Diehl, a farmer and dairyman of Section 17, Douglas Township, is a native of the county, born in St. Francis Township, September 12, 1870, a son of George Diehl, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

John H. Diehl was the eldest son of his parents, and as his father's health failed, he virtually had charge of affairs from boyhood. While he endeavored to secure an education his studies were often interrupted and he studied many branches without a teacher. At the age of

eighteen years he began managing the farm, but was not content to work in the old-fashioned way, so he studied the properties of the soil, the best methods of breeding and raising stock, and kindred subjects, becoming a scientific and practical farmer.

On March 15, 1896, when about twenty-five years of age, Mr. Diehl married Minnie F. Fellers, who was born in Shelby County, Ill., a daughter of Louis and Eliza (Gibbons) Fellers, the former a native of Ohio and now living in Fayette County. Mrs. Fellers died when her daughter, Mrs. Diehl, was about four years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Diehl moved, after their marriage, to a portion of the old homestead in Jasper County, and here he farmed successfully nine years, but in 1900 purchased 100 acres of land in St. Francis Township, Effingham County. In 1902 Mr. Diehl purchased eighty-five acres of land in Jasper County, and in 1904, 180 acres more in Section 17, Douglas Township, Effingham County, which he now rents. There were some buildings on this farm when he located on it in December, 1904, but he has improved them all and has made many other improvements. There was a fine dwelling on this farm and also a good cattle barn, 48 by 90 feet, with room for fifty-four cows and nine horses. Mr. Diehl has added to his farm until now he owns 242 acres, having paid as much as \$80 per acre for a portion of it. In the year 1909 he built a handsome modern residence, with all possible conveniences, and also put up a good cattle barn, 30 by 48 feet, and a concrete silo, 12 by 30 feet. He is one of the most progressive of Effingham County farmers and is making a number of experiments.

On his Fayette County farm, which he purchased in January, 1909, Mr. Diehl is raising grain, while devoting his attention on his Effingham County farm to dairying and raising Duroc Jersey hogs of the finest breed, all of registered stock. His dairy cows are all Holstein and he has twelve full-blooded cows, having sold one for \$175, which had produced over 15,000 pounds of milk annually. Another cow, which produced 12,500 pounds annually, he sold for \$160. These figures demonstrate the difference between full blooded stock and the ordinary kind, whose annual yield at the best does not often exceed 6,500 pounds. Mr. Diehl's judgment of dairy stock is authoritative and is recognized as final. In 1909 he built several buildings of good quality on the east side of his farm, which he now occupies, as he wishes to turn all his attention to his dairy work and the breeding of hogs. He attends the State and County Fairs and many stock exhibits, and is well informed on the latest advances made in his line of work. He has long been a firm believer in blooded stock, and judging from the results he has obtained, he has a bright future before him. He now owns 410 acres of land, stocked with full-blooded stock, and his success in everything he has undertaken is remarkable, going to show what intelligent study and research will do for a man. Had he continued

contented with old ways, he would not be occupying the position he enjoys to-day. Mr. Diehl is a member of the Effingham County Dairy Association, and for two years was its Vice President. Politically he is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church of Effingham.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Diehl, namely: Bertha C. and George, who died in infancy; Pearl, died at the age of two and one-half years; Ella Helena, born December 18, Raymond Sylvester, born December 27, 1909. Mr. Diehl has not confined his interests to his own personal affairs, for he has ever been found ready to lend his aid to whatever promised to work out for the ultimate good of the community, and by his own example he has done much to advance and improve the standard of farming throughout Effingham County. It is such men as he that the farming communities need—men who keep abreast of the times and do not hesitate to embrace every opportunity to improve their farms and rear their families in comfort and plenty.

**DOBBINS, Newton.**—Ever since its incorporation Effingham County has been noted for its phenomenal development, due not only to the fertility of its land, but to the enterprise and public spirit of its citizens as well. Especially has this growth and development been apparent in the last few years, during which it has advanced in great strides and taken its place in the front rank of Illinois counties. One who has done his share in bringing about this state of affairs is Newton Dobbins, of Section 17, Watson Township, who was born in Greene County, Ind., November 7, 1849, a son of Almus Dobbins.

Joshua Dobbins, the grandfather of Newton, was a native of North Carolina, who after his marriage to a Miss Trueblood, removed to Washington County, Ind., settling on a farm, where Almus Dobbins was born September 5, 1826. When a boy he went to Greene County with his parents, grew to manhood on a farm, and on March 2, 1848, was married to Sarah Warnick, daughter of Thomas and granddaughter of James Warnick, who moved to Greene County, Ind., March 16, 1818, and in 1821 was one of the first County Commissioners. On April 27, 1821, Thomas Warnick was commissioned Clerk of Greene County, and on June 4, 1822, was qualified. For some years he made his home with his father, Bloomfield then being the county-seat of Greene County, but towards the close of his fourteen years as County Clerk, he purchased a home and moved to the farm. Under the Militia Law of Indiana, Thomas Warnick was elected Colonel of Greene County, and served as such for many years. After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Dobbins, they settled on a farm in Greene County, Ind., but in 1851 the family emigrated to Jasper County, Ill., and at Vandalia, then the Capital of the State, Almus Dobbins entered a squatter claim for eighty acres of land on which was

located a small log cabin. At this time, Mr. Dobbins' personal property consisted of a yoke of oxen and one horse, but nothing daunted, he started out to make a comfortable home for himself and family, one of his first occupations being the acceptance of the contract to split rails at a compensation of fifty cents per 100. He rode to and from his labor on his horse, a distance of about three miles, on each trip carrying a sack of corn to an old horse-mill, where he hitched his own horse to do the grinding. These trips to the mill were made at night, as during the day the green flies were so numerous as to make traveling almost dangerous, in fact almost impossible. Overcoming every obstacle, with the true pioneer spirit, Almus Dobbins succeeded eventually in making a comfortable home for his family and surrounding them with every comfort. He and his family were devout members of the Christian Church. He was first a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and during his later years cast his vote with the Prohibition party. A temperate man in all things, throughout his long life he never touched liquor or tobacco, and none of his sons have ever done so. Of the children of Almus and Sarah (Warnick) Dobbins, Newton is the eldest; Lovel H., born July 13, 1852, has never married, and lives with Newton; and Jason, born March 16, 1855, resides in Jasper County, Ill. Almus Dobbins died March 14, 1901, aged over seventy-four years, and his widow survived him until October 27, 1907, when she passed away, aged nearly seventy-nine years.

Newton Dobbins was two years of age when he came with his parents to Illinois, and he can well remember his first day at the little primitive log house that served for a school. His teacher is still living, Mrs. Nancy J. Debolt, a resident of Newton, and widow of ex-County Judge Carter. Until the age of twenty-five years his life was spent much as that of other youths of those days, and at the time mentioned his father turned over the management of the home place to him. On April 2, 1874, he was married to Susan Royston, who was born in Clermont County, Ohio, May 31, 1856, daughter of Jonas and Sirella (Starkey) Royston. Jonas Royston was born in Ohio, July 17, 1816, moved to the farm now occupied by Mr. Dobbins in 1871, and died February 3, 1908. His wife was born in Virginia September 18, 1829, and died December 18, 1907. Mrs. Dobbins was the youngest of a family of seven children, the only other survivor of this being Daniel, who resides near Shumway, Ill. After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Dobbins, he built a home on the old farm in Jasper County, Ill., where he lived until 1897, caring for his parents in their declining years, and later moving to Effingham County, where Mrs. Dobbins' parents were taken care of. Mr. and Mrs. Dobbins have given the greater portion of their lives to caring for others, and they have performed their duties in this line faithfully and cheerfully. They have been the parents of nine



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children: Robert O., born February 22, 1875, a farmer near Antlers, Okla., married Maud Kincaid and has one child, Cecil; George C., born March 2, 1878, is a farmer in Watson Township, married Emma Smart, and has two children, Clarence L. and Ruth L.; Roy E., born January 28, 1880, a farmer near Hollinsville, Okla., married Fern Nevils and has five children,—William R., Newton Paul, Floyd, Annabelle and Dorothy D.; Frank, born February 6, 1882, a farmer of Jasper County, married May Painter, and has one child, Flossie E.; John W., born February 17, 1884, a farmer of Union Township, married Joice Davis, and has one child, Arlin C.; James H., born November 3, 1887, lives in Hollinsville, Okla.; Charles, born August 1, 1890, died January 17, 1900; Frances Edith, born September 24, 1893, lives at home; and Elsie Starkey, born December 3, 1896, is attending school. The family are active members of the Christian Church.

Mr. Dobbins now owns 100 acres of choice land in Section 17, Watson Township, and he has always been one of the enterprising and energetic men of his community, being a leader of important public enterprises. He is a Democrat in politics and a great admirer of William Jennings Bryan. While a resident of Jasper County, he was twice elected Supervisor of North Muddy Township, serving four years, and since coming to Effingham County he has been Collector and Assessor, his majorities at various elections proving his popularity and the confidence and esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens.

**DOBBS, Capt. Thomas Hamilton**, was born at Milledgeville, Ga., October 15, 1829, the son of Alexander and Millie (Smith) Dobbs. Alexander Dobbs was a native of Scotland and emigrated to the United States as a young man. He was married in North Carolina, later moved to Georgia, and in 1834 came with his wife and children to Shelbyville, Ill. He and his wife had five children born in the South, namely: James, William, Eliza, Thomas H. and Peter. The mother of these children died soon after locating in Illinois and they were scattered. Thomas H. was reared by his uncle, Isham Jennings, who lived in Fayette County, near the line which separated Shelby and Effingham Counties. Alexander Dobbs finally settled in Effingham County, near the Shelby County line.

Like other children of the early pioneers, Thomas H. Dobbs had no opportunity to secure an education, never attended school, and at the time of his marriage could not read or write. During the second year of the Mexican War he enlisted in Company H, Fifth Regiment Illinois Infantry, which regiment was mustered into service June 8, 1847, leaving Alton by steamboat, June 14, and proceeding to Fort Leavenworth, whence they marched across the plains to Santa Fe. In October of the same year they marched to El Paso. The regiment was ordered back to Alton and was mustered out of service, October 18, 1848.

Captain Dobbs married Elizabeth Miller in 1854 and they went to housekeeping on Wolf Creek, Effingham County. Five children were born of this union, all of whom are deceased.

July 3, 1861, Mr. Dobbs enlisted for three years' service in the Civil War, being mustered in at Decatur, Ill., August 28, and commissioned Captain of Company K, Thirty-fifth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He went to the front, participating in the Battles of Springfield, Mo., and Pea Ridge, Ark. In the latter engagement he was struck on the left leg by a six-pound cannon ball and seriously wounded, and on October 14, 1862, he was discharged at Crab Orchard, Ky., on account of disability. In 1864 Captain Dobbs re-enlisted for one hundred days, and was mustered into service at Mattoon, Ill., June 6 of that year, being commissioned Captain of Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Regiment Illinois Volunteers. He served the term of his enlistment, was honorably discharged, and re-enlisted for one year or during the war, being mustered into service at Camp Butler, February 22, 1865, and commissioned Captain of Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Infantry. This regiment went to the front and remained on active duty until the close of the war, and Captain Dobbs received his final discharge September 18, 1865, at Springfield, Ill.

In 1867 Mrs. Elizabeth Dobbs died and was buried at Effingham, Ill. Captain Dobbs married (second) in 1869, Miss Maggie Maxfield, and four children were born of this union, one of whom is now living. Mrs. Maggie Dobbs died in 1876, and in 1878 Captain Dobbs married (third) Miss Elizabeth Green, by whom he had four children, three of whom survive.

Captain Dobbs learned to read and write after entering the army. He is a Democrat of the old school type and has held several public offices. He served thirteen years as Marshal of the City of Effingham, two terms as Sheriff of Effingham County, and one year as Supervisor of his township. He is a member of the Baptist Church. He feels the weight of his years and the result of his long exposure while serving in the army, yet he walks out on the streets whenever the weather is pleasant, and most thoroughly enjoys meeting his old comrades and friends and having a social chat. He and his wife have a comfortable home and their simple needs are supplied by the generosity of the Government. All who know Captain Dobbs accord him the highest respect.

**DOTY, Charles M., M. D.**—One of the leading professional men of Mason, Ill., is Dr. Charles M. Doty, who for some years past has had a large medical practice in that city and the surrounding country. Dr. Doty was born August 6, 1869, on a farm near Vergennes, in Jackson County, Ill., a son of Daniel and Margaret (Blacklock) Doty, the former born in Jackson County, Ill., and the latter a native of Scotland, who came to this country with her parents. Daniel Doty was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit in

Jackson County, and although a quiet and unassuming man, became one of the best known farmers and stock-raisers in his section of the State. He died about 1875, while his wife survived him until 1892, when she passed away, leaving four children: Charles M.; James, on the old farm in Jackson County; Agnes, who resides in Peabody, Kan.; and Robert, who also lives in Peabody, Kan.

Dr. Charles M. Doty's boyhood was spent much the same as other farmers' sons, attending the district school during the winter months and assisting in the work on the farm during the summer. Later he entered the old Duquoin Seminary, and after graduating from that institution went into the office of his uncle, Dr. Thomas W. Blacklock, of Albany, Iowa, where he remained one year. He then spent one year in the Keokuk (Iowa) College of Physicians and Surgeons, and from there went to the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, Mo., graduating therefrom with the class of 1897. Returning to the town of his boyhood, he opened an office for the practice of his profession, and continued there successfully until 1902, when he took a post-graduate course at the West Side College of Physicians and Surgeons. He located in Edgewood in 1903, and there continued in practice until 1910, when on March 14th, he removed to Mason, Ill., where he enjoys an enlarged practice, and retains the confidence of a large body of patrons in Effingham County. He is a close and careful student, a steady-handed surgeon, and keeps himself posted on the latest discoveries in his profession by subscription to numerous medical journals. He is one of Mason's most public-spirited citizens, and can always be found in the front rank of any movement which will prove of benefit to his profession, to the cause of education or to the city. He is an enthusiastic motorist and drives his own automobile.

On January 10, 1900, Dr. Doty was married to Lulu Gruenewald, who was born in Belleville, Ill., March 6, 1875, a daughter of George Gruenewald, a stock dealer and meat merchant of Belleville. Mrs. Doty is a member of the Eastern Star Lodge and of the Modern American Insurance Company, while the Doctor is connected with the Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Odd Fellows and the Modern Americans. In political matters he is a Democrat.

**DUCKWITZ, John Gottfried.**—Many of the bravest soldiers in the Union army during the great Civil War were natives of Germany, in which country had been instilled into them valuable military knowledge, and in turn, after the war had ended, they became men of industry and sobriety, fully able to fight the battles of peace as well as of war. John Gottfried Duckwitz, prominent farmer, old soldier and highly esteemed citizen of Mound Township, was born in Prussia, Germany, April 25, 1839, son of Christian and Banta (Kuhl) Duckwitz, both of whom died in

Germany. They had six children, namely: Fred and Charles (both of whom died in the United States), Dorothea, Louise, Mary and John Gottfried.

John Gottfried Duckwitz went to school from the time he was six years old until his fourteenth year, and for one summer was engaged in herding sheep, after which he hired out to a preacher, for whom he did chores. He was thus engaged in 1857, when his brother Charles, who had preceded him to the United States and was living near Buffalo, N. Y., sent him money to pay his passage to America, and on May 18th of that year he left Hamburg on the sailing vessel "Quebec," which made port at New York City on July 6th. On arriving in this country, Mr. Duckwitz was in very limited circumstances, but he at once found employment on a farm with his brother, and remained in that part of the country for four years, when, in 1861, he came to Mound Township, Effingham County. In 1862 he enlisted at Horner's Point, Ill., for three years, as a private of Company F, Fourth Illinois Cavalry, and was stationed at Peoria for a time. In the spring of 1863 the regiment joined Sherman's army in time to take part in the battle of Nashville and the Atlanta campaign, and later pursued Morgan, under Captain Jenkins, and captured that notorious guerrilla on the Ohio side of the Ohio River. Mr. Duckwitz was captured near Atlanta, but refused persistently to dismount, and in the meantime the Federal troops had recovered and charged back. Mr. Duckwitz was dispossessed of his horse and equipments, but spying a mounted Confederate some distance away, he made a wide detour and picking up a carbine, soon was in possession of the Confederate's horse and equipments. On rejoining his company they thought he had deserted to the enemy, as he wore a Confederate hat and blanket. Among many other notable battles, Mr. Duckwitz was a participant in the notable engagement at Kenesaw Mountain, and his record is one that will stand comparison with any soldier during the war. He was also at Oakville Gap, where all the Union soldiers suffered greatly for want of provisions, and their horses ate the leaves of the trees as high as they could reach. Later he participated in the raid through North Carolina. At the close of hostilities he was honorably discharged at Nashville, and returned to the farm, which he has continued to operate to the present time with gratifying success. He built a home in 1866, and his present residence was erected in 1888, and he has put up all of his other buildings. He has an excellent property of 150 acres, all in the finest state of cultivation, and he ranks among the leading agriculturists of Mound Township. He is a faithful member of the Lutheran Church.

On September 21, 1866, Mr. Duckwitz was married to Minnie Celline, who died in 1877, leaving one child, Gustave, who resides at home. Mr. Duckwitz's second marriage was to Jennie Bahlow, of Mound Township, daughter of Fred-



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erick and Louisa (Brauer) Bahlow, and this union has been blessed with three children, namely: Gottfried, who married Annie Wachmann; Minnie, Mrs. Theo. Rich; and Mary, who lives at home.

**DUNN, John W., M. D.**—It very frequently happens that the men in a family will show an inclination towards a certain profession or line of work, and especially is this true with regard to men who make a study of medicine. There are often generation after generation of physicians in a family, the sons inheriting their skill and inclination from their fathers. However, the physician and surgeon of to-day faces an entirely different proposition from that of a quarter of a century ago. Each day brings some new discovery, some improved methods, and but adds to the strictness of the requirements, so that the younger physicians of 1910 are often better fitted to cope with disease than those who have had many years of experience behind them. One of the most successful physicians and surgeons of Effingham County is Dr. J. W. Dunn, a son of the beloved Dr. Thomas J. Dunn, who for so many years ministered to the people of Elliottstown. Dr. J. W. Dunn was born at Elliottstown, March 19, 1882, and a full history of his distinguished family will be found elsewhere in this work.

After completing the course of study in the district school, known as Grange Hall, Dr. Dunn, in 1900, entered Austin College at Effingham, from which he graduated in the Class of 1902, with the degree of B. S. and also with the preparatory medical degree. In the fall of 1902 he entered the Marlon Sims Beaumont Medical College, at St. Louis, now the medical department of the University of St. Louis, and took a four years' course in medicine. He was credited with one year's work on account of the degree he had received from Austin College, so that he graduated in the Class of 1905, with the highest honors, in a class of 102. Then taking the State Board examination in Illinois, he served two terms as interne at Anna, Ill., when he entered into practice on his own account at Watson, Ill. He next went to Oklahoma and there passed the State examination, after which he spent his time until April, 1909, building up a practice at Tryon in that State. Then returning to his native county, he settled at Dieterich, which is now his home, and where he has built up a remarkably good practice.

Dr. Dunn was married, January 14, 1905, to Nettie Graham, born in St. Louis, Mo., where she was reared and carefully educated. A man of scholarly tastes and able to throw light on almost any subject connected with his profession, yet drawing from a fund of rich experience and ripened knowledge, Dr. Dunn is also a man of rare sympathy, great kindness of heart and magnetic personality. Possessing a fine presence, a cheerful manner and an invigorating voice, he is destined for great things in the happy future that

stretches before him, as a reward for his years of faithful, painstaking preparation for what is the noblest work in which a man can engage.

**DUNN, Thomas Jefferson, M. D.**—Prominent among the professional and public men of Effingham County, Ill., is Thomas Jefferson Dunn, M. D., who has served in various positions in the gift of the people, and who is well and favorably known to the medical profession throughout the State. Dr. Dunn was born in Bracken County, Ky., December 29, 1845, a son of Andrew and Sarah Ann (Elliott) Dunn. Dr. Dunn's maternal grandfather was Elijah Elliott, a soldier of the War of 1812, who was wounded and made prisoner at Fort Duquesne, Pa., and carried to Canada. Becoming unable to travel he was killed, scalped and left unburied by the side of the River Raisin. The account of his death was given by his fellow prisoners after their release and return to their homes.

Andrew Dunn was born in Bracken County, Ky., March 30, 1813, and August 4, 1835, was married there to Sarah Ann Elliott, who was born in that county August 4, 1812. In the fall of 1853 they removed to Effingham County, Ill., completing their journey October 4th, and there Mr. Dunn engaged in farming and stock-raising until his death, which occurred at Teutopolis, January 6, 1871, being caused by hemorrhage of the brain, after an illness of twelve hours. His wife died in Lucas Township, Effingham County, October 16, 1892. They were parents of children as follows: John William, a physician at Lamar, Mo., who died at Olympia, Wash., October 1, 1884; Mary Elizabeth, married (first) O. T. Merry, and (second) Samuel L. Parks, and died in Lucas Township, September 9, 1892; Martha Frances, wife of James R. Merry, died in Lucas Township, May 26, 1875; Thomas Jefferson; Elijah Smith, died at Lamar, Mo., December 9, 1868; Andrew Thornton, died in Kentucky, in infancy; Sarah Belle, married Sylvester Harlan and (second) Andrew Bailie, of Mason, Ill. Andrew Dunn was an officer in the Kentucky Militia and served as Sergeant in Company I, Fifty-fourth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in the Civil War, being discharged at the age of fifty years.

Dr. Dunn's early education was secured in the common schools of Kentucky and Illinois and his childhood was spent on his father's farm. For ten years he followed school-teaching and in 1875 took up the study of medicine, receiving the degree of M. D. from Rush Medical College, of Chicago, February 22, 1881. He has practiced his profession at Elliottstown and vicinity throughout his long career, and has attained high rank in his profession, being equally well known in public life. He became a Republican upon his majority and May 2, 1888, was a delegate to the State Convention, and was a member again in 1904 from May 11 to June 3, when the famous "deadlock" occurred, during which he voted for Yates seventy-eight times and for Deneen once.

Dr. Dunn was Town Clerk of Bishop Township four years, being elected on the non-partisan ticket, was Supervisor of Lucas Township two years, being elected on the Republican ticket, and served for more than seventeen years as Secretary of the Board of Examining Surgeons at Effingham,—except for four years, (August, 1893, until August, 1897)—being a member of the board from the time of its organization. He is a staunch supporter of the cause of education and has done much towards building up the present excellent school system in Effingham County. Fraternally he has been connected with the Masonic Order since 1870, was Worshipful Master of his lodge many years, and is now Secretary of Della Lodge No. 525, in which capacity he has served for a long period. He is also a member of the Court of Honor and other fraternal organizations. Mr. Dunn served as First Sergeant and Lieutenant of Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during the civil War, his regiment, at the time it was mustered out, being under command of Francis Swanwick, son-in-law of Shadrach Bond, the first Governor of Illinois. He has been a member of Ed Kitchell Post, No. 159, Grand Army of the Republic, has been its Commander several times, and now holds the rank of Adjutant. Dr. Dunn was reared in the faith of the Baptist church, but has never joined any religious organization, although he supports all churches liberally. Weighing everything carefully before he espouses any cause, he is always ready to defend his opinion after he has made his decision with regard to any subject, and is known as a man of determination and stability of character.

October 4, 1866, Dr. Dunn was married, at Elliottstown, Ill., by Samuel Field, J. P., to Mary Frances Field, who was born February 5, 1849, in Effingham County, a daughter of Dr. L. J. Field, who practiced medicine for many years at Elliottstown. She died September 20, 1887, having been the mother of children as follows: Lewis Oscar, born February 3, 1868, a resident of Lucas Township, Effingham County; Elijah Andrew, born August 28, 1871, died September 6, 1872; Sarah Frances, born July 28, 1873, died January 30, 1875; Mary Elizabeth, born February 26, 1876, is a well-known educator in the Effingham schools; Ada Belle, born September 23, 1878, died October 24, 1879; John William, born March 19, 1882, is practicing medicine at Dieterich, Ill.; and Susan Ellen, born October 25, 1884, and is at the paternal home.

December 26, 1895, Dr. Dunn was married (second) at Effingham, Ill., by William B. Wright, County Judge, to Anna Perkins, who was born in Effingham County, December 25, 1866, a daughter of the late William J. Perkins, for years a well-known resident of the vicinity of Elliottstown. Two children have been born of this union, namely: Cora Edyth, January 5, 1897, and Eva Louisa, March 6, 1904, both attending school.

**DURHEIM, William F.**—Men born in Germany appear to inherit many excellent virtues from their ancestors, and when they come into a new country, bring these traits with them to bear upon their every day life in such a way as to better the community and advance the interests of the individual. William F. Durham, of Section 10, West Township, is one of the men who owe their prosperity to their industry, thrift and sterling honesty of purpose. Mr. Durham was born at Acomost, Prussia, Germany, May 24, 1851, being a son of August Durham. The latter was a farmer in Germany until he came to the United States with his son in 1880. Being already an old man, he died on October 27, 1890, at the home of his son. He had lost his wife in Germany. They had had two children: Wilhelmina, who still resides in Germany, and William F.

Until he was fourteen years of age, William F. Durham attended the parochial schools of his neighborhood, and then for the following six years worked on the farm owned by his father. As is the custom in Germany, he then went into the army for three years, and was subject to further call at different times. In all he spent six years in military service. On November 27, 1879, he was married in Germany, to Miss Wilhelmina Durham. The following year he embarked from Hamburg, Germany, for New York City on the steamship "Frescor," and from the latter city came direct to Altamont, reaching his destination November 26th. Here he joined his uncle, Frank Durham, of West Township, and soon thereafter purchased his present eighty-acre farm. On this property, he has erected new buildings, and cleared off the heavy timber on the land, developing it into a fine farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Durham have become the parents of five children: Herman of Sangamon County; John; Gustave and Otto, twins, and Bertha. The four youngest are at home. Mr. Durham belongs to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Politically he is a staunch Democrat, but has not aspired to public office. No man stands higher in the community than he, and he is recognized as a sound, reliable man, a good farmer and honorable business man.

**DUST, Henry W.**—The present generation has little conception of what was endured by the early pioneers in Illinois, or appreciation of the changes that have taken place in agricultural methods, and which have transformed farm life to such an extent that to-day it offers more inducements than at any previous time in the world's history. These conditions may be the result of the endurance and bravery of those who blazed the trail for advanced civilization. Effingham County has a most interesting history, made so by the efforts of its pioneers, and a record of their lives is appropriate and necessary in preparing a work that has to do with the locality. A family that has been important in the county for some generations is that bearing the name



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of Dust, one of its most prominent members being Henry W. Dust.

Mr. Dust is a native of the county, born in Douglas Township, which is still his home, May 15, 1848, the son of Herman H. and Catherine (Aulenbrock) Dust, both born in what is now Hanover, Germany. The father, in hope of finding a better field for labor, emigrated to the United States in 1837, locating first in Effingham County, Ill. Later he went to Indiana and Ohio, where he worked on a canal. Returning to Effingham County in 1840, he entered eighty acres of land on Section 32, Douglas Township, and built a small log cabin for himself and bride on this land. In 1845 he went to Louisville, Ky., where he married the sister of Rudolph's wife, and they drove back in a covered wagon to begin their married life in the little cabin, where four of their six children were born. Their children were: Henry W. and his twin brother, Rudolph, who died at the age of three years; William, now an extensive farmer in Bishop Township; Louisa, died at the age of two years; Louis, who married Anna Niemert and they had six children, though he and his wife are now deceased. The brother of Herman H., Rudolph Dust, afterward moved with his family from Louisville to Effingham County, and he and his wife both died soon after their arrival, although he lived long enough to pay taxes.

Herman H. Dust paid his first tax, amounting to thirty-seven cents, in 1841. He was successful from the time of his location in Douglas Township, being a man of undaunted courage and energy, ready to work hard in improving his land and bringing it to a high state of cultivation. He made a good home for his children and gave each one of them a farm when ready to leave the parental roof. A Whig, and later a Democrat, he was staunch in the support of his party and served a number of years as Road Commissioner of his township. He and his wife were members of the Catholic Church. They lived to celebrate their golden wedding, in 1895, a day long to be remembered by their family and friends. Mrs. Dust died in 1898, at the age of eighty years and her husband survived until 1903, passing away at the age of eighty-nine years. During his long and useful life he gained and retained many warm friendships, and although he had attained an unusual age, his death came as a shock to all who had known and loved him.

Henry W. Dust secured most of his early education through his own exertions, as he had little time to attend school. However, he studied nights to fit himself for St. Joseph College at Teutopolis. He worked to such good purpose that in 1868 he was able to take his earnings and go to St. Louis, where he entered a commercial college, from which he graduated the next year. He then secured a position in a wholesale and retail grocery, and continued with the concern until 1872, when he returned home and began working on the farm.

April 17, 1876, Mr. Dust married Anna M.

Niemert, who was born in Bishop Township, Effingham County, a daughter of Bernard and Mary (Bruggerman) Niemert, both natives of Germany. Mr. Niemert died about 1878 and his wife in 1899, the latter while on a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Dust. Ten children have been born to Mr. Dust and wife, namely: Bernhart, died at the age of two years; Herman H., born April 18, 1878, married Catherine Bloesmer and is now living on a farm in Douglas Township; Katie, born October 23, 1879, married Henry Notall, a farmer of Douglas Township; Henry, born June 10, 1885, married Annie Lang, of Effingham, and is farming on the old homestead; Joseph F., born June 11, 1881, married Kate Notall and is carrying on a farm in Section 5, Douglas Township; Elizabeth, born in 1889, married a farmer of Douglas Township; Louisa, born February 17, 1890, at home; William, born November 11, 1893, and Helena, born December 20, 1895. Herman H. was a favorite grandson of Herman H. Dust (1) and drove the survey for the latter on occasion of the celebration of the golden wedding of the latter mentioned in a preceding paragraph. All except the younger children who are still at home, have settled near the old home.

Mr. Dust is a strong Democrat and has taken an active part in political matters. He served eighteen years as Supervisor and during the time he occupied this office some important improvements were made. Among other things that required attention was the fact that the township was heavily in debt and the bonds which had been issued by it were heavily incumbered by unpaid interest. Being a practical business man Mr. Dust knew that these conditions must not continue, and exerted himself to reduce both principal and interest, until finally the debt was discharged. Because of his good work in the interest of the county, he was nominated in 1898 on the Democratic ticket for County Treasurer, being elected by a large majority, and proving worthy in every way of the confidence reposed in him. In 1900 he became a stockholder in the first creamery built in his locality and was appointed its manager. This enterprise continued in successful operation until combined with the new creamery at Effingham.

It is difficult to say whether Mr. Dust has made the best record as a private citizen or a public official, having been most faithful in discharging all duties which have come in his way. Returning, at the request of his parents, from the prospect of a successful business career, he settled down on a farm and made their declining years the happiest of their lives. He reared his children to revere their grandparents and the entire family gave them the highest honor and regard. As a member of the Catholic Church he has always been faithful and earnest, while in public life his honor is without a stain. Few men can look back with more pride upon a career filled with such good deeds, with care for others and devotion to public trust. His parents were upright, God-fearing people and he was reared to

follow in their faith and foot-steps. Judging from present appearances and conditions, his own children are following the same honorable lines. Such men as Henry W. Dust are the best citizens any community can desire.

**DUST, John H.**—There is something in the sturdy nature of the German that enables him to succeed in what he undertakes. When he is given the opportunities offered in this country, he develops remarkably and becomes a prosperous man, solid in his community and honored for his industry, integrity and thrift. So it is that the children of German parents have every reason to be proud of their origin and to profit by the excellent example set by those of their family who have come before them. John H. Dust, of Section 32, Douglas Township, Effingham County, Ill., is one of those fortunate men. He was born on the farm which he now occupies, December 14, 1849, the son of Rudolph and Elizabeth (Aulenbrock) Dust, both natives of Germany.

Upon coming to the United States, Rudolph Dust and his wife first located at Louisville, Ky., and later came to Effingham County, arriving there in 1846. Mr. Dust bought land on Section 32, Douglas Township, on which he erected a log cabin, with clay and stick chimney, and in this primitive dwelling the family lived until the death of the father in 1857, John H. being only seven years of age at that time. The other children were: Josephine, who died at the age of twenty-five years; Mary, became the wife of Henry Osterhaus, and lived near Green Creek Catholic Church, but is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Osterhaus were the parents of one son, Henry F., and one daughter, Mary, both of whom are married. Mrs. Dust died in 1874.

John H. Dust was educated in the common schools of the district and often had to ride upon the logs in order to cross the swollen streams on his way to school. There were no roads at that time, but the children went up the creek to the log school-house, which was of the same type as the early ones described in the general history of the county in this work. As soon as he was old enough he began working on the home farm, at first doing plowing with oxen, as his mother was afraid to have him use horses. The days of his youth were days of hard work most of the time, and he had little time for play, as the country was new. Much of the land had been bought at \$1.25 per acre and lay under water part of the year, so that it was difficult to raise enough food on it to feed the family, wild turkeys often forming a part of the bill of fare. Mr. Dust loves to recall those days and feels that, in spite of the hardships endured, they were good ones and the means of developing character. Friendships formed then were of an enduring nature.

November 12, 1878, Mr. Dust married Miss Mary Ney, who was also born in Douglas Township, Effingham County, a daughter of Herman and Adelheid (Gebbe) Ney, who lived on a farm south of Effingham. Five children were born of

this marriage: Rudolph, at home; Elizabeth, who died at the age of fourteen; Kattie, wife of Frank Heuermann, a farmer of St. Francis Township; Mary, at home; Anthony and Willie, at home.

Mr. Dust owns 240 acres of as good land as can be found in Effingham County. He has always taken an active part in building up the locality, has been a successful farmer and stockman for half a century, and for the past seven years has been engaged in the dairy business, feeding about thirty-five head of stock. His dairy barn is 30 by 88 feet and one of the most sanitary in the township. His has been a busy, useful, happy life. In politics Mr. Dust is a Democrat, while he and his family belong to the Green Creek Catholic Church. He has worked hard for his possessions, has reared a fine family and can now look with pride on what he has accomplished. He and his wife are among the most highly respected people in Douglas Township.

**DUST, William H.**—In every community in Illinois are found men who have risen above their fellows in business and political life, not because they have had better advantages, but because their natural abilities created opportunities, of which they were quick to take advantage. In a section like Effingham County, Ill., where good and reliable men are easily found, he who is given preference above his fellows has indeed attained honor, for he has proven himself a person whom any man might trust. William H. Dust, farmer, stock-raiser, land-owner and a prominent citizen of Bishop Township for thirty-five years, who has spent his entire life within the confines of Effingham County, where he has been identified with the growth and development of the community in which he lived, and who has been elected to several positions of honor and trust, was born in Douglas Township, April 8, 1851, a son of Herman H. Dust.

The education of William H. Dust was acquired in the country schools of his native vicinity, and at the age of ten years, being large for his age, began to assume his share of the duties of the home farm. His two brothers having left home for a time, and his father having had rheumatism about that time, at the age of seventeen years the youth took entire charge of the old homestead, and under his management it became one of the best producing farms in the township. In 1874 William H. and his brother Henry located on a tract of 200 acres of land in Bishop Township which their father had purchased, and for two years kept house for themselves, but in 1876 William married Miss Anna Riemann, who was born August 4, 1860, in a little log cabin, on the farm he was then occupying. She was a daughter of Henry Riemann, one of the pioneers of the county, now deceased. Herman H. Dust had always provided for his children as they left the homestead, and as a reward for his faithful service on the home place, William H. received 200 acres of land, to which



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he has since added until he now owns 390 acres, in addition to which his wife owns 120 acres. This does not include eighty acres in Watson Township which Mr. Dust gave to his son Henry when he left home.

Mr. Dust has been one of Effingham County's most successful agriculturists, and his rise in the business world has been little short of phenomenal. Always interested in anything that promised to be of benefit to his community, he has supported all movements that his business judgment showed him to be good. He is President of the Prairie State Creamery Company and of the Importer Percheron Horse Company, and a heavy stockholder in the First National Bank, all of Dieterich. In politics he has been identified with the Democratic party all his life, and has been chosen by his fellow-citizens to fill offices of public honor and trust. He has been a member of the Democratic County Central Committee for two years, was Supervisor two years, Collector one year, Commissioner of Highways nine years,—during which time the roads were kept in the best condition the township has ever known, and for the past seven years has been School Treasurer, which office he is now holding. In all these positions he has shown the utmost honesty and integrity as to his handling of funds and such matters; has been steadfast to his sense of duty, and his efficient service has been such as to win the highest approbation from those who elected him. He and his family are connected with the Catholic Church. Mr. Dust has been a resident of the county continually since birth—has, in fact, spent only three nights outside of the county, and those when he was attending the St. Louis Fair in 1904. During this long residence he has gained a reputation for honesty, integrity and capability, and is known as an efficient and public spirited citizen whose worth has been tried and not found wanting. He is a true friend and good neighbor.

The following children were born to Mr. Dust and his first wife: Mary, born November 18, 1879, is the wife of Barney Hartke, a farmer of Bishop Township, and they have four children—Dena, Robert, Ralph and Barnhard; John, born February 20, 1881, lives at home; Henry H., born December 1, 1883, married Annie Worman, is a farmer of Watson Township, and they have one child, Agnes; Bernhard, better known as "Ben," born January 12, 1886, and is at home; and Theresa, born December 20, 1888, is also at home. The mother of these children died July 2, 1897, in the firm faith of the Catholic Church. She had been a kind and loving wife and mother, and had many admirable traits of character.

February 6, 1900, Mr. Dust was married (second) to Mrs. Anna Kemme, who was born in Bishop Township, April 1, 1866, a daughter of George Westendorf, an old settler, now deceased. Her first marriage occurred February 26, 1889, when she was united with Henry Kemme, who died November 24, 1896, leaving six children, namely: Carrie, born October 18, 1889, married

Benjamin Brummer, a farmer of Bishop Township, and they have one child, Inez; Mamie, born June 27, 1891; Francis, born December 22, 1892, died October 20, 1894; Frankie, born September 24, 1894; Agnes, born July 26, 1896, and George, born April 26, 1898, and who died October 24, 1898. By his second marriage Mr. Dust has had children as follows: Anna M., born October 30, 1900; Josephine H., born December 11, 1903; William F., born October 25, 1905, and Alice A., born July 13, 1907. Mr. Dust has recently purchased forty acres of land in Bishop Township, which adjoins the farm on which he has resided for so long a period. Fraternally he is a member of the Catholic Knights of America.

**EILERS, Charles William**, one of the most prominent business men and influential citizens of Dieterich, Ill., has inherited from his parents many of the characteristics so notably shown in the lives of natives of Germany. Mr. Eilers was born in Whiteside County, Ill., December 12, 1862, and is a son of Jergen and Helen (Minor) Eilers, both born near Bremen, Germany. The parents were married in their native land and in the early 'forties came to the United States, settling in Whiteside County, near Earling on the Rock River, where they made their home until 1862, when removal was made to Bishop Township, Effingham County, Ill. In the latter place Mr. Eilers purchased eighty acres in Section 26, and at the time of his death owned 120 acres. He had been an officer in the German Army and served in the Franco-Prussian War. He died August 12, 1878, and his widow survived him until March 26, 1903. Both were devout Lutherans. The children born to them were: Hannah, wife of Samuel J. Stroud; Eliza, wife of J. H. Cross; Edward, a machinist near Houston, Tex.; Helen, died in infancy; Emma, wife of J. H. McCoy; Gerhart, died as the result of an accident; Charles William; Frances, died in 1879, at the age of twenty years; Delia, died in infancy; Ella, wife of William Martin, and Nora, wife of J. H. Meyer.

Charles William Eilers was reared on the farm of his father, attending the German Lutheran School of his locality and at the same time performing the duties allotted to him at home. These included the grinding of cane and the making of molasses, and he discharged all his tasks cheerfully, always recognizing the authority of his parents. Having been but two years old at the time of the removal of the family from Whiteside County to Effingham County, he has no recollection of that event. The trip was made in a prairie schooner and they found most primitive conditions in their new home. The township in which they settled was over-run by wolves and wild turkeys. After the death of the father Charles W. remained on the home farm and helped his mother until he was twenty-two years of age. He then went to Moultrie County and worked three years on a farm, during the first year of which he sent his mother his entire earn-

ings of \$15 per month, and during the other two years his earnings of \$17.50 and \$20 per month. He then returned to Bishop Township and March 3, 1885, married Miss Nora Field, daughter of Nels and Sarah (Ladon) Field. She was one of eight children, namely: Douglas and Charles, of Fields, Moultrie County; Nora and Dora, twins, the former Mrs. Eilers and the latter Mrs. W. N. Bridges; Cora, wife of S. L. James; Stella, who is deceased but survived by her husband, Fred Bradley; Cecilia, wife of Mr. Wild, of St. Louis, and Nina, wife of L. E. Roberts.

After their marriage Mr. Eilers and his wife remained a year on the farm in Bishop Township. He then rented a farm of seventy acres on Section 11 of the same township and operated it two years, after which he spent two years on a rented farm of 120 acres in Moultrie County. For another six years he rented another farm of 240 acres in the same locality, then rented still another farm in the same county, where he remained two years. December 28, 1900, he located in Dieterich and began buying and shipping cattle, hogs and sheep on an extensive scale, carrying on this business several years. Later he branched out and also conducted a meat market, enjoying a good patronage from the people of the town, still later purchasing a bar and cafe, and subsequently erected the substantial two-story brick structure in the heart of the business section, and which he now occupies.

Mr. Eilers and his wife have a delightful family of ten children, namely: Ollie, Nellie, Victor, Nina, Cora, Bessie, Charley, Enola, Claudia and Ruby, all at home except the oldest, Ollie, who is the wife of Willard G. Gray, of Indianapolis, Ind. The family have a handsome residence and their guests meet with a generous hospitality that is widely appreciated.

Mr. Eilers is a Republican and has been quite prominent in local affairs, having served in various public offices. While a resident of Shelby County for two years he served as Constable. He also served one term as Alderman of Dieterich, one year as Tax Collector in Bishop Township, and was for three years a member of the School Board. After serving two years as President of the Board of Dieterich, he resigned that office. He inaugurated many improvements during his administration of affairs, including the construction of sewers, the laying of crushed rock roads in the town and the introduction of cement sidewalks. He has always discharged every obligation laid upon him loyally and conscientiously, has always been the friend of progress and has advocated permanent improvements and good government.

**ELLIOTT, James Franklin.**—It is to a large degree to the self-made men of Effingham County that this section owes its present prosperity; to those who, starting life with not a dollar to their name, have worked their way to the front, placing themselves by the sheer force of their energy and perseverance, among the successful men

of the State. James Franklin Elliott, a substantial farmer of Section 1, Mason Township, is one of Effingham County's self-made men. Born January 6, 1869, in Jasper County, Mo., he is a son of Josiah and Frances (Madkin) Elliott, natives of Cumberland County, Ill., where they were married.

Josiah Elliott served three years during the Civil War, as a member of the Ninety-Seventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and after his marriage, in 1867, removed to Jasper County, Mo., where he remained until a short time after the birth of his son, James F., when he returned to Cumberland County, Ill., where he has since been engaged in farming and stock-raising, and has become one of the prominent men of his locality. His wife died about 1888, having been the mother of eight children: James Franklin; William, who died at the age of twenty years; Alpha, wife of Rev. John W. Jackson, residing near Sullivan; Clara, wife of Charles Keller, a farmer of Union Township; Thomas, a farmer of Cumberland County; Newton, who died at the age of twenty-two years; George, a farmer in Cumberland County; and Emma, who died in infancy. In politics Josiah Elliott is a Democrat, and has filled the office of Township Commissioner in Summit Township. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Grand Army of the Republic.

James Franklin Elliott was educated in the common schools of Cumberland County and spent his youth on the farm, living there until twenty-one years of age. In 1889 he was married to Jane Hillard, who was born in Cumberland County, a daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Starwault) Hillard, prominent people of Cumberland County. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott settled on a farm in Spring Point Township, Cumberland County, which they rented until 1897, and in the latter year purchased a farm of seventy-four acres on Section 1, Mason Township, on which at that time there were no improvements. Mr. Elliott at once began to clear his land, to which he has added from time to time, and he has now 145 acres of finely improved property, forty-five acres of which he devotes to broom corn, an industry which he has carried on for some years with much success. In 1905 he erected a handsome eight-room residence, and from being a renter but a few years ago, he has become the owner of one of the best improved farms in the southern part of the county. He has given a great deal of attention to the breeding of fine horses and feeding of hogs, and during later years has handled a considerable number of Shropshire sheep. Always a hard worker, Mr. Elliott has combined his energy with a knowledge of farming and stock-raising conditions, and this explains his almost phenomenal success.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have had four children: Elizabeth F., born in Cumberland County, April 9, 1891; Martha J., born in Cumberland County, November 28, 1893; Roy, born in Cumberland



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County, November 7, 1895, and Josie, born December 16, 1898, in Effingham County. Elizabeth is the wife of Calvin Sims, a farmer of Watson Township, and has one child, Leslie.

In political matters Mr. Elliott is a Democrat, and has served in his district as School Director. He and his wife are members of the Court of Honor at Watson. He is liberal in his views, and is public-spirited to a high degree, always doing more than his share in promoting any movement calculated to be of benefit to either Effingham County or his immediate locality. His standing among his fellow-citizens is high.

**ENGBRING, William H.**—The successful life of any financial institution depends largely upon the character of the officials who control its destiny, and insure its prosperity and the safety of its patrons. The State Bank of Effingham, one of the most solid and reliable banks of this part of the State, and one which passed through the panic of 1907 with added prestige, is fortunate in its Cashier, William H. Engbring, one of the substantial, conservative men of Effingham County. Mr. Engbring was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 24, 1860, a son of Gerhard and Catherine (Boedker) Engbring, both natives of Germany. The father was born in the village of Epe, Prussia, April 27, 1825, on a farm where he lived until 1847, and then came to the United States, landing at New Orleans, whence he came on to Cincinnati, Ohio. There he embarked in a merchandising business, keeping a grocery and notion store for twelve years. In 1865, he came to Illinois, bought property in Effingham and commenced conducting a general store. After ten years spent in this line on Third and Washington Streets—which was one of the first stores in the city—he disposed of his interests, and on September 1, 1881, in association with Messrs. Wood and Eversman, opened a private bank, under the firm style of Eversman, Wood & Engbring.

Mr. Engbring was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Catherine Boedker, the ceremony being performed September 2, 1886. She was born in Prussia and was a schoolmate of her husband in their native land. They became the parents of the following children: Henry, William, John, Mary and Anna.

William H. Engbring was five years old when his parents came to Effingham, and he was educated in the parish school and St. Joseph's College. When only twelve years old, he began his business career by working for his father in the store. After seven years of this kind of work, he taught school for one year. When twenty years old, he engaged with the banking house of F. A. Van Gassy. When his father embarked in the same line of business, Mr. Engbring entered his employ, and in 1886, was made a partner. When in 1903 the bank was incorporated as the Effingham State Bank, Mr. Engbring was elected Cashier and has held this position ever since. He is a heavy stockholder in the bank, and one of

its Directors. In addition, he owns considerable city property and is one of the successful business men of the county.

Mr. Engbring was married in Effingham County, October 11, 1887, to Louise Eversman, who was born in Effingham in 1868. A sketch of the family is given elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Engbring have had children as follows: Clara, Mary, Henry, Gertrude, Hilda and Louise. In politics Mr. Engbring is a Democrat and takes a very active part in party matters, and for ten years has been a member of the City Board, although his ambition does not lie in the direction of public honors. He and his wife are members of St. Anthony Catholic Church, and are interested in church work.

It has always been the policy of Mr. Engbring to strive for personal success, for he believes that the prosperity of the individual is the keystone to national prosperity. He has always labored systematically, and with a definite end in view, and in his responsible position in connection with the bank, he shows that same careful attention to detail and conservative method of action which have worked so advantageously in his private affairs.

**ENGEL, John Louis.**—Shumway is the home of some flourishing business houses which supply the large contiguous territory with necessities. One that controls an extensive trade and is constantly enlarging its operations, is that owned by John Louis Engel, an extensive dealer in lumber and hardware. He was born in Linzburg, St. Clair County, Ill., a son of Lonis and Catherine (Metzler) Engel, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

The boyhood days of Mr. Engel were spent on the farm one half mile from Shumway, and he attended school in the neighborhood. When sixteen years old he began learning the carpenter trade with his brother-in-law, Dieterich Brumerstadt, a contractor and builder of Shumway, with whom he remained for five years. Having learned his trade thoroughly, Mr. Engel then began building and contracting, thus operating for about nine years. He built many of the best farm and city residences in this vicinity, operating from 1877 to 1889, when he formed a partnership with his father under the firm name of Engel & Son. They bought the lumber business of Frank Hoese, and continued together until 1892, when the junior member purchased the stock of his father. At this time he abandoned his contracting work, to devote his attention exclusively to his other interests. At all times he carries a full line of builders' supplies of all kinds. His business has increased by adding to his stock, until he is now one of the largest dealers in the county. He also has a branch yard under the management of his brother, H. E. Engel, in Beecher City. In 1903, Mr. Engel purchased another lumber yard at Stewardson, and put his brother, Theodore Engel, in charge of it. In 1902, he erected a store building which he stocked

with a fine line of millinery and notions, placing it under the management of Eva Stansfield, whose efforts have resulted in its establishment on a solid basis. Later his daughter Lillie took charge of it for her father. A year earlier he had embarked in another line, stocking a store with hardware, wall paper, paints, oil and glass. This store is the best stocked of its kind in this part of the State, and Shumway is very proud of it. Mr. Engel is one of the most energetic of business men and a most excellent manager, conducts his several enterprises intelligently and profitably and through them brings many customers into Shumway. In this way he has been instrumental in largely increasing the general trade of the place.

On November 5, 1885, Mr. Engel married Ida Rath, born in Summit Township, March 13, 1866, a daughter of Charles Rath, a native of Germany who came to Effingham County in 1865. He died here, but his widow survives, making her home in Shumway. Mr. and Mrs. Engel (1.) had five children: Lillie, born August 31, 1886, married Dr. L. H. Phifer, a dentist of Chicago; Emil, born April 3, 1891, died July 22, 1894; Amy, born September 9, 1894; Walter, born February 25, 1897; Martha, born May 2, 1903. Mrs. Engel died May 12, 1903, and was deeply mourned as a kind and loving wife and mother, and a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. On May 29, 1904, Mr. Engel married Mary Appel, born in Shumway, Ill., daughter of William Appel, a pioneer of Moccasin Township. One son, Clarence, was born March 7, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Engel are active members of the Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Engel has been trustee for fifteen years. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and he has filled various township offices, discharging the duties pertaining to them faithfully and conscientiously. He is ever ready to bear his full share in the upbuilding of his community, and is generous in his contributions to religious and educational work. A man of his business capacities, public spirit and enterprising character is a very valuable asset in the life of any community, and without him Shumway to-day could not occupy the place it does, for he has largely influenced its commercial life and aided in its material advancement.

**ENGEL, Louis, (deceased),** who was for many years numbered among the leading men of Effingham County, was born in Rhinbeiren, Germany, August 23, 1830, a son of Philip and Mary (Hengstenberg) Engel, the third child of a family consisting of three sons and four daughters. He was born on a farm and was reared to till the soil, attending the school in the neighborhood. Losing his mother when he was six years old and his father a little later, he lived with a maternal aunt until he was sixteen years old. At this time, having heard many stories of the advantages given young men in America, he came to New Orleans, a young lad in a strange country. Notwithstanding this, he immediately found

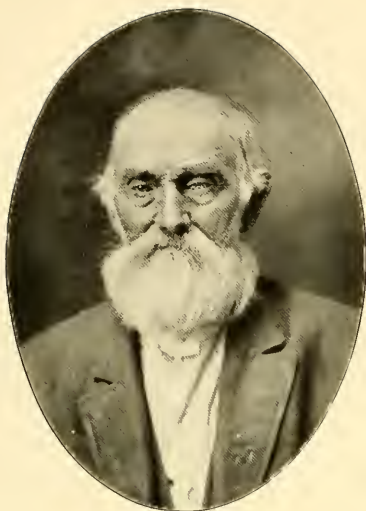
employment with a gardener in that city for whom he worked for three months, after which he went to Louisville, Ky., where for three years he worked for a gardener by the month. Leaving Kentucky, he came on to Illinois, settling in St. Clair County, where he went to work on a farm by the month. Here he was married, in July, 1854, to Catherine Metzler. A history of the Metzler family is given in the sketch of Henry Metzler, to be found elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Engel continued on his farm after his marriage, eventually purchasing forty acres in St. Clair County, which he immediately began to operate. Having improved this land, he sold it in 1865 at a good profit, and bought 100 acres near Shumway, which he developed into a fine property. This farm was only half a mile from the village, and increased in value with the growth of the community. In 1886 he began buying grain, and leaving his farm established himself in Shumway, where he also became interested in the poultry business, continuing his operations until 1889. At this time he bought a lumber yard in conjunction with his son, J. L. Engel, under the firm name of Engel & Son, operating it until 1892, when he sold his interest to the junior partner.

Mr. Engel and his wife became parents of children as follows: Christina, wife of Herman Lane, a farmer of Banner Township; Mary, wife of Dieterich Brunerstadt, of Shumway; John L., mentioned elsewhere in this work; Adam, a farmer of Banner Township; Theodore, manager of a lumber yard at Stewardson; Catherine, wife of Theodore Kunze; Minnie, married Ben Miller and they live at Villa Grove; Mary Matilda, married F. J. Struse, a section foreman at Windsor; Henry, manager of a lumber yard at Beecher City; and William, in real-estate business at Strasburg. Mr. Engel died April 8, 1899, at his home in Shumway, and many people assembled to do him honor at the funeral.

Mr. Engel was a staunch Democrat and held several local offices, always striving to discharge all his obligations, both public and private, faithfully and honorably. He and his wife had been for many years united with the Lutheran Church. The history of this man's life shows what can be accomplished by a poor boy if he possesses the right principles and is willing to be thrifty and industrious. His example is one that may be profitably cited to the coming generations, and the influence of it is still strongly felt in the community where, for so many years, he was so important a figure.

**ENGLE, Samuel,** a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars, now living in quiet retirement in his home in Effingham, Ill., was born in Indiana, April 9, 1825, a son of Abraham Engle. The father moved from Union County, Ind., to Windsor, Randolph County, and located on a farm where Samuel Engle spent his boyhood. Abraham Engle died before Samuel reached his majority



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and the latter was apprenticed to Andrew Ringer. May 9, 1847, Samuel Engle enlisted in the volunteer service of the United States Army, in Company A, Fourth Indiana Infantry, for service during the War with Mexico, and was honorably discharged May 20, 1848, at Madison, Ind.

Mr. Engle was married, at the age of twenty-two years, to Annie Catherine Pope, and of this union ten children were born, of whom two sons and two daughters still survive. In 1858 Mr. Engle moved with his family to Effingham County, Ill. At first he worked at any employment he could find, but in October, 1861, enlisted in Company K, Eleventh Regiment Illinois Volunteers, to serve three years, being enrolled October 8th, being discharged from service, however, July 9, 1862, on a surgeon's certificate of disability. After his return home he was employed by John F. Waschfort, of Teutopolis, who was at that time engaged in an extensive milling and lumber business, and for seven years Mr. Engle worked in this business, driving a team and hauling logs and lumber. He then moved to a farm. In 1881 his wife died and was buried in Blue Point Cemetery in Effingham County. Mr. Engle was married (second) in 1891, to Mrs. Davis, a widow living in Fayette County. At the present time Mr. Engle has fifteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Engle is now much broken in health, but cheerfully retains his interest in affairs about him, and walks out on his crutches whenever the weather will permit him. He much enjoys meeting his old friends, comrades and neighbors, and is a very sociable and agreeable companion. He is not a member of any church and belongs to no society except the Grand Army of the Republic. He and his wife live quietly and comfortably in their little home, their wants being supplied by the liberality of the generous Government for which he fought in two mighty wars. Mr. Engle has established a reputation as an honorable and upright citizen, who has lived a simple, pure life and has been strictly honorable in his transactions with his fellow men.

**EVANS, Robert Clark.**—With many men there seems to be but one line which they can follow, one vocation which fits their abilities, one special occupation in which they can find success, and until they have settled themselves in that special groove, they make little headway. To the man of versatile traits and abilities, however, any line of occupation which presents itself is acceptable, and if he be persistent enough he will win success in whatever field he finds employment. Robert Clark Evans, merchant and prominent citizen of Eberle, Ill., is not only a man of versatile abilities, but is a good example of the successful self-made man of to-day. He was born on the farm now owned by John Woody, in Section 24, Union Township, Effingham County, Ill., November 20, 1857, and is a son of Ransom and Anna (Morris) Evans.

Robert Clark Evans can remember but little of

his parents, as he was but a child when both died. However, it is thought that Ransom Evans came from South Carolina as a youth, with his parents, and settled in Indiana, where he was married and where four of his children were born. About 1850 he came with his family to Effingham County, settling on the farm in Union Township, which some years later he traded for a mill near Plensburg, in Union Township. He operated the mill until his death in 1860, his wife passing away four years later. They were the parents of these children: Amanda, wife of John McNeley, of New Bible Grove, Clay County, Ill.; John, who died in infancy; William; Robert Clark; Ruhama, wife of James Rentfrow, of Perkins, Okla.; Louisa J., widow of Henry McGee, residing on a farm near Bible Grove, Clay County; and Henry, of Custer County, Neb.

Robert Clark Evans went to live with his brother William after the death of his mother, and was given a limited education, but at the age of fourteen years he started to shift for himself, going to work for John Woody on the farm on which he was born, his wages being \$12 per month for the first year and \$16 per month for the two years following. In 1872 he began renting land for himself in Lucas Township, and continued farming until 1892, when he engaged in mercantile business at Eberle with Peter Jacob, under the firm name of Evans & Jacob, and this partnership continued until 1900, when Mr. Evans purchased Mr. Jacob's interests, and since then his son Theron has been admitted into partnership, the firm style now being R. C. Evans & Son. They handle a full line of high-class goods needed by the people of their community, and their practice of giving farmers with whom they deal the full worth of their produce, as well as a square deal for their money, has won them a fine trade throughout the town and its vicinity. Mr. Evans is a good business man and realizes that his best profits will come through doing a large amount of business and having the confidence of his customers, and his business has increased correspondingly. Left early in life to shift for himself, he has shown what a man can do by persistently and earnestly seeking success, and his example should be a good one for those who have not had the benefit of an easy start. In politics he is a Democrat, and fraternally is connected with the Odd Fellows at Eberle. He will be found supporting all movements for the good of the public or the community.

In 1872, Mr. Evans was married to Frances (Holt) Trapp, and to this union there were born four children: Leslie, a photographer, of Kearney, Neb.; Ollie, the wife of Charles Woody, a farmer in Union Township; and twins that died in infancy. The mother of these children died in 1878, and Mr. Evans was married (second) to Mrs. Eliza Thorp, widow of Charles C. Thorp, born July 20, 1844, in Shelby County, Ind., daughter of Robert B. and Permelia (Stears) Peek, natives of Boone County, Ky., where they were reared and married. About 1830 they emi-

grated to Shelby County, Ind., where they entered land from the Government and made a home. They were parents of twelve children, of whom four survive: Elender, wife of Cornelius Mingle, a resident of Rush County, Ind.; Permella, wife of George Howe, of Shelby County, Ind.; John T., on the old home farm in Shelby County, Ind.; and Mrs. Evans. Eliza Peck was married and came with her husband, Charles C. Thorp, to Elliottstown, Effingham County, and in 1872 they located on a farm in Lucas Township. Five children were born to Mr. Thorp and his wife: two of whom died in infancy; Presley T., a resident of Alberta, Can.; Amy A., wife of Mike Crouk, a farmer in Jackson Township; and Ora A., a resident of Champaign County, Ill. Mr. Thorp died in 1870, and the marriage of his widow and Mr. Evans took place February 4, 1879. Mr. Evans and his wife have had one son, Theron, a member of the firm of Evans & Son, who was born July 1, 1885, was educated in the common schools, and April 22, 1906, was married to Iva Woody, daughter of John Woody. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Theron Evans; Reulah, born December 12, 1906; and Clema, November 19, 1909.

**EVERSMAN, Henry.**—There are certain traits of character that are necessary to make a man an efficient and successful financier. He must possess sound judgment, know human nature, be well acquainted with financial conditions, and be conservative in his action. The Effingham State Bank is fortunate in its Assistant Cashier, Henry Eversman, who although still a young man is well known in banking circles, and is associated with some of the substantial institutions of the county. Mr. Eversman was born in Teutopolis, Ill., April 4, 1880, son of Dr. Henry and Caroline (Waschfort) Eversman.

Dr. Eversman was born in Hanover, Germany, February 23, 1837, a son of Francis F. and Charlotte (Tirren) Eversman, the former born in Althausen, Hanover, Germany, in September, 1807, and his wife born in Osnabruck, Hanover, Germany. Francis F. Eversman educated his son Henry, later Dr. Eversman, in the parochial schools of his native country. After coming to this country, the young man studied in Cincinnati, Ohio, and later attended St. Xavier's College, at Cincinnati, for four years. He then became a student in the Ohio Medical College of that city, and remained three years. In January, 1862, he was appointed house physician in the Commercial Hospital in Cincinnati by President Lincoln, with the rank of Assistant Surgeon. Later he became Chief Surgeon after a service of six months, and also held other important professional offices during his term of service. Returning home in September, 1865, he began the practice of his profession in Effingham. In 1881 he embarked in the banking business as member of the firm of Eversman, Wood & Engbring, private bankers. He remained active in this institution until his demise, which occurred April 7,

1903, when Effingham lost one of its most valuable and desirable citizens. His widow survives him, residing in Effingham. Dr. and Mrs. Eversman were the parents of six children, four of whom are now living: Lonise, wife of W. H. Engbring; Mary, wife of J. G. Schultz, of Lewiston, Idaho; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. H. Taphorn, of Effingham; Henry; Frederick and Clara, both deceased.

Henry Eversman was married May 4, 1905, to Ursula Fisher, born in Effingham County, November 17, 1885, daughter of John and Bridget (Wade) Fisher, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Eversham have one child—Henry Louis.

Mr. Eversman was given a thorough education in the schools of Teutopolis and at St. Joseph Catholic College, from which he graduated in the commercial course with high honors. His business career began when he was only fifteen years old, in the bank where he has remained for fourteen years, gradually earning promotion until he now is Assistant Cashier. He is also a director and stockholder in this bank, is a Director in the Washington Building and Loan Association, and Treasurer of the Effingham Building and Loan Association, and owns city realty of considerable value.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Eversman are members of the Catholic Church of Effingham, and are active in church work. In politics Mr. Eversman is a Democrat, but has never aspired to public office. He is a member of the K. of C. and the C. K. of A., both of Effingham. Mr. Eversman is one of the most practical and reliable bankers of the county, and having given all his life to the work, knows its every detail. Thoroughgoing in all he undertakes, with a keen taste for his business, he has a brilliant future before him and an outlook on life not usually gained by a man of his years.

**FAUGHT, Charles Otis.**—One of the representative men of Effingham County, Ill., is Charles Otis Faught, who was for many years known as one of the most prominent railroad constructors in the country, and is now living retired at Altamont, Ill., where he is President of the Altamont Agricultural Fair Association. He was born in Kenton, Hardin County, Ohio, November 22, 1858, son of Preston and Lena (Pugh) Faught, who moved to Shelby County, Ill., in 1864, and located on a large tract of land near Shelbyville. The father died at Tower Hill in the fall of 1894.

Charles Otis Faught was sent to the public and high schools at Tower Hill and Pana. On completing his education he took up the study of telegraphy, but shortly thereafter started civil engineering, which he in turn gave up for railroad contract work, and in 1882 finished a few contracts on the old Clover Leaf, then a narrow gauge road. He soon accepted a contract for superintending the construction of a road from Wakefield to Niobrara, Neb., for Charles Felts, of Minneapolis; one on the Little Blue River, at



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Hanover, in Kansas, for Patrick Fitzgerald of Lincoln, Neb., and in 1884 came East and assisted the engineering department in locating a line between Altamont and Metropolis City, Ill., which is now part of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad. His next work was the building of a road from East St. Louis to Springfield, which was later built through to Peoria, and in 1885 he went to Jamestown, N. Y., and built a road from that place to Mayville, Chautauqua County. Returning to Illinois, he built a line from Mt. Olive to Springfield, one from Grand Tower to Cape Girardeau, on the Mississippi River, next built the T. P. & A., a road from Montpelier, Ohio, to Chicago, and in 1892-93 built the Alton to St. Louis. In 1894 he built the C. P. & M., now part of the Frisco, and the year following built from Johnson City to Carbondale, now a part of the Chicago & Texas. In the fall of the same year he built from Holmesville to Wooster, Ohio, and from Trenton to Pattonsburg, Mo., an extension of the Stillwell System. His next work was a road from Sapulpa to Oklahoma City, Okla.; from New Ulm, Minn., to Storm Lake, Iowa; from Sapulpa, Okla., to Denison, Tex.; from Weatherford, Okla., to Tucumcari, N. M.; from a point in Arkansas to Lawton, Okla.; from Oklahoma City to Amarillo, Tex., and from Chandler to Guthrie, Okla. His last work was a line from Red Fork to Enid, Okla. During these active years, Mr. Faught made his home in St. Elmo, Ill., but in 1895 he moved to Altamont, where in 1897 he erected his present beautiful residence. He was one of the founders of the Altamont Agricultural Fair Association, and has been its Secretary three years and President one, being the present incumbent of the latter office. Mr. Faught has always done big things, and although practically retired from active business, any movement of public moment will find in him a ready supporter. He is the owner of much valuable property, located in various States. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen; he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Altamont, and one of its trustees. Politically a Republican, he was Mayor of Altamont from 1905 to 1907, and proved one of the best executives the city has had. He also served some time as alderman.

Mr. Faught was married, at Rochester, Ind., May 30, 1885, to Orr Davidson, daughter of the late State Senator W. D. Davidson, of Indiana. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Faught: Donald, Gail, Bernice and Madeline, of whom Bernice is deceased.

**FELLHOELTER, Joseph.**—The annals of Effingham County show many records of the lives of farmers who have rounded out the duties connected with agricultural pursuits, and have amassed considerable fortunes gathered from the fertile soil. One who has met with remarkable success along these lines is Joseph Fellhoelter of Section 33, Douglas Township, who was born

in Hanover, Germany, March 1, 1867, and possesses all of the German characteristics that make for such good citizenship. He is a son of Ernest and Mary (Schwoeppe) Fellhoelter, both natives of Hanover, Germany, where both died, the mother in October, 1898, and the father in October, 1902. The father was a farmer and stock-raiser, and devoted his life to this work. Four sons and four daughters were born to these parents: Minnie, Joseph, August, Bernard, Gertrude, Theresia Mary, and Henry, who came to America, and two others who remained in the old country. Minnie married Anton Niebrugger and came to Effingham County, settling on Green Creek, where she died in 1895, leaving five children. Gertrude came to America and married Henry Rocklage, a farmer of Washington County, Ill. Henry Fellhoelter is a farmer of Sheridan County, Kan.

Joseph Fellhoelter was brought up in Germany and there educated. In 1884, desiring larger opportunity for employment and development, Mr. Fellhoelter came to America with his sister Minnie and located in Douglas Township, where he secured employment with Anthony Jansen on a farm. Here he worked by the month for two years, receiving for all that time only \$240. For the following two years he secured \$230, and of this \$500, he saved nearly all. He then secured work at \$11.50 per month, when he married, May 28, 1889, Minnie Jansen, daughter of his first employer. (A full history of the Jansen family is given elsewhere in this work.) After marriage, the young couple settled on Section 33, in Douglas Township, on a partly developed farm, which had received some improvements. He at once began to bring this property into a good state of cultivation, put up a beautiful five-room house, a good barn, and now has one of the best farms in this part of the township. About six years ago, Mr. Fellhoelter began experimenting with dairy stock, putting in eleven head of mixed breed. He now has a large dairy barn, 50x90 feet, well equipped with the latest dairy appliances. He also has thirty-five head of cattle, eleven head being pure bred Holstein stock, and at the head of his herd is Sir Korndyke Johanne De Kol, a pure blood Holstein bull, which he bought from Samuel Campbell of Genoa, Ill., a breeder of Holstein cattle. Mr. Fellhoelter has been very successful in his dairy business, as well as in other lines, and for a quarter of a century he has been closely identified with the development of Effingham County. Coming here as a stranger, not even knowing the English language, he has made remarkable progress and his German friends are very proud of him. In 1900 he made a trip to his old home, but found that things had changed, and after a month's stay he was glad to return, although regretting to leave his father, brothers and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Fellhoelter have no children of their own, but after the death of Mrs. Niebrugger, they adopted two of her children—Anton and John—and have cared for them as for their own.

In politics Mr. Fellhoelter has been a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Green Creek German Catholic Church.

**FISHER, John H.**—Naturally a man's success in life is generally measured by his prestige in business, political or social circles, and when he figures prominently in all, then he has accomplished much. John H. Fisher, of Effingham, Ill., who conducts one of the largest clothing and gent's furnishing houses in Effingham County, is a representative of his party in the City Council, is a welcome guest in the best homes of the city and is recognized as one of the best representatives of successful men in his part of the State. Mr. Fisher was born in the county, January 22, 1853, and was educated in its public and Catholic schools. He is a son of John H. and Mary (Knoppe) Fisher, both natives of Germany, from whom Mr. Fisher inherited the sterling traits of character that have made him what he is today. The parents came to the United States prior to their meeting, and were married in Effingham County, in 1848 or 1849.

Locating upon a farm of 160 acres in Douglas Township, which they bought, the two prospered, and lived there until the father died, in 1857, aged fifty years. He is buried at Green Creek Catholic Church Cemetery. The mother survives, aged eighty years, and enjoys excellent health. She bore her husband four children, but only three grew to maturity: Annie, married Joseph Kreke, and both are deceased; Angeline is unmarried and lives in Effingham with her mother; John H.; and Catherine, who died in infancy.

John H. Fisher remained at home until he was seventeen and then became a clerk in a grocery store, after which he entered the employ of a clothing merchant and, having learned the business, in 1884 embarked in the clothing line for himself, in Effingham.

His business house has been a leader from the beginning and his volume of trade shows a healthy and steady increase. Mr. Fisher carries a full line of clothing and men's furnishing goods and does a very large business, not only in Effingham, but throughout the large territory tributary to that city. Having such excellent connections, Mr. Fisher is able to offer special inducements to his customers, both as to the quality and prices of his stock.

On May 18, 1875, Mr. Fisher was married to Bridget E. Wade, who was born in Somerset, Perry County, Ohio, July 5, 1849, but came to Illinois in 1872, after the death of her parents at Somerset, where they were buried. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have had the following children: Mary, unmarried; Adelia, unmarried; John, died at the age of twenty-two; Clarence L., unmarried, is associated with his father in the clothing store; Ursula, married Henry Eversman and they reside in Effingham; Georgia, died at the age of two years; and Henrietta, unmarried.

In politics Mr. Fisher is a Democrat and he

takes an active part in local affairs. He has served as Alderman for three terms, although he never aspired to public office. Fraternally he is a member of the K. of C., of Effingham. He and all his family belong to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, of Effingham, and are all active in church work.

Mr. Fisher is a genial, whole-souled man, who has countless friends, and his remarkable success is due to his good business sense, sterling integrity and courage. Owing to the lack of good schools in his youth, he received but a limited education and was early forced to earn his own living, but he has gone steadily forward and the results of his labors must be very gratifying to him and his family.

**FRITSCHER, Henry M.**, Postmaster at Dieterich, Ill., where he is also interested in business enterprises and active in all that concerns the welfare of the place, serving efficiently in public office and setting an example in private life as a church member and worthy citizen, was born in St. Francis Township, Effingham County, Ill., October 3, 1867. His father, Fred Fritscher, was one of the pioneers of the county, coming to America from Germany in 1852. He located first in Cook County, Ill., where he was married to Miss Louisa Kemmer, also a native of Germany.

In 1860 Fred Fritscher removed with his family to Effingham County and settled in St. Francis Township, where he bought land and engaged in cultivating it until 1870, when he returned to Chicago. There he was engaged for a time in mercantile business and became well-to-do, finally retiring and dying there in 1899, when aged sixty-two years. His wife died at the age of fifty-nine years. He was an active member of the Republican party. In religious faith he was a Lutheran and was one of the original twelve members in St. Francis Township that furnished the means to build the first Lutheran church edifice there, both he and wife being constant attendants and supporters as long as they lived in the township. To them were born nine children, four sons and five daughters, of whom three sons and three daughters still survive; Fred, H. is a merchant residing in Indiana; Albert is a railroad man and lives at St. Paul; Henry M. is Postmaster at Dieterich; Louisa is the wife of John L. Minor, a railroad conductor, and they live in Chicago; Alma is the wife of Paul Joergensen, a steel engraver, and they live in Chicago; Ella is the wife of James M. Donehue, an actor, their home is at Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Donehue and his wife both appear publicly in opera, she as pianist and he as vocalist, and are recognized as highly gifted musicians.

Henry M. Fritscher remained on the home farm until he was fourteen years of age, attending school and making himself generally useful, and then accompanied his parents to Chicago, where he entered the Hayes School and was graduated in the class of 1883. For a short time he made his living at bookkeeping and then followed



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paper hanging and decorating, remaining in the great city by Lake Michigan until 1891, when he returned to the old farm, where he remained until 1893, then returned to Chicago, where he followed his trade until 1896, when he came to Dieterich. Here he embarked in business as a general merchant, putting in a fine stock of seasonable goods and erecting two business houses on Main Street; he continued in that line for five years and then sold out. He then accepted a position with the J. H. White Company, of Chicago, dealers and commission merchants in poultry and produce, remained with that firm one year and then accepted a better proposition from G. H. Lewis & Sons, of New York, and continued with that commission house until May 31, 1905. He is interested at present in the produce trade and is western agent for Lewis & Sons Company.

In politics Mr. Fritscher has always been a Republican and his services have been recognized and acknowledged by his party on many occasions. He has served several terms as Alderman of his ward and one term as President of the Village Board. He has invested in property and built a comfortable, attractive residence in the town. From 1897 until 1901 he was connected with the Post Office and was First Assistant to Postmaster J. P. Wendt. In 1906 he completed the building in which the post-office is installed, equipping it with all modern conveniences, and making it the best building for the purpose in the southern part of the State. He took charge of the office as Postmaster May 31, 1905.

In 1893 Mr. Fritscher was married to Miss Bertha Gust, born also in St. Francis Township, daughter of August Gust, a prominent farmer of the township. Two children have been born: Arnetta and Grant. With his family Mr. Fritscher belongs to the Lutheran Church.

**GIBSON, Aden K.**—The banks of Effingham County are sound, reliable institutions, as a class, and in the care of financiers of experience, who conserve carefully the interests of their depositors. Mason is the home of one of these establishments, known as the Mason Exchange Bank, and its Cashier, A. K. Gibson, is one of the most astute men in this part of the State. Mr. Gibson was born in Mason, Ill., July 20, 1881, a son of the late Robert G. and Ellen L. (White) Gibson, and was educated in the common schools of his native place.

When but eighteen years of age, Aden K. Gibson took charge of the affairs of the firm of Gibson & Company, organized by his father in 1869. This is the leading dry goods and grocery house in Mason, and since his father's death, Mr. Gibson has built up its trade wonderfully, each year's profits showing steady growth. He is also a member of the firm of Evans & Gibson, dealers in hardware, established in 1906. Since the organization of the Mason Exchange Bank, owned by himself and his mother, Mr. Gibson has been its Cashier, and under his conservative

management the confidence of the people has been gained and maintained. In 1906 Mr. Gibson was honored by appointment to the office of Postmaster at Mason, being entitled to this recognition by his prominence and services in the interests of the Republican party, of which he is an enthusiastic adherent.

Mr. Gibson was married in Chicago, October 24, 1905, to Mabelle L. Holloway. Since he reached the age of twenty-two years Mr. Gibson has been a Mason, and is also a member of the Methodist Church. A good business man, keen, shrewd and resourceful, he has a bright future before him, both as a private citizen and as active member of the party whose interests he and his father before him have done so much to maintain and advance.

Mr. Gibson's maternal grandfather, Perigrene White, was a member of Company E, Thirty-eighth Illinois Infantry, in which he served three years during the Civil War. His father served in the same company and regiment and was taken prisoner and confined in Andersonville, Libby, Belle Isle and Florence prisons.

**GIBSON, Robert G. (deceased).**—The life of a successful man is an interesting study, but that of a good one furnishes a fitting example for others. Some men never shrink from the line laid out by duty, but unflinchingly tread it to the goal, wherever it may be. Many remarkable characters were developed by the Civil War. The trials, dangers and privations of that great struggle brought out the good and strengthened the weak points in a man, making him a hero. Among those who are honored above the ordinary in Effingham County is the late Robert G. Gibson, whose life was one of long sacrifice for what he believed to be the principles of honor and duty. Mr. Gibson was born in Ohio County, Ind., May 10, 1841, and died in Mason, Ill., where he had made his home for many years.

Mr. Gibson learned the cooper's trade but never followed it, for coming to Illinois in 1861, he began quarrying rock at Mason. But the call made upon his patriotism was too strong to withstand, and on August 12, 1861, he answered it by enlisting in Company B, Thirty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for a period of three years. During the two years that followed he participated in all the hard-fought battles in which his regiment was engaged, but at the battle of Chickamauga, September 19, 1863, he was captured and for two months was held a prisoner at Richmond, Va. From Richmond he was taken to Danville, Va., where he was held five months and then consigned to the horrors of Andersonville Prison. After remaining there four and one-half months, he was sent to Charleston, S. C. (being one of those selected by the rebel authorities for the purpose of being exposed to the dangers of bombardment by the Federal war vessels), but thirty days later was sent to Florence, N. C., where he remained until February 17, 1865, when he was

released, returned to Illinois and was mustered out of the service, receiving an honorable discharge at Springfield, May 9, 1865.

No mere words can describe the horrors endured during those weary months in Southern prisons, and perhaps it is as well so. Mr. Gibson himself was of too kindly a disposition to dwell upon them at length, preferring to consider the outcome of the struggle and the subsequent development of the country made possible by his personal sacrifice and that of many like him. It was but as the shadow of the brave young soldier of 1861 that he came back to Mason after his discharge; but, although broken in body, he was still full of mental vigor, and soon after embarked in the milling business, buying a half-interest in the firm of D. W. Sisson & Company. This interest he later traded for a farm, but in the fall of 1868 bought a stock of goods of Isaac Baker and engaged in mercantile business. Mr. Gibson was a born organizer, and soon became identified with almost every leading line of business in the village. He bought and sold grain, railroad ties, hay and hoop poles, and became the owner of a large tract of land. It appeared that he had only to take up an enterprise in order to make it successful. With all his business success he gave liberally of his personality, winning friends everywhere and dispensing charity of which no one beside himself and those who enjoyed its benefits were aware. However, his strength, wasted by disease in consequence of his sufferings in prison, could not withstand the demands made upon it, and he was forced to relinquish his affairs to the care of his son, A. K. Gibson.

Mr. Gibson joined the Grand Army of the Republic as soon as it was formed, and was one of its most enthusiastic members. Every Decoration Day, in spite of his loss of physical strength, he would march in the procession to the cemetery, where he would scatter flowers upon the graves of those who had already answered the last roll call. His favorite song was "Marching Through Georgia," and whenever it was sung his voice could be heard leading in the inspiring battle hymn.

Mr. Gibson was married, October 24, 1867, to Ellen L. White, who bore him children as follows: Walter, of Mason, Ill.; A. K.; Flora, who died in infancy; Ada B., married Harry D. Sisson; Iva M., married W. W. Carroll, of Champaign, Ill., a conductor of the Illinois Central Railroad; and Nona M. Robert W. Gibson is in the mercantile business at Mason.

Mr. Gibson was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and took much interest in his lodge. He was one of those whole-souled men whose energy far outweighed bodily strength, and May 17, 1900, his remains were added to the soldiers' graves in Mason Cemetery, where on Decoration Day following his old comrades decorated his grave. There was not a dry eye in Mason when the march of the veterans was made on that day. Mr. Gibson's place was empty as his favorite song

was played, and his fellow members of the G. A. R., with bowed heads and streaming eyes, held him in reverential memory, as they advanced to do him honor beside the grave that held all that was mortal of him.

### "BOB GIBSON"

By

JAMES NEWTON MATTHEWS.

"As I look at you, Bob Gibson, and size you up  
and down,  
You are just a common neighbor in a common  
country town,—  
But under that old coat of yours throbs a heart  
as kind  
As the Maker in His wisdom ever made to match  
a mind;  
And so it is I rhyme your name with everything  
that's fair,  
And braid the purple pansies of my praise for  
you to wear.

"Tho' Nature never gifted you with silver-plated  
speech,  
She never filled your head with thoughts your  
language couldn't reach;  
And more than that she gave you common-sense  
enough to know  
That the simple path of duty is the smoothest  
road to go,—  
And so you jog along it, Bob, a jolly sort of man,  
Keeping everybody jubilant and happy that you  
can.

"You are just the man, Bob Gibson, that my  
fancy likes to paint,  
A kind of happy cross between a sinner and a  
saint—  
A cunning intertangling of antagonistic traits,  
A palatable compound of big loves and little  
hates—  
Yes, Gibson, you are all of these, and all of these  
combine  
To make your friendship sparkle like an over-  
flowing wine.

"You suffered in the army, Bob, and sweltered  
in the suns  
Of Georgia, when the Johnnies had you girdled  
with their guns;  
And they say a better soldier and a braver never  
drew  
The buckles of a cartridge-belt around a coat of  
blue;  
But those were times of trouble and have long  
since passed away,  
And I shall not recall them in the sun-light of  
to-day.

"You are just the same, Bob Gibson, that I found  
you long ago,  
Save that your curly hair begins to hint of early  
snow—  
Save that your eyes are dimmer, and there's  
something in your gait,



*J. A. Parker*





That seems perhaps a little less elastic here of late,—  
But your laugh is just as hearty, and the fun flows just as free,  
From the bearded mouth of fifty as the lips of twenty-three.

"health to you, Bob Gibson! and may the coming time.

When you meet it, melt to music like the ripple of my rhyme;

May the years break into blossoms of enchantment at your feet.

And over-head the skies be clear, and all the songs be sweet;

And when your hands have weary grown, and Nature calls to rest,

Go down the twilight singing like a glad bird to its nest."

**GIESEKING, William (deceased).**—Some men, in their quiet, earnest way, make themselves beloved and leave their impress upon their communities. Public honors may not have been theirs, but in their private lives they have accomplished much good and left a name of which their families may well be proud. Such a man was the late William Giesecking, who during life was a successful farmer of Moccasin Township, Effingham County. He was born in the City of Quetzten, Westphalia, Germany, October 18, 1828, being a son of William Giesecking, who died in Germany.

In addition to attending the public schools in his native country. Mr. Giesecking learned the trade of carpenter and followed it there until he sailed for the United States, in 1852, making the trip in a sailing vessel which took six weeks for crossing. From New York, where he landed, Mr. Giesecking went to St. Louis, thence to Belleville, Ill., working all the time at his trade. His next location was at Nashville, Ill., where he was married, in November, 1855, to Caroline Hessemann, who was born in Bergkirchen, Westphalia, Germany, February 9, 1837, but was brought to the United States when fourteen years old, by her parents, who landed at Baltimore, after a voyage of seven weeks and three days. The family lived in York, Pa., two years, then moved to Nashville, Ill., and later to Minden, Ill., where the father died.

In 1863 Mr. Giesecking moved from Nashville to Effingham, and operated the mill now called the Alt Mill. In 1866 he moved to old Freeman-ton, and two years later located in Moccasin Township, where the remainder of his life was spent. While living in Freeman-ton his brother-in-law, Fred Hessemann, was associated with him. The farm in Moccasin Township, on which he located in 1868, was given his best efforts and he made it a valuable property. He was well known for his industry and thrift, and at his death owned 400 acres of land. January 30, 1887, occurred the death of this most excellent man, and his remains are interred in Union Cem-

etery, Altamont. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church and died firm in its faith. For years he served as an official of the church, always giving it his earnest support. In political faith he was a Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Giesecking had children as follows: Louisa, now Mrs. Joachim Priess, of Effingham County; Friedrich, of Altamont, married Mary Schroth; William G., a creamery man, of Altamont, married Laura M. Watton; John H., on the home farm, married Lena Karer; Henry C., is also on the farm and is married to Melva Young; C. Herman, of Altamont, is unmarried; Lena E., at home; two daughters who died in infancy, and Hannah, who died in 1894, at the age of twenty-six years. The family is one of the best known in the locality of their home, and its representatives are honored and respected, a credit to their father and his earnest life.

**GILLESPIE, Ambrose D.**—Ever since scientific investigation has proven the importance and necessity for having pure milk, the production of that article has become an important factor in the agricultural life of Illinois, so that many farmers are specializing along the lines of dairy work with profitable results. Ambrose D. Gillespie, one of the leading dairy farmers of Watson Township, Effingham County, was born in Bishop Township, same county, September 3, 1855, and is a son of Herman and Margaret (Field) Gillespie.

Herman Gillespie was born on Blennerhassett Island, in the Ohio River, April 10, 1810, one of the sixteen children of John and Esther (James) Gillespie, and the only one of this family ever seen by Ambrose D. Gillespie. As a young man Herman Gillespie was employed at the Indian Trading Post, at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and in 1854 came to Illinois, settling at Elliottstown, November 22, 1854, he married Margaret Field, who was born in Bracken County, Ky., December 4, 1823, and they remained in Bishop Township, Effingham County, Ill., until 1865, when they removed to Watson Township and settled on a tract of 120 acres. When he settled in Elliottstown, Mr. Gillespie started to make brick, being one of the first men in the State to use the molds in which the slap sand-brick was made, the old method having been to roll the bricks in sand. When the call was made for 300,000 volunteers, in 1861, Mr. Gillespie enlisted in Company B, Thirty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Camp Butler, near Springfield, being later ordered to Pilot Knob, Mo. At the Battle of Fredericksburg, Mo., he was permanently disabled, and was finally discharged and mustered out of the service in 1863. Herman Gillespie was one of the typical old frontiersmen. In 1829 he was employed by the Government as guide and pilot to remove the Miami and Missionary Indians from their reservations near Fort Wayne, Ind., to Chicago. In those days a French trading post. Being quite familiar with the Indians and understanding their language.

he made an excellent guide, and for this reason he had been chosen to take them to Fort Dearborn. His death occurred February 7, 1900, on his farm, when he reached the age of ninety years, his wife having passed away in 1881. They had two children: a daughter who died in infancy, and Ambrose D. In politics Herman Gillespie was a Republican and held various township offices. He was a devout Christian and was much loved and highly esteemed because of his many noble traits of character.

Ambrose D. Gillespie attended his first school in Elliottstown, and at the age of eleven years came to Watson Township with his father, finishing his education in the latter place. He was married, December 5, 1878, to Alice Loy, who was born in Watson Township, daughter of Thomas S. Loy. Five children were born of this union: Mary Catherine, wife of Otto White, a farmer of Watson Township; Charles E.; Homer M., on the farm with his father; Kenneth L., at home, and one child who died in infancy.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie settled on the home farm, to which he has added from time to time, through hard work and perseverance. For the past several years, in addition to his farming operations, he has given considerable attention to raising cattle, and also has a dairy of twenty-five cows, thirteen of them being of mixed breed. During the fifty-four years of his residence in Bishop and Watson Townships Mr. Gillespie has ever been a staunch supporter of any movement having as its object the benefit of the community. He has seen many changes come to the county, between the time when it was nothing unusual for him to take his gun and go on a hunting trip for wild game near his home to the present time, and he has done his share in causing these changes to appear. He has served in various local offices, including that of Town Clerk, and is a staunch Republican in politics. Since his fiftieth year he has been a faithful member of the Christian Church and has never shrunk from doing what he considered his Christian duty. His vote was cast for the Local Option Bill which swept saloons from so many Illinois towns and villages in 1908. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 321, and Modern Woodmen of America Camp No. 2705, of Watson. He is Secretary of the Watson Telephone Company.

**GILMORE, John P.**—By a long and honorable business career, a thoughtful interest in others and public-spirited efforts in behalf of his community, John P. Gilmore, familiarly spoken of as "Nec," has made himself one of the best-known and most popular men in West Township. He is one of the heaviest landowners of southeastern West Township, owning ten forty-acre tracts in this township and one half of a sixty-acre tract just across the line in Fayette County. His farm is the old homestead on Section 27 of this township, where he was born October 14, 1849, being a son of James LeRoy and Cynthia (Seals) Gilmore. James L. Gilmore was born

in Kentucky and his further history will be found elsewhere in this work.

The homestead now owned by Pohn P. Gilmore was bought by his father after his arrival in Illinois, for \$1.50 per acre. He also invested in other land at the same price, owning considerable property in Effingham County where his death finally occurred. Prominent as a Democrat, James L. Gilmore served as Supervisor of West Township for years, and as County and Circuit Clerk of Effingham County. He was one of the pioneers of his locality and too much credit cannot be given him for what he accomplished. His children are very proud of his record and give much credit for their success to the training they received from him, as well as to the force of his example.

John P. Gilmore was educated in the Gilmore school which was located on a portion of the home farm, and named after his father. He worked on the farm from boyhood, and just before his father's death, came into possession of the homestead. This property has been greatly increased in value by his intelligent operation of it, and he has every reason to be proud of his success.

Mr. Gilmore was married in 1872 to Miss Josephine Marion, of Lucas Township, Effingham County, and daughter of Andrew Marion, a native of Quebec, Canada. Mr. Marion moved from Quebec to New York State, where Mrs. Gilmore was born, and still later to Lucas Township, Effingham County, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore have had children as follows: Rose, Mrs. George Peeler of Oklahoma; Erastus of Edgewood; Nell, Mrs. Charles Donaldson of Altamont; Henry of Mason Township; Gertie, Mrs. Herbert Bradford of Mason Township; Emma, Mrs. Harry Henry of Jacksonville, Ill.; Mary, at home, and LeRoy, deceased.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Gilmore supports the candidates of his party, but does not seek public notice. He was reared in the faith of the Baptist Church, and gives liberally towards its support. He is a whole-souled, big-hearted man, generous to others, and always willing to assist in the advancement of his community. No movement for the betterment of the township which he approves fails to receive his support, and he has done much to bring about present prosperous conditions. It is to such men as he that the people of Effingham County are proud to point as representative of their business men and agriculturists.

**GILMORE, Sylvester F.**—There are few attorneys-at-law who stand higher in public esteem, who have done more to uphold the dignity of the law, than the astute Sylvester F. Gilmore, of Effingham. He was born in Putnam County, Ind., August 17, 1837, a son of Thomas and Margaret (Leach) Gilmore, and grandson of William Gilmore, the latter of whom served in the Revolutionary War from Virginia, and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis. Thomas



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Gilmore, who also came from Virginia, served in the War of 1812.

Judge Gilmore attended Hanover College, South Hanover, Ind., and graduated March 27, 1860, from the law department of the Indiana De Pauw University. He was a member of the Seventy-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry for sixty day service, and was captured by the enemy at Uniontown, Ky., September 1, 1862.

In 1867 Judge Gilmore located in Effingham County, and from April, 1869, to December 1, 1873, he served as Superintendent of Schools of the County. From December 1, 1882, he served as County Judge for twelve years, and was one of the best known and most able members of the Bench in this part of the State. During the many years he occupied this position, Judge Gilmore was associated with many able jurists, and performed the duties of his office with great efficiency.

Judge Gilmore is a Mason, having attained to the Royal Arch Degree, is also a member of the G. A. R., and is enthusiastic in his support of the latter. The Presbyterian Church is his religious home, and he has been one of the main factors in its growth and present prosperity.

The first marriage of Judge Gilmore occurred April 11, 1860, to Julia A. Matkin, at Greencastle, Ind. His second marriage occurred November 4, 1882, to Margaret Means, at Effingham. The following children have been born to him: Clarence H.; Mary E., married L. M. Cornwell, and died January 6, 1902; William and Thomas E. In politics Judge Gilmore is a Democrat, and he has been active in the services of his party. He is one of the most prominent men of Effingham, and has taken a very important part in the history of the county. He is well known both as a lawyer and jurist, and the distinguished honor that is paid him has been justly earned by his unflinching devotion to duty.

**GILMORE, (Hon.) William**, a leading capitalist and prominent citizen of Effingham County, who has been identified with public affairs and closely associated at times with such men as General Logan, Senator Cullom, Newton, Bateman and Paul Selby, is a native of Kentucky, but has been a resident of Effingham County for sixty-seven busy years. He was born in Morgan County, November 7, 1826, is a son of Jeremiah and Mary (Landsaw) Gilmore, and a grandson of William Gillmore, who was a native of Alabama.

Jeremiah Gilmore accompanied his father from Alabama to Morgan County, Ky., and there grew to manhood; he was married in the latter State and remained there until about 1827-28, then moved to Graves County, where his father died, and about 1832, Jeremiah Gilmore moved to the northwestern part of Marion County, Ill., with an old team of horses and a primitive sort of wagon. When the family first came to Illinois, there were Indians in that section, and William Gilmore remembers being so alarmed at their appearance that when their ugly features

were seen he quickly crawled under the bed. In 1841 Jeremiah Gilmore moved to Fayette county and there he entered government land, and kept on acquiring more from the Government and by purchase from other citizens, until at the time of his death he was the owner of about 600 acres. He died in 1895 and was survived by his widow until 1872. To them were born fourteen children, thirteen of whom lived to maturity and the following still survive: Julia Ann, residing in Effingham County, is the widow of Jacob Idleman; Elizabeth, residing in Edgewood, is the widow of John McKelvey; Francis M. and Judson live in Kansas; Jasper lives in Kentucky; Mary is a widow and lives in Kansas; Martha, wife of William Phillips, lives in Kansas; and William, who is the eldest of the family.

William Gilmore was educated in the subscription schools of pioneer times and was his father's main helper on the farm. He was married in May, 1847, to Elizabeth Sealts, who was born in Shelby County, Ill., and died in 1854. After marriage he continued to live on the home farm until the following fall, when he came to West Township and entered land, building a log house 16 x 18, with puncheon floor and stick and clay chimney, the picturesque and typical dwelling of the pioneer. During this first year, Mr. Gilmore did not obtain one cent in money from his place, and when he was offered twenty-five cents in real money for driving a cow six miles, he readily accepted the offer. This illustrates how little money was in circulation at that time and how a man rich in land could be poor in pocket. During the following years he entered more land and by raising corn and fattening hogs saved his first \$100 and paid for his first eighty acres at the rate of \$1.25 per acre. In 1850 he entered 120 acres paying cash for eighty, and borrowing money at 25 per cent to pay for the other forty acres, in 1851, owning 200 acres. He made his home in the log cabin until 1862, in which year he built a new house on his land, which, at that time, was the best in West Township.

When the Illinois Central Railroad began building through this section, Mr. Gilmore exhibited his business acumen by taking the contract to furnish 150,000 ties for the road. At this time he had not more than \$10 in cash, but, in partnership with his brother James, he so managed that the contract was filled on time, in less than a year, and from this he realized \$4,700. His success in this transaction encouraged him to continue in this line and for twenty-five years he followed contracting for Southern Illinois railroads. In addition to his varied outside interests he continued his farming operations which, as he kept on acquiring land, increased in volume and importance. He still owns the first piece of land he purchased with so much effort and owns the patents for much of his other land. He has 2,800 acres in all. He continued to make his home on the farm until 1888, when he left West Township and embarked

in the mercantile business in Edgewood, and has made his home in this village ever since. For the past two years Mr. Gilmore has been constantly turning over more and more of his interests to the management of his son-in-law, George I. Danks.

It is not often that superior business qualities are found combined with a fitness for public life as in the case of Mr. Gilmore. He was the first man elected Supervisor of West Township, serving for three successive terms and then, on the Democratic ticket was elected three times Sheriff of Effingham County. He was twice elected a member of the Board of Equalization, serving eight years, and in 1874 was elected a member of the lower house of the State Legislature, during his term serving as a member of important committees. A man of public spirit, of wealth and influence, one whose business acquaintance covers a large part of the State, Mr. Gilmore, in the evening of life, is still a man of importance. He has numbered among his friends many of the illustrious men of Illinois.

To the first marriage of Mr. Gilmore three children were born, two of whom died in infancy. One son, James Leroy, lives in Clay County, Ill. His second marriage was to Ann Seals, who died in 1888. His third marriage was to Nancy A. Turman and to this marriage one daughter was born, Maude B., to whom every educational and social advantage was given. She is the wife of George I. Danks. Mr. Gilmore was reared in the Baptist faith and as long as a church of that order was maintained here he assisted in its support. For over fifty years he has been identified with the Masons and is a member of the lodge at Edgewood.

**GLADSON, John A.**—Most intimately associated with the growth and character of any community are its business interests and the men who control them. They mold the life of its people, give direction to their efforts, and crystallize the present and future possibilities of the locality into concrete form. The leading business men of a town are its greatest forces and benefactors, who bring progress and prosperity, and to write of such is a pleasure, for the influence of their careers is ever helpful and cheering. Such a man is John A. Gladson, merchant and insurance agent, who was born in Carrollton, Carroll County, Ky., August 28, 1853, a son of Richard and Sarah (Seruggs) Gladson, he born in Fanquier County, Virginia, March 6, 1822.

Losing his father when he was but a lad, Richard Gladson went with an aunt to Kentucky, where he grew to manhood, and was married in Carroll County. His wife was born in Louisville, Ky., and was brought by her parents to Carroll County. The marriage of these two took place about 1852. They lived on a farm until 1859, when they went to Mason, Ill., and lived a year. In 1862, return was made to Kentucky, where they lived until after the close of the war. Once more removal was made to Mason, Effingham County, where the father rented

land, and finally purchased a farm of 120 acres in Union Township. He farmed in this locality until 1904, when he retired, and now resides in Mason. His wife died April 23, 1895. Nine children were born to these parents, four of whom died in infancy. Of those living, John A. is the eldest, the rest being: Lou, wife of J. L. Goddard of Mason; Josephine Willis, of Effingham; Allen, of the State of Washington; Jesse E., of Vandalia. Mrs. Gladson died firm in the faith of the Baptist Church, of which she was a faithful member, while her husband is a member of the Christian Church. While never desiring public honors, he votes the Democratic ticket. Richard Gladson has always been highly regarded, and his life has been filled with good and honorable deeds.

When he was eight years old, John A. Gladson began his education in a school near Mason, and when the family returned to Kentucky he went to school there. When the family was permanently located in Effingham County, the lad worked on his father's farm, learning all about farming, and continued his studies as well, in this district. He remained at home until he attained his majority, when, in 1874, he rented land, and began working on his own responsibility. So well did he succeed that he was able to buy 140 acres, from which he made a good farm, and lived on it until 1891. At this time he sold his farm and, buying a stock of hardware, carried on that line of business very successfully until 1896. He then sold out his business and in the spring of 1898 he came to Edgewood and began clerking in the general store of William Gillmore, with whom he remained until 1907, when, in company with H. R. Burton, he embarked in a general store, under the firm name of H. R. Burton & Company, and the firm has built up a large business. Mr. Gladson is also the local agent for the American Insurance Company, and writes up a large amount of insurance, not only in Edgewood, but throughout the surrounding country.

On August 16, 1877, Mr. Gladson married Miss Eva Baker, born in Petersburg, Ill., March 2, 1857, daughter of Dr. Isaac and Elizabeth (Knowls) Baker, natives of Kentucky and Indiana, respectively. Dr. Baker came to Mason, Ill., about 1859, and for many years was one of the leading druggists of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Gladson have the following family: Edith, wife of A. L. Abraham of Watson; Lulu, wife of J. B. Cherry; Catherine, wife of B. F. Wharton, a banker of Edgewood; Guy A., and Edward Baker. The children have all been given a good education, and their parents have every reason to be proud of them. Mr. Gladson has always been a leader among his fellow men, and is ever ready to support public enterprises he believes will work out for the betterment of his community. His efforts have not all been given to his business cares, for he has contributed freely of time and money towards the encouragement and maintenance of churches and schools. For



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some years his daughter Edith was a popular teacher of Mason and Edgewood. Mr. Gladson is a Mason, belonging to No. 484 Royal Arch Chapter, Effingham, and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. The family belong to the Methodist Church. A strong Democrat, Mr. Gladson has been called upon to uphold the principles of his party, has served four terms as Tax Collector, and is capable to discharge the duties of any public office to which he may be called. He is a man who stands high in his community, and is a very affable and pleasant gentleman, who, having once given his friendship, never recalls it. He has a fine family and his public as well as his private life is without a blemish. He is a good citizen, and an excellent business man. Such a man has the full confidence of his fellows, and is likely to be raised by them to high honors.

**GLOYD, Allen Perry.**—Effingham County is eminently fitted for the raising of general farm products, stock or fruits. The progressive farmer of to-day has learned that he oftentimes secures better results by specializing, than if he continued along regular lines. One of the most successful farmers, dairy-men and fruit-growers of Summit Township, is Allen Perry Gloyd of Section 14. He was born in Allen County, Ind., April 9, 1847, a son of Lorenzo D. and Elizabeth (Hildebrand) Gloyd, of English and French ancestry. Her parents had settled in Pennsylvania, where they died when Mrs. Gloyd was but a child, and she was reared by friends of her mother. They removed to Licking County, Ohio, and there she met the man she afterwards married. He had come with his parents to that locality from Maryland, where he was born January 5, 1814, and educated in Baltimore County. The Gloyds were people of wealth, and William and Sarah (Schaggs) Gloyd, the parents of Lorenzo D. Gloyd, were influential, and in the South owned slaves. Mrs. William Gloyd was a strong Abolitionist, and used her influence to induce her husband to embrace the principles advocated by the newly formed Republican party. He cast his first vote for John C. Fremont.

Lorenzo Gloyd was married in Licking County, Ohio, July 24, 1836. He was made Warden of the State Prison, and in 1837 decided to leave Ohio. He went on horseback to Allen County, Ind., and bought government land, erected a log cabin, and clearing two acres of heavy timber, set out an orchard. In that little home the following children were born: Celia, born July 20, 1867, died in infancy; William, born April 20, 1840, died in May, 1901, in Terre Haute, Ind., where he had been a merchant and commercial traveler for wholesale dry-goods houses; Sarah J., born October 21, 1841, married John E. Sullivan of Kansas, but is now deceased; Mattie E., born June 5, 1843, second wife of John E. Sullivan; Elbridge G., born July 19, 1844, came to Effingham, became a merchant,

went to Terre Haute, Ind., where he became a commercial traveler for a dry-goods' house, and died there September 25, 1889, his widow dying in 1895, leaving two children,—Walter D. and Gertrude; Walter D., born December 22, 1885, is now on the homestead; Allen P.; Andrew J., born May 1, 1849, is a carpenter for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, with residence at St. Elmo, Ill.; Maggie M., twin sister of Andrew J., wife of Ernest Feckler, a merchant of Kansas; Minnie A., born May 20, 1851, is wife of Rev. J. E. Ripetre, a Methodist minister of Nebraska.

On October 6, 1866, the family came to Effingham and located on the George W. Wright farm, and here on February 6, 1867, the mother died, at the age of fifty-four years. In 1880 Lorenzo Gloyd married Mrs. Melcena Johnson, and they resided on the farm. Mr. Gloyd was a man of energy who gave liberally to all religious and educational enterprises, believing that both did much to advance a community. His own religious affiliations were with the Methodist Church. No one man did more to advance the Republican party in Effingham County than he, and when he died his loss was deeply felt.

Mr. Allen Perry Gloyd was educated in Allen County, Ind., where his boyhood days were filled with exciting incidents relative to the war. His father's house was a station of the Underground Railroad, and he remembers many a slave who was helped to escape. Coming to Effingham County with his parents, Mr. Gloyd remained on the farm until his marriage. September 11, 1877, he was married to Miss Mattie Hicks, daughter of Daniel and Leah (Frost) Hicks. She was born in Clinton County, Ind., April 30, 1856. Her father was born January 8, 1817, and his wife was born March 2, 1813. They were married February 23, 1838, in Pennsylvania. Her death occurred February 6, 1866, and her husband survived until July 23, 1888. They had eight children: Elizabeth, born November 24, 1838, married Hiram Ghore and they live retired at Arcola, Ill.; Ellen, born September 4, 1840, married William Pine, who died and she lives at Frankfort, Ind.; Margaret, born November 1, 1841, married Alexander B. Sosbe, who died and she resides in Effingham; Sarah M., born June 2, 1845, married Jesse McKinzey, and they live at Denver, Colo.; John A., born November 27, 1847, lives in Effingham; Laura M., born December 30, 1849, married Samuel Spalding; William H., born November 19, 1852, married Maggie Ballard; Mattie May, Mrs. Gloyd.

After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Gloyd located on his farm on Section 14, Summit Township. He had bought twenty acres on which was a log cabin, and this was their first home. There was a straw-covered shed for their stock. To them were born on this farm: Maggie Garfield, born November 19, 1880, married November 21, 1900, Edgar Dennis, a farmer of Summit Township; Anna Frost, born March 25, 1885, wife of John D. Means, married November 2, 1904, and has

one child,—Margaret, born August 4, 1905; Glenn S., born October 5, 1889, at home, married Ida Bock on July 29, 1908, and they have one child,—Richard.

Mr. Gloyd now has 100 acres in one tract, ten acres of which is in orchard. He has 600 fruit trees, which are bearing heavily. Although he is now prosperous, he can look back over many years of hard work and strict economy. There was a time when he paid as high as ten per cent interest. During the panic of 1896, he had a hard time getting along, but has overcome his difficulties. It is his nature to be optimistic, and when his wife became discouraged, he would cheer her up, and she would raise more chickens and bend all her energies to help along. He has a good herd of cattle, his orchard is a fine one, and his fields yield large crops, the result of hard work and good management.

Mr. Gloyd has been one of the most energetic Republicans of his neighborhood, and for many years was County Central Committeeman for Summit Township. He and his family belong to the Van Tresse Chapel of the Methodist Church, in which he is a Deacon, and his wife belongs to the Ladies' Aid Society. The Gloyds are most excellent people in every way, and their home is a delightful one which their friends enjoy visiting, for both Mr. and Mrs. Gloyd are the souls of hospitality, and welcome warmly all who enter their door.

**GLOYD, George D.**—Many intelligent men of Illinois are taking a very active part in the Prohibition movement, believing that in it will be found the solution of many problems of the present day. Among those who have devoted much time and thought to the matter is George D. Gloyd, a farmer of Section 11, Summit Township, who was born in Allen County, Ind., December 18, 1844, a son of Lorenzo D. Gloyd, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work.

The boyhood days of George D. Gloyd were spent in his native county, and he attended school and worked on the farm. Under his father's instruction he soon learned to do a man's part in the work on the farm, and thus became a practical farmer himself. In 1866, when twenty-two he came to Summit Township, Effingham County, Ill., with his father's family, and bought 240 acres of land, comprising a partly improved farm. In 1867 a house was finished. In the year 1868 2,100 bushels of wheat were harvested from 110 acres of the land; the grain was cut with the old fashioned Buckeye machine, and seven men were required to keep up with the machine. They also harvested 1,800 bushels of oats during that year. The threshing was done with an old horse power machine, and it took seven days to complete the job. Many have been the changes since those days, new machinery taking the place of the primitive sort then in use. Combined with these advantages, are the rural free delivery of mail each day, the telephone service, the elec-

tric street car, and many others, of which Mr. Gloyd did not dream when he located in the county. The old orchard which was on the farm when the Gloyds located there has all died out, but a new one takes its place. There is one pear tree on the place that each year has produced a crop. In 1909, however, but one pear grew on the tree, so doubtless its days of usefulness are over.

On February 3, 1877, Mr. Gloyd married Josie Surrells, born in Clay County, Ill., January 30, 1857, a daughter of Jesse and Mahala (Alexander) Surrells. Mr. Surrells was a native of Virginia. His wife died when Mrs. Gloyd was but a child, in 1860, so very little is definitely known about her, but it is thought she was born in Tennessee. The family located in Effingham County about 1859, and Mr. Surrells became very prominent in the community, filled several public offices of trust, and at the time of his death, in January, 1879, he was County Treasurer, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. While in Clay County he was elected Sheriff of that county on the same ticket, and was always a strong Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Gloyd became parents of two children: Georgetta, married Charles E. Thompson, a farmer of Marion County, Ill., and they have five children,—Paul E., Lionel Gloyd, Emma E., Terry and Thelma M.; and John Emery S., at home, working the farm with his father. Mr. and Mrs. Gloyd have given their children a good education, and taught them to be useful in the world. For many years they have been very active in the Missionary Baptist Church of Blue Point, Summit Township. Feeling that he is right, Mr. Gloyd never hesitates to express his opinions, and especially with regard to temperance. When the great reform wave of 1908 swept Illinois, he took an active part in the good work. He is a Trustee of his church, and devoted to it, although he was reared a Methodist. However, as the Methodists had no church near his home, he and his wife affiliated with the Missionary Baptists, and now would not feel at home elsewhere. The Gloyd home is a truly Christian one, and the children have been carefully reared according to religious faith. While Mr. Gloyd sympathizes with the Republican party, he votes against the liquor traffic and uses his influence in favor of Prohibition. His life has been a busy one and he has accomplished much, his farm being one of the best in the township, his home comfortable and his barns commodious. Mr. and Mrs. Gloyd have many friends throughout the country, and are most highly esteemed.

**GOLDSTEIN, Henry.**—Summit Township is the home of some of the best farmers of Effingham County, whose efforts have ever been directed towards the development of their community and the betterment of existing conditions. Henry Goldstein, on Section 25 and who was born in Douglas Township October 19, 1864, a son of Joseph Goldstein, belongs to this class. The farm



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on which he was born is located on Section 17, and is now the property of Barney Goldstein. Joseph Goldstein was a native of Germany, as was his wife Katherine Lankhoefer, but he came to America with his parents, who located in St. Clair County, Ill., while she was brought over by some relatives, her parents having died when she was a child. These relatives also settled in St. Clair County, Ill., and there the young people met and were married about 1852.

In 1858 they came to Effingham County, where he bought 80 acres on Section 17, Douglas Township, and built a small log cabin. The land was so swampy that it seemed as though it would be impossible to raise anything but ducks, but he persisted and developed a fine property. To his original purchase he added ten acres of timber land, fenced all of his land and put up good buildings, becoming one of the successful men of his day. Mr. Goldstein bought other land, eventually owning 300 acres of land, all of which he brought into a high state of cultivation. His death occurred September 30, 1890, and he was laid to rest in the Catholic Cemetery north of Effingham. His widow survived him until 1907, when her death occurred, and she now lies by his side. They were both members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Effingham. Five children were born to them: a daughter who died in infancy; Barney; Joseph, of Memphis, Tenn.; Anna (now deceased), married Frank Hoffmann, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and Henry. Joseph Goldstein was a Democrat, but was not active in politics, although ever ready to do his part in public affairs.

Henry Goldstein was educated at St. Anthony's College, Effingham, until he was fourteen, when he began the duties awaiting him on the farm, and remained at home until he was twenty-five. On May 7, 1880, he married Miss Theresa Schuette, who was born in Summit Township, daughter of Henry Schuette, who with his wife is now deceased. After marriage Mr. Goldstein and his wife located on their farm in Summit Township, and began at once to rebuild their house and make other improvements. The farm originally consisted of sixty acres, but he has added to it until he now owns 100 acres. For the past ten years Mr. Goldstein has been interesting himself in the dairy business, and milks twenty-seven cows of the Holstein breed, which he believes is the best for dairy purposes. He has a fine registered bull at the head of the herd, that is extremely valuable. Some of his cows have made records not only for the quantity, but the quality of their milk, and he is well satisfied with results.

In politics Mr. Goldstein is a Democrat, and has served ably as Highway Commissioner. In 1900 he was elected Secretary of the Effingham County Dairymen Association. The family all belong to St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Effingham. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein are: John J., Elizabeth Frances and Helena, all at home. Mr. Goldstein is one of

the most progressive of farmers and an excellent business man. He holds the confidence and esteem of his neighbors, and takes a pride in what he has accomplished. He belongs to the C. K. of Illinois.

**GOODELL, Frank Wise, M. D.**, physician and surgeon, Effingham, Ill., was born in Marshall, Clark County, Ill., March 1, 1859, a son of William S. and Catherine (Herrick) Goodell, his father becoming a leading physician of Central and Southern Illinois. The father was descended from Roberte Goodelle, who came to America and settled in Salem, Mass., in 1634. Dr. William S. Goodell was distinguished in his day as a man of letters, a widely informed scientist, journalist and orator, while his wife, and mother of the subject of this sketch, was a lady of finely balanced domestic, scientific and literary tastes, and high Christian character. The former died in 1877, aged sixty-five years and the latter in 1908 aged eighty-six years. (A more extended sketch of Dr. William S. Goodell will be found in a following section of this chapter.)

In 1861, when Frank W. was two years old, Dr. William S. Goodell removed with his family to Ann Arbor, Mich., but after remaining there three years, in 1864 returned to Marshall, Ill., soon thereafter removing to Jasper County and, in 1867, to what is now the City of Effingham. Here Frank W. attended the German Catholic School (then Rev. Bissell's subscription school) for the purpose of learning the German language. He later attended the public schools, and at home received instruction in anatomy, chemistry, physiology, history and biography. In 1877 he attended medical lectures at the Louisville (Ky.) Medical College, where, according to a city paper, he was the youngest and most popular student that ever attended the institution. Returning home in 1878, he soon had a large practice, under the care and assistance of his brother, Dr. William L. Goodell. Being only nineteen years of age at the time of beginning his practice, he was known for some years as the "boy doctor." In the spring of 1880 he graduated from the medical department of Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., just before attaining his majority, and stood fifth in a large and unusually well-informed class. He was offered a position in the Indianapolis City Hospital, and another in the State Insane Asylum, and was also invited by several prominent citizens of a small town near Indianapolis to begin practicing in their town. Refusing these flattering offers, he returned to Effingham, where he and his brother had agreed to occupy an office together. They were to work for each other's interests but were not to be partners pecuniarily. This brother had educated him and helped him secure a foothold in his chosen work. This contract, which was entered into thirty-two years ago, has never been violated nor altered. The younger brother soon became a favorite in the community and stood high in his profession. His opinion and judgment were often sought by

other physicians who had not his intellectual qualities, or had not enjoyed such ample advantages for securing their education. He was a fine athlete, being straight as an arrow, gifted with ability and fluency in speech, had a good voice and wrote a good hand, was able to make good sketches to illustrate his points, and was well equipped for his profession, as well as for the vocation of journalist, lecturer or scientist. He is a fine singer and can sing tenor or bass with equal ease.

Dr. Goodell has always enjoyed a very large practice from the first, and has frequently been called into court to give expert opinions in cases that hinged on medical knowledge. In these trying circumstances he has never grown confused or hesitated under the most exacting cross-examination. During thirty-one years he has never lost a case of childbirth, except that of one woman who died from hemorrhage of the brain, has never set a bone crooked or left a badly deformed joint, and has lost but three cases of typhoid fever. We copy the following from the pen of the late Henry Clay Bradshy: "In concluding these few lines to the medical profession, we refer to the shooting and remarkable recovery of George Halliday. He was a barber in Effingham, was well-known, and was shot early in the year 1882, with a thirty-two caliber cartridge pistol. He was attended by Dr. Frank Goodell, who worked with him faithfully, notwithstanding that older physicians pronounced his case hopeless and his wound mortal; but after six months' faithful and patient care, he was dismissed on the 3rd of July, 1882,—cured. No one believed it possible for Halliday to recover, not even the physicians; and for hours after the wound was inflicted they pronounced him dead. But, amid all discouragements, Dr. Frank Goodell persevered, and enjoys the satisfaction of knowing that his efforts were crowned with success. The case of Halliday was pronounced by competent judges to be more serious than that of President Garfield."

Dr. Goodell has traveled extensively in his own country, his tours having extended from New York to San Francisco and from North Dakota to New Orleans, from Louisville to Puget Sound and from Los Angeles to St. Paul. His last tour lasted six months and the trip took in every State and Territory in the Union; he touched Canada, visited Havana, Cuba, and traveled four thousand miles in old Mexico. He made the trip for educational advantages as well as to see the country, in the meantime visiting hospitals, sanitariums, medical colleges and distinguished surgeons.

Since first engaging in practice, even before graduating from his medical course in Indianapolis, Dr. Goodell has been writing articles of interest to his profession, and he has also written several poems that have been copyrighted, among which are: "The Old Rail Fence," "Tears and Frowns," "The Old Clothes Line," "The Riches of Poverty," and "The Burden of the

Blonde," the last being pronounced by many competent judges the finest poem ever written of a religio-Christian-missionary description. Each one of the poems mentioned above require about one hour for reading and are of about the right length for an evening's entertainment.

"Dr. Frank," as he is familiarly called by his intimates, was appointed special lecturer on Anatomy in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of St. Louis, Mo., ten years ago, and is still lecturing in that institution, which is considered the best medical institution west of the Mississippi River and second to none. We copy from a printed letter of (now) Dr. Calhoun the following: "Among the luxuries of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of St. Louis, are the lectures of Dr. Frank W. Goodell on anatomy. Many a student, years from now, will remember them, and consider it one of the pleasant events of his life to have listened to the eloquent and learned addresses delivered by the doctor, who is called the 'luxury of the P. & S.'"

Dr. Goodell plays the piano and the cornet and is considered one of the finest performers on the guitar in the United States, and though he plays entirely by ear, he has composed several pieces of music for each of these instruments.

Dr. Goodell has been highly esteemed by his fellow-physicians, among whom he has been a leader since entering the profession. He was the first doctor to say consumption would attack any organ of the human body (now a demonstrated fact), and originated the (now so common) name, "grip-pneumonia." He was candidate for the presidency of the Effingham County Medical Society in 1908, against Dr. J. B. Walker; but, after the vote had been canvassed three times as a tie, he lost by the result of a friendly "toss-up" of a silver dollar. In 1904 he attended the meeting of the American Medical Association, at Atlantic City, N. J., the following year attended the meeting of the same Association in Portland, Ore., and also attended meetings of the National Association of Medical Pension Examiners of Chicago and New Jersey, and read a paper on "Soldiers' Rheumatism." He has attended meetings of the State Medical Society for years, and in 1906 was a delegate to the meeting. In 1904 he served as delegate from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of St. Louis, to the Convention of American Medical Colleges. He received personal letters from Drs. Nicholas Senn, J. B. Murphy, Hunter, Guyer and many others, praising his compact little book on anatomy.

Dr. Goodell has held, or is now holding, the following posts of honor and trust: County Coroner, City Health Officer, local railroad surgeon, honorary Vice President and President of the Alumni of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of St. Louis; President of Sydenham Medical Society, member of the Illinois State Medical Society, of the American Medical Association, National Association United States Examining Surgeons, Medical Association of College of Physicians and Surgeons, St. Louis; member of the Pure Food Legislative Committee, the



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Southeastern Illinois Medical Association and the Effingham County Medical Society (of which he is Secretary), Supreme Medical Examiner for the Modern American Fraternal Society, member of the Interstate Medical Society; Local Board of State Charities, auxiliary to the State Board of Health; Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society; County Physician to St. Anthony's Hospital, Poor Farm and Jail; member of the National Board of Regents, American Alumni Association of the University of Indiana, Association for the Advancement of National Health of the Rochester (Minn.) Surgeons' Club, and of the Effingham Physicians and Dentists' Club; Special Lecturer on Anatomy in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, St. Louis, and examiner for thirteen life insurance companies. Other important official positions held by Dr. Goodell include that of Government Examining Surgeon for the Pension Board, first by appointment of President Cleveland, and later by appointment of President Roosevelt, now serving as President of the Board; also served as Coroner of Effingham County for six years and as Alderman of the First Ward City of Effingham.

In creed Dr. Goodell is a Presbyterian, in politics a Democrat, fraternally a Master Mason and a Royal Arch Mason, and professionally has a practice second to that of no other physician and surgeon in Southern Illinois. He became a Master Mason in 1902 and a Royal Arch Mason in 1907, and in the former branch of the order has held the rank of J. W., J. D., and Sr. D., and at the meeting of the Grand Lodge held in Chicago in 1906, introduced the resolution "To make the secret wording of Free Masonry conform exactly with an established and adopted standard." He has a fine physique, fixed habits and good morals, and is fortunate financially, so that he is able to live in great comfort in the old Goodell home, a twelve room brick house, where he lives alone and has a stable of fine horses. All who know him become his friends, and he is considered very fortunate in every way.

**GOODSELL, William Lott, M. D.**, one of the oldest and most successful physicians of Effingham, Ill., was born in Richland County, Ohio, in 1846. When twelve years of age he went with his parents to Marshall, Clark County, Ill., where he attended the public school and entered Marshall College, which institution gave to the medical, legal and ministerial professions many distinguished men. We quote the remainder of this sketch from the pen of his brother, Frank W. Goodell, M. D., his partner in practice:

"During leisure hours and vacations he assisted his father, Dr. William S. Goodell, in his printing office, which Dr. Goodell conducted in connection with his practice, and the young man became proficient in type-setting, reading proof and setting up forms. He then went with his parents to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he pursued his studies three consecutive years in the medi-

cal department of the University of Michigan, matriculating with his father. He then accompanied his parents to Jasper County, Ill., where his father went for the purpose of studying 'milk sickness' and malaria—what would now be called 'research work.'

"The young man then went to Marshall, Ill., and 'rode' with Dr. Williams, living at his house and riding with him day and night as he visited his patients. That was the best 'post-graduate' course ever given on the face of the earth, though now abandoned. He then formed a medical co-partnership with Dr. Garner, of Salisbury, Ill., and in June, 1867, came to Effingham and opened an office for practice in partnership with his father, Dr. William S. Goodell. He announced he would practice medicine and surgery and arranged to give a course of medical lectures. He has continued from the day of his arrival until now, in a continuous, arduous day-and-night, 'all round' practice of his profession. His physique has never changed; he is six feet three inches tall and weighs one hundred forty-four pounds, has a fine nervous system and a heavy heart, and has not a superfluous pound of flesh on his body. He is a great worker and did more actual labor in riding long distances, going without sleep, and visiting numbers of cases, than possibly any other man in the good State of Illinois could have done, and only a sacred few would have done if they could. He took an active part in bringing about higher education in medicine, and doctors were examined in his office for their fitness to practice medicine, after the first 'medical laws' were passed. In those days doctors rode on horseback in their practice, and a 'topped buggy' was as much a curiosity as a 'red devil' automobile was a few years ago. His cases were frequently twenty miles distant and not infrequently further, and were visited just as the twenty-four hours in the day, human power and horseflesh would allow. Land was then cheap, and, while nobody was rich as we now have riches, almost everybody had some money, and, if anyone really wanted it, it could be obtained, for the small amount existing was in circulation and few made an effort to accumulate it; but it was a day of opportunities, gone to return no more. Farms were frequently sold for five dollars an acre, but there was no demand and the subject of our sketch practiced medicine, he said, as a profession and not for a business, but accumulated a wealth of love among his patients and the poor that is richer than houses and lands. He owned fine horses and carriages, a fine home, lived well and had a little surplus. I have known him to 'book' by riding to see cases at fifty cents a mile, and a dollar and a half the first mile, and sixty dollars a day for sixty days, and collect just enough to keep comfortably going, and yet if he wished to attend a medical meeting he could go out and collect fifty dollars almost any day. Exposures only seemed to add to his health and make him stronger to withstand more exposure. But conditions have changed; patients pay better than

they once did; land is 'scarce' and high; the roads have been improved; the bad hills have been levelled and the low places filled in, and creeks and rivers are crossed by safe and frequent bridges; the malaria and milk sickness have passed away, with the pioneers and the beloved in the past tense. The practice of medicine is not now, and never will be, what it was in an early day.

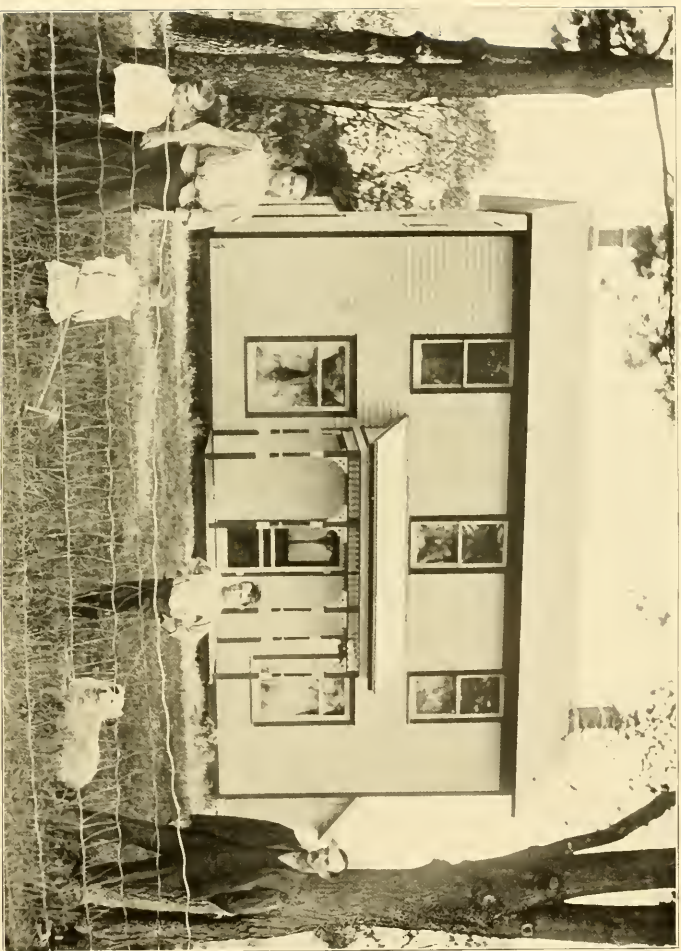
"Dr. Goodell joined the Esculapian Society of the Wabash Valley and organized the first medical society in the county, naming it the Interstate Medical Society, and it was well attended for some time, holding two sessions at Altamont, the others in Effingham. He joined the Illinois State Medical Society and was once a delegate from that organization to the American Medical Association. He has performed many difficult surgical operations and practiced considerable in the way of instrumental obstetrics, and his counsel has been sought many times during the forty-two years of his practice, by many physicians and surgeons. He had control of St. Anthony's Hospital and gave it the impetus in its infancy that put it on its feet. He used to keep eight horses, one of which, at least, was a 'saddler.' He now has a team of round, fat, pretty ponies, which he keeps on a little trot as many hours as they can keep it up, and at the age of sixty-three, he is in fine health, with all his characteristics and ambitions, working day and night, and living the ideal life of a real doctor. He was the first Secretary of the Effingham County Medical Society. He was offered the position of local surgeon on the Illinois Central and Vandalia Railroads, but declined, as he thought being hired by a company was too near a business to be professional.

"Dr. Goodell was never known to refuse giving diagnoses and medicine to a person because he was poor, nor fail to donate to a worthy cause. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Encampment, also of the Knights Militant. He was an active member of the famous 'Knights of Cuba,' a serio-comic ridicule and paraphrase on secret societies and particular conditions of the times. It was entirely charitable in object, and all money not economically spent was given to the poor. When finally abandoned, the members dug a well on Banker and Jefferson Streets and donated it to the City of Effingham, to be forever known as the Cuba Well. Dr. Goodell has been twice and is now City Health Officer, served one term as City Clerk and was twice elected County Coroner. He is a member of the Red Men and belongs to the Presbyterian Church. Take him in all his parts—mentally, charitably, physically and professionally—he is the most remarkable man, probably, in Illinois. He still works as hard physically as he does mentally and professionally, and his place, once vacant, will never be filled."

GOODSELL, William Sherman, M. D., was born in Weathersfield, Windsor County, Vt., in 1813.

We quote the following from the pen of his son, Frank Wise Goodell, M. D., of Effingham, Ill.: "He was educated in his home school, at home and by private tutorage, and although I have no knowledge of his preparatory and collegiate education, he was most thoroughly, elegantly, inclusively and masterfully equipped in science, music, literature, history, and similar subjects of higher education, was conversant with Greek and Latin, was master of oratory and rhetoric, and, in his common conversation, was absolutely correct and characteristically eloquent, the only misfortune being that he was frequently misunderstood by the laity. He wrote a grammar and compiled an arithmetic, the manuscripts for which disappeared and were never published. He came to Indiana to practice medicine and surgery, and meeting Catherine, the beautiful sixteen-year-old daughter of Judge Lott Herrick, who lived on a farm near Newville, they were shortly afterward married. After practicing there one year, he went to Green Spring, Ohio, and was engaged in practice there three years, and later at various points in that State, in Indiana, Michigan and Illinois, finally coming to Effingham, Ill., in 1867. He practiced his profession successfully at all these places, and while living in Marshall, Ill., purchased two printing presses and established the 'Marshall Journal,' also edited a newspaper at Martinsville, Clark County, Ill. These papers were edited rather for the good they might do than for financial gain. While living in Midway he owned a farm in the rich woods, now worth \$75,000, and a general store in the town that was valued at \$10,000, besides a large flock of sheep, some of which cost \$25 apiece.

"While living in Ann Arbor, Mich., Dr. Goodell practiced his profession and attended lectures in the Medical Department of the State University, where he was considered the equal of the combined faculty, knowing more of anatomy than the anatomist, more of chemistry than the chemist, and so on. He lectured in that city on medicine, politics and on various scientific subjects. He corresponded with Gov. Wise, of Virginia (for whom he named his youngest child), with Moses Gunn, the great surgeon and lecturer; Agassiz, the greatest comparative anatomist the world has ever known, and many other learned men. Four times he met Abraham Lincoln in joint debate. He was a splendid parliamentarian, and was considered by capable authorities to be the best 'all-round' man in a political convention in the State of Illinois. He was tendered nominations to Congress and to the Legislature, but always declined the honor. Instead, he sent James C. Robinson to Congress and Judge John Scholfield to the Supreme Bench, and looked out for Judges James C. Allen, Samuel Marshall, and several others. He wrote the statute law on 'Waterways in Illinois,' besides several others. He wrote 'speeches' that made other men a reputation, composed theses for medical students and composed lectures for public men. He also wrote



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articles for newspapers, solved difficult questions in arithmetic, algebra, geometry and differential calculi, settled differences in grammar and rhetoric, and was proficient as a Master Mason.

"In the spring of 1867 Dr. Goodell began to practice his profession in Effingham, taking his son, William L., into partnership. He built two substantial houses in the northern part of the city, one of which has never passed from the hands of the family. His practice extended over several counties, he was a fine surgeon, an accurate prescriber, and a magnificent all-round doctor.

"He took a considerable sum of money and started to Texas to invest it, leaving his son to look after the practice, property and family. He invested in cattle and practiced his profession, and accumulated \$75,000. While making arrangements to retire and live at ease in Effingham for the remainder of his life, he developed pneumonia, the result of visiting a sick Indian chief and being caught in a severe rainstorm, as a consequence of which he died after a sickness of five days. His money was then stolen from a box under the floor where it was kept, and droves of his fine cattle and horses were driven into the Indian Nation and distributed along the Rio Grande. Prominent citizens assisted in the theft, and nothing from his estate was recovered; the family for whom it had been accumulated realized nothing. So terminated the life of William Sherman Goodell, one among the highest learned men in America. He was an orator, a splendid equestrian, expert swimmer, a polite gentleman, gifted with rare intuition, a Christian, a Democrat and a Master Mason. He was an accomplished musician, a fine singer, and able to take any part by ear or note, being a 'sight reader,' and was also a composer of music and song. His body rests near Bonham, Fannin County, Tex., where he sleeps the long sleep."

**GRAVENHORST, Albert.**—Germany has given to America some of its best and most intellectual citizens. From the Fatherland has come much that is great and good, and although our German-Americans cherish in their hearts a tender love for their fatherland, they have ever proven themselves among our best and most loyal patriots, and encourage in their offspring the same devotion to their adopted land. Albert Gravenhorst, of Effingham, Ill., is one of the best representatives of this class to be found in the country. He was born in Neuhaus, Province of Hanover, Kingdom of Prussia, Germany, March 8, 1839, a son of Theodore and Louise (Oelkers) Gravenhorst, the former born in Wustrow, Prussian Germany, and the latter in Verden, Prussian Germany. Theodore Gravenhorst was a lawyer, and furnished his son a good education.

When he was nineteen years old (in 1858) Albert Gravenhorst came to America and for two years lived in Chicago, but in 1860 located in Effingham, which has been his home ever since.

His service in the Civil War was very valuable, and he proved himself a loyal American in Company F, One Hundred and Forty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under General Thomas. In 1878 Mr. Gravenhorst established the "Effingham Volksblatt," and is the senior member of the firm of A. Gravenhorst & Son. In addition he is President of the Wild-Eddy Lumber Company; President of the Washington Loan and Building Company; President of the Effingham County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and Vice President of the John Boos & Co. Meat Block Factory, President Old Settlers' Association, bringing to all these concerns the ripe experience of his years, the clear insight into business methods, and the conservative policies which have resulted in his attaining success in every enterprise in which he has associated himself.

Mr. Gravenhorst has been very prominent in the Democratic party; for six years was a member of the City Council and for three terms was Chief of the Fire Department of Effingham. In church affiliations he is a Lutheran. On January 3, 1871, Mr. Gravenhorst married Barbara Blattner, of Edgewood, Ill., a daughter of Samuel Blattner, who served four years in the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Gravenhorst became the parents of the following children: Theodore S., born October 20, 1871; John W., born May 16, 1875; Charles F., born April 30, 1877; Edith B., born March 13, 1880, and Albert II., born January 31, 1883.

Thoroughly conversant with the requirements of his town, Mr. Gravenhorst is naturally a power in Effingham, and his association with many of its leading business concerns, as well as his prominence in the political and newspaper life of the county, have given him a wide-spread popularity. During the nearly half a century of his residence in Effingham, he has built up an enviable reputation as a business man of sound judgment and unquestioned integrity, a good manager and a friend of progress, and is recognized as a shrewd and tactful leader of the Democratic forces of his county.

**GRAVENHORST, Albert H.**—Among the representative young men of Effingham County is Albert H. Gravenhorst, who was born in Effingham, Ill., January 31, 1883, a son of Albert A. and Barbara (Blattner) Gravenhorst, whose biography appears in a preceding section in this volume.

Albert H. Gravenhorst was graduated from the Effingham High School and later from Austin College in the class of 1902. After serving as "printer's devil" on his father's paper for a time, Mr. Gravenhorst has risen through various positions to that of member of the firm of A. Gravenhorst & Son, the firm taking its new name as successor to A. Gravenhorst in 1907, when Albert H. became a member.

In April, 1903, Albert H. Gravenhorst entered the Illinois National Guard as a member of Company G, Fourth Regiment, and has given the organization his faithful service ever since, now

being First Lieutenant of his company, to which office he was elected in 1907. He has always been interested in public affairs and for the past four years has been Secretary of the Volunteer Fire Department. He is a member of the Effingham High School Alumni Association, having served two terms as its President, one term as Secretary and one term as Vice President. He is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, of which his father is also a member. In politics is a Democrat, and has been one of the leading factors in his party since he cast his first vote.

Mr. Gravenhorst is an excellent example of the enterprising, progressive young business men of today, alive to every chance, eager to advance his community, and to progress with it.

**GROBENGEISER, William H. (deceased).—**When a man has resided in a community for a number of years and has proven himself always industrious, energetic, responsible and public spirited, his death is keenly felt in the community, and his place is not readily filled. Such a man was the late William H. Grobengeiser, who was born in Hanover, Germany, January 29, 1823, and died in Mound Township, Effingham County, Ill., July 30, 1894.

Mr. Grobengeiser's parents emigrated from Germany to the United States and settled in Mound Township, where the remainder of their lives was spent, but their son William did not accompany them, as he was liable for service in the Germany army and had to steal out of the country to escape. He had gone to school in Germany until fourteen years of age, and after coming to the United States attended a Lutheran College at Buffalo, N. Y., for four years. For seventeen years he taught school in Martinsville, N. Y., and while there he was married to Augusta Goldbeck, who was born in Leipzig, Germany, March 1, 1830, and came to the United States in 1843. She came to this country with a sister, her mother being deceased, sailing from Hamburg on the sailing vessel "Braveno," which took forty-five days to make the journey, landing safely at New York City, they went to Martinsville, where for four years Mrs. Grobengeiser was employed as a domestic. In 1866 Mr. and Mrs. Grobengeiser removed to Effingham County, Ill., with their six children, going by wagon to Niagara, N. Y., thence by rail to Chicago, and from there to their destination. Mr. Grobengeiser purchased what is now the G. V. Grobengeiser farm of seventy acres in Mound Township, but in 1881 he sold that farm and purchased 166 acres in the same township, two and one-half miles west of Altamont. He had built a fine home and settled down to the enjoyment of a happy life, but met with an accident in a runaway, in which he received injuries to his spine which prevented his ever working again, and he died thirteen years later, being buried from the Lutheran Church, of which he was an official member for years. In politics he was a staunch Democrat. Mrs. Grobengeiser survives her husband, and has reached the advanced age of eighty years, but is in the best of health

and spirits and in possession of her full faculties. She is as well known in this vicinity as was her esteemed husband, and has many friends and acquaintances.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Grobengeiser were as follows: Augusta Helen, at home; Martha, deceased, who was the wife of Augustus Sy; William, of Mound Township, who married Tina Goers; Beata, who married Frieberth Schwerdtfeger, of Mound Township; August V., of Altamont, who married Bertha Milleville; Paulina, who died in childhood; Paulina (2), who married Charles Dietrich, of St. Louis; Malvina; and Emily, who married Fred Goers.

**GROVES, John Edward, M. D.** Among the professions the one making the most demand upon time, experience and study, is probably that of medicine, and to make a success of his vocation the doctor must at all times be willing to sacrifice everything else for it. Effingham County can boast of many successful men of medicine, and one of these is John Edward Groves, of Altamont. He was born at Marion, Williamson County, Ill., April 11, 1865, and comes of an old and honored family.

The Groves family was founded in the United States by three brothers who came from Holland, one settling in the East, one in Kentucky, and the other in the Middle West, and from the last-named Dr. Groves is descended. His grandfather, George Groves, was a resident of Mechanicsburg, Champaign County, Ohio, was married three times and had a family of twenty children. One of these children he named Simon Peter, saying he should be the preacher of the family, and the young man really adopted that occupation after graduating from Ohio Wesleyan University, being for fifty years a member of the Southern Illinois Conference, and one of its oldest preachers, being now superannuated. Rev. Groves married Mary Jane Mitchell, of Cave in Rock, Hardin County, Ill., and they now reside at Nashville, Ill. There were seven children born to Rev. and Mrs. Groves, but four are deceased, those surviving being: John Edward, M. D.; Rhoda, wife of Dr. J. H. Oakley, of the United States Marine Hospital Service, now stationed at Port Townsend, Wash.; and C. Cooper, a teacher in Science at the High School at Edwardsville, Ill.

John E. Groves received his early education at different points in the circuit where his father was preaching and when he had reached the age of seventeen years he entered McKendree College, at Lebanon, where Governor Deneen, of Illinois, was his college mate. He next attended Bennett Medical College, of Chicago, from which he graduated March 29, 1887, and at once began practice at Greenville, Ill., going thence to East St. Louis, then to Effingham, in January, 1893, after which for two years he was a partner of his cousin, Dr. J. N. Groves. In March, 1895, Dr. Groves came to Altamont, where he has since been in a continual and successful practice. On January 29, 1902, he was appointed to the medical staff of the Illinois Southern Hospital



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for the Insane, and he was one of the founders of the Bond County Medical Society. He has been exceedingly active in lodge work, being a member of Altamont Lodge No. 533, A. F. & A. M.; Maple Tree Lodge, K. of P., in which he has passed through the chairs; and a charter member of the Court of Honor (an insurance order). He is a staunch Republican, and served for four years as Chairman of the County Central Committee. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On August 22, 1888, Dr. Groves was married, in Greenville, Ill., to Miss Winora Norman, daughter of Isaac and Lydia E. (Walker) Norman, the latter of whom is deceased, and three children have been born to this union: Myra Mae, Clarence S. and Mary Edna. Dr. Groves is one of the few who have had the novel experience of reading their own obituary notices. He went to St. Mary's Infirmary, St. Louis, to have an operation performed for a complication of troubles, from the effects of which he was supposed to have died, but from which he recovered, making the printing of obituary notices, as well as accounts of his death, seem rather unnecessary.

**GWIN, George Washington.**—The realty interests of any progressive, wide-awake community are very valuable, and those engaged in promoting the development and up-building of various sections are not only advancing their own affairs, but are proving public benefactors. One of the live men of Altamont, Ill., is George Washington Gwin, who was born in Jefferson County, Ill., January 22, 1849, a son of Simeon and Elizabeth (Henson) Gwin, natives of Pope County, Ill., and Kentucky, respectively. The parents were married in Wayne County, Ill., December 13, 1847, settling on a farm in Jefferson County, where they remained until the spring of 1862, then moved to a farm near Ramsey, Fayette County, Ill., and from the farm to Ramsey when both father and mother died and are buried in Ramsey Cemetery. The father died in 1884, and his wife in 1882. He was a Democrat and had held township offices. Liberal in religious views, he inclined toward the Baptist Church. Of the five sons and one daughter born to them, George W. Gwin was the eldest, and he has a brother, F. M. Gwin, of Vandalia, and a sister living in Ramsey. The Gwin family is of English extraction, the forebears who came to America settling in Virginia. The Henson family seems to have originated in Tennessee and Kentucky.

George Washington Gwin received a limited education in the district schools of Fayette County, and after leaving school served a three years' apprenticeship in Vandalia and Ramsey at the plasterer's trade, which he followed in Altamont sixteen years, having come to that city April 17, 1871. He then embarked in a hardware and implement business, which he conducted thirteen years, when he took a course in embalming, in the Clark School of Embalming, at St. Louis, Mo., in 1892. After graduating in embalming and funeral directing, he established the first em-

balming establishment in Effingham County, and also laid in a stock of furniture. In 1900 Mr. Gwin sold out and went on the road as traveling salesman for furniture and undertaking establishments. After eight years spent in this line he returned to Altamont, and is now conducting an undertaking establishment. He is also one of the leading real estate, loan and insurance agents in the city.

In November, 1871, Mr. Gwin helped organize the First Methodist Church of Altamont, with four families, the congregation of this church now averaging 325. Mr. Gwin and Mrs. Maxhimer are the only resident survivors of the original membership. The former is a trustee of the church, which office he has held twenty-eight years, and for twenty-three years was Superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School. He is very active in all church work, is also a Blue Lodge Mason, being Chaplain of his lodge, is an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. A staunch Republican, he has held many township and city offices, having served as Police Magistrate, President of the City Council, for several years a member of the Village Board, in which he served as President. He has also served as member of the Board of Education for the Altamont Schools.

In addition to other business enterprises, Mr. Gwin was instrumental in establishing the tile and brick factory, the Altamont Creamery, and assisted in organizing the Altamont Building & Loan Association, of which he is a Director. When the furniture factory and flouring mill were burned, he assisted in raising the money for their rebuilding. He was instrumental in securing the necessary financial backing to establish the Altamont Fair Association, one of the best in the State, being elected its President. This association cleared \$1,180, net, the first year. Mr. Gwin was also associated in the building of a \$25,000 cannery factory and was Chairman of the committee that had it in charge. Probably Mr. Gwin has been more largely interested in promoting various industrial enterprises than any other man here, and has erected more houses in Altamont than any other citizen. He is the only adult male resident of Altamont who was here in 1871.

Mr. Gwin was married, October 1, 1871, in Greenville, Ill., to Sarah E. Plant, who died April 28, 1883, leaving two sons and one daughter, all living. Mr. Gwin married (second), in Altamont, November 15, 1883, Margaret E. Hipscher, by whom he had no children. He married (third), at Windsor, Ill., February 9, 1892, Mrs. Elizabeth (Stephens) Anderson, who by her first marriage had a daughter, Agnes, who married George Combs, a jeweler of Villa Grove, Ill., and they have one daughter, Marie. By his third marriage Mr. Gwin had one son, George W., Jr., born October 5, 1893. His other children are: Walter, who died at the age of three years; John, a railroad man of Springfield, Mo.; Dora B., married Charles Switzer, a farmer and stockman of Farina, Ill.; Samuel B., married Ida Vincent,

daughter of Frank Vincent. Samuel B. Gwin is in the undertaking and furniture business at Farina, Ill., and he and his wife have one child—Gwendolin. George W. Gwin, Jr., is attending school in Altamont, and will succeed his father and conduct the business left by him.

**HABING, Joseph G.**—Germany, that hardy, vigorous country that has given this land so many noble men, has placed us under heavy obligation, and those of our citizens who have descended from German stock are proud of the fact. The dominant personality of some men is certain to prevail, no matter what their position in life. They come to the head of affairs in one way or another. Politics offer a field for earnest endeavor for many of our most progressive men, who seek to advance the interests of their communities, and to raise the general moral and material standards.

In Effingham opportunity is offered for advancement in civic affairs, and there are certain of its people who have profited and produced excellent results. Joseph G. Habing, one of the representative men of the city, is an example of what can be accomplished by one man for the good of his locality. Mr. Habing is a native of Teutopolis, born December 15, 1862, a son of George G. Habing, born in Oldenberg, Germany, and Maria (Thoele) Habing, born in Covington Ky.

A shoemaker by trade, George G. Habing learned his trade in Cincinnati, Ohio, to which city he was brought by his grandparents in 1841, when he was eight years old. There he remained until 1854, when removal was made to Evansville, Ind., and in 1857 the family settled at Teutopolis, Ill. In 1873, another change was made to Altamont, Ill., and there the father died May 31, 1886.

Joseph G. Habing was educated at Teutopolis, Ill., and worked at the trade of a shoemaker until 1888, since which time he has been either a clerk or a salesman. In 1888 he went to Brownstown, Ill., then to Vandalia, Ill., thence to Quincy, Ill., and Chicago, Ill., and for a year was in St. Louis. The next year was spent in Hannibal, Mo. and for five years he was in Cincinnati, returning to Altamont in 1898. In 1900 he moved to Teutopolis, and in 1904 located in Effingham.

Mr. Habing has always been a Democrat, and has done yeoman service for his party, being Police Magistrate in 1901, Township Supervisor in 1902 and 1903; Deputy County Treasurer in 1903 and 1904, and in the latter year was elected Circuit Clerk on the Democratic ticket, and re-elected in 1908. He is an efficient party worker, and an able, conscientious public official, whose future is very brilliant. Since 1892 Mr. Habing has been a member of the D. R. K. U. V., and since 1905 a member of the Knights of Columbus. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic.

**HALL, Hon. Z. Lester**, who is serving a second term as Mayor of Edgewood, Ill., and is prominently identified with the business interests of

the place, bears an honored name, one that has been held in high esteem in Effingham County for generations. Mayor Hall was born in the village over which he presides with such tact, ability and good judgment, September 11, 1868, and is a son of Dr. Joseph and Laura O. (Tourje) Hall and a grandson of Dr. Joseph Hall, founder of the family in Effingham County.

The grandfather, Dr. Joseph Hall, was born in the State of New York and there engaged in the practice of medicine until his health failed. In 1859 he came west, in order to release himself from professional life, settling in West Township, Effingham County, where he became a prominent and useful citizen, and died February 14, 1861.

The late Dr. Joseph Hall, father of Mayor Hall, was born at West Bloomfield, N. Y., July 14, 1840, and died at Edgewood, Ill., March 13, 1902. On February 4, 1864, he was married in Wayne County, Mich., to Miss Laura O. Tourje, who survives him. She was born at Clifton, N. Y., December 9, 1841. In the spring of 1864 Dr. Hall and his wife came to Edgewood, where he began the practice of medicine. In 1866 he established his drug store, utilizing the upper part of the two-story building as a residence and the lower part as store and office. The building is yet standing, but somewhat changed, the upper story having been taken down and the drug business continued at the same place. In 1870 the late Dr. Hall was appointed Postmaster by President Grant, resigning the office in 1873, but in 1881 he was again appointed Postmaster by President Arthur, and served as such for the four succeeding years. He continued his drug business and also his practice until the time of his death. He is remembered as one of the most useful citizens and best beloved and most highly respected men of Effingham County. In his profession he was skillful and successful, possessing in large degree those natural qualities which supplement the professional ability of a physician. He gave largely of his services to charity, and in answering calls in his professional capacity was never known to hesitate one moment to consider the financial aspect of his work. He was notably public-spirited and took a deep interest in all measures of an uplifting nature. With his estimable wife, he was active in the upbuilding of the Christian Church at Edgewood and the last amount of indebtedness resting on the edifice was paid out of his own pocket. Dr. Joseph Hall and wife were parents of four children, namely: Joseph, who was born June 10, 1865, died in the following October; Z. Lester; Lawrence L., born in June, 1871, is engaged in a drug business at St. Joseph, Ill.; and Cady H., born May 8, 1873, died July 18, 1875.

Z. Lester Hall attended the schools of Edgewood Village until 1885, then entered the High School of Marshall, Mich., in 1887 returning home and taking charge of the store for his father. In March, 1889, he entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad and in different capacities continued with that system for thir-



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teen years, being recalled to Edgewood by the death of his father, in 1902. He then resumed charge of the drug business and has conducted the same ever since. Mayor Hall is one of the progressive, thoughtful, capable young men that modern civilization is developing, and after his return to Edgewood he became interested to a large degree in questions of public importance. In 1907 he was first elected mayor of the place and his administration brought forth such excellent fruits that he was again made the candidate of the Citizens' party, and was re-elected in the spring of 1909. He took a firm stand when the temperance wave went over the country in 1908, and, after some local difficulties, his whole board of aldermen now belong to the "Drys." It has been a boast that the Hall Drug Store has never dealt in intoxicants and the whole neighborhood is aware of this consistency. During Mayor Hall's incumbency a number of public improvements have been brought about, including the putting in of concrete walks. Schools are flourishing under good laws and the well kept cemetery is a credit to the village. The late Dr. Hall was one of the founders of the cemetery organization and he and William Gilmore did much to make the cemetery the beautiful place it now is. Mayor Hall is now Secretary and Treasurer of the association. He belongs to the patriotic order known as the Loyal Americans of the Republic.

On November 29, 1894, Mayor Hall was married to Miss Margaret C. Preston, of Cairo, Ill., who was born at Monnds, Ill., November 29, 1874, a daughter of Richard and Lizzie (Kuhn) Preston. Her father was born in County Longford, Ireland, while her mother was of German ancestry. Mrs. Hall has great musical talent, was educated accordingly, and has taught music. She is now choir leader of St. Anne's Catholic Church at Edgewood.

**HANKINS, Lewis J.**, was born near Vandalia, Fayette County, Ill., January 1, 1831, son of William J. Hankins, a native of Tennessee. The father was married, in his native State, to a native of Virginia, and three children were born to them while they lived in Tennessee, namely: Presley C., John E. and Samuel F. In the year 1828 Mr. Hankins emigrated to Illinois, settling near Vandalia. He became engaged as a bridge carpenter in the construction of the National Road, then being built by the Government. Mr. Hankins and his wife walked most of the way to their new home, bringing their household goods and three children on two pack horses. In 1831 the family moved to the Little Wabash River, near Ewington, where the Government was then constructing a bridge, and the following year Mr. Hankins took an active part in the organization of Effingham County, becoming the first Judge of the new county. He became a very popular and prominent citizen and held various offices under the new organization. He was a soldier in the War with Mexico and held a First Lieutenant's commission. Mr. Hankins

died in the early fifties and was buried in Effingham County. His children are all dead except two: Lewis J. and Elizabeth.

Like all pioneers of his day, Lewis J. Hankins had very few educational advantages. He attended a subscription school for a time. In September, 1854, he married Sarah M. Kelly, and of this union eleven children were born, all of whom reached maturity, and ten of whom still survive. Mr. Hankins has always been active in promoting public improvements. He is a Democrat of the old school and always took an active part in political campaigns.

In early life Mr. Hankins was a great hunter and trapper, being an unerring marksman, and about his house and premises were always to be seen many trophies of the chase. In later life he took up farming and became a successful agriculturist, but he is now broken in health and feels the weight of years resting heavily upon him, yet he still likes to go to the river, which runs close by his home, where he takes great delight in fishing. He has ever been an honorable and upright citizen, most willing to assist the needy or help those in distress, a kind friend and obliging neighbor. His little home on the banks of the Little Wabash has been the family residence for many years and there he and his wife have reared a family to honorable man and womanhood, of which they may well be proud. Mr. Hankins has always lived a moral, upright life, and is loved and respected by all who know him. He is not a member of any church or other society.

**HARDIEK, Herman H.**—The banking interests of any community are so important and play such a prominent part in the financial life of the people, that naturally the greatest care is taken in the selection of those in whose hands the affairs of the banks are placed. Teutopolis, Effingham County, Ill., located as it is in the midst of a rich farming section, handles a large amount of money, and its bank officials must be men of experience as well as of unblemished business records. The Bank of Teutopolis is to be congratulated for the record of its Cashier, Herman H. Hardiek.

Mr. Hardiek was born May 6, 1842, in Germany, a son of Herman and Gertrude (Werneke) Hardiek. The parents were born in Hanover, Germany, and there married and their six children born and reared to maturity. Herman H. Hardiek was the first of the family to leave the mother country, coming to the United States in December, 1860, and locating on a farm in Teutopolis Township, Effingham County, Ill. During his first year he received \$60, but in 1862 he rented 120 acres of land in this township. Owing to debts incurred in bringing over his family, he had a hard struggle for some time, but with German persistency and strict economy he managed to buy this 120 acres, which later he sold at a profit.

After selling his farm, Mr. Hardiek rented land and entered into stock-raising extensively. In

1875 he moved to Teutopolis and bought a hardware and tin shop, paying \$400 in part settlement for a business valued at \$2,000. Six months later he sold this business, but retained the ownership of the shop. He then formed a partnership with Clem Uptmore, under the title of Uptmore & Hardiek, general merchants. They did a business handling merchandise, grain and live stock. During the third year of this connection Mr. Uptmore died. About 1883, having taken his sons in with him, Mr. Hardiek added a lumber yard and coal business. As he bought and sold merchandise of every description, Mr. Hardiek did a large business, but sold the general merchandise part in 1903. In October, 1905, he assisted in establishing the Bank of Teutopolis, and was made its Cashier. B. H. Wernsing is the President, J. L. Runde Vice President and H. J. Weber Assistant Cashier. Owing to the financial and business standing of the men who are its officials and on its Board of Directors, the Bank of Teutopolis is one of the strongest banking concerns in Effingham County. In addition Mr. Hardiek, with several other representative men, founded the Teutopolis Mutual Fire and Benefit Association. During his connection with this company he has managed to reduce the cost of policies fifty per cent from the standard rate, and the surplus of the company is about \$10,000. He also assisted in establishing the creamery at Teutopolis, and so excellent is the product of this concern, that it commands one cent more a pound than any other. In politics Mr. Hardiek is a Democrat and, in religious faith, a Roman Catholic. In addition to other interests, he owns 600 acres of land in Effingham County, 1,000 acres in Norton County, Kan., and thirty-eight town lots in Teutopolis. Without doubt he is one of the richest men in the county, while his name has always been associated with fair dealings and honest enterprises.

In September, 1863, Mr. Hardiek was married to Catherine Buenker, who was born March 30, 1844, on a farm in the south part of what is now Teutopolis Township, the daughter of Dieterich and Elizabeth Buenker, who were natives of Germany. For eleven years Mr. and Mrs. Hardiek lived on a farm with her uncle, Henry Buenker, whence they moved to Teutopolis, where Mr. Hardiek engaged in general merchandising and grain and stock-buying business. Mr. and Mrs. Hardiek had thirteen children born to them, only four of whom survive, namely: John, a farmer of Teutopolis Township; Joseph, a farmer in St. Joseph Township; and Anna and Leo, at home. Mrs. Hardiek died at the family home in Teutopolis, April 2, 1910. She was a devout member of the Catholic Church and a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, and her death was deeply deplored by a large circle of friends.

Mr. Hardiek has always taken an active part in securing the promotion of enterprises calculated to build up his beloved city, and has never been sparing of either time or money to effect such improvements. He is one of the soundest

business men this locality has ever known, and displays that German sense of values and ability to economize that bring success in almost every case. Mr. Hardiek has made every cent he possesses through honest endeavor. When he came to this country he could not speak a word of English, but in later years labored earnestly for the benefit of his family, assisting them to join him in America. Such men are few, unfortunately, but when they are found they are truly appreciated.

**HARDIN, Stephen**, was born in Washington County, Ind., September 18, 1818, a son of John and Ellen (Colclasure) Hardin. He was raised on a farm and attended school but a few winter terms. He was married in 1841 and, two years later, located in Clay County, Ill., where he served as Sheriff, and for two years kept a store in Georgetown. He moved to Mason in 1855, bringing with him a stock of goods, and the next year removed his family to that town. He sold out his stock in 1858, at which time he was elected Representative from the Counties of Fayette and Effingham, on the Democratic ticket. During the session of 1858-59 he introduced the bill providing for the removal of the county-seat from Ewington to Effingham. About 1860 he again engaged in mercantile business, with a branch store at Winterrowd. Some two years later, he turned his attention to farming and stock-raising, in which he was very successful. His farm was on the northern border of the Town of Mason, and he platted sixteen acres, which became known as Hardin's Addition. Mr. Hardin's death occurred January 25, 1907.

**HARRAH, (Hon.) Rufus C.**—A man who is well versed in the laws of his State and country is always a recognized power. As a class they are depended upon largely to conserve the best interests of the people, and without them and their practical judgment the work done by the business man and the mechanic, as well as the efforts of the statesman, would be incomplete. The professional lawyer is not the creature of circumstance, as the profession is open to talent, and no definite prestige or success can be attained save by indomitable energy, perseverance, patience and strong mentality. At the same time, the lawyer is well fitted to occupy positions of public trust, as his legal training, his ability to concentrate his purpose and his wide knowledge of men fit him to discharge his duties faithfully and well, and so it is that men of this profession are so often chosen to represent the people. A notable case is presented in the career of Hon. Rufus C. Harrah, present State's Attorney of Effingham County, Ill.

Mr. Harrah was born in Putnam County, Ind., October 10, 1846, the son of Daniel F. Harrah, and comes of an old and distinguished family. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Harrah, was with Gen. Scott at the Battle of Lundy's Lane, Canada, and saw other active service during the War of 1812. Daniel F. Harrah was born in



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Montgomery County, Ky., moved to Putnam County, Ind., and in 1858 brought his family to Jasper County, Ill., where he located on a farm.

From early boyhood Rufus C. Harrah showed a determination to secure better educational advantages than those afforded the average farmer's son of the times. After leaving the district school he entered Westfield College, and following his course in this institution he taught school three years. March 10, 1872, he located in Effingham, and soon began the study of law in the office of J. N. Gwin. In June, 1874, he was admitted to the bar, since which time he has been in active practice, and is recognized for his ability as a lawyer and for the fidelity with which he adheres to the interests of his clients in the courts.

Mr. Harrah has always been an active Democrat and his value was soon recognized by his party. He has been called upon to hold a number of offices since locating in Effingham, being elected in 1873 to the office of Police Magistrate, which he held until 1881. In 1880 he was honored by being elected to the office of State's Attorney for Effingham County, serving until 1896, being successively re-elected. In 1897 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the office of Circuit Judge, although heartily endorsed by the profession. In 1898 he became Master in Chancery, serving until 1904, and made a remarkable record, there being not a single exception on file against any of his reports. In 1902 Mr. Harrah was placed before the celebrated dead-lock convention, the first in the newly constructed Twenty-third Congressional District. He received the nomination at Newton, but as the vote of Jasper County was challenged before the result was announced, the convention was adjourned to meet at Centralia. After two days of exciting balloting, the convention was adjourned *sine die*. Later the same delegates were called back to a new convention at Mount Vernon, where Mr. Harrah received enough votes to nominate, but as the vote of Jasper County was once more challenged, he failed of nomination, the nominee being Hon. J. B. Crowley, of Crawford County. In 1903 Mr. Harrah secured the endorsement of his party for the office of Circuit Judge, and in 1906 carried the county in the primary election for endorsement as a candidate for Circuit Judge, to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Judge Farmer to the Supreme Court. In 1908 Mr. Harrah was nominated and elected State's Attorney of Effingham County, and is now serving his fifth term in that office. He was also for many years Chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee.

In 1873 Mr. Harrah married Mrs. Ellen Warren, of Jasper County, Ill., and they have had three sons, Leonard H., Robert B. and William F., only one of whom is now living, William F., of Chicago. In 1893 Mr. Harrah joined the Christian Church and since then has been a prominent and consistent member.

During the many years that Mr. Harrah has served the county as State's Attorney, he has

established a record which is recognized and admired by almost every lawyer in the State of Illinois. His administration of the office has won for him a reputation as a man of far more than ordinary ability. As a prosecutor he has been relentless and fearless, but at all times just, and no one can say of him that he was ever influenced by prejudice, nor can any one point to a single instance where he has shown personal favor. In fulfilling the duties of his office he has been pre-eminently fair to all parties with whom he has had to deal, and no shadow of dishonesty or weakness rests upon him. That he has served the people of the county five terms without the slightest blot to mar his record is an achievement which should be most gratifying to him, and of which his family may justly speak with pride in years to come.

**HARRELL, Jacob.**—No mere words will describe the privations endured by the pioneers of Effingham County or their bravery in attempting to blaze a path for civilization. To understand what they did one must have lived as they did. However, while not entirely appreciating, the country gives them due honor and accords them a high place in its history. Jacob Harrell of Jackson Township is one of the sturdy old pioneers of this locality, having been born in Shelby County, Ind., May 13, 1837, a son of Jethrow and Effie (Noe) Harrell, the former born in North Carolina, July 4, 1800, and the latter in Ohio, April 13, 1812. They were married in Shelby County, Ind., but in 1840 moved to Effingham County, Ill., and soon thereafter, the father entered land from the Government in Jackson Township at \$1.25 per acre. This land was mostly timber. After making some improvements, the father sold and moved on the present farm of Mr. Jacob Harrell, which consisted of 286 acres. Here they lived until their death, that of the father occurring in 1896, and the mother's in 1897. Both are interred in the New Hope Cemetery, in Mason Township. They were the parents of eight children, five of whom are now living: Jacob, William H., John W., Sarah J. and Frances H. Prior to his marriage with Effie Noe, the father had been married to Hannah Harrell, who died in North Carolina, where the marriage took place. They were the parents of seven children, only two of whom are now living—Margaret Robertson, who resides in Effingham, and Hannah Hackleman, who resides in Hancock County, Ind.

Jacob Harrell went to school in the primitive log schoolhouse described in the general history, and used a quill pen in writing. He remained at home until his first marriage, which occurred in Effingham County, December 25, 1860, to Lathenia Brewster, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brewster. Mr. Brewster died in Marion County, Ill., while Mrs. Brewster died in Chicago, in 1864, and was buried in New Hope Cemetery. They were the parents of two children, one of whom died in infancy, the other being Mrs. Harrell. After the death of the

first Mrs. Harrell, Mr. Harrell married in October, 1865, Martha Ellen Brown, born in Knox County, Ohio, in June, 1847, a daughter of William and Nancy Brown, natives of Ohio, where Mr. Brown died, while Mrs. Brown came from Ohio to Illinois about 1860, and died in Clay County, being interred in the Pender Cemetery, Effingham. Seven children were born of the second marriage of Mr. Harrell, but only five grew to maturity: Ada, wife of Lewis DeFreece; Stella, wife of Charles Cinders; Gracie, wife of Frank Yates; Gertrude, wife of Frank Pulton, and Blanche, wife of William Shoemaker.

Mr. Harrell has always been a Democrat and a loyal supporter of his party, taking an active interest in local politics. He has served four terms as Township Commissioner, and is now Deputy Road Boss in Jackson Township. He served two terms as School Trustee, and for many years has been School Director. In former years, he was a member of both the Grange and the P. B. M. A. in Jackson Township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harrell are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The father of Mr. Harrell was the oldest Methodist in his neighborhood, and was very liberal in his subscriptions towards the support of the church, and Mr. Harrell has also been one of its liberal contributors. He has served as its trustee and is a member of the Board of Stewards, and is also Superintendent of the Sunday school and a class leader.

Mr. Harrell has been a very successful man, and is greatly honored by his many friends. He did not serve in the Civil War, when he offered to enlist being afflicted with "milk sickness" and as a consequence the recruiting officers refused to accept him. He and his wife reside on their fertile farm of 286 acres in Jackson Township, where they are enjoying the fruits of their early labors, in a comfortable home. During Mr. Harrell's early boyhood, he worked early and late on the farm for his parents. At times the swarms of flies were so numerous that farm work had to be done at night. In those early days it was difficult to procure breadstuff. It was necessary to ride early to mill, and wait a turn to get the grist ground. In addition to his farm, Mr. Harrell owns property in Altamont, Ill., and is certainly one of the substantial, reliable men of the county, in whom explicit confidence can always be placed.

**HARVEY, Theodore H.**, whose ideal rural home, with its beautiful surroundings and solid comforts, is situated on Section 32, Douglas Township, Effingham County, seemingly has every reason to feel satisfied with his earthly lot, including as it does, home, ample means, friends, family and universal esteem. Mr. Harvey was born at Pine Grove, Pa., April 23, 1855, a son of George and Mary (Dentler) Harvey, who were natives of Pennsylvania, there grew to maturity, married and reared a family.

In 1879 George Harvey came, first, to Effingham County, purchasing eighty acres which his

son, Theodore H., now owns. In 1880 he returned to Pennsylvania and was accompanied back to Effingham County by his family. Formerly this farm had served as a kind of sporting ground for people from many sections, game being abundant and a pond supplying good fishing. It required some firmness on the part of Mr. Harvey, at first, to keep the old visitors off his preserves. Like his son, he was a progressive and enterprising man, and started right in to improve his land and, in 1884, built a fine residence on the north end of the property, which his widow now occupies. To his first eighty acres he added until he owned 500 acres in the county, 380 acres lying in Douglas Township, forty in Watson Township and eighty in Jackson Township. He was a man of much enterprise, but this quality he tempered with good judgment, and hence his undertakings usually proved successful. He gave liberally to charity and to the building of schools and the promoting of religious agencies. For forty years he was a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows and lived up to its principles. His death occurred October 14, 1908, in his seventy-eighth year. His children were as follows: Theodore H.; Isaac, a merchant at Harrisonville, Mo.; Charles, a farmer in Watson Township; Anna, wife of Saphor Bashore, of Muncie, Ind.; Amelia and Jane, both of whom died in infancy; Esther, wife of W. B. Lyons, a machinist at Terre Haute, Ind.; George, who died in 1904, aged thirty-six years; Samuel, a railroad conductor, residing at Pine Bluff, Ark.; Richard, who, like his brother George, died while being operated on for appendicitis; and Bessie, the wife of Harry Jones, who is yardmaster of the Vandalia Railroad at Effingham. The venerable mother is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Theodore H. Harvey was educated in the schools of his native State and before he came to Effingham County he worked in the coal mines of Pennsylvania, and then worked for his father by the month until 1881, when he rented a part of the farm, which he bought in 1884, securing 110 acres. He immediately began to improve his property and has made it into one of the most productive farms of the county. He grows grain and fruit of all kinds and is largely interested in breeding fine cattle, his registered stock being of the Red Polled variety. He also has a registered sire for his Berkshire hogs. Mr. Harvey has taken a great deal of pride in making the surroundings of his home attractive and his beautiful lawn, with its swings, hammocks and lawn seats is frequently the scene of social gatherings, for Mr. and Mrs. Harvey are very hospitable.

On December 5, 1874, Mr. Harvey was married to Miss Martha Klahr, who accompanied her parents from Pennsylvania to Effingham, where they still reside. Seven children have been born of this marriage, as follows: Emma, residing at home; Kate, wife of H. E. Crumm, residing at Mishawaka, Ind.; George Elmer, residing at home; Mabel, wife of Leo L. Callahan, a merchant tailor at Charleston, Ill.; and Carrie, Mary and Albert, all residing at home. Mrs.



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Harvey and older children are members of the Methodist Church, of which Mr. Harvey is an attendant and to which he liberally contributes. Politically he is a Republican and fraternally is connected with the order of Modern Woodmen of America.

**HEIDEN, Henry.**—Many of the leading men of Effingham County, Ill., started out in life as poor boys, but through their own efforts have become wealthy and prominent. The most successful men of this country are not always those who are born to wealth and influence. There appears to be something in the necessity for exertion that develops a man's best qualities and demonstrates what he is capable of accomplishing. Henry Heiden, of Section 9, West Township, is an excellent example of this fact, and is proud that all that he now owns has been earned through his own efforts. He was born in Bergholtz, Niagara County, N. Y., December 6, 1857, a son of Fred and Margaret A. (Alwert) Heiden. The father was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, in 1832, and grew up to be a farmer in his native country. In 1857 he and his wife came to the United States, sailing from Hamburg to New York, and locating at Bergholtz, N. Y., where for five years the father was a day laborer. He then came to Effingham County, Ill., buying twenty acres of land in Section 8, West Township. On this he put up a little one-room log house, which was without a door for some time. Shortly thereafter he added forty acres to his holdings, and then another forty acres. Still later he bought two small timber tracts, one of ten and the other five acres, finally becoming the owner of 115 acres. After a long life of hard work and frugal living, he died on his farm, January 2, 1908, his widow surviving until January 30, 1908. They were consistent members of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church during life, and were interred in Bethlehem Cemetery. Fred Heiden was a strong Democrat and served the township for a time as overseer. He and his wife had six children: Theo, who went to Kansas, is now farming in Smith County, that State, and married Tina Nye; Henry; Mary, who is Mrs. Ferd Aderman, of Altamont; Tina, who is Mrs. Charles Rath, of Fayette County; Fred, who is on the home place, married Mary Banke, and Caroline, who is Mrs. Herman Krueger, of Mound Township.

Henry Heiden was five years old when he was brought to Illinois, and there attended a parochial school and later the public school. Some of his early teachers were George Wolf, a Mr. Taylor and Amanda Spragg. From the time he was old enough, Mr. Heiden assisted his father in improving the homestead, remaining at home until his marriage. This event took place October 30, 1881, when he was united with Augusta Butz, daughter of Carl A. and Pauline Butz. After marriage the young couple located on forty acres owned by him on Section 8, and commenced housekeeping in an old log house. There were no other buildings on the place, and Mr. Heiden had

to supply what was needed. After twelve years, he sold this farm and bought ninety-two acres on Section 5, remaining there eleven years, during which time he made many improvements. In 1904, he sold out his first property and purchased his present farm, which is one of the most desirable in the township, and on which he located during the same year. The land is highly cultivated and the buildings are of a superior class.

Mrs. Heiden was born at Wolcottsburg, N. Y., November 12, 1862, was carefully educated in the parochial schools in her native State, and at fifteen years of age came with her parents to Illinois. Her father, Carl A. Butz, was born in Brandenburg, Germany, sixteen miles west of Berlin, August 14, 1834, the son of Carl A. and Sophia Butz. The family came to Wolcottsburg, Erie County, N. Y., where the father was employed at different times at the shoemaker's trade and in farming. On April 15, 1860, he was united in marriage with Pauline Schultz, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Leppert) Schultz. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Butz: Augusta, November 12, 1862; Adolf, August 19, 1867; Johanna, January 16, 1870; George, March 15, 1872; William, August 21, 1874; John, October 9, 1876; Bertha, July 8, 1881; and Sophia, August 9, 1884—the first six being born in Wolcottsburg, N. Y., and the last two in Illinois. Augusta married Henry Heiden, the subject of this sketch; Adolf married Miss Minnie Schultz, and is living in Springfield, Ill.; Johanna married Fred Ferchow, of Altamont, Ill.; George married Miss Emma Fell-wack, and is living in Evansville, Ind.; William is unmarried; John married Mollie Meierhaus; Bertha, Joseph Levinger, and Sophia, Gustav Ferchow, and the last three, with their families, are all living in Springfield, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heiden, with their children, are members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He is a staunch Democrat and served as Tax Collector of the township for five years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Heiden are: Sophia, born August 7, 1882, married William Shenke, of Springfield, Ill.; John, born August 2, 1884, is unmarried; Louisa, born February 21, 1886, married Henry Piper, of Springfield, Ill.; Henry, born December 17, 1887, is at home; Helen, born September 19, 1889, married Arthur Luck, of Springfield, Ill.; Rosa, born September 24, 1891; Caroline, born October 16, 1893; Charles, born December 1, 1895; George, born March 23, 1898; Jennie, born April 19, 1900; Viola, born January 25, 1902 and Alma, born October 24, 1904.

**HENDERSON, James F.**—The men who show themselves capable of handling their own affairs successfully are those chosen, as a rule, to handle the affairs of others, and no exception has been made in the case of James F. Henderson of Jackson Township, who, proving himself a successful farmer, has been asked to accept positions of trust in public and fraternal circles.

Mr. Henderson was born in New Brunswick, May 18, 1861, a son of William Melvin and Jane (McKinnott) Henderson.

William M. Henderson was born in New York, and his wife in Scotland, they being married about 1860 in New Brunswick, from whence they came to Illinois about 1867, settling in Effingham County. Mr. Henderson had been a miller while a resident of New Brunswick, but on locating in Illinois, he took up agriculture as an occupation, and has spent his life here as a tiller of the soil. He and his wife now reside in Watson, Effingham County, being sixty-nine and seventy years old, respectively. They were the parents of eight children, of whom six grew to maturity. These were; William; James F.; Maggie, Joseph and Charles, who are deceased; George W.; Albert; and Lewis.

James F. Henderson was educated in the County schools, although he never obtained a very thorough education in his youth. He remained on the home place until married, March 20, 1883, to Rosie L. Mesnard, who was born in Effingham County, May 20, 1867, daughter of Addison E. and Mary A. (Mitchell) Mesnard. Addison E. Mesnard was born in New York State, in childhood lived at Pleasantville, Ohio, and when about twelve years of age came to Illinois with his parents. His wife was born in Kentucky, removed thence to Tennessee, and came to Illinois with her parents when fourteen years of age, and she and Mr. Mesnard were married at Ewington, Effingham County. They became the parents of ten children, all of whom grew to maturity and eight of whom are still living, Mrs. Henderson being the sixth in order of birth. The father of these children died in 1902, aged seventy-three years, and was buried in the Baptist Church Cemetery, in Jackson Township, while the mother, who is seventy years of age, still survives, residing at Watson.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson bought land in Jackson Township, where they have resided most of the time since. The present farm, which was purchased in 1904, consists of ninety-eight acres of some of the best land in the township, and is in a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Henderson made nearly all of the improvements himself, and in addition to carrying on a general line of farming, raises a great deal of high grade stock. He has been successful in his operations, and is looked upon as one of the solid, substantial agriculturists of his community. In his political belief he is a staunch Democrat, and has taken an active part in local matters, serving as Township Assessor during 1908, and being re-elected to that office in 1909 for a two-year term; has also held the office of Postmaster in Jackson Township, and School Director in every district in which he has lived since attaining his majority. He has also been prominent in fraternal circles, belonging to Watson Blue Lodge of Masons, No. 602, in which he has gone through all the chairs except those of Tyler and Treasurer, and belongs to the Brotherhood of American Yeoman, having been appointed Dis-

trict Manager of this order in both Cumberland and Coles Counties. He and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church and are active in church and Sunday school work.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have had thirteen children, eleven of whom are now living: Ross E., a farmer of Dieterich, married Dossie Fields, and they have three children,—Noble, Gernon and Gale; Della, who married Charles Brown, in the hardware business at Arthur, has three children,—Ruth, James and Esther; Ruby, married Frank Kepler, an operator of Dexter, Ill.; and Arthur, Ernest, Lola, Frank, Fred, Dora, Donald and Vera, all single and at home with their parents.

**HENRY, Elijah**, was born near Lexington, Ky., and there learned the trade of blacksmith. He married in that vicinity and several of his children were born there. He removed from Kentucky to Indiana at an early day, settling on a farm, where he remained until about 1843, although the exact date is not known. In consequence of business misfortunes he parted with his homestead there and removed to Effingham County, Ill., then very sparsely settled. Here he began life anew and remained until his death, which occurred near the village of Mason, December 4, 1867.

Soon after his location in Effingham County Mr. Henry erected a blacksmith shop and built a mill, which at that day were greatly needed and much appreciated. He continued in both these industries a number of years, until other workmen came in with better and more modern machinery. Mr. Henry turned his attention to the cultivation of fruit and especially the apple, and this business occupied the last dozen years of his life.

Mr. Henry served in the War of 1812, and was deterred only by his great age from serving in the war for the preservation of the Union. He often remarked during the war that he did not see how he could ever die without having, somehow or other, slain at least one rebel. He was a strong Republican and cast his last vote for that party when he was unable to leave the buggy but voted as he sat in the vehicle.

**HIGGINS, Calvin C.**—The standard of excellence among educators all over the country is being raised higher and higher, and especially is this true in Illinois, where the people are so proud of their public school system. Effingham County keeps well abreast of her sister counties in this, as in other things, and one of the most successful and popular teachers of this locality is Calvin C. Higgins, of Jackson Township. He was born in Effingham County, April 9, 1866, the son of James and Anna (Neaville) Higgins, the former born in Indiana in 1836, but came to Illinois in young manhood, where he met and married his wife, in Watson Township, October 26, 1860. She was born in Jackson Township, October 3, 1835. They settled on a farm in Jackson Township, where they and their children



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lived, and where the parents spent their married life. They were the parents of three children: John W., Mary (deceased) and Calvin C. The father met with an accident from a threshing machine, receiving injuries from which he died August 29, 1866. His remains lie buried at Watson, Ill. His widow survives, and makes her home with her son, C. C. Higgins, on the farm.

Calvin C. Higgins attended the public schools of Jackson Township, and spent three months in what was then known as the "Hayward" School at Fairfield, Ill. He then took a special course at the Austin College, Effingham, Ill., and thus obtained an excellent education. Finishing his studies, he began teaching, and has continued in this work for the past twenty years, and in which he is still engaged. During all this time he has taught in only four different schools and only one term outside of Jackson Township. In addition to teaching, Mr. Higgins owns forty acres of fine farm land in Jackson Township, which he devotes to general farming. He has been successful in his life work, although his youth was a hard one, for his mother was left a widow with three little ones, he being but five months old at the time of his father's death. She struggled along, brought up her children, and now is enjoying her honored old age, surrounded by loving care.

Mr. Higgins was married in Mason Township, April 5, 1890, to Anna Davidson, born in Effingham County, September 8, 1873, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Ensley) Davidson, both natives of Illinois. Mr. Davidson is now deceased, but Mrs. Davidson resides in the State of Washington, where she has since remarried. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins are the parents of the following children: Albert E., born June 11, 1894, deceased; Walter, born July 8, 1896; Grace, born July 22, 1898, deceased; Ethel Florence, born July 16, 1904, and Calvin Arthur, born August 10, 1908. The two who died are interred in Watson Cemetery.

In politics Mr. Higgins is a Democrat, and has always taken an active part in local affairs. He is a member of the M. W. A. at Watson, Camp No. 2765. He and his family belong to the Baptist Church at Watson, where they are active in all church work. Mr. Higgins is a man of delightful personality and a close student, not only of books but mankind. He tries to study the qualities and needs of each individual pupil, so as to adapt his teaching to the requirements of the young minds under his fostering and developing care, and that he is eminently successful, the host of his former pupils who are his warm personal friends, testify.

**HIGGINS, John Wright.**—Perhaps no part of Effingham County, Ill., has more comfortable old homes or a more prosperous class of citizens, than has Mason Township, and the farm of John Wright Higgins, which is situated in Section 4, offers proof of the statement. Mr. Higgins was born in Jackson Township, Effingham County,

Ill., December 14, 1862, a son of James and Annie (Neaville) Higgins. The father, James Higgins, was born in Indiana and came to Effingham County with his widowed mother when a lad. He was accidentally killed in 1866, while operating a threshing machine, leaving a widow and three children. John Wright was the oldest of these children, Mary the second and Calvin C. the third. Mary and her husband, Thomas Martin, are both now deceased. They left six children: Belle, James, Elery, Anna, Mabel and Willie. Calvin C. Higgins is a teacher and farmer near the old homestead and with him lives the venerable mother. She was born in Effingham County, October 22, 1836, and is still hale and hearty. She loves to tell of the old days and her stories of people and events are very entertaining. She is a devoted and valued member of the Baptist Church.

John Wright Higgins obtained his education in the district schools, but from the age of five years being fatherless, he was not able to enjoy many educational advantages, his mother needing his help on the farm. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age, when he rented a farm near his birthplace and on November 26, 1884, was married to Alice Davidson. He later continued farming there until the death of his wife, November 18, 1887. She left one child, Leslie, who died aged about eight years. On November 30, 1889, Mr. Higgins married as his second wife Elsie R. Bailey, who was born February 18, 1855, on her paternal homestead where they have since resided. Mrs. Higgins' father, Henry P. Bailey, was born in Campbell County, Va., in 1809, and in youth came to Effingham County, Ill., with his mother but later went to Indiana and there was married November 18, 1838, to Susan Launders. In 1850 they came to Effingham County and settled, first, where Wilson Turner now resides, but in 1853 bought what was known as the Bradley farm, on Section 4, Mason Township. Henry P. Bailey who had been a soldier in the Black Hawk War, became a prominent citizen in Effingham County, serving as its first Sheriff. He also conducted a blacksmith shop on his farm, which he operated until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he began to make arrangements to take up arms in defense of his country. In 1862 he enlisted in Company B, Thirty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years, at the expiration of his term of service, re-enlisted for the same period. He participated in many important battles and when, at the close of the struggle he was honorably discharged, the effects of the long marches and many hardships he had endured was shown in his inability to resume his work in the shop and on the farm, always afterward having to hire help for the same.

To Henry P. Bailey and wife the following children were born: Eliza J., Wyatt, Tandy, Cassandra, Mary, William H., James A., Nancy E., Essie R., John L. and Marie, who are twins. The eldest daughter, who is now deceased, was the wife of Calvin Austin. Wyatt Bailey was born October 4, 1840, served three years in the

Civil War and was killed at the battle of Chickamauga. Tandy Bailey was born December 13, 1841, completed his army service as a member of the One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and died at Mattoon, Ill., waiting to receive his honorable discharge papers. Cassandra was born September 24, 1842, and married John T. Martin. Mary was born December 31, 1845, and died in the following year. William H. Bailey was born January 18, 1847, and is a farmer in Jackson Township. James A. Bailey was born November 4, 1848, and lives at Dunlap, Mo. Nancy F. was born July 26, 1852, married Elijah Neavills, and died August 23, 1896. John L. Bailey was born September 9, 1856, and died January 18, 1895. Marie married Ellsha Tucker, who is a farmer in Mason Township.

After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Higgins they settled on the Bailey farm and after the death of her parents, bought the place which contains ninety-five acres of valuable land. The property has been well kept up and Mr. Higgins has spent a large amount of money in the purchase of fine stock. To his original purchase of land he has added until he now owns 150 acres. While Mr. Higgins is interested in his cattle and other stock, Mrs. Higgins is equally so in her poultry. They have one daughter, Beulah, who was born December 14, 1882. She has been given excellent educational advantages, including lessons in music, and will graduate from the township schools in the class of 1910. Mrs. Higgins was reared in the Baptist faith and he in the Christian. They both contribute by their lives to the moral uplift of the community. Prior to 1892, Mr. Higgins was identified with the Democratic party but then the money and tariff questions caused him to think deeply on public matters, and since then he has voted the Republican ticket. In connection with his other industries, Mr. Higgins operates a well equipped saw mill on his farm.

**HIGGS, George W.**, a leading representative of the successful farmers of Effingham County, Ill., is the second-oldest native-born citizen of the county, his friend and relative, Thomas B. Austin, of Jackson Township, being the oldest. Mr. Higgs was born on what is now the Joseph Smith farm, in Jackson Township, March 11, 1832, a son of Harrison and Mary (Martin) Higgs, natives of North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. Their home was a rude log cabin, as they were among the early pioneers, coming to the State about 1828-29. Harrison Higgs died at the age of forty-five years, when George was nine years old, his wife having died two years previous. Their children were: John, who was born in Tennessee, married Mahala Ostini, and died in Effingham County; Benjamin Franklin, born in Tennessee, never married, but traveled all over the world,—went to California in 1858, found a fortune several times and lost the same by speculation, but died in San Francisco, at the age of seventy-two years in good circumstances; Martha, married John McCoy, but is now de-

ceased; Levi, died unmarried; Mary Ann, Mrs. Joseph Yates of Mound Township; and George W. The father of Harrison Higgs was of English extraction and was supposed to be a native of North Carolina. He came with his family to Tennessee and died there.

After the death of his father, George W. Higgs spent three years in the family of Samuel Winters and attended the primitive log cabin subscription school of the neighborhood. He spent the next three years in the family of John Brackett, where he was to work on the farm and to attend school three months of the year, also at the end of three years to receive a horse, saddle and bridle. The bargain was not fully kept, though at the end of his time of service he received a horse, which he sold for thirty-five dollars. During his boyhood the wild game was plentiful, the Indians roamed through the woods and the howl of the timber wolf was a common sound.

On March 10, 1853, upon attaining his majority, Mr. Higgs married Rachel Jane Beck, daughter of William Beck, and began farming on his own account. He purchased eighty acres of prairie land from his brother, B. F. Higgs, who had purchased it from a Mexican War veteran who had received it for settlement of a land grant for his services. Mr. Higgs still owns his land. He began to bring it under cultivation, for several years using an ox-team for this work. He built a log-cabin from timber on the farm, and because he put up a stone chimney his neighbors called him "high-toned." He lived in this home until 1890, when he replaced it with a modern, commodious home. He had the misfortune to lose his faithful and devoted wife four years after their marriage. She had borne two children: William Franklin, of Jackson Township, and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Higgs married (second) in 1857, Adeline Ward, daughter of Charles Ward of Bond County, Ill., who died about 1894, and is buried in the cemetery of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Salem, of which she was a devout member. They were parents of children as follows: Mary Ann, Mrs. Frank Gillespie, of Bond County; Sarah Elizabeth, wife of William U. Dowd, of Jackson Township; George, married Tora Griffith, both now deceased; Albert, of Mason Township, married Jennie Leonard; Charles, died at the age of eighteen years; John, of Moultrie County, Ill.; James, on the home farm, married Della Thrasher. Mr. Higgs has always been a Democrat and is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Higgs is well known in the community as a man of superior business judgment, energy and thrift, as well as one who is kindly and charitable to all, being broad in his sympathies and views. He is a man of intelligence and vigor, who through his own efforts has attained a very fair degree of success. He is highly esteemed and revered. His father was a soldier in the Black Hawk War, and though he died in middle age, had impressed himself upon his community

and was regarded as a valuable citizen. At the time of his settling in Illinois Effingham County was not organized and the Sheriff rode from house to house to collect the taxes.

**HIGHTOWER, John D.**—In every branch of industry, the advance of Effingham County has been remarkably rapid during the last few years, and its progress has been equal to that of any other section of the State of Illinois. The present prosperity of the county is well represented in its stockmen and agriculturists, and among these may be mentioned John D. Hightower, of Section 20, Watson Township. Mr. Hightower was born in Pickens County, Ga., November 1, 1840, a son of John and Martha (Jordan) Hightower.

John Hightower was a native of North Carolina and his wife of South Carolina, and both, so far as is known, were of German descent. They were married in South Carolina about 1830, and removed thence to Pickens County, Ga., where their ten children were born. Of these nine grew to maturity, one dying in childhood. The three surviving members of the family are: John D.; Angeline, married (first) Aaron Livingston (who died in Effingham County) and is now the wife of John Loy, a resident of Watson Township; and Marshall J., who was last heard from in Arkansas, and was then contemplating a trip to Indian Territory. About 1845 the parents of John D. Hightower moved to Winston County, Ala., and there the father was killed about 1858, while serving as a Deputy in the arrest of a desperado. His wife had died in Walsh County, Ala.

John D. Hightower received his education in the subscription schools of Georgia and Alabama. At the outbreak of the Civil War the four Hightower brothers joined the First Middle Tennessee Cavalry, United States Troops, in which he served until after the battle of Stone River, when they were transferred to the First Alabama Cavalry. Just prior to the organization of the First Tennessee, John D. Hightower had been captured by the Confederates and taken, as a prisoner, although in citizen's clothes, to Tupelo, Miss., but after two months' confinement he managed to escape and hid in the woods, escaping from the scouts of the Confederate army in October, 1863, when he joined the First Alabama Regiment, enlisting in Company I, in which his three brothers, Marion, Monroe, and Wilburn, were serving. The First Alabama Regiment was in the Fourth Army Corps, Kilpatrick's Division, and took part in all the hard-fought battles of the Atlanta campaign, when this company served as escort to General Sherman, John D. Hightower serving in the capacity of General Sherman's Orderly throughout the March to the Sea. In 1864 Mr. Hightower spent five months in scouting service, going first to Huntsville, Tenn. He then rejoined his regiment. After the surrender of General Lee, at Appomattox, Company I, First Alabama Cavalry, was ordered back to Hunts-

ville, Ala., and as the company was preparing to march, General Sherman presented Lieutenant David K. Snelling with a letter extending his heartfelt thanks to him and his company for their bravery and steadfastness to duty. The company remained at Huntsville until ordered to Nashville, Tenn., where they were mustered out of the service, July 21, 1865. John D. Hightower then came to Effingham County, Ill. His brother Monroe had died at camp in Nashville, Wilburn had died at Memphis, and Marion was honorably discharged and went to Arkansas, where he soon died as a result of the exposure and hard service of his army life. Mr. Hightower can relate many thrilling experiences of his army life, but none are so interesting, perhaps, as his recollections of his escape from the Confederates at Tupelo, Miss., which he has often declared caused him more suffering and hardships than his army life. He could often hear the howls of the blood-hounds which were being used to track him down, and on one occasion his life was saved by a lady who struck up the gun of a soldier who was about to shoot him as he was making at attempt to get away.

In 1865 Mr. Hightower came to Effingham County and bought a small farm on Section 20, Watson Township. His wife, whom he had married after his escape from the Confederates, in 1863, had come to Effingham County in 1864. She had been Mary C. Blevens, and bore her husband five children, namely: George F., born January 1, 1867, now Superintendent of Schools of Coulterville, Ill., married Catherine McCoy and has two children,—Lloyd and Earl; Wilburn C., died in infancy; Martha Alabama, born January 2, 1870, is the wife of George Percival, a farmer of Watson Township, and has seven children,—John O., Lettie, Iva A., Grace, Sadie and Lota and Lee; Minta A., born January 23, 1872, married the Rev. Erwin McMurry, minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bethany, Ill.; and Effie M., born June 5, 1874, married Otto LeCrone, of Watson, and has two children,—Walter and Lura Jane. The first wife of John D. Hightower died February 23, 1875, and was buried in the Loy Cemetery. On March 15, 1877, Mr. Hightower was married (second) to Harriet McCann, a native of Illinois, and they had three children: John E., born August 26, 1878, married Ella Loy, daughter of Henry Loy, and they have two children,—Howard and Noble; Noble, born March 11, 1881, manager of the Remington Typewriter Company, at Cincinnati, Ohio, married Rhea Hamilton, of Atchison, Kan., and they have one child,—Helen; and Clark M., born November 12, 1884, principal of the schools of Murdock, Douglas County, Ill. Mr. Hightower's second wife died January 7, 1902, and her loss was felt not only by her family and intimate friends, but by the entire community, who knew her for a woman of true Christian character and a loving and devoted mother. Mr. Hightower never having had the advantages of a thorough education himself, gave his children every possible opportunity, and the benefit of this action will be



seen in the high positions in life in which they have placed themselves.

Mr. Hightower has voted for every Republican president since the election of President Lincoln, although at that time he was in the South. He was for a number of years Chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, although he has never sought offices of a political nature. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church of which he is a liberal supporter. His honest and upright life has been such as to win the respect, esteem and confidence of the community in which he has spent forty-five years of a useful life.

**HILL, David Stanley, D. D. S.**—The dental surgeons of Effingham County are represented by as fine a body of men as can be gathered anywhere in the country. They have taken the present exhaustive course which has reduced the care, preservation and restoration of teeth, and the treatment of the various disorders attendant upon them, to an exact science. Among those who have built up a large practice and firmly established themselves in the confidence of the people of the community, is Dr. David Stanley Hill, of the city of Effingham, who has a well-appointed suite of rooms in the Parker Building, 100½ South Banker Street.

Dr. Hill was born at Calhoun, Richland County, Ill., October 30, 1878, a son of Titus and Flora Margaret (Bollinger) Hill. The great-grandfather and great-grandfather served in the Revolutionary War, the former being taken prisoner and confined on a British prison ship, where he died.

Dr. Hill attended the Calhoun public schools and then went for two years to the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale, Ill. During his vacations, and while at school, he studied medicine under a preceptor, intending later to enter a medical school. However, after finishing his studies at the State Normal, he accepted a position with the Northwestern Yeast Company of Chicago, remaining in their employ for five years, during which time his travels extended over the Central, Southern and Western States, visiting some twenty-six States besides portions of Canada. His ambition was toward some profession where he could be permanently located, so with this purpose in view, he resigned this position and in 1904 entered the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, at that time the dental department of the University of Cincinnati, graduating therefrom in 1907 with honorary mention. Following this, Dr. Hill practiced for a time at Newton, Ill., under Dr. George Franke, finally locating at Effingham in March, 1908.

Dr. Hill is a member of the Masonic Order, Modern Woodmen of America, Modern American Fraternal Order, and is also a member of The Xi Psi Phi Dental Fraternity and of the Illinois State Dental Society. He is unmarried.

**HILL, Dr. J. Leslie,** was born at Calhoun, Richland County, Illinois. He received his prelim-

inary education in the schools of that place. Later, during his vacation, he carried on the study of medicine under a preceptor, he having a desire for a professional life, and intending later to enter a Medical College.

However, upon the completion of his course at the Calhoun Schools, he accepted a position with the Northwestern Yeast Company of Chicago, remaining with that firm four years, traveling in their interests over a territory extending over Illinois, Kansas, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and other States.

Dr. Hill gave up the intention of studying medicine for the profession of dentistry, entering the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduating therefrom with honors May 13, 1910.

He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers of America and of the Masonic Lodge.

**HIPSHER, John F.**—After a life of usefulness and hard work, John Hipsher, of Mound Township, Effingham County, has now retired to the ease which he has earned. He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, January 18, 1836, being the second son of John and Elizabeth (Young) Hipsher, the former a native of Harrisburg, Pa., who moved to Ohio with his parents at an early date, settling in Fairfield County. He was a son of Matthias Hipsher, while his wife's father was Robert Young.

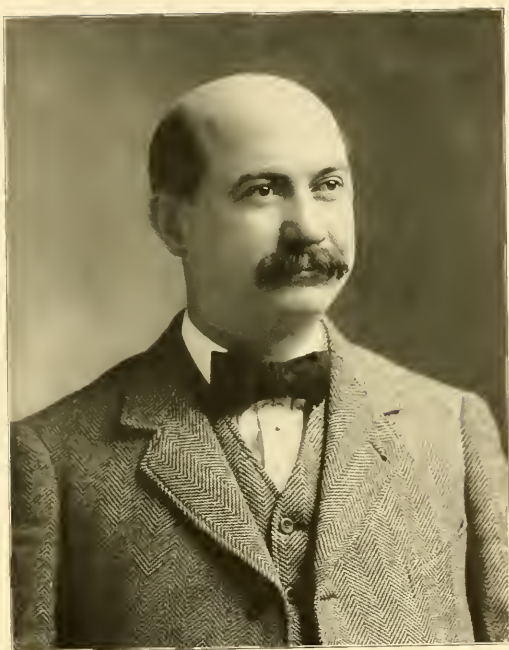
In 1851, John Hipsher moved to Illinois, locating in Mound Township, Effingham County, and here his family was reared. The children were as follows: Margaret; Robert M. of Ohio; John F.; Jane, now Mrs. Brown; David, deceased.

John F. Hipsher went to the subscription schools of his neighborhood, and made the most of the opportunities offered him. When only nineteen, he married, in 1855, Edith Jane Nevill, who died in 1858. His second wife, whom he married in 1860, was Catherine Steritt, daughter of Andrew Steritt and his wife Catherine, natives of Scotland.

With the exception of two years spent in Missouri, Mr. Hipsher has spent his life, since coming to Illinois, in Effingham County. For many years he has lived upon his present farm or 80 acres of rich land in Section 14, and he also owns thirty acres in Section 11, and 10 acres in Section 13, and 32 acres in Section 24. His political views make him a Democrat, but he likes to do his own thinking.

The children born to Mr. Hipsher and his second wife are as follows: Margaret, Mrs. G. W. Gwin of Altamont; William R. of Jackson Township, who married Ella Kepler; Lola B., deceased; Annie N., who married Dr. Baker of Altamont; John A., deceased; Allen Benton of Indiana, and Robert F., who is in Northern Minnesota.

For many years Mr. Hipsher cultivated his own land, but is now retired from the active pursuits of his ordinary life, and is enjoying the comfort his own hard work has earned.



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**HIRTZEL, George John.**—Some men are naturally stronger mentally than others, and these are bound to rule. They understand men, know how to estimate motives, and to make due allowances for existing conditions. Such men when governed by sound motives are of benefit to the communities in which they are found. George John Hirtzel, a farmer on Section 19, Summit Township, is one of the influential citizens of his part of the county. He was born on a farm in Lake County, Ind., December 9, 1864, and when but a baby, was brought by his parents to Effingham County, Ill., about 1864, when the family settled on the farm which Mr. Hirtzel now owns. Here his boyhood days were spent, alternating hard work on the farm with such educational privileges as were offered by the district schools. He remained at home until he attained his majority, when he left the homestead on January 21, 1885, and went to Yazoo City, Miss., where he was in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad for a time, from there going to Tehula, Miss., where he remained until June 5, 1885. He then went to Arkansas, working on the extension of the Bald Knob Railroad. After this he returned home and, after a short stay, went to Chicago, to work in the Illinois Malleable Iron Works. From that establishment he went to work for the David Bradley Implement and Agricultural factory, remaining there until May 7, 1887, when once more he returned home and worked on the farm until November 1, 1889, when he went to Chicago to work for the Deering Harvester Company. On August 1, 1891, he came home, and on the 25th of that month was married to Londa F. De Vore. On September 1st, he and his wife returned to Chicago, and he continued with the Deering people until April 8, 1893, when returning to the old home, he there took charge. On August 13, 1893, Mrs. Hirtzel died, and her remains rest in Freemantion Cemetery. On November 8, 1894, he was married to Miss Mary Bernius, born in Effingham County, January 31, 1868, the daughter of Matthew Bernius, and he and his wife are still living on the farm where Mrs. Hirtzel was born. About this time the elder Mr. and Mrs. Hirtzel retired to Shumway, and Mr. Hirtzel assumed full charge of the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Hirtzel have had a family as follows: Herbert R., born July 21, 1895; Irvin Clarence, born March 28, 1897; Leonard Raymond, born March 18, 1899; John Willard, born August 5, 1902; Josephine, born February 28, 1905, and Mildred May and Nellie Luella, twins, born November 14, 1908.

On February 1, 1905, Mr. Hirtzel bought the home farm, and now owns 260 acres on Sections 19 and 16. His land is well stocked with high grade cattle, horses and hogs, his residence and barns in good shape, and he is one of the prosperous men of his part of the State. His fraternal relations are with the Odd Fellows, belonging to Dallas Lodge No. 85, Effingham. In politics he is liberal, preferring to vote for the man he thinks will best carry out the will of the people. He has served very acceptably as School

Director, and in this capacity and in private life, finds his judgment much strengthened and his ideas broadened by his contact with city life, although he prefers that of the farm. Mrs. Hirtzel is very active in the Methodist Church, towards which he inclines in the matter of attendance, while he contributes to all.

**HIRTZEL, William**, whose extensive farming interests, combined with dairying, make him a representative agriculturist of Effingham County, has had many interesting experiences, having lived an eventful life. He was born at Deerfield, in Lake County, Ill., December 8, 1859, a son of George and Saloma (Ott) Hirtzel. George Hirtzel was born January 20, 1833, and his wife January 4, 1832, in the village of Baldenheim, Alsace, then territory of France, but now of Germany. In 1855 the Otts came to America and settled in Lake County, Ill., where the father and mother of Mrs. Hirtzel died, about 1878. George Hirtzel came alone to America; he also located in Lake County, in 1853, and was married to Saloma Ott April 28, 1858.

After marriage George Hirtzel and wife removed to Lake County, Ind., bought a farm, built a comfortable house and lived there until 1864. At that time farmers had to haul their grain to Chicago, which was forty miles distant, and then sold it for twelve cents a bushel, there being no inflated prices as at present. All other farm produce was sold at low figures, and when an opportunity came to Mr. Hirtzel to sell out and begin over again, in what appeared to him a better location, he did so, and in 1864 came to Effingham County and bought 200 acres, all prairie, situated in Summit Township. They encountered pioneer hardships in the new location and hard work was the rule of the day before the land was cleared and the soil put into condition to produce bountiful crops. They remained on their Effingham County land until 1894, meeting with the success that attends industry and prudence, and then moved to Shumway, where Mr. Hirtzel built a very comfortable residence, which they occupied for fourteen years. While living there they celebrated their Golden Wedding, on April 28, 1908. Although this celebration had been planned by their devoted children and came as a total surprise to the venerable couple, it was no less enjoyed. Relatives and friends came from Chicago and other cities to add to the list of guests, and each one brought a remembrance. In addition to their good wishes and words of genuine affection. Their lives have been so blameless and so full of kindness and sympathy for others that wherever they have lived friends have kept them in the kindest of remembrance. After the festivities attending the Golden Wedding, they expressed a wish to retire again to the country and in the home of their son William find a comfortable haven for their declining years. To them seven children were born, namely: William; Emma, who died in infancy, in Indiana; George J., who lives on the old home farm in Section 19, Summit Township;



Edward P., who was born in 1867, after the family came to Effingham County, is a farmer in Oklahoma; Louisa, now deceased, who was the wife of Fred Ehlers, of Altamont, Ill.; Clara H., born May 17, 1875, who died June 3, 1901; and John, who was born March 30, 1877, and died April 14, 1905, a young man of brilliant parts, the valedictorian of his class at the Northwestern University and successfully engaged in the practice of dentistry. Mr. and Mrs. Hirtzel were reared in the Lutheran faith but have been identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church since coming to Illinois.

William Hirtzel was five years old when his parents brought him to Effingham County. As soon as old enough he began to attend the winter sessions of the Blue Point District school, of three months duration, and in the summers gave his help on the farm. By the time he was twelve years old he could stack grain and help in the threshing, and before he reached manhood could do as large a day's work as any of the men his father hired. He remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age and then visited his uncle, Simon Hirtzel, in Lake County, Ind., and during the winter of 1881 attended school and made the most of his opportunities. In the following year he went west and traveled through Iowa and the Dakotas, and finding a good opening at Miller, S. Dak., he opened the first store there, was the pioneer merchant, and did a great deal to establish the business interests of what was then but a settlement. He took up a homestead and erected a tent on his land before the town of Miller was platted. For six months the place was like an outpost of civilization, the settlers not having their wives or daughters with them. Mr. Hirtzel bought land for \$1.25 an acre, the same land now commanding \$25 or more per acre. He remained in business at Miller until 1885, when he sold to advantage and came east as far as Chicago, where he entered the employ of the Deering Company, as head time-keeper in the foundry depot, remaining with the great harvester company for ten years and resigning his position on account of failing health. In 1895 he returned to Effingham County and, believing that life in the open air in the healthful pursuits of agriculture would be beneficial, he took charge of his present farm, a valuable tract of 130 acres, situated in Section 15, Summit Township. He has made dairying a main feature, keeps Holstein cattle and milks twenty head of cows. He is President of the Effingham Dairy Association and under his leadership this body has become an important factor in the State.

Mr. Hirtzel was married in South Dakota, on March 10, 1883, to Miss Anna Miller, who was born June 20, 1860, in Baden, Germany, where her father, John Miller, died. With her two children, Anna and Leontina the mother of Mrs. Hirtzel came to America and settled in St. Clair County, Ill., where she died, in 1870, and the elder daughter also died there. Mrs. Hirtzel found a home in her uncle's household. After

marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hirtzel lived in a claim shanty until they could prove up their land. Many interesting events were connected with the pioneer life they then led and the retelling of them would make most interesting reading if the limits of the present sketch permitted their relation. They have had eight children born to them, as follows: Clara L., who was born at Miller, S. Dak., December 31, 1885, a graduate of the University of Illinois, a talented young lady who has been chosen as teacher of the Blue Point School, the school which her father first attended; Benedict, born July 31, 1887, died in infancy, while the family lived in Chicago; Mamie, born in Chicago, January 13, 1893, is a student in the State Normal School at Charleston, Ill.; Willie, born September 5, 1895, died in 1901; Howard H., born August 4, 1897; Fritz, born December 13, 1899; Verna, who died an infant; and Theodore Bryan, born February 28, 1904.

In politics Mr. Hirtzel has always been a Democrat and is a firm believer in free trade. He is a member of the Effingham County Democratic Central Committee. He is an intelligent, outspoken man, one who has high standards of right and is not afraid to defend them. He is President of Division 31, Shinnway Mutual Telephone, and is Secretary of the general company.

Mr. Hirtzel is a member of A. O. U. W., Alpha Lodge No. 19, of Miller, South Dakota, also of the I. O. O. F. of that State.

**HITES, David (deceased).**—Effingham County has been called upon to mourn the loss of some of its best men, who have passed away in the very prime of life when it seemed that they could ill be spared by their families and communities. Perhaps no more substantial or better liked man ever lived in this part of the State than the late David Hites, of West Township, who was born in Indiana February 3, 1855, and died on his farm May 27, 1902. Mr. Hites was a son of John and Rebecca (Summerlot) Hites, who moved from Pennsylvania to Indiana after their marriage. John Hites was a Frenchman and his wife was a native of Pennsylvania of Dutch ancestry. When David Hites was a small boy removal was made to Fayette County, Ill., and when he was only eight years of age he had the misfortune to lose his parents. A relative by the name of Fisher, who lived on a neighboring farm, took the lad to rear, and brought his charge up to farm life, permitting him to attend school for a short period each year when he could be spared from farm work.

When he was twenty-one, David Hites left his foster father and began working for himself. He engaged in farm work among the neighbors and for two or three years was in northern Illinois, there working by the month. On February 17, 1879, he married Nancy Wooters, daughter of John and Amanda (Tate) Wooters. Mrs. Hites was born at Odin, Marion County, Ill., November 14, 1859. Her father was a native of Virginia, but was taken in boyhood by his parents to North Carolina. Later the parents of John Wooters

moved to the vicinity of Salem, Ill., where their children grew to maturity. The elder Mrs. Wooters was born in Bond County, Ill., a daughter of Owen and Nancy (Bundy) Tate, and she and her husband, John Wooters, had seven children: Frank, Nancy (Mrs. Hites), Henry, John, Esther, Walter and Arville. Mrs. Hites went to school in Odlin, but when she was fifteen years old her parents moved to Springfield, Mo., a year later went to Mt. Vernon, Ill., and thence to Salem, Ill., still later living in Fayette County. Mr. Wooters was a farmer all his life, and after some years spent in agricultural pursuits in northern Illinois, he moved his family to Custer County, Neb., where the Wooters now own a large ranch.

After his marriage, Mr. Hites rented a farm from old Johnnie Springer, located in Fayette County, and he and his wife lived on it for seven years. Following this Mr. Hites bought a homestead in Section 33, West Township, Effingham County. This purchase was made in two tracts, the present farm containing 260 acres. After paying for this farm, he bought forty acres in Fayette County. Having but a meager start, he was forced to borrow money with which to pay for his land. When he began farming he had a horse, and only money enough to buy another, but he borrowed a wagon and commenced his work. For many years the family lived in an old frame house, but in the fall of 1901, he built the present commodious one, unfortunately dying soon after its completion and before he was able to enjoy its comforts. He was highly respected by his neighbors and loved in his home. His funeral was largely attended, those who knew him being glad to pay respect to his memory, and his remains were interred in the Folke graveyard. In political faith he was a Republican.

Besides his widow, Mr. Hites left the following family to mourn his loss: Maud, married and living in Mason Township; Edgar, of Mason Township, married Ella Greer; Esther, Mrs. Matthew Derbolt, of Fayette County; Earl, of Mason Township; and Winifred, Clifford, Chloe and Alta, at home.

**HOFFMANN, Anton.**—When it is said that a man is a typical German, high praise is bestowed, for those who come from Germany, or from German parents, inherit those fine traits of character, being industrious, law-abiding and thrifty. Such a man is Anton Hoffmann, who resides on Section 33, Douglas Township, who was born a son of Frank Hoffmann, Sr., on the farm now owned by his brother Charles Hoffmann. The boyhood days of Mr. Hoffmann were spent attending the common schools and St. Anthony College, Effingham.

Having finished his education, he returned to the farm and began working upon it, remaining under his father's roof until he was twenty-seven. At that time, October 15, 1888, he married Kate Hendelmyer, born in Effingham. Her parents were natives of Germany, who came to the United States to establish a soda-pop plant. Later they sold, and went to a farm south of

Effingham, where Mr. Hendelmyer developed a good farm, dying there since 1900. His widow survives, residing on the homestead.

After marriage, the young couple settled on a portion of the old farm, in a three-room cottage, to which they have added until they now have a comfortable residence. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann have had a family as follows: Annie, Gertrude, Francis, Clara, Alice, Albert and Irene. The farm includes 138 acres of excellent land, a good part of which Mr. Hoffmann helped to clear. He carries a good lot of cattle, horses and hogs, and for a number of years has been milking twelve cows. In politics he votes the Democratic ticket. He and his family belong to St. Anthony Catholic Church of Effingham.

Mr. Hoffmann belongs to one of the pioneer farmer families of this locality, and has devoted himself to the cultivation of the soil. A full account of the Hoffmann family will be found elsewhere in this work. He has proven himself a good farmer, a kind neighbor and devoted to his family.

**HOFFMANN, Frank.**—The Hoffmann family is intimately associated with the pioneer history of Effingham County, and its representatives are deserving of much credit for the part they have borne in the development and improvement of this section of the State. One of the best-known members of the family is Frank Hoffmann, a farmer of Section 32, Douglas Township, who was born on Section 31, of this township, January 23, 1857, a son of Frantz Anton Hoffmann. Frantz Anton Hoffmann located on Section 31 about 1835, and established the family in Effingham County. This farm is now owned by Charles Hoffmann.

Frantz Anton Hoffmann was a native of Germany, who in 1833, at eighteen years of age, left the Fatherland and came to America, locating at Cincinnati, where he worked on the roads, then went to Kentucky and obtained employment in a distillery. When he came to Effingham County, it was with the intention of becoming a farmer, and he secured land and cleared it off, developing a good farm. The land was all raw prairie and timber, and wild game of all kinds was plentiful. In order to secure money to pay for entering his first forty acres and to secure a yoke of oxen to break the land, he walked back to Cincinnati and worked on the turnpike road until he had enough. The land office was then at Vandalia, and he started out on foot to enter his land, and as the money, in gold pieces, was heavy he wrapped it in his red handkerchief, and hung it on the end of his umbrella. While trudging along, he was stopped by two men who asked him if he was going to pay for his land, but with keen wit he managed to divert suspicion and was allowed to go on unmolested.

Once he had obtained his land, he built a little log cabin. His first forty acres cost him \$50, but he paid much more for the 260 he later added to his farm. It was difficult for him to get ready money, prices paid for farm products were so low.

EGGS sold for three cents a dozen, and other commodities at a like rate. St. Louis and Vandalia were the markets. Mr. Hoffmann remained on his farm until 1895, during which time he saw a wonderful change come over things, and it was one in which he always rejoiced. He then bought a lot near St. Anthony's Church, Effingham, and moved to his new home, and there, surrounded by comforts his means had provided, he died in 1901, on the day his wife was buried, and they both lie in St. Anthony's Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann had children as follows: Frank; Clem, on the old homestead; Tony, also on the homestead; Mary, wife of Theodore Lang, a merchant tailor of Effingham; Katie, wife of John Harmon, a farmer of Watson Township; Anna, a sister in a convent. In politics, Mr. Hoffmann was a strong Democrat, and no one could induce him to change his views. He was often solicited to accept nomination for office, but stoutly disliked to allow his name to be used. All of the family are members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, but when he first located here they had to go to Teutopolis for religious services. Being a great hunter, he took pleasure in the sport, and many deer were killed by him, some on the present site of the courthouse.

Frank Hoffmann attended school held in a little log house, and then went to St. Anthony's College at Effingham. As he was the eldest, he early was forced to do his part on the farm. While he was too young to shoot them, he remembers his father killing deer and wild turkeys for the table. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-three. In 1880, he married Anna Goldstein, born in Douglas Township. After marriage, they came to the present farm, and began housekeeping in a log cabin. The farm contained 100 acres, which his father gave him, as he did to his other children. In this primitive home the following family was born: Henry, a policeman of Effingham; Mary, wife of Lawrence Biehler, clerk in a dry-goods store at Decatur, who has one son,—Franklin; Allie, at home. Mrs. Hoffmann died in 1887. In 1888 Mr. Hoffmann married Maggie Hilgeforte, who was born in Germany and came with her parents to America. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann became the parents of the following family: Rosa, born January 16, 1890; Katie, born May 22, 1891; Eddie, born October 1, 1893; Theodora and Guy (twins), born July 11, 1895, the latter dying July 20, 1895; Frank, born June 11, 1897; Lawrence, born January 11 1899; Florence, born April 30, 1901; Adeline, born November 20, 1902, and Clarence, born July 10 1906.

Mr. Hoffmann's whole life has been devoted to farming and stock-raising, and he has one of the best farms in Effingham County. A strong Democrat, like his father, he has been active in the ranks of his party, but has never desired office, although he has served as Road Commissioner. In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Hoffmann is a Director of the Teutopolis Fire Insurance Company which is one of the cheapest insurance

companies in the country. Mr. Hoffmann was elected a member of the Board of Directors without his knowledge, but he has given the stockholders and policy holders efficient and faithful service.

**HOGAN, Thomas E.**—One of the most profitable and satisfactory business connections is that which exists between father and son when they are associated together in important ventures. The experience of the elder man and the enthusiasm of the younger are welded into a strong chain that binds them together and makes their efforts productive of remarkable results. Such a combination exists in the well-known mercantile house of M. E. Hogan & Son, of Altamont, Ill., the junior partner, Thomas E. Hogan, being the son of the senior member, Michael Edward Hogan. Thomas E. Hogan was born in Altamont, Ill., December 13, 1880, being a son of Michael E. and Lucy (Dial) Hogan, the latter now deceased.

Michael Edward Hogan was born in Albany, County, N. Y., August 19, 1849, being a son of Christopher and Helen (King) Hogan. His education was received in the district school of his native county, and in Fayette County, Ill., to which his parents removed while he was still a lad. He was married at St. Elmo, Ill., on August 25, 1873, and he and his wife had the following children: Mary Ellen, now Mrs. Murray; Lucy Mabel, Florence Eugenia, Thomas Edward, John Jerome, Verena Angela, Madonna Laura and Cecilia Clara.

The business life of Michael E. Hogan began in 1865, when he became a clerk in the store of Dieckmann & Bradley, at Vandalia, Ill. Here he learned mercantile business, so that he was able to embark in a similar line at Ramsey; in 1872, with Dr. Sumner Clark, under the name of M. E. Hogan & Co. They continued together until 1877, when Mr. Hogan purchased the interest of his partner, removing the stock to Altamont, where it has since been located. When he took his son into the business, Mr. Hogan changed the caption to the present one of M. E. Hogan & Son. Mr. Hogan is also a manufacturer of cross ties, and owns a store at St. Elmo. His banking house, conducted under his own name, is one of the best-known financial institutions of the county, and he is properly regarded as one of the representative men of his locality.

Thomas E. Hogan was educated in the Altamont public schools, St. Joseph's college at Teutopolis, and the Christian Brothers College in St. Louis. After completing his education, he spent one year in the wholesale dry goods business at St. Louis, in order to gain a practical training for mercantile work. Returning home he was taken into partnership by his father, where he has since remained. He is also his father's partner in other ventures, and displays an unusual amount of interest and special ability for handling the affairs entrusted to his capable hands.

A resident of Altamont, Mr. Hogan is very much interested in its progress, and is ever ready to contribute time and money towards the



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support of any measure which he believes will work for the ultimate good of all concerned.

**HOLLOWAY, David H.**, a prominent merchant of Mason, Ill., is a man of whom it may well be said that the foundation stone of his success has been business integrity. Reared to work, he was schooled in practical economy, and from boyhood has attended to his business and saved his money. Yet he possesses a liberal public spirit, and participates in all the affairs of the community; his private benefactions are wide-spread, and in his store he shows unusual ability in catering to the wants of his customers.

Mr. Holloway was born in Madison County, Ill., July 21, 1847, a son of James T. and Rebecca (Hoskin) Holloway. He was the youngest of a large family, of whom but two are now left, Mr. Holloway and a brother, Thomas J., a farmer of Lucas Township. The father died when David H. Holloway was but a baby, in 1847, and in 1854 the mother removed in a wagon from Madison County to Effingham County. Mr. Holloway can vaguely remember the trip and the camping out at night. She located in Lucas Township and rented land, her sons taking charge of the farm. Thomas finally bought forty acres, the family separated, and the mother died in 1872, in Lucas Township.

David H. Holloway was educated in the common school of his neighborhood, and remained on the farm until 1864, when he enlisted in Company D, Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years or until the close of the war, and was at once sent to the front. The regiment had been on veteran furlough at Mattoon, where Mr. Holloway joined them. As he was only sixteen years of age, and the rigors of the trip to Arkansas, to which his regiment was sent, had impaired his health, the lad was honorably discharged at Hickory Station, Ark., January 21, 1865, and returned home.

In March, 1865, he began teaching and continued teaching three years in Effingham County, during the winter terms. On August 5, 1868, he located in Mason, where he worked as clerk in the dry goods store of Isaac Baker, alternating this with his teaching. He then bought a drug store and continued in that business until 1872. In that year he sold out and bought a general stock, forming a partnership with John Pullam, and the business was conducted as Pullam & Holloway until Mr. Pullam died in 1875, when the business was closed out and the stock sold. Mr. Holloway clerked for several firms and in 1881 went to Clifton, Ill., where for two years he operated a general store. In 1883 he came back to Mason and there opened a general store. He finally disposed of all his interests and, because of ill health, rested for a time. In 1885, however, he and John A. Gladson traded for a stock of goods and a house at Alma, Ill.

Mr. Holloway then traded some interests for a farm in Mason Township, but returned to Mason to engage in a real estate business, and was thus successfully engaged until 1901, when he em-

barked in his present business, although he still deals in real estate and insurance, negotiates loans, etc. Mr. Holloway has the best store of its kind in Mason and carries a general line of staple and fancy groceries, enjoying an immense patronage from the people of Mason and the surrounding country.

On March 15, 1874, Mr. Holloway married Emma Leith, born on a farm in Mason Township, in 1851. They had four children: Harold H., clerking in a clothing establishment in Chicago; Charles D., a grocery clerk in Chicago; Stella B., wife of Albert Paugh, clerk in the offices of the Illinois Central Railroad, at Chicago; Mabel, wife of Aden K. Gibson, a banker and merchant of Mason. Mrs. Holloway died August 11, 1901. On May 15, 1907, Mr. Holloway married Martha (LeCrone) Traxler. He is a self-made man and has won success through his own efforts. He has reared a fine family, educated his children, and taught them to be law abiding and God fearing. Mr. Holloway was elected Trustee of the Village Board in 1881, and for four years was its President. Nominated on the Republican ticket for Supervisor he was elected by a large majority in a Democratic township. He resigned this office when he went to Clifton. Upon his return, he was again elected to several offices of public trust. In 1906 he resigned the office of Justice of the Peace, which he had held for eight years, and that same year was nominated for Supervisor from Mason Township, again triumphing by a large majority, and he was re-elected to the same office in 1908. By his honesty and efficiency he has won public approval. For sixteen years he has been a Notary Public. While not a lawyer, he is so well informed with regard to legal matters, that his advice is often sought and never in vain, if he can help those who need him. Mr. Holloway has done efficient work in helping soldiers and their widows to secure pensions, and his motto seems to have been "Help those in need." Fraternally he is a Mason, having joined that order in 1869, and belongs to both Blue Lodge and Chapter. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Eastern Star. His religious affiliations are with the Christian Church, to whose support he is a liberal contributor. He is thoroughly conversant with all the details of his business and has gained an enviable reputation as a business man of sound judgment, unquestioned integrity and reliability, as well as a good manager and a friend of progress.

**HOLMES, William Spencer.**—When it can be truthfully said of a man that he has been at various times trusted with the management of business other than his own and has handled large sums of money, many times without bond, and never had a complaint made against him; when he makes a success of whatever he undertakes, because of his thoroughness and realization of the rights of others; when he has tried to live up to a high standard and help others to do the same—then that man is a good citizen

and any community may well be proud to own him. William Spencer Holmes, of Effingham, Ill., is one of the thoroughly reliable lawyers of Effingham County, and a man who can be depended upon in any emergency. He was born in Georgetown, Vermilion County, Ill., September 16, 1852, a son of William Bartholomew and Eliza (Wrenn) Holmes, the former born in Brimington, England, September 28, 1820, and the latter in Bristol, England, October 4, 1820.

The parents were married in England and came to America in 1848, settling in Wisconsin, near Fond du Lac, but after nearly a year they moved to Georgetown, Ill. This was the Holmes home until 1857, when removal was made to what is now Ford County, Ill., near the present site of Melvin. The father died in Melvin in 1897, and his widow in 1903, and both are buried in the beautiful cemetery there. The Holmes family were pioneers of Ford County and endured all the hardships incident to their day and locality. William B. Holmes was one of the first settlers in what is now Peach Orchard, Ford County, and was ten years trying to induce two other settlers to locate in his neighborhood long enough to get a district school established. On account of this struggle, William Spencer Holmes was thirteen years old before the country school was established, with his father and two neighbors as directors. Mr. Holmes bought a box house for \$50 from a man who was leaving the country, and moved it to a point an equal distance from the three families, and here William S. Holmes started to attend school, and he was through with his course there before a better school-house was put up.

The boyhood of William S. Holmes was spent in herding cattle and doing work on the farm, with an occasional hunting expedition. Mr. Holmes was a poor hunter, but succeeded well as a trapper. After leaving school he worked on his father's farm and studied law, for he was ambitious, buying his own books, and reading them as he found time. As soon as he could he began studying with Mr. Wyman, an old friend of his father, and as the young man was allowed to recite in the lawyer's office, he had the advantage of listening to the examinations conducted by Mr. Wyman, who was on the committee to examine law students before the Supreme Court. Mr. Holmes attributes much of his success and his deep knowledge and keen insight into legal matters to this early training.

When twenty-six years old, he left the farm and began practicing law at Altamont, Ill., where he continued until 1885, when he was appointed Postmaster by President Cleveland, but when the administration changed, he was succeeded by a Republican. In 1874 Mr. Holmes and a friend, being in Texas, went 200 miles in order to join the Rangers, but the company being full, there was no need of their services. Mr. Holmes was defeated both for State's Attorney and for the Assembly, owing to his views on temperance, but he prefers to continue his practice, and earn his living in that way. He has always been in

favor of progress, and has always done whatever he could to make the community better, but has never been honored by any high office where he could serve the public, although he has been Alderman of his ward in Effingham. While he ran on the Democratic ticket, his personality was so strong that he received more Republican votes than he did Democratic, and was elected by an overwhelming majority. He is a Democrat, and will always continue in that faith as long as the party stands by its principles, although he votes for any man in local affairs whom he believes is best fitted for the office. During the prohibition movement he fought against his party and helped to wipe out the saloons of Effingham. He has never been affiliated with any church, having no preference for any, liking them all and giving them his hearty support.

On October 25, 1881, Mr. Holmes married Miss Lena Heiligenstein, at Altamont, Ill. Mrs. Holmes was born in St. Clair County, Ill., November 25, 1856. They have three children: Edith C., born August 19, 1882, married John T. Lindsey and lives at Robinson, Ill.; Elizabeth F., born April 26, 1886, and William B., born May 10, 1890.

**HOMANN, William H.**—Those who are fortunate enough to come of German ancestry are sure to possess sterling traits of character that eventually work for success, and this is true of William H. Homann, former junior member of the grocery firm of Grubb & Homann, in the town of Moccasin, Ill. Mr. Homann was born in Moccasin Township, Effingham County, February 5, 1868, a son of William and grandson of Fred Homann. The latter came from his native land, Germany, locating in St. Louis, where he carried on his trade of a gunsmith, and later removed to Effingham County, Ill., where his death occurred in 1866, his wife passing away two days before.

William Homann, the father of William H., was born in Hanover, Germany, October 7, 1837, and came to America in young manhood, landing first in New Orleans, whence he came to Washington County, Ill., but a few years later removed to St. Louis, where he worked as a common laborer. While living there he enlisted in the United States Army for three years' service in the United States Reserve Corps Cavalry, and was mustered out with his company at the end of his service. In political faith he is a Republican. His fine farm of 400 acres shows that he has been able to accumulate a desirable property. The first wife of William Homann was Miss Hesse, and after her death he married a Mrs. Beckman, *nee* Haase. He is father of nine living children, namely: Mary, Frederic W., Lizzie, William H., Herman L., Dina, Henry, Rieckl and John.

William H. Homann was a farmer until 1907, when he and Mr. Grubb entered into partnership, which has recently been dissolved by Mr. Homann's retirement. Mr. Homann's devotion to the principles of his party has resulted in mak-

ing him a leader of the Republican forces in Moccasin Township. He is now serving as Census Enumerator for his township. He has established a reputation as an upright and trustworthy citizen entitling him to the confidence and respect of the community in which he lives.

**HOOKS, Sharon Q.**—One of the leading industries of Effingham County, Ill., is the selling of hay and grain, as the county is in the center of the great agricultural district of Illinois. One of the representative men of the county, who is engaged in this business, is Sharon Q. Hooks, who has also been prominent in public matters, and is at present serving as Magistrate of Gilmore, Ill. He was born in East Franklin Township, Armstrong County, Pa., December 15, 1859, a son of Solomon and Susanna (Christman) Hooks.

Solomon Hooks was born in Cambridge, Ohio, about 1825, and when twenty-one years old moved to Pennsylvania, where he engaged in farming and was married, spending the remainder of his life in Armstrong County, where his death occurred in 1900. He died in the faith of the Lutheran Church, of which his wife was also a member. Their children were: William, a school teacher since the age of eighteen years, has now reached the age of sixty and is still teaching at Rammerton, married Mary Wolf, now deceased; Chambers, came to Effingham County, Ill., as a teacher, married a Miss Baker and went to Kansas, thence to Washington, where his wife died, and he is now a merchant; Lydia, died soon after her marriage to Lige Mosher, an oil merchant; John, for a long period a school teacher, now superintendent of a stone quarry at Moscow, Pa., married Mary Ritchie; Sharon Q.; Maggie, deceased, was unmarried; Jacob, for many years a teacher, now a farmer in Armstrong County, Pa.; Anne, a teacher for many years, married Cyrus Elliott, and now resides in Pittsburg, Pa.; Laura, taught school for a time and married Amos Bowser, of Worthington, Pa.; Ida, married David Wolfe, and resides on the old homestead; Mary, married Samuel Henry Bowser, and resides in Virginia; and Rebecca, married Nash Lelsure, and resides in Pennsylvania.

Sharon Q. Hooks attended the public schools until he was eighteen years of age, and then spent two years in Worthington (Pa.) College, after which he taught school for four years in Armstrong County, Pa. For the two years following he was at Rammerton and then for two years taught at Watonsville, where in 1880 he was married to Miss Rella Stewart, daughter of William and Mary (Eccles) Stewart. After his marriage he engaged in the lumber business in Dubois, Clearfield County, Pa., but in the spring of 1883 came to Welton, Effingham County, Ill., and purchased 100 acres of land three-quarters of a mile east of that town, which he still owns and cultivates. His wife died on this farm and two years later he was married, at Warrensburg, Mo., to Elizabeth S. Smith, born in Shelby County, Ill., daughter of William and

Dorothy (Salzman) Smith, and an excellent woman and a good wife. Soon after his second marriage Mr. Hooks removed to the home of his wife in Shelby County and farmed there two years, but subsequently returned to his own farm near Welton, and for fifteen years was engaged in mercantile business there. In January, 1908, he sold his store to Heth & Schoen, but has continued business in the line of buying grain. In 1901 he erected a large elevator. A life-long Democrat, Mr. Hooks has been prominent in the ranks of his party in local matters and for about fifteen years has served as Justice of the Peace, being now Magistrate at Gilmore. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist Church.

By his first marriage Mr. Hooks had two children, namely: Carl Chambers, educated in the public schools and Effingham College, is telegraph operator and station agent at Bridgeport, Ill., and a first-class business young man; and Roy L., educated in the Effingham public schools, worked for a time as clerk in his father's store, then became ticket agent at Springfield, Ill., held the same position at Washington, Ind., was assistant agent at Bridgeport, and for the past year has been an agent of Swift & Company in Ohio and Virginia. To the second marriage of Mr. Hooks one son was born, Glen Orville, March 12, 1890, educated in the public schools, at Lebanon College and a business college at Flora, Ill.; worked some time as clerk in his father's store and now resides with his parents. He married Agnes Spragg and they have one child, Elinor Russell. He has reared a good set of boys and his home is always pleasant to both friends and strangers.

**JACKSON, William H.**, County Treasurer of Effingham County, Ill., and a man of prominence in Jackson Township, owes his success in life no more to his enterprise, energy and perseverance than he does to his remarkable ability to make and keep warm friends. Mr. Jackson was born April 5, 1844, in Munfordsville, Ky., a son of Andrew J. and Fanny G. (Crane) Jackson, natives of Kentucky, whose parents were from Virginia.

Andrew J. Jackson died when William H. was but four years of age, and was buried at Lebanon, Ky. His widow married again in 1855, becoming the wife of William Tolley, also a native of Kentucky. There were three children born of the first marriage: William H.; Mary, the widow of Felix Sandeffer, of Darlington, Wis., and Nettie, who married W. R. Tooney, of Louisville, where she died and was buried. Mrs. Tolley died in 1868, and was buried at Darlington, Wis. She had two children by her second marriage: Ada, the wife of L. Metcalf, of Storm Lake, Ia.; and Eli C., of Tolly, N. D.

William H. Jackson was thrown on his own resources when still a youth, and at the age of fourteen years he left his mother and step-father in Wisconsin, and returned to Kentucky, where he learned the trade of blacksmith, an occupation which he followed until reaching his seven-



teenth year, when he enlisted in the Southern Army, under command of Gen. Morgan, becoming a member of Company K, Col. Clukes' Regiment, in September, 1862, and serving until captured in July, 1863, at Bullington Island, Ohio. As a prisoner he was taken to Camp Morton, Ind., and later transferred to Camp Douglas, Chicago, whence he made his escape. Though not able to rejoin his regiment, he avoided recapture by dodging around through Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin until the close of the war, when he located in Effingham County, and has since remained. At the time of his coming to Effingham County Mr. Jackson did not have a dollar in the world, and at first began to work at anything he could find to do. He was later elected City Clerk of Effingham for three terms, and afterwards engaged in the retail grocery business, and subsequently purchased land and began the raising and breeding of fancy cattle. He retired on accumulating a competency, sold out and located in Effingham, and became a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, to which he was elected by the largest majority and vote on the Democratic ticket. In politics he has always been a Democrat, but some of his staunchest friends are to be found among the Republicans, while he has a true friend in every Union veteran in the county. Mr. Jackson feels that his success is due in a large degree to the faithfulness of his friends, but it is the personality of the man that has attracted those friends and made them faithful.

On October 8, 1873, Mr. Jackson was married at Effingham, Ill., to Amanda B. Myers, born in Effingham County, August 28, 1850, daughter of William T. and Ann Myers.

**JAKLE, Martin**, Sheriff of Effingham County, has taken an active part in shaping public sentiment whenever the welfare of the county or city has been at stake, and is a representative of the best type of citizens in this part of the State. Mr. Jakle was born in Cleveland, Ohio., August 28, 1854, and was educated in Terre Haute, Ind., and Effingham, Ill. He is a son of Felix and Mary Ann (Settle) Jakle, both natives of Baden, Germany, where they married. In 1854 they came to the United States, coming direct from their landing place in New York to Cleveland, and there their son Martin was born. In 1855 the family removed to Terre Haute, Ind., and in 1867 to Effingham County, Ill. By trade the father was a shoemaker, but he conducted a brewery in Effingham for a year. The mother passed away in Effingham, in 1875, and the father in 1879, and both are buried in the City Cemetery. They were parents of nine children, eight of whom grew to maturity, but only four are now living: August, deceased; Martin; Charley and William, deceased; John, of Terre Haute; Lewis, of St. Louis; Edward, of St. Louis; Bertha, deceased, and an infant that died unnamed.

When he was only eleven years old Martin Jakle began earning his own living, and no one

can tell him anything new about the hardships incident to such a life as he had to endure at that tender age. He came to Effingham in 1881 and started in a retail bakery business, which he sold in 1896. For eight years he was City Policeman, was Assessor two terms, and has appeared on the Democratic ticket for various offices a number of times, as he is very prominent politically. In 1906 he was elected Sheriff and is now ably discharging the duties of that office, being recognized as the best Sheriff the county ever had, and is given the cordial support of the people of Effingham County without regard to party lines.

Mr. Jakle married in Terre Haute, Ind., on May 9, 1875, Catherine Klements, who was born in Mt. Carmel, Ill., December 7, 1858, a daughter of John and Annie (Megnar) Klements, both natives of Bavaria, Germany, who came to the United States after marriage, and settling at Mt. Carmel, resided there many years. The burial place of the father is not known, but the mother, who died in Effingham, is buried in the Catholic cemetery in this city. There were three children in the Klements family: Mary, deceased; Catherine and John. Mr. and Mrs. Jakle became parents of five children, namely: William, who married Emily Schmidt, resides in Effingham and has two children—Cleon and Leslie; Albert, unmarried, resides in Effingham; Otto, unmarried, resides in Effingham, being Deputy Sheriff under his father; John, who died in infancy, and Julia, who resides at home.

Fraternally Mr. Jakle is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and was a member of the Knights of Honor, but withdrew. He and his family belong to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and are active in its good work. Through the able management and good judgment of Sheriff Jakle, the affairs of the county which are under his care are well looked after, and the people owe him a heavy debt. He is a broad-minded man, sympathetic and kind-hearted, and it would be difficult to find anyone to take his place satisfactorily. His success in life has been entirely due to his own courage and hard work, and that his hard struggle did not embitter him in the least is due to the natural cheerfulness of his disposition.

**JAMES, Oscar D.**, proprietor of Oak View Stock Farm, Watson Township. Some of the largest tracts of farming land in Effingham County have, in late years, been converted into stock farms, and among these one of the best known and most favorably situated is the Oak View Stock Farm, owned by O. D. James, a breeder of registered Hereford cattle, standard bred horses, Duroc Jersey hogs and sporting dogs, in Watson, Ill. Mr. James was born August 3, 1865, in Watson Township, son of John G. James, a retired farmer of Effingham County.

Oscar D. James was educated in the Franklin Prairie district school, W. F. Scott, now deceased, being his first and last teacher. His



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father was a practical farmer and stockman, and young James began to do his full share of the farm work under his tuition at the age of eleven years, remaining at home until he was about twenty-two years of age. In 1887 he went to Shelby County, Ill., where he hired out at farm work by the month for one year, then renting land for three years. Achieving remarkable success, in 1891 he bought 175 acres of land on Section 8, Union Township, practically all in brush, on which was located a log cabin and log stable, and here he at once set to work to make improvements, including the building of a seven-room residence, a large stock-barn, etc. Mr. James has always been a firm believer in thoroughbred cattle and pure bred stock of all kinds, and it was he who introduced the Duroc Jersey hog into Union Township, as well as the imported French Coach horse, which he purchased in Crawfordsville, Ind. In 1905 he engaged in breeding the Hereford pure bred cattle, and he now has a herd of fifty-two cattle, at the head of which is Belboy No. 214,505, a full registered animal.

Mr. James' farm, which is located three and one-half miles southeast of Watson, on the Little Wabash River, is one of the finest tracts of this kind to be found in the State, and its substantial buildings are fitted with every known invention for the raising of pure bred stock. He is considered one of the best judges of stock in this part of Effingham County, always gets the top prices for his animals, and has a reputation for honesty and integrity in his business dealings which is far reaching. He has given quite a good deal of attention to the raising of hunting dogs, having started this line from some fine registered pointers which he himself used while hunting quail. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served as School Director and Clerk of the board for a number of years. Fraternally, he is connected with the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of the World.

In Shelby County, Ill., February 5, 1888, Mr. James was married to Laura Maude Wallace, who was born in that county, February 3, 1866, and to this union there have been born four children; Bessie D., John J., Kenneth A. and Hazel D. Mrs. James died March 11, 1910, from a stroke of paralysis, and was laid to rest in the Watson Cemetery.

**JANSEN, Anthony Bernard (deceased).**—There have been many instances in the life of Germans who have come to this county, to become thoroughly Americanized and regarded as some of our best citizens. They bring with them those characteristic German traits, honesty, industry and thrift, and soon acquire a standard in the community where they reside. Such a man was the late Anthony Bernard Jansen, who was born in Lohne, Germany, February 20, 1822. When only twelve years old he came to America, going to Schuylkill County, Pa., where he remained two years, and then went to Cincinnati, Ohio.

When he reached the latter place, at the age of fourteen years, he was apprenticed to learn the trade of carpenter, and for five years remained in this position, when for a short time he worked as a journeyman. In 1840 he came to Effingham County, Ill., to visit his parents who had located there, and then returned to complete his term of apprenticeship.

In 1841 Anthony B. Jansen returned to Effingham County and began working by the month on a farm on Green Creek. In April, 1842, he married Elizabeth, the only daughter of John B. Brummer, his employer, and continued to live on the farm of his father-in-law about ten years longer. In 1852 he purchased 160 acres of land in two tracts, the same being well-improved, and in 1853 he moved to his own farm. At that time there was much Congress land still to be obtained and he bought several tracts, eventually becoming the owner of 227 acres in his homestead and 160 acres of the Brummer estate. Mr. Jansen was a very successful farmer and stock-raiser, and was one of the most prominent and influential men of the county. In politics he was a Democrat and filled many offices in Douglas Township, which was his home so many years. In religious faith he was a Catholic.

Mr. Jansen and his wife had children as follows: John B., deceased; Anthony Bernard, deceased; William J., deceased; Anna M., who married Joseph L. Schmidt, but is now deceased; Malenia, married Clemmens Kaufman, and later Joseph L. Schmidt; Philomina C., married Joseph Felthofer; Mary, deceased; John II., a farmer of Effingham County; and Elizabeth, married B. Husman, of Idaho; Henry J., farmer, in Jasper County. Anton F. Jansen, whose sketch appears in a following section, is also a member of this family.

Anthony Bernard Jansen died February 22, 1888, highly respected by the many who knew and appreciated this hardworking German-American, who accomplished so much from a very small beginning. He had served a number of years as Supervisor of the township and had been a Justice of the Peace.

**JANSEN, Anton Francis.**—No longer does the traveler through Effingham County, Ill., see neglected farms and poor, unremunerative stock; and this fact goes to show that the owners of the land are men of experience and foresight. However, it is not every farm that shows the same sleek and shining cattle, well nurtured and thoroughbred in appearance, that may be found on the beautiful estate which is owned by Anton Francis Jansen, in Section 33, Douglas Township.

On this farm Anton F. Jansen was born, June 3, 1868, a son of Anthony B. Jansen, a sketch of whom appears in a preceding section of this work. The education of Mr. Jansen was secured in the public and parochial schools of his neighborhood, but as soon as he was old enough to reach the handles of a plow, he was required by his practical father to help perform his share of farm work. This good father died when the son



was nineteen years old, and as his brothers had left home and were doing well on their own account, Anton F. found himself the manager and operator of 227 acres of land. In 1890 he began making a specialty of breeding stock, and in partnership with his father-in-law bought the first thoroughbred Shorthorn bull ever brought to that section, and through this fine animal he has developed one of the best herds in the county. He entered into the dairy business quite extensively in 1903, beginning with common stock, but he has bred up to fine Holstein stock, which has the highest record in the world for quantity of milk. In 1906 he bought the first Dutch belted bull ever introduced into his part of the State, this breed being exclusively dairy stock. One of the high-bred cows, "Echo the Second," while on exhibition at the State Fair in 1907, produced ninety-seven pounds of milk in one day. Mr. Jansen has his sensible reasons for preferring the stock he is breeding, for he is a thoroughly informed, practical dairyman and stockman, and well understands the nature of his business, and spares neither trouble nor expense in securing valuable stock. In 1907 he bought from D. B. Wilson two heifers of the Dutch Belt breed at the State Fair held at Springfield, whence they were shipped to the National Dairy Show at Chicago, and after the close of that exhibition were brought to his farm, one of them having won the second prize. In 1908 he purchased a heifer from Frank Sanders, of Bristol, N. H., which was exhibited at the Illinois State Fair the same year. In 1908 he also exhibited his Dutch Belted herd and one heifer won the first premium over all dairy breeds at the Effingham County Fair held at Altamont. In acquiring this fine dairy stock Mr. Jansen is conferring upon his section of the State a valued benefit. His beautiful herds excite general admiration and enthusiasm among those whose knowledge enables them to appreciate their superior quality.

April 29, 1890, Mr. Jansen married Miss Elizabeth C. Arnsen, who was born in Douglas Township, Effingham County, within one mile of Mr. Jansen's farm, December 23, 1871, and who died June 13, 1903. She was a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Doettman) Arnsen, who are large farmers residing near Green Creek, Idaho, having removed to that place in 1905. Mr. Jansen and his wife had three children, namely: Joseph A., born October 20, 1892; Bernard J., born April 23, 1896; and Katie E., born March 19, 1899. The late Mrs. Jansen was a lady of beautiful Christian character, and was beloved far and near by all who knew and appreciated her fine disposition. Her presence was as sunshine in her home and she imparted happiness wherever she went. She had taken much pleasure in contemplating the beautiful new home which her husband had provided, but was permitted to enjoy its comforts but one year. She was a devout member of the Catholic Church.

Mr. Jansen is one of the most intelligent stockmen of his section and also one of the most progressive farmers. He has studied in a practi-

cal manner the characteristics of the soil, and profits so well by his experience and care as a farmer and stockman in the conduct of his affairs, that he has won success above the average. Politically he is a Democrat and has filled many local offices, being now Justice of the Peace. For three years he was a Director of the State Board Dairy Association and Monthly Crop Reporter to the National Agricultural Department at Washington, many of his reports being doubtless based on results from his own highly-cultivated farm of 267 acres. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

**JONES, Joseph Benson.**—The representative men of any community are generally those who have some years of experience back of them to serve as a guide in their judgments and actions. One of the men who have been intimately associated with both Effingham City and County is Joseph Benson Jones, who was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, April 22, 1835, a son of James and Susannah (Dickerson) Jones, and grandson of Thomas Jones, who was born in Wales, about 1750. When but a small boy the parents of Thomas Jones came to the colonies, and settled in what was afterwards the State of Delaware. He served in the Revolutionary War, after which he married and moved to Western Pennsylvania, and in 1804 located in Belmont County, Ohio, where his death occurred in 1854, when he was in his one hundred and fourth year. James Jones was born at Fort Hill, Fayette County, Pa., in 1796, while his wife was born in the same county in 1798, and they were farmers. They were married in Harrison County, Ohio, near Cadiz, on March 21, 1821, and moved to Coshocton County in 1834. They were enthusiastic members of the Methodist Church, and most excellent people.

Joseph Benson Jones attended first the subscription schools of his neighborhood, and then the public schools, finally finishing in the Chesterville Academy. His childhood was passed on the farm and in school, and when he had finished his education he became a teacher. In April, 1857, he located in Effingham County, Ill., and has since spent considerable time in land surveying, being for several years connected with the land department of the Illinois Central Railroad. In 1861 Mr. Jones was appointed Deputy Sheriff of the county, and held that office for two years. He was elected Police Magistrate for the City of Effingham in 1864, and held the office four years. He was elected County Judge in 1873, and continued as such for nine years. In 1892 he was elected County Surveyor, was re-elected in 1896 and again in 1900, serving in all twelve years. All his life Mr. Jones has been a working member of the Democratic party. He joined the Free and Accepted Masons in 1860, and is a member thereof in good standing at this time, but has no membership in any other society.

On October 19, 1871, Mr. Jones was married to Mary K. McClelland, born in Lawrence County, Ind., November 8, 1854, of Scotch-Irish stock.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones are as follows: Ida, born August 8, 1873; Orville B., born August 27, 1875, and Pearl J., born July 24, 1877. Mr. Jones is a man of genial manner, intensely social in his tastes, with liberal views on general subjects, and is well-known and popular.

**KAGAY, Hon. Benjamin F. (deceased),** whose name was prominently identified with the early history of Effingham County, was a gentleman of the old school type and a fitting representative of the best class of American citizens. His demise, which occurred February 11, 1908, at Effingham, Ill., was deeply felt in the community. He had been identified with the legal profession for more than fifty years and was the oldest practicing lawyer in Effingham. He rose to a position of honor and attained a leading place in his profession through his earnest purpose and ability. Mr. Kagay was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, February 27, 1831, a son of A. B. and Sarah (Hall) Kagay, his mother being of Scotch-Irish extraction and his father of German descent, though his ancestry was traced farther back to Switzerland.

The first of the Kagay family to come to America was John Kagay, who emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1715, and subsequently located in the Shenandoah Valley, Va. Of his three sons, one remained in the Shenandoah Valley, a second was a citizen of Pennsylvania and the third moved to Canada. A son of the last-named took part in John Brown's raid near Harper's Ferry and was killed near there. The four emigrations of the family to America have been: John, above mentioned, who came in 1715; Johannes, who came in 1739; Rudolph, who came in 1764, and Simon, who came in 1818. The original ancestors in Switzerland spelled the name "Kagi."

The early education of Benjamin F. Kagay was acquired in the public schools of Findlay, Ohio, where the family located in 1832. In 1841 they located at Ewington, Effingham County, Ill., where the father embarked in the saddlery and harness business. In 1843 he was elected County Clerk. In 1853 Benjamin F. Kagay was appointed a teacher in the schools of the "Lost Township," in Fayette County, in which many of his pupils were older than himself. Those who attended this school were from Fayette, Clay and Effingham Counties, and the young teacher boarded around with the parents of his pupils. Later he took special courses in penmanship and taught that branch in the nearby counties of Marion, Fayette, Effingham, Clay, Bond, McLean and Sangamon Counties. At the age of eighteen he began the study of Blackstone under the direction of Eli Philbrook, the second lawyer to locate in Ewington. In 1851-53 he taught in the counties of Fayette, Effingham and Shelby, and during the year 1853, while teaching in the first-named county, continued his legal studies under the instruction of Mr. Crump and William Campbell. So well did he carry on his studies that in August, 1854, he was licensed to practice in the courts of Illinois, and the next year entered into

the practice of his profession at Ewington, then the county-seat of Effingham County, where his father was located, occupying the office of County Treasurer. On the removal of the county-seat to Effingham, Mr. Kagay opened an office in the court house in the latter place and in 1862 he and William B. Cooper formed a partnership which lasted twelve years, during which time they handled some of the most important cases in the county.

In boyhood Mr. Kagay had learned to play the tenor drum, and being always greatly interested in military tactics, his services were very valuable in helping to raise volunteers at the time of the Mexican War, and also during the Civil War. He was also a prominent figure at all old settlers' reunions.

Mr. Kagay had a natural aptitude and ability for public service, and his first office was as Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the old Town of Effingham, in 1855. He was elected Supervisor of Douglas Township in 1864 and filled the office three terms, and was also President of the Town of Effingham from 1864-67, when it was incorporated as a city. He then became the first Mayor of Effingham, and in 1870 was the choice of the people of his district for Representative in the State Legislature. For four years he served as Police Magistrate, was City Attorney of Effingham four terms of two years each, and was Notary Public over thirty years.

In political affiliations Mr. Kagay was first a Whig. In 1858 he was a supporter of James C. Robinson for Congress, in 1860 voted for Douglas for President, and from then until his death supported the principles of the Democratic party. In early life he was a Methodist but in later years inclined toward the faith of the Unitarian Church. From 1857 he was an active member of Effingham Lodge No. 149, A. F. & A. M., served several terms as its Worshipful Master, and was for several terms High Priest of Effingham Chapter R. A. M.

While teaching school in Fayette County Mr. Kagay made the acquaintance of his future wife, Martha J. Starnes, a daughter of Dr. Abraham and Ann S. Starnes, and after a short courtship, they were married on February 6, 1853. Her parents were pioneers of Illinois, locating there in Territorial days. Dr. Starnes was a native of Tennessee and his wife of Thompson County, Ky. Five children were born to Mr. Kagay and his wife, three of whom are now living, namely: Benjamin F., Jr., whose biography appears elsewhere in this volume; Laura K., widow of A. B. Jenkins, of Springfield, Ill., who died September 23, 1897, since which time she has removed with her two children, Aline and Alvin Franklin, to St. Louis, Mo.; Mattie K., wife of O. P. Bray, of Indianapolis, Ind., Orville P., a fourth child, is now deceased.

**KAGAY, Benjamin Franklin, Jr.**—With supreme faith in the future of Effingham, with the ability to profit by present conditions and possessing a desire to aid others to do so, Benjamin F. Ka-

gay, of Effingham, Ill., is one of the most progressive and public-spirited men of Effingham County, and to his influence and example is largely due the present activity shown in various lines of the city. Mr. Kagay was born at Effingham, October 4, 1862, a son of Benjamin F. Kagay, Sr., born in Fairfield County, Ohio, February 27, 1831, and Martha J. (Starnes) Kagay, born in Fayette County, Ill., April 5, 1832. His father, Benjamin F. Kagay, Sr., whose sketch appears in the preceding section, died February 11, 1908, and his widow lives with her son, the subject of this sketch.

Benjamin Franklin Kagay, Jr., received a common school education, followed by a course at the Springfield (Ill.) Business College. Mr. Kagay has filled a number of important offices and was Deputy Clerk from December, 1882, to December, 1888, when he engaged in the real estate business and is now senior member of the Kagay Realty Company, composed of B. F. Kagay and his only son. They do an extensive business in the lines of real estate, loan and insurance business. Mr. Kagay is also Secretary of the Illinois Guarantee Savings & Loan Association. A little pamphlet recently issued by the Kagay Realty Company, on Effingham, gives many interesting facts regarding the city and demonstrates the interest the company takes in this locality. Mr. Kagay was a member of the Board of Education and Secretary of the Board for thirteen years.

Fraternally Mr. Kagay is a member of the Knights of Pythias, is K. R. & S. of Venice, Lodge No. 168, which he joined in 1888, and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen, Modern Americans, Royal Neighbors and to Lodge No. 1016, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. While not a member of any church, his preference is for the Methodist denomination. In politics he is a Democrat.

July 21, 1886, Mr. Kagay married, in Fairfax County, Va., Bessie Harrison, born at Alexandria, Va., November 6, 1864, a descendant of Thomas Harrison, and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution through that line. Mr. and Mrs. Kagay have two children, namely: Benjamin F., III., born at Effingham, July 23, 1887, a member of the Kagay Realty Company, and Bessie Pearl, born also at Effingham, December 22, 1890.

**KAUFMANN, John.**—Practical scientific farming is taking the place of the old hit-or-miss style, and as a result, land which at one time could be bought for almost nothing, is to-day worth hundreds of dollars per acre. Much of this has been brought about by the use of improved machinery and the application of scientific methods, as well as by general progress and increase in population. As a general rule, it is the younger class of farmers who incline most towards new ideas, and upon their farms are generally to be seen the results of intelligent progress. John Kaufman, farmer, stockman and dairyman of Section 19, Douglas Township, Effingham County, Ill., is one of these progressive and successful men. He

was born in Shelby County, Ill., on the line between Effingham and Shelby counties, April 20, 1889, a son of Ferdinand and Mary (Dust) Kaufman, both natives of Effingham, Ill., and of German descent, now living in Shelby County. Ferdinand Kaufman owns considerable land in Shelby County and is honored and respected through his part of the State. He and his wife had eight children, namely: Annie, wife of John Kenkel, a farmer of Effingham County; John, Sophia, wife of Joseph Hackman, a farmer of Douglas Township; Clem, a farmer of Douglas Township; Dora, wife of Joseph Fallert, of Shelby County; Mary, Tony and Josie, at home.

John Kaufman was reared on his father's farm and after receiving a good common school education in the district school, has spent his entire life in farm work. April 8, 1902, he married Miss Lizzie Custer, born near Effingham, Ill., January 1, 1880, a daughter of Clem Custer, Jr., a farmer of Douglas Township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Kaufman was educated at St. Anthony College in Effingham, and is a charming and refined woman. Not only is she well educated, but she is an excellent housekeeper and a delightful hostess, possessing the talent of making her guests feel at home through her warm, cordial welcome. Her beautifully managed household shows how well she understands its care, and she sets a table that would tempt the most captious. After his marriage Mr. Kaufman began farming on his own place in Douglas Township, where he has 220 acres under cultivation. He is well supplied with modern machinery and appliances, not only for his farm work but for fitting out his home. He keeps high grade horses, cattle and hogs, and does an extensive dairy business. When he was seventeen years old he began operating his father's threshing outfit, and continued to take charge of it until he bought a first-class outfit of his own with all modern improvements.

Mr. Kaufman and his wife are members of the Catholic Church, and in politics he is a Democrat. They are numbered among the enterprising young married people of the locality, and their pleasant home is often the scene of delightful gatherings, over which Mrs. Kaufman presides with her customary dignity and hospitality.

**KERSHNER, Joseph L., M. D.,** physician and surgeon at Dieterich, Ill., is not only an eminent member of his noble profession, but is also a thoroughly representative citizen of his community and a worthy descendant of some of the best pioneer stock of Effingham County. He was born on his father's farm in Bishop Township, within six miles of Dieterich, and is a son of David and Linaford (Handley) Kershner. His father was born in Pennsylvania and his mother in Kentucky.

When the parents of Dr. Kershner first came to Bishop Township they occupied, as did other settlers, a log cabin in the woods, built near a stream. David Kershner was a skilled carpenter and soon planned a comfortable frame house.



*Henry Lapham M.D.*





which he had the foresight to build on a highway, the old Watson and Newton mail route. At this time (1852) the mail was still carried through the thinly settled country on horseback. The lumber for Mr. Kershner's house was all dressed by hand, and when it was completed, people came from miles around to see it, viewing it with admiration, as it was the first frame house in the country. At that time the surrounding country was so sparsely settled that the prairie wolves had not been driven away and frequently visited the farmyards of the pioneers at night, even being known to attack travelers. David Kershner lived in the house he had built until the Civil War, when he and five of his sons offered their services to their country. He was a brave soldier and one of his sons became one of the body-guard of Gen. Sherman after the army left Atlanta, Ga., for the "March to the Sea." David Kershner did not live to reach home, but died at Little Rock, Ark. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring December 31, 1890, at sixty-two years of age, but three of her family then remaining on the old homestead.

The children born to David Kershner and wife were: Daniel, who lived at Sheridan, Wyo.; David C., before mentioned as one of Sherman's body-guard, now lives at Norcatur, Kan.; George W., lived at Shell, Wyo.; John William, the third brother to march with Sherman to the sea, is now deceased and lies buried at East St. Louis; Forman, was a soldier and was injured at Fort McAlister; Henry, who was also in the service, died in Arkansas; I. E., a farmer, is living in Kansas; Mary L., is deceased; and Joseph L., of Effingham County.

Joseph L. Kershner obtained his primary education in a log schoolhouse three and one-quarter miles from his home, and to reach it he had to follow a path across the prairie, through grass that grew higher than a man's head on horseback. Later a larger structure of brick was built, but Dr. Kershner easily recalls the old building. Upon him fell much of the responsibility of the farm work, but his natural inclination was toward a professional career, and he bent every energy to secure an education. When twenty-five years old he completed a satisfactory literary course at Fairfield, Ill., and by that time was prepared to begin his medical education. He completed a course of four years at the Marion Sims Medical College, now known as St. Louis University, at St. Louis, and graduated with credit, April 25, 1882. He then returned to the old Kershner homestead and entered into practice.

In 1896 Dr. Kershner had the foresight to realize that investments in land at Dieterich would be profitable, and he therefore bought thirty-two town lots in what is now known as the Loy Addition, some of the lots being on Main Street as it was platted. At the time he purchased this land it was very productive as a cornfield. He is not a man that anyone would think of accusing as visionary, but in the practical development of this land he has evidently followed ideas

outside the ordinary line, for his beautiful home and its charming surroundings, all after his own plans, prove that with him beauty has been regarded as well as utility. His ornamental trees and gorgeous flowers give a park-like appearance to his home, and in watching them grow and develop he has spent some of his happiest hours. He still retains ten acres of the old home farm which is yet in timber. Since he built his handsome residence much capital has been directed to that part of the village and many of the finest homes of Dieterich may be found in that part of town, called the central residential portion.

Dr. Kershner was married, January 11, 1898, to Miss Florence Emma Ducker, born at Bible Grove, Clay County, Ill., her grandparents having come to this section of Illinois from Germany. One daughter and one son have been born of this marriage; Mary Louise, born March 19, 1907, and Joseph D., born April 10, 1910. Dr. and Mrs. Kershner are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was chorister for many years.

It is not difficult for Dr. Kershner to recall his older professional contemporaries and their methods of practice, although in almost every particular his own have been different. He keeps thoroughly abreast of the times, takes all the latest medical journals, applies scientific methods in his treatment and has the satisfaction of attaining a good degree of success in his efforts for the restoration of the health of his patients, or at least in the alleviation of suffering. He owns a laboratory, procures his drugs at wholesale, and as he compounds his own medicines, he can with certainty judge of their purity and estimate their potency and effect. He has been engaged in active practice in the vicinity where he now lives more than eighteen years, and among his patients are many who have known him from boyhood and implicitly rely upon his skill and judgment. His field of labor is widely distributed, and his more distant patients are visited in his automobile, being the owner of the first of these machines in his vicinity. In politics he was an active Republican until 1902, since which time he has been closely identified with the Prohibition party. He has always taken an active part in the social life of the community and he and his wife, in possession of ample means, are most generously hospitable. Dr. Kershner is a member of both the State and County Medical Societies, and has served at times in township offices and as village Health Officer.

**KLITZING, George.**—Some of the best farmers of Effingham County are those who have inherited their homes from their fathers, and are now operating the properties upon which they were born. Having spent their lives in close connection with these farms, they are able to give them intelligent attention and their success proves that they understand their work. One of the prosperous farmers of Mound Township is George Klitzing, who owns a fine farm of 125 acres on Section 3, where he was born, August

10, 1868, the youngest son and sixth child of Charles F. and Minnie (Sander) Klitzing, both now residing at Altamont.

Mr. Klitzing was reared on the homestead, and attended district school, and Altamont High School for two years. He pleasantly remembers Miss Satt, Henry Hubrick, Fred Loy and Philip Zimmerman among his teachers. While in High School he was fortunate enough to be under the instruction of Prof. J. E. Smothers. Having completed his studies, Mr. Klitzing resumed his farm work. On September 30, 1890, he was united in marriage with Emma Ehlert, born in Missouri, March 6, 1868, a daughter of Charles Ehlert, a German Methodist clergyman. The young couple settled on the homestead, where Mr. Klitzing has made all of the improvements and has now a very valuable property. He makes a specialty of blooded stock, and has had remarkable success with hogs and sheep. His farm is conducted according to the latest improved methods, and his premises and fields attest to his good management and thrift. He and Mrs. Klitzing are members of the German Methodist Church of Altamont. In politics, Mr. Klitzing is a Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Klitzing have had children as follows: Olga Augusta, Edgar Charles, Mildred Laura, Arthur George. Mr. Klitzing has never given much time to public matters, being absorbed with his farm, but is always in favor of good government and supports whatever measures he believes will work out for the best interests of the community at large.

**KUHN, Leslie A., M. D.**—Probably no other profession has advanced so rapidly during the last half-century as that of medicine, and as this advance still continues, the physician who would win success must keep abreast of the discoveries and inventions of appliances. One of Effingham County's most successful young physicians and surgeons is Dr. Leslie A. Kuhn. David Kuhn, his father, resides at Greencastle, Pa., and is one of the leading farmers and influential citizens of that locality.

After completing a course in the district schools, at the age of fifteen years Dr. Kuhn entered the Central State Normal School at Lockhaven, Pa., and after a course of four years there, took up his studies at the Pennsylvania State College. In 1901 he entered Jenner Medical College, Chicago, and here took a four years' course, after which he spent two years in a post-graduate course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago, in which city he began the practice of his profession in 1905.

December 4, 1908, Dr. Kuhn became a resident of Watson, Ill., where he has since been located, and has built up a large practice. He succeeded Dr. R. O. Broadway, and has been very successful in his work. He has his own laboratory, in which he carefully compounds his own prescriptions, and his success in a number of serious cases has won him the confidence of the people

of his community and served to increase his practice.

Dr. Kuhn was married November 30, 1905, to Miss Leona Couch, who was born in Chicago, August 1, 1879, a daughter of James W. Couch. Dr. and Mrs. Kuhn became parents of two children: Elmer L., born October 3, 1906, and Leona, born January 21, 1908. Dr. Kuhn and his wife were married by Rev. Morton P. Hartzell, a Methodist Episcopal clergyman, of Chicago. Dr. Kuhn is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Court of Honor, the American Yeomen and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church, and in political matters he is a Republican.

**LAATSCH, John F.**—Probably there is no better example of what perseverance, hard work and enterprise will do for a man than the career of John F. Laatsch, present Mayor of Altamont, Ill., and one of that city's foremost business men. He was born October 19, 1858, on a ten-acre tract near Buffalo, N. Y., the son of John F. and Frederica (Ploeger) Laatsch.

The parents of Mr. Laatsch came to the United States from Germany, bringing with them one daughter, Frederica, and Mr. Laatsch settled on the ten-acre farm before mentioned, and worked out by the day. In 1864 he sold this property, and with fifteen other families moved west, locating at what is now Bethlehem, Effingham County, Ill. Here the settlers erected a church and schoolhouse, and Mr. Laatsch continued to live on his farm of 100 acres until his death, at the age of seventy-five years, his wife having passed away at the age of sixty-five. They were members of the Lutheran Church, in which he was a Deacon. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Laatsch had eight children: three who died in early youth; Frederica, Minnie, John F., Tennie, and William, who died at the age of forty years.

John F. Laatsch was six years old when his parents came to Illinois, and his education was secured principally in the school built at Bethlehem, although he secured much of his learning from home study. He was seventeen years of age when he began work for George W. Gwin, who was then conducting an agricultural implement store at Altamont. After eight years with Mr. Gwin, Mr. Laatsch formed a partnership with William Eyestone, the firm name being Eyestone & Laatsch, but two years later Mr. Laatsch sold out to his partner, and engaged in the implement business on his own account, later adding hardware, and he conducts these lines at the present time. At the age of fourteen years Mr. Laatsch was confirmed as a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and he has lived up to his avowed faith. His family are also members of the same church in which they were brought up by their parents.

Mr. Laatsch has been a lifelong Democrat, although he has received a great deal of support from the Republican party. For seven years he

was Alderman, then becoming Mayor of Altamont for six years, and after four years was again elected to the highest official incumbency in the city, in 1909. He also served for seven years as Town Clerk and for six years as Supervisor, and in each position has proved himself a faithful official and efficient executive.

October 30, 1884, Mayor Laatsch was married, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, to Miss Emily Zahnow, of Bethlehem, daughter of Charles and Henrietta (Loeven) Zahnow, the former now deceased, while the latter is still living at the age of ninety-three years. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Laatsch: Delia, who married Fred Brockman, and is living at Altamont, Ill.; Emma, who married Herman VonKemper, a Lutheran preacher of Germantown, Cal.; and Edwin and Lewis, at home.

**LAMMERT, Louis William**, priest in charge of St. Anthony's Church, of Effingham, Ill., was born in Iserlohn, Province of Westphalia, Germany, April 10, 1852, a son of Louis Lammert, born in Arnsberg, Germany, in 1810, and his wife, Caroline (Quitmann) Lammert, born at Iserlohn, Germany, in 1817. They had eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity, and Father Lammert is the fifth in order of birth. Father Lammert is the only one of these children to come to America. But five now survive. A nephew of Father Lammert is also a priest,—Father Frank Schutte, of Cologne, Germany.

Father Lammert studied at the parochial schools in Germany, where he was graduated. He took his classical course at different places, studying five years at the seminary at Fulda, Germany. Part of his theological course was acquired in Germany and part in the United States, as he came to this country in 1874, landing in New York City, May 29. Soon thereafter he entered the St. Francis Seminary, at Milwaukee, Wis., where his education was completed.

He was twenty-four years old when he was ordained at Alton, Ill., in Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral, June 29, 1876, by the Right Reverend Bishop P. J. Baltes, now deceased. His first appointment was to St. Joseph's Church, at Cairo, Ill., where he remained three years, from 1876 to 1879. He was then sent to Decatur, Ill., to take charge of St. James' Church, and continued there for sixteen and one-half years, when on January 1, 1896, he came to St. Anthony's Church, Effingham, and has since remained there.

Father Lammert is a scholarly man, widely read and deeply versed in the faith of his church. His people all love him and among them he has done very effective work. His church is in a flourishing condition, and he is not only an efficient priest but an excellent business man.

**LANDENBERGER, John T.**—Since the beginnings of civilized government the possession of land has given prestige, and in the United States thousands yet press eagerly toward the setting sun, in the hope that they will be fortunate enough to secure land that the Government is

still offering in the few unsettled sections of the West. Among those who need feel no such desire is John T. Landenberger, of Mason Township, Effingham County, Ill., for he is the owner of 344 acres of well improved land, as well as a farm of 160 acres in Haskell County, Kan. He was born in Oldham County, Ky., August 15, 1855, and is a son of Aaron and Susan (Foster) Landenberger. His Grandfather Foster was a native of South Carolina, whence he moved his family to Missouri. His Grandfather Landenberger was a native of Germany, who on coming to the United States settled in Maine, where he lived until his death.

Aaron Landenberger was apprenticed to a builder and contractor in his youth, and after completing his apprenticeship started out as a journeyman, and thus drifted to Oldham County, Ky., where he married Susan Foster, in March, 1849, and they removed to Effingham County, Ill., in 1863. He bought 160 acres of land in Section 30, Mason Township, and 320 in Fayette County. In the fall of 1864 he returned to Oldham County, but as his wife's health was not so good in Kentucky, he returned to Illinois in the fall of the same year. He cast his vote for President in the morning of the day he left Louisville for his new home in Illinois, and about three years prior had disposed of the slaves he owned. He did not live long after locating in Illinois, his death occurring in June, 1865. In his death Effingham County lost a man of true worth and usefulness. His widow survived him many years, her demise taking place in December, 1905. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church and his wife was connected with the Christian Church. They had children as follows: Lavinia, who resides at Edgewood, Ill., the widow of J. L. Gillmore; William, who is a farmer in Mason Township; John T.; Fannie, deceased, was the wife of James B. Chase, of Ashland, Ohio, whose second wife is Lilly, youngest daughter of Mr. Landenberger and sister of his first wife.

John T. Landenberger continued on the home farm with his mother after his school days were over, and conducted the same from the time he was twenty-one until he was thirty years old. In 1887 he visited the West, and while in Colorado and Kansas he saw some fine land, which induced him to take up 160 acres in Kansas. While in Colorado he worked for a time in the employ of the Rock Island Railroad and worked six months with a grading gang. In the fall of 1889 he returned home and remained on the farm until a desire came over him to visit the West again and note the improvements that had been made. He went without capital, knowing he could always make an honest dollar at mining, and went as far as California, spending two months at Redwood City and Stockton. In December, 1894, he returned to the old home neighborhood and bought eighty acres of land in Section 18, Mason Township. In 1902 he added a tract of fifty-four acres in Section 19. To these purchases he has added until he has a large



average, his land being in a fine state of cultivation and stocked well.

December 19, 1906, Mr. Landenberger married Miss Mabel B. Winter, who was born in Mason Township, daughter of Frank Winter. Two children have been born to them: Ada, born December 16, 1907, and Aleda, born July 5, 1909. Politically Mr. Landenberger is a Democrat, and on this ticket he has been twice elected Supervisor of Mason Township, serving four years. He is identified with the lodge of Odd Fellows, at Mason.

**LARIMER, James.**—One of the most sincere, substantial and honored pioneer couple of Effingham County are James Larimer and his excellent wife, who reside in Jackson Township, on the farm that has been their home for so many years. Mr. Larimer was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, April 7, 1834, a son of Moses and Nancy (Blosser) Larimer, natives of Ohio and Virginia, respectively. They were married in Ohio at an early day, but came to Indiana in 1837, and after a number of changes, finally settled in Miami County, Ind., where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying at the age of forty-eight years. He is buried in the Baptist Hill Cemetery at Bunker Hill, Ind. His widow survived him many years, dying at the age of seventy-five years, and her remains are interred by his side. Eleven children were born to this couple, namely: Sally, George, John, Ann Nancy, all deceased; James, living; Jacob W., Isaac, deceased; Moses, Rachel, deceased; Mary, living and Jane deceased.

James Larimer received a scanty education in the subscription schools of his period, and grew up to work on the farm. On September 1, 1859, he married in Miami County, Ind., Catherine Pontious, born in Wayne County, Ind., December 3, 1841, daughter of George and Mary (Coffman) Pontious. The father was a native of Ohio, and the mother of Pennsylvania. The latter secured an excellent education in the public schools of Miami County. In 1866 Mrs. Larimer's parents came to her in Illinois and settled on a farm in Effingham County. There the father died in 1886, and his widow in 1894, and both are buried in the Baptist Church Cemetery. They were the parents of ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity, two dying in childhood. But four are now living, namely: Noah, Mollie, William H. and Catherine.

After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Larimer lived in Indiana for a few years, but in 1865 came to Effingham County, Ill., locating on the farm in Jackson Township which has since been their home. They have had ten children, only five of whom are now living. These children are as follows: Sarah, wife of William Gardner, resides on a farm in Jackson Township; Rosa, wife of Benjamin Porter, resides in Effingham, Ill.; George, married Carrie Hughes, resides in Kansas; Scott, married Rena Hooten, resides in Effingham; James, John and Mary, deceased; Clarence W., married Mollie Manuel, is now de-

ceased; Charles Hallie, deceased; and Grover, unmarried, living with his parents on the farm.

The farm which has been the home of the Larimers for forty-six years, consists of 120 acres of land devoted to general farming. By industry Mr. Larimer has been successful in his work, and is well satisfied with what he has accomplished. On September 1, 1909, Mr. and Mrs. Larimer celebrated their golden wedding. In politics Mr. Larimer is a prohibitionist and a strong advocate of temperance. He has never aspired to public office, but has always taken an active part in local politics. Both he and his wife are devout members of the Baptist Church near their home in Jackson Township. Mrs. Larimer has been a teacher in the Sunday School for twenty-three years, and at sixty-eight years of age still retains her class, giving devoted attention to both church and Sunday school work. Mr. Larimer has been a deacon in his church for forty years, and also served as Clerk for some twelve years. The Christian atmosphere of this home deeply impresses all who enter it and, by personal contact with its occupants, acquire a just conception of the faith and devotion which has characterized their lives.

**Le CRONE, Byron Kendrick,** printer and publisher, and present business manager of the "Morning Record" and "Weekly Democrat," Effingham, Ill., was born in the city of Effingham, October 2, 1882, the son of George M. and Frances (Nitcher) Le Crone, both members of early and well known families of Effingham County. The father, George M. Le Crone, has been for more than thirty years identified with journalism in Effingham County, for the greater part of that period being connected with the "Effingham Democrat," of which, for the past sixteen years, he has been proprietor and publisher. (See sketch in an adjoining section of this volume.)

Byron K. Le Crone began learning the printer's trade as early as eight years of age, and later, but while still in his boyhood, was accustomed to furnish a column each week for "The Democrat," his father's paper, which was published under the heading, "Local Jottings." In the meantime he received his education in the public schools, the High School and at Austin College, Effingham. After completing his course in college, he continued to give his attention to printing and newspaper work, remaining in Effingham until February, 1906, when he went to Chaffee, Mo., where he established the "Chaffee Review," and, while there, served as City Clerk two successive terms, and was also the first Clerk of the new town. Two years later he returned to Effingham, Ill., and in May, 1908, became business manager for the Le Crone Press Company, publishers of the "Morning Record" and "Effingham Democrat," which position he has retained to the present time, establishing for himself a high reputation for efficiency and success in this capacity.

Mr. Le Crone is a Democrat in political principles and affiliations, is unmarried and a member of the Presbyterian Church of Effingham. He



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is associated with a number of fraternal organizations, including the Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias, Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern American Fraternal Order, Modern Woodmen of America, and has entered upon a series of Masonic degrees.

Not afraid of work, and of a mechanical turn of mind, Mr. Le Crone finds his duties in connection with the printing business of a congenial nature and takes pleasure in their performance—a condition which, in connection with integrity and high moral character, lies at the basis of true success. As may be inferred from his fraternal relations, he mixes easily with society and enjoys the acquaintance of a wide circle of friends.

**Le CRONE, George M.**, editor and business man of Effingham, Ill., is a man widely known for his diversified activities and is a journalist of long standing and marked ability. He is one of the most influential men in Effingham County and has borne his part in its development, both as a private citizen and as a representative of the press. He was born in Ewington, Ill., December 23, 1858, a son of Dr. John Le Crone. When he was seven years of age his father located in Effingham, and here George attended the public schools until 1870. During the summer months he worked at farm work and various other occupations. In the fall of 1870 he entered the State Normal University at Normal, Ill., from which he graduated in June, 1873.

Upon completing his education Mr. Le Crone taught in the district schools of Effingham County for one year, and in 1875 became Principal of the Effingham East Side School, which position was offered him because of his proven efficiency. After teaching one year in Effingham he accepted the position of Deputy Circuit Clerk and held it two years. In January, 1878, he purchased a half-interest in the "Effingham Democrat," and for three years was joint editor with John Hoeny, Sr., then continued with the latter's successor, Mr. Scott, until October 1, 1881. Mr. Le Crone then sold out his interest and entered the employ of Osgood & Kingman as book-keeper. In December, 1881, he started the "Altamont News," in company with C. A. Coleman, though he continued but a short time with this paper. In October, 1882, Mr. Le Crone formed a partnership with N. D. Clutter, in a real estate and loan business, under the name of Clutter & Le Crone, which continued two years.

Mr. Le Crone purchased the "Democrat" in 1884 and has since that time, been engaged in journalistic work. He now owns the "Daily Record" and the "Weekly Democrat." Mr. Le Crone was instrumental in securing the organization of the Modern American Fraternal Order in Effingham in 1897, and is now its Secretary and Manager.

Not only has Mr. Le Crone been active in business circles, but he has also been prominent politically, being a staunch Democrat. In 1895 he was elected a member of the Lower House of

the State Legislature and was further distinguished by being appointed by Gov. Altgeld Secretary of the State Live Stock Commission. He has served in Effingham as Alderman from his ward and as a member of the Board of Education, having at all times given the best of service to the public and working for improvements for his locality in many different ways.

In 1879 Mr. Le Crone was united in marriage with Frances K. Nitcher, of Effingham, and five children have been born to them, namely: Byron K.; George and Humphrey; Frances, who died at the age of twenty-two years, and Hugh, who died at the age of eight years.

Mr. Le Crone's two papers are recognized as the leading organs of the Democratic party in the county. His editorials are forceful and clear, and are widely quoted in matters of national as well as local import. Personally he is a man of pleasing address, a firm friend of those who have shown him consideration and generous to his enemies. He is strong in his opinions and principles and ready to stand up for what he considers right.

**Le CRONE, John M.**—It is a noticeable fact that the agriculturists of any section who have the best farms, are those who take the most pride in the prosperity of their community and the most active part in the upbuilding and development of the section in which they reside, and this is true of the farmers of Effingham County. One of these representative men of Jackson Township, who has always been in the leading ranks in any movement likely to prove of benefit to his locality, is John M. Le Crone, the owner of a well regulated farm of sixty-seven acres, who was born in Missouri August 31, 1861, a son of Mathias and Sarah E. (Porter) Le Crone.

The parents of Mr. Le Crone, who were natives of Pennsylvania, came to Illinois early in life. The father was born December 20, 1829, and the mother May, 5, 1834, and they were married in Effingham County, where they spent their married life. After a long and useful life spent in agricultural pursuits in Jackson Township, Mathias Le Crone died June 21, 1894, his wife following him to the grave March 30, 1896. Both were buried in the Turner Cemetery in Jackson Township. They were the parents of ten children, four of whom died in childhood, while those who reached maturity were: John M.; Mary and Elizabeth, deceased; William; Samuel and Clara. Mathias Le Crone served throughout both the Mexican and Civil Wars, in the latter being a member of the Twenty-sixth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and though he saw hard service, he came through both struggles without a wound.

John M. Le Crone came to Illinois with his parents when but four weeks old, and he obtained a very good education in the free schools of Effingham County. He remained at home until twenty-six years of age, and on December 2, 1886, he was united in marriage with Anna Harrell, who was born in Effingham County, December 31,



1866, daughter of William and Sarah (DeFreece) Harrell, natives of Kentucky who came to Illinois as young people and were married in Effingham County, and are now residents of Jackson Township. They were the parents of eight children, of whom seven still survive, Mrs. Le Crone being the second in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Le Crone have spent their entire married life in Jackson Township, and now reside on a fine tract of sixty-seven acres, on which Mr. LeCrone is carrying on general farming in a very successful manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Le Crone have been the parents of six children: Walter E.; Maytie E.; Effie, who died when twelve years old; Leslie H.; Belva S. and Sarah I. The family are members of the Christian Church at Fairview, and both Mr. and Mrs. Le Crone are active in church work, he being a member of the Board of Trustees. In political matters he is a Republican, but although an active worker in the ranks of his party, he has never cared for public office for himself. His fraternal connection is with the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, No. 2111, at Altamont.

**LEIBNITZ, John Frederick.**—The Germans in America form an important class of good, reliable, and industrious citizens, who can be depended upon to work hard, save what they earn and so invest it that it will afford excellent returns. One of the well-to-do farmers of Section 20, Mason Township, is John Frederick Leibnitz, born in Germany, January 18, 1825, a son of John A. and Marie (Smidth) Leibnitz. John Frederick was the only one of his family to come to the United States. He lost his father in 1839, when he was fourteen years old, but the mother lived until 1880. John F. is the only survivor of their four children, one son, Carrel, having died in Germany, October 7, 1909, at the home of his son Frederick. The others are Hannah and Minna, both of whom married and died without having had any children.

John Frederick Leibnitz was educated in Germany, and then served two and one-half years in the German army. He had served as a waiter in a prominent family by whom he was well liked. In 1854, however, he decided to come to the new country where he felt he could find larger opportunities, and landed in New York City during a Fourth of July celebration. This patriotic demonstration filled the young German with wonder, and he felt glad that he had become one of the residents of this free land. For a year he remained in New York City, then went to Whiteside County, Ill., and for some time worked on a farm for \$10 per month. Later, he rented land from his employer and farmed on his own responsibility. His first presidential vote was cast in 1860, and shortly after the election he left Whiteside County and moved to Clay County, reaching there November 29th.

Mr. Leibnitz was married in 1860, to Wilhelmina Henrietta Koss, born in Russian-Poland, December 31, 1834, and came to America with her

parents in 1858. Her four brothers had already come to this country, and two of them, Daniel and Michael, were killed in an explosion on a Mississippi River boat. John Koss died in Effingham County, in 1897. The other children were: Frederick, of Missouri; Andrew, of Clay County, Ill., now deceased; Susanna, died in Chicago; and Louise, Mrs. Knispel of La Clede, Fayette County. Mr. Koss died in Clay County, Ill., in 1869, and his widow in the same place, December 3, 1881.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Leibnitz located in Edgewood, Ill., and in 1863 bought forty acres of land, at \$11 per acre. This was wild land and on it they built a small frame house. They kept adding to the land until now they have 140 acres. They have had seven children: Emma L., born September 13, 1861, died September 26, 1862; Otilda, born February 5, 1862, died April 22, 1864; Mary A., born September 17, 1864, died July 17, 1880; Ada Rosamonda, born October 1, 1866, married Charles Durre, a farmer in West Township, and they had seven children,—Fred, George, Lawrence, Mary, and three who died in infancy; Frederick William, born March 8, 1869, married Margaret Culley February 19, 1893, and they have one child—Clara; John Andrew, born January 18, 1875, is now in charge of the old farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Leibnitz are Lutherans and active in the good work of their church. They have a nice, comfortable home, with a good orchard set out by themselves. There is nothing that they more enjoy than social life, and those visiting them have a good time, for Mrs. Leibnitz is an excellent housekeeper and their guests are always royally entertained. In 1910 will occur their golden wedding, and already plans are being made for a large celebration by their children and friends.

**LEITH BROTHERS.**—James, David and Wilkinson Leith came to Illinois from Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1840-41, together with a fourth brother, Hon. I. L. Leith, mentioned elsewhere.

Wilkinson Leith, the youngest of the brothers, was sprightly and energetic, and soon after his location in Effingham County was elected Justice of the Peace. He was afterward elected Recorder, then the best position in the county. The latter part of his life was spent in Ewington, where he died during his second term of office.

David Leith was the first Supervisor of Mason Township and was several times elected to that office. In 1870 he was elected to the Legislature and died while a member of that body, in July, 1871. Mr. Leith was a progressive and enterprising farmer, and every worthy improvement in the way of farm machinery and methods met his hearty sanction. He was very successful in a business way.

James Leith owned a farm about a mile north of his brother David's, and was equally wide-awake to advantages of having the most modern implements and appliances for carrying on his farm. His farm was a model of neatness and

good management and he was well rewarded for the labor and pains he expended in making a comfortable home.

**LEITH, Hon. Isaac Lowry**, was born in Perry County, Ohio, December 16, 1814. When fifteen years old he removed with his parents to Fairfield County, same State, and two years later started out by himself, traveling north to what is now Wyandot County, Ohio, where he traded with the Indians. In 1840 Mr. Leith removed to Mason, Effingham County, Ill., and opened up a farm a few miles northeast of town, in what was then a desolate looking place, where wolves and rattlesnakes were plentiful. In 1844 Mr. Leith married and settled north of Ewington, where he lived a year and a half. In 1855 he located on a farm which he purchased and developed into one of the best-improved and largest farms in the county.

In 1858, in conjunction with R. H. McCann, who afterward served a term in the Legislature, and John S. Washfort, Mr. Leith was appointed Commissioner to lay out the county townships. He also served in various offices in Mason Township. Politically he was a Democrat until the issues of the Civil War, when he voted for Lincoln. He was elected to the Constitutional Convention which met in 1862.

In 1860 Mr. Leith donated four acres of his farm for the erection of a schoolhouse, and was always one of the foremost of Mason's citizens to advance the cause of education. He was very successful as a farmer and was extensively engaged in stock buying and selling. In 1843 he brought a drove of sheep from Fairfield County, Ohio, and sold them to the farmers of Effingham County. For years he spent a large part of his time in the saddle, buying stock in Effingham and other counties, and until the building of the Illinois Central Railroad, drove them for marketing to St. Louis and Ohio. In 1864 he raised the largest crop of wheat ever grown in his section. Mr. Leith died in March, 1898.

**LIVINGSTON, John W.**—The man who is forced to fight his own battles in the world, to educate himself and to force an entrance through the gate of Success, prizes more highly that which he wins than one to whom all good things come by birth or inheritance. Material success is something worth seeking for, but there is a still higher aim than that, and the man who is able to draw others from sin and righteousness becomes a potent factor for good in his community. John W. Livingston, farmer, stockraiser and local preacher, of Watson Township, Effingham County, Ill., was born in this locality, April 16, 1861, a son of Aaron and Angeline (Hightower) Livingston, natives of Alabama.

Aaron Livingston was born in Winston County, Ala., in 1843, the son of a rich plantation owner who was a Union man and whose property was confiscated during the Civil War by the Confederates. Young Aaron also stood up for the Union, and soon had to flee for his life, many of his

fellow-townsmen having been hanged before he made his escape. Finally, after a long period of living as a fugitive he managed to join the First Alabama United States Cavalry, joining Company I, with which he served throughout the war. In the meantime, his young wife had made her way north to Illinois and settled in Watson Township, Effingham County, where Mr. Livingston joined her, and purchased five acres of land on Section 22, building a little home and establishing his family. Soon thereafter, however, his health gave away, on account of exposure during his army service, having contracted consumption, from which he died in 1868, at which time his son John W. was but two years old. His other child, a daughter, had died in Nashville, Tenn., while the mother was on her way north.

For five years after the death of the father, the mother and son lived at the home of one of Mrs. Livingston's brothers, John Hightower. Mrs. Livingston was married a second time, to John Loy, and young Livingston lived with John Loy until his twenty-first year, when he started to work out on a farm by the month, and with the first \$10 he earned bought himself a suit of clothes. He continued to work by the month for some time, hoarding his wages carefully, and finally had accumulated enough to purchase eighty acres of land in Section 23, and 27, Watson Township, a tract covered with heavy timber and brush, but the young man had proved that he was not afraid of hard labor, and he at once set about clearing it from its wild state and putting it into a state of cultivation. Throughout his life, he has been a hard and energetic worker, and this accounts for the success that has come to him. He is now considered one of the substantial farmers of his district, has a pleasant home, and is highly regarded throughout the township, where he has been elected to numerous public offices. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, belonging to Loy Chapel congregation.

On February 7, 1891, Mr. Livingston was married to Cora M. Webb, who was born in Iowa, December 29, 1870, a daughter of Ervin Webb, a well-to-do farmer of Watson Township. Mr. and Mrs. Livingston have been the parents of eight children: Earl A., born September 28, 1893; Ervin H., born December 25, 1894; George R., born June 10, 1896; Aaron, born January 14, 1898; Mary, born September 7, 1899; James H., born June 10, 1901; Ida, born April 1, 1906; and Wilborn, born July 16, 1908.

**LLOYD, Michael (deceased).**—Ireland has furnished the United States with some of its representative men, and they are to be found in every rank and walk of life. The sons of Erin possess those qualities which make for success and bring them into favorable notice, so that they are welcomed in any community. A notable example of the prosperous agriculturist of Effingham County was furnished in the life of the late Michael Lloyd, who was born in County Limerick, Ireland, in 1825, a son of Captain William

Lloyd, an officer in the English army. Michael Lloyd was married in his native country to Mary Whealon, also a native of County Limerick. When their first child was a babe, the wife took him and came to the United States, landing in New Orleans, whence she came to Madison County, Ill., and there the husband and father joined them a year or so later. For the succeeding sixteen years Madison County was their home, and they then removed to West Township, Effingham County. There Michael Lloyd bought eighty acres of land and operated it until his demise, which occurred in 1897. In religious faith he was a Roman Catholic, and his remains rest in the Catholic Cemetery at Edgewood. His excellent wife died in 1884, when about seventy years of age, firm in the faith of the Catholic Church, of which she was a devout member. Her sons tenderly cherish her memory, for she was one of the best of mothers and a kind-hearted, true Christian woman. One incident will show the reverence in which her sons hold her memory. During her lifetime she planted a weeping willow tree by the side of the well, and in time this tree grew to such proportions that its roots choked up the well, but they would not allow it to be disturbed and went to the expense of drilling another well rather than destroy the work of her hands.

Michael Lloyd and his wife had two sons, Thomas and John. Thomas Lloyd was born in Ireland, in 1845, and was brought by his mother to Madison County, Ill., in infancy. He attended school and learned the details of farming on his father's farm in Madison County, and is now operating the family homestead in Effingham County, in partnership with his brother.

John Lloyd was born in Madison County, Ill., about 1856, attended school in both Madison and Effingham Counties, and was reared to farm life. Both he and his brother are excellent farmers and they have a valuable property, which yields them a good income. They are intelligent and public-spirited citizens, taking a proper interest in the welfare of their community and are rightly considered fit representatives of its agricultural element.

**LOHMANN, Herman H.**—Effingham County, Ill., has some of the best agricultural land in the State, and the men who own it are realizing this fact, as they are steadily improving their farms and reaping immense crops. One of the men who have made a success of farming is Herman H. Lohmann, a farmer of Section 28, Douglas Township, who was born on the farm he now occupies, September 24, 1855, a son of George H. and Mary Adelaide (Osterman) Lohmann, both natives of Germany. He came to America in young manhood, but she was brought by her parents, who located in St. Louis, whence they came to Effingham County. There George H. Lohmann and she met and married. They were among the first settlers in this part of the county.

After marriage George H. Lohmann bought 120 acres of wild land, and he and his wife located

on it, and began making a home for themselves out of the wilderness. Mr. Lohmann added to his holdings until he owned 407 acres, of which he made a fine home, although all his children were born in a log cabin. They were: Herman H., Henry, James, Canada; Elizabeth, wife of John Dassenbrock, of Douglas Township; George, deceased; Borney, deceased; Catherine, deceased. George H. Lohmann died in 1894, aged eighty-six. His wife died in 1902, aged seventy-six. He was a good, practical farmer, and great lover of his home.

Herman H. Lohmann began his education in the primitive log school of his neighborhood, and continued it at Green Creek Catholic school. When he was thirteen he began to bear his part in the farm work, and remained at home. On September 28, 1886, he married Catherine Aulenbrock, a sketch of whose parents appears elsewhere in this work. After marriage Mr. Lohmann continued on the old home and lived in the house in which he was born until 1902, then built a good residence, and in it he and his wife are now enjoying life. He has also built a large barn for his stock, as he feeds fifteen cows. This barn is 38x96 feet, one-half of it having a concrete floor, and is one of the best in Effingham County. Mr. Lohmann keeps Holstein cows and finds them a profitable investment.

Mr. and Mrs. Lohmann are the parents of seven children: Henry, died at the age of four years; Mary, died in infancy; Fritz, died at the age of eight months; Annie, at home; Herman, at home; Frank and Anton at home. Mr. Lohmann has been one of the thrifty men of his locality and now owns 237 acres of land in Sections 20, 25, 28, 33 and 34 in Douglas Township. Politically he is a Democrat and is now serving as School Director, but he has never sought honors, for his interests have been centered in his farm and church. He belongs to the Green Creek Catholic Church.

**LORTON, Samuel Clifford, M. D.**—Effingham County is the home of some of the most skilled medical men in the State, who are laboring to minister to the sick and reduce the percentage of deaths in their vicinities. Their work is a noble one and deserves more praise than is ever accorded it. One of the most popular and successful representatives of the profession here is Dr. Samuel Clifford Lorton, of Shumway, Ill. He was born in Loudon Township, Fayette County, April 23, 1879, a son of James and Josephine Hotz Lorton, a full sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

After a boyhood spent in attending the district school and working on the farm, Dr. Lorton went to Austin College at Effingham. Returning home, he devoted himself to teaching school, during 1900 and 1901, but in 1902, was able to enter Barnes Medical College of St. Louis, where he took a four years' course in medicine, being graduated with the class of 1906. During his vacations, he assisted several physicians, including the celebrated Dr. F. Buckmaster of Effingham,



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Ill., with whom he was associated in surgical work, and Dr. W. S. Jones, of Redmon, Edgar County. After receiving his diploma, Dr. Lorton remained with Dr. Jones until November 10, 1906, when he located in Shumway which has since been his home. Since then he has built up a large practice and has firmly established himself in the confidence of his patients, winning their friendship by his kindly sympathy. Dr. Lorton has been very successful in general practice and surgical work. He has all of the most improved appliances in his offices, and keeps thoroughly abreast of the times in every particular.

On June 12, 1907, Dr. Lorton married Evea D. Snoddy, born in Coal Creek, Ind., a daughter of E. O. Snoddy, the banker of Redmon, Ill. For some years prior to her marriage, Mrs. Lorton was cashier of the Redmon Bank. She is highly educated, being a graduate of the Westfield, Ill., College, and proficient in music. One son was born to Dr. and Mrs. Lorton, Roland Clifford Kieffer Lorton.

Dr. Lorton is a Mason, belonging to Beecher City Lodge No. 665, and a member of the Esculapian Medical Society of the Wabash Valley, which was established in 1846. Dr. Lorton enjoys outdoor sports and is fond of hunting and fishing. It would be difficult to find a man more highly respected or esteemed than Dr. Lorton, whose success has been earned by conscientious and persistent effort.

**LOWDER, Aaron H.**—The raising and feeding of stock in conjunction with farming has always been a profitable business, and especially is this true now when high prices prevail and the agriculturist can get an adequate return for all his hard work and frugality. One of the representative farmers of Mason Township, Effingham County, is Aaron H. Lowder, of Section 36, born on the farm of his parents, on Section 25, the same township, July 3, 1854. He is a son of Gideon Lowder a sketch of whom is given elsewhere in this work.

After securing a common school education in the district, Mr. Lowder helped on the farm until his father's death. His marriage occurred December 19, 1880, when he was united with Zillah C. Turner, daughter of Wilson Turner, whose history is also given elsewhere. She was born May 5, 1862. After their marriage they rented a farm, now owned by John Ready in Mason Township. In 1882, they bought forty acres of land on Section 36, on which they put up a log house and began life on their own land. To his original forty acres Mr. Lowder added until he now owns eighty acres. Although the original log cabin still stands in good repair, as a dwelling it has been replaced by a fine farm cottage, built in 1899, and the groves and brush have given place to nodding fields of grain and an excellent orchard containing all kinds of fruit. Mr. Lowder has been raising Duroc-Jersey hogs, as well as high-grade cattle and horses. He also carries on general farming and has made a success of his

work. His well-kept premises indicate that he understands his business from the bottom up.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowder have had four sons: William H., who died when only nine months old; John W., born December 15, 1882, is a farmer and carpenter of Mason Township, married April 15, 1909, Edna Smith, born in Clay County, Ill., a daughter of Bloomer Smith, a farmer there; Walter H., born April 15, 1885, married Grace Payton, April 4, 1909, and is a farmer in Mason Township; Owen G., born February 19, 1887, married Maggie Edwards, July 7, 1908, born in Clay County, November 4, 1889, and they have one son, Arthur, born April 28, 1909.

All the family are active members of the Christian Church of Mason, of which for many years Mr. Lowder was Deacon. He has always been a Democrat in politics, serving as School Director. He never belonged to any secret orders, but his son, John W., belongs to the M. A. F. O. and Walter H. to the Modern Woodmen of America. No enterprise looking towards the eventual betterment of the community need fear of not securing Mr. Lowder's support, for he is a friend of progress and lends his influence towards securing all improvements possible.

**LOWDER, John Wesley.**—There are many old and honored families in Effingham County that have descended from some of the finest stock in the country, and among them may be mentioned that of Lowder, representatives of which have been prominent in Effingham County, Ill., for many years. John Wesley Lowder, an excellent farmer of Section 25, Mason Township, was born in that township, July 10, 1850, a son of Gideon and Eliza (Pendelton) Lowder, natives of North Carolina.

Gideon Lowder came from his native State to Effingham County when a young man of about twenty years, first, however, having located on Dismal Creek, in Clay County. In 1833 he entered land in Section 25, Mason Township, and here his first marriage occurred, his wife being Mary Bishop, daughter of Benjamin Bishop, one of the pioneer settlers of this part of the State. They had six children: Elizabeth, the wife of William McLean, had three children: William, married a Mrs. Randalls, whose maiden name was Bailey, and they left one son; Henry, a farmer in West Township; Nancy, was married (first) to Sidney Neal, and (second) to Thomas Holloway, the latter a farmer in Lucas Township, where Mrs. Holloway died; Gideon, married Ann Baker, resides in Edgewood and has five children; and Celia, the widow of David Montgomery, residing in Missouri. The second marriage of Gideon Lowder was to Eliza Pendelton, by whom he had children as follows: John Wesley; Aaron, a farmer in Mason Township; George, a farmer of Edmond, Okla.; Barbara, wife of James Binznan, a farmer in Sinclair, Morgan County, Ill.; Presley Funkhouser, of Mason Township; Charles, in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad, at Mattoon, Ill.

Gideon Lowder was one of the pioneers of

Effingham County, and experienced all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life. He fought throughout the Black Hawk War with signal bravery, but was known as a man of peace, and during the many quarrels that came up in those days in his vicinity, he was invariably known as the peacemaker. It is said that on many occasions he risked his life in settling a dispute. On a number of occasions he was compelled to protect his stock from the raids of the wolves, and once lost some valuable sows in this way. He saw the home of the wild red man blossom into the flourishing villages and cities of civilization, the wigwam replaced by the school and church, and the wild, uncultivated land change into orderly farms, fertile and well cared for. In religious faith a Universalist, Mr. Lowder gave freely of his time and money to both church and educational movements. In political matters he was a Democrat. One of the grandest figures of his day, his memory will long be kept green in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He died March 30, 1877, his widow surviving until 1904.

John Wesley Lowder was educated in the district schools, and on reaching his majority took up the work of handling the home farm. On December 6, 1874, he was married to Adeline Wright, born October 18, 1851, in Jackson County, Ind., daughter of Rev. Clayburn and Charlotte (Clayton) Wright. They came in 1861 to Illinois, settling in Mason Township, where Mr. Wright followed farming and preached the faith of the Christian Church. This good man was called to his reward June 24, 1895, while his widow passed away September 17, 1905. They were the parents of these children: Erastus, deceased; Reason, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Jonas, of Lamar, Colo.; John, of Mason, Ill.; Frank, of Pueblo, Colo.; Ellen, widow of William Sperland, of Edgewood; Flora, wife of C. R. Brown, a Clay County farmer; Alice, widow of John Gwinn, of Chicago; and Mrs. Lowder.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowder have been the parents of three children: Oscar, born October 6, 1875, attended Austin College, and is now in the freight department of the Illinois Central Railway; Everett, born December 11, 1877, a bright youth with many noble traits of character, died May 5, 1901; and Alma, born December 16, 1883, at home. Mr. Lowder has been a Republican in politics, but has never cared for public preferment. The family are active members of the Christian Church.

**LOWDER, Presley Funkhouser.**—Effingham County, Ill., is noted for its men who have a thorough knowledge of agricultural conditions and the science of breeding stock. Probably the conditions in this part of the State are as near ideal as anywhere for the successful raising of huge crops of grain, and the fertile pastures are especially adapted to the needs of the stock raiser. Presley Funkhouser Lowder, a leading agriculturist of Section 25, Mason Township,

was born in that township, September 3, 1861, a son of Gideon and Eliza (Pendleton) Lowder.

Mr. Lowder was educated in the district schools and reared to the life of a farmer. After the death of his father he took charge of the old home farm. Later his mother went to live with her only daughter, Barbara, now the wife of James Burr, a farmer and stockman near Jacksonville, Ill. On December 11, 18—, Mr. Lowder was united in marriage with Kate Bailie, who was born in Mason Township, June 12, 1864, daughter of Samuel H. and Martha (Damon) Bailie, the former of whom died in 1902 and the latter about 1892. She was a native of Massachusetts and came to Illinois with her parents, while her husband came originally from Pennsylvania, going thence to Ohio and from the latter State to Illinois. Of their seven children two are deceased: Clinton, F., Mrs. Lowder, and Agnes, the wife of Arthur Mason, of Watson, Ill. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Lowder settled on the old home farm in Section 25, in the log cabin, in which all of the children of Gideon Lowder were born except the eldest. They resided in that old pioneer home until 1900, when he built one of the best residences in this part of the county, on the Public Road, in Section 25. He owns 140 acres of excellent land, about fifty acres of which have been cleared of heavy timber. He has been successful in his undertakings and is numbered among the prosperous men of his community. His success has been well merited, as it has been gained through hard, unremitting labor and a perseverance that has overcome all obstacles. He has many friends in his part of the county.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lowder: Zepher, November 27, 1896; Leonard, March 31, 1898; and Maude Estelle, September 25, 1904. Mrs. Lowder and the children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while Mr. Lowder is a Universalist. Formerly a Democrat, he later became connected with the Prohibition party, and although he has never accepted public preferment, he bore an active part in the great temperance wave that swept Illinois in 1908. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America.

**LOY, Calvin C.**—Many farmers from Southern States sought homes in Illinois, where they could secure land and establish themselves far from the vexing problems which early distracted those who lived south of the Mason and Dixon line. Land in Illinois was to be had for a merely nominal figure and wild game was plentiful, which inspired hope in their breasts, and animated their actions. The pioneers came from all sections of the country, felled the forests, conquered the prairies, and within the past few years drained the swamps, making the wilderness into a fertile and valuable state. One of the very early settlers of Effingham County, Ill., was John H. Loy, father of Calvin C. Loy, who

is one of the prosperous farmers of this part of the State.

Calvin C. Loy was born in Watson Township, Effingham County, April 7, 1837. He is a son of John H. and Mahala (Slover) Loy. The former was born in the State of Alabama and the latter in Pennsylvania. John H. Loy was born April 10, 1821, son of John H. Loy, who brought his family from Alabama in 1829, coming with teams and wagons, and settling in Effingham County in 1830. He was the first Treasurer of Effingham County, being elected in 1833. Both he and his son, John H. Loy, entered land and became large farmers and stockmen.

The education of Calvin C. Loy was secured in the common schools of his neighborhood, and he was reared to work on the farm. He engaged in farming until his election to the office of County Clerk, in November, 1906, on the Democratic ticket, and he is still discharging the duties of that responsible office. Mr. Loy is a conscientious official, and under his active administration the work in his office is being turned out in a thoroughly business like and efficient manner. Mr. Loy is very popular, possesses a pleasant, agreeable manner, and is likely to be called upon to justify the faith his party has in him by accepting other and higher offices.

January 12, 1887, Mr. Loy married Ina Beem, who was born at Effingham, Ill., February 9, 1867, daughter of David and Nellie (Golden) Beem, who were natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father of Mrs. Loy died in the early 'sixties, and her mother is still living in Effingham. To Mr. and Mrs. Loy have been born four children: Raymond S., Sibbe, Gladys and Byron.

Mrs. Loy is a member of the Methodist Church.

**LOY, James H.**—There was a period in the history of Effingham County when its agricultural interests were of small importance, when the farmer gathered from his fields only a mere subsistence, and when his few head of common, scrubby stock scarcely paid for their maintenance, but, through the intelligent efforts of a body of thoughtful, earnest men, such conditions have largely become a thing of the past. In this connection the citizens of the county readily accord to James H. Loy, farmer and dairyman, of Watson Township, Effingham County, Ill., who holds the office of State Food Inspector, a large amount of credit. Mr. Loy was born in Watson Township, February 17, 1857, and is a son of James B. and Nancy J. (Tucker) Loy.

James B. Loy was born in Shelby County, Ill., in 1829, and in 1830 came to Effingham County with his father, Joseph C., who was a son of John Loy. He was one of the first settlers in Watson Township and the progenitor of a large family, which traces back to Alabama. James B. Loy was a soldier in both the Mexican and Civil Wars, serving two years in Company L, Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and after being honorably discharged, in 1865, returned to his home with impaired health, and

answered the last roll call on earth, July 9, 1897. He is survived by his three children: Rev. F. W., Joseph and James. In politics, James B. Loy was a staunch Republican and always took much interest both in National and local politics. He was prominent in all movements for good in his community and, with his wife, was very active in the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His widow still survives, now being seventy-five years of age, and still in the enjoyment of excellent health.

James H. Loy spent his boyhood days on the farm and secured a fair education in the district school. In 1876 he began teaching, in Jasper County, Ill., spending his winters in the school room and his summers on the farm. On June 26, 1879, he married Miss Minnie B. Avery, who was born in Watson Township, October 4, 1862, a daughter of Ezekiel Avery, who was one of the very prominent men of Effingham County. He came to the county in 1856 and was connected with the Illinois Central Railroad for a time and later ran a sawmill. He died in 1886.

After his marriage, Mr. Loy settled on the old home farm and taught school as formerly until 1882, when he went to Burnet County, Tex., where he taught school and worked at the carpenter trade. In 1883 he returned to Effingham County and engaged in teaching and farming until 1887, since which time he has given his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits. He owns one of the most valuable farms in this part of the county, containing 300 acres, which he has well stocked, keeping Holstein cows for dairy purposes, for some of them paying as much as \$130 a head. He has proved their value as milk and butter producers, getting as high as sixty-five pounds of milk a day, and according to the milk test this would grade twenty-one pounds of butter a week. The products of his herd of twenty full blood Holsteins are sold to the Condensary at Effingham. Mr. Loy has six acres of alfalfa and has cut three acres four times a year. His farm produces the feed for his stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Loy have had nine children, as follows: Frank A., born August 1, 1880, is in partnership with his father and has charge of the farming operations; Clark, who is a hardware merchant at Effingham, married Anna Behrnes and they have one daughter—Dorothy; Hilda E., who is the wife of Clarence F. Bock, a farmer and R. F. D. mail carrier, of Shumway, Ill., has one child—Florence; Bliss E., who is a school teacher; Alice E., a graduate of the Belvidere High School, of the Class of 1900; and Nellie L., Benson Wood, Bessie M. and Hazel E. As the children reach school age, Mr. Loy gives them advantages which prepare them for any position they may be called upon to fill in after life. The family is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Loy stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens and they have frequently testified to this by electing him to offices of responsibility. In politics he is a Republican. In 1884 he was elected from a Democratic township to the Board



of Supervisors and held that office for two years, in that time looking carefully after the best interests of Watson Township. In 1890 he was appointed Census Enumerator under Col. J. S. Lord, of Springfield, Ill., and worked through Effingham, Fayette, Shelby and Jasper Counties and finished the contract satisfactorily. In 1904 he was elected on the Republican ticket a member of the Forty-fourth General Assembly from the Forty-second District, comprising Effingham, Clay, Marion and Clinton Counties, and served two years with fidelity to the interests of those he represented. In 1907 he was appointed by Governor Deneen to the office of State Pure Food Inspector, operating in any part of Illinois, and he has been actively concerned in the enforcement of the Pure Food Law. In addition to the interests mentioned, Mr. Loy is President and a stockholder of the Effingham County Republican Printing Company. He is a man of social instincts and is a member of the Masons, the Elks and the Woodmen.

**LOY, John H.**—In looking for a reason for personal success, the seeker invariably finds that the men who rise above their fellows are those who have kept everlastingly at whatever they started out to accomplish, through sheer perseverance surmount the obstacles in their way and finally reach their goal. These are the kind of men who have brought Effingham County to its present state of prosperity, and among them may be mentioned John H. Loy, of Section 21, Watson Township, who is now living retired after a long life spent in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Loy comes of an old family, that has long been well known in Effingham County, and was born April 7, 1839, within one mile of the spot on which he is living in Watson Township, son of Joseph C. and Rachel (Sharp) Loy, the latter a daughter of Thomas Sharp, originally from Alabama.

Joseph C. Loy was a son of John Loy, a native of Alabama and of German descent, and his wife was of Scotch extraction. Joseph C. Loy was born in Alabama, in 1808, and in 1827 was married to Rachel Sharp. Immediately thereafter driving to Illinois with a wagon and settling in Shelby County, where he lived until 1829. He then came to Effingham County and settled near old Ewington, but later moved to Watson Township and took up his home on Big Salt Creek, where the timber was heaviest, choosing this spot to begin his struggle in the new country. Later they were forced to seek a higher location and built a log cabin, which was eventually used as a fort to protect the family from the Indians, about 500 of whom had located in that vicinity, but they finally moved back to the prairie on account of the outbreak of the Black Hawk War. Mr. Loy eventually entered Government land on Section 21, Watson Township, and built a hewed log cabin that was considered the finest home in the famous Loy Settlement. Joseph C. Loy was one of the earliest settlers in Effingham County, and during a long and useful life became known throughout this section of the State as a leader

among men. Kindly and charitable, he was a true Christian, and was always the first to go to the succor of any one in distress. His charity was genuine, and its extent will probably never be fully known. He died in 1892, at the age of eighty-four years, his wife having passed away in 1883, when seventy-seven years old. They were members of the Christian Church and were instrumental in establishing Loy Chapel, as well as the Loy School District. "Uncle Joe," as he was affectionately known in his locality, was in his younger days a Democrat, but later acted with the Republican party. He and his wife had children as follows: Sarah Caroline (deceased), by a former marriage, was the wife of Andrew Parks, of Watson, Ill.; James B., deceased; Eliza J., widow of William Bryant, resides in Mason Township; Thomas, a retired resident of Effingham, for forty years was a Justice of the Peace in Watson Township; John H.; Harmon, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Andrew Wilson, of Altamont, Ill.

John H. Loy was reared and educated in his native township, his first teacher being James Leavitt. Early in life he began to follow the vocation of farming, and purchased forty acres of land adjoining the farm he now owns. On July 11, 1861, he was married (first) to Diantha Kish, a native of Canada, who came to Illinois with her parents. Her father, George Kish, was a soldier in the Civil War and a member of the Twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteers. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Loy settled on the farm, which he continued operating until July, 1862, when he enlisted in Company I, Seventy-first Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which regiment was mustered into service at Chicago and from there sent to guard what was then known as Big Muddy Bridge, near Cairo. Three months later the regiment returned to Chicago and was mustered out of the service. In October of the same year Mr. Loy returned to his home and turned his attention to farming and stockraising, in which he has continued to the present time with much success. During his long residence in this part of the county Mr. Loy has seen many changes and was one of the men who helped to build the Illinois Central Railroad. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church from boyhood, and for a long period was Superintendent of the Sunday school. In politics he acts with the Republican party in State and National issues, while in local matters he casts his vote for the candidate he considers best fitted for the office. He has led an honest, upright life, and the moral influence of his conduct has set an example that might well be followed by coming generations.

The children born to Mr. Loy and his first wife were as follows: Samuel N., who died when his father was in the army; Wallace, last heard from in Wyoming; one child who died in infancy; Celestia, wife of Harrison Martin, of Effingham; John, a resident of Wheeler, Ill.; and Diantha, deceased, who was the wife of Alonzo McCallen, a farmer of Watson Township. The mother of



MR. AND MRS. BENJAMIN F. TUCKER



these children died in June, 1872, in the faith of her Master, having been converted just before her demise. In November, 1872, Mr. Loy was married (second) to Mrs. Angeline (Hightower) Livingstone, and to this union have been born children as follows: Ezra B., a farmer in Watson Township, married Cora (Tedrick) Hutchins; Andrew C., now a resident of Seattle, Wash.; and Fidellos B., born February 25, 1872, now in charge of the home farm, married Inez May Peters, and they have four children—Mabel, Oliver John, Olive D. and Andrew.

**LUDWIG, John T. Q.**, one of the good, hard-working, honest farmers and stock-raisers who have accomplished much through their own efforts, lives on Section 22, Douglas Township, Effingham County. He was born near Jacksonville, Morgan County, Ill., July 17, 1861, a son of John and Barbara (Wheeler) Ludwig, both natives of Germany. They were married in Morgan County, about 1860, and in 1861 John Ludwig was one of those to enlist as a volunteer in the service of the Union. He was then living in Morgan County, and while absent in the defense of his adopted country, his young wife was taken sick and died, leaving her little son, John T. Q., when he was but six months old. He was cared for by his grandfather, John Frantz Ludwig, until his father received an honorable discharge, and returned home later in the same year. In 1863 John Ludwig moved to Shelbyville, Ill., and in 1864 married (second) Mrs. Elizabeth (Seuer) Tegenkamp, widow of Barney Tegenkamp, of Effingham County. They located in Shelby County after their marriage, later removed to Cumberland County, and in 1885 settled permanently in Effingham County. Here Mr. Ludwig became owner of 100 acres of land, and here his death occurred in 1897. He is buried in Sigel Cemetery.

John T. Q. Ludwig was reared to farm life and educated in the common schools. For two years he operated his father's farm, living alone. On September 3, 1889, he married Frances Stelte, of New Berlin, Sangamon County, Ill., daughter of Ferdinand A. and Elizabeth Stelte, early settlers of Sangamon County. The mother died in 1905, but the father survives and lives on his Sangamon County farm. In the spring of 1889 Mr. Ludwig bought eighty acres of land in Section 22, Douglas Township, and they began house-keeping in a small house on this farm. They became parents of the following children: Elizabeth, born May 30, 1890; Anna, who died when one day old; George, born June 6, 1897; Barbara, born January 25, 1899; Minnie, born March 12, 1902; Ferdinand, born September 17, 1905; John, born May 8, 1907, and Gertrude, born May 12, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig have improved their land and made a beautiful home, planting fruit and ornamental trees and in other ways adding to its beauty and attractiveness. For several years Mr. Ludwig has been School Director. His children have attended the Green Creek Catholic

School. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and he and his wife belong to the Green Creek Catholic Church. While Mr. Ludwig is interested in public affairs, his farming duties keep him fully occupied, and he has little time for outside affairs. However, for the last twelve years he has served as Judge of Election, and is Judge of Election at this writing.

**MAHON, Robert Preston.**—The agriculturists of Effingham County are men of intelligent foresight, who understand the possibilities of their work and are developing their farms in a manner to reflect credit upon themselves and their county as well. One of the notable examples of this class of men is Robert Preston Mahon, of Sections 11 to 13, West Township. Mr. Mahon was born on his present farm, July 5, 1856, being the only son of Isham and Nancy (Laney-Kagey-McCoy) Mahon. The Mahon family were established in this country by William Mahon, who came to the colonies with Lafayette, participating in the Revolutionary War. After the close of that conflict he located in Virginia. The Mahon family trace their ancestry back to William Mahon, the grandfather of Robert P. Mahon, a seventh son, who was known as "Doc" Mahon, although not a professional man.

Isham Mahon was born in Spotsylvania County, Va., January 6, 1819, but came to Illinois in young manhood, settling in Fayette County. Here he married Elizabeth Loveless, a Southern lady, and following his marriage he came to Effingham County, taking up a large tract of land in West Township, to which he added until at the time of his death he owned 400 acres. By his first wife he had four children: John C., deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; James B., deceased, and Martha A., now Mrs. John McCloy, of West Township. After the death of his first wife Mr. Mahon married (second) Mrs. Nancy McCoy, widow of John McCoy, and the only child of this union was Robert Preston. Mrs. Mahon had been married twice before, her first husband being Christian Kagey, to whom she bore two children: Rebecca, the widow of N. T. Wharton, of Edgewood, and Lucetta, the widow of Joseph Pinckley. Mr. Mahon died at his home in West Township, in 1895, and his remains are interred in the family lot on the farm. His widow, who was born in 1816, died at the house of her daughter, in Union Township, in 1895.

Robert Preston Mahon attended the public schools until he was eighteen years of age, some of his teachers being Samuel Elder, N. D. Clutter and Frank Lovett. He alternated his school days by working on the farm, remaining with his father until the latter's death. In 1881 he married Elizabeth Kelley, daughter of Harvey Kelley, of West Township, and to this union have been born the following children: Estella, Mrs. Hnley Morris, of Jackson Township; Dora, Mrs. Mitchell Reed, of Mason Township; Clara, Mrs. Clyde Kavanaugh, living with her father; Etta and Benjamin, at home.

Upon the death of his father Mr. Mahon took



charge of the homestead and has operated it ever since, now owning 140 acres in Sections 11, 12 and 13. The house is on Section 13 and is a comfortable one. Mr. Mahon has made his farm a valuable one and is regarded as one of the substantial and reliable men of the township. He is a staunch Democrat and cast his first vote for General Hancock. He has filled the offices of Town Clerk, Assessor and Supervisor, and has given the people valuable service in all of them. Fraternally he is a Mason and is interested in the work of the order. While successful in his farm work, he has held progressive views of life and kept well abreast of the times, so that he is recognized as an authority upon current events. He holds the office of Supervisor at the present writing.

**MANA, Engelhart (deceased).**—In the death of Engelhart Mana, of Beecher City, Effingham County lost one of her patriotic and public-spirited citizens. A veteran of the Civil War, Mr. Mana was also a zealous worker for the good of his country and State in times of peace, and was a representative of the highest type of citizens. Mr. Mana was born in Urmen, Switzerland, October 12, 1835, a son of Jonah and Anna Mana, and when two days old was baptized in the German Lutheran Church of his native place, being confirmed in the church at the age of sixteen years and all his life a devout member of the Lutheran faith. His father and mother departed from this earth when he was but an infant, and the orphan boy took up his residence with an uncle, where he lived most of the time until he came to America. In common with other young men who reach manhood in Europe, he served his allotted time as a soldier, being three years in the German Army and receiving an honorable discharge.

In 1859 Mr. Mana emigrated to the United States, spending forty-two days upon the water. The vessel encountered several storms and was repeatedly driven from its course. At one time it was driven near the coast of Newfoundland and encountered icebergs, but finally reached New York Harbor little the worse for its experience. The first persons the passengers met were "confidence men," who tried to get possession of their valuables, and did succeed in obtaining all that one of the party possessed. However, the others of the party made up a purse for the unfortunate one, and brought him with them to their destination, Watertown, Wis. Mr. Mana was employed as a farm hand for a time, but later took a position driving a team for a brewer in the city of Watertown.

Three years later he answered his adopted country's call for troops at the time of the Civil War, on August 15, 1862, enlisting in Company E, Twentieth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Alfred F. Bahn, and during his period of service participating in a number of battles, including Prairie Grove, Ark.; Vicksburg, Miss.; Atchafalaya, La.; Spanish Fort, Ala.; Van Buren, Ark.; Yazoo City, Miss.; and Fort

Morgan, Ala. At one time his company was ordered to a point near the Gulf of Mexico and were to make the trip in a flat-boat. When they were well on their way a storm overtook them, and as their boat was not very sea-worthy, they were in dire distress. They were ordered first to throw off the heavy guns to lighten the boat, then their own guns and ammunition and finally the live stock—mules, horses and donkeys. The poor animals swam after the boat for miles, but finally perished. All superfluous weight had to be thrown overboard, and among the belongings of Mr. Mana was a Bible which had been given him by his mother, and he said this sacrifice seemed to him like parting with his last and only friend. After a terrible struggle the men reached shore and thanked God for their deliverance. Mr. Mana was an exemplary soldier and acquitted himself bravely in his defence of his adopted country. On the 14th of July, 1865, his regiment received their discharge at Galveston, Tex.

After the close of the war Mr. Mana returned to Watertown, Wis., and resumed his previous occupation of teamster, soon after taking up the trade of a carpenter, which he followed in various parts of Wisconsin. He erected several buildings for sale and several in partnership with others. At one time he took a trip down the Mississippi River from Minneapolis to St. Louis on a raft, and one day when he had been sleeping, he awoke to see a large negro standing over him with a rock raised over his head. Mr. Mana was a man of considerable strength and presence of mind and jumping up, floored his assailant with a blow. He and his companions ran the raft to shore at a point near Muscatine, Iowa, and forcibly put the negro ashore. In 1872 Mr. Mana moved to Vandalia, Ill., and there formed the acquaintance of Fred Schneider, who operated a saw-mill seven miles west of Beecher City, Fayette County, with whom Mr. Mana accepted a position.

July 2, 1873, Mr. Mana was united in marriage with Miss Loretta Spurgin, daughter of George W. and Susanna (Riley) Spurgin, of Fayette County, who was born November 6, 1850, in Knox County, Ohio, and was six years of age when her parents brought her to Illinois. She received her early education in the district school and was reared on a farm. After marriage Mr. Mana and his wife lived one year with her parents, then moved to Watertown, Wis., where he became engineer and fireman in the flour mill of a Mr. King, working two years in that capacity. He then accepted a similar position for Miller & Way, of Watertown, after which he began working in a planing mill conducted by a Mr. Myers. Mrs. Mana's father having died April 1, 1877, they moved to Mrs. Mana's former home in Fayette County, and there continued to reside on this farm until 1898, when they moved to Beecher City. Mrs. Spurgin died at Urbana, Ill., April 2, 1902, but her body was brought to Beecher City for burial, the funeral taking place April 5th and conducted by the Black Eagle Woman's Relief Corps. Mr. Spurgin and his wife

were Missionary Baptists. Mrs. Mana has three brothers and one sister living, namely: George R., born in 1853, married Nancy Taylor, daughter of William and Rebecca Taylor, of Fayette County, and they have eight children living—Stella, Hester, Ivy, Nellie, Myrtle, Ira, Orin and Lillian; Sarah, deceased, wife of Theophilus Schneider of Fayette County, also deceased, and survived by seven children—George, Sam (died at the age of twenty-two), Edward, Rose, Fred, William and Charles; Maggie, wife of Charles Diehl, lives in Havana, Ill.; William G., born in 1867, married Anna McCloud, of Urbana, where they now reside; Isaac M., born in 1869, unmarried, a carpenter, lives in Havana with his sister, Mrs. Diehl.

December 6, 1898, Mr. Mana started a draying business at Beecher City, beginning with a single wagon and one horse ("Prince," which had an interesting history), and built up a good business in this line, which he continued for several years, but on account of failing health he was compelled to retire and sold his business to Rudolph Bandalow. His illness lasted four years, during the last two of which he was confined to his bed. He was very patient during his illness, though at times a great sufferer. On Decoration Day in 1908 he made the trip to the cemetery, drawn by his faithful old horse, "Prince," driven by Rudolph Bandalow, and this was the last time the horse had the honor of drawing his old master, as it was his last ride in life. Mr. Mana departed this life November 26, 1908, and a short time before his death expressed a desire to hear once more the song beginning:

"Wrap the flag around me, boys,  
That I may die more sweet,  
With Freedom's starry emblem, boys,  
To be my winding sheet."

The flag that covered his remains was made by Mrs. Rudolph Bandalow, and the funeral sermon was preached by Rev. William Boone, who took as a text, "How are the mighty fallen." Mr. Mana was all his life a devout Lutheran and died firm in the faith. He is survived by his widow and three children, the latter all born in Fayette County. Mrs. Mana has the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Mana was a man who had the ability and desire to form warm personal friendships and his loss has been keenly felt by many. He had established himself in the respect and esteem of his community and was regarded as a desirable citizen.

The children born to Mr. Mana and his wife were: Anna, born September 1, 1879, wife of Charles McCollum, son of Harvey and Elizabeth McCollum, of Effingham County, who is employed in telephone service at Beecher City, and they have three children—Lola, Bernice and Mabel; Maggie M., born February 9, 1882, married Lon Armstrong, of Stonington, Ill., at St. Louis, Mo., in July, 1909; George, born July 22, 1885, learned the carpenter trade, is a jeweler at Beecher City and resides with his mother, who

is a resident of that city. Mrs. Mana is at present a member of the Christian Church in Beecher City and a member of the Modern American Fraternal Order and of the Rebekahs.

**MARKS, Elias A.**, general merchant and leading citizen of Dieterich, Ill., has an interesting personal history, leading back to the time when accident took from him a protecting father and left him almost a burden on his widowed mother, on through his brave attempts at self-support and the final success which has crowned his efforts. He was born in Greene County, Ind., November 8, 1853, a son of Jesse and Polly A. (Dobbins) Marks. There were two sons in the family, Elias A. and his brother, Reuben H., who is now a merchant at Charleston, Ill. About 1854 Jesse Marks went on horseback to Jasper County, Ill., where he bought land and then started for his home in Indiana, but when crossing a stream in which there had been a sudden rise, he lost his balance and was drowned. Perhaps it was in 1856 that the widow, with her two little boys, made her way to the Jasper County land and managed to live on it until 1861, when he went back to Indiana and made his home with his uncle, Jacob Dobbins, until December, 1871. His mother died in 1883, having moved to Cedar County, Ia. Elias A. continued to live with his uncle until 1871, attending the district schools.

Mr. Marks was then a youth of eighteen years and when he left his uncle's house to go out into world, he went with no capital except courage and good habits. He returned to Jasper County and for eight years after that worked on farms by the month. In 1878 he rented a piece of land, bought a team and went to farming for himself and continued until the close of 1883. From there he went to Wheeler, Ill., and entered the employ of an implement firm and remained there until 1887, in which year he came first to Dieterich. Here, in association with his father-in-law, D. L. Johnson, he went into a general store business, under the firm name of Johnson & Marks, which was continued until November, 1899, when Mr. Johnson died and was succeeded by his son, Andrew B. Johnson, and the old name continued until 1901, when Mr. Marks and his wife bought the other interest and the firm name became E. A. Marks & Co. Twenty-three years have passed since Mr. Marks cast his lot with the good people of Dieterich. He started into business with a small capital, one that he had accumulated by hard work and provident saving. He has steadily prospered, his honest efforts and fair business propositions having gained him the full confidence and support of his fellow citizens. In 1899 he erected a brick store building with dimensions of 28 by 102 feet, with basement. He carries a large and carefully selected stock, including dress goods and fittings, clothing, hats, caps, boots and shoes, together with a full line of staple groceries. He gives full measure and running over, and in dealing with his fellow citizens applies the Golden Rule. He is one of the town's oldest merchants and a leading one.

In May, 1880, Mr. Marks was married to Miss Sarah C. Johnson, and they have the following children: Ella Maude, born January 11, 1881, is the wife of Dr. William H. Trimble, of Dieterich; Bessie Pearl, born November 2, 1884, is the wife of George Adams, a traveling salesman for a firm in Terre Haute, Ind.; John E., born July 14, 1888, is employed in his father's store; Jessie May, died in infancy; Alfred Don, born May 21, 1894, is a clerk in his father's store; and Paul Johnson, born September 3, 1899. Mr. Marks has given his children good educational advantages and they have proved receptive and appreciative. For fourteen years he has been an elder in the Christian Church, of which both he and his wife have been long-time members. Mr. Marks is liberal in his benefactions, whether to his family, his church or in aid of public enterprises. In politics he is a Republican and fraternally is an Odd Fellow.

**MARSH, Floyd Leon**, one of the younger business men of Effingham, Ill., is well established in the jewelry business at No. 202 West Jefferson Street. He was born at Farina, Fayette County, Ill., September 23, 1886, a son of James and Carrie (Drake) Marsh, and grandson of James Marsh, the latter of whom was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War and fought in the Battle of Lexington. The father of Mr. Marsh was also a brave soldier, serving three years in the Civil War as a member of the Eighty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and received a serious wound at the Battle of Peach Tree Creek. His wife was able to trace a long ancestral line, even back to Sir Francis Drake, of Spanish Armada fame and one of the greatest seamen that ever lived. To James Marsh, Jr., and wife were born seven children, namely: Lewis E., who is identified with railroad work and is an office employee of the Illinois Central Railroad at St. Louis; Lillian, deceased, was the wife of A. L. Wade, now Postmaster at Farina, Ill.; Randolph Drake, a prominent politician of Illinois, a survivor of the Spanish-American War and formerly editor of the "Neoga Record," at Neoga, Ill., is a State official at Lincoln; Roy V., engaged in the mercantile business at Farina; Pearl, wife of Stewart Thompson, a merchant at Sullivan, Ind.; Ellis A., foreman in an iron foundry at East St. Louis; and Floyd Leon, the youngest of the family.

At the close of his military service James Marsh returned to Illinois and engaged in farming, also for a time in milling, and then went to California, where he was more than usually successful in mining enterprises. When he started for home, as a business undertaking he decided to take a herd of western cattle with him to Kansas City, where he finally succeeded in delivering them, although on the way he had a great deal of trouble with the Indians. After he reached Illinois he embarked in mercantile business and continued it until his health failed, when he began farming and stockraising, and continued in that line until he was appointed to

the Rural Free Delivery Route out of Farina. He has very acceptably filled a number of township offices and is a citizen in whom his neighbors have full confidence. He has always been an active Republican. He is prominent in Masonry and also in the Grand Army of the Republic. Both he and wife are members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Farina and active workers in its interest.

Leon Drake Marsh was reared in his native place and was educated in her public schools, graduating in the class of 1902. He spent three years at Farina learning the jewelry trade, and in 1905 accepted a position with the firm of Hess & Culberson, one of the largest jewelry firms of St. Louis, Mo., where he remained until 1906. Meanwhile his health failed and he returned home, where he remained about a year, then came to Effingham, where he underwent an operation for white swelling. During his recovery from this successful surgical treatment he took for watch inspector, and passing fourth out of a class of thirty applicants, was appointed to a position. Watches have to be inspected once a week and he does this for the employees running between Effingham and Indianapolis. In 1907 he accepted a position with M. Cramer, a jeweler of Effingham. September 1, 1909, Mr. Marsh embarked in the jewelry business on his own account. He has a stock worth about \$2,000 and is meeting with success.

On March 20, 1909, Mr. Marsh was married to Miss Bessie Frend, a native of Farina, Ill., daughter of Charles Frend, who has been identified with the Illinois Central Railroad for years. Mr. Marsh is a member of the order of Modern Woodmen. He is Secretary of the Effingham Athletic Club and is bugler in Company G, Fourth Illinois National Guard, and was called out during the riots of 1908, at Springfield.

**MARTIN, Charles F.**—Effingham County has its full quota of manufacturers, financiers, professional and business men and statesmen, but particularly is it noted for the high standard set by its agriculturists, who have done so much in the past few years toward making this county one of the garden spots of Illinois. One of the substantial farmers of Mason Township is Charles F. Martin, of Section 3, who was born in the township (April 25, 1861, son of Isaac H. and Mary Jane (Bradley) Martin.

Charles F. Martin was reared on his father's farm and secured his education in the district schools of his locality. He remained at home, working for his father, until his marriage, March 11, 1880, to Julia McArdle, who was born October 17, 1862, in Jackson Township, a daughter of James and Hester (Van Winkle) McArdle. James McArdle was a native of Pennsylvania, from which State he removed to Ohio with his parents, locating near Sandusky, and later moving to Effingham County, Ill. He became one of the earliest settlers of Jackson Township, and there followed agricultural pursuits until 1870, then moved to Mason Township and died there



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February 10, 1888, when seventy-nine years old. His wife was born January 24, 1819, and died December 17, 1897. Only one child was born to them—Mrs. Martin. After marriage Mr. Martin carried on the old home farm until 1882, and then went to the farm of his wife's parents, in Section 4, but in 1886 he purchased forty acres of the home place in Section 3, Mason Township, and has since added to his property until he now owns 360 acres of some of the best farming land in Effingham County. He has always conducted his farm scientifically, and has made a careful study of soil conditions and crop rotation. He has also been quite active in cattle raising.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin have had three children: Delbert, born April 20, 1882, a merchant in Mason, married Jessie Wright; Nora, born January 15, 1883, married Harry Cully, a farmer of Mason Township; and Randall, born March 6, 1897.

In political matters Mr. Martin has always acted with the Democratic party, but he has been too busy looking after his property to accept any public office. He is public-spirited, however, and can always be found in the front ranks of any movement which has for its object the betterment of the community.

**MARTIN, Columbus Clinton.**—The fertile fields of Effingham County have furnished some of its best citizens with the means of working out their life's destiny, and of laying up for themselves a comfortable provision for later years. Farming requires hard, unremitting work, and to carry it on successfully requires good management and a knowledge of all its details. One of the best farmers and stock-raisers of Effingham County is Columbus C. Martin, who was born March 15, 1843, in Martinsburg, Wetzel County, W. Va., a son of Dr. Presley M. and Eliza M. (King) Martin.

The grandfather of C. C. Martin was a native of England, whence he came to settle in Virginia, and there became a plantation owner and prominent citizen, the town of Martinsburg being named in his honor. Presley M. Martin and Eliza M. King were married in Wheeling, Va., and settled in Martinsburg, where Mr. Martin was elected County Clerk, a capacity in which he served until going to Washington, D. C., where he graduated from the Medical College. He was for a time a member of the Department of the Interior, under the administration of James Buchanan, and while a resident of Washington, furnished the vehicles for Gen. McCook to carry the wounded from the field after the first Battle of Bull Run. In 1861 he left the city of Washington and came directly to Effingham County, Ill., buying a farm in what was known as Loy Prairie, and later turning the land over to the management of his sons in order that he might follow his profession. He was a skilled physician and surgeon, and became one of the leading men of his community. His death occurred at Watson, Ill., in February, 1876, his widow surviving him until 1891. To them were born six children: Solomon, for a number of years a resident of Chi-

cago, went later to Salt Lake City, where he died; Columbus Clinton; Corinna, married Merriam McCann, and both are deceased; Eliza, married George McCann, and both are deceased; Hattie, is the wife of George Nevills, a liveryman at Watson, and they have two children—Presley and Edna; and Presley N., who is a merchant of Watson. In politics Dr. Martin was a Democrat, and he was fraternally connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows, being treasurer of Masonic Lodge No. 602, at Watson, at the time of his death. He and his wife were Episcopalians in their religious belief.

The principal part of C. C. Martin's education was secured in the schools of Washington, D. C., and he accompanied his parents to Illinois in 1861. After being rejected as a soldier, Mr. Martin went to Chicago, where he was again rejected, meeting with the same experience at Joliet, whence he returned to Chicago, and, in 1865, his determination to serve his country was finally successful, being then accepted to serve three years in Company H, First Battalion, United States Infantry. He joined his regiment at Nashville, Tenn., and remained there until after the assassination of President Lincoln, when the Thirtieth was sent to Montana to suppress Indian uprisings. After three years spent on the frontier, Mr. Martin was discharged from the service, January 24, 1868, and returned to Effingham County to take charge of his father's farm. He was united in marriage with Miss Molly Parkhurst, by whom he had three children: Columbus, who died aged sixteen years; George and Owen. The mother of these children died in February, 1884, and Mr. Martin was married (second) to Mrs. Ella Cunningham (*nee* James), who was born in Watson Township, September 28, 1859, and married Mr. Martin in November, 1884, her first husband having died on March 5th of that year. By her first marriage, Mrs. Martin had three sons: Charles F., a farmer of Watson Township; Fred, of Elremond, Okla.; and Harry, of Illinois, Ill.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Martin came to the farm on Section 28, Watson Township, where they have since made their home. They have had these children: Mande, born October 29, 1886, died April 5, 1887; Edith L., born June 21, 1888. In politics Mr. Martin is a Democrat, and his recognized ability and widespread popularity have caused him to be elected to various positions in the township, including those of Tax Collector, Highway Commissioner and School Director. Mrs. Martin is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while her daughter Edith has been prominent in Christian Church circles. For many years Mr. Martin was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and is a popular comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has filled all the chairs. He is the owner of forty acres of land, with a beautiful home located on a handsome site, which commands a fine view of the surrounding country. His well cultivated farm is in the finest condition, his Holstein and

Jersey cattle are of the purest breed, and he is considered one of the good, reliable farmers and stock-raisers of Watson Township.

**MARTIN, David A.**—Among the names of those intimately associated with the pioneer history of Effingham County, Ill., is that belonging to the Martin family, members of which located here at a day when the most primitive of conditions prevailed and through their work developed excellent farming property out of raw prairie and timber. David A. Martin, who is farming on Section 29, Watson Township, was born on a farm in the township, November 10, 1854, and is a son of John and Nancy (Parks) Martin.

John Martin came to Effingham County with his father in 1840, and settled first in a little log cabin on the banks of the Little Wabash River, in Jackson Township, later moving to a farm near Watson, where the mother of David A. Martin now resides, at the age of seventy-four years, and is affectionately known as "Grandma" Martin. The five children of John and Nancy Martin were: James, a farmer of Mason Township; Robert, who is farming in Jackson Township; Fannie, wife of Amos Morrell, of Hotchkiss, Colo.; Johnny, who died at the age of five years; and David A. John Martin was one of the successful farmers of his locality, and an excellent judge of horses and cattle. In his political views he was a staunch Democrat, and was always found fighting in the front ranks of his party. In November, 1872, while he was loading a new wagon box on his wagon, his horses became frightened and ran away, causing injuries which later resulted in his death at the home of a relative in Effingham.

David A. Martin was reared on the farm in Jackson Township and there educated in the district school, doing his share of work on the farm during the summer months from the time he was old enough to reach a plow handle. He was his father's companion on many trips to shoot wild geese and turkeys in the early days of the county, and can relate many interesting reminiscences of those days. In 1876 he was married to Amanda H. Martin, daughter of Isaac Martin, and for ten years thereafter rented land in Jackson Township. In 1882 he purchased seventy-two acres of land in Mason Township, which was very heavily timbered. He built a two-room frame building and began to clear away the timber, soon erecting a splendid home and having a fine farm, on which he resided until January, 1904, when he purchased 100 acres in Section 29, Watson Township, where he has since lived. Like his father Mr. Martin is a good judge and great lover of fine horses and cattle, and is one of the best breeders in Effingham County, having carried off many prizes at fairs held at various times throughout the county, both with his horses and Jersey cattle. A Democrat in politics, Mr. Martin has served on various occasions as School Director, and has always been a leader in any movement that promised for its object the betterment of the com-

munity. While not a member of any church, he gives his financial support to the Christian denomination, of which his wife and family are members.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Martin are as follows: Charles Bert, born in Jackson Township, July 22, 1878, married Sophia Percival, November 30, 1902, and died March 25, 1904, leaving one child, Albert; Roy, born July 7, 1880, in Jackson Township, is now in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad and resides in Champaign; Ola, born September 16, 1882, is a telegraph operator and lives in Chicago; Bell, born June 24, 1884, is also a telegraph operator; John, born January 7, 1888; Runa, born August 7, 1889, a telegrapher with the Illinois Central Railroad; Ethel, born March 20, 1890; Homer, born July 20, 1892; Glen, born December 20, 1898; and Earl, born June 4, 1901.

**MARTIN, William Henderson**, a general merchant at Watson, Effingham County, Ill., and an extensive livestock dealer, is a worthy representative of one of the old pioneer families whose progress can be traced step by step as one of the civilizing influences that changed the wild prairie and heavily timbered tracts into the fertile fields, bounteous orchards, rich pastures and happy homesteads that now make this section one of the richest and most desirable in the State of Illinois. William Henderson Martin was born in Mason Township, Effingham County, Ill., August 27, 1850, a son of Isaac H. and Mary J. (Bradley) Martin.

Both the Martin and Bradley families came to Illinois from Tennessee. The paternal grandfather, John Martin, brought his family to Illinois in 1829, settling on land that is now covered by the capital city. On account of an outbreak of what was then known as "milk sickness" which attacked his children, he decided to move, traded his land for an old prairie schooner and a yoke of oxen, and in that primitive way reached what is now Mason Township, Effingham County. In leaving behind the dreaded "milk sickness" the travelers had not escaped all dangers, for they found the new section so overrun by wild hogs that the family had to remain for some time in the wagon for protection. Game was abundant, particularly deer, droves of forty not being an unusual sight, and as John Martin and his sons were good hunters, the larder was well supplied. John Martin died in Mason Township, but he left descendants who perpetuated his name, his courage and his virtues.

Isaac H. Martin was born in Tennessee, in 1828, and died about 1902, aged seventy-four years. In 1847 he married Mary J. Bradley, and to them were born four sons and four daughters, namely: John Henry, who for twelve years served as County Clerk of Effingham County and died in April, 1907; Elvira, deceased, who was married Wade Brown, of Effingham, and left five sons, all living; Mary A., who was accidentally

burned to death when sixteen years of age; Amanda E., wife of David Martin a farmer in Watson Township; Charles F., who follows farming on the old homestead; Allen Clinton, in the Western Union offices at Chicago, who won the gold medal in the World's contest of expert telegraphers in 1900; Alice, who died in infancy; and William Henderson. John Martin was one of the first County Commissioners and served when the board was made up of three members and there were but three voting places in the county, his home being one of these. For twenty-one years he was Road Commissioner of Mason Township and was one of the thoroughgoing active and reliable men of his day. He was fond of social intercourse and in his younger days attended the rural sports that promoted acquaintanceship and good fellowship. In his religious views he was a "Hardshell" Baptist. He survived his wife many years, her death occurring in 1878. Their burial was in the Martin Cemetery near the old home in Mason Township.

William H. Martin attended the district school winters and helped on the home farm in the summers, remaining at home until he was married, in March, 1871, to Miss Mary C. Loy. Her parents, Edward and Mary J. Loy, were among the first settlers in Watson Township. Mr. and Mrs. Martin continued to live in the country until 1889, when he built a comfortable home on what is now Main Street, in Watson, and entered into trading. He bought 160 acres of land adjoining the village and from his timber he sold 5,000 cords of wood besides a large amount of soft wood that he and his son hauled to the sawmill. When the whole 160 acres had been cleared, he converted it into a blue grass farm, which is not excelled in all the famous Blue Grass region of Kentucky. He raises fine stock and his son is a successful breeder of Duroc Jersey hogs. Mr. Martin has built up half of the village of Watson, erecting business blocks and residences in all parts of the town. He has added to his first purchases of land until, in 1909, he owns 900 acres. In 1902 he purchased a farm of 212 acres, which he since sold for \$11,000. About 500 acres of the land he yet owns was heavily timbered, but this has been cleared in the last four years and Mr. Martin has put down 20,000 tile. He has been one of Effingham County's most successful, far-seeing citizens and has been devoted to her best interests. In 1909 he built a store building and embarked in a mercantile business, mainly as headquarters for his many business deals, for he still continues his large stock business in which he has been more or less interested for most of his mature life. Formerly he bought and shipped stock, but more recently has bought and fed cattle, dealing also in other stock and doing a large business in shipping wheat, oats, corn and hay, as well as tile. He is familiarly known to his neighbors and friends as "Budd" Martin. His interests are so large that he is accused of working both day and night.

To Mr. and Mrs. Martin have been born four

children, two of whom died in infancy, the two survivors being: Ross Ellsworth, born December 21, 1873, married Della White, born in Jackson Township, Effingham County, and they have two children—Myrtle and Forest; and Laura Belle Martin, married Jesse A. Humes, and they have one child, Russell. Mr. Humes is also engaged in the stock business, and Ross Ellsworth Martin is an extensive stock dealer and breeder. To each of his children Mr. Martin gave a farm of 110 acres, near Watson. He started out in life with a capital of \$2.50, but, in his own language, "assistance means more at the start than in the wind-up." In politics he is a Democrat, but has never been willing to accept public office. He holds to the old Baptist faith of his parents, but his wife belongs to the Methodist Church, of which she has been a lifelong attendant. Mr. Martin is a man of charitable impulses and has been generous to his family, friends and community.

**MATTHEWS, James Newton, M. D. (deceased),** for many years an active member of his profession at Mason, Effingham County, Ill., was born near Greencastle, Ind., May 27, 1852, a son of Dr. William and Deborah (Sharp) Matthews. Dr. Matthews was a lineal descendant of Samuel Matthews, one of the early Colonial Governors of Virginia, and a cousin of the noted historian, John Clark Ridpath.

In 1858 Dr. James N. Matthews was brought to Mason, Ill., by his parents, and had the distinction of being the first student to enter the University of Illinois, at Urbana, Ill., the date of his entry being March 2, 1868, and was graduated from that institution in March, 1872. In 1878 he was graduated from the Missouri Medical College and received the degree of M. L. from the University of Illinois in 1894. He began active practice at Watson, Ill., in 1876, and rapidly rose in his profession, having been President of the United States Board of Pension Examiners, at Effingham, Ill., for twenty years, and a member of the State and County Medical Societies. He was well known to the readers of the leading magazines as a writer of verse and prose, and in 1888 published a volume of poems entitled "Tempe Vale." In 1896 and 1897 he delivered lectures of a literary nature throughout Indiana, Illinois and Iowa. Dr. Matthews was one of the founders of the Western Writers' Association, and was connected with the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. In politics he was a Republican.

Dr. Matthews was married (first) June 2, 1878, at Mason, Ill., to Luella Brown. His second marriage occurred at Xenia, Ill., December 30, 1896, when he was united with Madaline Wright. Three children were born to Dr. Matthews: William Vivian and James Riley by his first wife, and Courtland Wade, by his second marriage. Dr. Matthews' death occurred March 7, 1910, and he is deeply mourned by a large circle of friends.



**MATTHEWS, William, M. D.**, formerly a highly esteemed citizen of Mason, Effingham County, Ill., and a physician of ability and popularity, as well as a writer of no small merit, was born in Montgomery County, Va., July 27, 1819, and in 1827 emigrated with his parents to Putnam County, Ind., where he remained until his twentieth year. He then entered upon the study of medicine with Dr. William Talbot, of Greencastle, Ind., where he finished his course and prepared for practice of his profession. While practicing in Stilesville, Ind., he met Miss Ruth Ann Jessup, whom he afterward married. He later matriculated in Rush Medical College, Chicago, where he graduated with honor. He then went to Putnam County, Ind., where he remained until his second marriage in 1848 to Deborah S. Hopwood, of Belleville, by whom he had three children, of whom one was the late Dr. J. N. Matthews, of Mason, Ill.

In 1858 Dr. Matthews removed with his family to Mason, Effingham County, Ill., where the remainder of his life was spent. He was very successful in his profession and did a large amount of work with no prospect of financial remuneration. As a literary man he became well known and his contributions to the press covered a multitude of subjects, upon which he wrote with great force and accuracy, investing all with interest. His last literary labor was the preparation of a work on Domestic Medicine, consisting of some 700 pages of manuscript, which he had prepared during the leisure moments of one year, but died before sending it to a printer. He died in the village of Mason, January 13, 1874.

Dr. Matthews was a strong Republican and a zealous worker in the interests of his party. In religious views he was most liberal-minded, and a firm believer in the doctrine of Universalism.

**MAUTZ, Louis P.**, a successful farmer of Section 29, Watson Township, is an example of the class of agriculturists of Effingham County, Ill., who started out in life in other vocations but finally settled down to farming and have since become leaders in this line of endeavor. Mr. Mautz was born on Blue Rock Creek, Muskingum County, Ohio, January 1, 1858, son of John and Margaret (Udenhoffer) Mautz, natives of Germany, the father of Baden and the mother of Auelshine, Alsace.

John Mautz was born November 11, 1821, and came with his parents to America in 1829. His wife, who was born February 15, 1824, came to America with her parents in 1840, settling near Zaniesville, Ohio, where the Mautz family had already located, and here the young people met and were eventually married. They settled on Blue Rock Creek, Muskingum County, where Mr. Mautz followed farming and operated a saw and grist mill, and here both spent the remainder of their lives, he passing away March 3, 1906. He was one of the prominent men of his locality, a staunch Democrat in politics, and filled various township offices. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. They had the fol-

lowing children: John F., born August 24, 1848, a farmer, contractor and builder near the old home; George W., born August 3, 1850, an engineer in the Masonic Temple, at Columbus, Ohio; Jacob, born October 26, 1852, superintendent of a brick yard at Somers, Ohio; Charles C., born April 1, 1854; William H., born February 22, 1856, a resident of Columbus, Ohio; Louis P.; Elizabeth, born February 19, 1860, of Duncan Falls, Ohio, widow of Dr. J. O. Ward; Benjamin, born October 20, 1862, a resident of Columbus; Albert, born February 24, 1864, died December 21, 1876; Joseph, born July 19, 1866, died December 6, 1888; and Alva, born March 14, 1870, married a daughter of W. T. Jaycox.

Louis P. Mautz was reared on the home farm, on which he remained until 1880, in which year he accepted a position with the bridge carpenter's gang on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, with which road he continued until 1883, then went to Chicago to accept a position with the Illinois Central Railroad, and in 1885 was made foreman of the bridge gang. He continued in this position until 1893, when failing health caused him to resign. He then moved to Watson Township, Effingham County, where he purchased 180 acres of land in Section 29, a well cultivated property, on which he raises good crops. For several years past he has also engaged in raising Aberdeen Angus cattle and Poland China hogs, and in this venture he has also been successful, ranking among the leading cattle breeders of his section of the township. He is considered one of the substantial, public-spirited men of his locality, and his business integrity has never been questioned.

December 26, 1886, Mr. Mautz was married to Aldora Bail, who was born in Watson, November 6, 1863, daughter of John V. and Annah (Cline) Bail. This union has been blessed by one son—Charles B., born December 12, 1887, a graduate of the Watson schools, now a student in civil engineering at the University of Illinois. Mr. Mautz is a Mason, a member of the Eastern Star Lodge and of the Modern Woodmen of America, and has been very prominent in fraternal work. In political matters he is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church at Watson.

John V. Bail, father of Mrs. Mautz, was born in 1822, in Booneville, Pa., and on December 24, 1845, was married to Annah Cline, who was born February 11, 1822, in Lancaster, Pa. They had seven children, of whom but three are now living: Lenora E., wife of W. T. Jaycox, of Watson, Ill.; Henry P., a blacksmith of Watson; and Mrs. Mautz. John V. Bail died in January, 1892, his widow surviving until February 6, 1894, both dying in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Bail located in Watson, Ill., about 1858, and for many years was the village blacksmith and a man prominent in town affairs.

**McCABE, George W.**—The selection of any individual to fill an important office is naturally an evidence of that person's ability and efficiency.



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and when he has capably filled that office for eight consecutive years, it is generally conceded that his worthiness for the position is sustained. George W. McCabe, Superintendent of the Effingham County Poor Farm, was born May 7, 1859, in Summit Township, Effingham County, Ill., a son of David J. and Lucretia (Maxfield) McCabe.

David J. McCabe was born in 1824, on a farm in Fairfield County, Ohio, where he learned the trade of cooper, and on coming to Effingham County, Ill., in 1845 he engaged in working at that trade and shoemaking in Ewington, then the county seat. The Maxfield family, which came from Tennessee, also settled in Ewington, and there David J. McCabe and Lucretia Maxfield were married, and were among the first to settle in Summit Township. The maternal grandfather of George W. McCabe was one of the prominent citizens and large land owners of this section, and was the first to be elected Superintendent of the County Poor. Later, when Mr. Maxfield was elected to the office of Sheriff, David J. McCabe became the Superintendent of the County Farm, filling that position with credit until removing to another farm in Summit Township, when he resigned. Politically a strong Democrat, he was always active in the councils of his party, and for years served with the utmost efficiency and fidelity as Justice of the Peace. For many years he was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and he and his faithful wife were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His death occurred on his farm, March 12, 1886, and his wife is also deceased. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom nine are still living: Sarah, the wife of Miles Greenwood, of Shelby County, Ill.; John, of Sherman, Tex.; Charles, of Oklahoma; William, who died at the age of thirty years; Joseph, of Sullivan, Ill.; Seth, a merchant of Moultrie County, Ill.; Vina, wife of David Brown, of Sullivan; Frank, of Alton, Ill.; Emma, who is married; and George W.

George W. McCabe was reared on the home farm, and educated in the public schools of the county, remaining at home until eighteen years of age. In 1877 he went out to work by the month on farms in the vicinity of his home. In 1885, he was married to Annie E. Kepner, who was born and reared in Fayette County, Ill., and a daughter of John Kepner, a native of Ohio who came to Illinois at an early date, settling in Fayette County, where he was several times elected Supervisor of Wheatland Township. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. McCabe rented land in Fayette County and there followed farming for seven years, moving about 1892 to Effingham County. They settled on a farm in Summit Township, and in 1900 Mr. McCabe was selected by the Board of Supervisors to fill the office of Superintendent of the Effingham County Poor Farm, a tract of 160 acres being put under his management. Mr. McCabe has filled this position to the present time, and under his incumbency the product of the land has been

nearly enough to support the twenty-two inmates. Conditions on this farm are in the best possible shape, and it is probably one of the most productive in Effingham County. Mr. McCabe is a staunch Democrat, keeps abreast of local and national political conditions, and on election days can be always found working strenuously for the principles which he believes to be right. Socially, he is connected with the Odd Fellows. Mrs. McCabe is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and while he is not a member, Mr. McCabe is always ready to give of his time or money in forwarding any religious or educational movement.

Mr. and Mrs. McCabe have had six children: Robert, deceased; John, who died in infancy; Susan, deceased; and George W., Erastus N. and Emma H.

**McELROY, Jackson M.**—Many and great are the changes that have taken place in Effingham County since Jackson M. McElroy and his estimable wife have lived in Mason Township, where she was born in 1851, and which has been his home since he was six years of age. They are among those who can easily recall pioneer times in what is now one of the most highly cultivated parts of Illinois. Jackson M. McElroy was born in Knox County, Ohio, in 1845, and is the only survivor of a family of ten children born to his parents, Peter and Susan (Winterwinger) McElroy.

Both parents of Mr. McElroy were born in Knox County, the father of Irish and the mother of Pennsylvania German ancestry. They married there and, after the birth of their first five children, moved to Effingham County, Ill., where five more were born. In 1851 they settled in what is now Mason Township, although the townships had not yet been organized. The children attended the subscription schools, their educational opportunities being very meager. The family endured many pioneer hardships, but also enjoyed many pleasures, which, while different from those of the present day, at that time were considered an aid to comfortable living. Nothing more interesting can be read than are the accounts of the old time social gatherings, the hunting and fishing excursions and the hospitable entertainment of neighbors, some of these traveling miles to be present.

The mother of Mr. McElroy died in 1881 and the father in 1889. In politics he was a Democrat. They had the following children: George, James, Thomas, Jackson M., Sarah Catherine, Wilson, Peter, Andrew M., John and Charles. George enlisted at the beginning of the Civil War in Company D, Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years or during the war and died in the service, at Humboldt, Tenn. James was also a member of Company D, Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but died at Cairo, Ill., his remains being brought home and buried in the Wabash Church Cemetery. Thomas died when aged forty years. Sarah Catherine married Hugh Agens.



Jackson M. McElroy assisted on the home farm until the opening of the Civil War, when, with his two brothers, he enlisted in Company D, Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years or during the war. He accompanied the regiment to Jonesboro, Ill., where he was prostrated with measles and was left behind until he recovered, when he rejoined his regiment at Cairo before it departed for Columbus, Ky., and from there to Humboldt, Tenn. At the latter place he was honorably discharged on account of disability and returned home. In August, 1864, he reenlisted, entering Company F, One Hundred Forty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for 100 days, and accompanied that regiment to Helena, Ark., where it remained during its period of enlistment, when he was sent to Mattoon, Ill., and honorably discharged. He was again taken sick on his way back and could not resume farming until he had recovered.

On December 25, 1868, he was married to Miss Sarah A. Minton, who was born in Effingham County, March 27, 1851, a daughter of Joseph and Mary J. Minton. There were thirteen children in the Minton family, five of whom grew to maturity and three yet survive, namely: Mrs. McElroy; Jane, who is the wife of Arthur Fortner, of St. Louis, Mo.; and Albert, also of St. Louis.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. McElroy settled for a time on the McElroy homestead. In 1880 he bought forty acres of land in Mason Township, which had been fenced and was improved with a partly built log cabin. This cabin he completed and it is a very comfortable home, one in which their children have been born and reared and to which the latter, from their distant homes, look back many times with affection. Their children were: Susan, who is the wife of Charles Adams, a farmer in Minnesota, and they have one child, Ethel; Lemuel, a farmer near Hagarstown, Ill., married Mary Zempter and they have two children; Lilly, who married John Burke, a farmer near Gilman, Ill., and they have five children; William, who is a merchant at Ramsey, Ill., has two children; John, who married Iva Edwards, has one son, Leslie, and is a farmer in Mason Township; and Della, Marvin and Edward, living at home. Mr. and Mrs. McElroy are leading members of the United Brethren Church. In politics he is a straight Republican and belongs to the G. A. R.

**McGUIRE, John Wesley.**—The pioneers of Effingham County lived in a period of stirring events of local history, and were fearless strivers towards the securing of better conditions. The dangers they encountered made them all the more zealous and anxious to develop their part of the country and to bring into it the advantages of civilized life. John Wesley McGuire belongs to a pioneer family, and although born in the township in which he resides, endured many of the privations incident to early days. He was born in West Township, April 28, 1848, his four older

sisters also being natives of that township. He is a son of John and Letha Ann (Seals) McGuire the latter of whom came from Tennessee to Illinois and made it her home until her death on what is now known as the Nelson farm, in West Township, at the age of sixty years.

John McGuire is believed to have located in West Township in the late 'thirties, although there is no record of his settlement there. He farmed some, owning eighty acres in the township, forty acres of which are now included in the J. P. Gilmore homestead, and the other forty the property of William Gilmore. In addition to farming, John McGuire worked on the Illinois Central road when it was being built, and met his death in its employ. He was working on the Dismal Creek bridge cut, and was buried under a mass of stone and dirt, dying from his injuries about 1854. He and his wife were consistent members of the Baptist Church, and they had the following children: Martha, Mrs. A. G. Gilmore, who died in Mason Township in 1902; Matilda, Mrs. William Reese, died in Effingham County; Samantha, married George McElroy, and after his death, as her second husband, George Gilmore; Angeline, Mrs. Gordon; John Wesley; Eliza, Mrs. George Gilmore, of Missouri.

Losing his father at a tender age, Mr. McGuire was taken by his sister, Mrs. A. G. Gilmore, who was then residing in Fayette County, just across the county line. Here he went to school, attending one held in the little log house of the period. When but seventeen, he began working in a flour and sawmill, but two years later returned to his brother-in-law's farm and worked for Mr. Gilmore until he was twenty-one years old.

On March 18, 1871, he was married by Rev. Gentry to Mary M. Hinkle, of Indiana, daughter of Isaac Hinkle. After marriage, Mr. McGuire bought his present farm of ninety acres on Section 34, West Township, one and one-half miles west of Gilmore, which was formerly the McCoy farm on Fulfer Creek. He replaced the buildings on this farm by others of a more substantial nature, and now has one of the best properties in the county. Mr. McGuire is a modern, up-to-date farmer, and is making his work pay. In political faith he is a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat and served for many years as Pathmaster.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McGuire were: Cora, born August 27, 1872, married Henry Hawley, of Mason Township; Thomas W., born June 20, 1875, at home; Alson R., born September 2, 1877, died September 12, 1878; Dora E., born June 12, 1879, married George Diebolt of Fayette County; Charles E., born December 28, 1880, a railroad man; Vester L., and twin sister, born May 15, 1882, former married Bessie Kepner of Fayette County; Laura M., born February 22, 1884, married Charles Hawley of Mason Township; Bertha, born July 4, 1886, married John Roedel of Fayette County; Nellie E. and Vellie N., twins, born May 30, 1889; Emma L., born October 4, 1891. Vellie N. died January 26, 1892, and Emma L., February 26, 1892.

**McKINNON, John T.**—The McKinnon family has always exhibited its patriotic spirit whenever occasion demanded, and in both war and peace its members have been true, loyal citizens. They are associated with the early history of Effingham County and have nobly borne their part in its upbuilding and development. One of the representatives of this well-known and honored family is John T. McKinnon, a farmer of Summit Township, on the Schuttie farm of ninety-six acres. He was born in Watson Township, December 29, 1844, a son of William and E. Sarah (Gillespie) McKinnon, both the families being prominent pioneers of Effingham County.

William McKinnon was born in North Carolina in 1811 and his wife in Alabama in 1807. Wm. McKinnon's father died in North Carolina and he came with his mother to Illinois about 1835. They settled in what is now known as Watson Township, Effingham County, where he entered land and improved a farm of eighty acres. This he later sold and was preparing to go to Texas, everything being packed in the wagons awaiting the start, when he was taken ill and died, March 10, 1856. He and his wife had five children: Mary H., widow of Thomas Sharp, who was a farmer of Watson Township; Elizabeth, wife of Marion Campbell, of Effingham; Susan, deceased; John T.; and Joseph, a farmer and dairyman of Watson Township.

Like many other farmer boys, John T. McKinnon spent his youthful days attending the district school and working upon his mother's farm. He remained at home until the outbreak of the war, when he enlisted, July 4, 1862, in Company I, Seventy-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three months' service. The regiment was sent to Jackson County, Ill., and assigned to guard duty. September 28, 1862, Mr. McKinnon was discharged and returned home. In April, 1863, he enlisted for 100 days' service, in Company D, One Hundred Thirty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was sent to Pilot Knob, Mo., and again assigned to garrison duty until his discharge, September 18, 1863. February 4, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for one year, and being sent south, was at Murfreesboro, Tenn., when the news arrived of the assassination of President Lincoln. The regiment was kept in Tennessee until October, 1865, when he was mustered out, being discharged at Springfield, Ill.

At the close of his service in the army Mr. McKinnon returned home and resumed farm work. During his service he had lost his mother, who died in 1863. March 11, 1866, he married Electa Levitt, born in Summit Township, daughter of Fabian Levitt, one of the pioneers of Effingham County, who died in 1864. After his marriage Mr. McKinnon purchased forty acres of land in Watson Township and commenced improving it. It was covered mostly with brush, but he kept at work until he had evolved a good home, where his children were born. Here the family lived until 1876, when Mr. McKinnon sold

out and moved to Jasper County, Ill., renting eighty acres, where he lived until 1890, when he bought 100 acres of good timber land. He sold this in 1895 and rented land in Jefferson County three years, but returned to Jasper County in 1898 and in 1899 to Effingham County. He rented a farm of 120 acres in Watson Township until 1902, and then bought forty acres in the same township. In 1906 he sold this farm and rented land in Douglas Township, remaining on it until 1909, when he rented ninety-six acres in Summit Township, where he now resides.

Children were born to Mr. McKinnon and his wife as follows: Captain William McKinnon of Newton, who was a member of Company B, Fourth United States Infantry, and was Color Sergeant of his company under General Fitz Hugh Lee during the Spanish-American War, is now Captain of Company B, Fourth Regiment Illinois National Guard; George F., foreman of the Morton docks of Chicago, where he has lived the past ten years, having served three years in the regular army; Ross, of Effingham; Sadie, wife of Steve Webb, a farmer of Watson Township; Daniel, who was for five years a member of Company G, Fourth Regiment Illinois National Guard, now in partnership with his father; Bertha, wife of G. G. Cohea, night yard clerk for the Illinois Central Railroad at Effingham; Libbie and Ethel, at home.

The McKinnon family has always been loyal from the time William McKinnon served in the Black Hawk War down to his grandsons, three of whom have proven their bravery in recent years. John T. McKinnon has always been a strong Democrat and has served as Township Commissioner and Trustee, as Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Dobbs, and as Assessor of Watson Township. At all times he has done his full duty and has endeavored to serve his country faithfully and well. The Methodist Church has always been his religious home and he is devoted to it. Hard-working, loyal, devoted to his family and country, Mr. McKinnon is a fine example of true American citizenship.

**MEANS, Thomas D.**—The real history of the Civil War is written most deeply on the hearts of those who participated in that mighty conflict. The sacrifices of the volunteers did not cease when peace was declared, for none of them came out of the war as they entered it. If a few were fortunate enough to escape bullets, shell and imprisonment, there still lingered seeds of disease, shattered nerves and other ailments, which will cling to many as long as life lasts. For this and many other reasons, the survivors of the Civil War are regarded with such veneration and given the honored respect of the nation they helped to save. One of the veterans of Effingham County who is deserving of special mention, is Thomas D. Means, now living on Section 18, Summit Township, who was born in Hamilton, Ohio, February 11, 1847, a son of Josiah G. and Rosanna (Shaffer) Means, natives of Pennsylvania and North Carolina, respectively. They

met in Darke County, Ohio, where they married, and then went to Hamilton County, Ohio.

For some years Josiah Means worked for the Henry Lewis Packing Company, before the period of great trusts and combinations. In 1860 he brought his family to Effingham County, locating in Banner Township on a 200-acre farm. When they came the land was all raw, but it is now one of the best farms in the county. Mr. Means added to his holdings until, at the time of his demise, he owned 330 acres. In his early days he had been a teacher, and always took a deep interest in educational matters, giving his children an opportunity to secure a good education. He and his wife had eight children, five of whom were daughters, and four of them taught school for many years in Ohio. One was also a teacher for twenty years in Effingham. The children were as follows: William Jackson, was a merchant in Ohio, where his widow now lives; Thomas D.; John W., is on the home place in Banner Township; Sally, wife of J. C. Whitledge, grain inspector at St. Paul, Minn.; Elizabeth, deceased; Margaret, wife of Judge L. E. Gilmore of Effingham; Emma, wife of J. C. Greenwaldt, a merchant of Montgomery County, Ill. The father of this family died in January, 1891, at the age of eighty-six years, having been born in 1805. His widow, born in 1816, died in May, 1901, aged eighty-five. Both were devout members of the Presbyterian Church. Josiah Means was first a Whig, then a Democrat, but not being able to endorse the Democratic platform, he voted for Fremont, and ever afterwards was a staunch Republican. At one time he was Road Commissioner, and for years served as School Trustee. He was always active in public affairs, and did his best to maintain a high standard in the schools.

Thomas D. Means was only thirteen years old when the family came to Effingham, where for a time he continued his studies, but was so stirred by patriotism that it was difficult to keep the boy at school. In 1863 he enlisted as a recruit in Company H, Seventh Illinois Cavalry, for three years, and was mustered in at Centralia, Ill., February 10th, and joined his regiment at Memphis, being then just sixteen years old. He saw some hard fighting, being at Corinth, Franklin, Campbellville, Onshville, Columbia, and many other engagements and skirmishes. He had no fear of being wounded, but the thought of being captured was always a menace, and he had a number of narrow escapes. On one occasion four of his company confronted forty of the enemy, fighting almost single-handed until relief came. During the second day's flight at Nashville, he was captured, but escaped almost immediately. His regiment was ordered from Huntsville, Ala., to Nashville, Tenn., where they were mustered out, and discharged in November, 1865.

Returning home after his brave career as a soldier, Mr. Means engaged in farming and resumed his interrupted studies, going to school in his district and spending a year at the college

at Fulton, Ill. Then returning home he resided with his parents until March, 1873, when he married Miss Viola Randall, who was born and educated in Effingham County. They settled on the farm which has since been their home, consisting of 160 acres, to which he added until at one time he owned 478 acres. Of this he sold eighty-six acres, now has 266 acres, all of which is in a high state of cultivation.

Mr. and Mrs. Means have had a family as follows: Julia, wife of Jacob H. Wallace, a resident of Boulder, Colo.; John D. married Anna Gloyd, born in Summit Township, daughter of Mrs. Perry Gloyd, and they have one daughter, Margaret Julia; one child died in infancy. John D. Means has charge of the homestead, his father having partially retired from active labor.

Mr. Means has spent his married life upon his farm with the exception of five years when he lived in Effingham in order to give his children the advantages offered by Austin College. After they graduated, he returned to the farm. He has always been active in local politics, being a strong Republican. When he ran for Sheriff, he reduced the Democratic majority from 1,300 to 400. He is often sent as delegate to County Conventions, and for many years has been a member of the Republican County Central Committee. He laid out the first Rural Free Delivery route, and platted the entire routes for Effingham County. Whenever he has taken anything up, he has carried it to a successful conclusion. He is active in the Methodist Church of which he has been a member many years, and also in the G. A. R. Post of Effingham. This sturdy, successful, patriotic soldier-citizen is one of the leading men of the county, and deserves every good thing that has come to him.

**METZLER, Henry.**—The German-Americans of this country are regarded as among the most reliable and esteemed citizens of the land, and where they live there is sure to be found a number of substantial homes. They usually take great interest in the development of the resources of a community and make for good government. Among the men of this class who reside at Shmumway, Ill., is Henry Metzler, who has now retired from active business life. Mr. Metzler was born in Harbarten, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, October 1, 1838, a son of Philip and Catherine (Starr) Metzler, both natives of the same place. The father was a shoemaker by trade and followed this occupation after emigrating to America in 1851, in December of which year the family sailed. They landed in New York and, as they had a relative in St. Clair County, Ill., they set out for that place, going down the Ohio River to Cairo and thence to St. Louis. They met with disaster on the way, their boat being frozen in the river, but they eventually reached St. Louis and from there walked to the farm of Valentine Metzler, who had purchased an eighty-acre farm, forty acres being in timber. He was not married and had been living with a cousin, but after the ar-



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rival of his relatives he and they erected a crude building where they all took up their residence. Another eighty-acre tract was soon added to this farm, and Philip Metzler was very apt in learning the customs of the new land. He was robbed of a part of his holdings and had a hard fight to get clear of legal complications. He was weakened and worried by his struggles and in 1859 died of lung fever, being laid to rest in St. Clair County.

The Metzler family continued to live in St. Clair County until 1869, when Mrs. Philip Metzler and Valentine Metzler sold their interests there and removed to Effingham County. Henry Metzler purchased 370 acres of land in Banner Township and thirty-five acres of it are included in the corporate limits of Shumway. He had one brother and four sisters, namely: Adam, a resident of St. Clair County; Catherine, widow of Louis Engel; Margaret, widow of William Lowe, of Banner Township; Mary, deceased wife of John Bergeler; Christine, wife of Frank Hesse, of Altamont. The mother of these children died in 1883, and is buried near Shumway.

After locating in Shumway Mr. Metzler built a store on the corner of Main and Fourth Streets, the second business house to be erected in the town, and he conducted a general store in partnership with a Mr. Appel. They carried a full line of general merchandise and continued in business three years, when their stock was sold out at auction. At the time this sale was going on some of the leading citizens of the county asked Mr. Metzler to stop it and go into business again by himself, as they had confidence in his business ability, and he purchased the remainder of the stock himself, relying upon their support. During his entire business career he has been actuated by the highest principles of honor and he stands high in the confidence and esteem of his fellows. He has retired from business life and his former business is now carried on by his sons.

In 1859 Mr. Metzler married Mary Gruenewald, who was born October 3, 1838, in the same city as her husband. Eleven children have been born to them, namely: Mary, married Fred Quast, a farmer of Shelby County; August, who is a miller at Strasburg; Annie, wife of Charles Schaffer, a coal and hay dealer at Shumway; William, a merchant at Champaign; Ferdinand and Herman, members of the firm of Metzler Brothers, at Shumway; Ida, wife of John E. Webber, of Strasburg; Edward, of Marshfield; Louisa, wife of Dr. W. E. Tennant, of Fond du Lac, Wis.; and two who died in infancy.

Mr. Metzler has been connected with the Democratic party for many years and was elected Supervisor of Banner Township for one term, representing his township on the County Board with universal satisfaction. He is a devout Lutheran and has held several offices in the church. Prominent in educational matters, he has served as School Director and has always favored good schools. During the sixty years he has been a resident of Effingham County he has been closely

identified with its progress and is justly recognized as one of its most influential men.

**METZLER, Herman D.**, of the firm of Metzler Brothers, leading merchants of Shumway, Ill., and one of the enterprising business men of that city, has been associated with the business with which he is now connected since he was eighteen years of age, and fully understands every detail of it. He is the present manager of the concern and in his capable hands the amount of business has greatly increased in the past few years. Mr. Metzler is a native of the county, born April 26, 1872, the son of Henry and Mary (Gruenewald) Metzler, the former of whom engaged in business in Shumway in 1878. The parents are natives of Marissa, Ill., and were married in 1859.

The education of Herman D. Metzler was acquired in the public schools and he has gained most of his education by his efforts and in the school of experience. He has always had his own way to make and has been successful to a large degree through his ambition and energy. He began his mercantile career by working in his brother August's store as clerk and also driving a wagon in 1890. Herman D. Metzler was then eighteen years old, and in 1892 August sold his store to his father and brother William, the firm then taking the name of H. Metzler & Son. In 1893 the father sold out his interests to William and Herman, and retired from active business life. The firm then became Metzler Brothers, and in 1895 a third interest was sold to Ferdinand Metzler. In the fall of 1906 William Metzler and his nephew, W. H. Shafer, embarked in the wholesale grocery business in Champaign, Ill., since which time the management of the business of Metzler Brothers has been in the hands of Herman D. The members of the firm at the present time are Herman, William and Ferdinand Metzler, and they carry a good stock of general merchandise. In 1893 they had a capital stock of about \$3,000 and since that time have been able to purchase the building in which they carry on their retail business, and the property, together with their stock, now aggregates upwards of \$20,000. The members of the firm are recognized as men of strict integrity and governed by the highest business principles.

Mr. Metzler has always made the best use of his opportunities for advancement, and even as a boy, began to earn and save his money. His first business enterprise was hunting up rags and taking them to sell, in this way being able to earn about fifty cents a day. He was unable to find any work that so small a boy could do, but was desirous to earn money, and at that time gave promise of the good business judgment and acumen he has shown in his more mature years.

Politically, Mr. Metzler is a Democrat, although he takes no active part in public affairs, as his time is fully occupied by his business affairs. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He was reared in the Lutheran Church, and although not now a member of it or

any other church organization, is a firm believer in the doctrine of the Savior, accepting the theory that every follower of Him has the same power for good as had the Apostles.

September 23, 1806, Mr. Metzler was married, at the Lutheran Church in Shumway, to Luvena Elizabeth Ruff, a daughter of Fred and Carolina Ruff, born in Shelby County. To this union have been born children as follows: Virgil Everett, born August 28, 1897; Leland Cleo, May 16, 1899; Floyd Herbert, May 6, 1901; Harold Henry, February 20, 1904; George Engene, March 26, 1907, and a daughter, Geneva, born February 18, 1910.

**MILLEVILLE, Ferdinand.**—One of the best known families of Effingham County, Ill., is that of Milleville, members of which have distinguished themselves in various walks of life, but who are probably best known as agriculturists. The lives of the four Milleville brothers, William, Gustave, Philip George, and Ferdinand, sons of Philip and Augusta (Shultz) Milleville, are worthy of mention in this connection.

Ferdinand Milleville was born at New Bergholtz, Niagara County, N. Y., February 25, 1849, and in 1866 accompanied his parents to Effingham County, Ill., settling on 160 acres of land southwest of Altamont. His education had been secured in a German school in New York and he was reared to the life of a farmer, assisting his father on the home farm until he was twenty-seven years of age. In March, 1876, he was married to Fredericka, daughter of Frederick and Dora (Schultz) Zellien, and after his marriage he settled on his present farm, a fine tract lying in Section 17, Mound Township, where he has erected substantial modern buildings, and has been engaged in cultivating his land. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a staunch Democrat in politics and one of the good and useful citizens of his locality. To Mr. Milleville and his wife have been born three children: Adolph, of Mound Township, married Emily Schultz; Henry, of Moccasin Township, who married Malvina Goers; and Edward, at home. Mr. Milleville's first wife died in June, 1904, and he was married (second) to Albertine Groben-gieser, Fred Zellien, a brother of Mr. Milleville's first wife, who has been a member of his household for a number of years, was born in Niagara County, N. Y., in 1847, and came to Effingham County in 1866, when seventeen families made the trip from the same starting point, with the same destination in view. Mr. Milleville is a Democrat.

Philip George Milleville, the owner of 160 acres of good land in Section 15, Mound Township, was the fourth son and sixth child of Philip Milleville and wife, and was born in New Bergholtz, N. Y., August 19, 1847. He went to the German schools of his native locality and to English night schools, and at the age of fifteen years was engaged in cutting cordwood in the timber belt. He was eighteen years old when the

family emigrated to Illinois, and he worked at home until his marriage, October 25, 1872, to Minnie Walk, of New Wauhon, N. Y., daughter of Gottfried and Christina (Shultz) Walk. After his marriage Mr. Milleville bought land and located on his present property, the house on which was partly completed, and here he has since carried on agricultural pursuits with gratifying success. He is a Democrat and has been active in the ranks of his party, serving as Commissioner of Highways for two years, School Trustee for one term, and Road Supervisor for a long period. He is now Secretary of the Bethlehem German Mutual Fire Insurance Association, which he helped to organize. He and his wife have been the parents of five children, of whom but two are living: Louisa Geraldine, born on the home place, August 31, 1874, married George Duckwitz, resides in West Township and has four sons—George, Edgar, Albert and Martin; and Albert Henry, born September 25, 1880, married Louisa Miller and they have two children—Wilber and Adella.

Gustave Milleville, the second son of Philip and Augusta (Shultz) Milleville, was born in Bergholtz, Germany, in November, 1843, and was about four years old when his parents emigrated to America. He spent his early life in New Bergholtz, N. Y., receiving a common school education and working on his father's farm. He came with the family to Effingham County and later became one of Altamont's first store-keepers. He had previously kept a store about half a mile south of the present town, and when Altamont was laid out he located his store on the present site of the Laatsell Implement establishment. He moved to Chicago about 1902 and is now janitor of a Lutheran Church there. Mr. Milleville married Johanna Wendt, and seven children were born of this union: William, Lena, Della, John, Martin, Philip and Edward. Gustave Milleville served three years as a soldier in the Civil War.

William Milleville, the oldest son and child of Philip Milleville and his wife, was born in Bergholtz, Germany, in 1841, was six years of age when the family came to the United States, and spent his early days in Niagara County, N. Y., receiving a common school education. He moved with the rest of the family to Effingham County and there commenced working on a farm. He made a trip to the Fatherland in 1864, and on his return to the United States enlisted in a New York Regiment for service in the Civil war, spending one year in the country's service. Later he formed a partnership with August Wurl, in a milling business near Altamont, and was successfully engaged in that line at the time of his death, caused by a boiler explosion at his place of business, in 1869. Mr. Milleville married Amelia Beehne, and they had one son, William, now a resident of Buffalo, N. Y., but the mother is now deceased.

**MILLEVILLE, John.**—A striking instance of what can be accomplished through sheer energy

and painstaking effort is shown in the career of John Milleville, a prosperous farmer of Section 17, Mound Township, Effingham County. He was born on a farm at New Bergholtz, Niagara County, N. Y., being a son of Philip and Wilhelmina (Krull) Milleville, who moved to Illinois when John was a lad of ten years.

When John Milleville reached Mound Township, he had already attended school in New York State, but he went to a German school here for four years, and then to the public school, and afterwards worked for his father on the farm, with the exception of two years spent in St. Louis, where he was in a millwright shop. Finding that he was better fitted for agricultural life, he returned to Mound Township and settled on his present place of eighty acres, in addition to which he owns forty acres in Fayette County. By hard work and untiring effort he has brought his farm into a satisfactory condition.

Mr. Milleville was married at Howard's Grove, Wis., June 6, 1882, to Lillie Hillemann, a daughter of the Rev. Martin J. Hillemann, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Milleville have had the following children: George, Clarence and Elfrieda at home.

Mr. Milleville and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church and are loyal in its support. In politics Mr. Milleville is a staunch Republican, ever working for the success of his party. Although as yet he has not had time for public office, his interest in public matters is keen and he is a good, reliable citizen and excellent farmer.

**MILLS, George T.**—In studying the lives and characters of prominent men, we are naturally led to inquire into the secrets of their successes and the motives which have prompted their actions. Success is a matter of the application of experience and sound judgment at the right time and in the right manner. In almost every instance the successful men of any profession or line of business, have attained their positions through persistent individual effort. George T. Mills, one of the leading merchants of Mason, Ill., is a familiar instance of this. He was born in Charleston, Coles County, Ill., July 11, 1856, son of Judge Robert S. and Caroline M. (Chapman) Mills, a sketch of whom is to be found elsewhere in this work. The parents located in Coles County, Ill., in 1840, and about sixteen years later George T. Mills was born. He there began his education, but in 1863, when removal was made to Mason, Effingham County, he was given better opportunities and finished his education in the schools there. His father was then engaged in merchandising, and as soon as the lad was big enough he was placed behind the counter. When he was fifteen he began learning the trade of jeweler and became very expert in that line.

When Grover Cleveland was elected Mr. Mills, being a prominent Democrat, was appointed Postmaster of Mason, and made many improvements in the service, but was replaced by a Re-

publican when there was a change at Washington. In balancing his account he found that the Government owed him one cent, and on July 7, 1890, received a draft for that amount, which he carefully preserves. While acting as Postmaster Mr. Mills carried on his jewelry business, and eventually added a stock of notions, having his place of business in the Odd Fellows Building for a number of years. As his trade grew he kept adding to his stock, until he finally drifted into a general merchandise business, and in 1904 erected a fine, modern, two-story brick building, 25x80 feet, and his large and well-selected stock fills both rooms, and meets the wishes of all his customers. In it may be found nearly all kinds of goods carried in the large stores of the leading cities of the State. As he always buys for cash he is able to take advantage of discounts and is, therefore, enabled to compete successfully with and undersell any mail order house. The people who patronize him run no risks for his long experience has taught him that the square deal wins and holds custom. Many who began trading with him when he was but a lad are still his customers.

March 28, 1878, Mr. Mills was married to Rowena Herick, daughter of S. J. Herick, of Switzerland County, Ind., where she was born in 1854, but her parents later moved to Mason, where the father died. Mr. and Mrs. Mills have had children as follows: Minnie C., wife of J. W. Vandever, of Athens, Texas; William B., traveling freight claim agent for the Illinois Central Railroad, with office at Chicago, Ill.; Lora, wife of John Rote, of Mason; Ella, who is in charge of the millinery department of her father's store and each year goes to the larger cities to select the latest designs; and Ralph, now in school.

For forty-four years Mr. Mills has been a resident of Mason and has been identified with its growth and progress. He has helped to build churches and schools; has filled various offices, among which was that of Township Treasurer, which he held a number of years. In 1905 he erected a beautiful residence. Mr. Mills is now President of the Village Board and is doing a great work in improving Mason. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the Chapter at Effingham. He is a large stockholder in the Mason Produce, Hay & Ice Company, of Mason.

It is a pleasure to Mr. Mills to look back and see the changes which have taken place in Effingham County during his residence there, especially as many of them have been inaugurated and carried through by him. He is in the very prime of life, with many plans for the future, and anxious to effect as much good as possible before his declining years.

**MILLS, Judge Robert S. (deceased).**—The venerable Judge Robert S. Mills, who for so many years was a prominent figure in his locality and one of its best known men, was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, February 28, 1813, and when a



child was brought by his parents to Vevay, Ind. Later the family removed by flat boat to Charleston, Clark County, Ind., and still later to Orange County, Ind. There he married, in June, 1836, Caroline M. Chapman, daughter of Thomas Chapman, of English ancestry. The progenitor of the Chapman family in this country was among the very earliest settlers in America and came of fine old English stock. George Chapman was a poet, contemporary with Shakespeare, and by that great bard regarded as a dangerous rival.

In 1840 Robert S. Mills moved to Charleston, Coles County, Ill., where he was elected Justice of the Peace, and served for one term. He served as County Judge two terms, holding that position from 1845 to 1848. During the administration of President Fillmore Mr. Mills served as Postmaster at Charleston, Ill., and then conducted a drug store for several years. His next undertaking was to go down along the line of the Illinois Central Railroad and establish the little town of Etna, of which he was the first Postmaster. He was a strong Mason and was instrumental in carrying through the plans for the erection of the Masonic Hall at Etna. He built a grain elevator, embarked in a grain business, and engaged in other enterprises there until 1863, when he disposed of his holdings, and went to Mason, Effingham County, where he embarked in a general merchandise business, in which he remained for ten years. In 1873 he disposed of this, once more entered the drug business, and was thus engaged for many years. He was one of the most energetic of men, and one who always knew how to make and retain friends. In politics he was a Democrat and was well informed as to the principles of his party, both past and present.

Judge Mills had the following children: Ophelia, who married Henry Moore and both are deceased; Hattie, married Henry Hoxsey; Clarence S.; George T., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume; Alline, married George Wade, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and May. Judge Mills lived to pass his ninety-first birthday, dying August 22, 1902, while his good wife died May 10, 1886.

Few men were more intimately associated with the history of this section than Judge Mills, and certainly none left behind more friends of all ages than he, when he went to his long rest.

**MITCHELL, Claudius E.**, County Superintendent of Schools of Effingham County, now residing in the city of Effingham, is a man of marked ability, scholarly in his tastes, and thoroughly efficient as a teacher. He was born in Illinois October 20, 1856, and educated in the common schools of the county, and he also attended the State Normal at Carbondale, Ill., and the Central Normal College at Danville, Ind. Perhaps the greatest training Mr. Mitchell has received comes from the school of experience, and he is therefore more practical in his work and methods than others who have been taught what they know instead of wrestling it from daily life. He is a

son of Calvin and Eliza A. Mitchell, who spent a long and useful life in Effingham County and were well and favorably known.

On August 29, 1886, Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage with Rhue E. Donaldson, who was born in Indiana, a daughter of David M. and Matilda Donaldson, both natives of Indiana, who were married at Perryville, Ind., December 24, 1868, and came to Illinois in 1875, locating in Effingham County, where they have since resided. Mrs. Mitchell is their only surviving child, another having died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have had seven children, namely: Mabel F. and Daniel P., both teachers; Claudius E., Jr.; Ruby E.; Gladys M., Melba, and Nellie who died in infancy.

After marriage Mr. Mitchell remained in Jackson Township for twelve years, but in 1898 moved to Mason Township, and lived on a farm there until November 9, 1901, when removal was made to Effingham in order that Mr. Mitchell might take charge of the office of County Superintendent, to which he had been elected, on the Democratic ticket. He has always been active in party work, and served as Supervisor of Jackson Township, Town Clerk and School Treasurer one term, and was re-elected to the latter office, but resigned it to move to Mason Township, where he was made School Director. Mr. Mitchell has been associated with educational work since 1876. Since taking charge of his present office, Mr. Mitchell has made some remarkably successful changes and improvements. For years he has been working along lines of the State Course of Study, and with remarkable results. There never was a Superintendent of Effingham County who was on more friendly terms with his teachers, for he possesses tact and good judgment as well as learning and skill in teaching, and makes friends everywhere. He has revised the school register of the county, making it the most complete ever used in the schools. In every department of his work he has displayed a keen insight in details, combined with splendid executive ability. He knows how to choose good teachers and to get satisfactory results from them, and as a reward of his efforts, the grade of the pupils graduated from the county schools has been advancing each succeeding year. Teachers and pupils alike are interested in their work, and the results of this are shown on every side.

Mr. Mitchell is a Mason, belonging to Watson Lodge, No. 602; the Watson M. W. A. No. 2705; the Effingham Lodge K. of P. No. 168, and he is prominent in all. Both he and his wife subscribe to the faith of the Baptist Church. Their beautiful home in Effingham is supplied with modern conveniences, and is surrounded by an acre of ground, filled with shade and ornamental trees, that make it one of the most pleasant residences in the city.

**MITCHELL, Sylvester Greely.**—The farmers of Effingham County are as a class prosperous and contented, living independently upon their fertile



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farms which their energy has developed to the present high state of cultivation. One who has been more than usually successful is Sylvester Greely Mitchell, who owns 122 acres of excellent land in Sections 1 and 12, Mound Township. He was born in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, January 5, 1846, being a son of Erastus and Clarissa (Smith) Mitchell, both of whom are now deceased.

Mr. Mitchell attended the public school of his native place during the winter months, and in summer worked in a brick yard. When little more than sixteen, he enlisted from Hardin County, O., in Company 1, Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Captain Stanley and Colonel Runkle commanding, on June 19, 1862. He was the second youngest in the regiment. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee, and he participated in all the battles of the Atlanta campaign, being discharged at Camp Hooker, Tenn., June 19, 1865. Returning home, he worked on a farm for a few years. On November 15, 1872, Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage with Lizzie Shilling, of Hardin County, Ohio, daughter of John Shilling and Catherine (Stake) Shilling. Until 1895, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell made Hardin County their home, but in that year removal was made to the present location. Mrs. Mitchell was born in Hardin County, Ohio, March 2, 1855, and was there educated in the public schools. Her father was a native of Germany, and settled first in Strasburg, Ohio, but later moved to Hardin County. Still later he went to Indiana, where his death occurred. He was a man widely known and universally liked for his many excellent qualities.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have had children as follows: William, died in infancy; Margaret, now Mrs. H. E. Wilcox of Omaha; Stella, now Mrs. William Crowther of Nebraska; James of Montana, married Miss Smith; Sylvester, died in infancy; John of Nebraska; and Guy and Clara at home.

In politics, Mr. Mitchell is a Republican, but has never been very active in public matters, his farm demanding all of his attention. He is a good business man, an energetic farmer, and a public-spirited citizen who has many friends in the county.

**MUNDAY, Amos B.**, an extensive farmer and stockraiser located in Section 19, Watson Township, Effingham County, Ill., is a native of the township, born May 11, 1864, son of John and Eliza (Steckoff) Munday. John Munday was born in Virginia, March 7, 1822, and when he was two years old his parents moved to Ohio, where the father died. The mother came on into Illinois and settled in Effingham County, where she lived to be ninety-three years old. John Munday remained in Ohio until the gold fever struck the West, and in 1850 made his way to California, where he remained until about 1858, then returned as far as Illinois and located in Watson Township.

After purchasing 200 acres of land in Watson Township he boarded for a time with the man

of whom he purchased it, and then erected what was considered the best dwelling in all that section. In 1860 he was married to Eliza Steckoff, who died in 1870. Of the six children born to this marriage two died in infancy and those who survive are: Clarence, who is a merchant and leading citizen of Altamont, Ill.; Amos B.; Rufus C., who is a merchant in Chicago; and Mary C., who is the wife of Frank Loaps, who is connected with the Standard Oil Company, at Independence, Mo. In 1882 John Munday was married (second) to Eliza J. Stroud, and two children were born to this union: Oscar and John. Oscar Munday, who is a farmer in Mason Township, served four years in the United States Navy before settling down to agricultural pursuits, and during that time visited many distant countries. John Munday, the younger brother, is a telegraph operator, at Altamont, Ill. The mother of these two sons is now the wife of John Meliska, and resides in Mason Township.

In the death of the elder John Munday, which took place March 3, 1889, Effingham County lost one of her best citizens. He was a leading man of Watson Township and was the first to be elected to the office of Supervisor when the county was organized. In politics he was a staunch Republican and was always ready to do his part in advancing the interests of the organization. He was a man of natural intelligence and kept himself well informed concerning current events in his own country and other lands as well, and in his own community was ever willing to contribute time and money to enterprises of public benefit.

Amos B. Munday's boyhood and youth was typical of that of most farm boys of the day. He alternately worked on the farm and attended school a part of each year until his marriage. He then started out for himself, in 1886 renting land in Lucas Township, where he remained until 1881. He then moved to Jackson Township, where he followed farming about a year, then bought his first piece of land, the one on which he now lives in Watson Township, containing fifty-five acres. In 1889 he rented 180 acres in Watson Township and in the fall of that year built his present residence and moved into it. From time to time he has purchased other tracts until he now owns, in addition to the first fifty-five acres, 380 acres adjoining, in Jackson Township, also 435 acres and a half-interest in 220 acres, also in Jackson Township. He thus has 545 acres of land, which is well stocked. He does a large amount of feeding and shipping of hogs and cattle. He has displayed a great amount of business ability and is one of the township's successful and substantial men. He has not, however, given all his attention to his own interests, large as they are, but has taken an interest in public matters, especially those concerning his own township, in which he has capably filled most important offices. In 1893 he was elected Supervisor and served until 1897, when he was re-elected, serving until 1901, and has con-



tinned in the office, through subsequent re-elections, for ten years. This was something of a test of his popularity, for he is a Republican in a well-organized Democratic stronghold. He has frequently been sent to both State and National Conventions as delegate, and the proudest act in his political career was when he cast his vote, in 1896, for John R. Tanner for Governor and William McKinley for President.

On January 13, 1886, Mr. Munday was married to Miss Ella Loy, born May 21, 1863, a daughter of Edward Loy, who was one of the early settlers of what is known as Loy Prairie, in Watson Township. The Loy family has a yearly reunion and the old pioneer greatly enjoyed them up to the time of his death, May 4, 1902. To Mr. and Mrs. Munday three children have been born, namely: Cleo, who was born December 12, 1886, married Nicholas Rives, and they reside in Chicago; Leo Jackson, who was born November 28, 1891, assistant cashier and bookkeeper of the Watson Bank; and Beulah, who was born September 12, 1898. These children have enjoyed excellent educational advantages, also those of social life. Mrs. Munday and the children belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church and are active in its work. In 1891 Mr. Munday joined the Masonic fraternity and is a member of Lodge No. 602, A. F. & A. M., of Watson, and belongs also to Camp No. 2705, M. W. A., also of Watson. While he is not a member of the Methodist Church, he is a liberal contributor in the cause of its good work.

**MUNDAY, Oscar H.**—Undoubtedly travel and experience are helpful in the successful pursuit of any calling, for in this way the mind is broadened, new ideas are introduced and unknown methods are given a trial. Few young farmers and stockholders of Mason Township have enjoyed better opportunities in this line than has Oscar H. Munday, who is cultivating the old home farm of 103 acres, known as the old Judge Broom farm, which produced the first crop of wheat ever sown in Effingham County. Oscar H. Munday was born on a farm north of Watson, Effingham County, Ill., October 12, 1882, a son of John Munday. He was reared on the home farm and received a good common school education and remained at home until he was eighteen years of age.

A desire to see something of the world outside the environment of his native surroundings made Mr. Munday leave the farm, as many another farmer boy has done, and go to Chicago. There he secured employment and remained there until 1903. Again an ambition to see more of the great world than his city connections permitted, induced him to enlist in the United States Marine Corps, continuing for four years. After the usual period of instruction, he sailed with his companions from San Francisco, Cal., on the U. S. Army Transport "Buford." Five days were spent at Honolulu, and then the long trip over the Pacific Ocean followed to Manila. Dur-

ing his two years' absence he visited, with his command, the Philippine Islands, Hongkong, Korea, Australia, together with the important ports of all countries on the way, and then turning took up the return voyage. From Nagasaki, Japan, the vessel sailed to San Francisco and the Marines were then sent by rail to Washington, D. C. When the insurrection occurred in Cuba, the command to which Mr. Munday belonged, was the first to be landed at Havana and did duty there and also at Cienfuegos, remaining three months and then leaving affairs in the hands of the army. At Havana Mr. Munday and his fellow soldiers went on board the U. S. S. "Prairie," and from there proceeded to Norfolk, Va., and to Annapolis, Md., where he was honorably discharged and recommended for a medal of honor for his brave and faithful service, and was promoted to the rank of a Non-commissioned Officer.

Mr. Munday reached his old home on November 20, 1907, and took charge of his mother's farm, where he has been usefully and busily employed ever since. He has displayed the practical qualities which have brought a large amount of success in his farm industries. He keeps an excellent grade of stock and cultivates the grains which are best suited for his land.

On December 11, 1907, Mr. Munday was married to Miss Bertha McManaway, who was born in Mason Township, Effingham County, May 27, 1882, a daughter of Anthony McManaway, one of the honored pioneers of the county. They have a bright little son, Orville, who was born March 10, 1909. Mr. Munday is not formally connected with any religious body, but he is a man of reputable life and exerts an influence for morality which years of church membership alone might not encompass. He has always been a supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

**NAUMER, Fred**, one of the representative citizens of Altamont, Ill., manufacturer of and dealer in cigars, is Secretary of the Altamont Agricultural Fair Association. Mr. Naumer was born at Rheinfals, Bavaria, March 21, 1864, son of Fred and Eva (Byers) Naumer.

The Naumer family came to the United States in 1866, on April 1 of which year they landed at New Orleans, then proceeded up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, whence they made their way to Lebanon, Ill. The father was a cooper by trade, an occupation which he followed until his death, in 1878, while his wife survived him until 1905. Fred Naumer was the eldest of a family of six children, all of whom are living, and he was educated in the schools of Lebanon, which he attended until fourteen years of age. At the time he started to school (at the age of eight years) he could not speak a word of English, and the majority of his education is the result of his own unaided efforts, being gained by much study. For the first year of farm work he was given \$100, which he changed into five twenty-dollar gold pieces and took home to his mother. Later he learned the trade of cigar

making with Julius Hoffman, of Lebanon, remaining with him for nine years. In the spring of 1889 he came to Altamont and began the manufacture of cigars, starting in very small quarters, and gradually built up his business until he is a leader in his line in the city. His leading brands are well-known and there is a constant demand for "Fred's Extra," "In Demand" and "Five Brothers."

Mr. Naumer was one of the organizers of the First National Bank, which was opened July 15, 1907, and of the Public Library, of which he was the first President. During the twenty-one years he has been in Altamont he has served as Alderman seventeen years, Mayor one term, and six years on the Board of Education, being a member of the Construction Committee which built the new \$20,000 school building. He was one of the organizers of the Altamont Agricultural Fair Association, of which he is now Secretary, and was also active in the organization of the First Presbyterian Church, of which he is senior Elder. He has been prominent in fraternal circles, belonging to the Masons, and for many years serving as Master Mason of Altamont Lodge No. 533. He was the organizer of Maple Tree Lodge No. 420, Knights of Pythias, in 1893, and has been through all its chairs, being its Representative to the Grand Lodge for the past fourteen years, and now holding the position of State Deputy Grand Chancellor for this part of Illinois. In 1905 he erected a fine brick structure on Main Street, known as the Naumer Block. Mr. Naumer has been a life-long Democrat.

On October 11, 1888, Mr. Naumer was married, at Lebanon, Ill., to Augusta Nemeyer, daughter of Louis Nemeyer, a leading merchant of that place. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Naumer, namely: Laura, Gladys, Lonisa, Fred Louis and Charles. Gladys is now attending school at Lebanon, where she is taking a course in music, of which she is very fond.

**NEWMAN, Jesse**, came to Effingham County, Ill., from Tennessee in 1838, a young man and unmarried. He settled on a farm in the western part of the county and remained there until Mason was laid out, when he moved to that town and embarked in business as a merchant, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. Riddle, continuing in this business for a number of years with great success.

Mr. Newman was elected the first Justice of the Peace in Mason Township, and filled the office with credit and ability. He was a man of tall, stately figure, who always had a pleasant word for everybody and took a personal interest in the welfare of his neighbors. Although never very fortunate in financial affairs, he was an enterprising man and a useful citizen, and is remembered by all who knew him as an esteemed friend. Although he had a limited education, he possessed a practical mind and accomplished considerable in furthering the progress and well-being of Mason. During his last years he was a

great sufferer, and died of consumption May 9, 1868. He was married three times and his two sons, promising young men, Alfred and Lewis, preceded him to the grave by a short time.

**NIEBRUGGE, Anton**.—There are very few Germans in this country who have not succeeded in life, for there is something in the German character that makes for success. They know how to work, save and invest, and in a short time have generally accumulated a comfortable competency. Often where an American-born man would fail, the German succeeds. This is true in many kinds of work, but especially is it so in farming, for the German understands the work and develops his land until it yields him large returns, and this is done through constant hard work, oftentimes in the midst of discouragement that would defeat those less persevering. Anton Niebrugge, of Section 12, Summit Township, Effingham County, Ill., is now a successful dairyman and farmer, but there was a time when it seemed as though fate would crush him. He was born in Hanover, Prussia, Germany, March 15, 1860, a son of William and Mary Niebrugge, both also natives of Hanover. They were farmers and the father died in 1869, the mother in 1897. They had six sons who lived to maturity, one dying young, and one daughter. The daughter married William Lepe, and died, though her husband survives; Joseph, died at the age of twenty-nine; Theodore, William and Henry, remained in Germany; Bernhard is a farmer in Douglas Township, having come here in 1875; Anton and Louis came to Effingham County in 1884.

Anton Niebrugge had married Annie Wilhelmina Felthoelter, and they, with her brother Joseph and Louis Niebrugge, located in Douglas Township, in the Green Creek settlement. Anton Niebrugge had learned the carpenter trade in Germany, and for several years after coming here worked at it whenever he could find employment, and was engaged on some of the best buildings in Effingham County. As soon as he could he bought twenty acres of land, on which he put up a little house and log barn, and he and his wife soon had such a neat, comfortable home as is characteristic of the Germans. From time to time he has added to his farm until he now owns 208 acres. He paid \$15 per acre for some of his land, and has refused \$75 per acre for it. He has a fine barn, 45x60 feet, that will hold seventeen cows and eleven horses, and a cattle shed that will hold from 30 to 50 head of cattle. He breeds the Holstein brand, and milks forty-two head. His other stock of varied brands is good, and he takes a pride in keeping his farm up to a high standard.

Mr. Niebrugge has been twice married. His first wife bore him the following children: Bernhard, born May 4, 1885, is a farmer of Douglas Township; Anne, born July 7, 1887, married Joseph Bloemer, a farmer of Summit Township; Joseph, born April 5, 1890, at home; Anton, born December 11, 1891, lives with his mother's

brother Joseph; John, born December 24, 1893, is also with his Uncle Joseph; Frances, born June 6, 1896, died September 10, 1896. The mother of these children died June 22, 1896. On January 26, 1897, Mr. Niebrugge married Miss Mary Strucker. Their children are as follows: Francis, born October 26, 1897; August, born May 25, 1900; Edward, born January 18, 1903; Clara, born November 16, 1907, and Clemens, born May 3, 1909. Mrs. Niebrugge was born in Shelby County, Ohio, October 22, 1869, daughter of Henry Strucker. Mr. and Mrs. Niebrugge and those of the children who are old enough belong to the St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church of Effingham. In politics Mr. Niebrugge is a Democrat.

Coming here a stranger, with little knowledge of the English language, Mr. Niebrugge has succeeded remarkably well. He has not only earned himself a fine farm, a comfortable house, big barns and other buildings, but he has firmly established himself in the confidence of his neighbors, and has shown that he is worthy of all trust. As a carpenter he is a fine workman and always gives satisfaction along this line of work, for he understands his trade thoroughly, as do most of those who are taught a trade in Germany, where their training is more thorough than in this country. Men like Mr. Niebrugge are constant examples of what can be accomplished by those determined to succeed and should inspire others to like endeavors.

**NIEMEYER, Barney.**—Some men attain success through hard, persistent effort that leaves its traces on mind and body. They overcome terrible obstacles by paying a heavy price, and yet if their success be honestly attained, they can look back with satisfaction upon their struggles. Barney Niemeyer, of Teutopolis Township, Effingham County, is a man whose success is certainly well merited. He was born in Effingham County, November 5, 1851, and received an excellent education for his time, in the district schools of his neighborhood. He is a son of Henry and Catherine (Clark) Niemeyer, both natives of Germany. In young manhood, the father came to the United States alone, settling in Cincinnati, while the mother was brought here by her parents who also located in Cincinnati, where Mr. and Mrs. Niemeyer were married.

In 1845, Mr. Niemeyer brought his family to Illinois, and located on a farm in Effingham County, which was mostly in the timber. They cleared off this land, and improving it, made it into a home. During the winter the father worked in a pork packing house for Mr. Washfort. When Henry Niemeyer's death occurred, he was seventy years old, for he was born in 1820, and died June 16, 1890. His wife was born in 1828, and still survives, living in Teutopolis, aged eighty-two years, and enjoying good health.

During the early pioneer years in Illinois, the parents had a hard struggle. Their only means for grinding their grist was afforded by an old wind mill at Teutopolis, and at one time when there was a dead calm for a considerable pe-

riod, they were forced to grate corn by hand on a tin grater. The meal thus obtained was made into corn cakes, the only bread the family had. Oxen were used for all farm purposes, and the wagons were home made, with blocks cut from trunks of trees for wheels.

Eleven children were born to Henry Niemeyer and wife, six boys and five girls, namely: Jake, John, Barney, Henry, Mary, Harmon, Minnie, Carrie, Rosa and Frank. Of these two, John and Harmon, are deceased. Eventually Henry Niemeyer became successful, and at his death he owned 240 acres of fine farm land in Effingham County.

Barney Niemeyer remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-three years old, and then began life for himself, first working as a foreman in the packing house of Mr. Washfort, where he remained for two years and eight months. He then accepted a position as engineer in a flour-mill in Effingham, and remained over a year. He then went to Danville, Ill., but soon returned to the former position as engineer in the mill at Effingham. After some time there, he took charge of the flour-mill at Teutopolis, where he was employed for two years. His next venture was in the wholesale and retail liquor business with a butcher shop in connection. This occupied his attention for twenty-two years. By hard work he prospered, and is now able to live retired in a modern home, surrounded with all the comforts of life. His son Edward now has charge of his business interests. A sketch of Edward Niemeyer appears below.

Mr. Niemeyer was first married in 1880 to Elizabeth Rickelman, who was born in Germany, but was brought to the United States by her mother, the father having died in Germany. They came to Effingham County, where she was married. She died December 17, 1898, and is buried in the Teutopolis Cemetery. Seven children were born of this marriage, namely: Edward, Louis, Sylvester, Allie, Charley, Mealy and Gertrude, of whom Allie and Charley are deceased. On December 17, 1891, Mr. Niemeyer married Catherine (Miller) Flack, widow of Lambert Flack, who died March 31, 1898, aged seventy years. Mr. and Mrs. Flack were the parents of six children, namely: Charley, Elizabeth, Agnes, John, Frank and Albert, of whom Agnes is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Niemeyer have no children.

Mr. Niemeyer is a Democrat in politics, but had never taken any very active part in public affairs, although he did serve as Constable for two years, having been elected to that office without his knowledge, but discharged the duties of the office faithfully and well. He and his family all belong to St. Francis Catholic Church of Teutopolis, where they are active in church matters. Mr. Niemeyer owns 200 acres of Effingham County land, in addition to his town property, and is also a stockholder in the local Bank of Teutopolis.

**NIEMEYER, Edward.**—Some of the most



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enterprising business men of Effingham County belong to the younger generation who bring to their work the enthusiasm and ambitions of youth, while they profit by the experience of those who have preceded them. Edward Niemeyer, son of Barney Niemeyer, of Teutopolis, is an excellent example of what can be accomplished by the infusion of new blood into a business. He was born in Teutopolis Township, Effingham County, May 10, 1885, and was educated in the Teutopolis public schools and St. Joseph College. He worked for his father until he was twenty-two, when he found work in establishing the Rural Free Delivery Routes out of Teutopolis, being the first to do this. After he had arranged them, he secured the approval of the United States Government on his work. There are two of them, and he owned and operated the routes for two years and eight months. On December 31, 1906, he resigned to take charge of the saloon and meat market which his father had owned for so many years, and these he still conducts with marked success.

On September 13, 1904, Mr. Niemeyer was married to Minnie Wegman, born in Teutopolis, May 4, 1882, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wegman, both natives of Effingham County, who reside on a farm in St. Francis Township. Mr. and Mrs. Niemeyer have two children, namely: Emma, born January 8, 1907; and Edward, born February 4, 1909. Mr. Niemeyer is a Democrat, but has never aspired to office holding and takes no active interest in politics. He and his wife are both members of St. Francis Catholic Church of Teutopolis, where they are active in church work. Mr. Niemeyer owns the business he conducts, having bought it from his father upon the latter's retirement.

**NOLLER, Charles W.**, whose combination of business enterprises has made him a leading and useful citizen of Effingham, belongs to an old German family that was established here in 1860. He was born at Effingham, October 17, 1863, a son of Gottlieb F. and Amelia (Schmidt) Noller. The father was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, and possessed the sterling qualities as well as the musical talent of his race. The mother of Mr. Noller was born at Baltimore, Md., a daughter of George H. Schmidt, who was a goldsmith in Germany. After coming to America he soon established himself in Teutopolis, Effingham County, Ill., and finally died in Watson, Ill., in 1889.

Gottlieb F. Noller was born in 1833 and in Germany learned the shoemaking trade. In 1855 he settled at Evansville, Ind., where his brother soon died of cholera, and in 1857 he moved to Teutopolis, Effingham County, and went into partnership in a factory owned by a Mr. Washford. Then he married and came to Effingham. After coming to this place he erected a brick store-building on Jefferson Street, the present site of the Willenberger shoe store, and there manufactured a fine grade of shoes, his patrons coming from the most cultivated and particular

families of this section. He was not only successful in business through his industry and integrity, but was recognized as a man of intellectual capacity by his fellow citizens. They elected him a member of their City Council and relied on his advice and judgment in public matters. He was instrumental in building up the Protestant Lutheran Church, served as leader of the choir for years and was church organist from 1871 until his death in 1877. He had eight children: Rosa, now Mrs. Sweeny, a widow, living at Indianapolis, Ind.; Charles W.; Augusta, wife of W. H. Whitsley, an engineer of the Vandalia Railroad, residing at Terre Haute, Ind.; Carrie, died in 1890; Gottlieb P., is engineer and inspector of the Vandalia Railroad, and also lives in Terre Haute; Paul J., an engineer on the Vandalia Railroad residing at Terre Haute like his brothers; Fred, wood carver, living at Indianapolis; Emma, wife of Jacob Sonson of Chicago.

Mr. Noller was educated in the public schools of Effingham and also in German at the Lutheran school. In 1879 he began learning the barber's trade, and when he had completed his apprenticeship with George Holliday, in October, 1880, opened a shop of his own. The young man had heavy responsibilities upon his shoulders, for he had to care for his widowed mother and sisters. His mother died in 1880 and he still mourns her loss.

On October 4, 1888, Mr. Noller married Anna Heemann, born in Germany in June, 1870. When Cincinnati, but finally came to Effingham County, where she married.

Since earliest boyhood Mr. Noller has been fond of music, and is a player of the clarinet. From 1902 to 1905 he was director of the Elite Orchestra, which was called upon for first class music upon all public occasions. In 1905 he was forced to give his whole attention to his business, which has grown astonishingly. Mr. Noller takes a pride in having everything thoroughly up to date in his place, and he controls a fine trade.

When the temperance cause began to be brought before the public so forcibly, Mr. Noller espoused it and has cast his influence in its favor. He is a man of exceedingly strong convictions, and knows how to back them up with good arguments, although recognizing the right of every man to choose for himself. Reared in the Lutheran Church, in June, 1906, he was converted to the Catholic faith and united with St. Anthony's Catholic Church, of which he is now one of the most honored members. He is a man thoroughly honest in his convictions and always ready to demonstrate their truth.

**NOLTE, Charles Lawrence.**—The most admirable feature of life in the United States is the possibility offered to all of its native born citizens, without regard to wealth or inherited rank, to attain to any position, no matter how lofty. The most influential of our statesmen, the most successful of our manufacturers, merchants and bankers, in fact, our brilliant, conservative and

intelligent men in various professions, are largely self-made, and are justly proud of the fact that they owe all they possess to their own individual efforts. Charles Lawrence Nolte, Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank of Effingham, is one of these men who has accomplished much through his native ability, untiring effort and sound principles. Mr. Nolte was born in Effingham, Ill., August 5, 1865, a son of Casper and Catherine (Bernhardt) Nolte, natives of Germany.

The father was a cabinet-maker who came to America in 1838, when he was twenty years old, in a sailing vessel, sixty days being occupied in the voyage. Landing at New Orleans, and soon securing employment with the Little Rock & Southern Railroad, Mr. Nolte was engineer on the run between Little Rock and St. Louis. Later he went into partnership with Patrick Donovan, an architect, and the firm constructed a number of important business and residence buildings. Mr. Nolte remained in St. Louis until 1863, when he came to Effingham, and was there engaged in business as a builder and contractor until 1874, when he was elected a Justice of the Peace, and held that office until his death, which occurred July 18, 1893. His widow still survives and makes her home with her son, Charles Lawrence Nolte. A Democrat in politics, Casper Nolte was prominent and served as a member of the School Board for nine years, was Alderman from 1876 to 1878, and was always interested in civic improvement. A member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, he was very active in church work and societies, and belonged to the American Legion of Honor.

Charles Lawrence Nolte attended St. Anthony's Catholic School of Effingham, the public schools of Effingham, and later St. Joseph's College at Teutopolis, Ill., and then studied law with J. N. Gwin for two years. For the following two years he taught school in Cumberland County, and then for one year was a commercial traveler. His next employment was as a clerk in Charles Scholl's dry-goods store for two years. For a short time he was on the railroad, when in 1886 he entered Joseph Partridge's bank, which later was merged into the First National Bank, Mr. Nolte becoming its Assistant Cashier, which position he still retains. He has served as Deputy County Treasurer, Secretary of the Washington Building & Loan Association, and is now Treasurer of the Illinois Guarantee & Loan Association.

Mr. Nolte is a Democrat and has been very prominent politically, being elected a member of the Effingham City School Board in 1906, which office he still retains. He has always taken a deep interest in fraternal matters and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, being present Grand Knight of his Council. Other fraternal organizations with which he is associated include the Knights of Illinois, of which he was Supreme Treasurer for two terms; the Knights of America, being President of the local branch for five years, Adjutant General of the Uniform ranks,

and for four years Quartermaster General; the Modern Americans, of which he has been Secretary since its organization, and has been Treasurer for nine years. He is a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, and exceedingly active in all kinds of church work, as well as liberal in his donations towards the church.

On June 11, 1889, Mr. Nolte was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Mary Elizabeth Boedker, a native of Cincinnati, born March 18, 1865, daughter of Herman H. and Caroline (Schumacker) Boedker, natives of Germany. Mr. Boedker was a Democrat, served as Alderman of Cincinnati, and was President of the Sargeant Building Association. The family came to Effingham in 1881, remained until 1885, when they returned to Cincinnati, where the parents died. They were Catholics. Mr. and Mrs. Nolte have been the parents of three boys and one girl, three of whom are living: Edward, Cletus and Cordelia.

Mr. Nolte takes a deep interest in the cause of education, and all that tends towards the advancement of the moral, physical, or material welfare of his community. He has done much to bring about desirable results, and being in the very prime of life, has a promising future before him.

**NORRIS, Stewart.**—The manufacturing, financial and industrial interests of any community are the source of great pride to its citizens, but it is to the farms that the country must eventually turn for its support, and in the hands of the agriculturists lie the possibility of the country's prosperity or depression. One of the successful farmers of Effingham County, Ill., is Stewart Norris, of Section 5, Union Township, who was born in Carroll County, Ohio, April 4, 1845, a son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Stewart) Norris, also natives of that county.

Solomon Norris was born in 1821 and he followed farming in his native community until 1864, when he moved to Effingham County, Ill., settling in Jackson Township, where he purchased fifty acres of land, on which he resided until the death of his wife, in 1901. After that date he made his home with W. Z. Norris in Mason Township, until his own death, which occurred June 3, 1909. He was married in 1841 to Elizabeth Stewart, who was born in 1817, and they had a family of seven children, all of whom still survive, namely: Margaret, widow of James Graham, of Jackson County, Ohio; one not named; Stewart; Judy, widow of James Davidson, of Shelby County; Solomon, living in Los Angeles, Cal.; Della, wife of Thornton Reynolds, a farmer of Clay County, Ill.; and John, of Jackson Township; and W. Z., a farmer of Mason Township.

Stewart Norris attended the schools of Jackson, Ohio, in his youth and worked on the home farm until June, 1862, when he enlisted in Company E, Eighty-seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three months' service, being mustered in at Columbus. The regiment was first sent to Baltimore, Md., and thence to Harper's

Ferry, Va., and participated in the Battle of Antietam, under the command of General Miles. The Eighty-seventh was captured by the enemy and paroled on the field, and later was sent to Delaware, Ohio, where Mr. Norris was mustered out, his time having expired. Mr. Norris then returned to his home in Ohio, and in 1863 came to Effingham County, settling in Jackson Township, where he engaged in farming with his father, also teaching school for one year. On January 27, 1870, he was married to Oma C. White, who was born in Jackson Township, daughter of Jesse White, and after marriage rented a farm of 160 acres. From 1870 until 1892 he rented land in Union and Jackson Townships, and in the latter year purchased 100 acres in Section 5, on which at that time there was not a cultivated spot large enough on which to plant a garden. He erected a two-story frame house, and at once began to clear away the heavy timber, and has since that time converted seventy-five acres of his property into fine, fertile crop-bearing land. He has devoted his attention to farming and stock-raising and his efforts have met with unqualified success. A Democrat in politics, Mr. Norris has always been active in the ranks of his party, as have been his sons, but he has never been an office-seeker, although filling various township offices. He has been a kind and liberal father, giving his children excellent educational advantages, and is well known and highly respected throughout his part of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris have had the following children: William F., who married Minnie Henry; Oscar, who died in 1897; Della, the wife of John M. Gwinn; J. M., a brakeman on the Illinois Central Railroad; Flora C., wife of Fred Percival; Olan J. and Herbert, employees on the Illinois Central Railroad; Erasmus M., a farmer of Watson Township; Grover C., formerly a school teacher and now in business on the Rural Free Delivery Route out of Mason, Ill.; Florence, at home; and Winnie Beatrice, also living with her parents.

**NUXOLL, Barney**, one of the most successful farmers and dairymen of Effingham County, resides on his well-developed farm in Section 27, Douglas Township. He was born on his farm, May 17, 1856, a son of the late H. H. Nuxoll and Bernadina (Aumann) Nuxoll, both natives of Germany. H. H. Nuxoll was one of the brightest and most successful German-American citizens Effingham County has ever known, and the fact that he was known as "Squire" Nuxoll, gives some idea of the high estimation in which he was held by his neighbors.

H. H. Nuxoll was born March 29, 1829, and during his long and useful life never wronged anyone or willingly took a cent he had not honestly earned. Upon coming to America he located first in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he engaged in the lumber business, and was there married. In time he became one of the leading lumber merchants of Cincinnati, and there, as he

afterwards did in Effingham, he established a wide-spread reputation for his sterling honesty. In 1855 he sold his interests in Cincinnati and coming to Effingham County, bought eighty acres of land (now the home of his son Barney), which he developed into a beautiful farm. His neighbors, recognizing his ability and sense of justice, elected him Justice of the Peace, and he held that office for a quarter of a century, impartially administering justice. As he was an educated man, among those less favored he was called upon to settle estates, write wills and attend to a great deal of legal business. For all this he would never accept recompense for his work, gladly assisting his friends. Some of the wills he drew up were contested, but were so well drawn up they stood in the courts, for he well understood the laws of common justice. He was a man of the kindest heart, was ever ready to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate, and all through this part of the State was recognized as one of the best friends the people ever had.

Mr. Nuxoll loved his native land but also gave his devotion to the country of his adoption, which he felt had so kindly used the young emigrant lad who landed without a cent. Others knew it was his inherent traits of character, kindly deeds and forgetfulness of self, that made the adopted country appear such a land of promise to him. His first purchase of eighty acres expanded into many more, so that at the time of his death he owned 10,020 acres, and most of it was well improved. While often solicited to accept public office, he always refused, except in the case of that of Justice of the Peace, and he took the duties of that position upon his shoulders more to be of benefit to his neighbors and friends than to receive honor himself.

In 1895 Mr. Nuxoll went to Idaho, and lived there nine years, looking after his landed interests. He was fond of drawing up maps, and these were so accurate they could always be depended upon. His health failing in Idaho, he went to St. Louis, and finally died there, February 14, 1904, at the Alexander Hospital, and his remains are interred in Green Creek Cemetery, Effingham County, beside those of his wife, who had passed away in 1877. His second wife was Mrs. Gerhard Ditters, whom he married February 29, 1888, and she died February 22, 1894. By his first marriage Mr. Nuxoll had the following children: Mary, wife of John Ullon, a farmer of Idaho County, Idaho; Ferdinand; Catherine, wife of John Greenloh, a farmer of Douglas Township; Barney; Christina, wife of Joseph Niemann, a farmer of Cumberland County, Ill.; Henry H., a banker of Cottonwood, Idaho; Frank, a farmer and stockman, of Green Creek, Idaho; John, Joseph, and Anton, farmers in Idaho County, Idaho; Dena, wife of Joseph I. Smidt. By the second wife he had a son, William, who is a farmer at Cottonwood, Idaho.

Henry H. Nuxoll was the first married man to go to Idaho County, Idaho, and afterwards a colony settled there, composed of people from



Douglas and Teutopolis townships. H. H. Nuxoll drew up a map of the new county and indicated the most desirable portions. Each homeseeker paid \$20 to defray expenses, and then selected the land desired.

Barney Nuxoll was brought up in Douglas Township, and being the eldest child, began when a mere lad to help his father, but at the same time he was given all the educational advantages afforded by the district schools, and his father assisted him in his lessons. As the father had been a teacher in young manhood he understood how to impart his knowledge and the lad learned rapidly. As each one of the children grew up the father gave him or her a good farm, but as Barney remained at home his share was the original eighty acres. He now owns 200 acres of rich, well-improved land.

On March 22, 1881, Mr. Nuxoll married Sophia Waldmann, born in St. Clair County, Ill., November 1, 1860. They became parents of ten children, two of whom died in infancy: Henry, born December 30, 1881, married Catherine Dust, and is a farmer of Douglas Township; Christina, born December 3, 1883, married Joseph Harman, a farmer of Douglas Township; Catherine, born April 22, 1889, married Joseph Dust, a farmer and dairyman of Douglas Township; Anna, Joseph, George, Gertrude and Adolph, at home. All were born in Douglas Township. For over half a century Mr. Nuxoll has been identified with the best interests of his locality, and has always been interested in church and school work. He is a Democrat, but while active in party interests, has refused to accept public office, although a member of the Democratic County Central Committee. All the family are members of the Green Creek Catholic Church.

**O'DONNELL, Michael.**—Effingham County has some of the most learned members of both Bar and Bench to be found in the State of Illinois, who are intimately engaged in some of the most important jurisprudence in county and State. One of the men who has attracted considerable attention to his career both as lawyer and judge is Michael O'Donnell, of Effingham, who was born in West Township, Effingham County, May 26, 1808, a son of Michael O'Donnell, of Limerick, Ireland, and Maria (Brogan) O'Donnell, of Roscommon, Ireland. The parents were farmers.

Judge O'Donnell was educated in the public schools of his locality, and became a telegrapher. Until 1888 he resided on a farm near Edgewood, Effingham County, but June 1 of that year moved to Effingham, to enter the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad, as manager of the telegraph office. While faithfully discharging his duties, Mr. O'Donnell studied law and was admitted to the Bar in 1896. His preceptor was Judge William B. Wright, of Effingham, for many years a prominent jurist of the county.

On February 1, 1895, Judge O'Donnell resigned his position to accept that of Deputy County Clerk, which he held until December 1, 1906. In

November, 1906, he was elected Judge of Effingham County, on the Democratic ticket, which important office he still holds. He is a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and Knights of Columbus, serving in the latter order four terms as Grand Knight of Effingham Council No. 665, and being at present District Deputy. In religious faith he is a Catholic, being a member of Sacred Heart Church, Parish Effingham, Ill. In politics Judge O'Donnell is a Democrat, and has been an efficient worker for his party.

On November 11, 1886, at Edgewood, Ill., Judge O'Donnell married Evaline Baker, who was born in Clay County, Ill., February 8, 1871. Five children have been born to Judge and Mrs. O'Donnell, namely: John, aged twenty-one; May, aged eighteen; Michael, aged sixteen; Joseph, aged twelve, and Evaline, aged four.

Judge O'Donnell is one of the most able jurists on the Bench and his work is such as to command the admiration of the entire legal profession. In the prime of life, with many years of useful activity stretching out before him, it is safe to say that Judge O'Donnell has not finished his work for the betterment of humanity, enforcement of law and maintenance of order, for there is no doubt that the greater part of it is still to be done, notwithstanding what he has already accomplished. Men of his calibre do not stand still but steadily advance, and the people, appreciating his ability, his conscientious performance of duty and his wonderful legal acumen, will call upon him to represent them in higher offices than he has yet filled. The country has need of the services of loyal men. In these days of corruption it is refreshing to meet a man who is above personal considerations; one who is honestly and faithfully doing what he knows to be his duty, without first asking how it will affect his own interests.

**OLIVER, William, Sr.**—In naming the highly respected citizens of Effingham County, many old soldiers of the Civil War are to be found, and it is also noted that those who fought in their country's defense made good citizens in times of peace, as they had made good soldiers in time of war. One of the veterans of that great struggle, who is now living retired after a number of years spent in agricultural pursuits, is William Oliver, of Altamont, who was born near Millerstown, Lebanon County, Pa., March 27, 1831, a son of Nathan Nelson Oliver.

Nathan Oliver was born in England, and when two years old his parents emigrated to America and settled in Lancaster County, Pa. Soon thereafter the mother died, and when seven years of age Nathan Oliver was put out among strangers, and never saw his father afterwards. He was given a limited education, after which he first worked as a distiller. His father was a soldier in the War of 1812, for his services during which he was given 160 acres of land in Missouri. Later he took up a farm in Center County, Pa., and there his death occurred, his widow surviving for some years and dying at



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the home of a daughter, in Altamont. They were members of the Evangelical Church, and the parents of the following children: Jacob and John, who died in Effingham County; Sally, married John Stover who was killed in the Battle of Spottsylvania, his wife dying in Altamont; Henry, who died in Effingham County; William; Jeremiah, who died at Stillwater, Okla.; Mary Ann, who married William Schoenfeld of Altamont; Rosa, who married Michael Bower, of Altamont; and Irwin, who died in Moccasin Township.

William Oliver started in his educational course by attending the subscription schools of Lebanon County, Pa., but later removed to Center County, that State, where he completed his education. He then worked on the land of neighboring farmers until October 13, 1853, when he was married in Center County to Sarah Rissel, born in that county April 7, 1833, the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Raven) Rissell. After his marriage, Mr. Oliver worked as a mason and bricklayer for twenty-two years in Pennsylvania and Illinois.

During the Civil War Mr. Oliver enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, to serve three years as a private from Center County, under Capt. Scott, and Coles, Ray Stone, Walton Dwight and John Irwin. This was one of the famous "Bucktail" regiments, and belonged to Doubleday's Division, First Corps, with which it participated in seventeen prominent battles and was present at two others. Its total loss of killed and wounded was 613, sixty of its members dying in Confederate prisons. At Gettysburg the One Hundred and Forty-ninth took a prominent and meritorious part in the battle of the first day, in which Col. Stone and Lieut.-Col. Dwight were seriously wounded, and at the battle of the Wilderness, the regiment had eleven killed, 100 wounded and eighty-five missing. In February, 1865, they were ordered to Elmira, remaining at the prison camp until the close of the war. Mr. Oliver performed his full share as a soldier, always brave, faithful and cheerful in the performance of his duties. His war record will stand comparison with those of any other old soldier. At the close of the war he returned to his home in Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in farming until 1868, when, coming to Illinois, he purchased a farm on Section 10, Mound Township, and erected on it a two-story log-house, with two rooms on each story, said by many to be the finest log-house in the county. He continued farming until 1905, when renting his farm he retired to the city of Altamont, where he has since been a substantial and public-spirited citizen. He is a member of Robert Anderson G. A. R. Post, No. 632, Altamont, of which he has been twice Commander and is now serving as Chaplain. He is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in political matters is a Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver have been married for more than fifty-six years, and are one of the

best known and most beloved couples in their locality, enjoying the high esteem and regard of all who know them. They have been the parents of the following children: Addie, born July 6, 1854, died March 18, 1855; Agnes, born October 16, 1855, died December 20, 1855; Adam H., born December 29, 1861, was educated in the public schools and graduating in medicine at St. Louis, Mo., began his practice at Glen Carbon, Madison County, Ill., from whence he went to Edwardsville, and there married Edie Yates, by whom he has two children—Ila and Olga; Elizabeth, born May 15, 1866, died when seventeen years old, and was the first one to be buried in the Union Cemetery at Altamont; William K., of Cleveland, Ohio, married May Both, March 5, 1909; and Sadie, who married Charles Stearman, of Stone Bluff, Ind.

**OSTENDORF, Rev. Francis J.**, priest-in-charge of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Green Creek, is one of the intelligent exponents of his faith in Effingham County. Father Ostendorf was born in Effingham March 7, 1876, a son of Joseph and Rosa (Zank) Ostendorf. At the time of his birth his parents were residents of the State of Indiana, not removing to Illinois until 1880, when they settled in Newton, Ill.

The primary education of Father Ostendorf was secured in the parochial school of Newton, which he attended from 1881 to 1889. In the latter year he entered St. Joseph's College of Teutopolis and pursued his studies there until 1894, when he left to further continue them at Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis, where he remained until 1899. On June 9, of the last named year, he was ordained a priest in Kenrick Seminary, and was appointed by his Bishop, the Right Rev. James Ryan, Bishop of Alton, assistant rector of St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Effingham. He thus returned to the city of his birth in 1899, and continued there until his appointment as rector of St. Mary's Church of Green Creek, on July 1, 1903. Since that date he has continued to administer the affairs of this parish, and has succeeded in accomplishing much in both a material and spiritual way.

Father Ostendorf is not only a learned and zealous priest, but is an excellent business man and understands how to direct the affairs of his church as to insure financial prosperity. His kindly, sympathetic nature has won many friends for him among his people who honor and revere him. Among scholars Father Ostendorf ranks high, for he is an earnest student and carefully read man who keeps himself well posted upon current affairs.

**OTT, Wilhelm.**—Farming is a business that has always paid well in Effingham County and people have been attracted to this locality from other parts of the country because of the fertile soil and excellent climatic conditions. One of the older farmers, and respected residents of Mound Township is Wilhelm Ott, who has been here since 1872, having come to this locality from



Cook County, Ill. He was born in Prussia, Germany, March 25, 1834, a son of Peter and Henriette Ott, natives of Germany, where the mother passed away, the father dying in Cook County, Ill.

Until he was fourteen years old, Wilhelm Ott went to school, and then was hired out to work on a farm. He served three years and three months in the German army, and then in 1863, with his wife and two children, sailed from Bremen, and landed in Quebec, Canada, after a voyage of five weeks in a sailing vessel. From Quebec the family came direct to Chicago, where Mr. Ott went to work as a section hand on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, being employed in its construction for three years. Following this, he lived for four years in Cook County, renting land. The day of the great fire he was in Chicago, having hauled in some produce, and has a vivid recollection of that exciting event.

In February, 1872, he decided to make a change, and came to Effingham County, buying seventy-two acres of land in Bishop Township. The property had a log house on it and it was the family home until two years later, when he built a more commodious one. Later he added to his holdings, until when he sold the farm in February, 1906, he owned 175 acres. In February, 1907, he bought his present farm, which first consisted of seventy-five acres, but is now 100 in extent. Mr. Ott began his life struggle without a cent. He borrowed \$100 from his wife's uncle to make the trip to America and this he paid back faithfully from his earnings in railroad work. Mr. Ott and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church, and in politics he is a strong Democrat. In 1859 he was married in Germany to Miss Henriette Holts, daughter of Henry and Christina (Futtbrechtel) Holts. Their children are as follows: Herman, of Missouri; Bertha, later Mrs. Fred Boners, but now deceased; Albert, died at the age of nine years; Lena, now Mrs. Fred Kopp, of Sigel, Ill.; and William, at home.

Mr. Ott feels satisfied with the success which has rewarded his labors. Coming here in early life, ignorant of the language and in debt, he managed to rear his family and accumulate a fair competency, he later won for himself a reasonable success and a well-deserved reputation for honesty and integrity.

**OVERBECK, Barney.**—The appeal of the soil is very strong to some men, who return to farming as a means of livelihood after years spent in other pursuits, believing it the best occupation a man can follow. Barney Overbeck, after years of successful operations, has settled down on his rich farm adjoining the city limits of Effingham, Ill., and is giving his attention to the breeding of stock of registered grades. Mr. Overbeck was born in St. Francis Township, Effingham County, November 27, 1850, son of George and Elizabeth (Berghause) Overbeck, both born in Hanover, Germany, in 1806 and 1814, respec-

tively. They were married in Germany, in 1838, and in September, 1845, they embarked on a sailing vessel at Bremen Haven for the United States, and spent fourteen weeks on the ocean. They landed in New Orleans, in January, 1846, and thence went via boat to Cincinnati, Ohio. They remained there a short time and then came overland to St. Francis Township, Effingham County. The father died in June, 1873, but his widow survived until 1908, being at the time of her death the oldest person in the county.

Barney Overbeck attended the schools of Teutopolis, Ill., and learned the shoemaker trade, at which he worked until he was nineteen, when he went West and traveled and worked in Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and Missouri. He returned home the year of his father's death, and visited his friends and relatives, but again went West and was in business at Baxter Springs, Kan., and Joplin, Mo. In 1875 he came back to Effingham County, which place has since been his home. In 1876 he was elected Constable, and began reading law with B. F. Kagay, Sr. Since then he has filled many offices of trust and responsibility, including those of Chief of the Effingham Fire Department, Deputy Sheriff, Tax Collector, Assessor, and in 1886 was elected Sheriff of Effingham County, which office he filled with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of the people. During all this time he continued his law studies, and at the end of his term of Sheriff continued in the office of Judge Rufus C. Harrah, and was admitted to the Bar in 1891, and began practicing in Effingham. He now resides on his farm and is a thoroughly up-to-date auctioneer. There is scarcely an International Auctioneers' Convention held in which he is not called upon to occupy a place on the program. Mr. Overbeck has always been an enthusiastic Democrat, and has prominently supported all public measures that he believed would benefit the people he served. He is a member of Branch No. 58, Catholic Knights of Illinois, and a member of the State and International Auctioneers' Associations. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic.

On September 23, 1879, Mr. Overbeck married, at Effingham, Ill., Maggie M. Bushue, born in Somerset, Ohio, April 11, 1862, daughter of Michael and Barbara Bushue, natives of Ohio, who moved to Effingham County in 1865.

Mr. Overbeck is one of the most genial of men, ready with story or joke upon every occasion, and his services, both as an attorney and auctioneer, are always in demand. He has friends all over the county, whom he entertains royally at his delightful home, and is a power politically, being recognized not only in the county, but in State politics as well.

**OVERBECK, Dick.**—Farming has drawn out the best efforts of some of the leading men of Effingham County and developed their abilities. Through their endeavors in an agricultural line they have become well-to-do and prominent in their communities. Such a man is Dick Over-

beck of St. Francis Township, born in Hanover, Germany, December 10, 1846, a son of Barney Germaut Overbeck, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. When five years old, in 1851, he was brought by his parents to Effingham County, Ill., locating on the farm now owned by Mr. Overbeck, and this has always been his home since his parents came to Illinois.

On November 9, 1863, Dick Overbeck married Annie Putter, born in Cincinnati, April 12, 1849, a daughter of Henry and Adeline (Wilp) Putter, both natives of Germany, where they were married. They came to the United States about 1840, locating in Cincinnati, which was their home until 1852, when removal was made to Effingham County. Here the father bought a farm and lived upon it until his demise in 1855. His wife survived, later marrying Henry Sandick, who also died. She passed away in 1901, and all are buried in the cemetery at Teutopolis. Mr. and Mrs. Putter had three children who grew to maturity, and of these Mrs. Overbeck was the eldest.

When Mr. and Mrs. Overbeck married they settled on the home farm, and this has been their residence ever since. They became the parents of ten children, all of whom grew to maturity, although only five still survive: Lizzie, Annie and Barney, alive; Harmon, Clemmy, Johnny, Henry and Minnie, deceased; and Ferdie and Carrie, still living.

Mr. Overbeck is a Democrat, but has never taken a very active part in local matters. He has served as Road Commissioner, Pathmaster and School Director, several terms in each position. His education was a limited one and this makes him very anxious to secure good ones for the children of his district. He and his family are members of the San Franciscan Catholic Church at Teutopolis, and they are very much interested in its good work.

All his life Mr. Overbeck has worked hard, never shirking any duty, and giving to each occupation his careful attention. For this reason he now is a wealthy man, lives in a comfortable home, and can gratify his taste for comfort and enjoyment. In addition to his farming activities, earlier in life Mr. Overbeck operated a threshing machine for ten years. He holds the full confidence and esteem of his neighbors, and what he is able to do among them in the way of influencing public opinion in the right direction, he feels to be his duty.

**PARKER, Col. Harry S.**, attorney-at-law at Effingham, Ill., was born at Parkersburg, Richland County, in the same State, January 3, 1871, the place having been named in honor of his grandfather, a man of sterling character and public spirit. His parents were Thomas and Emma E. (Moore) Parker, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Kentucky. The maternal grandparents started for Effingham County with their ten children, but on the way the father sickened and died and thus early the mother of Colonel Parker was brought face to

face with the sorrows and hardships which were frequently her lot in later life. In spite of all she still survives, and is not only the object of her son's adoration, but is admired and beloved by all who know her. She is a lady possessing the hospitality of her Southern ancestry, together with the other lovable traits and characteristics which so often adorn the gentler sex whose birth has been under Southern skies. She was the mother of two sons, one of whom died in infancy, but the other has survived to be an honored citizen, both in public and private life.

Harry S. Parker is a self-made man. His mother brought him to Effingham in 1872 and took up her residence with her brother, the late Samuel Moore, with whom she resided until his death. The child grew to boyhood and started to school, where he continued until he was twelve years old and then gladly accepted a position as day and night caller in the Vandalla Railroad Yards, and was so faithful and efficient in his service that by the time he was fifteen years old he was made Yard Clerk. His salary of fifteen dollars a month, all paid in silver dollars, looked large to the boy and was earned by hard work. At that time J. P. Haselton was Station Agent and Yard Master and he frequently gave the ambitious lad a helping hand. At the age of fifteen years Mr. Parker went into the round house and machine shop, where he worked until twenty-one, during a part of the time attending night school, and in this way mastered all the common branches and studied German.

In 1892 Mr. Parker left the railroad and went to Chicago, his object being to study law. As he was obliged to provide for his own support, he became a collector, worked on a salary during the day and attended the Kent Law School at night, continuing thus for one year. After returning home he entered the law office of Wood Brothers, also took a course in Austin College and continued his studies and self-supporting work until 1896, when he was admitted to the Bar. He remained for one year with Wood Brothers, but in 1897 opened an office of his own and had enjoyed some professional success when the Spanish-American War was precipitated. At this time he was Adjutant of the Fourth Illinois National Guard. He went to Springfield and enlisted in the Fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. In May, 1898, this regiment was ordered to Tampa, Fla., but their destination changed to Jacksonville, Fla. On June 9, 1898, Adjutant Parker was sent back to Illinois to open a recruiting office, with headquarters at Effingham, and was very successful in his efforts, being able to organize four companies. He was then sent back to Jacksonville and was then detailed as Acting Assistant Adjutant-General of the Second Brigade, Seventh Army Corps, and on August 8, 1898, was detailed as Acting Assistant Adjutant-General of the Second Brigade, Third Division, Seventh Army Corps, under Gen. Barkley, and continued until November 25, 1898, when he returned to his regiment

and was then sent to Springfield and Mattoon on recruiting service, after which he reported to his regiment at Savannah, Ga. January 3, 1899, he sailed from Savannah for Havana, Cuba, with his regiment, on board the United States Transport "Mobile." The command was located about five miles out of the city. In the following April he left Cuba on the steamer "Whitney," for Egmont Key, Fla., was quarantined there until the middle of the month, finally reached camp near Augusta, Ga., and on May 2, 1899, the Fourth Regiment was mustered out and Col. Parker returned home. He there resumed the practice of his profession in which he has been more than usually successful. He has been identified with a number of important cases of litigation which have brought out his legal talents and his profound knowledge of law and jurisprudence.

On September 19, 1896, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Stuart Rice, who was born at Altamont, Ill., a daughter of Dr. S. S. Rice, who was for many years a prominent physician there. Col. and Mrs. Parker have two children: Maurece, born October 23, 1898, and Howard S., born December 21, 1903. In politics he has always been an active supporter of the Republican party and during campaigns is one of the most forcible speakers for the cause. With his wife he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is identified with several leading fraternal and benevolent organizations.

We give below copy of a letter received from Col. Parker in 1901, from the Headquarters of the Mounted Battalion, Porto Rico Regiment, United States Volunteer Infantry:

"Henry Barracks, P. R., February 18, 1901.  
"The Adjutant General, U. S. A.,  
Washington, D. C.

"Sir: I have the honor to recommend for appointment to a commission in the Porto Rico Regiment Harry S. Parker, of Effingham, Illinois. Mr. Parker was Adjutant of the Fourth Illinois Volunteers under my command. He also served as Acting Assistant Adjutant-General of a Brigade of the Seventh Army Corps. He was recommended by General G. W. Davis for First Lieutenantcy in the first list of appointments to the Mounted Battalion of the Porto Rico Regiment, but declined on account of business reasons. He is one of the best Volunteer officers whom I know.

"Very respectfully,

"EBEN SWIFT,

"Major, Porto Rico Reg't, U. S. V. I.,

"Commanding Mounted Battalion."

**PARKER, James A.**, one of the best known financiers of Effingham County, is thoroughly conversant with the banking business, and during his incumbency as Cashier of the Merchants' and Farmers' Bank, at Dieterich, which was converted into the First National Bank, November 17, 1909, he has made an enviable reputation as a business man of sound judgment and unquestioned integrity. He was born January 5, 1875, at Lane, Dewitt County, Ill., the son of

David and Ellen (Lane) Parker, and grandson of Tillman Lane, after whom the town of Lane was named. David Parker is one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers of his part of the county and is now living on the home farm, on which James A. was born. His wife died about 1883, having been the mother of five children: a daughter, who became the wife of R. T. Gray, but is now deceased; Nathan; Noble and Ira, who are on the home farm; and James A.

James A. Parker was reared on the home farm and received a common school education. At the age of seventeen years he went to St. Louis, Mo., where he learned telegraphy in the Southwestern Telegraphic School, after which he accepted a position with the Illinois Central Railroad, working at different points in that company's system, and while living in Vermillion County, Ill., was twice elected Tax Collector of Potomac, in that county. In 1903 he accepted the position of Cashier of the Merchants' and Farmers' Bank, at Dieterich. In 1901, when this bank was first established, H. C. Baldwin was Cashier, but in 1902 it was reorganized under the present name, by a company of business men, and the officers elected were: A. T. Collison, President; A. C. Crays, Vice President; James A. Parker, Cashier. This bank has a capital of \$10,000 and a backing of \$200,000, and does business with some of the largest institutions in the State. In addition to being a careful and conservative banker, Mr. Parker has proved himself a citizen who always has the interest of his community at heart, and as a man of high moral character and recognized worth. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is serving as Superintendent of the Sunday School. In political matters he is a staunch Republican and has always taken an active interest in the success of his party. With his interesting family he resides in a beautiful residence in Dieterich. He is prominent in fraternal matters, being socially connected with the Modern Woodmen of America.

On October 11, 1890, Mr. Parker was married to Miss Ollie Crays, daughter of G. M. Crays, and sister of A. C. Crays, Vice President of the bank with which Mr. Parker is connected. Three children have been born to this union: Emil, born August 18, 1900; Eugene, born July 21, 1903; and James A., born January 20, 1906.

**PARKS, Harmon B.**—One of the most progressive business houses of Altamont, Ill., is that of "The Real Estate Leaders," Messrs. Parks & Thomas, organized in 1905, by Harmon B. Parks, which has since grown steadily in popularity and the amount of its business. Mr. Parks was born in Loy Prairie, Watson Township, Effingham County, Ill., August 25, 1873, a son of David M. and Martha A. (Davidson) Parks. The Parks family came originally from the North of Ireland settling first in Virginia and later in Ohio. The Davidsons were Pennsylvanians and removed thence to Kentucky and later to Illinois. David M. Parks was born in Ohio



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and coming to Illinois in the early 'forties, settled in Effingham County, where he lived until his death in 1884, when fifty years old. His widow still survives, being now seventy-nine years old. Mr. Parks was a soldier during the Civil War and spent most of his life in agricultural pursuits. His children were: James W., David L., Lawrence E., Rosetta N., Elizabeth A., Samuel S., Nellie and Harmon B.

Harmon B. Parks was two years of age when his family located on a farm in Mason Township, and there he resided until seventeen years old, his early education being secured in the public schools. He then went to Colorado where, with a cousin, J. L. McGee, he engaged in the portrait business, following it for eighteen months, when he decided to enter the High School at Rockville, Mo., and later entered the Normal School at Warrensburg. On completing his studies he again entered the portrait field at Hannibal, Mo., where he built up a large business, but in 1894 sold out and began a similar business at Pittsfield, Ill. At the end of a year he sold this business and located in Springfield, purchasing the business of the Illinois Portrait Company, which he managed eighteen months when he sold out in 1896, to return to Effingham County. He later accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Dayton Grocery Company, in which capacity he worked two years. He then engaged in mercantile business at Effingham and Robertson, but selling out in 1902 engaged in the line of real estate at Duncansville and Strasburg, Ill., whence he moved to Altamont, and in 1905 founded the firm of Parks & Thomas. We quote from one of Altamont's papers, which in an article concerning this progressive firm says, in part: "It was during the summer of 1905 that Harmon B. Parks decided to enter the real estate business at this place. He secured office rooms over Pickett's hardware store and entered upon his work with enthusiasm and hope. It was not long, however, until he saw the need of a good, active helper, and thus it was that James Thomas began his career as a real estate man, the new firm being Parks & Thomas. These gentlemen handle all kinds of real estate, merchandise, etc. Each member possesses an abundance of tact and energy, and each is a splendid judge of real estate values. For over two years Parks & Thomas have been quartered in their own building on Railroad Street. From the beginning they have styled themselves 'The Real Estate Leaders,' a title which they have rightfully earned."

In addition to his residence and other property in Altamont, Mr. Parks is the owner of the old homestead farm of 100 acres in Mason Township, which he purchased in 1898. He is a Mason fraternally and also belongs to the Odd Fellows, the Macabees, the Tribe of Ben Hur and the American Yeomen. He is a staunch Democrat in politics and his religious beliefs are in accord with the First Presbyterian Church.

January 20, 1900, Mr. Parks was married, at Strasburg, Ill., to Sarah E. Renshaw, daughter

of James and Jane (Frizzell) Renshaw. Three sons have been born to this union: Merle E., Floyd M. and Ralph N., aged eight, five and three years, respectively.

**PFENNINGER, Werner Michael.**—Some of the best farmers of Effingham County have come back to the soil after other business ventures, being persuaded that in agriculture is the most money obtained by those who know how to till the land. Werner Michael Pfenniger, of Section 29, West Township, belongs to this class of progressive farmers, and finds that his former experiences are of assistance to him in his present work. He was born July 19, 1849, in Perryville, Perry County, Mo., being the fifth child and youngest son of Casper and Julia (Negle) Pfenniger, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

When Werner Michael Pfenniger was but seven years old, he had the misfortune to lose his father. Two years later his widowed mother took him and her one other surviving child to Highland, Madison County, Ill., where the lad continued his studies in the public school until he was fifteen. By this time he was ambitious to earn his own living and began working as a clerk in the general store of Charles Kenney & Co. of Highland. Two years later he began learning the harness trade, and worked at it for three years as an apprentice. Following this he went to St. Louis and obtained employment with the wholesale harness factory of J. O. Ford & Co. as a journeyman, remaining with them for eighteen months. Leaving this concern, Mr. Pfenniger returned to his boyhood home at Perryville, Mo., and worked for a year at his trade. Returning to St. Louis, he was looking for work when he met Fred Massberg, of Steelsville, Ill., who wanted to employ some one. An agreement was entered into, and Mr. Pfenniger returned home with Mr. Massberg, working for him two and a half years. Business becoming slack, Mr. Pfenniger found employment with a farmer near Chillicothe, Mo., but soon after returned to Highland, Ill., still later removing to Edgewood, where he operated a harness shop of his own for a year, then sold it and bought his present farm of 129 acres on the northeast corner of Section 29, West Township. In addition, he owns eighty acres of land across the road to the north, which is farmed by his son Edward.

On November 7, 1877, Mr. Pfenniger married Sarah Matilda Boyd, born January 27, 1845, in Edwardsville, Madison County, Ill., a daughter of James and Sarah (Copeland) Boyd. She grew to womanhood there receiving a common school education, and for six years prior to her marriage, taught in Madison and Effingham Counties, one of her schools being the old West Point when it stood on Section 29. This building still stands, but is at present used as a residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfenniger have had one son, Edward Werner, born September 27, 1881. This young man was well educated in the public

schools, and brought up to farm life. He married Nellie Rager of Wheatland Township, Fayette County, daughter of John and Eunice (Miles) Rager.

Although he recognizes the value of churches, Mr. Pfenninger has not connected himself with any religious denomination. In political faith, he is a staunch Republican, and has served as School Director with faithful efficiency. For a number of years he has made his farming pay, and takes a pride in his home and surroundings. Genial, pleasant, whole-souled, Mr. Pfenninger has a host of warm, personal friends who are accorded a hearty welcome by himself and wife.

**PINKLEY, Mrs. Mary L.**, better known as Mother Pinkley, whose maiden name was Mary L. Kagay, and one of the lovable, devoted women of Mason, Ill., who for many years has stood very high in the affections of a wide circle of friends, was born March 24, 1843, and was educated in the primitive log school houses of her locality. She had no modern advantages, securing a meager education through earnest endeavor, but she learned something much more important—Christian virtues and womanly compassion, which have gained for her such universal love and respect. She grew to womanhood in Effingham County, being a daughter of Christian and Nancy (Laney) Kagay, who settled on a farm, which is yet the home of Mrs. Pinkley, and upon which she was born.

In 1840 Christian Kagay came with his wife from Fairfield County, Ohio, where they had been married December 10, 1831. Their trip was the regulation pioneer journey, the household effects being carried on a "prairie schooner." They made their way to Effingham County, and locating on Section 7, Union Township, there built a little log cabin, in which they began their pioneer life in Illinois. The cabin was put up on an elevated spot near the Little Wabash River, from which a beautiful view could be obtained of the surrounding country. At first there were few acres of the land that could be tilled, owing to swamp and timber, but Mr. Kagay began clearing it off to make a new home in the wilderness. The land was purchased from the Government, and the deed, signed by President John Tyler, is one of the cherished possessions of Mrs. Pinkley. The only transfer ever made of the land was that which conveyed it from her father to her. Christian Kagay was one of the county's most honored pioneers, and when he died in October, 1845, a wide circle of friends mourned his loss. His family consisted of two daughters, Mrs. Pinkley, and Mrs. Rebecca Whorton, widow of Nicholas T. Whorton, during his lifetime the most influential man in the southeastern part of the county, and who filled many township offices with credit.

Mary L. Kagay was first united in marriage with Andrew J. Kavanaugh, September 11, 1859, and the young couple made their home on this farm until his death, December 5, 1865, at the age of twenty-eight years. He was a native of

New York City, where he was born in 1837, and was one of the sturdy, industrious farmers of Effingham County. He had begun to improve the old farm and built the first frame house in the neighborhood. He split the lath from white oak timber, and the shingles from black walnut. The weather-boarding was sawed at the old water-mill, on the Little Wabash River, run by Martin K. Robinson. There were three children by this marriage, namely: Emma, who married Henry A. Turner and is in charge of the old farm; John S., who, January 31, 1884, married, Dilemma Turner, daughter of Wilson Turner, a prominent farmer of Mason Township, and is now residing in Effingham, Ill.; and Charles W., who is a contractor and builder at St. Elmo, Ill.

The second marriage of Mrs. Pinkley was to Joseph Siddens, and by this union two sons were born: Fidelas B., a farmer of Union Township; and Robert P., a merchant of Mason, Ill. Of the five children born of her first and second marriages there are twenty grandchildren, seventeen of whom are now living. She was married October 9, 1879, to Joseph Pinkley, who died February 3, 1903, on the farm where Mrs. Pinkley was born, and where she has always lived. She has witnessed many changes in Effingham County, and enjoys talking about them. She has been a devoted member of the Christian Church for many years, and has been associated with the Eastern Star Lodge of Mason, Ill., for a long time. Too much praise cannot be accorded this noble pioneer mother, who has lived through so much and to whom many owe countless deeds of kindness and loving sympathy. In sickness or other trouble, she has always been in the front rank of those who minister, and as long as she lives she will be honored and loved.

**POORMAN, George W.**—Effingham County, Ill., is noted for the excellence of its farms, as well as for the public spirit and enterprise of the agriculturists who till them. One of these successful farmers, a resident of the county for more than half a century, and still engaged in active pursuits, is George W. Poorman, who operates a fine tract about one-quarter of a mile north of Altamont. Mr. Poorman was born in Tuscarawas Township, Stark County, Ohio, September 30, 1838.

The Poorman family came from Germany to Pennsylvania, and settled in Franklin County at an early day. There Peter Poorman, grandfather of George W., was born, and thence he emigrated to Stark County, Ohio, in pioneer days. Canton at that time was a village of only a few straggling houses, and near it he entered a half-section of land, where he settled down to farming the remainder of his life. He married Marie Reichert, and among their children was Peter, born February 28, 1869.

Peter Poorman married Maria Warner, daughter of George Warner, who was engaged in the iron business near Chambersburg, Pa., during the Revolutionary War. After his marriage Mr. Poorman took 100 acres of the home farm, but

in 1861 moved to Mound Township, Effingham County, Ill., and there he died in 1886. A Lutheran in his early years, he died in the faith of the Reformed Church. His first wife died in 1840 and he married (second) Susanna Loy, and (third) Elizabeth A. Truesdale. His children were: Orlando, who married Caroline Hott and died in Mound Township; George W.; Theo, who died in Mound Township; Rebecca, married Joseph B. Kent, and died in St. Louis; Elizabeth E., married Jacob Lentz, and died in Terre Haute, Ind.; Melissa, Mrs. Jacob Ingling, of Iola, Ill.; and Susan, Mrs. Wilson Kirkpatrick, of Neoga, Ill.

In his youth George W. Poorman had only the advantages of a subscription school, taught in a log school house, but left school at the age of sixteen years to begin teaching. On coming to Effingham County he worked at any kind of employment he could find, cutting cord-wood, working for the Illinois Central Railway, and finally beginning to teach school. He became well known as an educator, having been the teacher of Mrs. Harvey Jones and Mrs. Parker, of Effingham, Daniel Sy and his two sisters, John Milleville and his two sisters, William Ashton, the Brooms of Effingham, and the Wrights of that city, as well as many others.

Mr. Poorman married, September 29, 1867, Eliza Jane Watson, of Fayette County, Ill., who was born January 26, 1843, daughter of Alfred and Christiana (Dial) Watson. Mrs. Poorman also attended the old-fashioned schools, her first teacher being A. J. (known as "Jack") Hogue. At eighteen years of age she began teaching in Fayette County, where she remained four years, then spent one year in Mound Township, Effingham County, teaching the Mound School, the first in the district. This school was kept in an old hut, with one hole for a window on the north and another on the south, but without glass, so that when the wind blew from the north a piece of old carpet was hung over the hole, which was changed to the south when the wind blew too strong from that direction. The school was not furnished with a broom, and was swept with weeds gathered in the prairie.

Alfred Watson came from Knox County, Ohio, in 1838, and settled in Fayette County, Ill., where he died in 1900, aged eighty-three years, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For twelve years he served as Justice of the Peace, and for forty years was a Township Trustee. He was married in 1842, in Fayette County, to Christiana, daughter of Philip and Rhoda (Shaffer) Dial.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Poorman purchased from the Illinois Central Railroad Company forty acres of land where he now lives, and to which he has added from time to time until he now owns 200 acres. His present home was built in 1872, but he has remodeled it and added to it several times. In addition to owning his property, Mr. Poorman has been identified with various business enterprises and is now a director in the canning factory. He is an elder in

the Reformed Church, is a Democrat in politics and for years has served as School Trustee and Treasurer. Mr. Poorman was once defeated for the office of County Superintendent of Schools, by Owen Scott, who later was a member of Congress from the Bloomington District.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Poorman are as follows: Lucy, Mrs. John Geiger, of Oshkosh, Wis.; Mary, Mrs. Albert Pearson, at home; Clara Maria, at home; Alfred Peter, a graduate of the University of Illinois, and now Assistant Professor of Engineering at Purdue University, Ind.; and Amy, a graduate of the Illinois State University, now a teacher in household science in the Centralla Township High School.

**PRATHER, Charles E.**—It is not possible for every son of an illustrious father to attain success, but in the case of Charles E. Prather, City Clerk of Effingham, Ill., it appears as though his father's mantle had fallen upon his shoulders. Mr. Prather was born in Clark County, Ind., May 21, 1857, a son of Hon. William and Augusta (Woodard) Prather. William Prather was a son of Simon Prather, who was of English extraction.

William Prather was also born in Clark County, Ind., where his father had settled at a very early day, on a farm which his father conducted for many years. William was educated in the district schools of his neighborhood, and grew up into an industrious man. He married Augusta Woodard, who was born in Clark County, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Strickland) Woodard, also natives of the same county. After marriage William Prather farmed and raised stock in Clark County until 1864. In that year he was nominated by the Democratic party for the office of County Treasurer, and was elected by an overwhelming majority. He left his old farm, moved into Charlestown, and during the time he held office did effective work. When he was nominated for County Clerk he again carried the county, and after his term expired was re-elected County Treasurer, being regarded as the best possible man for that responsible office, and for a number of years was the leader of his party in Clark County. About 1872 he moved to Meade County, Ky., where he was again honored by his party, being elected a Member of the State Assembly, and died while belonging to that body, July 22, 1875. He had bought a farm in Meade County and was living upon it at the time of his demise. His widow disposed of her interests the same year and came back to Clark County, Ind. In 1880 she moved to Lucas Township, Effingham County, Ill., and rented a farm from Benson Woods. She kept her family together and was comfortably situated in the midst of her children at the time of her death, in 1901. She and her husband had children as follows: Louisa, who died in infancy; Rosslyn, died, aged two years; Charles E.; Clara, married Crawford Hiegin, and is deceased; Emma, married Asa Hiegin, and is deceased; Effie, married E. E. Grunwalt, a farmer



in the vicinity of Gregoria, S. D.; Campbell, died at the age of nine; Michael Kerr, died in infancy; Herbert L., a farmer of Union Township.

Charles E. Prather, who inherits his father's political ambitions, as well as his ability and reliability, was born on a farm and reared to hard work. When he was taken by his distinguished father to Charlestown he had the educational advantages offered by that city, and was nearly ready to graduate from school when the family migrated to Kentucky. After the death of his father, as he was the eldest child then living, he felt it his duty to care for his widowed mother and devoted himself to her and her comfort.

On October 18, 1884, Mr. Prather married Etta M. Higgins, born in Effingham County, June 9, 1867, a daughter of Barlow and Elizabeth (Creger) Higgins, natives of Indiana. After his marriage Mr. Prather's mother made her home with the young couple, who tenderly cared for her until her death. He remained on the farm until 1900, when he sold his interest and moved to Effingham, where he secured a position in the butcher block factory of that city, and there remained until 1907, when he was elected on the Democratic ticket to the office of City Clerk and was re-elected in the spring of 1909. This is the first time in the history of the city that a City Clerk has succeeded himself. He had the largest majority of any candidate on the ticket, owing to his personal popularity. He has been a very efficient official, patient, painstaking and accommodating, while his probity is beyond question. He is noted as a man who, once having made a promise, never goes back on it.

Mr. and Mrs. Prather became the parents of the following children: Bessie, cashier of Hogan Brothers, having the largest dry goods store of Effingham, is a graduate of the city high school, Class of 1903; Bertha, operator of a linotype machine in the office of the Effingham Democrat, a graduate of the city high school, Class of 1904; Amy, Robert and Verna, at school.

The family all belong to the Christian Church, of which Mr. Prather is an Elder and Superintendent of the Sunday school. He and his wife have always taken an active part in church work and he is very strong in his advocacy of temperance. Fraternally he is a Modern Woodman, Modern American, having organized the latter association in Effingham, and takes a warm interest in lodge work. Mr. Prather is very popular and no doubt he will be called upon to fill offices far beyond the one he now fills with such general satisfaction.

**PROBST, Joseph H.**—The profession of teaching is a noble one and enlists the best qualities in the nature of the instructor. In the hands of the teachers are entrusted the molding of the plastic natures and minds of the younger generation, and on their shoulders rests a heavy responsibility. Joseph H. Probst, professor in St. Anthony's Catholic College at Effingham, Ill., is one of the best known educators in his part of the State.

Mr. Probst was born in Bishop Township, Effingham County, April 23, 1852, a son of Theodore and Anna Maria (Rieman) Probst.

Until 1871, Mr. Probst worked on a farm for his parents, and attended elementary school till he was thirteen years old. From April, 1871, until July, 1873, he attended St. Joseph College, then taught school at Murphysboro, Ill., from September, 1874, until July, 1876; at Sigel, Ill., from September, 1876, to July, 1879; at Effingham, from 1879 until the present date, and is now teaching in the seventh and eighth grades. He has also been organist and director of the church choir for the same period.

On August 3, 1875, Mr. Probst married Elizabeth Huslege, at Teutopolis, Ill., and they have had children as follows: Mary, Lizzie, Clara, Annie, Aloisius, Agnes (who are now living), and Henry, Joseph, Annie, John, Theodore, Herman and Joseph II., who are deceased.

In politics Mr. Probst is a Democrat; fraternally he belongs to the C. K. of A. and the C. K. of I. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic, having been reared in that Church. He is a conscientious teacher, and has given their preliminary training to many pupils for a useful, active life, many who became doctors, pharmacists, editors and bookkeepers having graduated from his school. He possesses a pleasant manner of imparting learning, and is a great favorite with his pupils. Being a lover of music and highly trained, he is very valuable as organist and director of the choir, and takes much pleasure in this branch of his work. Mr. and Mrs. Probst have many friends in Effingham, as well as at the other places where they have lived, and with their children enjoy a happy home life.

**QUATMAN, John F.**—After years of strenuous activity, many citizens of the smaller towns and cities retire from business and enjoy the fruits of their labors. They then have more time to devote to civic development and improvement, and are always regarded as a decidedly desirable addition to any community. John F. Quatman of Teutopolis, belongs to this class. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 27, 1842, and attended the subscription schools in Effingham County, but owing to the then existing conditions, received but a meager education. He is a son of Joseph and Mary (Dress) Quatman, both natives of Germany, and the father came to the United States when twenty-six years of age. His parents were very poor in Germany, and he had to borrow the money to pay for his passage, making a voyage which occupied eleven weeks in a combination freight and passenger boat. After encountering several severe storms the boat finally landed at Baltimore, Md., and soon thereafter, he came to Cincinnati. In 1841, he married Mary Dress who had come to the United States with her parents, when she was about twenty years old. They settled in Cincinnati and her parents died there.



*B. F. Wharton*



After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Quatman remained in Cincinnati, where the mother died in 1843, and is buried there. John F. Quatman was only a year old at this time, and was the only child of this marriage. Mr. Quatman later married Mary Otton, and in 1846 moved his family to Illinois, locating in Effingham County about two miles north of Teutopolis. Here he lived on a farm until his death, which occurred in 1889, when he was seventy-nine years of age. His widow survived him several years, and both are buried at Teutopolis. Five children were born of the second marriage, four of whom, viz: John, Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, grew to maturity. John and Elizabeth and one infant are deceased. Elizabeth entered a convent in Cincinnati as a Little Sister of the Poor, and later lived in Hoboken, N. Y.

John F. Quatman remained at home with his father until he became of age. On May 12, 1868, he was married in Oldenburg, Ind., to Josephine Wesley, born in Cincinnati, May 6, 1847. Her parents were natives of Germany, who came to the United States, and located in Cincinnati, where Mrs. Quatman was born. Later they removed to Nashville, Tenn., where they died. They were the parents of two children, Mrs. Quatman's brother, William, being a cigar manufacturer of Nashville, Tenn.

When Mr. and Mrs. Quatman were married, they came to Illinois and began their married life in Teutopolis, where they have since resided. Mr. Quatman is a carpenter by trade, to which he has devoted most of his life. Teutopolis was barely a village when he settled here, and he has seen it grow, and has assisted in the erection of some of its best buildings. He put up his own house, which is a good modern structure. His property has been acquired chiefly from the threshing business and the mill which he has operated for about twenty-eight years. At the present time he is engaged as a dealer in lumber and other building material. He is also the owner of town lots and buildings.

Mr. Quatman and wife have been the parents of seven children, of whom four—Elizabeth, John, Kate and Edward—are living with their parents. John is associated with his father in the lumber yard and saw-mill, while Edward is interested in a retail clothing business in Teutopolis. The children deceased were Frank, Mary and Joseph.

In politics Mr. Quatman is a Democrat, and in past years took an active part in local affairs, holding the various offices of the town. He has been Supervisor for four years, was a member of the Town Board, Mayor of the town, Assessor of Teutopolis, School Director and School Trustee. He and his family are members of St. Francis Catholic Church of Teutopolis, in which they are active workers.

**RAMSEY, Samuel P.**—Effingham County has many fine farms and they are owned, to a large extent, by members of old families of that sec-

tion, in a number of cases the land having been acquired by heritage. A wide stretch of 486 acres of Effingham County land belongs to Samuel P. Ramsey, one of the county's well-known and most highly respected men. No good fortune provided him with a farm in his early manhood, and forty years ago he probably would have thought it the wildest of dreams to anticipate his present large possessions. All of these he has earned through honest effort, ordinary prudence and the exercise of natural good judgment.

Mr. Ramsey was born in Banner Township, Effingham County, Ill., August 18, 1850, a son of Alexander and Elinor (Dunham) Ramsey. Grandfather Ramsey came to Effingham County in 1828 and was the first man to operate a mill in Douglas Township. His mill was located on the Wabash River. His death occurred in 1851. His son Alexander had five children, of whom four survive, namely: John, who makes his home with Samuel P.; James, a farmer in Shelby County, Ill.; Vestio, wife of John M. Webb, and lives near Medford, Ore.; and Samuel P.

When fourteen years of age Samuel P. Ramsey was left alone with his mother on the home farm. His education mainly consisted of what learning he could pick up for himself, his school attendance being limited. He remained with his mother until her second marriage in 1867, and she survived until 1882. The boy's first work on his own account was as sheep-herder, on prairie land that is now the site of the Village of Stewardson, then a wilderness and known as "Dead Man's Grove." He herded 3,700 sheep in this wild and lonely spot, and this was his main occupation up to 1869, when he went to work for William Harrison, on his farm not far from Stewardson. His wages here were \$14.50 per month, and during the nine months he worked for Mr. Harrison he took care of seventy-five acres of corn. In 1870 he rented land from an uncle for half the profits, and had 400 bushels of corn for his share in the fall of that year, being able to purchase his first team of horses. Then, in partnership with his brother-in-law, he rented a farm four miles east of Stewardson, and here he remained until 1873, when he rented land nearer the village and lived there until 1875. In 1876 Mr. Ramsey purchased his first forty acres, located in Douglas Township, which he cleared, and when he erected his frame house upon this land, it was about the first house of that kind in that section. To his first purchase he has added until he had 160 acres in that farm, and here he lived until November 28, 1904, when he bought seventy-one acres in Section 16. In 1895 he bought 135 acres west of his first farm and now owns 486 acres of valuable land. Since February 3, 1903, he has been engaged in the dairy business, which he conducts along modern lines with success. He has thirteen head of pure-blooded Holstein cattle, and for two of his cows he paid



\$100 each. It is his intention to devote his entire attention to his dairy interests at an early date. He keeps only the best stock of all kinds, including thoroughbred Poland China hogs. He is well informed on the subject of dairying, in which he takes great interest, and is a member of the Holstein Friesian Association. He has erected a silo 16 by 24 feet, which has a capacity for 100 tons of ensilage.

February 8, 1872, Mr. Ramsey married Miss Louisa Webb, who was born in Banner Township, and they have had thirteen children. Annie is the wife of Jacob Bales, a farmer in Shelby County; James died in infancy; Edgar is a farmer in Banner Township; Delos lives on the old home place, where all the children were born; Tell assists Delos on the old farm; Cassie and Ira both died in infancy; John assists his father on the present home farm; William is a member of the Third United States Infantry, and is now serving in the Philippine Islands; Emma, died aged one year and one month; Sarah is the wife of William Rentfrow, a farmer in Banner Township; Margaret is at home; and Dolly died at the age of seven years. In this connection a few facts concerning the illustrious Third United States Infantry may be of interest. The oldest regiment in the army, it is known as the "Fighting Third." It was organized under Act of March 3, 1792, and came into being September 4, 1792, under the direct charge of General Anthony Wayne, then Commander-in-Chief. A week later it was given its mark—yellow bindings to the caps, yellow plumes and black hair, which colors are borne in the regimental insignia. It has existed as the Third Sub-Legion and went with General Wayne on his successful campaign against the Indians as far back as 1784. Many prominent names have been identified with this regiment, among them being that of Zebulon Pike, of Pike's Peak fame, who was once a Captain in it. In 1815, Zachary Taylor, later President of the United States, was its Major. In 1873 the regiment came under the command of Col. Benjamin L. E. Barnesville, whose adventures were made famous by the writings of Washington Irving. During the Mexican War the Third was prominent at the Battle of Cerro Gordo, and during the Civil War it was used to cover the retreat of McClellan's panic-stricken army from the vicinity of Richmond, and it was conspicuous in the Grand Review at Washington in 1865. It was then sent to the frontier, from there took part in the Spanish-American War and helped in the capture of El Caney; then came back to the United States, where it suppressed the uprising of the Indians at Leech Lake, Minn., and then set sail for Manila Bay, by way of Suez, under Generals McArthur and the unfortunate Lawton. It was in the islands for three years and again returned to the United States, and in 1904 was sent to Alaska, where two years of hard work awaited it. It was sent from Alaska to Fort George Wright and from there, August 5, 1909,

sailed for the Orient. In this notable regiment William Ramsey has proven himself a soldier whose actions will never dim its luster.

For sixty years Samuel P. Ramsey has been identified with the development of Effingham County. He helped cut logs for the building of the first school-house in his section and has ever been the friend of education and progress. In politics he is a Democrat and has filled local offices at times, and for nine years served as Road Commissioner. He and his estimable wife are members of the Christian Church.

**RANKIN, Robert**, was born in Lawrence County, Ind., February 7, 1820, and spent his youth on his father's farm. He was married October 3, 1839, to Martha J. Foster, and became the owner of sixty acres of land in his native county, which he sold in 1849, removing to Mason, Effingham County, Ill., where he engaged in farming. Subsequently he located in town and opened the first hotel in the place, where he was one of the original proprietors. About a year after opening his hotel he abandoned this enterprise and embarked in the mercantile business. In 1861 Robert Rankin, with three of his sons, enlisted for service in the war and was made First Lieutenant of Company B, Thirty-eighth Illinois Volunteers, accompanying his regiment in all its marches and engagements until the fall of 1862, when, on account of feeble health, he was forced to retire. During his term of service he contracted the disease which caused his death, June 20, 1871. During the last years of his life he usually walked with a cane and was in very poor health. He was a man of sterling worth, who did his duty unostentatiously and used his influence to improve the morals of the community and increase the respect of all for religion.

**READY, Charles M.**—Many of the farmers of Effingham County are specializing, having found that this is more remunerative than following a general line of agriculture. Among those who have fallen into the more modern methods is Charles M. Ready, farmer and breeder of fine coach horses. He was born in Mason Township, one mile west of Mason, June 29, 1866, a son of William and Sarah (Bittle) Ready. His parents were married in the vicinity of Cincinnati, later moved to Indiana where Mr. Ready engaged in a mercantile business, but eventually came to Effingham County, renting land in Mason Township, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, he passing away in 1876, and she in 1906 at the home of her son, Charles M. Ready, having lived with her children after the death of her husband. Both parents were Methodists. For some years Mr. Ready was a teacher of the Wilson school district, and always was interested in educational matters. He was a truly good man, whose mind was never soiled by evil thoughts or his lips stained by profane words. His wife was

as good a Christian as he, and whenever trouble or sickness came to her neighbors, she was to be found among them giving consolation and material help. They had four children, namely: Anna, wife of James P. Ahl, a farmer near Sycamore, Ind.; John, a farmer of this township; Charles M.; and Homer, who lives at Mason.

Born on a farm and educated in the district schools, Charles M. Ready is a true product of the farm. As soon as he was able, he began assisting his father, and remained at home until he attained his majority. In 1887, he went to Piatt County, Ill., and for four years worked by the month on farms there, but in 1891 came back to Effingham County to take charge of the farm of Alexander Craver, thus continuing until the latter's death in 1892.

On April 11, 1897, Mr. Ready married Alberta Chamberlain, born in Fayette County, February 6, 1877, a daughter of Alonzo and Sarah (Maxfield) Chamberlain, who now reside on a farm near Mason. Mr. and Mrs. Ready have had four children: William Alonzo, born June 27, 1899; Clarence, born January 22, 1902; Glenn, born January 3, 1906, and one other. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ready began life on the Craver farm, where they lived until 1900, and then bought twenty-five acres south of Mason, which continued to be their home until 1903. In that year Mr. Ready sold his property, and purchased his present farm of eighty acres on Section 11, and in December located upon it. They have rebuilt their house and now have one of the most comfortable farm residences in the township. Mr. Ready has always been a progressive farmer and believes in high grade stock. His first horses were of the Morgan stock, but he now owns "Allen," a German coach stallion, sired by old "Generator," 2131, a handsome imported black animal. This horse was bought from J. Crouch & Son, of La Fayette, Ind., in January, 1909. Mr. Ready also owns "Blackhawk Jack" bred at Lanford, Ky., which he purchased in 1903. He is a recognized authority with regard to horses and mules, and has done much to raise the standard of excellence in stock raising in his locality.

In State and National affairs, he casts his vote with the Republican party, but in local matters prefers to use his judgment as to the fitness of the man. He has served as School Director and has done all he could to improve conditions. A member of the Methodist Church, he liberally supports it with time and money. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and his wife is a member of the Royal Neighbors at Mason.

**READY, John L.**—Nothing is more certain than that thrift industry and perseverance will eventually accomplish great results, and this statement has been proved by John L. Ready, who, through his own efforts, has developed one of the finest farms in Mason Township, from the wilderness and has improved and stocked it until

it has few equals for its size, in all this section of Effingham County. He was born in Monroe County, Ind., October 7, 1860, and is a son of William and Sarah (Bittle) Ready.

The parents of Mr. Ready were natives of Hamilton County, Ohio, where they were reared and married, and where the father taught school in his earlier manhood. When he settled on Big Salt Creek, in Monroe County, Ind., on the farm on which his son, John L., was born, he purchased land, but in 1864 brought his family to Effingham County, Ill. He later rented land in Mason Township turning his attention to farming, while teaching during the winter seasons for some years, but continued his agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death in the fall of 1876. He was a man well versed in all public affairs and was a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He had read the Bible through a number of times and justly regarded it as the fount of wisdom. His excellent wife survived him a number of years, her death occurring on January 1, 1906. They had four children: Annie, wife of James Ahl, a farmer in Indiana; John L.; Charles M., a sketch of whom will be found in this work; and Homer, a resident of Mason, Ill.

When four years old the parents of John L. Ready brought him to Effingham County and he was reared on the Mason Township farm, beginning farm duties as soon as old enough to follow the plow. After his mother contracted a second marriage, with Alexander Craver, he left home and worked on different farms by the month, being careful to save his earnings and in this way accumulated some capital. After he married he rented a farm in Mason Township until 1887, when he bought sixty acres in Section 25 and of this has made the fine farm mentioned. There was nothing then on the land in the way of improvements with the exception of a small log cabin. The land was wild and mainly covered with timber, but Mr. Ready was in no way discouraged but went right to work and, in a reasonable time, had it all cleared. One improvement after another followed, and in 1900 the old log cabin was given up and the comfortable cottage took its place which later gave way to the spacious frame residence of the present. He has taken much pride in his surroundings and his buildings of all kinds are attractive as well as substantial. His idea is that none but first class stock is worth the raising, and on his farm is found Hambletonian and Morgan horses, Poland China hogs, Shropshire sheep and his large dairy is operated with Durham, Jersey and Holstein cows.

In 1886, Mr. Ready married Miss Emma Wilson, born in Union Township, a daughter of C. D. Wilson, now a resident of Mason, Ill. He served in the Civil War and was a member of Gen. Wilder's Brigade. To Mr. and Mrs. Ready four children have been born, as follows: Dollie,

born July 28, 1887; Arthur, born April 21, 1889; Grace, born October 3, 1897; and Lynn, born September 2, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Ready are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the order of Modern Woodmen of America, while Mrs. Ready belongs to the Royal Neighbors. In politics he is a Republican.

**RETZ, Albert**, who is numbered among the successful agriculturists and representative citizens of Effingham County, is the owner of 280 acres of excellent farming land in Section 13, Jackson Township. He was born in Banner Township, Effingham County, Ill., March 2, 1869, a son of William and Amelia (Page) Retz, natives of Germany, who came to this country with their parents, both families settling in St. Clair County, Ill., at a very early day, where Mr. and Mrs. Retz were married. About 1864 they located in Banner Township, Effingham County, and here the father made a home for his family and cultivated an excellent farm of 130 acres. His death occurred May 17, 1906, and his widow survived him until March 17, 1907, both dying in the faith of the Lutheran Church. In politics, William Retz was a Democrat, and held the office of Highway Commissioner for several terms. The children of William and Amelia Retz were: Alvenia, wife of Jacob Pilger, a retired farmer of Clover Leaf, now residing at Ramsey, Ill.; Henry, a farmer near Shelbyville; Albert; Minnie, wife of Charles Mann, a grain and stock dealer of Beecher City; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Edward Ratloff, a resident of Clara, Ill.; Ida, wife of George Wagner, a farmer of Shelby County; and Herman, who resides with his brother Albert.

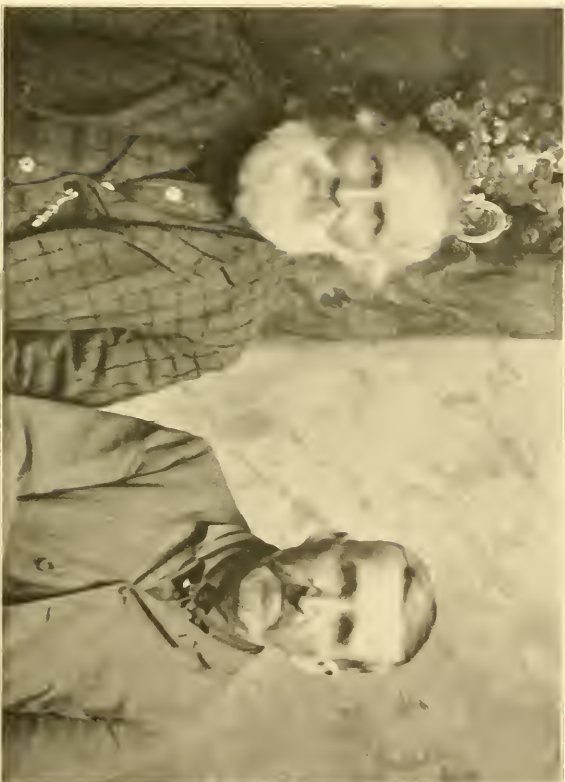
Albert Retz attended the schools of his native locality and was reared on the home farm, on which he remained until reaching the age where he could command wages, when he commenced work on the farms near the home place, and also spent one year as a member of a railroad section gang between Alfamont and Slumway, turning his earnings over to his father. On April 7, 1896, he was united in marriage with Lena Wagner, a native of Effingham County and the daughter of Adam Wagner, a pioneer of this county. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Retz rented land from Mr. Wagner in Watson Township until 1903, when they moved to a tract of 140 acres in Jackson Township, which had been purchased by Mr. Retz the year previous. On this tract, which is located in Section 13, was a small frame house, which Mr. Retz soon replaced with a two-story, seven-roomed residence, one of the handsome ones of the township, in which Mr. and Mrs. Retz have made their home to the present. In addition to increasing the extent of his farm to 280 acres, Mr. Retz has made many fine improvements, including the setting out of shade and orchard trees and the laying out of lawns and hedges, and his farm is one of the most attractive in this part of the county.

He has been a successful agriculturist and has been interested in the breeding of Duroc-Jersey hogs, Poland-China hogs and Short Horn cattle, having a herd of twenty-six of the latter at the present time.

In politics, Mr. Retz is a Democrat, and has always been identified with the success of his party in this section. With his wife he attends the Lutheran Church in Watson. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Retz.—Selman and Lizzie.

**REYNOLDS, John C.**—The visitor to Effingham County, Ill., viewing for the first time its fertile lands, well-regulated farms and general air of prosperity, finds it hard to believe that but a comparatively few years ago this section of the country was a wild waste, principally swamp and timber land; yet such is the case, and the present excellent condition of the country has only been attained through the untiring labor and persistent endeavor of men of energy and perseverance, whose lives have been spent in forwarding the development of this section. One of these men, John C. Reynolds, a retired farmer of Watson, Ill., was born in Jackson Township, Effingham County, November 14, 1848, son of Doshah T. and Martha M. (Brown) Reynolds, both of whom were born in 1818, in Franklin County, Tenn., of Irish ancestry.

Doshah T. Reynolds was married in Tennessee, where he remained until 1840, in the meantime taking part in the Black Hawk War, and in the year mentioned loaded his household goods into a prairie schooner and with his two children,—Martin Van Buren and Samuel A.,—and his wife, came to Illinois, making a short stop at a point in Shelby County, and in the fall came to Effingham County. Settling on Section 14, Jackson Township, he entered 160 acres of land in what is now known as the "Effingham Orchard," located his little family in the log cabin home, and here started to cultivate his land when the Mexican War broke out, and he enlisted in Company C, Second Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, being discharged September 27, 1847, at Tampico, Mexico, on account of disability received in the service. He was sent from Tampico to St. Louis, and from there walked to his home. His wife had received no news of his home-coming, and his son Samuel often relates how his mother, working in the yard, recognized her husband and was so overcome with joy that she ran and jumped the fence to throw herself into his arms. She it was who alone had borne all the struggles for the protection of the family during his absence. The other six children of this noble pioneer couple were born on the Jackson Township farm, and were: D. W., now living near Mitchell, Ind., was a soldier of Company A, Twenty-Sixth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was captured with his regiment at Corinth; James R., a resident of Watson, was a member of an Illinois Regiment; Elizabeth J., married R. C. Le Crone, and both are now deceased; John C.; L. F., a farmer of



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Clay County, Ill.; and Charles E., died December 12, 1904, and was buried in the Watson Cemetery. Some time after the birth of the youngest child, Doshah Reynolds sold the old family home and removed to Union Township, but subsequently purchased 107 acres in Watson Township, Section 31, and there made his home until his death, September 26, 1877. Throughout his life he was a staunch Democrat, and socially was connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows. Both he and his wife were reared in the faith of the Baptist Church, and to the teachings of that denomination they clung throughout their long and useful lives. They were typical pioneers, of the brave, noble character that overcame all obstacles and blazed the trail for the following generations. Kindly and hospitable, they never refused assistance to one who was worthy and in need, and their memories will remain green in the hearts of all who knew them. Mrs. Reynolds survived her husband until January 15, 1901, when she passed away, at the age of eighty-four years.

John C. Reynolds received his education in the primitive log school houses, and at the age of ten years began to assume his share of the duties of the home farm, on which he resided until his marriage, April 6, 1871, when he was united with Sarah E. Trexler, who was born in Jackson County, Ohio, daughter of Jonathan and Rosella (Foster) Trexler, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Effingham County at an early day and settled in Jackson Township. After his marriage, Mr. Reynolds purchased forty acres of land, going into debt for every dollar of the purchase money. On this land, which was situated on Section 14, Jackson Township, was a little slab board house, with a clay and wood chimney. He later sold this land and in 1876 removed to Jasper County, where he lived for one year, then buying 120 acres in Section 6, Union Township, and subsequently settled on 107 acres in Watson and Union Townships, on which farm his father died. To this farm he added eighty-seven acres, and still owns the entire property. Later he took charge of his father-in-law's farm and bought out the heirs to his estate after the latter's death, and here he and his family resided for sixteen years. In 1904 Mr. Reynolds bought a piece of property on West Main street, Watson, on which he erected a beautiful cottage, where he has since made his home. He and his wife now own 420 acres of land in Jackson and Watson Townships, and considering that they started their married life without a single possession in the world, it will be seen that their example is one to be emulated. Mr. Reynolds has always voted with the Democratic party, and on that ticket has been elected to various township offices, being now a member of the Board of Trustees of Watson. He belongs to the Missionary Baptist Church and his wife to the Christian denomination. Socially Mr. Reynolds is connected with Watson Lodge of Masons, No. 602.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds there have been born these children: Cora B., born March 4, 1872, the wife of Robert Martin, lives on the home farm in Watson Township and has had four children,—Vera, Beulah, Noble and one other; and Winnie E., born March 26, 1877, wife of V. C. White, resides on the home farm in Jackson Township, and has one son,—Russell Reynolds White.

**REYNOLDS, Samuel A.**, now living retired after a long and useful life spent in agricultural pursuits in Effingham County, Ill., is a native of Franklin County, Tenn., born December 10, 1837, a son of Doshah T. Reynolds. At the age of three years Mr. Reynolds was brought by his parents to Illinois, and after a short stay in Shelby County the family came to Jackson Township, Effingham County, where the youth received his education. He remained on the home farm until his marriage, May 19, 1859, to Hannah M. Thompson, who was born December 25, 1837, in Fairfield County, Ohio, a daughter of Robert and Jane (All) Thompson, of Dutch and Irish ancestry, the former of whom was born in Ohio, and the latter in Pennsylvania. They came to Illinois in 1850, buying a farm in Jackson Township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. After Mr. Reynolds' marriage he settled on the old home farm until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-Sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years or during the war, and the regiment immediately entered the field, taking part in the battle of Island Number Ten. This regiment took part in fifty-seven engagements during the war, and Mr. Reynolds participated in all except that at Jackson, Miss. The regiment marched with Sherman to the sea, and Mr. Reynolds re-enlisted with them at Scottsboro, Ala., for three years more. Always a good and faithful soldier, Mr. Reynolds made an enviable war record and after his discharge, at Louisville, Ky., returned home, where he took up the duties of citizenship, and has since become one of the honored residents of his district. He followed farming with much success until the fall of 1881, when he purchased property in the Village of Watson, where the family has since become well known. Mr. Reynolds is a Democrat in politics, and has been called upon to fill positions of honor and trust, including those of Mayor and member of the Board of Village Trustees of Watson. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, and have always been active in church and charitable work. They were to have celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1900, but as some of the family could not be present, the occasion was postponed. Mr. Reynolds is connected with Watson Post, No. 418, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he is a popular comrade.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds there have been born these children: James A., born February

9, 1860, married, February 17, 1885, Victoria Tucker, and is farming in Oklahoma; Samuel S., born March 2, 1862; William F., born September 26, 1866, a resident of Watson Township; Martha J., born July 28, 1868, is the wife of Charles J. Loy, a farmer of Oklahoma; Endorah, A., born March 26, 1870, is the wife of Robert Hardsock, of Mason, Ill.; and Etiole O., born September 18, 1874, wife of Benjamin Oliver, of Baton Rouge, La. It is interesting to note that there has not been a death in Mrs. Reynolds' family for over half a century.

**RICHMOND, Miss Nettie**, one of the most successful business women of Effingham County, Ill., now editor and proprietor of the "Mason News," at Mason, was for many years a well-known educator in Fayette and Effingham Counties. Miss Richmond is a native of Champaign County, Ill., born in 1858, a daughter of Thomas C. and Mary (Wadams) Richmond, natives of Connecticut and New York respectively. Thomas C. Richmond and his wife were parents of six children, the subject of this sketch being the only one of the family still living.

Miss Richmond received her education in the public schools of Fayette and Effingham Counties, and at the age of sixteen years began teaching in St. Elmo, Ill. She was successful in this profession and continued in it eighteen years, giving it up in 1893 to assume the duties of Postmistress at Mason, Ill., which position she held one year, after which she taught two years. She has built up her present business from a small beginning, establishing the "Mason News" in 1896, with four subscribers. The paper has a regular subscription list of five hundred names at the present time and the plant, where it is edited and printed, is also used for job printing. In addition to these interests, Miss Richmond conducts a stationery and book store at Mason, and enjoys the same success in this enterprise as in the others. She is a bright, capable business woman, and looks after all the details of her work herself.

In religious views Miss Richmond is a Methodist and served sixteen years as Superintendent of the Sunday School at Mason. She is much interested in public affairs and espouses every good and charitable cause that comes within her notice. She is unmarried.

**RIEMANN, John C.**—To some men is given the power to judge properly and correctly of human nature. Such men can pick out the honest from the dishonest, the capable from those who will never amount to anything, and when such are placed in positions of public trust, such a faculty comes into good play and serves the people admirably. John C. Riemann, who for years was County Treasurer of Effingham County, and controlled the interests of that responsible office, has done more for his constituents in his selection of his assistants than any other man here. Mr. Riemann, a farmer, dairyman and stock-

raiser of Section 1, Teutopolis Township, was born in Bishop Township, February 26, 1859, a son of Diedrich and Mary (Thoele) Riemann, who were among the pioneers of Effingham County, settling there in 1846.

Diedrich Riemann was a native of Germany, but his wife was born in Cincinnati, and her people came to Effingham County in 1841. They were married in 1857 and went to the Bishop Township farm. Christian Riemann, the father of Diedrich, took up land in Bishop Township, becoming an extensive landowner. He brought his eleven motherless children to America, having lost his wife just before sailing, and in 1846, with but twenty-five cents in his pocket, began life in the new home. Being an honest, industrious man, he secured credit, entered his land, bought a cow and oxen, the latter of which he traded for forty acres of land. At one time he worked for twenty-five cents a day breaking the raw prairie, and never hesitated to do anything that would assist in caring for his family. Only five of his eleven children grew to maturity, and all of them are now dead. Christian Riemann was a remarkable example of a sturdy, hard-working German, who attained prosperity and prominence in the land he had adopted as his own.

When Diedrich Riemann and his young wife began housekeeping it was in a tiny log cabin. They worked hard, and in time Mr. Riemann became the owner of 200 acres of good land. His wife inherited 157 acres, so that they owned, at the time of their death, 357 acres. Their last days were spent in Teutopolis, where she died in 1896, and he in 1899. They had eleven children, of whom three (two boys and one girl) died in infancy, while Susan died at the age of twenty-two years. Those living are: John C.; Regina, who married Henry Hatke, of Idaho; Theresa, married Ed. Somen, of Idaho; Henry, a farmer of Teutopolis Township; Caroline, married Henry Dust, of Idaho; Diedrich, a farmer of Idaho, and Bernard, a farmer in the same State.

John C. Riemann was brought up on the homestead, remaining there until 1861, when he located near the Green Creek Catholic Church, where he lived until 1864, when he moved to Teutopolis and there attended the common schools, and later the St. Joseph College, of Teutopolis, receiving a good, practical education. On May 2, 1882, Mr. Riemann married Catherine Hatke, born in Teutopolis, March 7, 1862. They took charge of the farm and the father and mother moved to Teutopolis. Mr. Riemann was the purchaser of the shares of the other heirs, and now owns 157 acres in Teutopolis Township and 200 in Douglas Township, making a total of 417 acres in Effingham County, as well as some town property.

Mr. Riemann has always been prominent in the ranks of the Democratic party, and has filled all the township offices. For two years he was on the Board of Supervisors, and in 1902

was elected County Treasurer, while filling this office serving under a bond of \$132,000, which he had no difficulty in securing. He has always been active in the Roman Catholic Church, of which he is a devout member. Mr. Riemann has always been in favor of good schools, good roads, and good government, and has done far more than his part towards securing and maintaining them.

Mr. and Mrs. Riemann have had children as follows: Katie and Johnnie, at home; Anna, married Joseph Schneiderjan, a farmer of St. Francis Township; Mary and Henry, at home; Josephine, died at the age of one year; Josephine (II) and D'edrich, at home; Bernard, died in infancy; Rosa, Bernardina and Eugenius, at home.

Among those whom Mr. Riemann selected to assist him in the County Treasurer's office were the following: John Thies, now Cashier of the State Bank of Effingham; Joseph G. Habing, now Circuit Clerk of Effingham County; Philip Miller, now Cashier of the Bank of Ho, Idaho; C. L. Nolte, was Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank of Effingham, but is now holding a responsible position in Decatur. This list shows the class of men chosen by Mr. Riemann to assist him in fulfilling the duties of the responsible position to which he was elected by the voters of Effingham County. He gave the affairs of the county the same careful consideration he has always given his own affairs, and his valuable services were appreciated by the people he represented. Mr. Riemann is a member of the Catholic Knights of America and other life and accident insurance companies.

**RILEY, Eli Bruce**, who has been a well known business man of Altamont, Ill., for more than twenty-one years, was born March 27, 1846, on a farm near Millwood, Knox County, Ohio, the seventh child of William and Susan (Cumblings) Riley. Nicholas Riley, the grandfather of Eli B., removed from Maryland to Knox County, Ohio, at a very early date, the journey being made overland, he traveling on foot while his wife rode horseback and carried William in her arms. On locating in Ohio Nicholas Riley purchased several hundred acres of land on Owl Creek, and here he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Their three sons were: George, who died in Knox County; Nicholas, who also passed away there; and William.

William Riley received but a limited education in the primitive schools of pioneer Ohio, and grew up a farmer boy, being engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life. In 1853, he took his large family of children, with an ox-team and three horse-teams, to Illinois, being twenty-one days on the journey. He purchased 120 acres of land in Loudon Township, Fayette County. Here he settled down to clear and cultivate his property, forty acres of which was timber land, and spent the remainder of his life there, his death occurring in 1889, and that of his wife in 1876. They had the following chil-

dren: Maria, who married Cochran Sproat; Harriet, who married John Clayton; George Washington, of Shelby County, who married Martha Jane Sapp; William, who married a Miss Clayton; Nicholas Jackson, of Fayette County, who married Polly Ann Spicer; James Marion, of Fayette County, who married Phoebe Angel; Eli Bruce; and Lewis Tellis, of Fayette County, who married Phoebe Hogg.

Eli Bruce Riley was seven years old when the family came to Illinois. He attended the log schoolhouse in the wild prairie near his home and spent the time not given to his studies in working with his father and brothers in clearing the home farm, on which he remained until just before his twenty-first birthday. He was married, January 17, 1867, to Miss Ann Rhodes, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Ott) Rhodes, and from that time until 1874 he lived on rented farms. He then purchased a farm in Liberty Township, Effingham County, on which he lived for four years, when he sold out and located in Loudon Township, Fayette County, where he had a tract of 120 acres, to which he later added eighty acres. He remained on this latter property until November, 1888, when he came to Altamont and engaged in the saloon business with John Rhodes, at the corner of Railroad and Third streets, where he has successfully continued to the present time. He is a staunch Democrat in political matters, and is considered an influential man in the work of his party in this locality.

Mr. Riley's first wife died in August, 1881, having been the mother of three children: John, of Altamont, who married (first) Alice Barr and (second) Amanda Logue; Mary Elizabeth, who married Rudolph Flugey, of Chicago; and Jesse Clarence, of Fayette County, who married Lola Logue. Mr. Riley was married (second) October 24, 1883, to Mrs. John Roe (nee Jennie Horton), and there were five children born to this union: Carrie Myrtle, Ivy L., Ada Lee, Curtis Glen and Velma Ruth.

**ROBINSON, Martin K.**, who erected the mill in Effingham County that still bears his name, was born in Kentucky in 1805, and at the age of twenty-nine years located in Effingham County, settling on the Wabash, four miles northeast of Mason. He opened up a farm and carried it on until 1858. During this time he went south and worked at boat-building on Pensacola Bay several winters, returning to spend his summers upon his farm. He was a man of great ambition and was never idle. In 1857-58 he erected his mill, which was once known throughout a large territory for the excellence of its flour. He was married three times and was the father of seven children. His third wife was the widow of Wilkinson Leith. Politically Mr. Robinson was a strong Republican. He died March 22, 1868, and his death was mourned by a large circle of friends.

The personal appearance of Mr. Robinson was striking and he was well remembered by anyone



who made his acquaintance. He was tall and of commanding stature, and although in youth he had lost one eye, the other was dark and piercing. He was a man of unusually quick perception and good judgment. He was actively interested in all topics of general interest and able to speak fluently and convincingly on them.

**RUFF, Albert A.**, who is proprietor of the Oak Ridge Stock Farm, which is situated on Section 18, Union Township, Effingham County, is one of that class of citizens who contribute faithfully to the advancement of the section in which they make their homes. This class is the one to further public improvements, to establish permanent enterprises and, in an agricultural region, they are pretty sure to own the best grade of stock and make the most profit out of farming. Such is undeniably the case with Albert A. Ruff. He was born on a farm in Shelby County, near Strasburg, Ill., April 8, 1866, and is a son of John and Caroline (Kull) Ruff.

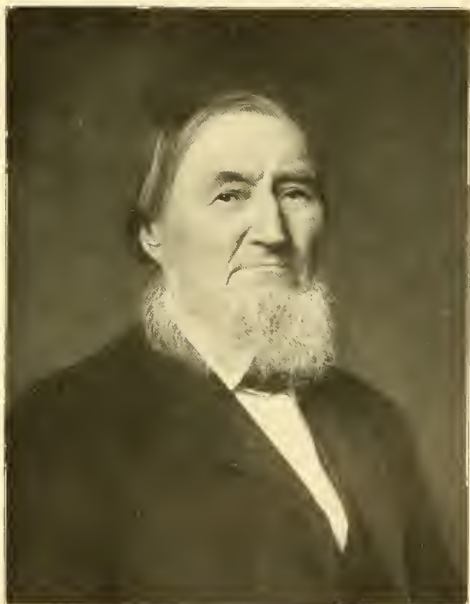
Both parents were born about 1838 in Fairfield County, Ohio, and were married in 1861, their parents being natives of Germany. Both families were farming people in Fairfield County. From there, in 1865, John Ruff moved to Shelby County, Ill., and became a well known and respected man there. In 1906 he retired and settled in Strasburg, where he and his wife still reside. He has four brothers living in Shelby County, and one sister in Chicago; one brother, Solomon, lives at Lima, Ohio. Mrs. Ruff has one sister, Emma, who married Christian Brunne, and they live at Springfield, Ohio. To John Ruff and wife the following children were born: Clara, who is the wife of Lewis Kircher, a farmer near Strasburg, Ill.; Hannah, who is the wife of Fred Hartman, a farmer in Shelby County; Albert A.; Martin, who is a farmer near Strasburg; Matilda, who is now deceased, was the wife of Robert Zimmer, a teacher and farmer near Neoga, Ill.; Emma, who is the wife of Albert Vogel, a farmer near Strasburg; John G., now deceased, married Maggie Kincade, who later married John F. Turner, a farmer in Mason Township; Daniel, who is the Rural Free Delivery carrier out of Strasburg; Alice, who is the wife of Nelson Spurgeon, a farmer near Strasburg; and Lewis, who lives on the old homestead. John Ruff was a man of local prominence where he lived in Shelby County. He reared his large family carefully, and when his sons were twenty-one years of age he gave each a colt off the farm, and to each daughter he gave a cow. They all became well-to-do and respected residents of their several neighborhoods. They were reared in the Lutheran faith, their parents being prominent in the Lutheran Church in Shelby County.

Albert A. Ruff attended the district schools and helped in the duties on the farm, remaining with his good parents until of age. In 1887 he started out for himself, working by the month, and spending four months of the first two years

in Minnesota. He already owned the horse his father had given him, and with his first earnings he bought another and rented a farm in 1889, which he and his brother-in-law, Fred Hartman, operated together. On September 3, 1890, he was married to Miss Virginia M. Zimmer, who was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, January 21, 1864, a daughter of Philip and Margaret A. (McBride) Zimmer, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Ohio. In 1867 they moved to Shelby County, Ill. In Ohio, Mr. Zimmer was a shoemaker, but when he settled in Illinois he bought a farm which he operated until his death, in 1902. His widow survived until 1906. They had ten children: Amanda, wife of Reuben Swengel, a merchant of Neoga, Ill.; Emma, wife of John Coen, a farmer near Neoga; Mrs. Ruff; Julia, wife of Huston Clawson, a nurseryman and County Surveyor, of Cumberland County; Robert H., a teacher near Neoga; Nellie M., wife of Thomas Clawson, a farmer near Windsor, Ill.; Ernest, a farmer and teacher near Neoga; Antoinette, wife of Sylvester Clawson, a teacher and County Surveyor of Shelby County; and Byron O., a farmer near Neoga, Ill. The father was an educated man and gave all his children educational opportunities and a number of them became teachers, Mrs. Ruff being a teacher for sixteen years, in Shelby, Cumberland and Effingham Counties. She is a lady of much talent and many accomplishments.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruff are the parents of three daughters: Eva Faye, born September 27, 1896, and at the age of thirteen years has passed the final examination of the eighth grade in the common schools and is eligible to admission into the High School; Ruth Alberta, born December 23, 1898, who is in her seventh year in the common school; and Gladys Violet, born January 23, 1905.

After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Ruff located for a few months in Watson, but in the spring of 1891 they settled on their farm of eighty acres to which they have added until they now own 177 acres of most excellent land. This property has been carefully improved and intelligently cultivated. Mr. Ruff has always been interested in fine stock and has done much to raise the standard in his neighborhood. During the past two years he has given special attention to Percheron horses and Hereford cattle, and he has a fine herd of the latter though not all registered. He also has five head of Percheron horses and an imported stallion, "Frimas," F. N. 61646, A. N. 50657, weight 1850. He also has a beautiful black mare, also imported, with others equally valuable. In 1909 he bought "Vesta" No. 45275, bred by Frank G. Besgrove of Fairbury, Ill., and with this mare and his others in 1909, he won the first premiums at three county fairs—in Effingham, Richland and Jasper Counties. He won fourteen first premiums and three second. It is probable that the public will have further opportunity to see the



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magnificent products of this stock farm at future exhibitions.

In politics, Mr. Ruff is a Democrat and is School Treasurer in Union Township. He belongs to the M. A. F. O. Mrs. Ruff is active in the work of the Methodist Church. Socially they are widely known and their hospitable home is frequently opened to their many friends.

**RUFFNER, Edward W.**—The young farmers of Effingham County are taking advantage of the opportunities offered by recent discoveries and improved machinery and are reaping excellent results from their land. Among those thus representative of the class of modern agriculturists is Edward W. Ruffner of Section 26, Union Township. He was born on his present farm, May 11, 1872, a son of Harrison N. Ruffner, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

After a boyhood spent in attending the district schools and assisting on the farm, in 1894, when twenty-two or twenty-three years old, he went to Denver, Col., and for a year was engaged in dairy work. From there he went to Prescott, Ariz., where for a time he had charge of the lively stable owned by his brother George. For a year he was employed in a copper mine, the Crown King, and for another year he worked in a mine owned by Senator W. A. Clark. In 1900, he returned home and took charge of the homestead, buying 100 acres of it upon his father's retirement in 1902. He now owns 173 acres in Union Township, and has brought his land into excellent condition. In 1909 he branched out into the dairy business and now has eighteen head of Jersey cattle, and at the head of the herd a registered bull of the finest breed. He is one of the leading young farmers of his locality and one who thoroughly understands his work.

On December 3, 1902, he married Macy Anderson, born in Mason Township, July 17, 1878, daughter of J. H. Anderson, a prominent man and successful stock buyer and shipper. Mr. and Mrs. Ruffner have three children: Ray, born December 26, 1903; Clare, born February 2, 1908, and Neva, born March 10, 1910. He is a Democrat, being active in the party, and is a member of the Democratic Central Committee of the county. Fraternally he is a member of Masonic Lodge No. 217, and Camp 1202 of the M. W. A. of Mason. Both he and his wife belong to the Eastern Star. They are Methodists and are active in church and Sunday school work. Mr. Ruffner is active in the Masonic lodge, having been sent as a delegate to the Grand Lodge meeting held in Chicago, October 12, 1909.

In all of his farming operations he has been eminently successful. For a number of years he has been raising Duroc-Jersey hogs, and averages eighty per year. He ships his own stock and does some buying. He also buys and ships hay.

**RUFFNER, Harrison N.**—One of the venerable citizens of Mason, Ill., now living retired after a long life spent in agricultural pursuits, is Harrison N. Ruffner, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, January 16, 1834, a son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Leith) Ruffner.

The great-grandfather of Mr. Ruffner on the maternal side was an Englishman by birth, and when a lad was left an orphan, being bound out to a farmer who later came to America and settled in Virginia. Being ill-treated, at the age of eighteen years the youth ran away and went to Ohio, where he was captured by the Wyandot Indians and held a prisoner until adopted by the chief of the tribe. With this tribe was a white girl who had been with them from the time she was two years old. The white girl being the same age as John Leith, they concluded to get married, but the old chief objected and wanted him to marry his own daughter. He then left them and joined another band of Indians on the Mississippi, near where St. Louis is today. He traveled on horseback as far as the Pacific Ocean (or "Osean," as he spelled it when writing of his travels). The chief of the Wyandot Indians with whom he had previously lived sent him word that, if he would return he would be allowed to marry the white girl they had with them, to which the chief had been formerly bitterly opposed, and the youth went back and did so. They settled in a log cabin and cleared a small farm, and here there were born two children, one of whom became the grandfather of Harrison N. Ruffner. Later the Indians became angered at Mr. Leith and appointed a night when he should be killed, but a friendly Indian informed him and he managed to escape with his wife and children and returned to the scene of his youth, in Virginia, where his wife was recognized by her mother by a birthmark. H. N. Ruffner, the subject of this sketch, can remember seeing his great-grandfather, who lived to be ninety years of age.

Andrew Ruffner was a native of Virginia, and in 1832 married Elizabeth Leith, who was born in North Carolina. In 1841 he came to Illinois and entered land in Marion County, then returning to Fairfield County, Ohio, where he died January 16, 1842. In the fall of the same year the widow, with her five children, came to Illinois and settled on the land the father had entered the year before. The children were: Samuel L., now a resident of Louisiana, has followed teaching throughout his life; Harrison N.; Andrew, who died in Arizona in 1897; Margaret, wife of Charles Wilson, a resident of Mason; and Dorothy, who became the wife of Lafayette Warner, and moved to Oregon, where both died. About 1847 Mrs. Ruffner married a second time, her husband being Joseph Morgan, and they had two children: Mary, widow of Aaron Henry, a resident of Redlands, Cal., and Sarah, who married Reason Wright, but is now deceased.

Reared to the vocation of an agriculturist and educated in the district schools of his locality,



Harrison N. Ruffner grew to manhood and in 1848, came to Effingham County to work on different farms. Of his earnings from this time until he reached the age of twenty-five years he saved \$800, with which he purchased fifty-seven acres of land on Section 30, paying \$200 on the land and devoting the remaining \$600 to building a two-room frame dwelling and the buying of a span of horses. July 19, 1850, he was married to Catherine White, who was born in Bond County, Ill., September 2, 1836, daughter of William and Agnes (Johnson) White, the former of Tennessee and the latter of North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. White were married February 28, 1822, in Bond County, Ill., where he died September 28, 1845. In 1857 the widow came to Effingham County, Ill. But three of their eleven children survive: Mrs. Ruffner; Ellen, the widow of Dr. William Duncan, residing in Clay County, and Frank, of Florida. The mother died in Mason, Ill., February 23, 1893, when eighty-six years of age.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Ruffner located on the farm in Section 30, Union Township, and there they resided for forty-three years, making a splendid home and adding to their property until they owned 340 acres. In 1902 Mr. Ruffner bought a beautiful cottage in the Village of Mason, where they live retired from active labors, in the comfort and repose that follow long years of useful endeavor. On July 19, 1900, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, on which date two to three hundred friends called at their home and many handsome and appropriate gifts were presented to this much-beloved couple. Their voyage through life has been a happy one, and they enjoy the respect and esteem of all who know them. Mrs. Ruffner is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and her husband of the Christian denomination. Fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 217 and Chapter 87, of the Masonic Order, in which he is now acting in the capacity of High Priest. Politically a Democrat, he served for many years as a member of the Board of Supervisors in Union Township.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ruffner are as follows: Alma, born July 9, 1860, married Samuel Riggs, of Denver, Colo.; George, born November 16, 1862, of Prescott, Ariz.; Ellen, born September 7, 1865, died September 19, 1872; Andrew, born March 12, 1870, on the farm in Union Township, married Rosa Turner; Ed. W., born May 11, 1872, married Macy Anderson; Walter, born March 25, 1876, was killed in a mine explosion in Arizona, May 20, 1900; Florence, born February 7, 1879, deceased, was the wife of Gary Paugh; and Lester, born May 28, 1885, residing in Prescott, Ariz.

**SCHMIDT, Joseph L.**—Effingham County not only possesses some of the best farms in the State, but also some of the most progressive farmers who are taking advantage of every op-

portunity offered by improved machinery and scientific methods. Joseph L. Schmidt, farmer, stockman and dairyman of Section 29, Douglas Township, is a good example of what a man can accomplish through energy and economy. He was born in St. Clair County, Ill., November 5, 1856, a son of Henry H. and Catherine (Bertke) Schmidt, both natives of Germany. They came to St. Louis, Mo., when young and there were married, about 1848. Later they removed to St. Clair County, Ill., and rented land. In 1861, they moved to Effingham County, where Mr. Schmidt bought eighty acres of land in Douglas Township, which he developed into a permanent home for the family.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Schmidt; Catherine, widow of Herman Doedtman, lives on the homestead; Elizabeth, deceased; Johanna, deceased; Henry H. moved to Idaho, married, had a large family, and died in 1905; Bernardine first married John Doedtman, and later George H. Meyer, a farmer of Douglas Township. The father of this family died in 1863, and his remains are interred in the Green Creek cemetery. After his demise, his widow married Clemens Albers, but died in 1907 at the age of seventy-seven, outliving her second husband by only one year.

Joseph L. Schmidt was only five years old when the family came to Effingham County, and he attended the Catholic school at Green Creek. At the age of sixteen, he went to Teutopolis, and for two and a half years served an apprenticeship in the cabinet making trade, but on account of his health transferred to the carpenter trade. After working for a number of years as a journeyman, he finally embarked in business as a carpenter and builder, going first to Effingham, and then to Adrian, Minn., where he built up a large trade. Eighteen months later he returned to Effingham, and carried out some large country contracts.

On November 20, 1883, he married Anna H. Jansen, daughter of Anthony Bernard Jansen, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and they had five children: Elizabeth M., at home; Cecilia K., married Bernard Wesselman, a farmer of Douglas Township; Kathie V., married Henry Hoene, a farmer of Douglas Township; Anton H., and Laurence J. are at home. Mrs. Schmidt died October 20, 1895. In April, 1901, Mr. Schmidt married Melania (Jansen) Kaufman, widow of Clem Kaufman. Mr. Schmidt continued in business as a carpenter until 1900, when he began farming on 240 acres, and now owns 586 acres, all in one body. He has a fine residence, and a large barn, 32x92 feet, and has made many excellent improvements, owning one of the best farms in Effingham County. His dairy barn has all the latest appliances, and is floored with cement. He feeds and milks twenty-three cows, and has a good grade of stock. He is one of the most successful men of his locality, not only as regards material matters, but has won for himself the confidence of all who know him.

Politically, he is a Democrat. He and his family belong to the Green Creek Catholic Church.

**SCHRAM, Louis J.**, who is a practical farmer and stockraiser, operating 200 acres of land situated on Section 11, Mason Township, Effingham County, bears an old and honorable German name and with it the sturdy honesty and commendable thrift which are associated with the German people. He is one generation removed from Germany, however, having been born in Mason Township, Effingham County, Ill., March 12, 1877, but both father and mother came from Germany, the former born at Byron, October 9, 1826, and the latter at Wurtemberg, February 24, 1847. Their names were Jacob and Frederika (Federschmidt) Schram.

In early manhood Jacob Schram left his native country and came to America, settling first in Ohio. The Federschmidt family came to the same place and there the parents of Louis J. Schram became acquainted and were married August 4, 1895. To them six children were born: Eliza, born in Ohio in 1866, and married Frank Redding in 1885, who died on the farm on which he was born and where his widow and children still live; Rosetta, who was born in Effingham County, in 1868, married J. B. Stead; Josephine, born in 1871 and married Robert Rheinhardt, a merchant of Effingham; Martha R., who was born in 1874; Louis J.; Allie M., who was born in 1883, and Herman C., born in 1888. The two last named still reside on the old homestead, on which all were born except Mrs. Redding. The father of the above family died October 9, 1902, and the mother November 7, 1906.

On settling in Effingham County in 1866, Jacob Schram bought an unimproved forty-acre farm and immediately started to make a comfortable home for his family, later adding sixty more acres. He reared his children in comparative comfort and lived to see them all settled near the old homestead. He was respected by all and highly esteemed by many.

Louis J. Schram attended the West Union district school and remained on the home farm until he was about twenty-three years of age. On November 8, 1899, he was united in marriage with Miss Glendora Turner, a daughter of Wilson Turner. They remained on the Schram farm until March, 1900, when they moved to the Wilson Turner farm and lived there until after the death of Father Schram, when he again took charge of the homestead for his mother. In 1903 he rented 200 acres of land on Section 11, Mason Township, and has been unusually successful in his farming operations and raising of cattle and other stock. He has some fine Clydesdale and Percheron horses, noble looking animals, and his hogs are of the Poland-China breed, while his cattle are of the Red Durham variety. He owns an interest in a thorough-bred Percheron stallion, which was imported by Gibson and Crampton, of Greenup, Ill.

Mr. Schram is a Democrat in politics, and be-

longs to the order of Modern Woodmen of America, while Mrs. Schram is an interested member of the Royal Neighbors. She is also a member of the Christian Church, and in addition it may be said of this estimable lady, that she is a housewife of such excellence that she not only makes a happy atmosphere for her husband, but makes her home inviting to others by her hospitality.

**SCHWERMAN, Joseph P.**—The business of conducting a dairy is one of the most profitable a farmer can have, provided he knows how to carry it on properly. Joseph P. Schwerman, of Section 9, Douglas Township, Effingham County, is a man who has won success in all his enterprises, and now is an extensive farmer, stock raiser and dairyman. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 25, 1851, a son of Joseph F. and Elizabeth (Eppke) Schwerman, both natives of Germany, who came to America before their marriage, and were married in Cincinnati. Joseph F. Schwerman was a contractor for canal building and railroad work, and had some very large contracts in both lines of work while he lived in Ohio and also a contract for three miles of the Illinois Central Railroad at Effingham.

After coming to Effingham County he bought land in Teutopolis Township, which he farmed for three years, when he bought a farm of 200 acres on Section 30, west of Effingham, and this he developed into one of the best farms in that part of the county. No man stood higher in public esteem than he, and for twenty-five years he served as Highway Commissioner, and under his administration many improvements were made. He also served for many years as School Director, and being well educated himself, he believed in giving the children good schools and capable teachers. He was a public-spirited man, full of energy, and had the ability to secure good service both in public and private life. In politics he was a Democrat and in religious faith a Catholic, but respected the views of others.

Beginning his pioneer life in Effingham County in a log cabin, Mr. Schwerman worked hard to develop his home. In time he built a beautiful brick residence, and spent his last years in comfort and plenty, which he had earned himself. Coming to this country a boy of eighteen, he soon found work and sent for his mother, caring for her tenderly until her death. As his own family grew up, he gave his children a good education, and started them in life. His death occurred in March, 1905, his wife having died in 1899, both passing away after well-spent, happy lives. The children born to these parents were: Joseph P. Schwerman; Anton, a farmer of Summit Township; John, on the old farm; Mary, wife of Clem Hoffman, a farmer of Douglas Township; Tracy, wife of Herman Vogt, of Watson Township; and Clem, in the old home.

Joseph P. Schwerman was only four years old when his father and mother came to Effingham County, and he was educated in the district school and in Effingham, later attending the

Normal School at Normal, Ill., and for three years was a teacher in St. Anthony's Catholic School at Effingham. In 1876 he rented land and operated 123 acres. During those days he cut his crops with a cradle, and was successful. In June, 1878, he married Mary Ungrund, also born in Cincinnati, and brought to Effingham County by her parents, who located on a farm in Summit Township, west of Effingham, but both are now deceased. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Schwerman settled on 100 acres set aside for him by his father and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Schwerman put up a house, and then commenced housekeeping in it. To this he has added until he now owns 350 acres of splendid farm land, and has always maintained a leading place among the farmers of his neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Schwerman have had four children: Lawrence, who died April 5, 1888; Lizzie, died at the age of five years April 19, 1888; Tracy and Mary, both at home.

Mr. Schwerman is a Democrat, and for ten years was the successful candidate of his party for the position of Supervisor. While on the board Mr. Schwerman did all in his power to secure a just and honest administration, and looked carefully after the interests of the people. He served on all the committees during his long term of service, and was a strong, conscientious member of the board. Probably no man of Effingham stands any higher in the counsels of the party than he, and his endorsement of a man or measure is all that is needed. He and his family belong to St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Effingham, and Mr. Schwerman is prominent in it. He has been permitted to witness many remarkable changes in the county since his arrival here fifty-four years ago, and many of them have come about through his personal influence and public-spirited activity.

**SCOTT, Emmett.**—The agriculturists of twenty or more years ago, as a general rule, gave their entire attention to the growing of crops and the cultivation of their fields, but the later generation of farmers have combined their farming operations with those of dairying and cattle-raising, and have found that this method, if properly managed, brings success. Emmett Scott, a prosperous young farmer and dairyman of Section 20, Watson Township, was born on the farm he now owns, October 27, 1876, a son of the late Dr. William F. Scott, a sketch of whose life and achievements is to be found in another part of this publication.

Emmett Scott was reared on the home farm and given a good education in the district schools of his native locality, and has spent his entire life on the old family homestead, with the exception of three years spent in Oklahoma. He took charge of the farm while still a youth, his father being in poor health, and under his management it has become one of the best cultivated farms in the Watson district. For many years he carried on general farming, but in 1905 took up dairying as a side line, and now has fourteen

head of fine Holstein and Durham cattle. The farm, originally comprising 120 acres, now consists of 180 acres of land, and Mr. Scott has made numerous improvements in the way of buildings, fencing, etc. Mr. Scott's reputation among his fellow townsmen is an enviable one, and their confidence in his ability and integrity has been evidenced by his election to the office of Highway Commissioner on the Democratic ticket. Fraternally, he is connected with the Odd Fellow and Yeomen Lodges of Watson.

On November 12, 1905, Mr. Scott was united in marriage with Nora Pontius, who was born in Jackson Township, Effingham County, Ill., January 22, 1882, and to this union there have been born two children: Lee Douglas, born November 14, 1906, and Walter Franklin, born May 19, 1908. Mrs. Scott is a member of the Baptist Church and is prominent in church and social circles.

**SCOTT, James R., M. D.**, the Nestor of the medical profession in Effingham County, and for years a prominent and useful citizen of Edgewood, is one of the representative and interesting men of his section of Illinois. He is a mine of knowledge concerning people and events for years back, and has held such intimate relations with all that has contributed to advance both city and county, that a brief personal record of him cannot fail to interest readers of this work. He was born in Kentucky, near Brunerstown, September 13, 1840, a son of Warner L. and Malinda (Decker) Scott.

Warner L. Scott, who for many years followed merchant tailoring, at one time worked in the same shop as did Andrew Johnson, who later became President of the United States. Mr. Scott married Malinda Decker, a native of Brunerstown, Ky., at which place three of their five children were born. The two survivors are James R., of Edgewood, and Taletia J., who married E. P. Thorp and now resides at Centralia, Ill. In 1841 the Scott family moved to Petersburg, Ind., where the father embarked in a mercantile business, remaining until 1860, when he removed to Centralia. From there, in 1866, he moved to Jackson, Tenn., and it was in that section that he made his first experiments and proved the value of the Goodell Strawberry. He also was the founder of the fruit and vegetable shipping industry in that section, and supplied many southern cities. He died in the South in 1869, and was laid to rest near Duquoin, Ill. His widow made her home with her daughter at Centralia, where she died in 1895.

In his boyhood, Dr. Scott accompanied his parents to Petersburg, Ind., where he was educated, his teacher in the High School being A. T. Hendricks, a brother of Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks, who was Vice-President of the United States during the administration of President Grover Cleveland. From the High School, Mr. Scott went into the office of Dr. J. K. Adams and then worked for a time at the printer's trade, in the meanwhile keeping up his medical studies under



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the direction of Dr. Adams. In 1860 he entered the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, from which he was graduated in the class of 1862. His ambition was to secure a medical appointment in the army as an aid to his practice, and, after being examined by the Medical Board at Louisville, Ky., he was made first assistant surgeon and sent to the Third Kentucky Infantry, U. S. A. The commander of his regiment was Colonel (afterwards Governor) Thomas E. Bramlette. Dr. Scott remained with that regiment until October, 1864, leaving it at Jonesboro, Ga., when he was sent to Louisville and honorably discharged. He then returned to Centralia, where his sister was living, but in the following winter returned to Louisville. He then accepted an appointment as contract physician in the Jeffersonville (Ind.) Hospital, under Dr. Goldsmith, taking charge of Wards 19 and 20, where he remained until March, 1865. Then he was sent to Nashville, Tenn., and put in charge of a hospital there, and was in that city when the assassination of President Lincoln occurred.

Dr. Scott then returned to Centralia and, on May 12, 1865, located in Mason Township, Effingham County, where he entered into partnership with Dr. G. W. Cornwell. In 1867 the latter was elected to the State Legislature and Dr. Scott carried on the work of the firm until 1870, when it was dissolved. Dr. Scott then coming to Edgewood, opened up an office there. For forty-four years he has been one of the live men of Effingham County and, in the early days, when he answered the call of duty over many miles of unbroken prairie, in his mind's eye he saw the country as it is to-day. He realized better, perhaps, than would many with less chance for observation or with less desire for the general welfare at heart, that energy, patience and industry were the levers which would turn the wild regions into cultivated lands and busy cities in a comparatively short time. These changes have come about, and he has been an active participant in promoting many of them. His political bias has been Democratic and, had his professional duties permitted, he might have been elected to almost any county office, so high has he always been held in public esteem. During the first administration of President Cleveland, he served as Postmaster at Edgewood and has been twice elected County Coroner.

Dr. Scott was married (first) in 1866 to Miss Mary Jacobs, who died in 1867, as did their infant child. In 1868 he was married (second) to Amelia Perren, who died in 1869. In 1871, he married Miss Maggie Gillmore, who survives at Centralia, with him, enjoys the comforts of a beautiful home, one of the finest in Edgewood. Dr. Scott owns considerable realty in this city, together with his drug store, and for the last five years has devoted much of his time to his drug business, feeling that the hard practice of his younger years was better attended to by the later day physicians. There are those, however, who still feel that they must rely upon his strength and

knowledge and experience, and this is hardly to be wondered at when the record shows that he has been present at the birth of 2,000 children in Effingham County, and in turn has waited on their children and their grandchildren. For forty-three years he has been identified with the Masonic fraternity. Both he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**SCOTT, Dr. William F. (deceased).**—On June 8, 1907, when occurred the death of the venerable Dr. William F. Scott, soldier, farmer, optician, educator and township official, Effingham County, Ill., lost one of its representative men, and one who, during a long and useful life, had always been prominent in important movements and innovations. Dr. Scott was born in Jackson Township, Effingham County, April 20, 1841, a son of Dr. John O. Scott, a native of Virginia. The latter was born in 1805, emigrated to Tennessee in 1823 and to Effingham County, Ill., in 1830, settling in Jackson Township, where he became acquainted with Miss Martha Parkhurst, a native of Tennessee, who became his wife and bore him five children: Owen, of Decatur, Ill.; Thomas and Eliza of Missouri; Dr. William F., and Samantha Ann, who became the wife of Matthew Gillespie, and died leaving about nine children. Dr. John O. Scott was a man of wonderful endurance, and followed his chosen profession until within a few years of his death, which occurred in 1892, at the home of his son, Dr. W. F. Scott.

William F. Scott was educated in the district schools, also attending a normal school for a time, and on his return to his home locality became a teacher, continuing this in connection with farming until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in Company E, Seventy-first Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he went to Columbus, Ky. The hardships of a strenuous campaign soon broke down his health and he became disabled for duty in the ranks, finally being sent to the Marine Hospital at Chicago. On his return to his regiment, he was made Quartermaster Sergeant, and as such his duties were the caring for the horses bought for use in the army. On receiving his honorable discharge from the service of his country, he returned home and again took up teaching as a profession.

In Jasper County, Ill., Mr. Scott was united in marriage with Melissa Blackford, born in Jefferson County, Ind., November 30, 1852, a daughter of Martin and Mary (Crawford) Blackford, natives of Jefferson County. For ten years after his marriage Dr. Scott continued teaching, but finally settled down to farming, only still later to become an optician, and as such he gained an enviable and widespread reputation in Effingham County. Dr. Scott continued to carry on this occupation until the time of his death, and his success in cases of a complicated nature won him the respect, confidence and esteem of the people throughout this section. He had been a brave and faithful soldier, a noted and popular

educator and a successful farmer, and in his last effort he reached the goal with as much success. Politically a Democrat, he was one of the leaders of his party in Effingham County, and served in the capacities of Trustee, Justice of the Peace, School Trustee and Highway Commissioner. He belonged to the Masonic Lodge at Watson. While not a member of any particular religious denomination, he was generous in the promotion of all worthy movements, and was kindly and charitable to all who sought for aid.

To Dr. and Mrs. Scott were born a family of eight children, namely: Lola, born September 7, 1872, now the wife of Henry Lane of Shumway; Ninta G., born August 2, 1874, wife of George Austin of Effingham; Emmet R., born October 27, 1876, a farmer of Watson Township; Ethie E., born February 19, 1879, wife of Arthur Milesworth of Effingham; Worley F., born July 11, 1881, a business man of Johnson Creek, Mich.; Worten, born March 11, 1884, was last heard from when in Montana; John Owen, born November 27, 1886, a teacher in the schools of Effingham County; and Tressa M., born October 25, 1893, living at home with her widowed mother on the old homestead.

**SHEA, John.**—No man can attain the honor of occupying the highest office within the gift of a municipality unless he is possessed of more than average ability and knows how to make his work count for something. When he leaves the office after a successful occupancy, he has every reason to be proud of what he has accomplished. John Shea, Mayor of Effingham, Ill., whose sound, business-like administration is meeting with universal approbation, is a native of Dayton, Ohio, born April 12, 1854, a son of Timothy and Ellen (Marriety) Shea, natives, respectively, of County Kerry and County Kildare, Ireland, who were married in America. After marriage they located in Crawfordsville, Ind., and ten years later moved to Vigo, Ind., where the father lived until his death, in 1888, the mother having died in 1859. By occupation he was a farmer and a worthy, good man. Mayor Shea is the eldest in the family of three children born to his parents, all of whom are living.

Mr. Shea was educated in the district schools of Vigo County, Ind., but the greater part of his learning was obtained in the school of experience. Working on the farm until he was twenty, Mr. Shea came in the spring of 1874 to Effingham, and became employed in the Vandalia Railroad shops, where he worked three years. In 1877 he went to Bell County, Tex., and engaged in milling, but two years later came back to Effingham and embarked in butchering business, in which he has since continued with marked success. As one of the live Democrats of Effingham County, Mr. Shea has been very active, and has been a member of the City Council since 1885, with the exception of two terms. In 1907 he was honored by election to the office of Mayor, and has been one of the best officers the city has ever known. An excellent business man himself, Mr.

Shea has endeavored to conduct the city's affairs upon business lines, and his success has been remarkable. Like all his family, Mr. Shea is a Catholic in religious belief, and is one of the church's most liberal supporters.

On December 22, 1879, Mr. Shea was married, at Effingham, Ill., to Carrie Reinhardt, born in Jacksonville, Ill., March 29, 1858, daughter of Fred Reinhardt (born in Germany) and his wife, Anna (Bergman) Reinhardt (born in St. Louis). Mrs. Shea died March 30, 1889, leaving three children: T. J., who married Catherine Sheets, and they reside in East Chicago, where he is engaged in railroad clerical work, has one child; Leonard, died when four years and six months old; and J. C., who is employed as an operator on the Vandalia Railroad. On November 3, 1902, Mr. Shea married Josephine Sauer, and they have two little ones: Madeline and Eugene T., both attending school.

Mr. Shea is an excellent example of the self-made man. Successful in business affairs, prominent politically, popular among a wide circle of friends, beloved by his family, Mr. Shea is a man to be envied, and when it is remembered that it was a poor boy with but a limited education who attained his present position, some idea may be gained of what he has accomplished and a proper amount of credit be given him.

**SHUBERT, William H.**—One of the most notable examples of self-made men to be found in Effingham County is William H. Shubert, of Altamont, Ill., who, beginning as a stable-boy, has (at the age of thirty-five years) risen to the position of President of the First National Bank. Mr. Shubert was born February 5, 1875, at Holton, Ripley County, Ind., the fifth child and third son of the ten children born to Daniel M. and Abigail (Cox) Shubert, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. The father now resides at Neoga, Ill., where the mother died. He comes of German stock, while the Cox family (formerly spelled Coke) were early settlers of Virginia, where they were extensive slave-owners, but freed their slaves prior to the Civil War.

William H. Shubert was a child of three years when his parents removed to Neoga, Cumberland County, Ill., and there he attended the public schools, later entering the Central Normal College, and finally taking a course at the Gem City Business College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Master of Accounts. He had not been able, however, to secure his education without some trouble, as his finances were low, and when seventeen years of age he had taught school for a time and worked in a livery stable for seven summers at \$15 a month. When but twenty-one years of age he was elected Tax Collector of Cumberland County, which enabled him to finish his education at the business college. His first banking experience was in the Cumberland County National Bank, at Neoga, from which he went to Greenup, Ill., as Cashier of the Feltner Bank, in 1899, continuing in that capacity for two years, and assisting in consoli-

dating that institution with the People's Bank, also of Greenup, Ill., a private institution, the name being changed to the First National Bank, of which he was Cashier and Director, holding a Directorship until 1909. He is connected with the Coles County State Bank, at Mattoon, Ill. In 1907 Mr. Shubert came to Altamont, and in that year organized the First National Bank, with himself as President; H. Schwerdtfeger, Vice-President; J. L. Brummerstedt, Assistant Cashier, and the following Board of Directors: Messrs. W. H. Shubert, H. Schwerdtfeger, R. H. Osborne, G. M. Baker (M. D.), Edward Lange and J. E. Rhodes. In two and one-half years this enterprise has grown from a small beginning to a business approximating \$200,000 in deposits, and is located in its own handsome, substantial structure.

While a resident of Greenup Mr. Shubert was successful in drawing Andrew Carnegie's attention to the town, and the latter donated a public library, Mr. Shubert acting in the capacity of Director and President of the Library Board for three years. He was the organizer of the Greenup Broom Company, of which he is still a Director, and of the Greenup Machine Company, of which he is Vice President. He is the owner of considerable farming land in Effingham County, a cotton plantation in Arkansas and land in the Dakotas and Oklahoma. Politically a Republican, he served as Census Enumerator in Neoga, Cumberland County. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. Shubert is connected with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Tribe of Ben Hur, the Modern Woodmen, the Sons of Veterans and the Odd Fellows. He is Vice President of the Altamont Public Library.

On September 28, 1904, Mr. Shubert was married, at Mulberry Grove, Ill., to Bessie Osborne, daughter of Rev. Ralph H. and Sarah (Catlin) Osborne, residents of Mulberry Grove.

**SHUMAKER, David.**—Effingham County has had the privilege of honoring many of the veterans of the Civil War, some of whom still survive, although the majority have already answered the last roll call. Among the latter of this class of whose record the people of Effingham County had reason to be proud, was David Shumaker, of West Township, a former successful farmer and honored citizen, but who passed away May 17, 1910. Mr. Shumaker was born on a farm eight miles east of Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, September 3, 1844, a son of John and Mary (or Polly (Friesner) Shumaker. The grandfather of the latter was an officer in Washington's army and spent a winter at Valley Forge. His son, Frederick C., the maternal grandfather of Mr. Shumaker, was a Virginian by birth, and was the youngest of his father's children. Frederick C. Friesner moved to Fairfield County, Ohio, where his death occurred. John Shumaker, the father of David Shumaker, was born in Pennsylvania, and moved to Ohio with his parents

when eighteen years of age. He began farming in Fairfield County, and before he was married, hauled lumber with a five-horse team and built one of the first mills in that county. His wife lived but a short time after the birth of David, who was her second child, her death occurring in 1845. The second wife of John Shumaker was Mrs. Rebecca (Brery) Turner. John Shumaker died in Fairfield County, when fifty-four years of age. He had two children by his first marriage, and eight by his second, as follows: Malinda, Mrs. Daniel Everett, of Ohio; David; Mary, Mrs. John Seifert of Fairfield County; Eli, a Methodist minister of Crawford County, Ohio; Martha, Mrs. Aaron Lutz of Fairfield County; John W., of Allen County, Ohio; Sophia Hester, Mrs. O'Hare of Fairfield County; William H. on the home farm in Ohio; Annie, Mrs. Frank Seifert of Somerville, Kan., and Clara.

David Shumaker attended public school until he was sixteen years old, at the same time working on the farm. In 1862 he enlisted as a private at Lancaster, Ohio, in Company A, Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain B. F. Butterfield and Colonel John McConnell, the latter being succeeded by Colonel Durbin Ward. They first went into camp at Cincinnati, but later were sent to join the Army of the Cumberland. The first battle in which the regiment participated was that at Crab Orchard, Ky., but in all Mr. Shumaker took part in thirty-five engagements, and after a brave and loyal service was discharged at Louisville, Ky., at the close of the war.

Returning home the young hero resumed his farming operations, and on October 4, 1866, was married to Sarah Ann Seitz, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Daniel and Catherine Seitz. She died in 1874, a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Their children were: Edward S., of Indianapolis; Cora Belle, Mrs. Charles Caldwell of West Township; George W., of Mason Township; Katy Ann, Mrs. Bert Caldwell of Nebraska; Willie, of Jackson Township. The second wife of Mr. Shumaker was Maria Smith of St. Elmo, Ill., daughter of the late Leonard Smith, and they became the parents of three children: Charles A., at home; Jennie F., Mr. F. S. Lovett, of Mattoon, Ill., and Raymond Alva, of Mason Township, a mail carrier.

Some time after his first marriage, Mr. Shumaker moved to Darke County, Ohio, where he was engaged in farming operations until his removal to West Township, Effingham County, Ill., in 1873. Here he bought 100 acres of land which continued to be his home until his death. In addition he owned forty acres in Mason Township. This land was partly improved when he bought it, but he still further improved it, becoming in his later years the owner of an excellent farm. Mr. Shumaker was a member of Ransom Post, No. 99, G. A. R., which was organized twenty-six years ago, and of which at the time of his death he was serving his eleventh year as Commander. He was also a member of the Gil-



more Methodist Church, and had been one of its Trustees from the time it was built. As may naturally be inferred from his war record, he was a life-long Republican. During his last years he served as Justice of the Peace, his death, as already explained, occurring May 17, 1910. He was widely known and universally respected for his many excellent traits of character.

**SMITH, John Henry Clay.**—After many years spent in cultivating the soil in any one vicinity, the average Illinois farmer is loath to turn over his life work into other hands, but on coming to a realization that the time has come for him to retire from active pursuits and settle down to the enjoyment that his years of toil have earned for him, he invariably moves to the nearest town or village and there becomes one of its best citizens. John Henry Clay Smith, a highly esteemed resident of Altamont, Ill., now living retired, was born on a farm near Laurel, Franklin County, Ind., April 26, 1831, a son of Sumner G. and Sally (Buckley) Smith, and a grandson of James and Elizabeth (Tanner) Smith.

Sumner G. Smith, who was a soldier of the War of 1812, under Colonel Stratton, came to Franklin County, Ind., after his marriage, and took up government land, on which he resided until he was more than eighty years of age, when his son, John H. C. Smith, brought both his parents to his home in Illinois, and here they spent the remainder of their days. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Smith was a Whig and later a Republican in politics. The children born to this worthy couple were: Hannah, who died young; James B., who died in Iowa; Sarah, who married Ben Partlow and died in Effingham County; John Henry Clay; Nathan B., of Avena, Ill., who married Miss Tooley; David, a store-keeper, who was killed by the Indians in New Mexico; and Elizabeth, who married Samuel Smootz, of Joplin, Mo. Only three of these are now living, namely: John Henry Clay, Nathan B. and Elizabeth (Mrs. Smootz).

John Henry Clay Smith received his education in the old-fashioned log schoolhouse of his day, with its open fireplace, punchon seats, slab desks and greased paper window, and when not at school he was busy with the duties of the farm, such as fell to the share of any pioneer boy of his time. A poor boy, he came to Illinois in 1853, and settled in the Devore Settlement in Summit Township, Effingham County, but later purchased eighty acres in Moccasin Township. On July 16, 1854, he was married to Mary Ann Devore, daughter of Judge James Devore, and resided on the Devore place until 1856, when he removed to Moccasin Township. Here he resided until 1893, with the exception of three years spent in Iowa, near Indianola, and his farming operations were so successful that the original eighty acres had grown to 216 at the time he was ready to retire. He was for many years a breeder of blooded horses and cattle, and he has bred some of the finest animals that ever

came from this State, including "Adonis," the famous coach horse, and "Armstrong," a noted Percheron stallion, the latter of which he still owns. In addition to being well known as a farmer and stock-raiser, Mr. Smith has been prominent in public affairs, and during his residence in Moccasin Township he served as Constable, during which time there were but three arrests, he being an advocate of peaceful methods in settling an argument. For fifty years he has been Class Leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church, having joined that denomination at the age of eighteen years, and he has also served as Steward, Trustee and President of the Board. He is a Republican in political matters.

To Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born four children: William H., a farmer of Dexter, Ill., who married Annie Taylor; Rachel, who died at twenty years of age; Nathan Albert, of Nebraska, who married Nancy Blackwell; and David, a farmer of Dexter, who married Katy Taylor. January 17, 1900, Mrs. Smith died, and was buried at Dexter January 29, 1901. Mr. Smith married as his second wife Mrs. Elizabeth (Carpenter) Turner, widow of W. W. Turner, of Fayette County, Ill. Mrs. Turner's first husband was a veteran of the Civil War. She had one daughter, who died August 2, 1904, and has four grandchildren, all living, and one grandson, a soldier in the Regular Army, now stationed at Monterey, Cal.

**SMITH, Serela R. (Kirby).**—One of the venerable ladies of Jackson Township, who has seen many changes take place in Effingham County since her arrival here many years ago, is Mrs. Serela R. (Kirby) Smith, who is now living on her excellent farm in Jackson Township. She was born in Smith County, Tenn., January 6, 1837, the daughter of Shepherd and Elizabeth (Good) Kirby.

Both Shepherd Kirby and his wife were born in Tennessee, the former in 1805 and the latter in 1807, and they were married and spent their lives in that State. She died in 1847 and was buried in Defeated Creek neighborhood, having borne her husband nine children, eight of whom grew to maturity, one dying when fifteen years of age, while four are now living. After the death of his first wife Mr. Kirby married again, his second wife being Almire Clark, by whom he had two children. Shepherd Kirby died in 1885, his widow surviving him several years.

Serela R. Kirby was educated in the subscription schools of Macon County Tenn., and was there married, October 2, 1853, to Joseph A. Smith, who was born in Limestone County, Ala., November 11, 1831, a son of Ezekiel and Mary (Shank) Smith, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Georgia, both of whom died in Tennessee. They were the parents of nine children, he being the youngest in order of birth. Mr. Smith resided at home until eighteen years of age, when he came to Tennessee, and after marriage, settled on a farm there

until 1866. He was drafted for service in the Confederate army, but enlisted in the Union cause, October 28, 1863, as a member of Company E, First Regiment, Tennessee Volunteer Mounted Infantry, serving one and one-half years successively as Second and First Lieutenant, and being discharged January 22, 1865, at Gallatin, Tenn., by reason of expiration of service. The company was commanded by Capt. James S. Bouham. After the completion of his service, he returned to his family and, in 1866, came to Illinois, settling in Effingham County, soon thereafter purchasing the farm on which his widow now resides. He made numerous improvements on the place, and at the time of his death owned 190 acres. Mr. Smith died on this farm September 10, 1905, and was buried at the Jackson Church, in Jackson Township, of which he and his wife were members. He was a staunch Republican in politics, and served as Assessor of Jackson Township, as well as Postmaster at Osler Post Office. He belonged to Altamont Post, Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Smith carried on a general line of farming, and in his efforts was very successful. He was known as a successful farmer and good citizen, and in his death the county lost one of its representative men. Mrs. Smith, who is respected and esteemed throughout Jackson Township, is now living a quiet, retired life on the farm where she has spent so many years.

Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and the eleven survivors are now all married. The order of birth was as follows: Frances M., born August 19, 1854; Harriet E., born April 20, 1856; Cleoro C., born May 7, 1858; Cydney S., born September 17, 1860; Eli S., deceased, born October 19, 1862; Jincy C., born December 16, 1864; Joseph E., deceased, born November 4, 1867; Owen S., born February 13, 1870; John M., born July 13, 1872; Lou R., born December 24, 1874; Edward G., born February 17, 1877; Royal L., born November 3, 1879; and Rosie D., born June 2, 1883.

**SNOOK, John R.**, who has held the position of Postmaster of Altamont, Ill., for the past ten years, is one of the best known citizens of his part of the State, and is honored as a veteran of the Civil War. He was born April 23, 1847, at Greensburg, Decatur County, Ind., a son of William H. and Sarah B. (Robbins) Snook, both well known families of Decatur County.

The son of a successful merchant tailor, young Snook attended the district schools of his day, and at the age of fifteen years became self-supporting, working as a helper in a blacksmith shop. When but sixteen years of age he enlisted as a private, May 16, 1864, in Company A, One Hundred Thirty-fourth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Joseph Drake and Colonel James Gavin, commanding, which was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland under General Thomas. After some hard and vigorous fighting, during which he proved his bravery as a soldier, Mr. Snook was honorably discharged

at Indianapolis, at the expiration of his term of service. His father fought in the Seventh and Seventy-second Indiana Volunteers, and his brother, William L., was a musician in the Seventh Regiment. After his return from the army, Mr. Snook learned the galvanizing iron and cornice business, which he followed for many years, and then moved to Chicago, where until 1886 he was engaged in a produce commission business. In the year mentioned he came to Altamont, and with his brother founded a commission business, which was successfully carried on until 1900, when Mr. Snook received his appointment as Postmaster, from President McKinley, and has continued to act in that capacity to the present time.

Mr. Snook is a staunch Republican, and has been an active worker for the interests of his party. He has served as Mayor and Alderman, as a member of the School Board, and was elected by his congressional district doorkeeper of the convention nominating McKinley in 1896. He is Vice President of the Altamont Canning Company. He has been prominent in Grand Army of the Republic matters, first joining at Emmetsburg and, in 1888, removing his membership to Robert Anderson Post, No. 632, Altamont, in which he has served as Commander, and for the past twelve years has been Adjutant. He is a member and trustee of Altamont Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Snook was first married in 1878 to Miss Elizabeth Robbins, of Greensburg, Ind., who died eighteen months later, one child having been born which died in infancy. Later Mr. Snook married as his second wife Minnie P. Stevens. They have no children.

**STALLINGS, Henry**, one of the oldest residents of Effingham County, Ill., was born in Posey County, Ind., June 8, 1821, a son of Benjamin and Anna Stallings, who emigrated from Indiana to Effingham County, Ill., in the year 1825. The Stallings family settled on a tract of government land in Town 8 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, and their nearest neighbors at first were at least twelve miles distant. Here Mr. Stallings, surrounded by a few skulking Indians, a goodly number of wolves and other wild animals, could truly exclaim, "I am monarch of all I survey. My right there is none to dispute." He built a primitive house and established a home for his family. He was a native of North Carolina, moved from his native State to Posey County, and a few years later made the trip to Illinois, taking with him his wife and three children—Jackson, Henry and Susan. He brought his household goods and his children on one pack-horse, and he and his wife walked most of the way. After they left Vincennes they were without any guide except the old Indian trails and those made by the Government surveyors. In their new home in Effingham County the family endured all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, their nearest trading point of that day being

Vincennes or Vandalia. Mr. Stallings had practically to support his family with his rifle, as their main food was venison and other wild game. It is recounted by his son Henry, who was of an age to remember their trials, that for one whole year the family subsisted on venison and wild honey. Thus surrounded by difficulties and hardships, this sturdy pioneer reared his family of eight children, four of whom survive, viz.: Henry, Susan, Telitha and Ananda, the youngest born in 1830.

For some years after Benjamin Stallings first settled in Illinois it was impossible to raise any kind of grain for bread, as the deer, wild turkeys, squirrels and prairie chickens would eat it up or destroy it before it could ripen. He never owned any land in Illinois, raising his family on government land, and when the neighborhood became more settled, he sold his claim and moved to a point where there were few settlers. He died in Effingham County, in 1851, his wife surviving him but a short time.

Henry Stallings grew to manhood under all the privations, adversities and hardships above mentioned, and had no chance to attend school in his boyhood, as there was no teacher or school in the neighborhood of his father's home. As a young man, he learned the carpenter's trade and worked at it and at blacksmithing, becoming a useful man in the neighborhood. He also developed a talent for music and became a good performer on the violin, being much in demand at the country dances.

In 1846 Mr. Stallings married Miss Louisa Masquelette, and to this union six children were born, two of whom are now living, namely: John and Francis Joseph. Mrs. Stallings died in 1869 and is buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Teutopolis. Mr. Stallings married (second), in 1871, Mrs. Crescentia Hipp, and to this union was born one son, who died in early manhood, leaving a widow.

Mr. Stallings was always fond of hunting and all outdoor pioneer sports, and in early days kept his table well supplied with the choicest wild meats. He has always been a kind, obliging neighbor, a respected citizen and a peaceable, Christian gentleman. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and politically is a Democrat. He now lives retired in his quiet, comfortable home, on a little farm about three miles from the City of Effingham, having a life-interest in the estate. He is active for his age, does considerable light work looking after his home interests, and every few days drives in his buggy to the city. He is cared for by the widow of his deceased son.

**STETTACHER, Hermann.**—After spending long years in the hard and unceasing work of the agriculturist and accumulating competencies sufficient so that they may relinquish active labor, many of the citizens of Effingham County have turned over their property to the care of others, and are spending their declining years in nearby towns and cities, retired from activities

and enjoying the fruits of their early labors. One of the highly esteemed retired citizens of Altamont, Ill., is Hermann Stettbacher, who was for many years a farmer of Mason Township. He was born March 31, 1844, in Zurich, Switzerland, where his father followed the vocation of teacher for forty-five years. In his native country the young man formed the acquaintance of the American Consul, Mr. Fay. He had attended the schools of his native city until sixteen years of age, one of his schoolmates being Charles Riemenschneider, son of the first missionary sent to Switzerland by the Methodist Episcopal Church. A neighbor, Henry Bosshart, a man of letters, had spent two years in the United States, and returned with glowing accounts of the country. Young Stettbacher became enthused with the Western spirit, and in 1860 came to the United States with Mr. Bosshart, landing at New Orleans, the first week in the year 1861, after a voyage of sixty-three days.

The war fever was at that time at its height, and feeling ran high as was evidenced when one of the sailors on board the vessel threw hot coffee into the face of a negro cook who was serving him. They were compelled to remain in New Orleans for a time, as at first they could get no boat, and finally stole aboard a boat laden with cotton, but were discovered by the captain, who threatened to put them off at Natchez. An arrangement was made, however, that they were each to pay him four dollars, and that Mr. Stettbacher was to help unload cotton at the different ports. At Natchez the little party had to replenish their rations. Mr. Stettbacher left the vessel at Memphis, having one dollar left of the five with which he had left New Orleans. He decided to buy twenty-five cents' worth of bread and in payment for the same handed the old German baker from whom he was making the purchase his dollar bill, which was refused. The only other money possessed by Mr. Stettbacher was a silver dime, which the good-hearted old German said would do. They finally reached Cairo, where they secured free passage on a boat to St. Louis, and at this city Mr. Stettbacher met a friend who was working in a drug store and gave him assistance on his way to Trenton, Ill. From there he walked nine miles through rain, slush and snow to Highland, Madison County, where he met his uncle, Solomon Stettbacher, a gardener, in whose employ he remained two years. He then spent three and one-half years as laborer on a farm of 720 acres, at Marine.

On September 20, 1866, Mr. Stettbacher was married to Rosalie Faers, who was born in Schoftland, Argau, Switzerland, July 21, 1846, and came to the United States in 1854, landing in New Orleans with her parents and coming thence to Highland, Ill. Her father, Samuel Faers, was a school teacher for twenty-two years in Switzerland, and her mother was Rosalie (Haldeman) Faers. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Stettbacher resided on a rented farm two years, and he then came to Effingham County



and purchased 118 acres near Edgewood, very little of which was then improved. Forty acres were in timberland, and the only buildings thereon were an old log house and a stable. The rest of Mr. Stettbacher's active life was spent on this place, and in 1909 he retired and moved to Altamont, where he now makes his home. Both he and his wife joined the Evangelical Association in West Township, and he was Sunday School Superintendent for sixteen years, and Trustee for a long period. In politics a Republican, he served some years as School Director.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stettbacher have been as follows: Edward, a mail carrier of Altamont, married Ella Lieb; Anna, who died young, married Edward Madge; Charles, is an Evangelical minister in Minnesota; Samuel, of Mound Township, married Emma Dengoieski; Iena, married Harvey Young, of Effingham County; Conrad, of Moccasin Township, married Lillie Harrison; Rosa, a teacher in Mahomet, Ill.; Dora, married Frank Gillespie, of Mason, Ill.; Emella, of Gibson City, Ill.; and Marie, at home.

**STETTBACHER, Samuel S.**—Effingham County's history has been developed by the men who first settled in it, and more pages are constantly being added by those whose lives are now being enacted. The agricultural sections of this county are extensive and productive, so that many of its residents are engaged in farming, with profit to themselves and benefit to their communities. Samuel S. Stettbacher, of Mound Township, is an excellent example of the progressive, up-to-date Illinois farmer of to-day. He was born in the county, April 12, 1872, being a son of Herman M. and Rosalie (Faers) Stettbacher, both natives of Switzerland, who were brought to the United States in youth.

As a boy Samuel S. Stettbacher attended the West Union School and had the advantage of studying under such teachers as Amanda Spragg, Charles Thrasher, Jennie Sites, John Thompson, Lillie Landenberg, Fanny Landenberg and George Hightower. He left school when nineteen, and for five years devoted all his time to working on the home farm, where he had been reared. On October 4, 1899, Mr. Stettbacher was united in marriage with Emma Denn, born in Madison County, Ill., February 18, 1877, daughter of Edward and Christine (Ketter) Denn, both now living in Highland, Ill. He was born in Prussia and she in St. Charles, Mo., where they were married.

After marriage Mr. Stettbacher located on his present farm, which he rented three or four years, but finally bought eighty acres of it, on which he built a new eight-room house, in 1907, and the same year put up his present commodious barn. He is an extensive sheep raiser and has some of the finest stock in the State. Mrs. Stettbacher was educated at Marine, Ill., and taught school there five years prior to her marriage. She and Mr. Stettbacher are consistent members of the First Methodist Church, of Alta-

mont. They have both taken an active part in the Prohibition movement. They have three children: Hazel C., Emmett Wayne and Gladys Rosalie, the two oldest attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Stettbacher are hardworking, industrious, thrifty people, who have honestly earned the prosperity which they have attained. During their residence in Mound Township they have won many friends and their home is the scene of many pleasant gatherings, where they extend to their guests the liberal hospitality which they are famed.

**SULLINS, Thomas B.**, Superintendent of the City Schools of Effingham, is a man of scholarly tastes, highly educated and one of the best educators of this part of the State. Under his efficient management the schools of Effingham have attained a standard of excellence hitherto unknown in the educational history of the county, and the pupils under his jurisdiction, as well as the teachers and patrons, all appreciate the value of his work and fostering care. Mr. Sullins was born in Doniphan, Mo., July 16, 1876, a son of William Polk and Caroline (Huffman) Sullins, the former born November 8, 1844 in Ripley County, Mo., and the latter in the same place, February 22, 1849.

William Polk Sullins enlisted in a Missouri regiment of infantry in the Southern army and served for about a year, when the war ended. He was a prominent man, having been Sheriff of Ripley County for several years, and by occupation he was a farmer. The parents were married in Ripley County, July 21, 1866, and in 1878 moved to Illinois, buying a farm in Madison County, where the father died March 14, 1906. The mother survives, living at Trenton, Ill.

Prof. Sullins attended the public schools of Madison County, and later went to the Western Normal College at Bushnell, Ill., and still later was graduated from the Austin College of Effingham. It was always his ambition to become a teacher, and he worked steadily towards that goal, and on leaving school began teaching. For seven years he was a teacher in the public schools of Madison County, when he accepted the position of Principal of the West Side School of Effingham. His work there attracted such attention, that, in 1907, he was made Superintendent of the City Schools, which position he has since filled with marked ability and distinction.

For fifteen years Prof. Sullins subscribed to the Presbyterian faith, but later joined the Christian Church and is very active in church work. For a number of years he has been a teacher in the Sunday school, and has an intimate knowledge of the Bible and church doctrines. Fraternally he is a member of Effingham Camp, M. W. A.

At St. Louis, Mo., August 22, 1902, occurred the marriage of Prof. Sullins and Daisy Louise Gullick. She was born May 21, 1880, at Sebastopol, Ill., a daughter of William and Frances (Berthoux) Gullick, both born near Highland,



111. Prof. and Mrs. Sullins are the parents of two children: William Perry and Hattie Fern. Prof. Sullins has always been too much engrossed in his profession to find time for many social duties, but is possessed of a pleasing manner, is courteous to all, and has many friends wherever he has been employed. He is not content with the progress he has made, but is constantly studying and reading, and keeps abreast of all new methods in his work. Such a teacher as he cannot fail to raise the standard of excellence, not only among the pupils, but among teachers as well, and future generations will profit by the work he is now accomplishing.

**SURRELLS, Jesse R. (deceased).**—In these days when so many public officials are dishonest, the memory of those whose public characters were untainted, who held office as a sacred trust, and took the responsibilities laid upon their shoulders as debts they owed their community, is very dear. The late Jesse R. Surrells, father of Mrs. George D. Gloyd, of Summit Township, Effingham County, Ill., is remembered as such a man. He was born in Virginia, January 10, 1803, and died January 21, 1879, aged seventy-six years. Mr. Surrells came of excellent French stock and his father was one of the noble French who assisted LaFayette in supporting the American cause.

When Mr. Surrells was eleven years old the family migrated to Kentucky, and from there they moved to Indiana, which continued Surrells' home until 1831, when he came to Clay County, Ill., in search of wider fields and a new home, and this continued to be his abiding place the rest of his life, with the exception of a short time, spent in Effingham County. Mr. Surrells was a raftsmen going back and forth between his home and New Orleans, and upon one of these trips was stricken with cholera, but fortunately recovered.

Having met with serious losses, he started out in 1850 for California, hoping to discover a fortune, and was successful, for he returned in 1853 with plenty to settle his debts, and began his life struggle anew. While in Effingham he clerked for C. F. Falley and then for J. Mette, but after six years in that city he returned to Clay County. The people there realized that in him they had a thoroughly honest man, and one who could not be swerved from what he deemed to be right and just, so he was often called upon to fill public office. He served as County Treasurer for six terms, his death occurring while he was still in office; for twelve years was Sheriff of Clay County, and for many years was Justice of the Peace. During the Mexican War he raised a company, but as the quota was full, he was not allowed to serve. If he had then not passed the age limit this brave, loyal man would have enlisted during the Civil War, and he greatly regretted his inability to fight for the Union he loved so dearly, even while he was contributing generously of time and money to the cause.

Death seized Mr. Surrells in the midst of a happy, useful life, although he had attained an age when most men are beginning to think of their own comfort. His time on earth was full of kindness and usefulness. His unflinching loyalty, his love of country, his ideal goodness and unflinching honesty, his capacity for work, have seldom been equalled. He always acted from the purest and best of motives, and his death was a public calamity.

Mr. Surrells was three times married, had five children by his first wife, five by his second, and one by his third, who survived him.

**SWEAZY, David.**—Although now retired from the more active duties of life, David Sweazy has borne an important part in the development and upbuilding of Effingham County, Ill., and his forbears were prominent in national matters. His fine farm in Liberty Township is one of the best in his locality, and its excellent condition testifies to his energy and thrift. Mr. Sweazy was born in Ohio, November 12, 1833, a son of Rev. Anthony and Susanna (Clark) Sweazy, of Green Township, Hocking County, Ohio.

Anthony Sweazy was a native of New Jersey, born in 1800, a son of Henry and Mary (Cramer) Sweazy, and received a limited education in his native State, though he became very proficient in writing and arithmetic. When thirteen years old he removed to Ohio, that State being then but little settled and white neighbors being far apart. He worked on his father's farm and helped clear it. At the age of twenty years he was united in marriage with Susanna Clark, a daughter of William and Susanna Clark.

The Clark family, from which Susanna Clark was descended, came from England to America in Revolutionary times, and William Clark was captured by Washington's force at Long Island while serving as a drafted recruit in the British Army. Upon discovering the nature of the colonists and their cause, he saw the justice of their side of the question and fought on their side until the end of the struggle. At the close of the war William Clark accepted the position of overseer of Gen. Washington's estate. Two of his own sons were drafted into the army during the War of 1812 and Mrs. Clark followed her sons on horseback, and being a splendid horsewoman, overtook them the second day. She did all she could do to make them comfortable and was one of the many noble women of whom her countrymen were so proud.

After their marriage, Anthony Sweazy and his wife continued to live in Ohio, where he and his brother-in-law took a contract for building part of the Ohio Canal. For a time they were successful, but they struck such hard clay afterward that their former profits were eaten up by their loss. Later Mr. Sweazy returned to Hocking County, where he acquired 160 acres of land, which he cultivated and improved. He and his wife had children as follows: Henry, who married Ruth Ann Miller, was a carpenter by trade

and enlisted for service in the Civil War but was taken sick and sent home, being afterward a cripple for years, served for years as Justice of the Peace, and died in 1882, at the age of fifty-nine years, and was the first person buried in Beecher City Cemetery; Catherine Jane, married Andrew O'Hare, and is deceased, leaving three children; William, married Eleanor Kepler, served in the Thirty-fifth Infantry and died February 19, 1908, after having been confined to his room twenty-six years, was a farmer and merchant of Beecher City; Melinda, married Jacob Kepler, a farmer of Edgingham County, and she and her husband are both dead, she having passed away at the age of seventy-five years; Hannah, married John Kepler, a farmer of Edgingham County, and both she and her husband are deceased; Henderson D. married Mary Wilson, was a farmer of Edgingham County, later became a veterinary surgeon and died at the age of seventy-three years; Anthony, was an expert in the line of plastering and brick-laying, at one time had charge of the erection of 300 houses in Wichita, Kan., died in 1898; John, died in infancy; Susanna, married Charles Hubbard, a farmer of Edgingham County, and she and her husband are both deceased; and Lewis, was a soldier in the Thirty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but was taken sick and returned home, living only ten days after his arrival.

William and David Sweazy were the first of their family to locate in Effingham County and, at first, took charge of a farm their father had purchased. Here the father died in September, 1864, his wife having passed away in April, 1860. When twenty-three years of age David Sweazy received forty acres of his present farm and all but one of the trees on his place were planted by him. He now owns 590 acres of rich, fertile land and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad passes through a portion of his property. His house is erected on a natural elevation and well surrounded by shade and ornamental trees. It is one of the most comfortable residences in the neighborhood.

March 5, 1856, Mr. Sweazy married Mary E. Miller, daughter of John and Susan (Wantland) Miller, of Fayette County, Ill., who came to the State in 1852. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sweazy settled on his forty-acre farm. Their children were: Charles M., married Della Kier, of Fayette County, Ill., and they have two children and live in Ouray County, Colo.; Amanda J., wife of George E. Reynolds, of Orleans, Neb., and they have five children; Alverda V., wife of James P. Stevenson, and they have six children and live in Fayette County, Ill.; Eliza I., wife of B. N. Miller, and they have four children and live in Nebraska; Jesse W. and Emma F. live at home; Flora and Viola M. died in infancy; Mary Ann died in young womanhood; Lilly May died in infancy; Lewis E. married Bessie M. Field of Missouri, and they have two children and are living in Colorado. Mrs. Sweazy died September 21, 1896, deeply mourned by her family. Mr. Sweazy

married (second) March 1, 1899, Mrs. Louisa Hanks, widow of Jesse Hanks.

Mr. Sweazy has been a consistent member of the United Brethren Church since he was eighteen years old. He has served several times as a member of the Grand Jury and has faithfully discharged all the duties pertaining to the position. He has been elected several times to the office of Township Assessor. He is possessed of a genial disposition and the many friends he has made are welcomed to his home with a generous hospitality.

**SY, Daniel.**—Some of the leading farmers of Edgingham County are carrying on operations on property that has been brought to a state of cultivation from wild swamp, prairie and timberland by members of their own family, and take a justifiable pride in that fact. Among these may be mentioned Daniel Sy, a successful agriculturist of Mound Township and member of a prominent pioneer family. Mr. Sy was born near the village of New Bergholtz, Niagara County, N. Y., December 21, 1849, a son of Daniel Sy.

Daniel Sy, the grandfather of Daniel of this sketch, was born in 1777, in Prussia, Germany, near the City of Stettin. He was a soldier in the Prussian Army that fought against Napoleon, and came to the United States with his son Daniel in 1843, settling in Niagara County, N. Y., where his death occurred, his wife having passed away in Germany. His children were: John, who came to the United States and lives in New York; Daniel and Philip. Of this family Daniel, father of Daniel of Mound Township, was born September 5, 1812, in Prussia, where he went to school until fourteen years of age and then served three years in the Army. In 1846 he came to the United States with his wife and two children, and settled in Niagara County, N. Y., on a tract of land in the timber belt, where the family resided in a log cabin. In 1866 his son John came to Edgingham County, and located on the farm now owned by Daniel Sy, erecting a small building, in which the rest of the family located on coming to this county later in the year. The first winter was a hard one, the home being insufficiently heated and so flimsily built that the snow would sift in through cracks in the roof and walls. One room served as kitchen, bed-room and living room, and the present comfortable home was not built until the following year. Daniel Sy, the head of this family, spent the remainder of his life on this farm, a tract of 160 acres, and here his death occurred, in 1904, his wife having passed away a few years before, and both are interred in the German Lutheran Cemetery, he having been a member of that church and for many years a Trustee.

The children of Daniel and Charlotta (Goers) Sy were as follows: Fredericka, who married Christian Goers, and now lives in Altamont; John, who now resides in New York; Philip, deceased; August, deceased; Daniel; Maria, who

married Ernest Rehwald, of Altamont; and Augusta, who married Phillip Wurl, of Mound Township.

Daniel Sy, whose name heads this sketch, attended a German school in New York until thirteen years of age, and then spent three years in an English school. He accompanied his parents to Effingham County, for two winters attended school there, and was reared to the life of a farmer. On February 8, 1877, he was married to Emily Grobingsier, daughter of August Grobingsier. After the death of his father, Mr. Sy took charge of the home farm, and he has continued to operate it to the present time with such success that he is now ranked among the leading agriculturists of his township. He has made a study of soil conditions, rotation of crops and other subjects necessary to scientific farming, and the result is that he raises large crops.

Mr. Sy is independent in his political views. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church, in the faith of which his wife died in 1901. They were the parents of these children: Ida Louise, who married Adolph Meierhans, of Altamont; Emma Augusta, at home; Julia Emily, who married Albert Aderman, living with Mr. Sy; and Maria Magdalena, of Springfield, Ill.

**TAPHORN, Henry, M. D.**—The medical practitioner of 1910 is a man widely different from the practitioner of 1810 or 1860. The science of medicine has advanced more in the last half-century than it had in all the ages up to the beginning of the nineteenth century. While it has progressed the requirements of a physician have grown abreast, and the doctor of to-day approaches his work only after years of earnest effort and careful training. Dr. Henry Taphorn of Effingham, is one of the most representative men of his class in Effingham County. He was born in Carlyle, Clinton County, Ill., August 1, 1871, a son of John Gerhard and Elizabeth Taphorn, the former born in Germany, in April, 1830, and the latter in the same country about 1836.

John Gerhard Taphorn and his wife came to Illinois about 1855, and settled on a farm in the southwestern part of Clinton County, where he became one of the leading Democrats of his section and was elected to a number of township offices. Five sons and two daughters were born to Mr. Taphorn and wife, namely: Peter W., of Tracy, Cal.; Gerhard, a physician of Alton, Ill.; Catherine, of Alton, Ill.; Anna, a Sister of Charity in Chicago; Henry, a physician of Effingham, Ill.; John G., Jr., a farmer of Beckemeyer, Ill.; Bernard N., a merchant of Beckemeyer, and Henry, the subject of this sketch.

After receiving a common school education, Dr. Taphorn left Clinton County, at the age of twenty-three years, and took a course of three terms at Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, Ill. Deciding to study medicine, he left college there, to enter Washington University, at St. Louis, from which he graduated with degree of M. D.,

in 1898. In 1900 he moved to East St. Louis, Ill., where he received an appointment as First Assistant Physician in St. Mary's Hospital, where he remained four years. Following this he entered into general practice, in which work he has been remarkably successful. He is ranked among the most efficient and skillful physicians of Effingham County and has earned the confidence and respect of his patients. Aside from farming with his father, Dr. Taphorn has not engaged in any business outside his practice. He has always been fond of books, and also takes an interest in out-of-door sports. He is a thoughtful, studious man, whose absorption in his profession is remarkable.

Dr. Taphorn is a member of the Knights of Columbus, which he joined in June, 1901, and the Catholic Knights of America, which he joined March 15, 1908, being Medical Examiner for both. He is a member of the International Congress of Tuberculosis, Effingham County Medical Society and the Illinois State Medical Association. In religious faith he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, while in politics he has always been a Democrat.

June 4, 1902, Dr. Taphorn married Genevieve M. Morrissey, who was born at Alton, Ill., August 6 1874 and they had one child, Genevieve, born July 15, 1904. On April 26, 1907, Dr. Taphorn's first wife died, and on July 15, 1908, he married (second) Miss Elizabeth Eversman, of Effingham, Ill.

**TAPSON, Mrs. Julia, of Altamont, Ill.,** conducts one of the largest business establishments of the city, and has done her share in building up the community and forwarding movements of public benefit. Mrs. Tapson is a native of Madison County, Ill., and daughter of John Jasper and Julia (Naegalle) Pfeningner, natives of Switzerland, who came to the United States about fifty years ago, on a sailing vessel which took three months to make the trip. Landing at New Orleans, they went up the Mississippi River and first settled in Missouri, but on hearing that there was a Swiss settlement at Highland, Madison County, Ill., they removed to that place in order that their children might be educated in the Swiss language. They had left three children in Switzerland, who joined them later. Mr. Pfeningner was the son of a wealthy doctor and the hardships in the new country were too much for his health, which soon broke down, and he died, leaving his young widow with five children: Julius, Sophia, Walter, Werner and Julia, all living.

Mrs. Tapson grew to womanhood in her native county, where she attended the public schools, as well as Elmira College and the school at Greenville, Bond County. She then taught school for a time, giving this up in order to learn the millinery business. She was married in Madison County, Ill., to John Tapson, who was born in Plymouth, England, in 1846, and came to America at the age of nineteen years. He followed his trade of milling in Michigan and Madi-



son County, Ill., and after retiring from that business gave his attention to farm work. In the spring of 1876 Mr. and Mrs. Tapson came to Altamont and purchased the Tapson residence, which they rented for a time, and soon Mrs. Tapson had converted one of the rooms into a millinery store, where she began, on a small scale, a business which since then has grown to be an enterprise of gigantic proportions and has drawn trade to Altamont from the adjoining towns and from a large country district as well. A few years after entering business Mrs. Tapson erected her present store room, which has since been enlarged, and it is now one of the largest business houses in Altamont. Mrs. Tapson always carries a complete stock of everything in the millinery line, and in addition her room is well filled with dry goods, notions and jewelry, making it one of the leading business centers of Altamont. Mrs. Tapson owns a quarter block right in the heart of Altamont. In 1904 she erected the postoffice building, a substantial two-story brick structure, 28x60 feet, and she has now started building a two-story structure 25x70 feet, adjoining the postoffice on the east. She is the largest stockholder in the canning factory, owns a great deal of stock in the Fair Association and also has a farm of 120 acres adjoining the town. Mrs. Tapson inherited about five thousand dollars from her parents and from this made her start.

Mr. Tapson's death occurred December 5, 1906. He and Mrs. Tapson had no children, but reared several children, three of whom are now married, and one, an adopted daughter, Mildred, is living with Mrs. Tapson and assisting her at the store. Mrs. Tapson belonged to the Reformed Church for years but the last two years has attended the Presbyterian Church.

**TAYLOR, George F.**, a prominent member of the legal profession, in Effingham, Ill., where he is connected with large business interests, was born in Watson Township, Effingham County, November 10, 1862, a son of John and Elizabeth H. (McKinnon) Taylor, the former born in Richland County, Ohio, January 19, 1834, and the latter in Effingham County, Ill., August 16, 1840.

In early boyhood John Taylor moved to South Bend, Ind., and in 1850 to Jasper County, Ill., living near Island Grove until 1852, when he moved to Bishop Township, Effingham County. He lived in Effingham County at the time of his marriage to Elizabeth H. McKinnon, a daughter of William E. McKinnon, one of the pioneers of Effingham County. Four children were born of this union, the only survivor of whom is the subject of this sketch. John Taylor was killed in a runaway accident, August 31, 1866, and his widow continued to reside in Effingham County till her death on February 14, 1910. He was the first Assessor of Bishop Township, and the book he kept while holding that office was preserved by Peter T. Johnson, for many years Town Clerk of Bishop Township, and in 1887 was given to

George F. Taylor, who values it among his most prized possessions.

George F. Taylor's preliminary education was obtained in the public schools of Watson Township and in the Village of Watson, and later he attended the University of Illinois, which he left before taking a degree. He remained on the farm where he was born until eighteen years old, when he began teaching school, his first term being in Watson Township. After leaving the University he taught one term in West Township, two in Bishop Township and his last term in Mason Township, all in Effingham County. From early childhood he had determined to take up the study of law and, in March, 1886, entered the office of Judge S. F. Gilman, of Effingham, as a student, being admitted to the bar at the June Term of the Supreme Court of Illinois in 1888, since which time he has practiced his profession in Effingham. He is a Democrat in politics and has always stood for the best interests of his community, having been a leader in social, benevolent, educational and religious enterprises. He was City Attorney of Effingham three terms and has been attorney for the Effingham Building & Loan Association since its inception; has also been President of the Effingham County Telephone Company since its organization in 1906. Fraternally he is connected with Effingham Lodge No. 149 A. F. & A. M. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Loy Chapel when a boy, changed his membership to Effingham on locating in that city, and has been one of the pillars of the church since. He is a member of the Board of Trustees and served as Secretary of the Building Committee when the present beautiful edifice was erected.

November 30, 1893 (Thanksgiving Day), Mr. Taylor was united in marriage, by Reverend B. R. Pearce, of the Methodist Church, to Miss Flora Phillips, who was born in Linn County, Kan., September 5, 1868, and came to Effingham County, Ill., in 1877. Her father, John Phillips, was a native of Illinois and her mother, Sophronia (Robertson) Phillips, was a daughter of Duke Robertson, one of the pioneers of Effingham County. Mrs. Taylor was educated in the public schools of Effingham County and graduated from Altamont High School in 1885, being from that year until her marriage engaged in teaching, the last four years in the city of Effingham. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Harold John and Helen June, twins, born June 30, 1899.

**THOMAS, James Rober**, junior member of the well-known and reliable real estate firm of Parks & Thomas of Effingham, Ill., is one of the progressive business men of his city, and belongs to a family that has been connected with the history of the county for a number of years. Mr. Thomas was born October 8, 1877, in Fayette County, Ill., a son of John D. and Mary (Fleming) Thomas. John D. Thomas was a physician and farmer, practicing while engaged in agricultural pursuits. His birthplace was Cincinnati,



Ohio, but he moved to Indiana and there married his wife who was a native of Evansville, that State. In 1877, the family came to Illinois, locating on a farm in Fayette County, near St. James, and here Dr. Thomas resided for fifteen years. Removal was then made to Effingham County, the family settling on a farm ten miles south of Altamont. Here Dr. Thomas died in 1898, being survived by his widow, now a resident of Altamont. For five years, he served as a member of Company C, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and proved himself a gallant and loyal soldier. Mrs. Thomas has been the object of her son James' tender solicitude for many years, he recognizing her claim upon his affection, and her goodness to him all his life.

After attending the country schools, James R. Thomas went to the Altamont public school, spending his boyhood on the farms owned by his parents in Fayette and Effingham Counties. When his father died, Mr. Thomas operated an apple business for a year, then conducting a restaurant in Altamont, until he entered a bakery in Montrose where he remained for two years. Following this, he went to Chicago and worked in a bakery there for one year. He then was employed on the Union Railroad, from which he retired in 1904, returning to Altamont. He later located in Effingham, becoming a member of the now well established realty firm of Parks & Thomas, which is the largest firm of its kind in Effingham, and has charge of all the important realty transactions in that city. The partners are sound, reliable men who can always be depended upon to carry out their promises and to live up to their agreements.

Mr. Thomas was married in 1904, at Altamont, to Elsie M. Rhodes, born and reared at Altamont, whose parents came to this locality from Pennsylvania at a very early date. Mr. Rhodes was the first manufacturer of Altamont, his product being tables. This same business is now carried on by his son, although the output of the factory is now egg-cases.

The fraternal affiliations of Mr. Thomas are with Altamont Lodge No. 533, A. F. & A. M.; Altamont Lodge No. 420, K. P.; the Maccabees, Ben Hur and the Yeoman Mutual A. C. Association. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. Although he leans towards the teachings of the Republican party, Mr. Thomas likes to do his own thinking, and is very liberal in his political views. The Thomas family endured many hardships upon first coming to Illinois, for they were poor, but they worked and saved and now are numbered among the prosperous citizens of their several localities. No one member, however, has accomplished more than Mr. James R. Thomas, and much credit is due to his energy and foresightedness.

**TIBBETTS, Oliver Siegel.**—Effingham County owes to its agriculturists a debt of gratitude for its present prosperous condition, as the farming interests of the county are by all means its most important asset, and it has been the ener-

getic and intelligent work of the farmers that has kept the county's agricultural standard so high. Oliver Siegel Tibbetts, who is operating a finely cultivated tract of land in Section 29, West Township, is one of the representative men of the county. He was born at Old Manchester, Dearborn County, Ind., February 22, 1862, a son of George and grandson of Benjamin Tibbetts.

Benjamin Tibbetts came from the State of Maine and settled in Indiana in pioneer days, but later went to Olathe, Kan., where he died at the home of his son Oliver. George Tibbetts received a limited education in the schools of Indiana, but was a zealous student, and became a very well educated man. He learned the cooper's trade in Indiana and, in 1868, emigrated to Illinois, engaging in farming in Madison County, buying eighty acres of land located one-half mile from Marine. One year later he came to Effingham County and purchased a section, less eighty acres, on Section 29, in West Township. On first coming to his farm, he found things in such a wild state that he located his family at Edgewood for a time, and while carpenters were finishing his house, he secured permission to live in the old West Point schoolhouse. He started in to farm the wild prairie land, which had never before been cultivated, and worked hard and faithfully, but during the first few years little was accomplished. Energy and faithfulness had their reward, however, and he eventually succeeded. Seven years later, realizing the importance of giving his children the advantages of an education, he moved to Edgewood, and while there engaged with Hank Newberry in the butchering business for two years, at the end of which time he returned to the farm and continued there until 1901, in which year he retired and went to Altamont, dying there in his seventy-fifth year in August, 1904, and being buried in Edgewood Cemetery. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was a strong Republican and a prominent Mason. His widow still survives him, residing in Altamont. They had children as follows: Mabel, who married (first) Stephen Smith and (second) M. D. White, residing at Pana, Ill.; Serelda, who married S. A. Nelson of Johnson County, Kan.; Gershorn Sparks, of Engleton, Okla., who married (first) Ollie Morris; Oliver Siegel; Ella, who married Thomas Ferrel of Edgewood, now deceased; Calvin North, and Maggie May, who died in infancy; Mary Lou, who married P. A. Wilhelm, of Litchfield, Ill.; and Saidie, at home.

Oliver Siegel Tibbetts was six years of age when the family came to Effingham County, Ill., and he attended the old West Point school, which he left when about seventeen years of age. He started to work on the home farm, on which he continued until twenty-one years old, when he went to Johnson County, Kan., and worked by the month on various farms for five years. He then returned to the home farm for one year, when his brother, Gershorn S., started with his family, in a wagon, for Seward County, Neb., and Oliver accompanied him, the journey

taking twenty-two days. For two years he farmed in Nebraska and then returned to the home farm, continuing with his father until his marriage, after which he rented a part of the "section farm," for one year, and then bought eighty acres, which later he traded with his father for the homestead of eighty acres. This he has farmed to the present time and, in addition, rents eighty acres from the heirs of his father's estate, thus having 160 acres under cultivation. His land is finely taken care of and the farm presents an excellent appearance, being improved with fine, substantial buildings, proper fencing and farm accessories. Mr. Tibbetts is considered one of the good, reliable farmers of his locality, and a good judge of matters agricultural.

On March 7, 1897, Mr. Tibbetts was married to Lulu Baldwin, who was born in Pleasant Mount Township, Bond County, Ill., February 3, 1875, and was educated in the public schools and Austin College, Effingham, and later taught two years in Bond County, and one year in West Point School, Effingham County. She is a daughter of John W. and Mary K. (Andrews) Baldwin, the former of whom was born in Maryland in 1846, and when three years old, was brought by his parents to Illinois, his father, Samuel, having taken up land in Bond County. He and his wife still reside on the tract originally settled by the family. They are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the parents of these children: Minnie, who married Joseph Elam; Ira Oliver; Lulu; Otis; Lizzie, who married Lewis Morley; and Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Tibbetts have had three children: Gladys Thelma, born December 11, 1897; Nellie Fay, born May 4, 1899; and George Curtis, born March 4, 1905. Mr. Tibbetts and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a Republican in politics.

**TOLCH, Samuel F.**—Some men are distinguished by their strict integrity and the honorable methods they use in the conduct of their business affairs. Such men are respected by all who are brought into contact with them, for their associates know they can be trusted to give everyone a fair deal. Samuel F. Tolch is one of the young business men of Dieterich, and its leading merchant, who has won universal esteem for these very qualities. He was born in Teutopolis, October 29, 1875, a son of William Tolch, the latter born in Germany, November 27, 1823, and there reared and educated. After learning the harness-making trade in his native country, William Tolch came to America in 1851, and for a short time worked at his trade in New Jersey, but in 1852 removed to St. Louis. During the same year he came to Effingham County, and locating in Teutopolis, embarked in the harness-making business. On April 28, 1856, he married Rebecca McElhiney, born in Ireland, a daughter of John McElhiney. Her parents, who were also natives of Ireland, came to the United States, and for some time resided in Philadelphia, but

finally emigrated to Cumberland County, Ill., where they both died soon after locating there. Mr. and Mrs. William Tolch had ten children, eight of whom survive. His death occurred in May, 1891, but his widow survives, being now seventy-three years old. William Tolch was one of the successful business men of Teutopolis, and while interested in the city's progress, gave the most of his attention to his private affairs.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. William Tolch were as follows: John H., of Spring Point Township, Cumberland County; Mary, wife of Charles F. Mascher of Clarinda, Ia.; Nancy, widow of William McLain of Spring Point Township, Cumberland County; Lizzie, wife of A. W. Bigler, a banker of Sigel, Ill.; Carrie, wife of George Eckjan, engaged in the creamery business in Teutopolis; William C., of Teutopolis; Samuel F.; and Alice, wife of Leo Fuller of Teutopolis.

Samuel F. Tolch was reared in Teutopolis and attended its schools and St. Joseph College. After finishing his school course in 1892, he engaged as a clerk in a general store conducted by Uptmor & Webber. The partnership was dissolved, Mr. Uptmor purchasing the entire store, and Mr. Tolch remaining with him as an efficient and trustworthy assistant. The latter association continued until 1900, when Mr. Tolch left to engage with James Adams, with whom he remained one year. Then, in 1902, he came to Dieterich and, buying a stock of goods from H. M. Fritscher began business as a general merchant in a room 28x70 feet. From the very start he has been successful, and as his trade warranted, he increased his stock, and finally in 1906, he bought and now owns a double store-building, 46x70 feet, and two stories in height, which he has reconstructed, and now occupies the entire building. His stock embraces dry-goods, boots and shoes, groceries, glass and queensware, and he is also a wholesale dealer in flour and feed. As he is accustomed to buy for cash, he has been able to take advantage of discounts, and those who trade with him get the benefit of this policy. His stock would do credit to any store of a large city, and its service is very satisfactory to customers.

In addition to other interests, Mr. Tolch was one of the leaders in the organization of the Prairie State Creamery and for the first two years was its manager, but after it was well started, he withdrew from active participation in its affairs, though still a heavy stockholder. He is also a stockholder in the First National Bank of Dieterich, and is always found among the front of those who have the best interests of the town and county at heart.

In April, 1902, Mr. Tolch married Emma Mascher, born on a farm in Jasper County, Ill., daughter of E. J. Mascher, a successful farmer of Jasper County. Mr. and Mrs. Tolch are the parents of four children: Mabel, Emery, Gilbert and Myron. They are active in the Lutheran Church, to which both Mr. Tolch and his wife belong. Mr. Tolch is a Republican and, while not an office seeker, has filled several of

the village positions of public trust, discharging his duties in the same faithful manner that he exhibits in his private business. His trade is a large one, not only in Dieterich, but in the surrounding country for a radius of twenty miles, and his store is also a market for the produce of the farmers, who appreciate his liberal methods as to prices and a "square deal."

**TOPP, William.**—One of the public-spirited and enterprising farmers of Summit Township, Effingham County, Ill., is William Topp, who was born in Cook County, Ill., February 5, 1863, the son of Henry and Wilhelmina (Prell) Topp, both natives of Germany. Henry Topp came to the United States as a young man, locating in Cook County, Ill., where he met and married his wife, about 1854. They engaged in farming for some years in Cook County, but about 1864 removed to Effingham County, and settled near Watson. There they engaged in farming on 120 acres of land in Section 15, Summit Township, which Mr. Topp purchased, and there began their life in a little log cabin. Only forty acres of this land could be tilled at first, but he began clearing the remainder and finally became one of the wealthy men of his locality. His faithful wife was gored by a bull, dying a few hours later. She had borne children as follows: Fred, a farmer in the Ozark Mountain District, Mo.; Minnie, wife of Nicholas Weingart, a farmer of Summit Township; Henry, a farmer of Lamar, Okla.; Lena, a resident of Chicago; and William. In 1891 Mr. Topp married Elizabeth Eden, and later retired from his farm and settled in Effingham, where he remained until his death, March 1, 1899. He was a strong Republican and served a number of years as School Director, and was also an active member of the Lutheran Church. His second wife died in 1905, and both are interred in the Lutheran Cemetery at Effingham.

William Topp was but a year old when the family came to Effingham County, so that his life has practically been spent here. He was educated in the district schools and learned farming from his father. In 1887 he went on a trip through Missouri and Arkansas, and finally located in Chicago, where he entered the employ of the Thompson & Taylor Coffee Company, but in 1890 he returned to the old home and took charge of the farm. He bought the interests of the other heirs and now owns the old home farm of 120 acres, which he helped to put under cultivation. He has a fine orchard which he himself planted, and many changes effected in the neighborhood have been projected by him. He was the first to sign for and receive a mail box on the rural free delivery route. For the past seven years he has been extensively engaged in the dairy business and has been gradually adding Holstein cattle to his stock. One of the best springs in the county is located on his farm. He is a most practical farmer and appreciates the value of modern inventions, never failing to

take advantage of improved machinery and appliances when he considers them useful.

October 22, 1893, Mr. Topp married Miss Eva Beaver, who was born in Summit Township, a daughter of Peter Beaver, and they became parents of three children: Carrie, born November 2, 1891; Clarence, born July 7, 1902, and Walter, born August 24, 1904. A staunch Republican in politics, Mr. Topp has been called upon to fill the office of Highway Commissioner and has also acted as School Director. Fraternally he is a member of the M. W. A., of Shumway, Ill., and Dallas Lodge No. 81, I. O. O. F. He was reared in the Lutheran Church and has always given it his full support. A better farmer or citizen than Mr. Topp would be hard to find and, with his success, he has retained the friendship and confidence of his neighbors.

**TUCKER, Benjamin F.**—The occupation of stock breeding is a profitable one if carried on in a scientific manner, and as it is so closely allied to the business of farming, the two are conducted together by many of the agriculturists of Effingham County. One of the leading stock-raisers of Jackson Township, as well as the owner of one of the most fertile farms of this section of the county, is Benjamin F. Tucker, who was born May 19, 1865, in Effingham County, Ill. He is a son of Joseph A. and Margaret (Rubins) Tucker, both natives of Illinois, Mr. Tucker having been born in Effingham County and Mrs. Tucker in Lawrence County. They were married in Effingham County. Joseph A. Tucker purchased land in Jackson Township, where the family remained until the spring of 1887, then they moved to Valley County, Neb., in which State the parents have since made their home, now living retired at Arcadia. They were the parents of nine children, the order of birth being as follows: Benjamin F., Theodosia, Clara, Mary; Willie, who died in infancy; Charles, John O., Arlie and Ernest.

Benjamin F. Tucker received a very good education in the public schools of Jackson Township. He remained at home on the farm until twenty-two years of age, when he started on an extensive trip through the Southern States, finally locating in Valley County, Neb. He was married at Loup City, Sherman County, Neb., December 20, 1888, to Emma Reiman, who was born in Evansville, Ind., in 1868. After their marriage they remained in Nebraska for fourteen years, when Mr. Tucker traded his Nebraska land and stock for his present farm of 153 acres, located in Jackson Township. He was successful on this property from the start, and made improvements, tilling his land until it became one of the best tracts in the township. In addition to carrying on a general line of farming, he has engaged extensively in stock breeding, raising thoroughbred Poland-China hogs, Hereford cattle and Percheron horses, all of which bring the highest prices in the stock market. He also makes a specialty of buying Western draft



horses, which he ships to the various markets of the Middle Western States.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tucker: Mabel, who died at five and a half years of age; Elnora, who is teaching school in Effingham County; Albert H.; Nellie, a teacher near Farina; and Floyd, at home. Mr. Tucker is a Democrat in politics and has been active in the ranks of his party. He is a popular member of the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 321, at Watson, Ill., and of the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 2705, also at Watson. With his wife, he attends the Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson Township, Mrs. Tucker being an active worker in Sunday school and missionary labor.

**TUCKER, Henry Estus.**—Hard work, intelligently directed along legitimate lines generally results in success. Perhaps, however, few employments pay so well and so safely for wisely expended effort as does farming, as men of Effingham County have long since discovered. Henry Estus Tucker, of Jackson Township, is one of the most representative of the farmers of his locality. He was born in the county, March 12, 1850, and educated in the common schools and secured a good education. He is a son of James P. and Martha (Robinson) Tucker, both born in Effingham County, the former March 25, 1831, and the latter April 2, 1831. The grandparents on both sides came from Kentucky to Illinois, and located in Effingham County. The Robinson grandparents are interred in New Hope Cemetery, while the Tuckers are buried in the Porter Cemetery. For several years Mr. Tucker operated a water-mill on the Little Wabash, while the Grandfather Robinson was a hatter by trade.

James P. Tucker was a farmer and a soldier in the Mexican War, serving under General Taylor. In 1849 he married and settled on a farm in Jackson Township. After the Mexican War he entered land on his warrant as a soldier, securing a farm near Watson, Effingham County which he sold. In 1864, he bought 160 acres in Jackson Township, sold this farm, and bought land in the northern part of Jackson Township. His wife died May 3, 1908, aged seventy-seven, and is buried in Dexter Cemetery. She bore her husband thirteen children, ten of whom are now deceased, eight having died in infancy. The three surviving are: Obadiah B., Sally E., wife of John H. Davis of Jackson Township, and Henry E., who is the eldest of those surviving.

Henry E. Tucker remained on the farm until his marriage, on September 16, 1871, to Elizabeth Ramsey, born in Wytheville, Va. In 1899 Mr. Tucker moved to Effingham and embarked in a retail grocery business, in which he remained something over three years, when he sold out and in 1902 returned to his farm, where he now lives. Prior to moving to Effingham, he kept the post office at Osker, and conducted a country store. The farmers first formed a stock company and placed Mr. Tucker in charge, which he con-

tinued a year, when he bought the others out and conducted the business for eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker have been the parents of six children, five of whom grew to maturity, but only four now survive. The family is as follows: Alma, married Lawrence D. Phillips, now deceased, to whom two she bore two children—Gertie, born September 30, 1898, and Clyde, born July 6, 1899; James Otis, married Hattie Terring, and lives on the farm which he is conducting for his father; Roy M., married Alta Kelley, and they have three children—Doland H., Murrell and Inez; Iva Murrell, died August 9, 1908, and is buried in Dexter Cemetery; Charles Wright, died in infancy and is buried in Dexter Cemetery; Elisha W., married Edith Boland, and resides near Dexter, where he is employed as an operator on the Vandalia Railroad. They have one child, Eugene Keith.

Mr. Tucker is a Democrat and has always taken an active part in local politics. He has held local offices, having been Supervisor for four years, Town Clerk for two years, Assessor for two years, and member of the Court House Board at a time when many improvements were being made. He formerly belonged to both the Grange and the F. M. B. A. He and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church of Jackson Township, in which he is Deacon. He joined the church in 1873, and was baptized in Second Creek near the church. Formerly he was very active in church work, and his family have taken his place, so they are well represented there. He is an earnest advocate of temperance, and one of the leaders in this cause in Jackson Township. In addition to his farm, he owns a house and three lots in Effingham, which are valuable.

**TUCKER, James Portlock,** was born on a farm in what is now Union Township, Effingham County, Ill., March 21, 1831, a little more than a year prior to the organization of the county. His father, Henry Tucker, was a native of Kentucky and emigrated to Illinois while a young man, locating first in White County, where he married Miss Boyle Malinda Parkhurst. To this union one son, Jonathan, was born in White County. Mr. Tucker, with his wife and son, moved from White County in 1829, and settled about a mile and a half north of where the village of Mason now stands. While residing in Effingham County Henry Tucker and his wife had five children, viz: James P., Nancy J., Joseph A., Benjamin F. and Jesse. Mrs. Tucker died in 1842 and was buried in Porter Cemetery. In 1845 Mr. Tucker married (second) Miss Sarah Ward, and to this union two children were born, namely: Mary and Martha. Mrs. Sarah Tucker died soon after her second child was born, and Mr. Tucker married (third) Mrs. Mary Carpenter, a widow. He died in 1870 and was buried at the Porter Cemetery, by the side of his first wife. Only three of his children are now living, namely: James P., Nancy J. and Joseph A.



In 1847 James P. Tucker enlisted in Company C, Second Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for the War with Mexico, being mustered into service at Alton, Ill., whence he went by steamboat to New Orleans, from there to Tampico, Mex., and thence by ship to Vera Cruz, from which the regiment proceeded on foot to the City of Mexico, where they remained a few days, the war being ended. They were sent back to Alton and discharged, being mustered out of service in the latter part of August, 1848.

June 26, 1849, James P. Tucker married Miss Martha Robertson and they settled on a farm. He owned good land upon which he and his faithful wife lived and prospered, until he was compelled by old age and infirmities to retire. Thirteen children were born to them, ten of whom died in infancy. Three are still living in Effingham County, namely: Henry E., O. B. and Sarah E. Mr. Tucker and his wife spent a happy married life of a little over fifty-nine years, both solicitous for the comfort and well-being of the other and working hard to rear their children to honorable man and womanhood. In May, 1908, Mrs. Tucker died, and was buried in Freemantle Cemetery, in Effingham County.

Mr. Tucker has lived a long and useful life, and while living in Jackson Township won the confidence and respect of his neighbors, being elected to the office of Assessor, and three times to that of Commissioner of Highways for the township. Though quiet and retiring, he has always been ready to uphold the right, as he understood it. In 1890 he moved from his farm to the city of Effingham, and has since served his ward as Alderman. He enjoys fair health, but at the same time feels the weight of old age and infirmity. He has a comfortable home, his housekeeper being a widowed sister. He had provided for his old age in the days of youth and health, and his wants are further supplied by the pension he receives from the Government. He is a Democrat in politics and in religion adheres to the faith of the old regular Baptist Church.

**TURNER, James (deceased).**—It has been given to some to help to develop the country, to shape their surroundings according to their needs, and to bring forth the present high degree of civilization. Effingham County, Ill., became the home of many a sturdy pioneer who did not ask for anything more than raw prairie land to work upon. Bravely, uncomplainingly, these fore-runners of civilization went to work, and many of them have laid down the burdens of life, but not until they saw in some measure what they had accomplished. One of those who gained honor and material reward from this locality was the late James Turner, whose many descendants are scattered over many parts of the United States. He was born in Buckingham County, Va., July 29, 1799, son of a Revolutionary soldier who cast his fortune and his life with the colonists. After the war was over the father returned home, and toiled to support his family of three children. His death occurred in 1806, after

long years of suffering as the result of a fall from a building, where he was at work, and from an attack of rheumatism. He left two sons and one daughter, and of these children James was the youngest. He was only seven years old at the time his father died, and from then on worked on his mother's farm and had no educational advantages.

On December 16, 1818, when but nineteen years of age, he married Elsie Pendleton, of Buckingham County. For three years he managed different plantations, and then in 1823 he moved to Wilson County, Tenn., taking his mother with him. There he purchased a small farm, which he hired operated while he worked at the carpenter's trade. At this he was moderately successful and managed to save a little, but was not satisfied, and as he had friends and relatives in Illinois, resolved to try his fortunes in the newer State. Therefore, in 1829, he came to Effingham County, selected the site of his permanent home, and, going back to Tennessee, sold his property there, and in November, 1830, came back to Effingham County, having made the trip of over 300 miles in two weeks, by horse and wagon. He built on the spot that remained his home until his death. This little log cabin was finished March 14, 1831. He was a very industrious man and not only farmed but worked also in a blacksmith shop he built or at his trade of carpentering. He did such good work that he was sent for from places as far away as Vandalia and Shelbyville, and even as far as Paris, Ill.

His first attempt to raise wheat was in 1832. He planted four acres and fanned it through a sheet, then pounded it. This slow process discouraged Mr. Turner, so he went back to Tennessee and purchased a fanning mill, the first brought into the county, and afterward he was kept busy hauling it all over the neighborhood, and it was finally worn out. He also raised several crops of cotton, on the southern slope of a hill, but did not find it successful. From time to time he went back to Tennessee after various things he found lacking, making five trips in all. On one of these trips he brought his mother, who made her home with him until her death, April 26, 1839. Mr. Turner had entered eighty acres of government land, but added to it until he owned at least 1,000 acres in Jackson Township, and became one of the most successful farmers of this part of the State.

Mr. Turner was called upon to serve the county and in 1834 he was elected County Commissioner, filling the office faithfully and efficiently. His wife's death occurred October 5, 1858. He and his good wife had the following children: David, born in Virginia, June 21, 1822, was a farmer in Mason Township; Robert, born in Tennessee, August 21, 1823, died at the age of twenty-one years; James S. B., born in Tennessee, October 21, 1824, became a prosperous farmer of Shelby County, where he died; Lorenzo, born in Tennessee, May 14, 1826; Mary Jane, born July 12, 1827, married Samuel Win-

ter, and both are deceased; John J., born October 5, 1828, died November 11, 1832; Henry, born December 28, 1830; Nathaniel, born April 14, 1832; Nancy E., born February 6, 1834, married Charles Kinsey; Abram P., born February 1, 1836, died July 29, 1856; Wilson, born October 2, 1838, the only one of the family now living, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

On January 20, 1860, James Turner married (second) Mary E. Quigley, who died December 10, 1874, leaving no issue. For many years Mr. Turner was a consistent member of the Old School Baptist Church. His first vote was cast for General Jackson and he ever supported the Democratic party. In addition he was a strong temperance man, and when prohibition was made a national issue, he supported it from principle. His death occurred when he was eighty-eight years old, in 1888. He had thirty-five grandchildren and fifty-two great-grandchildren born during his lifetime, and (remarkable, indeed) two great-great-grandchildren.

There have been few men of his caliber. He was strictly honest in everything, striving to do what he believed his duty, no matter what the cost. From the time he located in Effingham County until his death, so many years later, he was ever striving to advance its best interests and to make it the most desirable place in the State. His memory is cherished as that of one of the most typical of the pioneers of Illinois.

**TURNER, William Marshall.**—Many of the more progressive farmers of Effingham County are turning their attention towards specializing in their work, having demonstrated that there is more money in this method than in carrying on general farming. Many of them are making successful experiments in the breeding of high grade stock, and the product of these rich Effingham County farms is eagerly sought in the big markets. William Marshall Turner, of Jackson Township, is one of the men who have adopted modern methods in carrying on his business. He was born in Mason Township, Effingham County, October 16, 1857, and was educated in the public schools of Shelby and Effingham Counties, obtaining a good education. He is a son of Nathaniel C. and Sarah K. (Wilson) Turner, the former of whom was born and reared in Effingham County. The parents of Nathaniel C. Turner were natives of Tennessee, who moved to Illinois in 1830, and located in Effingham County, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Sarah K. Wilson was born in Licking County, Ohio, and was eleven years old when her parents came to Illinois. Her grandfather Wilson and his wife also died in Effingham County.

Nathaniel C. Turner married in Effingham County in 1853, and there settled on a farm, but later moved to Shelby County, where he lived eight years. Then returning to Effingham County he located on a farm in Jackson Township, where his son William M. now lives. From then (1875) until his death, January 10, 1908, at the age of seventy-five years, he made this

farm his home. He is buried in Jackson Township. His widow still survives at the age of seventy-three years, making her home with her son William. Three children were born to this couple, namely: Robert W., who resides at Windsor, Ill., a carpenter by trade, married Sarah Stevens, and they have three sons—Delbert C., Ernest L. (deceased), and William Earl; William M.; and Mollie B., wife of William B. Wenter, of Chicago, has two daughters—Ada V. and Sarah Katherine.

William Marshall Turner was married April 7, 1897, to Flora J. Price, born in Shelby County, April 28, 1862, daughter of John W. and Mahulda (Willard) Price, both natives of Tennessee. They were married in Shelby County, where they still live, Mr. Price (who is a farmer) being seventy-four and his wife seventy-two. They became parents of twelve children, eleven of whom reached maturity, namely: Franklin, Joseph, Mrs. Turner, John, Marcellus, Otis, Clara, Lhus, Patsy, Benjamin and Maude. Clara is the wife of Frank Rodgers and Maude the wife of Benjamin Klefer.

Ever since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Turner have lived on their present farm in Jackson Township, which contains 200 acres, of which 120 acres is under cultivation and eighty acres in timber. Mr. Turner has made all the improvements; he has a barn 36 by 50 feet, besides a large two-story residence, with thoroughly modern appliances. He owns one of the best equipped and most fertile farms in the county, and has made a specialty of breeding Poland-China hogs for the market, receiving a fancy price for his product.

Mr. Turner and his wife are parents of two sons: Donald, born January 23, 1898, and Percy, born March 19, 1900. Mr. Turner has always been a Democrat and, while taking an active interest in local affairs, has never aspired to public office, this having also been the policy of his father. His father was a member of the Blue Lodge of Masons and the Royal Arch Chapter, but William M. belongs to no fraternal organization. His parents were strong church workers and belonged to the Baptist Church, and though Mr. Turner and his wife are members of no religious organization, they are faithful attendants of the services of the Baptist Church. He has been successful in all his undertakings and is highly honored, having a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Owing to failing health, Mr. Turner will soon retire from active farm work.

Mr. Turner comes from a long-lived family, his grandfather Turner having lived to be eighty-eight years and four months of age. His declining years were passed in Jackson Township, at the home of his son Nathaniel C., who, with his wife, tenderly cared for him from 1875 until 1889, the date of his death. He was a strong temperance worker and a truly Christian man, taking an active part in all good works, and few men accomplished more good or have left more tender memories behind them.

**TURNER, Wilson.**—Pre-eminently courageous and resourceful, the struggling settlers on the Illinois frontier displayed a wonderful readiness in adapting themselves to conditions and meeting emergencies. The pioneers displayed hardihood and energy, upbuilding and preserving a happy home life, with the passage of time, and their reward is now given those who still survive in the realization of what they achieved. One of the pioneers of Effingham County deserving of more than passing mention is Wilson Turner. He is a native of the county, born in Jackson Township, October 2, 1838, a son of James Turner (whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work), who came to the county in 1829, settling in Jackson Township in 1830.

Wilson Turner was reared on the pioneer farm, but in his time there were no troubles with the Indians. Work was hard on account of privations endured. Men married early in those days, and when he was but twenty he was united in marriage, on November 27, 1858, with Mary A. Poe, born near Windsor, Shelby County. Mr. Turner originally purchased fifty acres, to which he added until he now owns 220 acres, 180 of which is in a high state of cultivation. He has made many improvements on the farm to which he and his wife came in 1860, at a time when it was wild prairie and many have been the changes they have witnessed. They are now the last of those brave souls who first located in Jackson Township. For seventy-one years Mr. Turner has lived in Jackson and Mason Townships, and is one of the best known men of that region.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner have had the following children: Henry A., born September 25, 1859, married Emma Kavanaugh, lives on the home farm, and they have two children—Clarence and Charlie; William B., born December 19, 1860, died September 7, 1877; Zilla K., born May 5, 1862, wife of Aaron Lowder, has three children—John W., Walter and Owen; Deidamona Y., born December 11, 1863, married John Kavanaugh and they have three children—Chris, Lawrence and Wilson; Elsie M., born December 29, 1865, widow of Nelson Randall, has one child—Ellie; James W., born December 10, 1867, of Colorado, married Amanda Peterson and they have two children—Glen and Gladdies; John F., born February 5, 1870, a farmer, married Mrs. Ruth (Kincade) Magee, and they have three children—Orval, Artie and Frank; Theodora N., born April 8, 1872; Oscar H., born September 1, 1875, died September 14, 1876; Anna Laura, born September 6, 1877, married Edman Faes, a merchant of Farina, Ill., and they have one son—Elmer; Glenn Dora, born March 12, 1881, married Lewis Schram, a farmer of Mason Township; and Grace, born October 26, 1886, died August 31, 1887. The children were all educated in the township, and those now living are the pride of their parents' hearts, while the memory of those who are passed into the beyond are tenderly cherished.

On November 27, 1908, Mr. and Mrs. Turner had a delightful celebration of their golden wedding. Eighty-three persons attended and made the occasion a joyous one. They received many tokens of remembrance, given with deepest love. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have always looked on the bright side of life, even when for thirteen months Mr. Turner was disabled with a broken leg. Aside from this accident, however, they have not had much sickness personally. Mrs. Turner is a consistent member of the Christian Church and lives out the teachings of the Master in her daily movements. He has always been a Democrat, serving for fifteen years as School Director, nine years as School Trustee, and has been Highway Commissioner since 1873. Many years ago he joined the Masonic Lodge and has filled all the offices. Both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star at Mason, Ill. He belongs to Golden Lake Chapter, No. 143, and regularly attends the meetings.

In the evening of a well-spent life, these two who have been so closely associated all their married years, are able to look back with satisfaction upon their actions, for they know they were always actuated by the highest of motives. They are well provided with this world's goods, are firm in their religious faith, surrounded by the love of children and friends, and happy in the companionship of each other.

**UPTON, Edward N.**—Those who have been engaged in the dairy business will readily recognize the fact that more satisfactory results can be secured from the pure grade of cattle than the common variety, and this has been demonstrated by the experience of Edward N. Upton, one of the leading dairymen of Effingham County, Ill., whose farm is situated in Section 5, Watson Township. Mr. Upton was born in the house in which he now lives, February 3, 1870, a son of Col. Edward N. Upton, who was born in Auburn, N. Y., September 27, 1837, and there given his early education, later removing to Columbus, Ohio, where he learned the printer's trade. In 1857 he went to St. Louis, Mo., where he worked at his trade for about one year, and then came to Ewington, at that time the county seat of Effingham County, as journeyman, working on the old "Pioneer," of which Colonel Fillers was then editor. After working about a year on this paper he went to Henderson, Ky., where he assisted his brother-in-law in erecting a gas-plant, and six months later returned to Ewington, and there resumed his trade. Later he again went to St. Louis, where he was working in the capacity of compositor at the time of the outbreak of the Civil War, and then going to Columbus, Ohio, he helped to raise a company, which became part of the Forty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered into service September 10, 1861, as First Lieutenant, later serving under the command of Gen. W. T. Sherman and John A. Logan, the regiment being assigned to the Fifteenth Army Corps. On April 6, 1862, he was



appointed Captain of Company G, on account of meritorious service; was commissioned Major of the Regiment August 19, 1864; as Lieutenant-Colonel December 22, 1864, and for bravery on the field of battle, was promoted to the rank of Colonel of his regiment, July 16, 1865, after three years and nine months of service. During this time he participated in thirty-two hard-fought battles, and was honorably discharged and mustered out of the service at Louisville, Ky., in July, 1865, when, returning to Effingham County, Ill., he bought land on Section 5, Watson Township. On March 21, 1864, he was married to Emma E. Rinehart, daughter of Daniel Rinehart, one of Effingham County's pioneers, and later he and his wife began life on the farm, where they remained until 1875, in which year Mr. Upton entered the service of Haydens & Allen, manufacturers of saddlery and hardware, at St. Louis, and was engaged by that firm as travelling salesman in Southern Illinois, until his death, in 1898. He and his wife had the following children: Daniel N., who died October 4, 1900; Hayden R., a minister of Meade County, S. D.; Martha R., wife of Thomas S. Purrington, with the Mott Brass & Iron Company, of Trenton, N. J.; Mary L., wife of Cyrus J. Dixon, a merchant, stock and grain dealer, of Scotland, S. D., and Edward N.

Edward N. Upton was educated in his home district school and remained on the farm until 1887, when he went to St. Louis, later going to St. Marys, Ohio, where from 1888 until 1890 he was first engineer in a chain factory. In the latter year he again went to St. Louis and engaged in the transfer business until 1896, when he removed to the old home farm and took up general agricultural pursuits. In April, 1903, Mr. Upton purchased nine head of thoroughbred Holstein cattle, all registered stock, the individual at the head of the herd being "Captain Acorneth Fairmount," Registered No. 31910, which he kept until March 13, 1906, when he sold to Henry Gchner, of Watson. The next head of the herd was "Hountje Butter Boy," an animal which Mr. Upton had raised, but which on December 22, 1908, he exchanged with James H. Loy, of Watson Township, for "General Book Dekolb." He became the owner of a herd of twenty-five head of fine bred Holstein cattle, which he endeavored to keep up to the standard of highest breeding, believing in this way he would have animals that would produce fully twice as much as mixed breeds. He is one of the most successful dairy-men in the county and his judgment in this line is considered excellent. He has recently sold his entire herd, however, with a view to replacing them with better ones.

Mr. Upton was married, March 20, 1898, to Mary A. Walker, who was born in Watson Township, December 22, 1877, daughter of Adam L. and Elsa (Illius) Walker, and to this union there have been born two children: C. Allen, born December 17, 1898, and Mary E., June 1, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Upton are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and since 1905 he has been serving as Justice of the Peace. He is combining his farming operations with his dairy business, and is making a very successful dairy farmer.

**VOELKER, Gustave R.**—Some men attain to more than ordinary prominence through the recognition by their associates of their ability to discharge certain duties, and this is undoubtedly the case of Gustave R. Voelker, a prosperous farmer of Sections 17 and 20, West Township, and one of the leaders of his locality. He was born on his father's homestead in West Township, June 13, 1869, being the third son of William and Louisa (Scholwin) Voelker. Between the age of seven and thirteen years, he was sent to the Lutheran parochial school of his neighborhood, and following that when his father could spare him spent two terms at the public school. In those days the farmers depended upon their children's help in clearing and developing the land, and Gustave from the time he was 13 years old did a man's work. He drove teams, felled timber and performed all other kinds of farm work, learning thoroughly how to operate property of this kind.

When he married Ida Jagow on April 5, 1894, he left the home farm and settled on the one which he now owns, up to that date having worked for his father. Mrs. Voelker is a daughter of Samuel Jagow who, at the age of seventy-eight, is now living in Mound Township, which was the girlhood home of Mrs. Voelker. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Voelker, two of whom, Louis (I) and Hugo, are deceased, while others are: David, a sturdy lad of fourteen; Albert, Carl, Hilda and a second Louis.

Mr. Voelker owns 160 acres of land on Section 17, which is his home place, and eighty acres on Section 20, which he purchased on January 22, 1902, and April 15, 1903, and forty acres in Section 17. His house was built twenty years ago, but Mr. Voelker has entirely remodeled it, made additions, and it is now one of the most comfortable homes in the township. All of the outbuildings have been replaced by thoroughly modern ones, and Mr. Voelker takes a pride in the appearance of his premises.

A staunch Democrat, his services and ability have been recognized by his associates and he has been called upon to fill a number of offices, being elected School Director in 1899; Township Clerk in 1901; re-elected School Director in 1902 and Township Clerk in 1903. He was made a member of the Democratic County Central Committee in 1902, again in 1904, and again in 1906, serving as chairman of the same in the last named year. In 1907 he was re-elected School Director, and in 1907 and 1908 served as Judge of Election. In all of these offices Mr. Voelker has served his constituents faithfully and honorably, and all his neighbors, independent of party lines, have great confidence in him.

In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Voel-



ker is connected with several enterprises of importance, being one of the organizers of the Gilmore Telephone Company and is now its Secretary, having been elected to that office in 1904. He was a director of the Gilmore Creamery Company for three years (1905 to 1908); was elected a director in the Altamont Agricultural Fair Association in November, 1907, and through his personal efforts made the meetings of the following years a great success. Mr. Voelker possesses a marked degree of ability, and his success in life may be attributed to this and to the fact that he has never shirked hard work, but has been willing and glad to do his full duty.

**WADE, George.**—A brave defender of his flag, always ready for duty whenever his services have been needed in either war or peace. George Wade, a retired merchant and one of the most desirable citizens of Mason, Ill., sets an example of noble-minded living and true patriotism that the rising generation will do well to follow. Mr. Wade was born in Patriot, Ind., February 7, 1841, a son of Alfred and Esther (Campbell) Wade, and grandson of George Wade, one of the soldiers of the War of 1812, under General Hull. George Wade was a native of Virginia, but moved to Middletown, Ohio, and there Alfred Wade was born.

When Alfred Wade was still a boy the family moved to Switzerland County, Ind., and located in Patriot, where the son finally married and where still earlier he became owner of a farm. He sometimes went to New Orleans on a flat-boat and walked back. He engaged in farming and died in Patriot about 1885. His widow survived until 1908, when at the age of ninety-three years she died at Kokomo, Ind., where she was residing with her daughter. The following children were born to Alfred Wade and wife: Mary, widow of Jabez Van Doran, resides at Indianapolis, Ind., with her son Harvey; George; Elijah, of Rising Sun, Ind.; Melvina, died at the age of fifty years at the old home in Patriot; Charles, on the parental farm in Switzerland County, and has four children; Margaret, married Greenberry Leaver, a farmer near Kokomo, Ind., and has two children; Oma, wife of Asa Mott. The paternal grandmother's maiden name was Gamble, and this family was also from Virginia, while the Campbells came from Scotland. Harvey L. Van Doran has the old Scotch family Bible, that is one hundred-fifty years old.

George Wade spent his boyhood on the farm, and attended the common schools. He entered the Normal School of Lebanon College, but when the war broke out, like many other students of that time, he was fired with patriotism. Finally, in August, 1862, he enlisted for three-years' service in Company C, Ninety-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and the regiment was ordered to Memphis, Tenn., and placed under command of General Grant. He participated in the Vicksburg campaign, but in the Guntown raid, when General Sturgis was beaten by Forrest, Mr. Wade was captured and confined in Anderson-

ville Prison. He was one of those who dug the tunnel through which so many escaped, but was not among those thus fortunate. It would be impossible to give in full all of the agonies this brave man suffered while incarcerated in this awful place. Through privations his weight was reduced until he weighed only seventy pounds. He and a comrade, Dave Peery, tried to escape at night, when the firing of a gun was the signal for the prisoners to go into the inside den. They were caught and were forced to endure added miseries. From Andersonville he was taken to Camp Laughton, but as General Sherman was advancing, he was sent to Savannah, and there was paroled and sent to Fortress Monroe. From there he was sent to Annapolis and given a much-needed furlough. His family was shocked by his terrible appearance when he reached home. When he had entered the service he had weighed one hundred forty-five pounds, and when he returned his weight was not more than seventy. On June 10, 1865, he returned to his regiment at Gainsville, Ala., just a year from the time he was captured, and was sent to Memphis, Tenn., and mustered out, being honorably discharged at Indianapolis.

The brave young soldier, broken in health and spirits after three years of terrible suffering, returned to Patriot. There he began buying and selling stock and remained there until 1871, when he came to Mason, Ill., and bought a hardware stock, and for some years conducted this business. He then sold out and bought a grist-mill, and for some time operated it. His next venture was in the mercantile business. Selling all his other interests, he established a general store in LaCledde, Ill., which he conducted from 1894 to 1900 with marked success. In the latter year he sold the business and came back to Mason, Ill., where he has since lived retired, with the exception of three years.

Mr. Wade was married, at Mason, Ill., October 25, 1876, to Aline P. Mills, who was born in Charleston, Ill., December 6, 1854. A history of the Mills family is given elsewhere in this work. One son was born to them, Alfred St. Clair, a clerk in the post-office in Indianapolis, Ind., who was born at Mason, June 9, 1878.

From time to time Mr. Wade has invested in land, and now owns 700 acres in Effingham and adjoining counties. He has been one of the progressive men of Effingham County, and one of the most honored veterans in his part of the State. He has been very successful in his business undertakings. In 1906 he built a beautiful home, where he lives retired from his former strenuous life. Adjoining this home he has forty-five acres, which he takes pleasure in overseeing, and on it he raises small fruits and has a young orchard of pears, peaches and apples. He cans tomatoes from his tomato patch, which he ships to the Chicago market, receiving fancy prices for his product, which is all canned by hand. Socially he belongs to the Masonic Lodge of Mason, and is also a member of the Association of the Pris-

oners of the War at Decatur, Ill. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church. They are noble people, loved and esteemed by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance. In politics Mr. Wade is a strong Republican. Happy in his declining years, he can never forget what he suffered during the war, nor can those who know and admire him. If ever a man suffered for his country, it was George Wade.

**WALKER, James Arthur.**—The occupation of farming is a profitable one to those who know how to properly conduct their business, and who combine the various branches of the industry to the best advantage. James Arthur Walker, one of Effingham County's successful farmers, makes a specialty of the dairy business and has found that it pays well. Mr. Walker, who is operating on Section 20, Watson Township, was born on a farm northeast of Watson, October 26, 1873, and is a son of Adam L. and Eliza A. (Hillis) Walker.

Adam L. Walker was born September 14, 1829, in Muskingum County, Ohio, and when nineteen years of age came to Effingham County, Ill., with an uncle, with whom he worked until the outbreak of the Civil War. On the first call for three-year men Mr. Walker enlisted in Company B, Thirty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, was soon promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and later to that of Captain, serving throughout his term with the greatest bravery and the utmost fidelity to duty. After serving three years and eight months he went to Texas, where he assisted in calming the turbulent outbreak in that State, and then returned to Watson, where he was variously occupied until his marriage, November 30, 1871, to Miss Eliza A. Hillis, who was born in Lancaster, O., April 6, 1848, and came with her parents to Illinois in 1852. Six children were born to this union: William, who died in infancy; James Arthur; Samuel T., editor and owner of the "Atwood Herald," at Atwood, Ill.; Mary, wife of Ed. N. Upton; Libby K., on the old home farm in Watson Township; and William Vinton, who has charge of the old home farm. Captain Walker spent the last days of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits, and became one of the township's most highly respected men. Kind and benevolent to a fault, he was ever eager to assist the needy, and no worthy person who applied to him for aid was ever refused. He was always ready to be at the bedside of some sufferer and the extent of his private philanthropies probably will never be known. A staunch Republican in politics, his popularity was so great that he was elected to various township offices in a township strongly Democratic. He was a Mason and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His religious connection was with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was very active.

James Arthur Walker was born on his Grandfather Hillis' farm in Watson Township and was educated in the school at Watson. As his father's health began to fail from his long and

arduous service during the war, the duties of the farm fell to the shoulders of the two eldest sons, and as Samuel took up the profession of teaching, James A. soon found himself in charge of the property. He continued to carry on the farm after his father's death, and embarked in the dairy business, remaining on the land until his marriage, February 26, 1908, to Minnie Behrens, who was born in Chicago, Ill., and came to Effingham County with her parents. Mrs. Walker's two brothers, Robert and Frank, are residents of Chicago, Ill., and her sister Annie is the wife of Clark Loy, a hardware merchant of Effingham. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Walker moved to the Campbell farm, on Section 20, where he is now operating 160 acres and giving a great deal of attention to the dairy business, now having twelve cows, all grade-blooded Holsteins. He also owns 70 acres in Section 27, which he rents out, and forty acres on Section 20, and is considered one of the substantial men of his community.

Mr. Walker has always taken an active interest in political matters and, like his father, has been very popular. In addition to being a member of the Republican County Central Committee he has held various township offices, including those of Assessor and Tax Collector. Fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 321, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Yeomen. Mr. Walker and his wife are leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Watson.

**WALKER, James Hamilton, M. D.**—The records of Effingham, Ill., show that the physicians of that locality are fully abreast of modern scientific progress and discovery, and that the men belonging to this most important of all learned professions rank with the foremost in the land. They are skilled and carefully trained, not only by general practice, but by years of study and preparation, and in their hands the bodily welfare of those under their charge is furnished means of protection. Dr. James Hamilton Walker, of Effingham, one of the representative men of his profession, was born in Jackson County, Ohio, August 2, 1866, a son of Alexander and Martha (Smith) Walker, the former born in County Wexford, Ireland, and the latter in Washington County, Pa.

Alexander Walker came of an old English family, his grandfather having emigrated from England to Ireland. The Smith family here mentioned traces its ancestry back to some of the same stock as President Buchanan of the United States and Robert Bruce of Scotland. Alexander Walker was eighteen years of age when he came to America, coming alone and landing in New York. He went at once to Philadelphia, where he had relatives, thence to Washington County, Pa., where he met his future wife. After his marriage he removed to Jackson, Ohio, and when the Civil War broke out, like so many of his countrymen, Mr. Walker quickly responded to the call of his adopted country, serving it four years. His military career ended, he moved with his

family to Crawford County, Ill., where both he and his wife died. He was a Republican in politics and in religious faith was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, acting for years as a Trustee of that body.

Dr. Walker attended the Lamotte School in Crawford County, also the Robinson High School, and then first entered St. Joseph's College at Teutopolis, taking courses in Latin, German and mathematics, after which he attended Austin College, taking the preparatory branches of medical chemistry, anatomy and physiology, at the same time studying medicine with his brother, Dr. J. B. Walker. His preparatory course for the profession covered a period of three years, and consisted, in addition to the branches already mentioned, clinical diagnosis under the tutelage of his brother. He also studied pathology and bacteriology, and finally entering the Barnes Medical College at St. Louis, graduated from that institution March 17, 1896, and was appointed clinician in the college, where he remained six months, then beginning practice at St. Louis. Later he moved to Mechanicsburg, Ill., where he practiced three years, when in 1899 he returned to Effingham, there forming a partnership with his brother, Dr. J. G. Walker, local surgeon of the Illinois Central and the Vandalia Railroad Companies, and this partnership has continued to the present time.

Dr. Walker has served in the Illinois National Guard thirteen years and is now Assistant Surgeon of the Fourth Regiment. In the spring of 1907 he was elected Alderman of the City of Effingham for the Third Ward, serving one term, has also served as Health Commissioner and is now Chairman of the local branch of the State Board of Charities. Naturally he is much interested in medical societies, belonging to the Effingham County Medical Society, Illinois State Medical Association, American Medical Association, the National Guard Surgeon Association and the Esculapian Society; is also prominent as a member of the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Modern American Fraternal Order.

While accustomed on most public questions to support the principles of the Republican party, and reared in the faith of the United Presbyterian Church, on both political and religious issues he tends strongly to radical liberalism, believing that general prosperity, as the great issue for the whole people, can only be secured and conserved by improving the condition of the laboring classes. He maintains that prosperity should begin at the bottom round of the ladder, and that, to the accomplishment of this end, every able-bodied citizen should work and be rewarded for his toil to a degree that, with proper economy and temperate habits, will enable him to live in comfort and pay all his obligations; that if the laboring man is prosperous to this extent, he will be able to provide for the future and thus one of the most dreaded evils of human life will be avoided. He looks upon poverty and intemperance as the most fruitful sources of crime. Be-

lief in a Supreme Being he recognizes as an element of human nature common to all races of men, and has a respect for all religious faiths which tends to elevate the mental, moral and physical standard of humanity.

June 22, 1903, Dr. Walker was married, at Chicago, to Miss Aldula Sadorus, of Sadorus, Champaign County, Ill., daughter of Henry and Sarah (Fields) Sadorus, the former born in Rush County, Ind., and the latter in Fountain County, Ind., but both now deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Walker have no children.

The work accomplished by Dr. Walker, both in his profession and as a public official, can scarcely be overestimated. While Health Commissioner he secured the enactment of some very desirable health regulations. As an officer of the Illinois National Guard he is deservedly popular, and socially he and his wife enjoy the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends. He is one of the most reliable physicians of the county and his success is well merited.

**WALKER, Joseph Buchanan, M. D.**—The physician is a man who necessarily comes very close to the heart of a family, holding, as he does at times, the issues of life and death largely in his hands, and to him those in trouble from this cause instinctively turn. The members of this profession are broadened and ripened in experience through their contact with humanity in their natural characters and dispositions. Dr. Joseph G. Walker, one of the valuable citizens of Effingham, Ill., is an excellent example of this class of physicians, and for years has carried on general practice, winning the affection, as well as the confidence, of his patients, by his skill and ready sympathy. Dr. Walker was born in Porterville, Butler County, Pa., September 17, 1856, the son of Alexander and Martha (Smith) Walker, the former born October 18, 1820, in County Tyrone, Ireland, and the latter in Washington County, Pa., in 1818.

Alexander Walker, who was a dry-goods merchant, served in both the Mexican and Civil Wars. During the latter he enlisted in October, 1861, in the Fifty-third Ohio Volunteers, but was afterward transferred to another regiment. His death occurred June 20, 1880, his widow surviving him until November 17, 1903. Both are buried in the United Presbyterian Cemetery in Crawford County, Ill., to which county they removed in 1868 and there spent the rest of their lives.

Dr. Walker was educated in the public schools of his locality and later attended a private school at Robinson, Ill., also the Robinson High School, from which he graduated in 1876. He then taught school for a time, and was, at one time, Superintendent of Schools at Palestine, Ill. He followed his school teaching during the winter months and during the summer studied medicine with Dr. Isaac L. Firebaugh, of Robinson, Ill. Later he entered Miami Medical College, of Cincinnati, Ohio, now the Medical Department of the University of Cincinnati, from which he graduated in 1882. He also took a post-graduate



course in New York City. He taught school to earn money in which to pursue his medical studies. He has been for years a general practitioner in Effingham. He is local surgeon for the Illinois Central, the Indianapolis Southern and Vandalia, and the Pennsylvania Railroads.

Dr. Walker has always been very active in political matters, served two years as President of the School Board and has also served as Mayor of Effingham. In modern days there is a great demand for advanced methods in dealing with civic affairs and the people look largely to the services of followers of the learned professions to carry on public business, finding in this way a marked improvement may be made. Dr. Walker is President of the Commercial Club, a member of the Blue Lodge No. 168, A. F. & A. M., of Effingham Chapter R. A. M., and the B. P. O. E. He subscribed to the faith of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Brotherhood.

October 30, 1883, Dr. Walker was married, in Palestine, Ill., to Alice C. Maxwell, born at Hutsonville, Ill., in 1862, daughter of James A. and Mary (Harper) Maxwell, natives of Tennessee and Illinois, respectively. Dr. and Mrs. Walker became parents of one daughter, Alice Florence, who died at the age of seven years.

Dr. Walker is a man of broad outlook on life, is thoroughly versed, not only in his profession, but also upon matters of general interest, and has done much for Effingham as a public official. Under his administration of the affairs of the city many improvements were made and economies inaugurated, and the effect of his business-like methods are to be noticed everywhere. As a physician Dr. Walker has no peer in the county, and he is often called into consultation in surrounding counties in serious cases.

**WALLACE, James K.**—Every veteran of the Civil War commands our respect and honor, in memory of what he accomplished and what he risked during those dark days. If he happens to have been a member of one of the regiments or divisions that made famous certain struggles in the history of the war, then he is better remembered, and as a result, more highly honored. James K. Wallace, a retired farmer of Altamont, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil War, through which he fought as a member of the famous Wilder Brigade, and in the Ninety-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Mounted Infantry.

John Wallace, the grandfather of James K. Wallace, was born in 1796, in Pennsylvania, whence he emigrated to Ohio and later to Putnam County, Ind., settling near Greencastle, but died in 1843 near Martinsville, Morgan County, Ind. He married Jane Nelson and they reared a large family, among whom was Nelson Wallace, born near Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1821, and who accompanied his parents to Putnam County, Ind. He was a harness-maker by trade, but failing health caused him to go to farming and he continued this occupation until his death in 1897, at the age of seventy-six years. He married Zillah Mills, who was born at Lawrenceburg, Ind., and

she still survives at the age of eighty-six years. They had a family of eight children, of whom James K. is the eldest living.

James K. Wallace was born on a farm near Greencastle, Ind., January 10, 1845, and in 1855 accompanied his parents to Effingham County, Ill. He secured his education in the subscription and public schools of Indiana and Illinois, and remained at home until 1862, when on August 12th of that year he enlisted at Effingham, for three years as a member of Company K, Ninety-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain O. L. Kelly, Col. John J. Funkhouser commanding. The regiment joined Buell's Army of the Ohio, at Louisville, Ky., and with that division saw some of the hardest fights during the war. Mr. Wallace participated in the Battle of Hoover's Gap, June 24, 1863, and from there the Confederates retreated to Chattanooga, from which time until the Battle of Chickamauga, the regiment took part in some heavy skirmishing. After the Battle of Chickamauga, Mr. Wallace took part in the battle at Farmington, Tenn., October 7, 1863, and then did picket duty along the Tennessee River below Bridgeport, Ala., until taking part in the Battle of Missionary Ridge, being then in advance of Sherman's Army and in raising the Siege of Knoxville. He next fought at Buzzard's Roost, and all through the Atlanta campaign, at Selma, Ala., April 2, 1865, and elsewhere, in all taking part in twenty-eight battles and heavy skirmishes, and was wounded five times, one bullet entering his right thigh and one the right groin (both of which bullets he still carries), one passing through his right arm, a part of which was removed; one entering the right side of his neck, near the jugular vein, which has never been removed; and one below his nose, which knocked out several of his teeth—the latter being received at the last battle the regiment was engaged in. He was sent to the hospital at Selma and eight days later was removed to a hospital at Montgomery, Ala., which he left June 4, 1865. He went to Mobile, then to New Orleans, and finally to Nashville, where he rejoined his regiment, June 19, 1865, was mustered out June 28, and paid off and discharged at Springfield, Ill., July 6, 1865, reaching home the following day. It was some time before he was able to work, but he finally purchased forty acres of land, three miles east of Altamont, and has added thereto from time to time, until he is now the owner of 320 acres of fine farming land, which he rents, having retired from active labor in 1906. He is a member of Robert Anderson Post No. 632, Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was at one time Commander. He has been a lifelong Republican; is not a regular member of any church, but contributes towards the Methodist Episcopal denomination, of which his wife and children are members.

January 13, 1876, Mr. Wallace was married to Margaret Baker, sister of Dr. G. M. Baker, of



Altamont, and seven children have been born to this union: Jacob H., of Boulder, Colo., married Julia Means; Zillah Maud, of Plymouth, Mass.; Mattie B., at home; Bertha, died in 1885; Anna Laura, Mrs. E. A. Young, of Mattoon, Ill.; Mary Logan, at home, and Ida May.

**WEBB, Frederick W.**—Farming, with all its branches, has been considered a good line of business since the beginning of the world, but within the past quarter of a century it has been developed in a remarkable degree. In these days farmers are farming along scientific lines and are reaping results in a very gratifying degree. Frederick W. Webb, of Section 30, Douglas Township, Effingham County, Ill., is one of the prosperous farmers of the county. He was born in the City of Effingham, May 3, 1859, a son of Henry and Ann (Mason) Webb, he a native of Blakenell, Willenall, England, and his wife of Wednesday, near Wolverhampton, England. They were reared and married in their native country. The father was a mechanic, and manufactured bridle bits, and was also a locksmith. Frederick W. Webb now owns a bridle bit made by his father, which he cherishes highly, and which was forged for use on the English horses. The parents of F. W. Webb had two sons—himself, and Judge John H. Webb, of Vandalia, who was born in England and was brought to America in 1857, and twin daughters, Eva Ann and Elizabeth Maria, both deceased.

Upon coming to Illinois Henry Webb entered land on the site of the canning factory of Effingham, and commenced his new life in a log cabin. Later he went to Jasper County, Ill., where he bought forty acres of land, but returned to Effingham and for some time worked in a packing house. Eventually he bought forty acres in Section 19, Douglas Township, and lived in the slab house on the place until he had paid for his land, which he turned into a nursery and became a large nurseryman, adding to his farm until he owned 110 acres. When he died the farm was in excellent condition, and he had one of the finest orchards in Effingham County. His death occurred June 17, 1887, but his widow still survives. She later married Christian Rock, a farmer of Banner Township. In politics Mr. Webb preferred to cast his vote for the man he believed would best fill the office. He was a devout member of the Methodist Church, was for many years a local preacher, and was a close student of the Bible. He not only preached to the people of his own church, but also to the Presbyterians when they had no clergyman of their own. Mr. Webb was an eloquent man and a powerful preacher, and his good work cannot be overestimated. He was a self-educated man and his abilities were natural.

Frederick W. Webb was educated in Effingham and worked on the farm from the time he could reach the plow handles. On March 21, 1888, he married Mary E. Sutton, who was born on a farm in Watson Township, on February 20,

1866, daughter of George and Mary D. (Koso) Sutton, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. The day they were married the young couple came to their farm on Section 30, Douglas Township, which has since been their home. The following children have been born to them: Frederick William, born May 2, 1889; George H., born February 19, 1891, died October 21, 1896; Samuel Edward, born March 10, 1894; Mary E., born April 13, 1898; Harry Lee, born November 28, 1899; Anna A., born February 15, 1903, died April 14, 1903; Nellie P., born July 11, 1907, and her twin, who died at birth. The children are being well educated. They have a remarkable school record, as only one was ever tardy.

The old orchard Mr. Webb's father set out has withered and died, but he has replaced it with 650 apple trees. He has always taken an active part in public affairs, but while voting with the Republican party he declines political honors.

In 1903 Mr. Webb became interested in the dairy business and began raising Durham Jersey cattle, but now prefers the Holstein Jersey. He feeds six head of cattle, and from them clears about \$25 per month, in addition to providing milk and butter for the family from the dairy. He has always been liberal in his views and, while a typical Englishman, is proud of his country. They have one of the most pleasant homes in this part of the State. The parents are jolly and do everything they can to keep their children contented and at home, and are succeeding beyond their greatest expectations.

**WEBB, William Franklin**, who is engaged in extensive agricultural operations, including farming and dairying, resides on Section 12, Summit Township, Effingham County, Ill., where he has been located since his birth, which took place June 12, 1846. His parents were Uriah C. and Mary (Fairleigh) Webb, the mother born in Missouri and the father in Maury County, Tenn., March 18, 1822. Coming to Effingham County about 1838, the latter started to work for farmers by the month. In 1842 he married and then rented land in Banner Township and, in 1843, made a trade by which he acquired forty acres, situated in Section 12, on which he built his log cabin. To this first forty he added other tracts and, when he died, he left 200 acres of good land to his family, all situated in Summit Township. The first little log cabin had been replaced with a comfortable frame dwelling and the land all showed much improvement. In his political views he was a Democrat and at times was elected to township offices, his fellow-citizens having learned to place confidence in his judgment and ability. He was first elected to the office of Supervisor when the township was organized and served as such for many terms, ever showing the public interest which brought about better conditions when his advice was acted upon. He was a member of no particular church but was a generous giver to all and a liberal contributor to benevolent enterprises of all kinds.

His home was one of hospitality and many visitors often gathered about his board.

Uriah Churchill Webb was married in 1842 to Mary Fairleigh, who was born in Missouri and was brought by her parents to Effingham County in 1827, when six years old. John Fairleigh settled in Section 12, Summit Township, and then returned to Dallas County, Missouri, where he died and his widow soon also passed away. To Uriah C. Webb and wife were born ten children, namely: Elizabeth, John M., William Franklin, Malinda J., James P., Uriah, George William, Sarah E., Uriah B. and Alphonso. Elizabeth died in 1907. She was married (first) to N. Doyle and at his death he left four children. She was married (second) to W. L. Hensley, a farmer in Summit Township, and they had two children. John M. Webb lives in Oregon. Malinda J. was married (first) to John Ping and they had four children, and (second) to John Locard, and she now lives in Fayette County. James P. Webb, born in 1850, died in 1885. Uriah Webb died in infancy. George William Webb, born June 19, 1853, died at the age of sixteen years. Sarah E. Webb, born in 1853, married and lives at Terre Haute, Ind. Uriah B. Webb, born June 12, 1857, died in 1874. Alphonso, born August 2, 1862, resides at Springfield, Ill. The father of the above family died February 14, 1875, and his widow, in 1898.

William Franklin Webb gained his elementary education in a school held in Ebenezer Church, on Section 2, Summit Township. Later, when a log school house was built on Section 10, better accommodations were afforded and he attended that whenever he could be spared from work at home, sometimes only two days in the week. Boys on pioneer farms had no very easy times, but neither did their parents and Mr. Webb can remember his mother spinning by the light of the chimney fire in order to make enough cloth with which to fashion clothes for the family. When she obtained a kero-oil lamp she thought nothing could excel that in convenience, but she lived into the days when electric light came into use. Other conveniences to which Mr. Webb has become accustomed she did not live to enjoy, notably the telephone and the daily mail delivery.

In June, 1874, Mr. Webb was married to Miss Araminta Gamble, a native of Summit Township, and a daughter of John Gamble, one of the pioneers. To this marriage the following children have been born: Isabella, who married Clement McKinstry, of Mattoon, Ill.; Frank, born March 9, 1878, who is a farmer in Summit Township, married Lola Hankins; Edith Cecil; Samuel; Jesse O., born August 31, 1885; Bertie Walter, who was born October 20, 1887, died November 25, 1902, from a gunshot wound, accidentally received. All the children were born on the present farm except Isabella, who was born in Shelby County.

Mr. Webb has 160 acres in his farm and has it all well improved. He raises excellent stock and

is largely interested in dairying. In politics he is a Democrat and not only takes an interest in the success of his party, but he gives attention to advancing the general condition of affairs in his township, desiring it to retain its reputation for a law-abiding, prosperous and desirable part of Effingham County. When elected to public office he has done his duty faithfully and during the six years that he served as Highway Commissioner, he opened up new roads and succeeded in building good bridges. Mr. Webb has not accepted any religious creed, but he is a liberal contributor to all the church bodies and there are few people who have more carefully studied the Bible or who can more intelligently discuss its teachings.

**WENDT, Martin.**—The German element is an important one in any community, for natives of the Fatherland possess those excellent traits of character which go so far in the making of good and prosperous citizens. Many Germans have come to this country and it has benefited from their presence and efforts, and they have transmitted to their offspring the habits of industry and thrift which have aided them so materially in the attainment of success. Martin Wendt, a successful grain dealer of Dieterich, Effingham County, is a son of such parents. He was born in Niagara County, N. Y., September 2, 1861, a son of Fred and Mary Louisa Wendt. Both were natives of Germany, the father being born near Berlin, April 25, 1828, and the mother in the same vicinity, February 29, 1829.

In 1843, the father came to America with his mother, one sister and three brothers, and located in Niagara County, N. Y. The mother's family came to the same locality about the same time, and there the grandparents died. The parents of Martin Wendt were married in a little village called Martienville, N. Y., in 1850. In 1865, the family removed to the vicinity of what is now Altamont and settled near Montville, Mound Township, Effingham County, where the father bought eighty acres of prairie land. At this time Altamont had not even been platted. This farm was the family home until 1875, but in that year removal was made to St. Francis Township, where 263 acres of land were purchased, three miles north of Dieterich. This property was well developed and made into a fine farm by her father, who, after seeing his family well located about him, died January 17, 1892, his widow surviving until October 17, 1893. They had fourteen children, four of whom died in infancy. The others were: Ferd William, died at the age of thirty-seven, being then a grain merchant of Altamont; August, a merchant of New York; William, who was for a number of years a grain merchant of Dieterich, but died January 16, 1890; Christopher, a retired merchant of Martinsville, N. Y.; Paul, a farmer of Bishop Township; Martin; Amelia, married William Krause, a farmer of Bishop Township; Rachel, is the deceased wife of Fred Moellenkamp, a farmer of St. Francis Township; John

P., who died February 16, 1907, was a lumber dealer and for four years Postmaster of Dieterich; Henry died in 1897. The father of these children was one of the leading men of this part of the county, and took quite an active part in the political and religious life of his community. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and was well posted on the issues of his day. Like many Germans he was well educated in his own language, and was looked up to as a man of intelligence by his associates. He and his wife were consistent members of the Lutheran Church and gave it liberal support. Mr. Wendt also gave his support to educational matters, and helped to build the schoolhouse of his district.

The education of Martin Wendt was secured in the district school of Mound Township and the public school of Alfamont. He remained on the farm until he was about eighteen, and then commenced to learn the carpenter trade, at which he worked for a number of years, assisting in the building of some of the best business blocks and residences of Dieterich and the surrounding country. Following this he bought and operated a modern threshing machine, thus continuing until 1887, when he sold his outfit, and embarked in a grain business. He dealt in lumber and grain until 1891, and then built a modern elevator with a capacity of 15,000 bushels of grain, in partnership with his brother, C. D. Wendt. In February, 1900, he sold his lumber interests, but continued in the grain business. In 1909 he erected a brick building on the corner of Main and Center Streets, in which he has his office, the First National Bank occupying the rest of the structure. From a small beginning his business has developed to its present very large proportions, and he is rated as one of the substantial and reliable business men of his locality.

On November 26, 1893, Mr. Wendt was united in marriage with Augusta Mundi, born in Mound Township, September 18, 1869, a daughter of Christian Mundi, one of the pioneers here, and a representative man of West Effingham County. His death occurred in February, 1876, but his widow survives. Mr. and Mrs. Wendt have had the following children: Philip, born October 20, 1894; Martin, born October 12, 1896, died January 18, 1897; Mary, born March 19, 1898; Augusta, born May 4, 1900; Martha, born April 2, 1902, and Annie, born March 8, 1906.

Mr. Wendt is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Wendt was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the Prairie State Creamery, being associated in this work with James Krews and others. Mr. Wendt was also one of the organizers of the first bank of Dieterich, of which he was President for three years, and H. C. Baldwin, Cashier. At the expiration of that time he sold the bank then known as the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Dieterich. This bank, after several changes, was reorganized in 1900 as the First National Bank of Dieterich.

For many years Mr. Wendt has been to the

front in all matters relating to the upbuilding of Dieterich. His business interests are large, and as he pays high prices for grain, the farmers haul their product to him, and marketing it in Dieterich, do their trading there, thus adding materially to the prosperity of the town. His name is connected with many public enterprises, and he is active in the promotion of education, and in securing the best teachers possible for the schools. It is such men as Mr. Wendt who build up any community and are valued accordingly by their associates and friends.

**WESTENDORF, John Henry, Jr.**—The growth and development of Effingham County, Ill., during the past thirty or forty years, have been remarkable, and the visitor to this fertile country, as it is to-day, could hardly believe that but comparatively a short time ago such excellent farming land was a wide expanse of prairie, timber and swamp. Such was the case, however, and one who has seen the changes take place here and has done his share in bringing about these changes is John Henry Westendorf, Jr., the owner of 206 acres of excellent farming land on Sections 2 and 11, Bishop Township. He was born on Section 9 of this Township, January 4, 1860, a son of John Henry Westendorf, Sr.

The early boyhood of Mr. Westendorf was similar to that of most boys of his time, and early in life he began to do his share of the work on the home farm, reclaiming the land from the wild things which grew upon it. He began to plow at the age of twelve years, and until he was twenty-seven years old he remained on the home place. On April 26, 1887, he was married to Anna Katrina Hartke, who was born August 30, 1866, in Bishop Township, whose parents were natives of Germany and early settlers of Bishop Township. Mr. Westendorf had made preparations for his marriage by erecting a splendid residence on his new farm of 106 acres, and here he took his young bride to begin their married life, and here they have since resided. Other buildings have been erected for the housing of grain and the care of the high-grade stock which Mr. Westendorf raises, and the farm has been added to until it now comprises 206 acres of some of the best farming land in the township. Mr. Westendorf is considered one of the enterprising and up-to-date agriculturists of his section, and an excellent judge of stock and farming conditions. He is a Democrat in political matters, but has never sought public preferment, although he may be found supporting all movements that have for their object the betterment of the community. He and his wife take an active interest in the work of the Dieterich Catholic Church.

Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Westendorf, as follows: Joseph Henry, November 9, 1889; Lena, February 6, 1891; Bernhard Henry Aloysius, March 14, 1893; Katrina Veronica, February 18, 1895; Anna Wilhelmina, June 26, 1896; Karolina Rosa, November 12, 1897; Ida Cecelia, September 2, 1899; Bernhard Henry, March 20,



1901; and Anna Johanna Agnes, December 3, 1903.

**WESTENDORF, John Henry, Sr.**—Effingham County owes a heavy debt to Germany because so many of her sons have located in the county and there developed farms. The German is essentially a homemaker, being industrious and thrifty, never contented until he owns his residence. Germans flocked to Effingham County in the early days and, securing land, laid broad foundations for the present agricultural supremacy. Probably no citizen of the county has done more towards building up his community than the venerable John Henry Westendorf, Sr., a prominent resident and early settler in Bishop Township, who was born in North Asten, Oldenburg, Germany, May 13, 1818, a son of Frank Westendorf. In 1844 the family came to the United States and, landing at New Orleans, came up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, whence they made their way to Effingham County. The father entered forty acres of land in Section 9 and a like tract in Section 8, Bishop Township, at a time when he was forced to build a rude cabin of logs, the nearest mill being at Newton, Jasper County. He first cultivated his land with primitive ox-teams and thus began the development of the fine fertile farm of to-day, as did other pioneers. Frank Westendorf died about 1857, at which time the family owned 240 acres of land. He left two sons, John II. and George—both of whom became prominent citizens—and one daughter, Elizabeth.

John Henry Westendorf received his education in his native country and, on coming to the United States, at once went to work on his father's farm, helping his father and brother reclaim the land from the wild prairie. In 1854 he was married on the home farm, to Katie Thoeley, also a native of Germany, and to this union one child was born, who died in infancy. Mrs. Westendorf died in November, 1855, and in 1856 Mr. Westendorf married (second) Mary Ann Althoff, by whom he had thirteen children, four of whom died in infancy. Those still living are: John Henry, a farmer on Section 11, Bishop Township; Mary A., born November 2, 1858, now the widow of Barney Hartke, residing on a farm in Bishop Township; William, born June 26, 1861; Anna Coby, born October 22, 1862, widow of Theodore Goeths, lives in St. Louis, and has been the mother of ten children, of whom nine are now living; John B., born September 29, 1864, manages the old home farm of 200 acres; Annie Mina, born February 10, 1870, wife of Tona Esker, of Tentopolis, has three children; and Mary, born September 13, 1878, wife of Joseph Vaunsing, a farmer of St. Francis Township. The mother of these children died May 15, 1905.

For sixty-four years Mr. Westendorf has resided on his farm, having settled there when there were but three German families in the neighborhood, although at the present time the Germans are largely predominant in Bishop Township. As his children left their parental roof all were

given good farms or the equivalent thereof in money, the father having increased the original eighty acres to 840 acres during his long and active life. He has been very active in the ranks of the Democratic party, and has represented his township on the Board of Supervisors, being on the Board with Henry W. Dust, during the time of the railroad bond indebtedness. At this time Mr. Westendorf proved himself to be a man of honor and integrity and was steadfast in his refusal to take any other course than that which he believed would advance the interests of the public. Always taking a part in public enterprises, he has ever been found an active participant in any movement calculated to be of benefit to his community, and by his active and useful life has set a shining example for the youth of the present generation. Throughout his life he has been a faithful member of the Catholic Church.

**WESTENDORF, William J.**—Agricultural methods in Effingham County have changed to a remarkable degree in the last decades, and the successful farmer of to-day is the one who studies land conditions, pays attention to crop rotation and brings into the operation of his property the latest power farming machinery. William J. Westendorf, who is successfully engaged in the cultivation of the soil in Section 7, Bishop Township, was born on Section 9, this Township, June 26, 1861, a son of John and Mary Ann (Althoff) Westendorf.

Mr. Westendorf received his education in the old Bishop Creek school, and at the age of eleven years began to do his share of the work on the home farm, on which he lived until his twenty-eighth year, when he took a trip to look over the country and stopped in Wakefield, Clay County, Kan. There he engaged in farming and well drilling until February 22, 1888, when he returned to his home. He then located on a farm of 203 acres in Bishop Township, which had been given his wife by her uncle, Henry Goetke. On this property was located a small building, which had formerly been used as a dwelling, but is now used as a granary. A handsome two-story residence has been erected on the premises. Mr. Westendorf has been one of the successful agriculturists of his section, and has given a great deal of attention to dairy farming. He has added 130 acres to his original tract, this land being situated in Watson Township. He is a believer in the value of blooded stock, and is the owner of ten full bred Holstein, Durham and Hereford cows, a number of full bred Poland-China hogs, and pure blood Percheron horses.

On May 15, 1888, Mr. Westendorf was married to Elizabeth Goetke, who was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, October 15, 1870, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Goetke, both of whom died in Cincinnati, the former in 1903 and the latter in 1909. Of their children but two are now living—Mrs. Westendorf and a brother William, of Cincinnati. At the time of her marriage, Mrs.



Westendorf was living with her grandfather, Dietrich Goetke, with whom she had come to Effingham County when a child of two years. To Mr. and Westendorf there have been born the following children: William H., May 17, 1889; Therese, October 2, 1890; Mary, October 10, 1892, died aged one year; Frank, November 15, 1894; Ferdinand, born November 17, 1896, died in 1897; George, born March 7, 1898; Ida, March 10, 1900; Anton, November 15, 1902; and Agnes, May 13, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Westendorf are hearty supporters of the cause of education, and all of their children as soon as old enough have been given the best advantages in this line. Mr. Westendorf has served as School Director, a position which he still holds, has occupied other township offices, and always taken an active interest in the success of the Democratic party. The family are members of the Bishop Catholic Church and among its liberal supporters.

**WHARTON, Benjamin F.**—The financial interests of every community are of so important a nature that they cannot be too carefully conserved. The Peoples Bank of Edgewood, while a new organization, is headed by men of experience and high standing, and as Benjamin F. Wharton is its Cashier as well as one of its organizers, the people of Effingham County regard it as a trustworthy institution.

Mr. Wharton was born in Welton, Effingham County, Ill., April 6, 1878, a son of Nicholas T. and Rebecca Jane (Kagay) Wharton, and his career furnishes an example of what can be accomplished by a poor boy provided he possesses the proper spirit. He met with a severe accident in the injury of his knee in 1905, which necessitated the amputation of his right leg. He began his struggle in life as a poor boy, making his way by teaching school for two years, from 1896 to 1898, when he took a position as station agent and telegraph operator, and in 1903 was employed by W. P. Anderson and Lee Graham as Cashier of the Bank of Edgewood. In 1907, he bought out the interests of Mr. Graham, and in the following year, with Mr. Anderson and others, organized the Bank of West Union. Later, but during the same year (1908), he purchased an interest in the Bank of Iowa, but still later sold out his interests in both of these institutions, and with Abraham & Co., of Watson, Ill., organized The People's Bank of Edgewood, of which he has been Cashier up to the present time.

Mr. Wharton was married in Edgewood, Ill., July 20, 1904, to Kathryn Gladson, and they have had three children, namely: Eva Rebecca, J. G. and B. F., Jr. In politics Mr. Wharton is a Democrat, has been School Treasurer for two years, and also has served as Village Treasurer and Village Trustee. Fraternally he is a charter member of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Edgewood.

Few men have achieved more in so brief a time than Mr. Wharton. He was one in a fam-

ily of eleven children, and had but few advantages, but taught others until he secured enough to take himself through the Dixon Business College in 1897 and later through the Austin College at Effingham. He has never faltered in his upward course or allowed himself to become discouraged, even when he met with the misfortune that might well have daunted a braver spirit, but has pushed steadily onward, and now is connected with one of the most substantial institutions of its kind in the county, and is recognized as one of the most progressive men of his part of the State.

**WILDI, Rudolph.**—No better example of what a man can accomplish through energy, enterprise, honest effort and square dealing can be found than the career of Rudolph Wildi, of the well-known firm of the Wildi-Leddy Lumber Company, of Effingham, Ill., one of the best known establishments of its kind in this part of the State. Mr. Wildi was born in Niederlenz, Canton Aargau, Switzerland, April 27, 1854, son of John and Eliza (Briner) Wildi.

John Wildi came to the United States in 1868 and located at St. Louis, Mo., where he worked for a time at the trade of carpenter, and in 1872 his family followed him to this country. They were reunited at Highland, Ill., where the father was then located. John Wildi followed his trade at Highland for some time and then engaged in the manufacture of cigar boxes, which was the nucleus of the business which later proved so successful. Mrs. Wildi, who was born in 1827, died in 1895, and the father, born the same year, survived her until 1907. Both were members of the Reformed Evangelical Church, and Mr. Wildi was active and influential in public and fraternal matters. He was an honest, reliable, public-spirited citizen, and was honored and respected by all with whom he came into contact. He gave his children liberal educational advantages, and with the help of his worthy wife, trained them so as to be fitted for their various stations in life, and all have been able to show themselves worthy of their parents' training. There were children in the family as follows: John, a resident of Highland, is one of the most influential citizens of the place, being engaged in banking and other extensive enterprises; Rudolph; Jacob, connected with the Helvetia Condensed Milk Company; Joseph, died in Cedar Creek, Neb.; Eliza, twin of Joseph, is the wife of Fred Neuhauer, a member of the firm of the Highland Store Company; Alfred, a member of the firm of Highland Embroidery Works; Mary, wife of Gottlieb Gerber, of Mt. Olive, Ill.; Emil, a member of the John Wildi Condensing Company, at Marysville, Ohio; Fred, an electrician and photographer, of Michigan; and Bertha, wife of George Klipfel, in the confectionery business at East St. Louis.

During the two years that he spent with his father in Missouri and Kansas Rudolph Wildi followed from time to time, whatever honorable

occupation presented itself, and for a short time was a cowboy on a large ranch. On locating in Highland, in 1872 he started to learn the tinner's trade, spending an apprenticeship of two and one-half years, and in 1875 went to St. Louis, where he remained until 1878, in the latter year establishing himself in business at Worden, Ill., and being quite successful. He closed this business in 1887 and in 1888 came to Effingham, Ill., where for four years he served as manager of the C. B. Flinn Lumber Co., and in 1892 he established the Wildi-Leddy Lumber Company, which has since become one of the leading enterprises of the county. They deal in lumber, lime, lath, cement, sewer pipe, paints and oils, carrying a complete stock, and their main office is located at No. 200 North Bunker Street, although they have a separate building for carrying their stock. Mr. Wildi's motto is the Golden Rule, and this has been applied to his business with great success, the firm hearing the reputation for the strictest integrity.

On May 22, 1880, at Worden, Ill., Mr. Wildi was married (first) to Augusta Vogelsang, who was born in Madison County, Ill., and to this union there were born two children—one who died in infancy, and Adelheid, born October 2, 1884, wife of G. E. Ziegler, a farmer in Summit Township, has two children—Olga, born February 3, 1901, and a son born September 5, 1909. Mr. Wildi's first wife died in 1887, and he was married (second) in October, 1888, to Emma Hartman, who was born in South Bend, Ind., and to this union there were born children as follows: Carl R., born October 8, 1889, engaged at the Marysville (Ohio) Condensory with his uncle; Ernest R., born January 5, 1891, graduated from Effingham High School with the class of 1909; Eleanor Helena, born May 29, 1892; Bertha Eliza, born November 28, 1894; Louisa May, born March 25, 1895; Ruth, born July 17, 1899; and George, born December 2, 1902. Mr. Wildi is a firm believer in education, and all of his children have received or are receiving liberal advantages in this line. Mr. and Mrs. Wildi are active members of the Lutheran Church. In politics Mr. Wildi is a Republican, and is one of the progressive, wide-awake business citizens of Effingham, ever ready to do his share towards the development of his community.

**WILLETT, Volney Howard.**—The first line of business that was carried on in the history of the world was that of farming, and from then to the present day men have found it profitable to till the soil and raise stock upon it. Effingham County is no exception to this, and some of the most prosperous men within its confines are engaged in agricultural work. Volney Howard Willett of Section 25, Union Township, is one of these. He was born in West Township, Effingham County, June 11, 1872, a son of Volney and Louisa (Wilburn) Willett.

Mr. Willett was reared on a farm, but in 1895 began working for himself, and since then, with no outside help, has acquired a good farm of

sixty acres, with excellent improvements, well stocked. He spent eighteen months working at Danville, Ill., in the car shops there, at his carpenter trade, and he still engages at it in conjunction with his farming activities. In 1903, he moved to Danville, but in 1904, returned to the farm. Two brothers of Mr. Willett's are Charles E., a carpenter for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad; and Frank, a dairyman living in Danville; P. W. and O. L., two other brothers, are lawyers in Seattle, Wash. These brothers, with Mr. Willett, received a common school education, supplemented with a high school course, but aside from these advantages all their training came from their own efforts.

Mr. Willett is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Eberle, Ill., which lodge he helped to organize, and also belongs to the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. He is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and a strong supporter of the temperance cause, being County President of the Y. M. T. U., in which he has been a zealous worker.

In Union Township, on December 25, 1895, Mr. Willett married Lona Weigel, and they have children as follows: George Ralph, born December 10, 1897; Lola Beatrice, born February 13, 1900; Lella Blanch, born April 6, 1902; Dorman Ellis, born November 25, 1905, and Alma Virginia, born October 16, 1908. Mr. Weigel served four years and six months in the Seventeenth Regiment Indiana Volunteers, and died at Danville, June 7, 1909.

Volney Willett, the father of Volney H., was born March 8, 1837, in Columbia County, Ohio, and removed with his parents to Wayne County, Ill., in 1841. After coming to Illinois, he received but a scant education in the public schools, acquiring his mental training as a close observer of all that passed his way, and with the borrowing a few books, becoming conversant with law and political economy. At the age of nineteen years he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith trade, but in 1859 he crossed the plains to California, where, for five years, he was engaged in mining and farming with a satisfactory degree of success. During a part of the war period he served as First Lieutenant in a company of California State Militia. In 1865 he returned East by way of the Pacific Ocean, the Isthmus of Panama and the Atlantic, arriving at New York City, and after reaching his old Illinois home, engaged in mercantile business for some years, later embarking in farming and the breeding of fine stock, which he continued during the remainder of his life. In 1894, he revisited California, his journey in a palace car this time, presenting a striking contrast to that of 1859 with a wagon and ox team. While crossing the plains in 1859 he met with some thrilling experiences, always managing, however, to win the friendship of the Indians whom he encountered. One of these was the noted chief, "Old Red Cloud," who wished to make him a chief

of his band. Volney Willett's historic career was ended by his death, March 24, 1898. Fraternally he was a Master Mason and was regarded in his community as one of the most honored and successful citizens of Effingham County. A popular political speaker, he was never the tool of any mere political party, always maintaining an independent position and proving himself a firm supporter of good measures and true progress.

Mr. Volney H. Willett is a leader in the Democratic party, always taking an active part in all of its work, and has served two terms as Town Clerk and one term as School Treasurer. He is one of the progressive farmers of his locality, and one who is steadily forging ahead. His business record is excellent, he has every reason to be proud of what he has accomplished, while his neighbors respect and honor him as an honest, reliable citizen.

**WILLS, Mrs. Julia (Probst-Thompson)**, widow of the late Dr. John Wills, resides on Section 31, Liberty Township, Effingham County, Ill., and is a daughter of Mathias and Margaretta (Burkhart) Probst. Mr. Probst was born October 18, 1834, and died August 31, 1878, aged forty-three years, ten months. His wife was born November 22, 1834, and died November 22, 1878, on her forty-fourth birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Probst came to America while they were young, being natives of Germany. They located first in New York City. They were married in that city May 3, 1856, and later came to Chicago, where he worked at his trade of wagon-maker. While living in Chicago they became parents of the following children: Anna, who died in infancy; Jacob, a farmer of La Place, Ill., twenty miles east of Decatur; Mrs. Wills; Minnie, wife of Isaac Bailie, a farmer of Shelby County, Ill., who moved to Mt. Vernon, where she died in August, 1898.

In 1862 the Probst family moved in a wagon to what is now Shumway, Ill., locating in Banner Township, Effingham County. They came with a large party and were detained in Effingham by a severe rainstorm, which wet them all and many of the children suffered from the effects of this exposure, among them little Anna and Julia Probst. Anna did not recover, but died in the home of Mr. Leavitt, and was buried in a section intended for use as a burying ground. Mr. Leavitt died before the Probst family ascertained where the little grave had been made, although wide search was made for it. Mr. Probst found employment in erecting the primitive houses of the early settlers, and at the same time located on eighty acres on Section 32, where he carried on farming. He also drew the plans for and did most of the work on the German Methodist Church of Shumway, which is still standing. He was also a local preacher and aided much in the religious work of the community. His doors were always open to the stranger and his house was usually full of company. Although Mr. Probst had formerly been a Catho-

lic and his wife a Lutheran, both embraced the faith of the Methodist Church and worked hard to advance its interests. The children born to them in Shumway were: Otillia, who was the wife of William McCosh, a farmer living northeast of Beecher City; Edward, married Allie Kornelius, but is deceased, his wife surviving him but one year; Frank, a farmer of Bement, Ill.; Emma, who married Charles Cecil and lives in Stewardson, Ill.; Otto, in the employ of the Standard Oil Company at Decatur; Margaret, who was the widow of Henry Jansen, a wine importer of Chicago; Peter Louis, a farmer of La Place, Ill.

Mrs. Wills was born in Chicago, February 6, 1860, and was only two years old at the time of the family migration to Effingham County. She was educated in the subscription schools of Shumway and well remembers many interesting incidents of pioneer life. The grass surrounding the house was so high that the children playing in it would become lost and have to be guided back home by their mother's voice. Once she stepped on a flock of prairie chickens hiding in the grass. When she was twelve years old she began working away from home, although prior to that time she had been kept busy helping her mother. For the first of her services her only remuneration was a calico dress, but later she began to be paid fifty cents a week. When her parents died she returned home and took up the responsibility of caring for the household.

March 1, 1880, Julia Probst married John C. F. Thompson, and when she left for her new home she took with her her baby brother. They lived a year in Effingham, then moved to Shelby County, where Mr. Thompson took charge of the large estate of a Mr. Mitchell. Two years later they moved to Beecher City and purchased a house and five acres of land. Mr. Thompson died May 26, 1885, when but twenty-eight years of age. He had formerly been a Methodist but at the time of his death had united with the United Brethren. Four children were born to him and his wife, as follows: Clarence Edgar, who married Jane Dial and lives at Beecher City; Matilda Jane, born February 27, 1882, married C. E. McElroy, station agent at Saunemin, Ill.; Thomas Franklin, born March 1, 1884, died August 21 of the same year; John Charles Thomas, born August 9, 1885, three months after the death of his father, married Laura Grange, and they live at Alpine, Ill., where his wife is station agent, while he is proprietor of a restaurant, ice-cream parlor and is a telegraph operator at Orland, Ill.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Thompson was obliged to work very hard for the support of her children and to send them to school. She educated her daughter for a teacher. After caring for them six years, Mrs. Thompson married, May 28, 1891, Dr. John Wills, becoming step-mother to five children. Dr. Wills had married, August 10, 1854, Josephine E. Metham,



daughter of P. and Eliza (Bowman) Metham and they had had nine children, five of whom were living, namely: Clarella Elizabeth Valeria Eliza, born October 1, 1855, wife of Joseph Dunsford, of Altamont, Ill., where he is a real estate dealer; Robert Pren Kirkland, born February 24, 1862, married Mary Jennings, and they live on a farm in Fayette County; Walter Parker Clifford, born March 23, 1872, married Nora Borer, and they live in St. Charles, Mo., where he is a stenographer; Cecilia, born July 3, 1875, married William Harris, a farmer of Mulhall, Okla.; and Ida Stella, born March 5, 1878, died August 31, 1898. Dr. Wills' four children, who were deceased at the time of his marriage to Mrs. Thompson were: Flora Bell Virginia, William B. Sherman, Beverly H. Edison and John Delman Metham.

Dr. and Mrs. Wills began housekeeping in his two-story log house on Section 31, Liberty Township, where he owned 180 acres of land. He practiced his profession and the care of the farm fell mostly to his wife's capable management. She was fully competent to keep up with a man in farm work. At one time they owned 517 acres of land in Effingham and near-by counties, as well as several lots in Beecher City, and these possessions were largely the result of the persistent and purposeful work and energy of Mrs. Wills. She has always believed in high grade cattle and hogs, and has raised Holstein, Gallo-way and Short-horn cattle and Poland-China hogs for many years. She still resides on the home farm and oversees the work of carrying it on. She owns a large and comfortable home, which is well situated on a natural building site, surrounded by shade and ornamental trees. The numerous outbuildings are commodious and substantial.

Dr. and Mrs. Wills had children as follows: Josephine Eveline, born June 22, 1892; Lela Edna, born January 16, 1895; Bertha Lillian, born April 30, 1896; Julia Emma, born February 15, 1898, and Mabel Mildred, born August 4, 1900. Mrs. Wills has reared fourteen children, nine of them her own, and never made any difference among them. She is now their guardian and executrix of the large estate. Dr. Wills was kind and charitable to the poor and ministered to their needs regardless of their financial condition. He was a member of the Masonic Order, and both he and his wife early united with the Methodist Church. He died May 3, 1908, and is sincerely mourned, not only by his widow and children, but by a wide circle of warm and devoted friends.

Mrs. Wills is a member of Fraternal Aid Lodge No. 414, of Beecher City, being a charter member and now Vice-President; is President and Trustee of Barker Union No. 19, of Beecher City, and a member of the Modern Americans, Lodge No. 23, of the same place. She has always been an energetic, hard-working woman. From early childhood she has worked with her hands and has never spared herself, having

every reason to be proud of what she has accomplished. She is the mother of a fine family, has been an excellent and devoted wife, and has endeared herself to a large circle of friends.

**WILSON, James Dallas.**—There are some men who seem to be without selfish motives, who spend their lives in working for others. They tenderly care for their parents and are ever ready to contribute of means and time towards the betterment of their communities. Such a man is James Dallas Wilson of Section 7, Union Township, Effingham County, farmer and contractor and builder. He was born in Fairfield, Ohio, in 1845, a son of William M. and Mary (Snapp) Wilson. The family moved to Effingham County in 1847, and eventually located at Teutopolis, where his father erected a hotel. He began work as a builder and contractor in 1861, and has continued in this line ever since, and he is also a farmer. Mr. Wilson had three brothers: Charlie of Mason, Ill.; John, of Watson, Ill., and Joseph, who is deceased. Two sisters are living, while Mrs. Sarah Turner and Jane Leith are deceased.

Mr. Wilson has always taken an active part in politics and was Road Commissioner of Union Township for twelve years, and School Director for about twenty-six years. Since 1901, he has been Justice of the Peace, and is now in his third term. Fraternally he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., having joined in 1874, and he also belongs to the Order of Red Men, No. 12. Mr. Wilson was reared in the Universalist faith, and still adheres to that belief.

On April 10, 1883, Mr. Wilson married Carrie Voorhees, and the following children have been born to them: Hattie May, who married John F. Winters, a cast-iron worker, and they live at Granite City, Ill.; Edward C., a railway mail clerk, at home; Daisy H., Ralph O., Raymond E. and Geneva Pearl, all at home. Mr. Wilson has given his children good educations, and is very proud of these bright, intelligent young people, as he ought to be.

As a carpenter and builder, Mr. Wilson ranks second to none in his locality, and he takes great pride in making his work perfect of its kind. Some of the most substantial buildings in Effingham County have been constructed by him, and he can point to them with pride. In all, he has built more houses and barns than any other contractor in the county, the number in one summer covering as high as thirty good houses. He does not erect any building during the winter season. At present (1910) he is erecting a brick block of five rooms, 100x100 feet.

During the Civil War he enlisted as a Union soldier, but was discharged and returned home on account of age.

He is an honest, hard-working man, an excellent neighbor, and one of the leaders of the Democratic party in his township.

**WILSON, John W.**—Those travelers whose duties call them to Watson, Ill., will generally



find themselves directed to the Watson House for their stay, and in John W. Wilson, the genial host, they will find one of the old citizens of Effingham County, who can tell of pioneer days here, and of the many changes that have taken place. Mr. Wilson was born on a farm in Union Township, Effingham County, May 28, 1849, a son of William M. and Mary (Snapp) Wilson, natives of Frederick County, Va.

William M. Wilson was born March 25, 1808, on a Virginia plantation, the son of a slave owner, and his wife, who was born January 21, 1813, was the daughter of an owner of slaves. Before his marriage William Wilson was what was known as a teamster, driving a six-horse team to Baltimore, Wheeling and Richmond, and often making a trip to Savannah, Ga., before the railroads were introduced. After his marriage, in 1833, he settled for a time on the home farm, but later removed to Fairfield County, Ohio, near Lancaster, and in 1844 sold out and came to Effingham County, Ill., buying a farm in Union Township, on which he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring August 25, 1888, and that of his wife March 18th of the same year. Their children were: Joseph, born in Frederick County, Va., grew to manhood and married in Watson, where he died June 10, 1859; Sarah, born January 1, 1837, in Fairfield County, Ohio, is the widow of N. C. Turner, and resides on a farm in Jackson Township; Marshall, in charge of the home farm; Mary J., born in October, 1841, in Fairfield County, Ohio, was the wife of David R. Leith, of Terre Haute, Ind. and died in 1856, in Union Township; Charles D., born in March, 1839, in Fairfield County, Ohio, is a retired farmer of Mason, Ill.; James D., born April 4, 1845, in Fairfield County, Ohio, is a farmer, contractor and builder of Union Township; and John W. The father of these children was during his life one of the well-to-do farmers, a man of sterling integrity, and one who was widely known and respected by all who came in contact with him. For a number of years he was a Justice of the Peace in his neighborhood, and decided all legal matters with the utmost impartiality. He was a lifelong Democrat, but never sought political honors, preferring to spend his time in the bosom of his family. He joined the Odd Fellows at Ewington, then the county seat of Effingham County. In religious faith he was a Baptist and his wife a Presbyterian, and both were ever ready to give of their time or means towards any movement of a religious or educational nature.

John W. Wilson, the only member of his family born in Illinois, spent his early life on the home farm, and, like the other farmer boys of his day, attended the schools during the winter months and assisted his father and brothers in the duties of the home place in the summer months. On December 22, 1870, he was married to Mahala E. Nevil, who was born in Effingham County, Ill., January 15, 1854, daughter of Elisha and Eliza (Forth) Nevil, the former of

whom had died when Mrs. Wilson was a child. Her mother still resides at Watson. After his marriage Mr. Wilson took charge of the old home farm in Union Township, carrying it on and caring for his parents until their deaths, in 1888, when he rented a farm near the old homestead until 1892, then decided to retire from agricultural pursuits. At this time he purchased the hotel property in Watson and has since made it one of the most popular establishments of its kind in this part of the State. The service and cuisine are excellent, and the host and hostess do everything in their power to make their guests feel at home. A good talker, Mr. Wilson can relate many reminiscences of early days in Effingham County, when the family would gather around in the little hewed-log cabin, or when with his trusty muzzle-loading gun he would go out and bring down the wild game. He speaks very entertainingly of those old days when there seemed to be plenty for all and happiness and good will were the main things in life, contrasting sharply with these days of hustle, bustle and graft, when it seems as though no man cared for any other than himself. Socially, Mr. Wilson is connected with Masonic Lodge No. 602, at Watson. Mrs. Wilson and her daughters are active members of the Christian Church. While Mr. Wilson is not a member of any particular church, although his belief is that of the Universalists, he is always ready to give freely of his means to any church or charitable work. He is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and although never caring for public office, served as Town Clerk for some time while residing in Union Township.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, namely: Molly E., born November 2, 1873, married J. W. Claar, station agent at Watson, and has had two children,—Bernice, born April 17, 1897, died April 15, 1900, and Fae Wilson, born June 13, 1900; Jessie B., born October 21, 1877, married George Bailey, foreman of the Illinois Central Railway shops at Centralia, and has six children,—Urban S., Ruby, Benlah, John W., Kenneth and Robert; and Nellie, born March 22, 1888.

**WILSON, Rev. Joseph A. M.,** one of the most esteemed clergymen of Effingham, Ill., pastor of Sacred Heart Church, was born in Boston, Mass., September 17, 1864, a son of John and Mary (McCarthy-MacDonald) Wilson. John Wilson was born in England, and died June, 1864, a retired officer of the English Army. His wife was born in Quebec, Canada. They were parents of six children, three boys and three girls. The two other brothers became successful physicians. Mary Wilson died in 1885, leaving her six children to mourn her loss. She was a full course graduate of the celebrated Ursuline Academy of Quebec, Canada.

Reverend Wilson received his early education in the public and parochial schools of Massachusetts, afterward attended an English school, took a medical course, and finally went to Rome,

where he received his training for the priesthood. He spent five years studying at the American College, and was ordained a priest in Rome May 25, 1902, by Cardinal Respaci, in St. John Lateran Basilica. He was ordained for the diocese of Alton, having pursued his ecclesiastical studies under the auspices of the Bishop of Alton.

The first charge given Reverend Wilson was as curate in St. Joseph's Parish, at Springfield, Ill., where he spent three years, then became first pastor of Pawnee, Sangamon County, Ill., and South Fork, Christian County, where he spent nearly four years, when he succeeded to his present pastorate of the Sacred Heart Church, Effingham.

Father Wilson is sincerely loved in his parish, enjoys the fullest confidence of the members of his church, and is accorded the highest respect by all who know him. He has a deep sense of the high duties of his position and the responsibility he has assumed in caring for the needs of those who have been entrusted to his charge. His eloquence in the pulpit and his sincere interest in the welfare of his people have enabled him to accomplish much good, and he has administered the financial affairs of the church to the advantage of that organization.

**WOOD, David L.**—Effingham County shows some of the best regulated and most valuable farms in that part of Illinois. They have been made thus desirable through the industry and thrift of the owners, who realize the advantage of using modern machinery and methods in doing their work. David L. Wood was born in Rush County, Ind., November 16, 1848, a son of David Q. and Julia A. (Hayes) Wood, the latter a native of New Jersey, but of Scotch and Welsh ancestry. David Q. Wood was a native of Adams County, Ohio, a son of John Wood, a native of England, who settled in Ohio at a very early date and was there married.

David Q. Wood was born in Adams County, Ohio, but his parents afterward moved to Decatur County, Ind., where he was reared. John Wood, who became well-to-do for those days, and spent his life as a farmer, was the paternal grandfather of David L. Wood. After a long and useful life, filled with many important events, John Wood died, in Rush County, Ind., about 1853, his wife having died several years previous. David Q. Wood was married in Decatur County, Ind., and then located in Rush County, where his children were born. They were as follows: John, died in infancy; Robert M., married Elizabeth Short, in Indiana, then moved to Illinois and afterward to California, where he died, but his widow survives; B. F., died in Clay County, Ill., about 1866; Lydia A., married Jerome Percell, a resident of Clay County; Thomas J., was a member of Company C, Ninety-eighth Illinois Mounted Infantry, as were his brothers, Robert M. and Benjamin F., and is now residing in Effingham. Thomas J. was wounded at the Battle at Selma, Ala., and lay on the field until midnight.

In 1856 the Wood family moved to Clay County, Ill., and the father cast his vote for Fremont, being what was then called a "Black Abolitionist." He was a Whig and later a Republican. While not a member of any religious denomination, he was strong in his support of churches, and followed the Golden Rule in his life transactions. His demise occurred at his home in Larkinsburg Township, Clay County, his wife having died about six months before him during the same year. She was an active member of the Presbyterian Church and strong in her faith in its teachings. The paternal grandmother of David L. Wood spoke German. Her maiden name was Mary Query, and she was a typical pioneer woman.

When he was eight years old, the parents of David L. Wood brought him to Clay County, and here he was reared on a farm, receiving a country school education, attending school in the primitive log cabin schoolhouse. David L. Wood remained upon the home farm until he was twenty-seven years old when he was then united in marriage with Alice C. Thrash, born in Larkinsburg Township, Clay County, which was named for her father, Larkin Thrash. They settled on the farm in Section 9, Lucas Township, Effingham County, which has since been Mr. Wood's home. Twenty months after marriage, Mrs. Wood died and for ten years Mr. Wood made his home with his brother, Thomas J. Wood, being engaged in shipping stock. On February 24, 1887, Mr. Wood married Maggie J. Parks, born in Effingham, January 13, 1867, a daughter of Samuel L. Parks, a native of Lincoln County, Tenn., born there July 15, 1837. He was brought by his parents to Shelby County, Ill., where he grew up, and remained a resident of that county until 1866, when he moved to Effingham County, and was a stock buyer in Summit Township until 1875, when he moved to Lucas Township. He was married in 1859 to Emeline Ellis, born in Shelby County, Ill., a daughter of David Ellis, who died in 1877. Mr. Parks resided in Lucas Township until 1895, then sold his farm there and moved to Bishop Township, where he died December 20, 1909, and was buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery. He had been a leader in many moral uplift movements and an earnest advocate of temperance. During the campaign of 1908 he was very energetic in his efforts to secure the success of prohibition. Mr. and Mrs. Parks had eight children: Effie, who died at the age of two and a half years; Walter L., died, aged six, and two in infancy; Henriette, married Jacob J. Barcus, of Broken Bow, Neb.; Viola A., wife of George Dye, a farmer of Lucas Township; Mrs. Wood; Mary E., wife of W. D. Lake, a farmer of Lucas Township.

After their marriage Mr. Wood and his wife located on his farm, and here the following children were born to them: Harley B., born October 27, 1888, is a student in the State University, taking an agricultural course; Raymond A., born September 1, 1892, at home; Benson, born January 25, 1895; Ruth, born July 20, 1904. Mr.

Wood belongs to Delia Lodge No. 525, A. F. & A. M., and is a strong Republican, but has never been an aspirant for public office.

**WOODARD, Reuben**, a resident of Montrose, Ill., now practically retired from farm work, was born in Jasper County, Ill., on the line between Jasper and Richland Counties, July 7, 1861, a son of James and Mary (Claston) Woodard, natives of Maryland and Kentucky, respectively, but both brought by their parents to Illinois in childhood. James Woodard was one of the progressive farmers and stock-raisers of his locality, and after his marriage set to work to build up a competency for his family. Both parents are still living on their farm in Jasper County. Their seven children are also all living, there never having been a death in the family. Mr. and Mrs. Woodard have the satisfaction of knowing that all their children are well-to-do and honorable members of the several communities in which they reside.

Reuben Woodard was born on the farm and his boyhood days were spent there, attending school in winter and working in summer. He remained at home until he attained to his majority, when he rented land and began farming for himself. On February 24, 1886, he married Miss Hattie Crews, born May 28, 1857, on a farm in Island Grove, Jasper County, Ill. She is a daughter of James L. Crews, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Woodard settled on a farm within sight of the old home of Mrs. Woodard, and from the windows of her new home Mrs. Woodard could see the lights of her old one. When her dear mother was called to her last reward, she took charge of the domestic affairs, striving to fill the place left vacant by that sad death. So devoted was she, that she well filled the place, and those who were left, owing to her faithful service, ceased to miss the mother's loving care. Mr. and Mrs. Woodard were very successful in their farming endeavors. Mr. Woodard made a specialty of raising high-grade cattle, horses and hogs. In the fall of 1899, he bought land adjoining his first farm. He then bought four acres adjacent to Montrose, on which he built a beautiful home, which has since been their abiding place. They rent the farm. He also owns 275 acres in Jasper County.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodard well remember the early days of the county, when the wild prairie grass was as high as a man's head on horseback. They have seen the uncultivated land converted into productive farms; have watched the log school house give way to the present modern one; and yet they turn back in recollection to those happy early days, when the loved ones, now missing, were still living. They have been very charitable, and helped many to gain a start in life. None who have applied to them have been turned away empty-handed, although but few know half of their good deeds. Mrs. Woodard joined the Methodist Church in 1879, and since then has been very active in church and Sunday school

work. Mr. Woodard was also reared in that faith, and while not a member of any church, always gives liberally of his means towards the support of that denomination. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, while Mrs. Woodard belongs to the Rebekah Lodge of Toledo, Ill. Mr. Woodard was very active in temperance work during the spring of 1908, and can point to what he accomplished during that wonderful crusade. For eight years he was Alderman of Montrose, being elected on the Democratic ticket and he has always been anxious for the success of his party.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Woodard are public-spirited and deeply interested in all that promises to prove of benefit to the community in which they are so important a factor. It would be difficult to find two people of their age and standing who have done more for humanity than Mr. Woodard and his kind-hearted wife, and both not only inspire respect, but what is better, deep affection in the hearts of those who know and fully appreciate their many lovable traits of character.

**WOODY, John Edwards**.—There are many instances in the history of our country where men whose educational advantages have been extremely limited, rise above their associates through sheer native ability and strong will. A man who has attained much more than local prominence in agricultural and stock-raising matters, is John Edwards Woody, of Union Township, now one of the venerable residents of Effingham County, and one of its most honored. He was born in Lawrence County, Ind., near Bidford, August 27, 1829, a son of William and Sarah (or Sally) (Edwards) Woody, natives of Ashe County, N. C.

The parents mentioned above were married in their native county, from which they moved about 1825, to Lawrence County, Ind., locating on a farm, which was their home until 1870. In that year removal was made by them to Wayne County, Ill., where the mother died, about 1875. The father then came to Effingham County and made his home with his son, John E. Woody, for about five years. At that time he started back to Indiana, but was lost on the trip, and being unable to write, passed from the knowledge of his son. He and his wife had eight children, all of whom grew to maturity; Mary J., John E., Sarah M., Amanda, married a Mr. Henson and moved to Arkansas, where both died, leaving children; Morris, died in Wayne County, Ill., leaving children; Clisby Alexander, also died in Wayne County, Ill., leaving a family; David and Sterling, twins. David married and died in Davis County, Ind., leaving a family and his twin brother was a member of an Indiana Regiment under General Wilder, was captured and later paroled, after which he returned home, but died from exposure endured during his service.

John Edwards Woody was educated in the subscription schools of his neighborhood, but owing to the poor quality of these schools, secured but



a limited education. When only sixteen years old he went to work by the month, for five dollars a month with board, and from then on was always ready to perform any labor that was honest, no matter how hard it might be. For some years he worked on farms in the summer and in a saw-mill during the winter, and thus made both ends meet. November 20, 1848, when only nineteen years old, he married Charlotte Cox, in Martin County, Ind. She was a daughter of Isaac Cox and was born in Martin County, May 15, 1831. After marriage the young couple rented land and farmed it. Eventually they bought land in Lawrence County, Ind., but Mr. Woody sold it, intending to go to Texas, but changing his mind, again rented land in Lawrence County and continued there until 1862, when he bought eighty acres of land in Section 24, Union Township, Effingham County. There was a log cabin on this land and it was the family home until a better one was erected. During the terribly cold winter of 1862 they lived in its one room. Snow filled the little loft, and they endured many hardships, but became so attached to this primitive home that, when Mr. Woody built his frame house, it was around the old one, which is now used as the sitting room, and there is not one more comfortable in the county. Mr. Woody has added to his original farm until he now owns 520 acres of the choicest land in Effingham County.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody became parents of the following children: Minerva Jane, born May 9, 1851, married, February 20, 1870, John Murry, a farmer of Lucas Township, and has one child; Tabitha, born February 24, 1854, died January 17, 1882; John E., a farmer in Lucas Township, is married and has one son living and has lost two; Granville G., born March 18, 1856, is a farmer in Lucas Township; Tillman C., born August 15, 1857, is a farmer in Lucas Township; Horton H., born October 13, 1859, is a farmer of Lucas Township; Sylvanus G., born February 2, 1862, died December 12, 1862; Davie G., born April 28, 1865, died December 15, 1889; Schuyler C., lives in Union Township, born January 8, 1868; Samuel N., born December 7, 1871, a farmer of Lucas Township; Edith E., born April 26, 1873, died in July, 1891. The family made the trip from Indiana to Illinois in large wagons. The wife and mother died March 29, 1875, and was mourned as a kind-hearted, Christian woman. On December 25, 1875, Mr. Woody married Martha E. (Cooper) Jacobs, born near Carrollton, Greene County, Ill., September 2, 1852, daughter of Harrison Cooper, a native of Kentucky and during his boyhood a companion and fellow-worker with Abraham Lincoln, with whom on many occasions he split rails. Mr. Cooper came to Illinois in pioneer days and died there, honored and respected by all, as also did his wife. By the second marriage there were the following children: Stella G., born September 29, 1876, died November 9, 1890; Malvina Ann, born April 2, 1878, died April 9, 1879; James L.,

born June 2 1882, died October 1, 1895; Myrtle Ethel, born February 26, 1885, died September 20, 1890; Ira May, born August 27, 1887, married Theron Evans, a merchant of Eberle, and has two children; Beulah M. and Malvina.

For forty-seven years Mr. Woody has been identified with the growth and development of this part of Effingham County, and has been a witness of many of the remarkable changes that have taken place there. He has made a specialty of stock-raising and for thirty years has had a herd of 150 Hereford cattle, many Norman horses and Poland-China hogs. His farm is well stocked, his machinery of the latest pattern, and he does his farming upon improved methods, realizing that in them lies the most profit. His home farm contains 480 acres, and he has the satisfaction of having his children about him on farms provided for them. All of them are a credit to him and their bringing up, and he is justly proud of them.

There are few men today who could accomplish what he has done. Starting out in life, a youth of nineteen, with a young wife and no money, he has steadily advanced until he is now one of the richest men in Effingham County, and has brought up a family that is a credit to him, and his word is regarded as good as another man's bond. While always interested in current issues and well informed upon political matters, he has refused to accept public office, although nominations have been tendered him many times. Surrounded by his children, ministered to by them and his wife, this hale, happy farmer is enjoying his declining years, having every reason to be contented with what his life has produced. It is such men as he whose lives point a moral and make the present generation take notice and renew their endeavors to live uprightly, so that when they are passing down the slope of existence, they may as peacefully look back over past years, with as little regret as can John Edwards Woody.

**WOODY, Tillman C.**—Some of the more progressive farmers of Effingham County are realizing the profits of fine stock growing and are devoting themselves to this branch of agricultural enterprise. One of the farmers of Lucas Township, who has been pre-eminently successful along this line is Tillman C. Woody, whose fine farm is located on Section 31, that township. He was born in Lawrence County, Ind., August 10, 1857, a son of John Edwards Woody, a sketch of whom is found elsewhere in this work. In 1862, the family came to Union Township, Effingham County, and located on a farm, and here Tillman C. Woody was reared and attended the schools of his neighborhood. His boyhood days were spent in helping his father in farming and herding cattle in that region, continuing in this employment until he attained his majority.

On September 10, 1879, Mr. Woody married Pernella Trees, and they located on Section 26, Union Township, in a log cabin erected by one of the first settlers of this part of the county.



Here a little son was born January 19, 1880, and on the twenty-second of the month the young mother passed away. This son is now a conductor on the railroad from Ogden, Utah, to Salt Lake City.

Mr. Woody about this time began feeding stock, and during 1881 shipped 200 head. He then did considerable butchering for some thirteen months, and all the time did his own cooking and tried to get along by himself on the farm. March 18, 1884, he married Lillie E. Mills, born March 18, 1865, in Union Township, a daughter of William and Missouri (McCanal) Mills, natives of Kentucky and Illinois. They were married in Madison County, Ill., about 1864, and afterwards located in Union Township, where five of their nine children were born, and of them but five survive. These children were: Emma, wife of Asa Lane of Dieterich; Mrs. Woody; Julia, wife of Sterling Hensley, a farmer of Mason Township; Anna, wife of John Nester, of Cumberland, Ill.; Clara, wife of Noah Smith of the neighborhood of Edgewood, Ill. These are all still living, while Mary, James and Sarah died in infancy, and Tama, who became the wife of James Murray, died about 1895. The mother of these children died about 1875, but the father survives, living on his home farm, aged seventy-five years, although for several years past he has been incapacitated for active labor, suffering from the result of an accident. He was one of the pioneers of Effingham County, and is one of its honored residents. For many years he has been a member of the Christian Church, but his wife belonged to the Baptist Church. He has served as School Director and has well borne his part in the upbuilding of his community.

Mrs. Woody has but little recollection of her mother as she died when Mrs. Woody was but a child. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Woody came to the farm which has since been their home, and located in a small frame building on Section 3, Lucas Township. Here their children have been born, namely: Birdie M., born January 8, 1885, and for five years has been one of the popular teachers of this part of the county; Effie E., born March 20, 1886, married Merl Richeson, a farmer of Lucas Township, and they have one child—Florence; Vada M., born September 27, 1887, married Everett Dye, a farmer of Lucas Township, and they have two children—Vivian and Kenneth; Velva A., born September 20, 1889, died January 30, 1891; John T., born September 5, 1892, at home; Ruth M., born November 6, 1894; Marie R., born December 20, 1896; Arlin M., born March 14, 1899; Hazel C., born October 21, 1901, and Ross J., born October 14, 1905.

Mr. Woody owns a fine farm of 240 acres, and to him belongs the credit of being the first to introduce Hereford cattle in Effingham County, as he was also one of the first to breed Percheron horses. He has also been a breeder of Poland-China hogs for years. Some idea of the value of his product is shown in the fact that thirty-six

head of hogs netted him \$647.42. Mr. Woody has one of the best stock barns in the county, 47x102 feet in dimensions. Having spent so many years in breeding stock, he is a recognized authority in that line of business, and his stock is all eligible for registration. He takes a deep pride in his quality of stock, and is constantly improving his equipment for properly caring for it.

A strong Republican, Mr. Woody has contented himself with upholding the candidates and principles of his party, utterly refusing any public preferment for himself. A splendid business man, an excellent farmer and stockman and a genial friend, Mr. Woody is a typical representative of the best class of agriculturists in this part of the State.

**WRIGHT, George W.**—In every large community every line of endeavor is likely to be represented, and all require different grades of ability to prosecute them properly. No line of work requires more tact, or consideration for the feelings of others, than does that connected with the undertaking business. George W. Wright of Dieterich is a leading representative in this line of business. He was born in Summit Township, Effingham County, Ill., June 19, 1858, a son of George and Thankful (Spaulding) Wright.

On both sides Mr. Wright can trace a long and honorable ancestry and the maternal one is particularly interesting. His mother, Thankful Spaulding, was born in the Western Reserve, Ohio, in May, 1826, came with her parents to Illinois in 1839, married George Wright November 14, 1844, and died in 1892 at the home of her son George, in Dieterich. She was a daughter of Phineas Spaulding, who was born in Connecticut, November 7, 1790, and in 1822 emigrated to Ohio and in 1839 to Effingham County, Ill. He married Thankful Moses, in 1845 moved to Iowa, and died in 1847. Daniel Spaulding, father of Phineas, was born in Norfolk, Conn., July 25, 1750, and was a noted Revolutionary patriot. He enlisted in Capt. Andrew Bucher's company, under command of Col. John Douglas, and while in the service, traveled 280 miles, carrying the army pay rolls. Daniel Spaulding was a son of Jacob Spaulding, who was born in Connecticut, December 17, 1732, and his father, Edward Spaulding, was born at Chelmsford, Mass., in September, 1693, a son of Edward, born September 16, 1663, a son of John, born 1633, at Braintree, Maine, and came to Chelmsford with his father in 1694. The first Edward Spaulding came from England to America in 1630 and from him descended a long line.

John Wright, the paternal grandfather of George W. Wright, entered the first piece of land in Effingham County, but was accidentally killed while working as a brickmason on the State House at Vandalia, before he had paid for it. His widow, however, held the land and succeeded in paying the Government for it and she received the deed. John Wright came to Wayne County, Ill., from Philadelphia, prior to the birth of his son, George Wright, on August 31, 1820. In 1834

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the Wrights came to Effingham County and settled at what was then the county-seat. There, in 1844, George Wright married Thankful Spaulding and started to cultivate the wild land, making his first purchase of eighty acres by giving his note for \$100. In those days an amount like that was a large one when it had to be earned out of a wild farm, but it was paid in the due course of time. George Wright was a man of fine parts, was elected County Surveyor and to other offices. He surveyed the land for the Illinois Central Railroad and became the agent in the transaction by which the State gave the railroad every alternate section. In this connection his dealings were often very large, and at one time he bought 35,000 acres of land of the Hancock Land Company, and it was said he bought and sold more land than any other man in this part of the State. He was widely known and universally respected. It was largely through his efforts that the Court House was removed to Effingham. He built the first three dwellings in the place, and when it was made the county-seat, he moved to Effingham, where he lived until his death, after which the family moved to St. Francis Township. He believing the building of railroads to be a great civilizing agent, and in association with J. J. Funkhouser, was instrumental in getting the survey made from Effingham to Palestine for the Indianapolis Southern Railroad, which was built after his death. Having been County Surveyor he was thoroughly posted on all the topographical features of the country and was familiar with every section corner, every landmark and every building, and if there was to be a railroad or other route located, he could tell the cheapest and best path to build over. As a citizen he was ever active and was liberal with his time and means. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but he had been brought up in the old Quaker belief and held strictly to that faith. He was liberal and charitable and gave to all worthy enterprises.

On July 15, 1871, Mr. Wright was suddenly taken sick and died after about twenty-three hours of intense suffering. His funeral was one of the largest ever held at Effingham, being conducted by the Masonic fraternity. To him and wife had been born the following children: Thomas N., Emma A., Millina, Hannah E., George W., Mary A. and Mina. Of this family, Thomas N., born January 30, 1847, died July 12, 1880. On December 29, 1872, he married Rhoda Wiley, who is now the wife of James Tanner and lives in Cumberland County, Ill. Emma A. married (first) William McPherson, once Postmaster of Effingham, who left one son, Samuel, now living in Colorado. She was married (second) to William Baty and they had one daughter who resides at Leadville, Colo. William Baty was twice elected Sheriff of the county in which they lived, and both he and his wife are deceased. Millina and Mina both died in childhood. Hannah E., born August 26, 1856, died September 1, 1909.

In 1885 she married Charles P. Woodard, of Jasper County, Ill., and they had four children—George W., Charles, Ralph and Annie. Mary A., born October 7, 1860, was married (first) to J. D. Bradshaw, but is now the widow of Ferdinand Reugwitz and lives at Pueblo, Colo. She has one son, Oren W. Bradshaw, who lives with her at Pueblo, Colo.

George W. Wright entered school after the family moved to Effingham in 1866, and accompanied his mother, after the death of his father, to her farm of 400 acres, situated in St. Francis Township. There he again attended school and engaged in farming. He married Miss Clara Beard, who was born in that township, September 10, 1867, and died November 7, 1891. She was survived by two sons: Arland E., born February 8, 1889, who is the editor of the "Gazette," at Dieterich; and James A., who was born September 11, 1890, and died August 3, 1907. Mr. Wright was married (second) to Miss Nancy J. Woodward and they had two children: Burrell R., who died October 9, 1900, and George B., who was born March 17, 1903.

In 1887, Mr. Wright left the farm and embarked in a general mercantile business at Dieterich, selling out his stock of goods in 1899 in order to engage in the furniture and undertaking line. He carries a large stock both of furniture and of undertaking supplies, and has every equipment necessary for dignified and efficient funeral directing. He has been successful in his business enterprises because he possesses the qualities which bring success—good judgment, business faculty, a high sense of honor and a just appreciation of the rights of others.

For over a half century, Mr. Wright has been a citizen of Effingham County and has taken a deep interest in all phases of development, particularly in the progress made by the public schools. When twenty-one years of age he was elected School Trustee of his township and has held the office for thirty years. In politics he has always been a Democrat and, under the second administration of the late President Cleveland, was Postmaster at Dieterich. He has been Village Treasurer and in 1903 was elected a member of the Board of Supervisors from Bishop Township, but retired from the Board in 1909, having served as its chairman and as member of the Board of Review. He has also served as President of the Business Men's Association of the village of Dieterich. In his religious connection he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Modern Americans and the Odd Fellows.

**WRIGHT, (Elder) Morgan.**—The Church of Christ has gained several of its most distinguished clergymen and earnest workers from the Wright family of Effingham County, and among them was the late Elder Morgan Wright. His birth occurred in Kentucky, November 20, 1800. In 1822 he was married to Miss Jane Allen of Greencastle, Ind., and lived in Indiana for some years, becoming well known as an extensive

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farmer and stock-breeder as well as a leader of the Whig party. In 1852, he migrated with his family to Illinois, and purchasing 1,400 acres of land, became one of the leading men of Effingham County.

Mr. Wright was one of the five sons born to William Wright of Revolutionary fame, and was the founder of said family in Illinois. Like his distinguished father, Mr. Wright was a patriot and lover of liberty and country, and so trained his sons that six of them served in the Civil War, and but two returned in ordinary health. Of them, Dr. Wright of Mason is the best known. When the town of Mason was laid out, it was built on the north side of one of the farms of Mr. Wright, and his name is associated with many sections elsewhere in the county.

Not only was Mr. Wright noted as a good business man, but he was equally prominent as an orator and preacher. His doctrine was a full and free salvation, and he lived up to his belief. He was a very powerful preacher in early life, and brought many into the church through his exhortations, and few men were more successful in his day as evangelists. After a long life of useful endeavor, Mr. Wright passed peacefully away on the nation's birthday, July 4, 1872, in his seventy-second year. Mr. Wright was thoroughly convinced of the truth of the teachings of the Bible, and earnestly and efficiently set forth the faith of that book. He had the courage of his convictions and declared them in vigorous language that never failed to impress.

**WRIGHT, Owen, M. D.**, whose valuable services as a surgeon have made him one of the best-known men of his profession in Effingham County, is a man of integrity and Christian character. For a number of years he has been in practice at Mason, but his patients are scattered over a wide area. Dr. Wright was born February 16, 1836, near Greencastle, Ind.; is a son of Morgan and Jane (Allen) Wright. From 1839 to 1854 he attended the public school of his locality, and after the family migrated to Illinois, he completed his collegiate studies in science and the classics. Following this he entered Rush Medical College at Chicago, and was graduated from that institution in 1858. Still later he took two post-graduate courses, one at St. Louis and one at Cincinnati. Dr. Wright believes in a thorough training for the professional man. According to his belief all physicians and lawyers should have a thorough knowledge of Latin, and the clergymen should be learned in the Greek language. Some of these ideas are embodied in his orations, a volume of which were published by a St. Louis firm in 1882. Many of his brief works and essays appear in pamphlets. The manuscript of a work of his on philosophy, designed for use as a text book, was stolen. Dr. Wright has served as President of Southeastern Illinois College of Arts and Sciences, and holds the degrees of A. M., D. D. and LL. D., in addition to his professional title.

During the Civil War, he was commissioned

as First Assistant Surgeon of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was with General Sherman on his most celebrated March to the Sea. While on duty at the military hospital at Savannah, Ga., he met an old negro, who had belonged to George Washington, and claimed to be 122 years old. The man was fairly intelligent, and told many interesting historic incidents to the soldiers.

In 1843, Dr. Wright joined the Methodist Church, and ever since has lived up to the teachings of the Master. While he is proud of his record as a surgeon, Dr. Wright is perhaps better pleased with the work he has accomplished in turning men from paths of wrong doing to a Christian life. He has been exceedingly active in all church work, and contributes liberally towards the support of his denomination, as well as to many charitable movements. He is a man of strong character, able in his profession, a devoted Christian, and beloved by many friends. Dr. Wright is a striking representative of the best class of Effingham County's distinguished residents.

On September 13, 1860, Dr. Wright was married to Margaret Wallis at Salem, Ill., Rev. T. F. Houts officiating. Mrs. Wright is a daughter of the late Rev. William Wallis, Sr., and was born April 7, 1834. In 1839, she was brought to Illinois by her parents. Prior to her marriage, she was a very successful teacher in the public schools of Illinois. Dr. and Mrs. Wright have had the following children: Ann Jane, Margaret D., Owen W., now deceased, and Owen, Jr.

The Wallis family is a distinguished one, many of its members being numbered among the orators, educators and authors of the country. Joseph Wallis, A. M., D. D., was President of the Belfast Methodist College for twenty years. Rev. William Wallis, Sr., father of Mrs. Wright, was a minister for thirty-five years; her brother, William Wallis, was a Methodist minister in Illinois, and at the time of his death held the degrees of A. B., A. M. and D. D. During young manhood he gave three years to his country, commanding a company, and was spared to return to his family and his work. Mrs. Wright is a charming, Christian lady, and all through her married life, has been her husband's constant supporter, and to her influence and cheerful disposition Dr. Wright attributes much of his success.

**WRIGHT, (Rev.) Owen, Jr., A. B., A. M., D. D.**—The work of a clergyman is hard from a material standpoint, but to the conscientious minister, all his efforts receive ample compensation in the realization of their necessity. Effingham County has contributed some of its best and most brilliant young men to the ministry, and none have given more faithful service than the Rev. Owen Wright, Jr., of the Northwestern Indiana Conference, of the Methodist Church. Mr. Wright was born January 19, 1872, and is a son of Dr. Owen and Margaret (Wallis) Wright. Mr. Wright entered De Pauw University, where he



spent five years, and then returning home, he taught school for one year.

In 1804 Mr. Wright joined the Conference of the Methodist Church and for two years preached on a circuit. Later he took a six-months' course in Northwestern University, and while there was appointed pastor of Vandalia Station, a vacancy having occurred in consequence of the promotion of the incumbent to be the elder of a district. When McKendree College was opened in the following September, Mr. Wright was admitted as a junior student, and two years later, was graduated therefrom with the degree of A. B. In 1900, he took a post-graduate course in the Ohio Wesleyan University, and was graduated from it with the degree of A. M. The same year he was transferred to the Northwestern Indiana Conference, and has since remained within its jurisdiction. At the close of his second year's service at Terre Haute, Ind., the "Daily Tribune" spoke of him as one who has succeeded wherever he has been stationed. Mr. Wright is a very unassuming young man, and although the degree of D. D. has been conferred upon him, he will not accept the honor. He is an eloquent speaker, a finely educated minister, and one devoted to his work. Although still in the very prime of young manhood, he has accomplished much, and a useful life stretches out before him. His family are very proud of him, and his conscientious labors in the cause they all hold so dear. He received and accepted the *addendum* degree of D. D. during the year 1910.

**WRIGHT, (Hon.) William.**—History has given us the names of many heroes who sacrificed much to the good of their country. They did not stop to think of personal loss or safety, but offered themselves to the cause of liberty and, through their efforts, the foundations of the present greatness of this land were laid. Among those worthy of more than passing mention is this old hero, William Wright, the grandfather of the distinguished Wright family of Mason, which has borne its part in the development of Effingham County.

William Wright was born about A. D. 1750, and served for seven years in the Revolutionary War. He was engaged in line of battle July 4, 1776, and took part many times in other conflicts. After the war was over, he returned home to spend sixty years in peaceful pursuits. His wife was a fitting helpmate to him, and a good, conscientious mother to their large family, which was reared to useful living. There were five sons in this family, all of whom grew to manhood estate, and died leaving families behind them. The death of William Wright occurred in 1842 when he was in his ninety-second year. Unfortunately more extensive data are not obtainable relative to his life. It is known, however, that he was a devout Christian, and one who governed his life according to the Golden Rule. He was honored and respected by business associates, and beloved in his family. All the remainder of his life, following his service as a soldier, he took a deep interest in public affairs,

and trained his sons to be as patriotic as himself. It was such men as he who made the struggling nation respected by foreign powers when it was still in its infancy, and compelled recognition of its growing strength from those who would have rejoiced in its complete failure. Dr. Wright of Mason, the eminent surgeon of Effingham County, is a grandson of this patriotic gentleman and grand old hero.

**WRIGHT, William Benton.**—The profession of law is one that demands undivided attention, more than ordinary ability, and careful training. The lawyer of to-day, if he is engaged in active practice in all of the courts, is kept busy in keeping abreast of the various decisions that may establish a precedent, and so change legal jurisprudence. William Benton Wright, one of the ablest and best known attorneys of Effingham, Ill., was born in Ewington, the old county-seat of Effingham County, June 7, 1860, a son of William Cleaver and Jenima (Rinehart) Wright, the former born in Fairfeld, Ill., June 14, 1832, and the latter in Ohio, in 1837. William C. Wright was a real estate agent and both he and his wife spent their lives in Effingham County from 1839. The latter died in 1872, and in 1874 Mr. Wright married as his second wife Mrs. Margaret Blair, who bore him two children, a son and a daughter, both of whom reside with their mother in Spokane, Wash., where the son is engaged in the practice of law. The father, William Cleaver Wright, died in Effingham County in 1892.

After completing his studies in the public schools of his native place, William B. Wright entered the University at Valparaiso, Ind., working during the summer months and attending the University during the winter. He graduated in 1882 and was admitted to the Bar the same year. He immediately began the practice of his profession in Effingham, and has continued there ever since, building up a very gratifying clientage. From 1882-86 Mr. Wright served as Justice of the Peace, and from 1894-98 he was County Judge. During thirteen years he was member and President of the Board of Education, and rendered very valuable service in these capacities. He was once a candidate for Supreme Judge, but failed in securing the nomination. In October, 1897, Mr. Wright was appointed a member of the State Board of Law Examiners, which office he still holds. He assisted in establishing the Supreme Lodge of the Modern American Fraternal Order, of which he is now President. He is a Mason, being a member of the Chapter and the Eastern Star, and from 1903 to 1905 he was Grand Master of the Masonic Order of Illinois. He is also a member of the Elks. In religious matters he is a member of the Baptist Church. Since casting his first vote, Mr. Wright has been a Democrat, and has seen no occasion to change his political views.

On October 30, 1889, Mr. Wright married, in Effingham, Dora West, born at Mattoon, Ill., January 13 1866, youngest of the thirteen children of Henry and Neoma (Dix) West. Mr. West and



his wife were natives of Indiana, and he died at Greencastle in that State. Mrs. West moved to Effingham County in the fall of 1879, and still lives in Effingham, having reached the age of eighty-seven years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wright are as follows: William Benton, Jr., born August 23, 1800; David Lester, born June 7, 1802; Robert Elwin, born February 13, 1805; and Branson, born December 4, 1808, all sons.

Perhaps the highest type of character is displayed by the judicial mind. He who can carefully weigh evidence and dispense justice evenly, especially among his friends and neighbors, must possess that clear insight into the groundwork of human right, which sooner or later appeals strongly to the people, and to maintain the judicial poise and retain old friendships is the best evidence of worth and integrity.

**YOUNG, John W.**—Some of the most enterprising of the farmers of Effingham County are devoting their efforts to the breeding of Hereford cattle, and to bringing their herd up to the highest standard of excellence. John W. Young of Section 30, Summit Township, is one of these up-to-date farmers. He was born in Freemanton, Jackson Township, March 20, 1847, a son of William and Maria (De Vere) Young. It is supposed that William Young was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, where his wife was born, and where they were married in 1835. They settled in what was then called Freemanton, on the old National Road, when they came to Effingham County soon after their marriage.

Mr. Young engaged in mercantile business with William Johnson, and as his health was poor, he did the hauling from St. Louis, a distance of 100 miles. The trips used to consume about eight days. During the winter he had to cross on the frozen river, and he experienced many dangerous escapes. During the summer, the ferryboat was brought into requisition. As soon as he could, William Young entered land in Jackson Township to the extent of 300 acres, and after selling his store in 1849, he turned his attention to his farm, where he lived until his death. He and his wife are buried in the old Freemanton Cemetery. He strongly advocated the principles of the Republican party, and his sons all have followed his example with regard to politics. During the War of 1812 he served as First Lieutenant in an Ohio Regiment, and wore the old cocked hat, and it and his sword are still in the possession of the family. While pleasant spoken, he was firm and adhered to what he believed to be right. During the Civil War he never failed to stand by his principles, and was a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln. His wife was a dear, motherly woman, and their many friends loved to visit this hospitable couple. Their home was a stopping place for those coming from the East to find new homes, and for those going east to return to their old homes. Mr. Young was a man of unflinching and stainless honesty, and when he made a promise he never broke it, no matter what the cost. His wife was a consistent

member of the Methodist Church, which he loyally supported, although he was not a member of any religious body. All churches and educational institutions found in him a firm friend, and he gave liberally towards their support, and to those who were in distress or need. Ten children were born to this couple, but of them only four remain: John W.; Hamilton, a farmer of Summit Township; Daniel, on the original home farm in Jackson Township; Ellen, wife of the Rev. Douglas Shouse of the Methodist Church, now resides near Springfield, Ill.; Robert, died in young manhood and is buried in Altamont Union Cemetery; William died at the age of twelve; Albert, twin brother of Ellen, is deceased, and three others died in infancy, and all but Robert are buried in the old Freemanton cemetery.

John W. Young attended school in Jackson Township, and was early taught to work on the farm, remaining with his father until he was twenty years old. At that time he decided to marry, but had to borrow the money to pay for his license. On March 28, 1866, he married Louisa J. Baughman, who was born in Summit Township, November 10, 1847, a daughter of Philip Baughman, a pioneer of Effingham County. In the spring of 1866 the young couple rented a farm in Summit Township, and began housekeeping. The following year they rented land from his father, and lived on it until 1868, when he bought eighty acres of a partly improved farm. On this he built a small oak board building, 16x30 feet, and they moved into it and began to improve their property. This prairie farm covered with wild grasses, has been developed into one of the best in Summit Township. Mr. Young set out an orchard, and as the trees have died, he has had others to replace them. A number of ornamental trees have been planted in the yard by himself and wife, and wonderful changes have been effected during the forty years they have lived here.

Mr. and Mrs. Young have five children: Ellen M., who is married and lives in Coles County, Ind.; Clinton, married Molly Jones, born in Jackson Township, is a farmer and carpenter, and has built many of the best farm dwellings and barns, also manufactures concrete blocks and has a full equipment for making any kind and size of blocks required; Mille, wife of Henry Giesking, a dairyman and farmer of Moccasin Township; Lilly, wife of Frank Thompson, a farmer of Summit Township; Stella, wife of Herman Garner, a resident of Windsor, Shelby County, Ill.

Mr. Young has always kept the best grade of horses and is a fine judge of stock. For many years he has been breeding big horses, and has some of the best in the county. In 1894, he turned his attention to Hereford cattle, which he breeds successfully, his product being considered the best in the county. At Altamont he won the first premium on this class of cattle, and has been awarded other first premiums on his stock.

In politics Mr. Young is a Republican and has always taken an active part in party work. For nine years he served as Highway Commissioner, and during that time he helped to build ten of the eleven township bridges. He has always advocated the making of improvements, and would not allow any poor work to be done while he was in charge of affairs. He is willing to pay for good work and is capable of seeing that he gets it. For sixty years Mr. Young has been identified with the best interests of Effingham County, and is one of the most progressive men of his locality.

**YOUNG, Samuel Newton.**—Among the prominent retired citizens of Altamont, Ill., who have risen to prominence in various lines, may be mentioned Samuel Newton Young, ex-Justice of the Peace and Civil War veteran, who for a long period was engaged in farming and stock-raising in Effingham County. Mr. Young was born March 19, 1829, on a farm near Mt. Sterling, Montgomery County, Ky., one of the ten children of Thomas R. and Sarah (McCann) Young, natives of Kentucky, who died in Indiana.

Samuel Newton Young attended the subscription schools of the vicinity of his home in Kentucky, and when sixteen years old accompanied his parents to Putnam County, Ind., where he also attended school a short time. In 1855 he came to Illinois and located on a 200-acre farm, five miles south of Altamont, later exchanging this for a smaller farm of sixty-six acres and a cash consideration, this property adjoining Altamont. Later he sold a part of this property for County Fair purposes, and in 1878 retired from farming and moved to Altamont. For some years he had quite a reputation as a stock-raiser and as a breeder of fine horses, cattle, hogs and sheep. For eight months Mr. Young was engaged in the stock and grain business in Altamont, with Samuel Cooper, and then engaged in undertaking for twelve years, serving as a Justice of the Peace for eighteen years. In 1862 he enlisted in Company I, Seventy-first Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Gilbert, and during his three months' service was kept on guard duty. After his return home he organized a company of Home Guards, which was equipped by Governor Yates, and of which he was Captain. Mr. Young is a staunch Republican, and has always taken an active interest in local political matters.

February 1, 1849, Mr. Young married (first) Mary Jane LaFollette, and they became parents of two children, namely: Lucretia, married Charles Kershaw, of Indiana; and Francis, a farmer of Missouri. Mrs. Young died in Indiana, in 1852, and Mr. Young married (second), January 1, 1854, Harriet Yates, who was the mother of six children and died June 14, 1868. Of their children, one died in infancy, and those living are: Stephen A., of Alaska; Mary Jane, widow of Fred Ensign, of Altamont, whose son Newton won the Rhodes Scholarship in the State of Illinois, in 1906; Emma, Mrs. Myers, of Indiana; and Hattie, Mrs. Cosgrove, of St. Louis. Mr.

Young married (third), April 8, 1869, Miss Sarah E. Paugh, of Effingham County, and no children were born of this marriage.

**ZILLMANN, Ferdinand Gustave.**—The farming interests of Effingham County, Ill., are in the hands of skilled agriculturists, the majority of whom have made the cultivation of the soil their life work. Born on farms and taught from childhood the work of a farmer, they are ably fitted to carry on their operations and to get the best possible results from their land. Ferdinand Gustave Zillmann, an excellent agriculturist of Section 16, Mound Township, who has a farm of fifty-five acres, was born near Bethlehem, Mound Township, September 23, 1863, a son of Karl and Augusta (Schultz) Zillmann.

Karl Zillmann was born in Germany, in 1825, and remained in his native country until 1863, being engaged in driving a team. After his marriage he emigrated to the United States and settled first near Buffalo, N. Y., but subsequently removed to Effingham County, Ill., from whence he was drafted into the Union service during the Civil War, becoming a member of Company A, Forty-second Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He then returned to the farm which he had purchased and cultivated it for about one year, then moving to the property now owned by his son, which he continued to operate until his retirement. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, in the faith of which his wife died December, 1908. Of the nine children born to this worthy couple, Ferdinand G., is the only survivor.

Ferdinand Gustave Zillmann attended a German school in his youth, and his present knowledge of the English language is self-taught. With the exception of two years spent in Springfield, he has always resided on the home farm, of which he has had charge since his father's retirement, raising large crops and feeding cattle. He is considered one of the skilled farmers of his district, and is known as a good neighbor and public-spirited citizen, is a staunch Republican in political matters and he and his wife are members of the German Lutheran Church.

Mr. Zillman was married (first) to Alvina Dornheim, who bore him three children, but died in 1900. Only one of these children is now living, Anton, who is at home. He married Mary Bartsloff. The present Mrs. Zillman was Mrs. Gertrude Wanless, of Springfield, who was born in Germany in 1856 and came to the United States when three years of age with her parents, landing in New York, whence the family came to Springfield, Ill. Her father, Henry Barthel, died during his first year in the United States, and her mother, who bore the maiden name of Katrina Kelmer, was married (second) to Frank Kauney, and she died in Springfield in 1905. There have been no children born to Mr. and Mrs. Zillmann. She, however, had four children by her first husband, three of whom are still living, namely: Arthur, Edward and Clara, one daughter, Gertrude, being deceased. 7



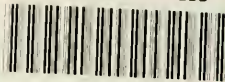








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