

scale. He was the first man in Shelby county to handle mules in his farming operations, and through his example and success with them their use soon became general. He is not now actively engaged in farming, but is taking for the remainder of his days a needed and well-earned rest, living quietly amid the substantial comforts of the home he has created and happy in the general regard and good will of his fellowmen. In politics he has been a life-long Democrat, active in the service of his party and firmly holding on to its principles in spite of all new theories of government, heresies of politicians and vagaries of public sentiment. His religious connection is with the sect known as the Christians, with whom he has been long and faithfully affiliated.

Dr. Joseph A. Daniel grew to manhood on his father's farm and was educated in the public schools of Shelby county as a preparation for higher training, and this he obtained in a two years' course at the State Normal School at Kirksville. After leaving that institution he taught school in this county two years. In 1902 he entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated in 1905. He began practicing the same summer at Shelbina as a partner of Dr. Thomas W. Lyell, and from then until now he has devoted himself wholly to his profession. He has been very successful and is regarded as one of the leading dentists of this portion of Missouri. By close study and judicious reflection he keeps in touch with all that is progressive and advanced in the profession, and his patrons can always rely on getting from him the best service which the

science of dentistry administered by skillful practice can give. He adheres to the Democratic party in politics and belongs to the Christian church in religious association. On June 9, 1909, he was married to Miss Anna Blakey of Boulder, Colorado. The doctor stands well in the community and is deserving of the general esteem he enjoys among all classes of the people.

JAMES F. ALLGAIER.

This prominent and influential citizen of Shelbina, who is at this time (1911) the mayor of the city, is descended from good old Pennsylvania Dutch stock, and has exemplified in his career all the sturdy and sterling qualities for business pursuits and reliable citizenship which are characteristic of the people from whom he sprung. His grandfather, George Allgaier, was born and reared in the sterling and substantial old city of Reading, Pennsylvania, and in his early manhood moved into what was then the wilderness of Kentucky, locating near what is now the city of Georgetown in that progressive and flourishing commonwealth.

In that vicinity Mr. Allgaier's father, Michael S. Allgaier, was born on January 1, 1828, and there he grew to manhood and obtained such schooling as the frontier was able to furnish to its hardy and self-reliant children; and later graduated from Bordstown College of Bordstown, Kentucky. In 1856 he did as his father had done in his early manhood, made his way into the farther West and helped to lay the foundations of a new empire remote from the centers of popu-

lation and refinement. He came to Missouri and planted his hopes in Platte county, where he carried on an extensive business as a wholesale and retail grocer until the beginning of the Civil war in 1861. Believing firmly as he did in the sovereignty of the states, and seeing in the political conditions of the time, as thousands besides him saw, a menace to that sovereignty, the call of the South for volunteers to defend her institutions and political principles was to him a trumpet-toned command to duty, and he at once enlisted in the Confederate army in Texas. He served in the same command throughout the war, his services being confined almost wholly within that state. He belonged to what was known as the army of "Minutemen," and was under command of General Joe Selby.

When the cause he espoused went down into everlasting defeat at Appomattox, and its gory banners were forever furled from warlike strife, he returned to this state and took up his residence in Monroe county, where he turned his attention to farming. In 1869 he moved to Clinton county, and there until 1893 he was actively engaged in cultivating the soil and raising live stock. He was active in the public affairs of the county, as a good citizen always is, and in course of time was elected sheriff for three terms. His political force and capacity for official duties was so well known that he was also appointed at another time sergeant-at-arms of the Missouri house of representatives. For a number of years thereafter he lived contentedly on his Clinton county farm and gave the general public the good service as an auctioneer throughout a wide ex-

tent of the surrounding country, lifting up his voice in this capacity in many counties and winning golden opinions everywhere for his excellent judgment and skill in exercising it in his public work.

In 1893 he moved to the city of St. Joseph, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying on August 2, 1908. He was twice married, first to Miss Harriet M. Anderson, a native of Kentucky, whom he espoused in about 1848. They had four children. Of these only one is living, James F. Allgaier, of Shelbina, the immediate subject of this brief review. The father's second marriage was with Miss Amanda M. Williams and occurred in May, 1859. They became the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living: Albert W., of Shelby county; Sebastian A., of Chicago; John J., of Wichita Kansas; Eugene A., of Buchanan county, this state; Catherine, the wife of Daniel S. O'Haron, of Richmond, Missouri; Mary A., the wife of Richard Rigney, of Shelbina; and Michael Owens, of Sedalia, Missouri. In politics the father lived and died a Democrat of the old school. In religious belief and training he was a Catholic. To his party and his church he was true and faithful, as he was to his family and every duty that called him to action.

James F. Allgaier was born at Georgetown, Kentucky, on September 21, 1853. When he was three years old he was brought by his parents to this state and became a resident of Platte county. He began his education in the district schools of that county, continued it in those of Monroe county and finished it in those of Clinton county. After leav-

ing school he worked on his father's farm until 1881, acquiring strength of body and independence of spirit in its useful labors and from his continual communion with nature, and also the self-reliance and resourcefulness which result from conditions that require every man to be ready for emergencies at a moment's notice. In 1881 he moved to this county and during the next three years followed farming and raising live stock on his own account. At the end of that period he took up his residence in Shelbina, where he clerked in a dry goods store for a short time, then engaged in the grocery trade for awhile. He grew tired of this line of merchandising and sold his business in order that he might give his attention to the drug trade.

Mr. Allgaier has been active in promoting the welfare of the town, taking a broad view of its needs and employing all his energy to aid in providing for them. His busy brain and tireless hand have lent their force to every commendable enterprise for improving the city and augmenting the comfort and convenience of its people. He has shirked no duty and gone at nothing worthy of his attention in a half-hearted way. His value as a leading citizen is highly appreciated, and as an evidence of this fact he was elected mayor of the city in April, 1907, and is still filling the office with great credit to himself and decided benefit to the community. In politics he is a Democrat, in fraternal life a Modern Woodman and in religion a Catholic.

In addition to his regular mercantile industry Mr. Allgaier is extensively engaged in feeding cattle and hogs, ship-

ping large numbers of each to many different parts of the country. He is also a stockholder and director of the Old Bank of Shelbina, the oldest bank in the county. On April 19, 1881, he was married to Miss Nancy E. Gaugh, a resident of this county. She is an enthusiastic second to his own generous intellectual hospitality, cordially welcoming and entertaining any good suggestion, no matter where it comes from, and seeking to make the best of it for the good of the people around her. Together they interest themselves in all worthy undertakings whereby the moral, mental and social agencies of the community may be increased in usefulness, augmented in power and rendered more serviceable. They do not say or think this of themselves, and perhaps their modesty may be offended by having it said of them by others. But it is true, nevertheless, and worthy of being recorded here where the makers and builders of the community are commended according to the disposition they have shown and the work they have done.

GEN. J. WILLIAM TOWSON.

The history of Maryland is glorious in peace and war. Her Old Line battalions confronted the scarlet uniform and glittering steel of Great Britain in the Revolution from Bunker Bill to Yorktown. In the Mexican war her gallant soldiery was conspicuous in winning some of the most spectacular victories of that short but decisive conflict. And when the clouds of civil strife burst with destructive fury over our unhappy land in 1861, the valor of her arms and brav-