

service for three years, using all his opportunities and facilities in learning the business in detail and the ins and outs of mercantile life in general. He then clerked in the clothing establishment of Thompson & Miles until 1892, all the while expanding his knowledge of business, his acquaintance with men and his general intelligence concerning mercantile pursuits.

In 1892 he formed a partnership with his older brother under the firm name of R. E. Miles & Bro., and during the next sixteen years they were extensively engaged in the clothing trade with great benefit to the community and considerable profit to themselves. In 1908 the store and business was sold to W. H. Hanly, and Mr. Miles formed a new association in the same line of trade with T. F. Bates, with whom he is still connected and carrying on a vigorous and flourishing business, the firm being known as Miles & Bates.

Mr. Miles is a man of substance and connected with a number of business enterprises in the city and surrounding country, among them being the Old Bank of Shelbina, of which he is one of the stockholders. His political faith is fixed on the principles of the Democratic party, whose campaigns always enlist his attention and bring forth his active efforts for success, although he has no ambition for official station or public life for himself. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias, and in religion he and his wife belong to the Baptist church. He is a zealous worker for both his fraternal order and his church, and both enjoy the benefit of his helpful zeal and energy. On October 19, 1892, he was married to

Miss Lillian D. Sparks, of Shelbina. They have one child, their daughter Adaline, who is the light and life of their pleasant home.

JOHN T. BAILEY.

Almost from his boyhood John T. Bailey, of Shelbina, who is one of the leading business men of the city, has been contributing to the enjoyment of the people among whom he has lived, long as a teacher of vocal music and for nearly a quarter of a century as a dealer in musical instruments. All living in his range who find pleasure in the "concord of sweet sounds" have been indebted to him for many a soothing or a stirring entertainment and have ever been willing to acknowledge the obligation. He is now conducting also a flourishing business in undertaking and embalming, in which he has been interested since 1892.

Mr. Bailey was born in Monroe county, in this state, on September 25, 1851, and is a son of Tilmon O. and Sarah A. (Stalcup) Bailey, the former born in Harrison county, Kentucky, and the latter in Virginia. The father's life began on October 29, 1822, and the first twenty-one years of it were passed in his native state, where he obtained his education and fitted himself for the active duties of progressive farming, which was his occupation until he retired from all active pursuits in 1904. He left the home of his childhood and youth as soon as he reached his majority and strode with confident step into the wilderness of the farther West with a view to making a home and a name for himself, daring the dangers and privations of the frontier

with resolute courage and depending on his own endeavors with manly self reliance. He took up a tract of land in Monroe county which was in a state of almost primeval wildness and converted it into a well-improved and highly cultivated farm. On this he lived, engaged in farming and raising live stock until he determined to heed the admonitions of advancing years and pass the evening of his long and toilsome day of earthly existence in quiet and ease. In 1904 he moved to Shelbina, where he has ever since resided.

This venerable citizen of the progressive community which he has known so long and helped so materially to build up and improve, is one of the patriarchs of the town. Not only is he far advanced in years, but he is also the father of a numerous family. He has been married twice, the first time in 1848, when he was united with Miss Mary Sherman, a native of Missouri. They had one child, their daughter Mary, who is now the wife of John W. Chambers, of Clarence, in this county. His second marriage was with Miss Sarah A. Stalcup, who was born in Virginia and reared in Monroe county, Missouri. They became the parents of thirteen children, seven of whom are living and are: John T., the subject of this sketch; Elijah M., Tilmon A. and William B., all residents of Shelbina; Isaac N., who lives at Moberly, this state; and Ernest T., who is a prominent citizen of Shannon county, Missouri. The father still takes an active part in political affairs and still follows the banner of the Democratic party, behind which he has marched from his youth. He is a member of the Masonic order and of the

Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The wife and mother died in March, 1908.

John T. Bailey was reared to manhood on his father's farm in Monroe county and obtained his education in the district schools of the neighborhood. For ten years after leaving school he found continual and profitable occupation as a teacher of vocal music and made a reputation for skill and capacity in the art which spread throughout his own and adjoining counties. In 1886 he located in Shelbina and started a mercantile enterprise in the sale of pianos, organs and other musical instruments and musical supplies. He took his brother William into the business as a partner in 1891, and during the next seventeen years the firm of Bailey Bros. flourished as the leader in the musical implement and supply trade in this part of the state.

On June 19, 1908, Mr. Bailey bought the interest of his brother William in the business and took as a new partner his son, Roy L. Bailey, changing the firm name to J. T. Bailey & Son, under which two generations of the family are still doing an extensive and popular business. Since 1892 the house has also been carrying on extensively in the undertaking and embalming line, the father having received his certificate as a well qualified and licensed embalmer on October 16, 1895.

Mr. Bailey's political faith is that of his father and the greater part of the men living around him. He has never wavered in his loyalty to the Democratic cause, and has for many years given it faithful and effective service in all its campaigns. He has also long been an active and zealous member of the South-

ern Methodist church, contributing liberally to its advancement by energetic participation in church work and with material aid for all its undertakings. He is influential in both business and church circles and he and his family are among the leading lights in the social world of the community, throughout all of which they are highly esteemed and everywhere warmly welcomed on all occasions.

On June 20, 1880, Mr. Bailey was united in marriage with Miss Eliza J. Baker, of Madison, Missouri. Of their four children three are living and all dwelling at the parental fireside. They are Mary Belle, Nannie Bess and Roy L. The social disposition of the parents and the presence of the children, who have inherited the same spirit, in the home make it a social center and a very popular and hospitable resort for persons of all ages acquainted with the members of the household, and that includes almost everybody in the county and hosts from elsewhere.

NEWTON E. WILLIAMS.

Lawyer, editor, public official and man of affairs and winning high commendation in all lines of activity in which he has been engaged, Newton E. Williams, of Shelbina, is one of the most successful and popular men in Shelby county. He is almost wholly the product of his own abilities and energies, and he has made the most of his opportunities for advancement in life. But he has not lived for himself alone. During all of his mature life he has been deeply and intelligently interested in the welfare of the town and county of his home and has done all in his power to promote it.

Mr. Williams was born in Adair county, Missouri, on October 10, 1869, and is a son of Gamaliel and Mary E. (Morgan) Williams, the former a native of Indiana, where he was born on May 18, 1838, and the latter a native of Kentucky, but at the time of her marriage a resident of Adair county, Missouri. They had six children and five of them are living—Lucy E., the wife of J. E. Bowers, who has her home in Colby, Kansas; Mary E., the wife of H. F. Davis, who is also a resident of Colby, Kansas; Alice, the wife of J. D. Bean, of Grand Junction, Colorado; Newton E., of Shelbina; and Martha, the wife of Dr. M. W. Bailey, of Denver, Colorado.

The father came to Missouri in 1852, when he was fourteen years old, and found a home in Adair county, where he grew to manhood and completed his education. After leaving school he engaged in farming and raising live stock, continuing his operations with success and profit until 1904, when he retired from active pursuits and removed to Shelbina, and here he has ever since had his home. His marriage occurred in 1858. In politics he is and always has been a Democrat. Fraternally he has long been affiliated with the Masonic order, and in religious association he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Newton E. Williams began his education in the district schools of Adair county, continued it at a select school at Brashear, in that county, and completed it at the Kirksville State Normal school. He studied law in Kirksville under the direction of M. D. Campbell and Hon. Isaac Morgan, probate judge of Adair county, and served as probate clerk for