

annual election, in 1895, the following directors were chosen: Preston B. Dunn, Lindley G. Schofield, Frank and Prince Dimmitt, and Reason Baker. Mr. Dunn continued in the presidency and Mr. Schofield became vice-president, being succeeded in the position of cashier by Marvin Dimmitt. Under these conditions the business was thereafter continued until 1902, in the annual election of which year the following directors were chosen: Preston B. Dunn, Joseph Doyle, John Frye, Prince Dimmitt, and A. M. Dunn. As Mr. Dunn wished to retire from active administrative duties, Prince Dimmitt was elected president and Mr. Dunn assumed the essentially honorary office of vice-president. They have since continued incumbent of these positions, and A. M. Dunn, son of the vice-president, has been the able and popular cashier. George O. Tannehill has been assistant cashier since January, 1904. The directorate remains unchanged, save that Preston B. Dunn, Jr., succeeded John Frye in the election of 1904. The history of the Shelbyville Bank has been one of continuous and substantial growth and expansion, and at all times have its interested principals stood representative of the best class of citizenship as well as of financial stability. The bank controls a large and important business and adds materially to the business prestige of Shelby county.

#### SANFORD BAKER.

Mr. Baker, who is postmaster at Epworth, is one of the successful and popular business men of this village and is

well entitled to consideration in this publication. He served with no little distinction as a member of the regular army of the United States, in which he took part in the Spanish-American war, and was later stationed in the Philippine Islands, and as a citizen he manifests the same spirit of loyalty that made him an effective soldier of the republic.

Mr. Baker is a native of the fine old Buckeye state, having been born at Woodsfield, Monroe county, Ohio, on March 15, 1877, and being a scion of one of the pioneer families of that state, where his grandfather, Henry Baker, a native of Pennsylvania, took up his abode in an early day. Leander C. Baker, father of the subject of this sketch, was likewise born at Woodsfield, Ohio, in the year 1854, and there he was reared and educated. His active career was one of close identification with agricultural pursuits, and he died when a young man, having passed away on April 8, 1886, at which time he was a resident of Monroe county, Ohio. In 1876 he was united in marriage to Miss Susana McCammon, of Woodsfield, Ohio, and she is still living, maintaining her home in Shelby county, Missouri. They became the parents of three children, of whom the eldest is he whose name initiates this article; Minnie is the wife of John F. Burkhardt, of Shelby county; and Lucy C. is the wife of Joseph Wilson, likewise a resident of this county.

Sanford Baker secured his rudimentary education in the public schools and was about eleven years of age at the time of the family removal to Missouri, where he continued to attend school as opportunity presented. After leaving

school he followed farm work, principally in Illinois and Nevada, until 1897, when he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-second United States Infantry, under command of Colonel Wycoff, who was killed in an engagement in Cuba in the Spanish-American war. Mr. Baker was with his regiment in this conflict with Spain, having taken part in the battle of El Caney, the bombardment and siege of Santiago de Cuba, and having been present at the capitulation of that city. He also took part in many engagements after his regiment was sent to the Philippine Islands, where he remained until the expiration of his three years' term of enlistment, when he was mustered out, at Cabiou island of Luzon, on August 10, 1900, duly receiving his honorable discharge, with the rank of corporal. Immediately after his discharge from the service Mr. Baker set sail for America, disembarking in the port of San Francisco and thence coming to the home of his mother, near Bethel, Shelby county, Missouri, where he remained for a short interval. He then went to Quincy, Illinois, where he was employed in a wagon shop for one year, after which he passed two years in Nevada, where he was employed for some time in a gold stamp mill and later in an establishment handling gold by the cyanide process.

In 1904 Mr. Baker returned to Shelby county and for the ensuing three years he had charge of his mother's homestead farm, upon which he erected within this period a new house and barn. In 1907 he opened a blacksmith, wagon and general repair shop in the village of Epworth, where he has since continued in

business and where he has built up a prosperous enterprise, being a skilled mechanic and conducting business according to the most fair and honorable methods, so that he has a strong hold upon the confidence and esteem of the community. This sterling veteran of the Spanish-American war is now in another department of government service, as he has been postmaster of Epworth since February, 1908. Mr. Baker marches gallantly and loyally under the banner of the Republican party, and in a fraternal way he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On December 23, 1907, Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Margaret E. Johnson, who was born and reared in this county, being a daughter of Frederick H. Johnson, a representative farmer of Bethel township. Mrs. Baker passed to the life eternal on May 12, 1909, and is survived by one child, Oliver J.

#### JAMES F. MORAN.

The owner of a fine farm property in Bethel township, the subject of this review is one of the representative agriculturists and stock-growers of the county, is a citizen who has exerted much influence in local affairs of a public order and who has served as county judge, of which office he was incumbent for two terms. He has been a resident of the county since 1880 and here has attained independence and definite success through his well directed efforts, the while he has at all times commanded the unqualified confidence and respect of those with whom he has come in contact in the various relations of life.