

being utilized for grazing purposes. He and his partners own 2,250 acres in Missouri.

In politics Mr. Shale gives an unqualified allegiance to the Democratic party. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, South. He has achieved pronounced success in his business operations, and especially in connection with lumbering enterprises in Oregon and Arkansas, where he has large interests at the present time.

In April, 1885, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Shale to Miss Abbie George, a daughter of David George, a representative citizen of Granville, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Shale became the parents of seven children, all of whom are living, namely: Roger, who now resides in Washington, D. C.; Helen, George B., Corinne, Kathleen, Charles and Frances, all of whom remain at the parental home.

ELISHA A. CALLISON.

A scion of staunch Scottish stock, this well-known business man and popular citizen of the city of Clarence well exemplified the sterling traits of character that have ever designated the sturdy race from which he is sprung, his grandfather, Elisha F. Callison, having been a native of Scotland, and having taken up his residence in West Virginia upon coming to America. There he passed the residue of his long and useful life, West Virginia at that time having been still an integral portion of the Old Dominion of Virginia. Mr. Callison is asso-

ciated in the milling, grain and live-stock business with John B. Shale, a sketch of whose career appears on other pages of this work, and they control a large and successful enterprise in the various departments of their business, being large shippers of stock in addition to conducting successful operations in the other lines noted. This effective partnership alliance is maintained under the firm name of Callison & Shale.

Elisha A. Callison reverts with a due measure of satisfaction to the fact that he is a native son of the state in which his honored father and grandfather acquitted themselves so well as productive workers and loyal and worthy citizens. He was born in Greenbrier county, West Virginia, on October 28, 1860, and is a son of Oscar and Margaret (Bright) Callison, both of whom were likewise natives of that county, where their marriage was solemnized, and where they continued to maintain their home until their death. The father was born in 1836, devoted his entire active career to agricultural pursuits and stock-growing, and remained on his fine old homestead farm until his death, which occurred in 1877. His wife, who was born in 1838, died in 1888, their marriage having been solemnized in the year 1849. Oscar Callison was a staunch adherent of the Democratic party, took an intelligent and loyal interest in public affairs of a local order, and served one year as sheriff of Greenbrier county, where he ever commanded the unqualified esteem of all who knew him. Both he and his devoted wife held membership in the Presbyterian church, and their faith was well exemplified in their daily lives. They became

the parents of five children, of whom four are now living, namely: Elisha A., who is the immediate subject of this review; James C., who is a resident of Casper, Kansas; Mary, who is the wife of George E. Chinn, of Clarence, Shelby county, Missouri; and Austin, who is a representative farmer of Barber county, Kansas.

Elisha A. Callison was reared to maturity under the grateful influences and sturdy labors of the old homestead farm, and he was afforded the advantages of the excellent public schools of Lewisburg, West Virginia. At the age of sixteen years he went to Highland county, Virginia, where he assisted in the work of the farm of his uncle, John W. Bird, for the ensuing five years. He then, in 1881, when twenty-one years of age, came to Shelby county, Missouri, where he found employment by the month at farm work, being thus engaged for a period of three years, during which he was industrious and economical, carefully conserving his resources and formulating plans for an independent career. At the expiration of the interval noted, Mr. Callison engaged in farming and stock-raising on his own responsibility, renting a farm in Jefferson township, about three miles distant from the city of Clarence. There he continued operations with all of energy and with unremitting care and discrimination for about three years, and he then removed to Barber county, Kansas, where he continued in the same line of enterprise, and where he finally became the owner of a well improved farm of 2,250 acres. He remained in the Sunflower state for a period of twelve years, at the expiration of which, in 1901, he

returned to Shelby county, Missouri, and purchased a farm of 320 acres near Clarence, in Jefferson township, a property which he sold in 1903. In the autumn of 1902, however, he left the farm and took up his residence in Clarence, where he has since been successfully engaged in business in partnership with John B. Shale, as noted in the opening paragraph of this article. Mr. Callison is recognized as one of the essentially progressive and representative business men of the county, and his success is the more gratifying to contemplate by reason of the fact that it is the result of his own well directed efforts and good business judgment. No citizen of the community commands a larger measure of popular confidence and regard, and he is loyal and public-spirited in his attitude, ever ready to lend his influence and tangible aid in the support of measures and enterprises tending to advance the general weal. His political allegiance is given to the Democratic party; he is affiliated with the local organizations of the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Modern Woodmen of America, and both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

February 14, 1883, recorded the marriage of Mr. Callison to Miss Anna Erwin, who was born and reared in Highland county, Virginia, whither he returned to claim his bride, who accompanied him to his new home in Missouri, and who has proved a worthy and efficient helpmeet. They are the parents of seven children, all of whom remain at the parental home, except the elder daughter. The names of the children,

as here entered in respective order of birth, are: John O., Elizabeth, Edward A., Margaret, Harry, Charles and Anna. Elizabeth is now the wife of William Gillespie, and they reside in Miles City, Montana.

MINUS H. LEWIS.

On other pages of this publication is entered a brief review of the career of Aaron Lewis, the honored father of the subject of this sketch, and by reason of this fact it is not necessary to repeat the data in this article, as ready reference may be made to the sketch mentioned. He whose name heads this paragraph is a native of Shelby county and is now numbered among its enterprising and essentially representative business men, while as a citizen he holds the unqualified esteem and confidence of the people of the county in which his entire life has been passed.

Minus H. Lewis was born on the homestead farm of the family, in Jefferson township, Shelby county, Missouri, May 29, 1872, and to the district schools of the locality he is indebted for his early educational training. After his school days were over he continued to be associated with his father in the work and management of the farm until 1900, when he took up his residence in the village of Clarence, where he erected a grain elevator of large capacity and modern facilities, thus showing a spirit of progressiveness and confidence that had not previously been manifested in a similar way by any other resident of the county, as this elevator was the first to be erected within the borders of Shel-

by county. He conducted a successful grain business for the ensuing two years, at the expiration of which he disposed of the elevator and business. While thus engaged he was also associated with William F. Hirrlinger in the conducting of a well equipped hardware, furniture and undertaking establishment, under the firm name of Lewis & Hirrlinger. In 1904 he purchased his partner's interest in this enterprise, which he thereafter conducted in an individual way until 1907, when he disposed of all his business interests in the village and purchased stock in the Clarence Savings Bank, of which he was elected assistant cashier in January of that year. Of this position he has since continued incumbent, giving the major portion of his time and attention to his executive duties in connection with this substantial and popular financial institution. He is the owner of an attractive residence and other improved realty in Clarence and is one of the loyal and public-spirited citizens who are conserving the material and civic progress of his native county, where his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances. He is a staunch Democrat in his political proclivities and takes a lively interest in public affairs of a local order.

On October 11, 1896, Mr. Lewis was united in marriage to Miss Lou McCarty, who was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, and who is a daughter of Michael McCarty, now a resident of Clarence.

AARON LEWIS.

Aaron Lewis has been a resident of Shelby county for more than forty years, during the major portion of which he