

Shelbina Torchlight. After retiring from the newspaper field Dr. McCully engaged in the drug business in Shelbina, continuing this enterprise, together with the practice of his profession, for twelve years. He then sold his drug business and shortly afterward he effected, in 1896, the organization of the Shelby County Telephone Company, his interest in which he later sold to other citizens of Shelbina. During the six years of his active identification with the telephone business the doctor was president and general manager of the company which he thus organized and he developed its business along most effective and successful lines. He also has the distinction of having been a pioneer in the development of the independent telephone business in the United States.

In 1903 Dr. McCully removed to Clarence, where he established McCully's pharmacy, which he has since conducted with ever-increasing success, while he still gives no little attention to the practice of his profession. He is identified with the Missouri State Medical Society and the Shelby County Medical Society, and is held in high esteem both as a physician and as a progressive and public spirited business man of unqualified civic loyalty and optimism. He is a stockholder in the Clarence Savings Bank, is a staunch Democrat in his political allegiance, is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife is a member of the Southern M. E. church. He was president of the board of education at Shelbina for nine years and was largely instrumental in providing for the erection of the fine new school building in that place.

On September 18, 1873, Dr. McCully was united in marriage to Miss Martha Alice Rawlings, who was born in Tiger Fork, Shelby county, on October 11, 1851, and who is a daughter of the late William H. Rawlings, one of the representative citizens of this county. Dr. and Mrs. McCully became the parents of three children, of whom two are living, Aubrey M., who resides in Shelbina, and Glessner. Dr. and Mrs. McCully are prominent and popular in connection with the social activities of their home town and their attractive residence is a recognized center of gracious hospitality.

JAMES F. CROW.

One of the most successful among the farmers, merchants and manufacturers of Scotland and Shelby counties of this state and widely and favorably known throughout northeastern Missouri as a public spirited and enterprising citizen, whose energies and resources were always available for the service of his locality and its people, James F. Crow, of Shelbina, had won his way to the consequence and influence and the business prosperity for which he was distinguished by his own efforts and inborn capacity.

Mr. Crow was a native of Scotland county, this state, born on March 2, 1846. He was a grandson of John Crow, a native of Kentucky, and a son of Jacob and Agnes (Fifer) Crow, the former born near Perryville, Boyle county, Kentucky, and the latter in Augusta county, Virginia. The father came to Missouri at an early day and located in Boone coun-

ty with his parents. The family soon afterward moved to Pike county, and there he was educated in the district schools and began his life work as a farmer and stock man on his father's farm. He remained with his parents, helping them on the farm and assisting the family for a number of years after attaining his majority, and then moved to Scotland county, near Memphis, while yet the nomadic aborigines infested the region and sometimes became troublesome, although in the main they were not unfriendly to the white invaders of their ancestral range and aboriginal rights. There he became an extensive and enterprising farmer, and also raised live stock and traded in it on a large scale until 1865, when he removed to Monroe county and resided there with his family until his death, which occurred on December 12, 1899.

He was also a builder and put up the first jail erected in Scotland county, and took a great and very serviceable interest in school affairs, working with ardor for the cause of public education and vastly augmenting the power and usefulness of the institutions devoted to it in that county. More than this, he manifested a very earnest interest in everything involving the welfare of the region and the advancement of its people, and never withheld the aid of his resourceful brain or ready and skillful hand from any worthy enterprise likely to promote them. At the time of his death he was possessed of about 600 acres of superior land and had it all under vigorous and productive cultivation.

He was united in marriage with Miss Agnes Fifer and they became the parents

of six children, two of whom are living: James F., who is the interesting subject of these paragraphs, died May 29, 1910; William D., who resides in Kansas City, Missouri; and Alice, the wife of John W. Gillispie.

In political affairs and allegiance the father adhered to the Democratic party through life, and was a faithful worker for the success of the principles in which he believed. His religious connection was with the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and to this, also, he gave earnest and cordial support.

James F. Crow obtained his education in the district schools of Scotland county and a graded school in Memphis, its present county seat. He remained on the parental farm, working under the direction of his father and assisting the family until 1891, but during a large part of the time was also engaged in farming and raising and trading in live stock on his own account. At the time of his leaving home he owned and cultivated 600 acres of land of his own. In 1892 he located in Shelbina, but continued his farming and stock industries, and in addition carried on a flourishing and extensive business as a dealer in farm lands. During the last seventeen years of his life he was continuously, profitably and extensively occupied in the milling industry, being conducted under the firm name of Crow & Co. Later it became Crow & Whaley, and still later Crow & Co., and is now known as the Shelbina Milling Company. This, however, had not been Mr. Crow's first experience in the milling industry, for during 1885 and 1886 he was interested in a mill at Clarence and also a lumber business at the

same place. He was very successful in all his undertakings, making everything pay that he put his hand to, and showing his broad intelligence, business acumen and masterly management in all. He owned 760 acres of land, which was farmed by tenants, and had considerable town property in addition.

Mr. Crow was never married, but, although he had no family claims to impel him to action, he was, nevertheless, one of the most useful and progressive men in his community in all that pertains to the general welfare and the substantial and lasting good of the people. In political affairs he was firmly attached to the Democratic party, and one of its most energetic working members. He never aspired to public station nor was willing to accept a political office of any kind, either by appointment or election. But no duty of citizenship was neglected by him, and all were performed with vigor, intelligence and an ardent desire to advance the best interests of his county, state and country. He was regarded as one of Shelby county's best and most representative men, and was universally esteemed as such throughout the county and the whole of northeastern Missouri.

MARTIN S. BUCKMAN.

Of Kentucky ancestry and immediate parentage, and imbued with the spirit of enterprise and daring which laid the foundations of the great state in which his parents were born, and the breadth of view and progressiveness which have so largely aided in building the superstructure of the commonwealth, Martin S. Buckman, of Salt River township, in

this county, has repeated in some measure on the soil of Missouri the performance of his progenitors in the blue grass region. True, he has not been called upon to face the dangers, endure the hardships or engage in the large undertakings which were portions of the lot of his ancestors in the wilds of Kentucky in its frontier days, but whatever has come his way to do or endure he has confronted with a manly spirit and overcome by persistent and well directed energy, and has therefore met in his day the duty of life as faithfully as they did in theirs.

Mr. Buckman was born in Monroe county, Missouri, on December 3, 1856, and came into life, therefore, 'after the frontier period had passed, although the country here was even then sparsely settled and very largely undeveloped. His grandfather, John R., and his father, Joseph R. Buckman, were natives of Kentucky, where the father was born on November 5, 1813. He came to Missouri in the early days and located in Monroe county, where passed the remainder of his days busily engaged in farming and raising live stock and rearing to maturity, with the best instruction and example he could give them, his numerous offspring. He was a man of energy and determination, and was successful in his ventures, retiring in 1877 from larger operations to a farm of 240 acres in this county.

He was married in 1838 to Miss Martha Simms, of the same nativity as himself, and by this marriage they became the parents of ten children, nine of whom are living: John G., whose home was in Monroe county, this state, died