

the general weal of the community. He is zealous in the support of every commendable undertaking for the advancement and improvement of the city and county of his home, and deeply and intelligently interested in the public affairs of the state and the country. In political faith and allegiance he is a firm and faithful Democrat, giving his party and its candidates effective support although seeking none of the honors or emoluments of office for himself. Having interests in several farms in the county to the cultivation of which he gives a share of his personal attention, he is also useful in helping the agricultural interests of this portion of the state to higher and better development. His social rank in the community is among the highest, and his attention to social matters gives them tone and intensity of life, while his genial and captivating personality renders him a favorite in any circles of which he is a part. His religious affiliation is with the M. E. Church South and his fraternal connection with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America.

On October 1, 1896, he united in marriage with Miss Mary Wilson, who was born and reared in this state. She presides over their pleasant home with grace and dignity, making it a favorite resort for their hosts of friends, who find it a center of social and intellectual culture and a summer region of refined and generous hospitality.

JOSEPH A. DANIEL, D. D. S.

Dr. Joseph A. Daniel, who is a prominent dentist of Shelbina and making an excellent record and reputation in his

profession, is a native of this state and wholly a product of its institutions, having never lived out of it except when he was attending the dental college in preparation for his life work. He was born in Randolph county on September 8, 1877, and is a son of John S. and Elmyra V. (Hutton) Daniel, the former born in Kentucky in 1831 and the latter a native of Missouri. They were married in 1869 and became the parents of seven children, all of whom are living. They are: Rolla E., a resident of this county; Elizabeth, wife of A. W. Meadows, of Clarence; Edgar J., also a resident of Clarence; William O., of Clarence, and Josephus, of Shelbina, twin brothers; Iva M., wife of Dr. Maddox, of Middlegrove, Monroe county; and Ora M., whose home is in Shelby county.

When the father was eighteen years old the siren voice of California was filling the world with its golden music, and he, like many another adventurous spirit, was lured by it to the distant Pacific slope, joining the hardy and hopeful band of argonauts who have passed into history as "the Forty-Niners," and whose daring journey across the trackless plains of our then unknown western world has taken its place high among the romantic and heroic episodes of all our history. The success Mr. Daniel achieved in the new eldorado has not been made a part of the record, but it was not enough to induce him to remain in the mining regions. He returned to his Randolph county farm in due season and in 1884 moved to this county, where he has ever since remained and devoted his energies to advanced and profitable farming and stock raising on an extensive

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-