

fession in Knox county, but a short time afterward located at Hunnewell, where he found a ripe field for his labors, and in this county he has ever since resided. He continued in active practice until 1906, when he deemed that he had earned the right to retire in obedience to the admonitions of advancing years. For a long time he has been an active member of the Shelby County and the Northern Missouri Medical associations and taken a prominent part in their proceedings, contributing to their deliberations all the light he could from his experience and observation and drawing unto himself from them all the benefit his opportunities allowed.

On November 9, 1858, the Doctor was united in marriage with Miss Susan Day, of Marion county. They became the parents of thirteen children, ten of whom are living: Lily Jane, wife of Charles T. Cox, of Hunnewell; John Thomas, a resident of Kansas; Jennie, wife of Dr. William T. Bell, of Stoutsville, Monroe county; Herman C.; Myrta Ellen, wife of W. L. Pollard, of Montrose, Colorado; Ida Elizabeth, wife of Fletcher Blanford, of Lebanon, Kentucky; Effie, of Lamar, Colorado; Alice, wife of S. C. McAtee, of Lamar, Colorado; Florence Dixie, of Denver, Colorado; and Susan, who is still at home.

The Doctor is allied with the Democratic party in national politics and has long followed its fortunes in success and defeat, at all times doing what he could to win the former, and bearing the latter with all the resignation of a philosopher and the enthusiasm of youth, which hopes for better results next time. He belongs to the Masonic order and the

Odd Fellows in fraternal relations and has been prominent and zealous in behalf of the enduring welfare of both orders. In his Masonic Lodge he has served well as Worshipful Master, and in his Odd Fellows lodge has occupied every chair in succession to the highest. In his profession he has been eminent in this section of the state, and as a citizen he has always been held in the highest esteem. The nearly sixty years of his mature life have been crowded with usefulness and its evening is full of benignant cheerfulness while he rests calmly under its retiring sun crowned with the laurels of a faithful performance of duty and a record of achievements not many men, even of his years, can surpass and but few can equal.

#### FRANK DIMMITT.

Frank Dimmitt, who is president of the "Old Bank of Shelbina," has been an important factor in connection with the industrial and business affairs of Shelby county, which has represented his home from his boyhood days, and he stands today as one of the honored and influential citizens of the county in which he has attained to success and prestige through well-directed efforts along normal lines of productive enterprise.

As a banker he has long been prominent and influential and as a citizen and man of affairs he stands exponent of the utmost loyalty and public spirit.

Mr. Dimmitt, who has been from the start its leading impulse and controlling spirit of the "Old Bank of Shelbina," was born on December 2, 1857, near Boonville, Cooper county, Missouri, and

is a son of Dr. Philip T. and Frances (Agee) Dimmitt, the former born and reared in Kentucky and the latter in Virginia. A complete sketch of the father's life appears on other pages of this volume.

His son, Frank Dimmitt, grew to manhood on a farm in Shelby county and obtained his education in the Shelbyville high school. He was zealous and faithful in the performance of his duties on the farm, and admiring friends who observed his capacity for farm work and his steady adherence to its exacting requirements, looked upon him as one of the coming leaders in the agricultural life of the county. But he was not himself satisfied with his daily round of toil, blessed as it was with independence, plenty and good prospects, but felt within him a stirring impulse toward an occupation which would bring him more extensively and directly into contact with men and provide greater immediate and subsequent rewards for devotion to its claims and development of its possibilities. He was graduated from Shelbyville high school in 1874, then taught school for four years during the winter months, and after that clerked for a time in a mercantile enterprise. From 1878 to 1881 he was engaged in farming. In the year last named he moved to Clarence and gave his attention to the dry goods and clothing trade for a period of six years.

At the end of that time he returned to Shelbyville, where he worked in his father's bank until 1890. In 1888 he was elected county treasurer for a term of two years, and when his term in this office expired was chosen clerk of the cir-

cuit court and recorder, a capacity in which he served eight years with credit to himself and benefit to all who had dealings with his office. In September, 1898, he was made president of the Old Bank, and in this important and responsible position he has served the patrons of the bank and the people of the community faithfully ever since.

In politics Mr. Dimmitt is a pronounced and zealous Democrat. In fraternal relations he is an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias, and in church affiliation a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was married on March 13, 1879, to Miss Emma E. Jackson, who was born and reared in Marion county. They have three children living, James J., a resident of Monroe City, in the adjoining county of Monroe, and Clara C., of Chillicothe, Missouri, now Mrs. A. M. Shelton, and F. Ellison, who is living at home. The father stands well in the community and throughout his own and the adjoining counties. He has been serviceable in the progress and development of this part of the state, performing with ability and uprightness all the duties of citizenship and illustrating in a striking manner in his daily life the best attributes of an elevated American manhood.

#### JOHN A. O'DANIEL.

Descended from good old Maryland stock, with the family traits and characteristics seasoned by the residence of a generation in Kentucky, John A. O'Daniel, of Hunnewell, has within him the inspirations and incentives of two commonwealths of our common Union