

Washington, D. C., and has left him with a stiff arm ever since, a daily and hourly reminder of the hardships and perils of the awful scenes through which he passed during his military service.

After leaving the army he returned to his New York home and worked on his father's farm until 1867. He then determined to seek his fortunes on his own account in the farther West, as it was then, and in a region which, having been wasted by the war, offered great opportunities of advancement to those who would help to rebuild it and continue the development of its resources. Accordingly, in the year last named he came to Missouri and located in Shelby county. Here he bought twenty acres of land on which he has been actively and profitably engaged in farming and raising stock ever since. He has prospered through industry, thrift and good management, and has added to his farm as he has advanced in material acquisitions until now he has 162 acres, the greater part of it under cultivation and yielding excellent returns for the labor, care and intelligence he bestows upon tilling it and developing its resources.

On September 14, 1869, Mr. Phipps was united in marriage with Miss Martha E. Heckard, a daughter of Michael and Rachel (Heckart) Heckard, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Delaware. They came to Shelby county in the early days, and here the father entered a tract of government land, on which he flourished and reared his family. Mr. and Mrs. Phipps have had six children, four of whom are living, all of them residents of Shelby county. They are: Mary, the wife of

E. B. Robey; William A., one of the substantial and progressive farmers of Black Creek township; Essie M., the wife of J. E. Hollenbeck, of Shelbina, and Bertha May, the wife of George Coddry. In politics the father is a Republican. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. They are among the most esteemed and useful citizens in the township of their residence.

#### JOHN L. KELSO.

Starting in life as a young man with nothing by way of equipment for its strident and exacting warfare but his own faculties and the spirit that controlled and directed them, and now one of the most successful and prosperous farmers and stock men of Black Creek township in this county, John L. Kelso presents in his career and achievements a fine illustration of what is possible to industry, frugality and thrift in this land of inexhaustible wealth of every material kind and almost boundless opportunity in the development, transformation and use of what nature has so bountifully bestowed for the service of mankind.

Mr. Kelso is a native of Shelby county, where he was born on January 12, 1862, and a son of Samuel and Eliza J. (Barr) Kelso, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Delaware. They were married in 1855 and had seven children, five of whom are living: Alvina, the wife of John Foey, a highly respected citizen of Shelby county; William, whose home is in Colorado; John L., the subject

of these paragraphs; Charles, who is also a resident of Colorado; and James, who lives in this county. The father was born in 1828 and came to Missouri in his boyhood with his parents. The family settled in Shelby county, and here he grew to manhood and obtained his education. He began life as a farmer and continued to follow this avocation until his death, in 1872. He was a Republican in politics and a member of the Southern Methodist church. His success and progress in his farming operations gave promise of making him a man of consequence and considerable worldly wealth, but his early death at the age of forty-four cut short his career and left its large promise unfulfilled, his plans incomplete and his family but indifferently provided for.

Orphaned at the age of ten years by the death of his father, John L. Kelso was obliged to make his own way in the world from an early age. He obtained a limited education in the district schools of Shelby county, where he has passed the whole of his life to this time, but his opportunities to attend school were scant and irregular, owing to the circumstances of the family, who needed what he could earn to aid in its support. He worked out by the month for a meager compensation for a time as a boy and youth, and later for better wages, all the while assisting the family and laying up what he could for himself. He was very frugal and industrious and by very slow accretions succeeded in accumulating a small sum of money. By this toilsome and painful process he climbed slowly upward on the rugged road to prosperity until 1885, when he bought 160 acres of

land and began farming and raising stock on his own account. Since then his progress has been more rapid, and he has at length, through arduous effort and close attention to his business, acquired a competency and is comfortably fixed, with assurance in his circumstances against all ordinary calamities and bright prospects for the future, for he is still full of energy and determination, and has all his past experience to guide and help him to greater success and prosperity, and feels every incentive of duty to make the most of his opportunities. He now has 280 acres of good land and nearly all of it at an advanced stage of cultivation.

Mr. Kelso was married on April 7, 1885, to Miss Laura B. Clark, a daughter of James and Isabelle (Graham) Clark, esteemed residents of Shelby county. James, Leta and Elva, the three children born of the union, are all living and still at home with their parents. The father is a Prohibitionist in politics and a member of the Holiness church in religion. His wife also embraced the Holiness religion until her death in 1902.

Mr. Kelso was again married in 1904 to Sarah Biglow, a widow of Frank Biglow and a sister of his first wife.

#### WILLIAM CLAUSSEN.

No element of the immigrant population of this country has done more for its development and improvement in a material way than that which the Fatherland has given it. The German is the great toiler in any field of effort suited to his taste or capacity, and his patience and persistency is always in proportion