

mand until April, 1863, when he received his honorable discharge, by reason of physical disability. His certificate of disability was signed by Dr. Gilroay Post, who was surgeon of the federal hospital at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Mr. Eaton took part in the engagements at Kirksville and Cape Girardeau, was present at the capture of the famous guerilla, Joseph Shelby, and took part in many skirmishes and other minor engagements. He is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is also affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

On October 25, 1870, Mr. Eaton was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Stalcup, who was born and reared in Shelby county, where her father, the late William Stalcup, was an early settler. The three children of this union are: George W., who is a resident of Idabel, Oklahoma; Anna M., who is the wife of Chester R. O'Neal, also of Idabel, Oklahoma; and Ethel E., who is the wife of Thomas M. Wood, a successful farmer of Shelby county.

#### THEODORE P. MANUEL.

The honored president of the Citizens' Bank of Clarence is a native son of Shelby county, a member of one of its sterling pioneer families and a representative citizen and business man of this favored section of the state. Mr. Manuel was born on the old homestead farm of his father, in Taylor township, this county, and the date of his nativity was January 19, 1859. His father, the late Preston Manuel, was born in Kentucky on the 6th of March, 1820, and was twelve years of age at the time of his

parents' removal to Missouri, in 1832. Here he was reared to manhood and received such advantages as were afforded in the somewhat primitive pioneer schools, and he eventually became one of the extensive farmers and stock growers and essentially influential citizens of Shelby county, where he continued to be actively identified with the great basic art of agriculture until his death, which occurred □□□the old homestead which was his original place of settlement, having been summoned to the life eternal on the 23d of September, 1876. He was first married to Miss Hulda McAfee, who died one year later, and his second union was with Miss Adaline McAfee, a sister of his first wife. She was born in the state of Kentucky and her parents were numbered among the worthy pioneers of Shelby county. She was summoned to the life eternal on the 28th of April, 1865, and of her four children three are now living—Oscar A., who is a representative farmer of Shelby county; Theodore P., who is the immediate subject of this review, and Warren E., who is engaged in farming in this county. In December, 1868, Preston Manuel contracted a third marriage, having been then united to Mrs. Delilah J. Garnett, whose maiden name was Delilah J. Wright, and who survives him, as do also their three daughters, all of whom reside in the city of Clarence. Mary E. remains with her widowed mother, Cora B. is now Mrs. Bart Hollyman and Lula P. resides at the maternal home. In politics the father was a staunch adherent of the Democratic party, taking a loyal interest in public affairs and being known as a citizen of sterling character, so that he

commanded a secure place in popular confidence and esteem. He was a member of the Christian church and exemplified his faith in his daily life.

Theodore P. Manuel, whose name initiates this article, secured his early educational training in the district schools of his native township and later supplemented this discipline by a course of six months in Oaklawn College, at Novelty, Knox county, Missouri. Thereafter he put his scholastic acquirements to practical test and utilization by engaging as a teacher in the schools of his home county. He continued to follow the pedagogic profession, teaching principally during the winter terms, for a period of five years, and in the meanwhile he did not sever his association with agricultural pursuits, under whose beneficent influences he had been reared.

In 1883 Mr. Manuel purchased a general store at Leonard, Shelby county, where he continued in successful business for the ensuing sixteen years, in the meanwhile becoming the owner of a fine landed estate of 700 acres in Shelby county and devoting the same to general agriculture and the raising of high-grade live stock. In 1899 he disposed of his store and business at Leonard and thereafter he devoted his entire attention to his farming interests until August, 1901, when he sold his live stock and removed to the city of Clarence. He still retains possession of a fine farm estate comprising 500 acres, and is also the owner of valuable realty in the city of Clarence. Upon his removal to this city Mr. Manuel entered into partnership with Rufus E. Dale, under the firm name of Dale & Manuel, and they built up an extensive

business in the handling of real estate. This alliance continued until December, 1904, when the partnership was dissolved by mutual consent. In the meanwhile Mr. Manuel had also become interested in the Clarence Lumber Company, of which he was president and manager for one year. Upon the dissolution of the partnership mentioned he purchased a considerable block of the stock of the Citizens' Bank of Clarence, of which he became cashier, retaining this position until January, 1909, when he was elected president of the institution, an office of which he is now the able and popular incumbent. A brief sketch concerning this substadial banking concern is given on other pages of this work.

Mr. Manuel has ever been known as a loyal, progressive and public-spirited citizen, and he has so ordered his course as to retain the inviolable confidence and esteem of the people of the county in which his entire life thus far has been passed. In politics he gives an unqualified allegiance to the Democratic party, and he served as postmaster in the village of Leonard for four years, under the administration of President Cleveland. He also held the office of notary public under commission from six different governors of the state, retaining this office for a period of twenty-four years. Both he and his wife are zealous and devoted members of the Christian church, in which he has held official position continuously since he was seventeen years of age and in which he has served as Sunday school superintendent for nearly a quarter of a century.

On the 20th of February, 1879, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Manuel to

Miss Richard Ella Harrison, who was born in Kentucky, whence her parents, Richard H. and Laura W. (Magruder) Harrison, removed to Missouri when she was a child, the family settling in Shelby county, where her parents passed the residue of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Manuel have one child, Mona M., who remains at the parental home, and who is one of the popular young women in the social life of the community.

#### JAMES L. O'BRYAN.

This enterprising and popular business man of Shelby county is proprietor of a well appointed general merchandise store in the village of Lentner and is a native son of Missouri. He is a son of George W. O'Bryan, who is now a resident of Lentner, where he is engaged in farming.

James L. O'Bryan was born on the parental homestead farm, in Monroe county, Missouri, July 12, 1883, and his educational training was secured in the district schools of Monroe and Shelby counties, Missouri, and the high school at Santa Ana, California. After leaving school he was associated with his father in the work and management of the home farm, near Lentner, Shelby county, and in 1907 he associated himself with Dee Botkins in the general merchandise business in Lentner, the enterprise being conducted under the firm name of Botkin & O'Bryan until July, 1908, when Mr. O'Bryan purchased his partner's interest. Since that time he has individually conducted the business, in the management of which he has brought to bear the most progressive

and up-to-date methods, keeping his establishment well stocked in all departments and offering to his large and appreciative patronage the most desirable bargains, while his genial personality and strict integrity in all his dealings have gained him the unqualified confidence and regard of the community. He is one of the popular and successful young business men of this section, and as a citizen shows a loyal interest in all that makes for the well-being of the community. In politics Mr. O'Bryan is found enlisted as a staunch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

On February 9, 1908, Mr. O'Bryan was united in marriage to Miss May Robinson, daughter of Joseph Robinson, of Clarence, Shelby county, and they have a winsome little daughter, Naoma Eloise.

#### HENRY M. EATON.

Mr. Eaton is a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of Shelby county and is himself one of its representative and honored citizens. He is now living virtually retired from active business, in the attractive little village of Lentner, and is vice-president of the Bank of Lentner.

Mr. Eaton was born on a farm in what is now Salt River township, Shelby county, Missouri, February 8, 1842, and is a son of James M. and Caroline (Tobin) Eaton, the former of whom was born in Kentucky, September 30, 1816, and the latter of whom was born in the state of Virginia: their marriage was solemnized in Kentucky, April 2, 1840.