

FRANK L. SCHOFIELD.

The able and popular county treasurer of Shelby county is a native son of Missouri and is one of the progressive business men and representative citizens of Shelby county, where he is held in high popular esteem, as is evident from the fact that he has been chosen incumbent of his present responsible office.

Mr. Schofield was born in Marion county, Missouri, on November 9, 1862, and his early educational training was secured in the public schools of the village of Palmyra, after which he completed a course in the Gem City Business College, at Quincy, Ill. After leaving school he became clerk in a mercantile establishment in Shelbyville, and he continued to be thus employed until 1885, save for one year devoted to agricultural pursuits. In the year mentioned he engaged in the confectionery business in Shelbyville, and he has built up a prosperous enterprise, which he still conducts, having an attractive establishment and catering to a large and discriminating patronage.

Mr. Schofield has been essentially a progressive and loyal citizen and has been prominent in public affairs of a local order. He served three terms as mayor of Shelbyville, giving an admirable administration as chief executive of the municipal government, and in 1906 he was elected county treasurer. That his handling of the fiscal affairs of the county proved capable and satisfactory is shown in the fact that in November, 1908, he was elected as his own successor, for a term of four years. He is the owner of valuable real estate in Shelbyville, including his attractive resi-

dence, and he has been successful as a business man and public official. In politics he gives an unequivocal allegiance to the Democratic party, in whose local camp he has been a zealous and effective worker, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In a fraternal way he is identified with the Court of Honor.

On January 25, 1897, Mr. Schofield was united in marriage to Miss Ella Ennis, and they have one son, Frank Lee, who is attending the public schools of Shelbyville.

HON. WILLIAM ORRINGTON LUNT
JEWETT.

The interesting subject of this brief memoir, who has been a resident of Missouri for nearly forty-four years, and during nearly the whole of the period has lived in Shelbina, has the traditional advantage in his favor of being a seventh son as a suppliant for Fortune's benefactions, and what is of more consequence, has shown in his successful career the possession of the most useful and productive traits of American citizenship in working out its destiny toward the goal of high ambition and utmost service to its day and generation. The record of successful men in this country embodies strong and forceful lessons in determination to succeed and persistent industry and endurance in the struggle involved in that purpose. It also embodies natural capacity of a high order and adaptability to circumstances which is ready for all emergencies. Mr. Jewett has exhibited in his life work all these qualities in an eminent degree. As a young man look-

ing up the long ascent to consequence among men and inspired rather than deterred by its manifest ruggedness and obstructions; as a soldier, meeting on the field of sanguinary conflict the enemies of his convictions as to the value of the Union and the vital importance of its perpetuity; as a lawyer, defending in the forum of judicial contention the rights of individual citizens and the general public against those who would illegally invade them; as a journalist, lucidly and forcibly proclaiming the truth as he saw it on public questions of policy and government at all times and under all conditions, and as a legislator, looking solely to the welfare of the whole people; he has dignified and adorned the citizenship of his locality and exhibited the loftiest and most admirable attributes of American manhood.

Mr. Jewett was born in Bowdoinham, Sadahoc county, Maine, on December 27, 1836. He is the seventh son of Rev. Samuel and Sophornia (Huckins) Jewett, and with his father, mother and six brothers moved to Indiana in 1838, making the trip to what was then a remote and almost unknown region in a carriage. The family located in the southern part of the state, where it maintained its residence four years. At the end of that period another flight in the wake of the setting sun was taken and a new residence was found on a farm in Will county, Illinois.

There Mr. Jewett grew to manhood and obtained his education. His opportunities for scholastic training were very limited and the facilities attending them were meager. But he determined to secure an education, and by the time he

was sixteen years of age he had prepared himself for admission into the academy at Lee Center, Lee county, Illinois, which he attended one term. During the next summer he "tended corn" as a full hand, reading history at meal time and studying Latin at night. In the winter he made his home with his brother, Rev. S. A. W. Jewett, D. D., and attended schools at Plainfield and Ottawa. He followed the instruction gained in those schools with courses of higher instruction in Aurora Institute in the winter of 1860-61, from which he derived great advantage.

In the summer of 1861 the terrible cloud of Civil war, with its promised deluge of disaster and death, descended on our unhappy country, and being intense in his devotion to the Union and the principles he thought involved in its harmonious continuance, Mr. Jewett enlisted in opposition to its forced dismemberment in Company E, Thirty-ninth Volunteer Infantry, in a command known in commendatory history as the "Yates Phalanx," because of its invincible courage on the field of battle.

During his connection with this renowned factor in the federal forces of the war he served under General Shields in the Shenandoah valley in Virginia, and was afterward employed in the important engagements on the Peninsula on the James river. In January, 1863, he was discharged from the service for disability, receiving his release at a hospital to which he had been sent on account of an injury that resulted in sickness and disability. His release gave him an opportunity to make a visit to friends in Massachusetts, New Hamp-

shire and Maine, and he then returned to his home near Wilmington, Illinois, where he taught school and began studying law in the office of Hon. G. D. A. Parks, one of the leading lawyers in that part of the country.

Brought inured as he was by this time to the pursuits, incitements and promises of peaceful industries, the war spirit within him was not satiated. The war was still in progress, and in the autumn of 1864 he again entered the Union service, enlisting in Battery A, First Illinois Artillery. In this command he marched with Sherman from Savannah, Georgia, through the Carolinas, and finally participated in the Grand Review of the Union Army at Washington, which signaled the close of one of the most memorable conflicts in the history of the human race.

In June, 1865, Mr. Jewett entered the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and in the spring of 1866 he was admitted to the bar in Michigan and Illinois. But, while pursuing the arduous study of his profession as a lawyer, and even while musing around the campfire during his military service, the dream of journalism was with him as an insistent and persuasive influence. And while practicing law at Mt. Sterling, Illinois, until April, 1867, he edited a paper there. During the month last mentioned he moved to Missouri, and for nearly a year thereafter taught a public school north of Hunnewell.

The goddess of the law still claimed him as her votary, although the dream of success and usefulness in journalism never left him for a moment. But he

paid his devotions at the altar of the former for some time and left his dream in abeyance until later. In 1868 he opened a law office in Shelby in association with H. Payne Higgins, and in this city he has ever since had his home. On June 3, 1869, he was united in marriage with Miss Ella Cox, of Hunnewell, who at once became the mistress of his pleasant home in Shelbina and one of the social lights and inspirations of the city. Of the eight children born to them seven have grown to maturity and are now living, exemplifying in their several stations the excellent qualities of citizenship acquired from the teachings and example of their parents.

In 1872, while Samuel A. Rawlings, one of the proprietors of the Democrat, was engaged in a political campaign, Mr. Jewett filled his place on the editorial staff of the paper for a time, conducting the publication in conjunction with Mr. Rawlings' partner, Mr. Hoselton. Mr. Rawlings died in 1875, and thereafter Mr. Jewett assisted Mr. Hoselton in editing the paper until May, 1881, when he bought a half interest in it. Prior to this, however, in 1870, he stumped the county for Hon. B. Gratz Brown and the enfranchisement of the persons prohibited from voting by the provisions of the Drake constitution. He made a high reputation as an effective and entertaining campaigner, and in 1876 was elected prosecuting attorney of Shelby county for a term of two years, being re-elected at the end of his term.

Mr. Jewett's services and the ability he displayed in the various fields of usefulness mentioned marked him as a proper person for further public service,

and in 1886 he was chosen a member of the lower house of the state legislature, to which he was again elected in 1888. For many years before this time he had been prominent and zealous in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in 1899 he was made Grand Master of the order for Missouri, filling the office with great credit to himself and benefit to the order. He maintained his rank as one of the leading citizens of the state, and in 1904 was appointed by Governor Folk a member of the board of visitors to the state university.

The last named position to which he was assigned by official appointment did not come to him as an accident or a mere empty honor. He had signalized his interest in the cause of general education for the people in another line of productive and valued usefulness. In 1892 he was president of the Missouri Press Association, and for five years served as chairman of the legislative committee of the National Editorial Association. In the Missouri Press Association he secured the passage of a resolution providing for the origin of the State Historical Society, with headquarters at Columbia, and in 1906 was its president. He is also called the "Father of the School of Journalism" at the State University, because he got the Missouri Press Association to adopt a resolution favoring the establishment of the chair of journalism in that institution.

The above brief account of the life of this highly serviceable and far-seeing citizen necessarily gives but a meager record of his services to the people of his county and state. His newspaper work has been a potential factor in helping to

build up the territory in which the paper circulates, and has always been considered by him a direct and positive means of reaching the people for the purpose of benefiting them in every way. He is a gentleman of strong convictions and fearless courage in declaring them. In all his efforts for the advance and improvement of his section of the country he has built for the future, and in the sweep of his vision no avenue to promoting the interests of the public, mental, moral, municipal, county or state, has been overlooked or given slight attention. His record of service to the people of Shelby county is a long one, and there is nothing in it all that is not creditable to him and worthy of the most elevated and productive citizenship. And although he is approaching the age of four score years, his vigor is still unabated, and all his faculties are still in full harness and energetic work. Missouri has no better citizen and none who has done more for her welfare according to his opportunities.

JOHN D. TOLLE.

Mr. Tolle has been a resident of Missouri from the time of his nativity to the present, is a member of one of the sterling pioneer families of this commonwealth, and he is now numbered among the representative farmers and stock-growers of Shelby county, where he has maintained his home for sixty years and where he has gained a large measure of success, the while he has held a secure place in the confidence and regard of his fellow men. He was loyal to the cause of the Confederacy during the Civil war and was one of its valiant soldiers.