

the stimulus of his enterprising and careful management, growing in popular favor and steadily enlarging the volume of its business. His drug store continues to be one of the established institutions of the city and holds its patronage because of the excellence of its stock, the wisdom of its management and the skill bestowed upon all its operations in its efforts to serve the public.

In addition to these two lines of endeavor, which would be enough to engross the faculties of a less comprehensive and active mind than that of Mr. O'Daniel, he carries on farming operations and is still interested in raising live stock on an elevated plane. In politics he is a Democrat, firm in the faith and active in the service, contributing to the campaigns of his party both wisdom in council and energy in effort which are highly appreciated. His religious affiliation is with the Catholic church, of which he is a devout and consistent member.

On November 16, 1905, he united in marriage with Miss Penelope A. Brown, of Shelby county. Two children have blessed their union and brightened their home, their sons James A. and George Eugene. Having passed all his life so far in Hunnewell, it is but natural that Mr. O'Daniel should be warmly interested in the welfare of the city and its people. He has shown that he is by his approval of all worthy public improvements and his aid in promoting them, and by his zealous and energetic support of every moral and intellectual agency at work in the community for its good. Among the leaders of enterprise and advancement in the town and county he

is always to be found, and he is esteemed accordingly as one of its best and most useful citizens.

#### JULIAN A. WHEELER.

Born in Hunnewell, this county, on August 15, 1858, and living practically on the border during a part of the Civil war and the rest of the time within the actual boundaries of the Confederacy, Julian A. Wheeler, of Hunnewell, dwelt during the period of that awful contest "in the midst of alarms," and had his childhood and youth darkened by its terrible shadows. In the exacting pursuits of peaceful industry and the struggles for material conquest and acquisition which have engaged his faculties since then the memories of the war have faded to a considerable extent, but nothing can ever wholly efface them. They were born of a time that tried men's souls, and were literally burned into the consciousness and recollection of those who took part in or were in any sense a party to the events of that date.

Mr. Wheeler's grandfather, Nathan W. Wheeler, was a native of New York state and a member of one of the noted families of that great commonwealth. He lived in Otsego county and tilled the soil for a livelihood, as his parents had done before him, and on his farm he reared his family, among them his son, Edwin R. Wheeler, who was the father of Julian A. and was born in Otsego county, New York, on September 14, 1824. He did not follow the occupation of his ancestors, but became a carpenter and builder, and in an extensive apprenticeship so thoroughly mastered all the de-

tails of the trade, for which he had a natural aptitude, that in 1857, when he was but thirty-three years old, he was sent to Missouri to superintend the construction of railroad stations for the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad. After two years of excellent and appreciated service to the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad in the capacity named, he went to Beaumont, Texas, and helped to build the first railroad in that state. By the time the line was completed in 1863 he desired a change of occupation and settled down to farming in Parker county, Texas.

This was no time, however, for peaceful industry in that section of the country. The Confederacy was in the last stages of its disastrous history, and needed every man it could get into the service to recruit its failing armies in the field. Mr. Wheeler was a firm and loyal Union man and yet was face to face with conscription into the Confederate service. So he left his family in Texas and came to his old home city of Hunnewell to escape the fate that threatened him, and in the city last named engaged in the grocery trade for a period of six months. But he could not rest in seeking his own profit while his country was in danger. The love of the Union was strong within him and he felt it his duty to make his faith practical by helping to defend the cause to which he was so warmly attached. Therefore, in the fall of 1864 he went to Quincy, Illinois, and enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was soon afterward assigned to the first regiment that followed in the wake of Sherman's march to

the sea. His company took part in the battle of Dalton, Georgia, and many engagements of less importance.

At Atlanta, Georgia, he obtained a furlough signed by General Sherman authorizing him to go to Weatherford, Texas, and take his family further North. In the fall of 1865 he bought eight yoke of oxen and with them and the rest of his equipment, conducted his family into Illinois, locating about fourteen miles south of Quincy, and being three months on the journey. Taking up his residence on a farm, he devoted himself to raising wheat and live stock for two years. At the end of that period he returned to the state of New York, where he followed contracting and building until 1871. He then moved to Titusville, Pennsylvania, and during the next two years carried on a flourishing business in the same line in that then enterprising and progressive city, to which the great wealth of fast flowing oil wells had given enormous prosperity and world-wide fame.

In 1873 he returned to this county and again took up his residence in Hunnewell, where he devoted the remaining years of his strength to contracting and building on a large scale. He built the first house in Shelbina and put up a number of the most notable buildings in this part of the state, among them the Prairie View Baptist church in Jackson township. Failing health in 1877 drove him out of business and induced him to seek recovery amid the blandishments of the climate of California. He went to Santa Rosa in that state, where he lingered for a year, dying there on April 10, 1878.

Mr. Wheeler was twice married. His

first wife was Miss Johanna Steer, a native of Connecticut, with whom he was united in 1853. They had two children, one of whom died in childhood and the other after reaching manhood. The second marriage of the father occurred on October 10, 1857, when he was united with Miss Mary Elizabeth Hickman, of this county. They became the parents of eight children, three of whom are living: Julian A., the immediate subject of this sketch; William D., a resident, also of Hunnewell; and Lena M., the wife of Herman C. Davis, of Lamar, Colorado. The father was a Republican in politics, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and belonged to the Baptist church. He was highly esteemed and his early death was universally deplored.

Julian A. Wheeler began his education in the public schools of New York state and finished it in those of Shelby county. After completing his academic training he turned his attention to farming and raising live stock, in which he was extensively engaged until 1898. In that year he was appointed postmaster of Hunnewell, a position which he has ever since filled in a manner that has fully satisfied the government and the patrons of the office. He still owns and operates his farm of 200 acres, and also has a controlling interest in the Hunnewell telephone system, in the ownership and management of which his brother, William D. Wheeler, is associated with him. In addition he owns a block of granitoid buildings and a very fine residence.

In politics Mr. Wheeler is an ardent Republican and has considerable influence in the councils of his party, in whose service he is always active and effective.

His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Court of Honor, and his church affiliation is with the Southern Methodists. He is a zealous church worker, taking a leading part in all the benevolent and evangelizing efforts of his congregation, of which he is one of the stewards, and renders excellent and appreciated service as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Two generations of this family of Wheelers have dignified and adorned public and private life in Hunnewell and given its people good examples of high character, ardent local and general patriotism, and fruitful and elevated citizenship. No name stands higher in the annals of the city than its name does, and none more truly deserves the esteem in which it is held. In business, in social and in domestic life its members have met every requirement of duty and in official station the one of whom these paragraphs are written has shown ability, fidelity and upright manhood of the highest order, greatly to his own credit and the substantial welfare of the people of the whole community.

#### WILLIAM P. JANES.

William P. Janes, one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of Shelby county, whose achievements as an agriculturist have given the people around him strong lessons as to what skill and intelligence allied with industry and good judgment can accomplish on the fertile and responsive soil of Missouri, is a native of Washington county, Kentucky, where he was born on March 10,