

La Belle, this state, which he conducted for a time.

His trade became distasteful to him and he sold his shop, determined to go back farming. He located on a farm in Lewis county, which he lived on and cultivated six years. He tired of this in turn and took up his residence in Shelbyna on August 1, 1890. Here he has ever since been engaged in blacksmithing and dealing in implements, and has been very successful in his operations. His shop is one of the most completely equipped in this part of the state, and the mercantile end of his business is extensive and flourishing. In addition, he owns 480 acres of land in Warren county, North Dakota, and other property of value.

On February 15, 1884, he was united in marriage with Miss Maggie Ellen Harrison, a native of Pennsylvania. They had three children, two of whom are living: Maggie May, the wife of R. A. Newman, and Effie Rebecca, the wife of Richard Highland. Their mother died on August 17, 1899, and on August 9, 1900, the father contracted a second marriage, being united in this with Miss Ellen Hales, a native of Iowa. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

In political affairs Mr. Oliver gives his allegiance and support to the principles of the Republican party, and he is loyal to it and energetic and effective in its service, although neither seeking nor desiring any of the honors or emoluments it has to bestow for himself. In fraternal life he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, and, although a busy man and much engaged

in his own affairs, he finds time to give his lodge the benefit of his frequent presence at its meetings and his counsel in its management with a view to securing the best possible results for its members. In the public affairs of his city and county he takes an active part, giving his earnest and intelligent aid to every worthy undertaking for their improvement and the substantial good of their people. His citizenship is of an elevated character, and has gained for him the esteem of the whole people wherever he has lived and become known. He is a representative man and altogether worthy of the high regard in which he stands in public estimation.

MARVIN DIMMITT.

Although he has several times changed his residence, occupation and business associates, and covered in his interesting and instructive career farming and mercantile life, banking and official duties, Marvin Dimmitt, now the capable and highly esteemed cashier of the Shelby County State Bank, located at Clarence, has known how to make the changes for his own advantage and advancement, and how to use every means at his command for the benefit of the people around him in promoting their general welfare and helping to magnify their comforts and conveniences in life.

Mr. Dimmitt is a native of Shelby county, Missouri, and was born on a farm near Shelbyville on January 14, 1863. He is a son of Dr. Philip Dimmitt, now deceased, and a brother of Lee and Prince Dimmitt, sketches of whom will be found on other pages of

this work. He grew to manhood and was educated in the Shelbyville High School, Shelbyville, Missouri. In 1877 he turned his attention to mercantile life, becoming a salesman in the dry goods store of W. A. Dimmitt in Shelbyville.

At the end of one year's experience and training as a clerk and salesman in the store he found an opening that was more attractive to him, and became a clerk in the bank of Messrs. Cooper & Dimmitt, which was also located in Shelbyville. His fidelity to duty, capacity for business and progressive spirit were amply manifested in each engagement, and he found his services in demand for other business connections. In 1879 he left the bank and assumed the management of a branch store belonging to W. A. Dimmitt at Bethel. But his one year's experience in banking had given him a fondness for the business and demonstrated to him that he had special fitness for it. At the end of one year passed in the management of the store at Bethel he returned to the bank of Cooper & Dimmitt and resumed his position as clerk and bookkeeper.

In 1881 his desire to have and conduct a banking business of his own induced him to open a bank at Clarence for Messrs. Holtzclow & Gaskill as a stepping stone to the accomplishment of his purpose. He opened this bank in April of the year last named and continued in charge of it until the following November. During the summer he erected three business buildings in partnership with his brother, Frank, and in the autumn they opened a dry goods store in one of them under the firm name and style of Dimmitt Bros.

In December, 1885, Mr. Dimmitt was appointed postmaster of Clarence by President Cleveland for a term of four years. He filled the office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people for the full term, but did not sever his connection with the mercantile establishment in which he was a member of the firm. On the contrary, in December, 1896, he bought his brother Frank's interest in the store, and from then until 1895 he conducted the business alone and under his own name. In 1895 he was elected cashier of the Shelbyville Bank, but held on to an interest in the store at Clarence, although the firm name was changed to that of L. Griswold & Co., the same as it is at this time (1910).

Mr. Dimmitt remained in the service of the Shelbyville Bank until February, 1902, then sold his interests in that city and moved to Clarence. In May of the same year he was elected cashier of the Shelby County State Bank in Clarence, and he has continued to fill that position ever since. In addition to his interest in that sound, progressive and highly successful financial institution, which has steadily grown and prospered under his wise and prudent management, he owns and directs the farming of 240 acres of land and has residence and business property of considerable value in Clarence, and interests of moment in other places.

But Mr. Dimmitt's life has not been wholly given up to business. He has taken an earnest and helpful interest in political affairs and dignified and adorned the official circles of the county, having served six terms as mayor of Clarence and eight years as a member

of the school board. His political affiliation is with the Democratic party and he is one of its most assiduous and effective workers in all campaigns, showing himself wise in its councils and zealous and successful in promoting its welfare in the field. In fraternal relations he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America.

On January 31, 1884, Mr. Dimmitt was united in marriage with Miss Eva P. Davis, of Clarence, a daughter of William Davis, at that time one of the leading lumber merchants of that city, but now residing at San Diego, California. Seven children have been born in the Dimmitt household, and five of them are living: Elizabeth F., the wife of S. J. Byrd, of Carrizo Springs, Texas; and Michael, Patrick, Eva M. and Buster, all of whom are still members of the parental family circle.

HENRY H. BONNEL.

(Deceased.)

Finding his country in the throes of a terrible civil war soon after dawn of his manhood, Henry H. Bonnel, who was one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of Bethel township in this county, took his place in the army of defense, and during the momentous conflict bore his burden of service, with all its involvement of peril and privation, arduous labor and dark uncertainty. Then, when peace was restored, and the armies so lately engaged in deadly warfare melted away into the hosts of industrial

production, he turned once more to the cultivation of field and farm, in which he was actively and successfully engaged, devoting to it the same fidelity and energy that distinguished him in the march and on the battlefield of military service until his death in 1910.

Mr. Bonnel was a native of Batavia, Ohio, born on April 10, 1835. He was a son of Levi and Elizabeth Smith (Hill) Bonnel, the former born and reared in Pennsylvania and the latter in Ohio. They had eight children and six of them are living: Henry H., Aaron, Mark, Ann Eliza (Reynolds), Mary Amelia (McDonald) and Frank. The father brought his family to Missouri in 1861 and located in Shelby county, where he engaged in farming and raising stock, pursuing these lines of useful endeavor until his death in 1874. The mother survived him eighteen years, dying in 1892.

Henry H. Bonnel was reared in his native place and educated in its public schools. He was warmly attached to his home and his parents, and after leaving school remained with them, assisting his father on the farm, and accompanying them to this state when they migrated to it. In January, 1862, on the 16th day of the month, he enlisted in a company of Missouri cavalry, and was soon afterward at the front and in the midst of the fray, which from that time on to the close of the war was constant and terrible. He took part in numerous important battles and many engagements of minor consequence, and, although often face to face with death, escaped unharmed while his comrades fell like autumn leaves all around him. Before