

edge of him and his great work, must rejoice and do rejoice that the evening of his long day of toil and trial is so mild and benignant. Moreover, all wish him yet many years in which to enjoy it.

FARMERS' BANK OF EMDEN.

This very useful, highly appreciated and widely popular financial institution, which has an excellent reputation for soundness, progressiveness and the use of good judgment in its management, was founded on April 14, 1904, with a capital of \$10,000, and the following officers in control: President, D. S. Sharp; cashier, R. L. Davis; directors, D. S. Sharp, E. L. Turner, W. S. Wood, Thomas J. Crane, P. H. Couch, U. J. Davis and R. D. Goodwin. In 1906 Marsh Booker succeeded E. L. Turner. The directorate of the bank remained unchanged until January 1, 1908. At that time R. D. Goodwin was elected president and several months later Howard Couch was chosen cashier, and F. M. Dill vice-president. The board of directors at present (1910) is composed of R. D. Goodwin, F. M. Dill, W. S. Wood, Thomas J. Crane, P. H. Couch, U. J. Davis and R. A. Humphrey.

The business of the bank has been good and active from its founding and has steadily increased from year to year. The institution is known throughout this portion of the state, in nearby sections of adjoining states and in banking circles generally, as one of the soundest and best managed banks of its size and character. Its past record is altogether to its credit, both as to progress and to safety, and the gentlemen at the head of

it give the best guaranty of its strength and reliability in their personal character and standing, and the success with which they have managed other business enterprises with which they are connected in leading ways.

Richard D. Goodwin, the president and controlling spirit of the bank, is a native of Shelby county and was born near Emden on November 19, 1846. He is a son of Henry H. and Mary (Durrett) Goodwin, natives of Virginia. The father was born in Louisa county, Virginia, in 1817, and came to Missouri in 1835. He located in St. Louis county and during the next two years followed farming there. He then came to Shelby county and here he lived until his death, in August, 1910, and was very actively and successfully occupied in general farming and raising live stock until a few years ago, when he retired from active pursuits. In the early days of his residence in this state he was a great hunter, the season's regular average tribute to his unerring rifle being twenty-five to forty deer, besides other game in profusion. He divided his land among his children, but before doing this he owned 340 acres.

This venerable gentleman, who forms a bright and interesting link connecting the early history of this county with the present state of affairs in it, was married in 1843 to Miss Mary Durrett, a daughter of Dr. Richard Durrett, a native of Virginia, but a resident of Shelby county, Missouri, at the time of the marriage. She and her husband became the parents of eleven children, eight of whom are living: Judith, a resident of this county; Richard D. the president of the bank;

Robert, William and Henry, prosperous and highly respected citizens of Shelby county; Jennie, the wife of George Norman; Mary, the wife of James Babb; and Rebecca, the wife of Clay Davis, all also residents of this county. The father was an old-time Democrat in his political faith and allegiance, and his religious connection was with the Missionary Baptist church.

His son, Richard D. Goodwin, obtained his education in the district schools of Shelby county, which he attended at intervals until he was twenty years old. After leaving school he worked on his father's farm in partnership with his brothers until 1899. He then bought 160 acres of land, which he has increased by subsequent purchases to 195, and on this farm he has carried on for years a very active, successful and profitable general farming and stock breeding enterprise of magnitude in each department and conducted with great enterprise, vigor and continual striving for the best results through the application of skill and broad intelligence to the work and observant attention to its every detail.

Mr. Goodwin has been very much interested in the bank of which he is now president from the beginning of its history. He was a charter member in its organization and has been one of its firmest and most faithful friends ever since. What it is now is largely a product of his creation. He has taken also a deep interest in the affairs of the community outside of financial circles, helping to develop and bring to completion every worthy undertaking for the benefit of his township and county. He is an ardent Democrat in political relations

and has served his party well as township chairman both by appointment and election. He is a member of the Baptist church and one of the trustees of the congregation to which he belongs. His wife is an earnest and devoted member of the Christian church. Her maiden name was Anna Moreland, and she is a native of Marion county, in this state, and a daughter of Washington and Isabella (Robertson) Moreland, residents of that county. Her marriage with Mr. Goodwin took place on October 19, 1899.

CRAYTON WOODWARD.

As one of the sterling citizens of Shelby county, which has been his home since 1902, when he removed here from the adjoining county of Knox, Mr. Woodward is well entitled to consideration in this publication. The major portion of his active business career has been one of close and successful identification with agricultural pursuits, and he is still the owner of a well-improved farm of 184 acres in Bourbon township, Knox county.

He is now postmaster in the village of Leonard and his circle of friends in the community is limited only by that of his acquaintances, for his life has been such as to merit unqualified popular trust and esteem.

Crayton Woodward claims the old Empire state of the union as the place of his nativity, having been born in Oneida county, New York, on March 30, 1849, being a son of Samuel R. and Mary (Lasure) Woodward, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of the state of New York, where their marriage was solemnized in the year 1845. Of the two