

Democratic party and prominent in the councils of and among the zealous workers for that organization. In fraternal life he was for many years a Freemason and in church relations a Southern Methodist. His death occurred on January 7, 1898, and that of the mother on February 11, 1907.

Their son, Theodore W., obtained his education in the country schools in Monroe and Shelby counties and a graded public school in Shelbyville. After completing his education, and while acquiring it, he assisted in the work on his father's farm, remaining with his parents and aiding the family all he could until 1886. He was married in that year, on September 15, to Miss Jennie M. Garrison, a daughter of J. W. and Mary (Francis) Garrison, natives of Virginia, but long residents of Shelby county, Missouri. Mr. Feely then bought an eighty-acre farm and on this he has ever since carried on a flourishing business in general farming and raising and feeding live stock, in both of which he has been very successful and prosperous. He now owns 418 acres of fine and fertile land, and in his stock industry gives his attention almost exclusively to breeding and dealing in Hereford cattle.

In politics he is a Democrat and as such has been a member of the school board continuously for twelve years. He is also a charter member of the Shelby County Railroad Company. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, South. They have had five children, all of whom are living: William L., who is a rising man in this county; Velma, the wife of R. D. Hatcher, also a

resident of Shelby county; and Shelby, McKendree and Virginia, who are living at home with their parents.

SILAS MARVIN FEELY.

Having built up a prosperous farming and live stock industry from practically nothing to start with, and accomplished it all within the last ten years, and having also risen to a position of good standing and general esteem throughout the township and county of his home, Silas Marvin Feely, of Black Creek township, has demonstrated that he is made of the material that commands success, and has elevated ideals of citizenship in private life and with reference to all public affairs.

Mr. Feely is a native of Shelby county, born on August 10, 1879. He is a son of James Le Grand and Mattie E. (Morrison) Feely, an account of whose lives will be found in a sketch of their older son, Theodore W. Feely, elsewhere in this volume. Like his brother Theodore, Silas Marvin Feely obtained his education in the country schools near his father's farm and a graded public school in Shelbyville. He remained at home with his parents until 1901, aiding in doing the work on the homestead and giving the family all the assistance he could. In the year last named he rented a farm to go into business for himself as a farmer and live stock operator, and this farm he bought in 1903. It comprises 124 acres, is well improved and skillfully cultivated and has become one of the most desirable of its size in the township in which it is located. Both the general

farming and the stock industry conducted by Mr. Feely are managed with wisdom and pushed with highly commendable enterprise and both are profitable.

Mr. Feely was married on December 25, 1901, to Miss Addie Marie Turner, a daughter of William R. and Mary (Doyle) Turner, esteemed residents of Shelby county. Three daughters have resulted from the union, Gertrude Marie, Mildred Elaine and Dorthy Lois, all of whom are living. In politics the father is a pronounced Democrat, with an abiding and helpful interest in the affairs of his party and steady activity in its behalf. His fraternal connection is with the Modern Woodmen of America, and he and his wife are consistent members of the Southern Methodist church, devoted to its welfare and energetic in helping to promote it, and the good of the community in general.

Mr. Feely is a young man yet, and the success and standing in life which he has already won are greatly to his credit. But his enterprise, correct and extensive knowledge of the work in which he is engaged, his devotion to its vigorous prosecution to the highest and best results, and his intelligent attention to its every requirement, give assurance that his ascent to higher altitudes and greater prosperity in connection with it will be steady and increase in speed. His uprightness and progressiveness as a citizen, which have secured for him the esteem of all who know him, also indicate that he is destined to more extensive popularity and stronger influence in the community of which he is so valued a member.

CHARLES R. FEELY.

This enterprising and progressive farmer and live stock dealer of Black Creek township, in this county, who now lives on the family homestead and in the house in which he was born, is a brother of Theodore W. and Silas M. Feely, of the same township, sketches of whom will be found in this work. In that of the former the family history is told at some length, the leading events in the lives of the parents being set forth somewhat in detail. The story of their lives and those of the lives of their sons, as they appear herein, show that the fiber of the family is firm, that its members have grappled with adverse conditions and become masters of them and that attention to the duties of elevated citizenship has been one of their prominent characteristics, and continues in the sons as it was exemplified by the parents, with advantage to themselves and decided benefits to the community in which all have had their homes.

Charles R. Feely was born on August 7, 1874, in Shelby county, Missouri. He obtained his education in the district schools, and worked on the parental acres while attending and after leaving those valued institutions for mental training and the inculcation of sterling qualities of manhood and womanhood. He remained with his parents until 1900, then bought an eighty-acre farm, which he has increased to 255 acres. He has the whole tract under skillful and advanced cultivation and reaps an abundant harvest of profits from his outlay of enterprise and labor. His specialties in the live stock line of his business are