

as here entered in respective order of birth, are: John O., Elizabeth, Edward A., Margaret, Harry, Charles and Anna. Elizabeth is now the wife of William Gillespie, and they reside in Miles City, Montana.

MINUS H. LEWIS.

On other pages of this publication is entered a brief review of the career of Aaron Lewis, the honored father of the subject of this sketch, and by reason of this fact it is not necessary to repeat the data in this article, as ready reference may be made to the sketch mentioned. He whose name heads this paragraph is a native of Shelby county and is now numbered among its enterprising and essentially representative business men, while as a citizen he holds the unqualified esteem and confidence of the people of the county in which his entire life has been passed.

Minus H. Lewis was born on the homestead farm of the family, in Jefferson township, Shelby county, Missouri, May 29, 1872, and to the district schools of the locality he is indebted for his early educational training. After his school days were over he continued to be associated with his father in the work and management of the farm until 1900, when he took up his residence in the village of Clarence, where he erected a grain elevator of large capacity and modern facilities, thus showing a spirit of progressiveness and confidence that had not previously been manifested in a similar way by any other resident of the county, as this elevator was the first to be erected within the borders of Shel-

by county. He conducted a successful grain business for the ensuing two years, at the expiration of which he disposed of the elevator and business. While thus engaged he was also associated with William F. Hirrlinger in the conducting of a well equipped hardware, furniture and undertaking establishment, under the firm name of Lewis & Hirrlinger. In 1904 he purchased his partner's interest in this enterprise, which he thereafter conducted in an individual way until 1907, when he disposed of all his business interests in the village and purchased stock in the Clarence Savings Bank, of which he was elected assistant cashier in January of that year. Of this position he has since continued incumbent, giving the major portion of his time and attention to his executive duties in connection with this substantial and popular financial institution. He is the owner of an attractive residence and other improved realty in Clarence and is one of the loyal and public-spirited citizens who are conserving the material and civic progress of his native county, where his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances. He is a staunch Democrat in his political proclivities and takes a lively interest in public affairs of a local order.

On October 11, 1896, Mr. Lewis was united in marriage to Miss Lou McCarty, who was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, and who is a daughter of Michael McCarty, now a resident of Clarence.

AARON LEWIS.

Aaron Lewis has been a resident of Shelby county for more than forty years, during the major portion of which he