

the city as mayor, giving it a clean and progressive administration and looking carefully after all its interests. All his life he has shown a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of the community of his home and given his active and intelligent aid to every worthy undertaking designed to promote the comfort, convenience and substantial good of its people.

In fraternal relations he is united with the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the Order of Elks. His religious affiliation is with the Baptist church. On November 25, 1903, he was married to Miss Gertrude List, an adopted daughter of the late W. H. Warren, of Shelbina, a sketch of whom will be found in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey are the parents of three children, their sons, William W., George R. and Patrick List, who bless and brighten the domestic shrine by their presence and the hopes of future good which they inspire in their parents and all who know them.

#### WILLIAM STEINBACH.

A sterling citizen and native son of Shelby county, Mr. Steinbach has been identified with the agricultural industry in said county during his entire active career, marked by industry and generous accomplishment, and he is now the owner of a fine landed estate of 255 acres, where he continued to reside until April, 1909, when he took up his abode in his native village of Beth'el, where he owns and occupies an attractive and commodious residence.

Mr. Steinbach was born in Beth'el, this county, on December 22, 1851, and is a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Froelich)

Steinbach, whose marriage was solemnized in the year 1844 and both of whom were natives of Germany.

Philip Steinbach was born on February 6, 1824, and was reared and educated in his native land, whence he immigrated to America as a young man. In 1845 he became a member of the German colony founded at Bethel, Shelby county, Missouri, and he became one of the prosperous farmers and stock growers of the county, having continued his residence in the village of Bethel until the disbanding of the colony, after which he resided on his farm. He passed the closing years of his life, however, in Bethel, where he died on April 6, 1909, at the venerable age of eighty-five years. His life was one of signal integrity and honor, and he was not denied the fullest measure of popular confidence and esteem in the community that so long represented his home and the scene of his earnest and fruitful endeavors. He was one of the organizers of the Bank of Bethel, of which he was president for ten years and of which he continued a director until the time of his death. He contributed materially to the industrial and social upbuilding of the county and was a broad-minded and loyal citizen. His political support was given to the Republican party, with which he identified himself at the time of its organization, and both he and his wife, who died on October 7, 1888, were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They became the parents of nine children, of whom seven are living — Philip, William, George and Henry, all of whom still reside in this county; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Julius Will, of Green City, Sulli-

van county; Mary, who is the wife of George Kraft, of Bethel; and Christian, who likewise resides in this village.

William Steinbach gained his early education in the village schools of Bethel, and as a youth he learned the trade of blacksmith, to which he here devoted his attention for a period of fifteen years, having been a skilled artisan and built up a successful business. His career has been marked by consecutive and well directed industry and also by that earnest regard for principle that ever calls forth the confidence and good will of men. After abandoning the work of his trade he removed to a farm in Bethel township, where he continued successful operations as an agriculturist and stock grower until the spring of 1909, since which time he has lived retired in Bethel, where he is enjoying the rewards of former toil and endeavor and is surrounded by friends tried and true. He owns 255 acres of most productive farming land, has made the most substantial improvements on the property and still gives to the same a general supervision. In politics he is found arrayed as a staunch and intelligent advocate of the cause of the Republican party, and he and his wife hold membership in the M. E. church.

On September 14, 1879, Mr. Steinbach was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ziegler, who was born and reared in this county, being a daughter of George Ziegler, who was for many years a representative citizen of Bethel, where his death occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Steinbach have four children, namely: Sophia, who is the wife of Walter Curry, of Kit Carson county, Colorado; and Albert W. and

Flora (twins), and John, all of whom remain at the parental home.

#### ALBERT W. STEINBACH.

Mr. Steinbach is a representative of the third generation of the family in Shelby county, of which he is a native son, and he stands essentially as one of the alert, enterprising and loyal business men of the younger generation in the county and as a citizen whose popularity in the community is of the most unequivocal type. He is incumbent of the important office of cashier of the Bank of Bethel, of which his honored grandfather, the late Philip Steinbach, was one of the founders and for a decade the president. Mr. Steinbach is a son of William Steinbach, a sketch of whose career is given on other pages of this volume, so that further review of the family history is not demanded in the present connection.

Albert W. Steinbach was born in the village of Bethel, this county, on April 26, 1883, and to the public schools of his native town he is indebted for his early educational training. He manifested distinct predilection for business and in 1906, when but twenty-three years of age, he was elected cashier of the Bank of Bethel, of which position he has since continued incumbent. His administration of the practical affairs of the institution has been marked by discrimination, judgment and progressive policy, and his efforts have been a distinct factor in the upbuilding of the substantial business of the bank, which is one of the well-conducted and ably managed finan-

cial institutions of the county and one which receives a representative support.

Mr. Steinbach manifests a deep interest in all that tends to conserve the progress and material and social prosperity of his native town and county and lends his influence and aid in the promotion of all worthy public enterprises. He is a stalwart in the local camp of the Republican party, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a popular figure in the social life of the community and his circle of friends is coincident with that of his acquaintances.

#### JOHN C. BOWER.

Mr. Bower is one of the substantial citizens of Shelby county, which has represented his home from his boyhood days, and here he is the owner of a well improved farm of **320** acres, eligibly located in Bethel township. The farm is now rented to his' elder son, and Mr. Bower is living virtually retired in the village of Bethel, where his parents settled in the pioneer days, as member of the sturdy Germany colony founded here in the '40s.

John C. Bower claims the old Keystone state of the Union as the place of his nativity, having been born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, on July **23, 1833**, and being a son of John L. and Christina (Schnauffer) Bower, both natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, the father having been born in the year 1800. Their marriage was solemnized in the year **1832**, in Pennsylvania. Of their twelve

children eight are now living, and concerning them the following brief record is entered: John C., the eldest, is the immediate subject of this review; and Theodore L., Samuel F., Walter C., Christina, August, and David, all of whom are residents of Bethel, this county; and Miranda, who is the wife of Charles F. Stecher, of Camp Point, Illinois. Christina is the wife of William Seppel, a well known citizen of Bethel. The family name has been prominently and honorably linked with the industrial and civic progress of this section of the county, and its representatives of the present day are well worthy of the unqualified esteem in which they are held in the community. The father came with his family to Missouri and numbered himself among the Bethel colonists in **1846**. He was a cabinetmaker by trade and he followed the same in Bethel until his death, which occurred in **1872**, his devoted wife having been summoned to the life eternal in **1863**. Both were zealous members of the Bethel Colony church and he was identified with the Republican party from the time of its organization until his death.

John C. Bower, whose name introduces this article, gained his early education in the common schools of his native county in Pennsylvania and was about thirteen years of age at the time of the family removal to Missouri. He was reared to manhood in the village of Bethel, where he learned the trade of cabinetmaking and also that of wheelwright, under the able direction of his honored father, who was a skilled and versatile mechanic. He continued to be associated with his father in the work of