

was dissolved in the year 1910, and since then he has been engaged individually in that line of mercantile effort. He is now a leading real estate dealer in this part of the state and does a very extensive business. He owns considerable real estate in farm lands and city property, and handles enormous extents of it in supplying an active demand in a busy and engrossing market. He also owns two very fine highly improved farms of 440 acres in Monroe county, Missouri, where Marion and Shelby counties corner with the north line of Monroe county, a short distance south and east of Hunnewell, which are said by many to be two of the best farms in the three counties. Mr. Grant is also connected with some of the leading financial and industrial institutions of the city and county, among them the Old Bank of Shelbina, in which he is one of the stockholders. He has been very successful in all his projects, showing fine business capacity with great industry in conducting his affairs, and at the same time the utmost fairness and consideration toward others in all his dealings. He is an excellent judge of real estate, both as to its character and its value, and keeps in touch with all that is likely to be available for his purposes; so that he is prepared at all times to secure for any purchaser just what the buyer needs.

On May 7, 1901, Mr. Grant was united in marriage with Miss L. Virginia Swearingen, of Shelby county. They have two children, their son, Malcolm E., and their daughter, Alicia M., both of whom still help to warm and brighten the family hearthstone, being yet children of tender ages. The father believes firmly in

the principles of the Democratic party and lends it his active and effective aid in all its campaigns, although he is not desirous of any of the honors or emoluments of official station for himself. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias and a Modern Woodman of America, and in religious affairs is affiliated with the Southern Methodist church. Although he is yet a young man he has won high rank in business circles and has a firm hold on the regard and good will of the people as an upright, progressive and altogether useful and estimable citizen.

SILAS THRELKELD.

Born on May 19, 1833, in Henry county, Kentucky, reared and educated in Boone county, Indiana, where he worked for years at his trade as a carpenter, and during the last fifty years a resident of Missouri, Silas Threlkeld has been a part of the human history of three great states in the American Union and a valued contributor to the productive industries of two of them. He is now not far from four score years of age, and the retrospect of his long and useful life must bring before his mental vision many scenes of the highest dramatic interest, many incidents of heroic struggle and endurance, many startling changes in American life, conditions and aspirations, all of which he has witnessed and been a part of. And through the whole warp and woof of the extended period his friends can see his own record running like a veritable thread of gold, bright in the luster of its excellence, valuable in the strength it adds to the fabric and suggestive in its unyielding texture

against the wear and tear of every day life.

Mr. Threlkeld is descended from old Virginia families, whose history in the Old Dominion runs back to colonial times and adorns every walk of life among its people. His grandfather, Daniel Threlkeld, was a native of that state, and, with the adventurous spirit that characterized his family and the society in which he was reared, left the home of his fathers in his early manhood to win a name and an estate for himself amid the wilds of Kentucky at the time when Daniel Boone was fixing forever the fame of that then remote and unsettled region in the pages of romantic history. There the parents of him who is now one of the patriarchs of Shelbina, Arway and Jemima (Wilson) Threlkeld, were born and reared, the father's life beginning in 1810, and the mother's in Owen county about in 1806. Following the example of their parents, they also became emigrants, moving first to Boone county, Indiana, and in 1866 to Monroe county, Missouri. Here the father of Silas bought a farm on Water creek, which he improved and cultivated until advancing years and failing strength obliged him to retire from all active pursuits. He then sold his farm and from that time until his death in Shelbina, in 1898, made his home with his children. He and his wife were the parents of five children, and of these but four are living: The subject of this writing, who is passing the evening of his long and stirring day of life in Shelbina; William and Thomas, venerable residents of Monroe county; and Mary Nancy, the wife of F. D. Crow, of Moberly in Randolph county. The

father was a life-long Democrat in politics and for many years a devout and zealous member of the Baptist church. He died at the age of about 83 years, and his remains were followed to the grave with every demonstration of popular esteem and affection.

Silas Threlkeld obtained his scholastic training in the district schools of Boone county, Indiana. After leaving school he learned the carpenter trade and worked at it in Indiana until 1859, when he brought his strength and aspirations as a man and his skill as a mechanic to Shelbina. His mechanical acquirements were badly needed in the village at the time and for some years he found employment at his trade that was both plentiful and profitable. But he had a natural inclination to farm life, and yielding to this, he bought his first farm near Paris, Monroe county; then sold it and bought another, also in Monroe county but not far from Shelbina, renting in addition 400 acres of land which he farmed for four years. At the end of that period he found himself able to purchase a much desired farm in this county and he made the purchase.

During the next twelve years he occupied and cultivated this farm with energy and success, adding greatly to its value by bringing it to a high state of productiveness and by extensively improving it in buildings and equipment. The milling industry was then in great need of recruits and offered many opportunities to men of enterprise and sagacity. He therefore sold his farm and moved to Shelbina, entering into a partnership with his brother-in-law, F. D. Crow, with whom he was associated in

extensive milling operations for a period of twenty years. Farm life, however, still beckoned him with persuasive hand, and he traded his interest in the mill for another farm on which he took up his residence, and to which he gave his attention for a number of years and then sold it. In 1899 he gave up business of all kinds and again located in Shelbina, to pass the remainder of his days in peace after so many contests, in comfortable rest and leisure after such arduous and long continued effort.

Through life Mr. Threlkeld has followed the fortunes of the Democratic party through victory and defeat, always contributing effective aid in its campaigns and cordially supporting its candidates. He is a charter member of the Odd Fellows lodge in Shanaldah, Indiana, and has given it the benefit of his helpful membership ever since its organization. He is a stockholder and one of the directors of the Old Bank of Shelbina and takes an active interest in its business. Twice has he bowed beneath the flowery yoke of Eros, the first time being joined in marriage with Miss Mildred Acuff, of Monroe county, in 1863. Four children were born of this marriage, all of whom are living and residents of Shelby county. They are: Nettie, wife of W. S. Bryan; Henry; Jennie, the wife of William Lawrence; all living in Shelbina; and Cornelia, the wife of James Miller, who has her home in another part of the county. The father's second marriage took place in 1884, when he was united with Miss Cornelia Acuff, of Monroe county. They have two children, their sons Roy, who lives at home, and Harold, who married Lotus

Smock August 11, 1908, and is conducting a grocery store in Shelbina.

While Mr. Threlkeld is now but a restful sojourner on the shady wayside of the world's strenuous activities, and only looks upon the passing pageant of its busy and productive life, he still feels a keen and abiding interest in all the phases of men's work and especially in the welfare of the community around him. He is no longer one of its militant forces, but by no means ignores or grows indifferent to its interests. Revered as a patriarch and looked up to as a sage, his counsel is still earnestly sought and his admonitions are heeded, so that his influence is felt in the county among whose people he is everywhere most highly esteemed as one of their worthiest citizens and most upright and sterling men.

JAMES O. STRIBLING.

The life story of this prominent citizen of Clarence, in this county, is one of adventure and thrilling incident in parts and of great energy, determination and good business management in all. He has been a soldier and faced death on many a bloody battlefield. He was a prisoner of war for several months, languishing in Federal military prisons. He has also been a farmer of prominence and successful operations, and a timber contractor for one of the leading railroad lines in this part of the country. He has met every requirement of his busy and varied life in a manly and masterly way and every week of his time and every faculty of his being minister to his substantial and continued advancement.