

the Republican party, and he is at all times zealous and effective in its service, but never seeks any of its positions of honor or profit for himself. His fraternal affiliation is with the orders of Modern Woodmen of America and the I. O. O. F., and in religious matters he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. He has won a competence for life by his industry, enterprise and good management, and holds a high place in public estimation because of his usefulness as a citizen and his worth and excellence as a man.

THOMAS A. BEAN.

This highly esteemed citizen of Clarence, who is now living in ease and comfort in his attractive home, retired from active pursuits after many years of toil and trial, is a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where he was born on November 4, 1836. He is of Irish ancestry, both his father and his mother having been natives of the Emerald Isle. The father, William Warren Bean, was born in Dublin, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1833. He located in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, at that time one of the most progressive and prosperous sections of the country, and there he followed architecture and building, and in addition engaged extensively in farming until 1843.

In that year he sold all his interests in Bucks county and moved to Philadelphia, where he carried on a large grocery business until his death in 1855. He was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Briton, like himself born in Ireland, as has been stated, and by this marriage be-

came the father of seven children, three of whom are living: Daniel, whose home is in Fresno, California; Martha, the wife of George Bright of St. Louis, Missouri, and Thomas A. The father was a devout member of the Presbyterian church and took a great interest in the welfare of the congregation to which he belonged. His political faith was anchored firmly to the principles of the Democratic party, and in the success of that organization he at all times manifested the most earnest interest. He was a very active worker for the good of the party and during his life spent a large amount of money in its behalf, although at no time desirous of holding any of the offices in its gift, either by election or appointment.

Thomas A. Bean obtained his education in the district schools of his native county, and on leaving school in 1858 came to Missouri and located in Monroe county. There he worked on a number of different farms until 1862, when he moved to Shelby county. In this county he was continuously, energetically and profitably engaged in farming and raising live stock until 1901. He then sold his farm and retired from active work. He and his wife passed the next four years in visiting their children in Idaho, Washington, and Montana, and also visited Oregon. Returning to Missouri in 1905, he bought the home he now occupies in Clarence, and with his wife he has made this a center of refined and gracious hospitality and one of the popular resorts of the city ever since.

Mrs. Bean, whose maiden name was Sarah S. Meadows, was born on December 25, 1837, and is a daughter of Ander-

son Meadows of this state. They were married on January 24, 1862, and their union resulted in the birth of eight children, seven of whom are living: Fannie L., the wife of J. L. Million of Maud in this county; Daniel O., who resides in the state of Washington; James A., whose home is at Mullan, Idaho; Samuel C., who is also a resident of Mullan, Idaho; Warren, who lives in this county; William P. of Mullan, Idaho; and Nora, the wife of W. W. Stohr of Plains, Montana.

Mr. Bean, the father of these children, has been a life-long adherent of the Democratic party and one of the wheelhorses of the organization in the locality of his home. He is active in its service without any personal interest to serve, as he never desires an office of any kind for himself. His fraternal relations are with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in religious affairs he leans to the Missionary Baptist church, of which his wife has long been a member, zealous in her devotion to its interest and energetic in its service.

WILLIAM F. HIRRLINGER.

Beginning the battle of life for himself at an early age, and wholly dependent on his own resources for advancement, William F. Hirrlinger of Clarence, where he carries on a flourishing business as a furniture dealer and undertaker, realized that it was necessary for him to employ his every energy, all his time and all the business capacity he could summon to succeed and make headway. He has acted on this conviction and made it

tell greatly to his advantage, having become one of the men of material substance in his community and risen to high standing as a man, a merchant and a citizen among its people.

Mr. Hirrlinger was born on December 26, 1877, in Shelby county, Missouri, and obtained his education in its district schools and at the high school in Clarence. After leaving school at the age of eighteen, he at once began a mercantile career as a dealer in buggies and implements. He continued his operations in these lines two years, then, in 1897, sold his business in them and transferred his energies and attention to the furniture trade and undertaking. He has been actively engaged in these departments of mercantile life ever since, with the exception of two years, during which he was on the road for F. C. Biddle & Bros., handling coffins and other undertakers' supplies. While he was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business he was also associated with M. H. Lewis in the hardware trade. He has been very successful, now owning business and residence property of value, and holding other interests which are of consequence and remunerative, and all his acquisitions are the result of his own persevering industry, alertness to see and seize his opportunities, and good management in making the most of them.

Mr. Hirrlinger was united in marriage with Miss Emma A. McCarty of this county in 1900. They have two children, their sons, Charles and Harold, both of whom are living at home, and brightening the family fireside with their presence. In political relations the father is a firm and faithful member of the Dem-