

improvement has commanded his zealous aid, every local interest his close and careful attention. He served efficiently and acceptably as mayor of Hunnewell for four years, although he had never before sought or desired public office. For this position he seemed so well qualified that he was chosen against his will, but did a good citizen's part in yielding to the desire of the people by accepting it and discharging his official duties to the best of his ability.

In national politics Mr. Smith is a Republican and in religious attachment he was reared a Baptist. But he now leans to the Christian church, which is the one his wife belongs to. She was born on August 14, 1829, and is still living in vigorous health. They were married on February 22, 1850, and have had four children. Two of these are living: Delma, the wife of Robert Dunlap, of Hunnewell, and Pearl, the wife of J. J. Johnson, of Victoria, Texas. Mrs. Smith, whose maiden name was Susan Salmon, was born and reared in Pennsylvania, where her ancestors were long resident, and in various ways contributed to the growth, development and general welfare of the commonwealth.

Mr. Smith, by the products of his mills, has been of great service to the general improvement of the county and state in aiding in the work of constructing many public utilities of great value, chief among them, perhaps, the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, for which he sawed a large part of the lumber required for cars, ties, bridges and turn tables. By the same means he has helped materially to promote the convenience, prosperity and comfort of the people, providing ma-

terials for their dwellings and other structures of necessity, in the towns and on the farms. And by his sterling integrity and elevated citizenship, he has also aided in the general advancement through his own activity the forces he has put in motion in others, and the influence of his excellent example, which has been effective both as a stimulus and a restraint among this people. In times of peace his industry has been productive. When war called men to arms in defense of their convictions he became a valiant soldier, and did his whole duty to the side he espoused, shirking no claim upon his services and shrinking from no danger. Wielding the sword effectually when duty placed it in his hands, he has still ever been a man of peace, and during the whole of his long life has never been a party to any law suit, complainant or defendant. He and his estimable wife stand high in the regard of the whole people and deserve the universal esteem in which they are held.

#### ROBERT H. DUNLAP.

Born, reared and educated in that hive of industry, Pennsylvania, in whose multifarious activities almost every occupation that engages the energies of men is embraced, Robert H. Dunlap, of Hunnewell, has well illustrated on the soil of Missouri the sterling qualities of enterprise, resourcefulness and all commanding potency that distinguish the people of that mighty commonwealth and have made it one of the leading states of the country. His life began in Butler county, of that state, on September 20, 1849, and he represents the third generation

of his family living in that section of the state. His grandfather, John Dunlap, came over from Ireland and located there in his early manhood, and there the family has dwelt ever since, aiding in the development of the state's resources in various lines of life, living acceptably, working industriously and in every way doing the best they could to advance their own interests and promote 'those of the people dwelling around them.

Robert H. Dunlap was reared in his native county and obtained his education in its district schools. His life as a boy and youth were passed on his father's farm, and after completing his education and assisting his father in the farm work until he was eighteen, he left his native heath and turned his face to the great West as the scene of his future activity and 'achievements. He arrived in Missouri in July, 1869, and during the next two years worked with his cousins on their farm in this county. On October 10, 1871, he was married to Miss Delma C. Smith, of Hunnewell, a daughter of Andrew J. and Susan (Salmon) Smith, an account of whose lives will be found on other pages of this work. He then took up his residence in Hunnewell, and here he has been living ever since, except during two years, when he resided in Hannibal and worked in a saw mill.

After locating in Hunnewell Mr. Dunlap turned his attention to milling. This has been his occupation during the whole of his subsequent years, and he has earned his success and prominence as a mill man by close attention to his business, a thorough knowledge of all its requirements and a masterful energy in

conducting its operations. His contributions to the industrial and commercial development of this section of the state have been extensive and are highly appreciated, and his aid in promoting the building of homes and other improvements for the enjoyment of domestic life has also been considerable and is valued by the people to whose welfare it has ministered.

In the public affairs of the community lie has long been one of the prime movers and most esteemed leaders, giving helpful attention to every public need and directing provision for all with judicious liberality, wise counsel and the stimulus of his excellent example. In religious faith he was reared as a Presbyterian, but for a number of years he has not taken a prominent part in the affairs of the church. His fraternal connection is with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In this excellent benevolent society he has been very active and holds deserved eminence, having passed through all the offices in his lodge, shown earnestness and zeal in behalf of the higher bodies of the order, and looked after its welfare in every way. His offspring numbers five, four of whom are living. They are: Charles Arthur, of Macon City, Missouri; A. B., of Hunnewell (see sketch of him elsewhere in this volume); Ernest C., of Cameron Junction, Missouri; and Goldie V., the wife of James Howe, of this county. In their several stations and localities they are all doing well and showing in their daily lives all the domestic, social and public virtues that dignify and adorn American citizenship of the sterling and most serviceable kind.

Robert H. Dunlap is a son of Robert and Isabella (Hutchinson) Dunlap, both born, reared and educated in Pennsylvania, and passing the whole of their lives among its people. They were useful and esteemed citizens of the state, industrious and frugal, and helpful in all that aided in the promotion of the substantial good of the community in which they lived. And when they passed over to the activities that know no weariness, their remains were laid to rest in the soil their labors had hallowed. The father was born and reared in Mercer county and followed farming all his life. He found a deposit of coal on his farm and became interested in coal mining in connection with his farming operations, making both profitable by industry and good business capacity. He and his wife were the parents of six children, four of whom are living: William P., of Butler county, Pennsylvania; Martha Jane, the wife of J. W. Everett, of Parker's Landing, in that state; and Robert H., the widely popular subject of this memoir, and Lewis M., of Grove City, Pennsylvania.

#### MATTHEW M. COX.

For a full quarter of a century Matthew M. Cox, of Hunnewell, has been connected with the mercantile life of that city, and during that period has risen from a very subordinate position in his line of effort to one of leadership, making the ascent by sheer merit and business capacity. He was born in our sister county of Monroe on March 15, 1861, and is a son of Samuel H. and Mary F. (Lasley) Cos, both of whom were born in Virginia, where their an-

cestors had lived and contributed to the welfare of the commonwealth for generations, the paternal grandfather, James A. Cox, having been an extensive planter and leading citizen in his part of the state, and later having followed the same pursuit and occupied a similar social and political rank of influence in Missouri.

The father of Mr. Cox came with his parents to this state in 1834, when he was but eight years old. He took his place in the wild life of the frontier as it was then and grew to manhood on his father's farm, which he helped to redeem from the wilderness and build up into fruitfulness and beauty, and secured what education he could in the district schools of the neighborhood. This was limited at the best, for the schools were primitive in appointments and course of instruction, and even such as they were he was able to attend them only during the winter months and then irregularly. After leaving school he turned his attention to farming and raising stock, in which he was engaged until 1888. He then quit farming and entered mercantile life in Hunnewell in partnership with his son, the firm name being S. H. Cox & Son. As a member of this firm he continued merchandising until his death, on February 19, 1898.

The father was married on November 7, 1857, to Miss Mary F. Lasley. They had five children, all of whom are living: James W., of Quincy, Illinois; Willie C., the wife of the late W. C. Blackburn, of Shelbina; Charles T. and Matthew M., of Hunnewell; and Alwilda, the wife of W. A. Vance, of Shelbina. In politics the father was a pronounced and unwavering Democrat, and in church relations