

At all stages of the game Mr. Gillispie has been successful and prosperous. He owns considerable real estate in this county, in Kansas City, and in other parts of the state. He is widely and favorably known as a business man of integrity and intelligence, a citizen of great public spirit and progressiveness, and a gentleman of social culture and genial disposition and manners. He is a Democrat in politics, an Odd Fellow and a Modern Woodman of America in fraternal relations and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in religious affiliation.

The city of Shelbina and the whole of the surrounding county are much indebted to him for his activity and stimulating example in the matter of improvement and development, and the people always expect to find him at the front in behalf of any worthy and commendable enterprise in which the welfare of the public is involved; and they are never disappointed in this respect. In addition to being active in such matters, he is also far-seeing and resourceful, and his aid is always valued whether it be given in counsel or in zealous and productive service as a worker. His citizenship is elevated and elevating; his example is impressive and stimulating; his fidelity to duty is constant and effective. No man stands higher in the regard of the people and none deserves more in the way of respect and good will.

JOHN T. GOSE.

John T. Gose and George Gose are the sole surviving children of John S. Gose and Margaret A. Gose. They were born on what is known as the Gose farm,

in Monroe county, Missouri, and one and one-half miles south of Shelbina. They lived on the farm until the death of their father in 1873, and then moved with their mother to Shelbina where they still live. Margaret A. Gose died in October, 1905.

John S. Gose was born in Virginia and was a son of Levi Gose and Mary Gose, nee Davis. They came to this state in the thirties and settled in Monroe county.

Margaret A. Gose was a daughter of Angel Gillispie and Lucinda Gillispie, nee Spencer. Her father and mother were native Kentuckians and came to Monroe county soon after Missouri became a state. She was born on the old Gillispie place near Old Clinton, Monroe county, in 1834, and first married to William Lasley. C. H. Lasley, of Shelbina, is the only surviving child of this marriage.

John T. Gose was two years old when the family moved to Shelbina. He attended the public schools and the Shelbina Collegiate Institute, graduating in 1888. He spent one year in the mercantile business in Monroe City, Missouri, and then entered Central College at Fayette, Missouri, from which institution he received the degree of A.B. in 1894. The following year he held a scholarship in Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tennessee, and in 1896 this institution conferred upon him the degree of A. M.

In the fall of 1896 he returned to Central College as professor of philosophy, but soon resigned this position to enter the ministry. He spent the next two years preaching in Keytesville, Missouri, and then resigned from the ministry to become a post graduate student in the

University of Chicago. From the University of Chicago he went to Culver Military Academy as professor of English and history. At the close of the school year he returned to Chicago and matriculated at the Illinois College of Law. This institution conferred upon him the degrees of LL.B., LL.M., and D.C.L., made him a professor in the college and chose him, with its president, as delegate to the "Universal Congress of Lawyers and Jurists," at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

In 1903 he resigned his position in the law school to return to his native state to practice law. He located in St. Louis and was engaged in the active practice of law in that city until the fall of 1906 when he returned to Shelby where he now lives and practices his profession.

On December 21, 1904, he was married to Miss Eugenie Burruss Blocker, of Marshall, Texas. They have one child—George Blocker Gose.

HARRY J. LIBBY.

• The law is a jealous mistress and exacts the utmost devotion and fidelity from her votaries. At the same time, she is generous and bestows her bounty with unstinted hand upon her deserving worshipers. Harry J. Libby, one of the leading lawyers of Shelby county, young man as he is yet, learned of her exactions early in the study of his profession and determined, to meet the requirements, if assiduous effort and close application on his part would enable him to do it. He has paid his devotions at the shrine of Themis with the ardor of a zealot, and the goddess of his worship has re-

warded his constancy with imperial generosity, enabling him to win high rank as a lawyer and prominence and influence as a citizen.

Mr. Libby was born at Laclede, Linn county, Missouri, on July 31, 1885, and is a son of Judge Oscar F. and Rebecca J. (Watson) Libby, the former a native of Minnesota and the latter of this state. The father was born in 1851 and is a member of the Pioneers' Society of his native state. He also was bred to the law and has been in active general practice from the time of his admission to the bar, except during his service as district judge, which lasted a number of years. His professional studies were carried on in Linn county, this state, of which he became a resident in 1868. He was admitted to practice in that county, and he is still living at Laclede and still engaged in conducting a large and remunerative practice. He is of English ancestry. The mother is also still living, and like her husband, stands high in the regard of all who have the benefit and pleasure of knowing and associating with her.

Their son, Harry J. Libby, began his scholastic training in the public schools of his native town and completed it at high school in Brookfield in the same county, from which he was graduated. He read law under the direction of his distinguished father, and was admitted to the bar of his native county in 1905. He at once began practicing in association with his father at Laclede, the firm name being O. F. & H. J. Libby. But he was ambitious of making a reputation for himself unaided by family influence, and building his professional career ac-