

Shelby county; Augusta F., the wife of Charles E. Post, of Gridley, California, and Charles B., the subject of this memoir. The father was a Lutheran in religious faith and a Republican in politics. Both his church and his political party received his earnest and helpful support.

Charles B. Garner was educated in the country schools and an excellent academy at Leonard. He was reared on his father's farm, and after leaving school continued to assist in its labor and help the family until 1900. He then went to Sue City, in Macon county, and took charge of a drug store. But he did not find mercantile pursuits agreeable, and at the end of one year returned to Shelby county, and here he has ever since been engaged in farming and raising stock with great enterprise, intelligence and success. His fine farm comprises 180 acres of land and is well improved and skillfully cultivated. The knowledge of his business which Mr. Garner applies to both his farming operations and his stock industry, are well rewarded in the returns they bring him, and his rank as a progressive and up-to-date farmer is among the highest in his township.

On October 31, 1900, Mr. Garner united in marriage with Miss Anna Vallier, a daughter of William and Susan (Linton) Vallier, esteemed residents of this county. But two children have been born in the Garner household, a son named Edwin Kenneth, and Mary A., who is the light and life of the home. In political faith and allegiance Mr. Garner gives his earnest and effective support to the Democratic party, and in

fraternal relations he is allied with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. His wife is a loyal and devout member of the Christian church. Both stand high in the confidence and respect of the people and richly deserve the regard so generously bestowed upon them.

THEODORE HEINZE.

Orphaned at the age of six years by the death of his father, and brought into a strange land, far from the scenes and associations of his childhood and the traditions and history of his family, when he was nine, Theodore Heinze, one of the substantial and progressive farmers and stock men of Black Creek township, in this county, began life in this country under very trying circumstances, and with no prospect of advancement except the possibilities of what he should be able to do for himself. No smiles of Fortune brightened his rugged pathway and no favoring circumstances helped him in his slow and painful progress. But he had that within him that gave him assurance of success, and he was guided by its influence, using all his powers and living frugally and judiciously until he got a good start.

Mr. Heinze was born on March 20, 1863, in Berlin, Germany. He is a son of Theodore and Louisa (Hueter) Heinze, also natives of Germany, where the father was born in 1823, and where he passed the whole of his life, dying there in 1869. He was a carriage and wagon maker and flourished at his trade, but his health failed and he passed away at the early age of forty-six. In 1862

he was married to Miss Louisa Hueter and they became the parents of four children, two of whom are living, Theodore and his sister Martha, the wife of John Rufner, of Shelby county.

Three years after the father's death, the mother, finding herself without much prospect of advancement in a worldly way, and having small children to rear, educate and prepare for the battle of life, determined to seek the greater freedom of choice and abundance of opportunity offered by this country to workers, and in 1872 brought her family to Missouri, locating in Shelby county, and here the members of the family who are living have ever since been domesticated, mingling freely in the activities of this locality and taking their part in its productive industries with advantage to themselves and benefit to the township and county of their residence, in whose prosperity and progress they have shown themselves to be deeply and earnestly interested.

Theodore Heinze's scholastic training was begun in his native land and completed in the district schools of Shelby county. He began his life work here on a farm, and he has been engaged in farming and raising live stock ever since. By thrift, industry and good management he has acquired the ownership of 175 acres of good land, and he has improved his farm with commodious and comfortable buildings, equipped it with all the necessary appliances for advanced agriculture and brought the land to a high state of cultivation. His stock industry is as extensive as his facilities allow and is as flourishing and profitable as first rate management can make it.

Mr. Heinze was married on December 7, 1892, to Miss Louisa Rathjen, of Shelby county. They have had five children, but only three of them are living—Martine, Dora and Alvina—all of whom are still at home with their parents and popular members of the family circle. In politics the father adheres to the principles of the Republican party and is zealous in the support of them. His religious connection and that of his wife is with the Lutheran church, and in the affairs of the congregation to which they belong they both take an earnest interest and an active part. They are esteemed wherever they are known as worthy and estimable citizens, enterprising in the management of their own affairs and energetic in helping to promote the enduring welfare of the community around them.

JOHN H. WERR.

The interesting subject of this brief memoir is well worthy of honorable mention in a work that purports to show in personal histories the qualities of industrial force, productive energy, sterling manhood and elevated citizenship which have given Shelby county its distinctive character and won its advanced state of progress and development. For, while the story of his life presents no spectacular features or high adventures for contemplation, it shows well what thrift and enterprise can accomplish through steady application to the ordinary affairs of life.

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