

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 wheel horses 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-

ocratic party, in whose affairs he shows an earnest interest and takes an active part, rendering his party good service in all its campaigns, although seeking none of its official favors for himself.

As an active and devoted member of the Masonic order and the order of Knights of Pythias, he has for years been zealous and energetic in the fraternal life of the community; and as a communicant of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church he has contributed essentially and substantially to the moral and spiritual welfare of the section in which he lives. He has also done a good citizen's part toward promoting the material welfare and progress of his locality, supporting with ardor and practical service every worthy undertaking in which the lasting good of his township and county has been involved, or whereby the comfort and convenience of its people could be enlarged and advanced. He is esteemed as one of the best citizens of his home town, and is widely and favorably known throughout the county and a large extent of the surrounding country.

#### GEORGE T. GILMAN.

The scion of old New England families and inheriting their traits of ingenuity, thrift and readiness for every emergency, George T. Gilman, one of the respected and influential citizens of Clarence, has known how to promote his own interests under all circumstances and has also been potential in furthering the welfare of the community of his home and promoting the best interests of its people.

Mr. Gilman is a native of Piscataquis

county, Maine, where he was born on November 29, 1858. His grandfather, James Gilman, was a native of New Hampshire, and his son, George W. Gilman, the father of George T., was born in Somerset county, Maine, on August 24, 1828. In his early manhood the father was proprietor of hotels in Maine and California for a number of years. He came to Missouri in 1868 and settled on a farm three miles southeast of Clarence, on which he was energetically, progressively and profitably engaged in farming and raising live stock until 1897. He then moved to Clarence, and during the rest of his life enjoyed the peaceful existence of a well-to-do retired farmer, highly esteemed by his fellow citizens and in all respects worthy of the regard and good will they bestowed upon him.

In 1900 he made a trip to his old home in the far East to visit the scenes of his early life and his relatives in that part of the country, and while there died at Foxcroft, Maine, on June 8 of that year. It was in Foxcroft, also, that he was married, being united there in 1855 with Miss Martha Thompson, of that town. They became the parents of two children, both of whom are living: George T. and his older sister Abbie, the wife of C. F. Osgood, of Garland, Maine. In politics the father was a Republican of pronounced convictions and faithful party service, and in fraternal relations was connected with the order of Odd Fellows.

George T. Gilman did not accompany his father to the Pacific coast, but remained in the home of his ancestors and grew to the age of sixteen there. He was educated in the district schools of his native county and at an excellent academy