

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 Shelbina 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-

cording to his own design. Therefore, in 1907, he started out for himself in independent practice, removing to Clarence for the purpose. In October of the year last mentioned he changed his residence to Shelbina, where he now enjoys a steadily increasing practice and is well established among the leading lawyers of the county.

Mr. Libby has taken nothing for granted and left nothing to chance in his professional work. He is well grounded in the basic principles of the law, and has also made himself master of the interpretations the courts have made of it. In addition, he has studiously acquired freedom and fluency in speech and alertness and skill in the trial of cases, so that he is both a judicious counselor and an able and resourceful advocate. He is, besides, a gentleman of high character and culture, exemplifying in his intercourse with his professional brethren and the people generally all the bland amenities of life and an exalted sense of uprightness and personal integrity.

In the public affairs of the county he has manifested a helpful practical interest and a constant readiness to aid in promoting every worthy undertaking for the good of the people among whom his useful labors are performed. In politics he is allied with the Democratic party, and is 'one of the most resourceful and effective workers for the success of his party in all its campaigns. His fraternal connections are with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pytliias and the Modern Woodmen of America. In each of these organizations he takes an active

interest and makes himself a serviceable and valued member.

On October 21, 1909, Mr. Libby was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Belle Young, a native of Linn county, Missouri, and a daughter of Robert and Emma (Bradley) Young. Her father, who is now deceased, was one of the most prominent and successful merchants of Brookfield, and one of the most highly respected and representative citizens of the county of his home. Mr. and Mrs. Libby are zealous and energetic members of the Christian church, sincerely devoted to its welfare and progress and earnest workers in the promotion of every phase of its useful activity. In all parts of Shelby county they are esteemed as among its leading citizens, and throughout a large extent of the surrounding country they are held in cordial and appreciative regard by all classes of the people.

WILLIAM A. MAUPIN.

Beginning life for himself as a farmer and breeder of superior strains of live stock, and forced by declining health to retire from pursuits so arduous and exacting, William A. Maupin, of Shelbina, has nevertheless continued to fill an important place in the community and contribute essentially to its advancement and the substantial welfare of its people. He is an extensive dealer in real estate of his own holdings and serves the Commercial Bank of Shelbina as a stockholder and director.

Mr. Maupin was born in Monroe county, this state, on March 4, 1860. He is a scion of old Virginia families which