

Although the father has passed his three score years and lived a very industrious and exacting life, he is still vigorous and energetic, and as eager for any new undertaking for the good of the county, whether by private or public forces, as he ever was, and is as willing to undergo exertion as younger men, with the assurance that his efforts will be as fruitful as those of any. He is an example to all, active himself and of great service through the activities he awakens and stimulates in others.

JAMES A. McATEE.

Now and for many years one of the leading business men of Hunnewell, and held in the highest esteem throughout the surrounding country, in this and adjacent counties, James A. McAtee went through a variety of trying experiences before he settled down to the interesting and useful life of trade with which he has been connected for nearly a third of a century. He was born in the old colonial city of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, on December 30, 1849, and lived for a number of years in that then antique settlement which, as a suburb of the new capital of the country had an importance all its own. The conditions of travel and the surrounding country at the time made it remote from the capital, but still near enough to catch some reflection from that enterprising and ambitious municipality, especially as it was the residence of men eminent in the civil, military and naval life of that period of our country's history.

While it may not be a fair deduction to assume that Mr. McAtee's spirit of

patriotism was quickened and intensified by the suggestions and associations of his boyhood in the old town which still bears the name of the last English king that had dominion over this country or any part of it, although it has for years been a part of the city of Washington, it is a fact that he has at every period of his life manifested a very warm interest in the welfare of his country and done all he could, with the light he has had, to promote that welfare. Living and flourishing on the plains of the great West, he has been able to take in the feelings and aspirations of the East and regard our nationality with a sweep of vision that reviewed every part of the country and looked upon all sections as equally important.

Mr. McAtee is a son of Samuel I. and Annie (Kidwell) McAtee, the former a native of Marion county, Kentucky, and the latter of the state of Maryland. The father came to Missouri in 1852 and bought farms in Lincoln and Ralls counties, which he farmed for a few years. He then became a grocer in New London, Ralls county, and continued in business as such until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he sold his business and retired to a farm just outside the limits of New London. The portion of the state in which he lived was torn by dissension during the war, both sides to the great sectional conflict laying it under tribute and harassing its people. By 1864 the atmosphere of sectional controversy became so hot that the family moved to Monroe in that year, and there the father again entered the grocery trade, continuing his operations in this line until 1867. He then took up his resi-

dence in Hunnewell and retired from active pursuits altogether. For many years he served the several communities in which he lived as a justice of the peace, and was still in office at the time of his death, in about 1903.

The elder Mr. McAtee was married to Miss Annie Kidwell, a native of Maryland. They had ten children, seven of whom are living; Frank, who lives in Portland, Oregon; Rose, widow of the late P. J. Thiehoff, who resides in Hunnewell; Joseph, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Missouri; James A., of Hunnewell, the immediate subject of these paragraphs; S. S., whose home is in Los Angeles, California; W. N., of Kansas City, Missouri; and Agnes, the wife of James Willett, of Hannibal. The father was a devout Catholic in religion and an ardent Democrat in politics.

James A. McAtee obtained his education in the public schools of Hannibal and New London, Missouri. After leaving school he worked in the grocery store of his father, and when he left that establishment he started to learn the trade of buggy making. He served his apprenticeship faithfully and mastered the trade, then went forth to work at it on his own account, which he did at various places during the next four years. In 1887 he started an enterprise in blacksmithing and wagon making which he carried on for thirty years, conducting in connection with the other departments of the undertaking an extensive trade in farming implements. At the end of the period mentioned he sold the blacksmithing and wagon business and outfit and since then he has devoted himself exclusively to his trade in implements.

He has been zealous and intelligently active in all efforts to promote the growth and development of the city, the comfort and convenience of its people and the power and fruitfulness of all its moral and mental agencies for good. He has also helped to keep the good name of its business men at a high position by giving an example of entire uprightness and fairness in all his dealings and by being square and manly in all the relations of life. He is a stockholder in the Farmers and Merchants' Bank of Hunnewell and connected with other institutions of a helpful and stimulating character. In politics he is a Democrat and in religion a firm and faithful Catholic.

On December 28, 1878, he was married to Miss Celia Shearer, of Monroe county, in this state. Of the eight children born to them seven are living: Samuel C., who lives at Lamar, Colorado; Roy, a resident of Washington; Maud, the wife of John Woods, of Kansas City, Missouri; Lyda, the wife of A. L. Vaughn, of Hunnewell; Ruth, who is living at home; Carl, whose home is at Kansas City, Missouri; and Lottie, who is also a member of the parental household.

HON. JAMES T. LLOYD.

James T. Lloyd, present representative of the First district of Missouri in the United States congress, is one of the distinguished members of the bar of his native state and has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Shelbyville for more than a quarter of a century, though he has not given close attention to his profession since he assumed the