

o'clock, by Rev. J. H. Wood, of Shelbina, and the remains laid to rest in the A. O. U. W. cemetery.

"Mr. Million was a member of the Christian church, and a Mason."

JOHN R. MORGAN.

Whatever this leading business man and highly esteemed citizen of Shelbina is, he is all Shelbina's own. He was born in that city on June 20, 1873, and grew to manhood among its people. He obtained his education in its public schools, acquired his business training in active connection with its industries, learned his trade as a painter under the direction of one of its leading mechanics, and has devoted all his energies in life so far to the promotion of its interests and the welfare of its people.

Mr. Morgan is a son of the late David and Mary E. (Williams) Morgan, a sketch of whose lives will be found elsewhere in this volume. At the age of seventeen he began learning the painting trade, and after he mastered it he was made foreman in the painting department of his father's wagon factory. He held this position with credit to himself and benefit to the establishment until he became of age. On attaining his majority he bought a harness manufactory. This he operated successfully for a period of twelve years, and in connection with it conducted a general hardware business of which he is still the proprietor. His trade is flourishing and profitable, and he has shown in its management a high order of business capacity. In addition, he has other valuable interests in commercial and industrial

enterprises, being a stockholder and director of the Commercial Bank of Shelbina, and also a stockholder in the Trout Hardware Company of Chicago.

In politics Mr. Morgan is a true and tried member of the Democratic party, and is at all times active and effective in promoting its welfare. He is an energetic worker in all political campaigns, but does not aspire to public office for himself. He feels a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of his country, and believes that it will be best promoted by the supremacy of the political principles to which he gives his support. In fraternal life he holds membership in the Masonic order, its adjunct, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Knights of Pythias. In these fraternities he takes an active interest, helping to make them as widely and progressively useful to their members and the communities in which they operate as possible. Their social features also appeal to him strongly, and he finds a great deal of enjoyment in intercourse with his fellow members at the meetings of his lodges.

Among the progressive and far-seeing citizens of Shelbina Mr. Morgan holds a high rank as one of the leaders. He is studious and acquisitive in the line of mental development, and makes it one of his prime activities to secure the highest and broadest culture his opportunities will allow. He has traveled extensively in this and other countries, mingling freely with different people and obtaining a thorough knowledge of their manners, customs and pursuits. By this means and continuous and reflective reading he has gained a vast fund of

general information, and is prepared to discuss with intelligence and profit to his hearers almost every topic of general interest, and many of which knowledge among the ordinary run of men is very limited. So general and varied, and at the same time so accurate, is his knowledge of many topics of human thought and interest that he has become an authority on them and is looked to for light concerning them when his fellow citizens are in need of it.

In business Mr. Morgan has been very successful. In local matters of moment he is widely useful, and in the social life of the community of his home he is a prime factor. On all sides he is held in the highest esteem, the regard the people have for him being based on well demonstrated merit, broad and fruitful public spirit and clean and upright living. Shelby has no better citizen, and none who is more universally and deservedly popular. And what is more to his credit, he is as modest and unassuming as he is worthy and well esteemed, being seemingly as unconscious of his superior attainments as he is serviceable in the use of them.

On October 8, 1895, Mr. Morgan was married to Miss Mary Laura Reed, who is, like himself, a native of Shelby county. She is an able second to all his aspirations and a valuable coadjutor in all his enterprises. And she, also, has a strong hold on the regard and good will of all classes of the people. The three children born of their union are all living and still members of the parental family circle. They are: Nell Reed, Besse Irene and Mary Isabel, each of whom adds greatly to the brightness

and warmth of the household and is a strong element in its popularity as a social center and the seat of a refined and gracious hospitality.

JOHN B. SHALE.

He whose name initiates this review has been a resident of Shelby county since his boyhood days, and now holds precedence as one of its representative and essentially wide-awake and progressive business men and as a citizen eminently entitled to the high esteem in which he is uniformly held. He has been prominently identified with the development of lumbering interests in Arkansas and Oregon, with which line of enterprise he is still largely concerned, and in his home town of Clarence he controls a large business as a buyer and shipper of live stock and grain, besides which he deals in lumber and operates a well equipped grist mill.

Mr. Shale claims the fine old Keystone state of the Union as the place of his nativity, having been born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, August 14, 1858. His father, William Shale, was born in England in 1828, and was a child at the time of his parents' immigration to America. The family settled in Pennsylvania, where he was reared to maturity and where his marriage was solemnized. He there devoted his attention principally to agricultural pursuits until 1866, when he came with his family to Shelby county, Missouri, where he and his devoted wife have since maintained their home and where they are held in unqualified esteem by all who know them. William Shale secured a tract of land in