

at Cherry Box, in Taylor township, this county, where he is still living. He has been continuously and successfully engaged in farming since his arrival in the county, and has made steady progress in his work of gaining a substantial competency for life. He owns and has under cultivation eighty acres of good land, and the farm is well improved and highly productive. In 1869 he was united in marriage with Miss Maria Benner, a native of Pennsylvania. They have had nine children, six of whom are living: Allen, Magdalena, Jacob, Benjamin, Henry and Nancy. Fannie died August 16, 1910. In politics the father is a Republican, but he has never taken a very active interest in political affairs. His religious connection is with the Mennonite church.

#### MILTON PASCHAL OAKS.

This enterprising and progressive farmer of Taylor township, in this county, whose success in life has been considerable and won altogether by his own industry, thrift and business capacity, was born in Greene county, Illinois, in 1850, and came with his parents to Missouri in 1857. His father, Michael Oaks, was a native of Tennessee, as was also his mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Oaks. They had twelve children, of whom only two are living, Milton P. and his sister Etta, the wife of Samuel Windrum, of Denver, Colorado, and these are the only living members of the family, as the parents are also deceased, the mother having died in 1868 and the father in 1877. He, after the death of his first wife married again, choosing Miss Jane Debord as his second wife.

They had four children, but only their son Charles is living of that offspring.

On coming to Missouri the family located in Bethel township, Shelby county, and there the parents passed the remainder of their days engaged in farming. Their son Milton obtained a limited education in an old log school house in Bethel township, and as soon as he left school began the career as a farmer, which he is still extending with increasing profit and esteem among the people. His farm contains eighty acres and is well improved and highly cultivated. It is fully equipped with the needed appliances for its work, and is one of the comfortable and valuable country homes of the township in which it is located. In connection with his farming operations he carries on a flourishing live stock industry, which he manages with the same sedulous care and close attention that he bestows on his general farmnig.

In 1871 Mr. Oaks was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Waite, a native of Shelby county. They have had four children, of whom three are living, their sons Walter Byron, Isaac Pierce and Milton Chester. In politics the father is a Republican, deeply interested in the welfare of his party and always zealous and effective in its service. He served on the school board more than five years, and in many other ways has been of great service to the township and county of his home. In religious connection he is allied with the Methodist church. He and his wife are regarded with respect and good will wherever they are known, and looked upon as exemplars of the best attributes of elevated and sterling American citizenship.