

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

Jefferson township, where he developed one of the fine farm properties of the county, and where he continued actively concerned in farming and stock-growing until 1895, when he retired from active labors, having also built up a successful enterprise as a shipper of live stock. He is now living retired in the village of Clarence, and, though more than four score years of age, is well preserved in both mental and physical faculties. He is a staunch adherent of the Democratic party, is affiliated with the local lodge of Free & Accepted Masons, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. As before stated, his marriage was solemnized in the state of Pennsylvania, where his wife, whose maiden name was Susan Knox, was born and reared. Of their ten children, all are living except Sarah, who died at the age of thirty years. Concerning the other children the following brief data are consistently entered in this review: Samuel C. is a resident of San Diego, California; William B. is a well-known resident of Shelby county; John B., subject of this review, was the next in order of birth; Wesley T. resides in the city of Spokane, Washington; Christina is the wife of Mr. Curtis, of Phoenix, Arizona; George resides at Black Rock, Arkansas; Anna is the wife of John D. Randall, of Salida, Colorado; May is the wife of Robert L. Jacobs, of Clarence; and Lawrence is a resident of Goldfield, Nevada.

John B. Shale, whose name introduces this article, was about eight years of age at the time of the family removal from Pennsylvania to Shelby county, Missouri, and here he was reared to matu-

rity on the home farm, early beginning to lend his aid in its work and in the meanwhile duly availing himself of the advantages of the district schools of the locality and period. He continued to be associated in the work and management of his father's farm until he had attained to the age of twenty-five years, when he took up his residence in the city of Clarence, where he was engaged in the livery business for eighteen months, at the expiration of which, in 1885, he engaged in the buying and shipping of grain, in which connection he now operates a modern grist mill, and he is also engaged in the lumber business and in the buying and shipping of live stock. These varied and important interests place exacting demands upon his time and attention, but his vital energy, his keen business sagacity and his administrative ability are adequate to meet all contingencies that may arise. He has directed his efforts in a splendid way along normal and legitimate lines of enterprise, and his honest and straightforward policy has gained to him the confidence of all with whom he has had dealings. He is one of the alert and resourceful business men who are upholding the industrial prestige of Shelby county, and as such he is well entitled to this slight tribute of recognition in the history of the county which has so long represented his home. Mr. Shale is a stockholder in the Clarence Savings Bank, of which he is a director, and is also a stockholder of the Shelby County State Bank, of Clarence. He is the owner of 160 acres of valuable farming land in Shelby county, and about one-half of this tract is under cultivation, the remainder

being utilized for grazing purposes. He and his partners own 2,250 acres in Missouri.

In politics Mr. Shale gives an unqualified allegiance to the Democratic party. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, South. He has achieved pronounced success in his business operations, and especially in connection with lumbering, enterprises in Oregon and Arkansas, where he has large interests at the present time.

In April, 1885, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Shale to Miss Abbie George, a daughter of David George, a representative citizen of Granville, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Shale became the parents of seven children, all of whom are living, namely: Roger, who now resides in Washington, D. C.; Helen, George B., Corinne, Kathleen, Charles and Frances, all of whom remain at the parental home.

ELISHA A. CALLISON.

A scion of staunch Scottish stock, this well-known business man and popular citizen of the city of Clarence well exemplified the sterling traits of character that have ever designated the sturdy race from which he is sprung, his grandfather, Elisha F. Callison, having been a native of Scotland, and having taken up his residence in West Virginia upon coming to America. There he passed the residue of his long and useful life, West Virginia at that time having been still an integral portion of the Old Dominion of Virginia. Mr. Callison is asso-

ciated in the milling, grain and live-stock business with John B. Shale, a sketch of whose career appears on other pages of this work, and they control a large and successful enterprise in the various departments of their business, being large shippers of stock in addition to conducting successful operations in the other lines noted. This effective partnership alliance is maintained under the firm name of Callison & Shale.

Elisha A. Callison reverts with a due measure of satisfaction to the fact that he is a native son of the state in which his honored father and grandfather acquitted themselves so well as productive workers and loyal and worthy citizens. He was born in Greenbrier county, West Virginia, on October 28, 1860, and is a son of Oscar and Margaret (Bright) Callison, both of whom were likewise natives of that county, where their marriage was solemnized, and where they continued to maintain their home until their death. The father was born in 1836, devoted his entire active career to agricultural pursuits and stock-growing, and remained on his fine old homestead farm until his death, which occurred in 1877. His wife, who was born in 1838, died in 1888, their marriage having been solemnized in the year 1849. Oscar Callison was a staunch adherent of the Democratic party, took an intelligent and loyal interest in public affairs of a local order, and served one year as sheriff of Greenbrier county, where he ever commanded the unqualified esteem of all who knew him. Both he and his devoted wife held membership in the Presbyterian church, and their faith was well exemplified in their daily lives. They became