

Order of Odd Fellows, is a member of the Presbyterian church, and his wife is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church. As a citizen he has ever been liberal, loyal and progressive, and he has done much to further the material and civic advancement of his home county, of whose citizens he is one of the best known and most highly honored, and of whose bar he was long one of the leading members.

On January 9, 1873, Mr. Dunn was united in marriage to Miss Clara McMurtry, who was born and reared in Shelby county, where her father, Alexander McMurtry, was a sterling pioneer settler. Mrs. Dunn was summoned to eternal rest on March 8, 1885, and both of their children are living: Alexander M., who is now cashier of the Shelbyville Bank; and Preston B., Jr., who is engaged in business at San Antonio, Texas. On December 26, 1888, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Dunn to Miss Lillie M. Rogers, daughter of Stephen Rogers, of Monroe City, this state, and they have one child, Clara R., who is a popular figure in connection with the social activities of her native city.

THE SHELBYVILLE BANK.

Among the oldest and most favorably known of the secure and ably managed banking houses of northern Missouri is that known as the Shelbyville Bank, which dates its inception back to the year 1874, when it was organized under the title of the Shelby County Savings Bank. It was originally a jointstock institution, of which John T. Cooper was president and Philip Dimmitt cashier. Under

these conditions the bank was continued successfully for several years, and then its president and cashier purchased the stock of the other interested principals and changed the title to Cooper & Dimmitt. As a private institution conducted by this firm, the bank gained wide repute as one of the substantial and solid financial institutions of the state, and its title to popular support and confidence was based not more clearly upon its sound financial basis than upon the high character of the men who controlled its affairs. Mr. Cooper sold his interest to Dr. Philip Dimmitt, and thereafter the business was successfully continued under the title of Philip Dimmitt, banker, with operations based on a capital of \$12,000. Dr. Dimmitt had in his employ, in an executive capacity, his son Frank and later Lindley G. Schofield also. In 1892, after the death of his wife, Dr. Dimmitt retired from active business, having sold the banking business, December 13th of that year, to Preston B. Dunn, Lindley G. Schofield, Frank Prince, and Marvin, Pope and Lee Dimmitt. At this time the institution was reorganized under the title of the Shelbyville Bank, which has since been retained, the previously mentioned gentlemen being the stockholders of the bank, whose capital was increased to \$20,000. The officers elected under the new regime were as here noted: Preston B. Dunn, president; Lindley G. Schofield, cashier; and these executive officers were also members of the directorate, which likewise included the other three stockholders, Frank, Prince and Pope Dimmitt. On May 31, 1894, the capital stock was increased to \$20,000, and at the next

annual election, in 1895, the following directors were chosen: Preston B. Dunn, Lindley G. Schofield, Frank and Prince Dimmitt, and Reason Baker. Mr. Dunn continued in the presidency and Mr. Schofield became vice-president, being succeeded in the position of cashier by Marvin Dimmitt. Under these conditions the business was thereafter continued until 1902, in the annual election of which year the following directors were chosen: Preston B. Dunn, Joseph Doyle, John Frye, Prince Dimmitt, and A. M. Dunn. As Mr. Dunn wished to retire from active administrative duties, Prince Dimmitt was elected president and Mr. Dunn assumed the essentially honorary office of vice-president. They have since continued incumbent of these positions, and A. M. Dunn, son of the vice-president, has been the able and popular cashier. George O. Tannehill has been assistant cashier since January, 1904. The directorate remains unchanged, save that Preston B. Dunn, Jr., succeeded John Frye in the election of 1904. The history of the Shelbyville Bank has been one of continuous and substantial growth and expansion, and at all times have its interested principals stood representative of the best class of citizenship as well as of financial stability. The bank controls a large and important business and adds materially to the business prestige of Shelby county.

SANFORD BAKER.

Mr. Baker, who is postmaster at Epworth, is one of the successful and popular business men of this village and is

well entitled to consideration in this publication. He served with no little distinction as a member of the regular army of the United States, in which he took part in the Spanish-American war, and was later stationed in the Philippine Islands, and as a citizen he manifests the same spirit of loyalty that made him an effective soldier of the republic.

Mr. Baker is a native of the fine old Buckeye state, having been born at Woodsfield, Monroe county, Ohio, on March 15, 1877, and being a scion of one of the pioneer families of that state, where his grandfather, Henry Baker, a native of Pennsylvania, took up his abode in an early day. Leander C. Baker, father of the subject of this sketch, was likewise born at Woodsfield, Ohio, in the year 1854, and there he was reared and educated. His active career was one of close identification with agricultural pursuits, and he died when a young man, having passed away on April 8, 1886, at which time he was a resident of Monroe county, Ohio. In 1876 he was united in marriage to Miss Susana McCammon, of Woodsfield, Ohio, and she is still living, maintaining her home in Shelby county, Missouri. They became the parents of three children, of whom the eldest is he whose name initiates this article; Minnie is the wife of John F. Burkhardt, of Shelby county; and Lucy C. is the wife of Joseph Wilson, likewise a resident of this county.

Sanford Baker secured his rudimentary education in the public schools and was about eleven years of age at the time of the family removal to Missouri, where he continued to attend school as opportunity presented. After leaving