

this valuable property he is the owner of other improved realty in his home town and also has about 225 acres of fine farming land in this section of the county. The major portion of this land is located in Bethel township, and the same is devoted to general farming and to the raising of live stock.

As a citizen Mr. Bauer has at all times stood exponent of the utmost loyalty and public spirit, and he has contributed a generous quota to the civic and material advancement and prosperity of his home town and county. In politics he accords an unwavering allegiance to the Republican party, taking a lively interest in local affairs of a public nature, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Christian church. Mr. Bauer has not narrowed his life within the confines of mere material success, but has shown the utmost kindness and good will in his intercourse with his fellow men, doing all in his power to alleviate distress and suffering and showing a high appreciation of his stewardship. Thus it is but a natural result that he holds the unqualified esteem of the community and is admired for his unostentatious but generous elements of character.

On October 30, 1864, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Bauer to Miss Louise Stark, who was born in Würtemberg, Germany, October 11, 1846, and who was a child at the time of the family immigration to America. Her parents passed the closing years of their lives in Shelby county, where her father, Joshua Stark, was a successful stone mason. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer became the parents of six children, of whom four are now living, namely: Julius H., Christine E., Lulu

Irene, and Catherine, all of whom remain at the parental home except the one son, who is engaged in the farming and milling business in Bethel, being associated with his father. He married Miss Rosa Pepper and they have one child, deceased. Catherine is now Mrs. J. D. Taylor, of Bethel.

#### JAMES W. TURNER.

A native of Shelby county, Mr. Turner is numbered among its representative farmers and stock-growers, being the owner of a well improved farm of eighty acres, in section 16, Black Creek township, and having also the supervision of the farm owned by his widowed mother. Of the family history, adequate details may be found in the sketch of the career of his brother, William R. Turner, on other pages of this publication.

James W. Turner was born on the old homestead farm of his father, in Black Creek township, this county, August 7, 1862, and is a son of the late William Holman Turner, one of the honored and influential citizens of this section of the county. Mr. Turner was afforded the advantages of the public schools of his native township and as a boy and youth he contributed his quota to the work of the home farm, waxing strong in mind and body and gaining a thorough and valuable experience in connection with all departments of farm work. He has never wished or found it expedient to sever his allegiance to the great basic art of agriculture, and his home farm, comprising eighty acres of most arable land, all under cultivation, is one of the model places of Black Creek township.

In the same township is located the fine farm of his mother, the same comprising 200 acres, and this is operated under his direct supervision and management, being devoted to diversified agriculture and the raising of excellent grades of live stock. Mr. Turner was the first man to bring the famous Hampshire sheep into the state of Missouri, which is now so popular in this section of the country, and is essentially enterprising and progressive in his methods, bringing to bear indefatigable energy and marked discrimination in the forwarding of his farming operations, so that he is able to reap generous rewards from the efforts put forth. He is one of the substantial farmers and representative citizens of his township and is well upholding the prestige of the honored family name which he bears, being held in high regard by all who know him. Though never ambitious for public office he accords a loyal and zealous support to the cause of the Democratic party, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

In August, 1889, Mr. Turner was united in marriage to Miss Ruth A. Garrison, who was born and reared in Shelby county and who died in 1887, being survived by one child, Gaynell, who remains at the paternal home. On March 1, 1899, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Turner to Miss Nora Shudy, of Shelbyville, who likewise was born and reared in this county and who is a daughter of Johanna Shudy, a representative citizen of Shelbyville. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have two children—James Francis and Victor Ellis. Mrs. Turner is an active member of the Christian church, giving

her most able support to the religious sect she is most interested in.

#### S. G. PARSONS.

From her sister county of Monroe on her southern border, Shelby county has received from time to time valued contributions in elevated manhood, fine business capacity and sterling citizenship in every sense of the word. Among them all none has stood higher, been more successful or attained to more general confidence and esteem than S. G. Parsons, the first pioneer of Shelbina and long one of the leading merchants of that progressive and enterprising community. He was born at Paris, Monroe county, on August 29, 1843, a son of John N. and Jane M. (Gilbert) Parsons, the former a native of Frederick county, Maryland, and the latter of Virginia.

The father was born on July 24, 1804, and although a native of Maryland, was reared and educated in Virginia, where his grandfather lived. He came to Missouri in 1829 and located in St. Louis, where he worked at his trade as a carpenter and found a great demand for his services. He helped to build the courthouse of that day and many other imposing structures in that city. In 1832 he moved to Pike county in this state and there was engaged in the dry goods trade for a period of two years. In 1834 he changed his residence to Monroe county, and during the next four years sold dry goods at Middlegrove. At the end of the period last mentioned he took up his residence at Paris, and there he engaged in merchandising in dry goods until 1854, when he retired from business. He took