

then the wilds of Indiana, or at least a portion of that great state which was far behind its present condition of development and advancement. In 1868 the family moved to Missouri and located in Shelbyville, this county, where the father was energetically and successfully engaged in farming to the end of his life, which came in October, 1899. His wife died on August 8, 1890. They were the parents of five children, two of whom are living, William H. and his brother, Rev. E. E. Bostwick, of Kirksville, Missouri.

William H. Bostwick obtained his education in the schools of Shelbyville, assisting in the work on his father's farm while attending them. He made early choice of his occupation for life, selecting the line of effort with which he was familiar and to which he was trained. As soon as he left school he began the career as a farmer and stock man which he is still extending with such gratifying success and prosperity. He has steadfastly adhered to it during all the succeeding years, and has found his faith in it as a means to advancement fully justified. His present farm comprises 678 acres of excellent land, and his live stock industry is in proportion to it. Both are managed with good judgment, extensive knowledge of the requirements and possibilities in the case, and both bring in handsome returns for the labor and care bestowed upon them. The farm is one of the most highly improved and best developed in the township, and is considered one of the most valuable as well as one of the most attractive.

Mr. Bostwick has been a wheel horse

in all matters of public improvement for the region in which he lives, giving his active and intelligent support to every worthy project for its advancement, and helping in every way he could to strengthen and intensify the mental and moral agencies at work among its people. He has been a member of the school board during the last eight years, and the schools have felt to their advantage the impulse to elevation and progress given by his quickening hand. In religious affiliation he is connected with the Baptist church, and is a leader in the congregation to which he belongs, serving as one of its deacons and taking a very important part in all its worthy undertakings. In politics he is allied with the Republican party, in which, also, he takes a zealous interest and to which he renders effective and appreciated service.

On February 25, 1886, he was married to Miss Nanny Y. Eaton, a daughter of John and Nancy Eaton, the former born in Hannibal, Missouri, in 1832, of Kentucky parentage, and the latter a daughter of old Virginia families. Mrs. Bostwick, however, was born and reared in Shelby county. She and her husband are the parents of nine children, all of whom are living. They are: Nanny R., Mary E., John E., Elsie, A. Audrey, Willye, Lloyd K., Louveta G. and Lotus V. All the members of the family are held in high regard and well deserve the hold they have on the good will of the people.

#### LANIUS LANDRON WHEELER.

The interesting subject of this brief review comes of heroic strains, and while

his own life to this time (1910) has been passed amid the pursuits of peaceful industry, he has nevertheless shown by his successful management of his affairs and his quick and complete use of every opportunity offered for his advantage, as well as in his mastery of adverse circumstances, that he has inherited the traits of his ancestors and is well worthy of the name he bears. He was born at Lentner, in this county, in 1860, and has passed the greater part of his subsequent life in the county.

The paternal grandfather, Mason Wheeler, was born and reared in Mason county, Kentucky, and received his name from that county. He came to Missouri when he was twenty-one years of age and located in Marion county, where he lived and farmed for a number of years. He then moved to Monroe county, and there he followed farming until early in the forties, when he became a resident of Shelby county, locating on a farm near Bacon Chapel. There he died at a ripe old age, respected and revered by all who knew him. In religious connection he was a Methodist, holding his membership in the congregation of Bacon Chapel church. He was a safe leader in church and neighborhood affairs and one of the most forcible and eloquent men in this part of the state in prayer. He was also effective as an exhorter.

His son, John Anderson Wheeler, the father of Lanius L., was born in Marion county, Missouri, in 1835, and, like his father, was reared on a farm and followed farming all his life. He was married in 1852 to Miss Fannie Robb, a native of Tennessee. They had eight chil-

dren, seven of whom are living: Lanius L., Thomas S., Hugh B., John Wesley, Arthur E., Ethel and Olive Leone. In 1862 the father joined the Confederate army and was with Coloner Porter in his famous raid. At the battle of Kirksville a musket ball passed through the crown of his hat and killed his brother-in-law, Thomas Robb, who was standing by his side. After the Porter raid, Mr. Wheeler surrendered, with others of the command, to Colonel Benjamin at Shelbyville, who demanded of him his horse, his gun and forty dollars in money. On receiving these, Colonel Benjamin released him on parole, but required that he report to Provost Marshal Dick Strahn, at Palmyra, Missouri, every thirty days.

After the war Mr. Wheeler returned to Monroe county, Missouri, and took up his residence near Duncan's Bridge, where he lived for a number of years. He then moved back to Shelby county and located on a farm near Bacon's Chapel, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in March, 1893. His widow is still living and has her home in Kansas City, Missouri. He achieved a considerable degree of success in life, although his career was cut short at the early age of fifty-eight, rising to prominence and influence in his community and being well and favorably known throughout the northeastern part of the state.

His son, Lanius L. Wheeler, obtained his education in the district schools and worked on his father's farm while attending them. He became a farmer on his own account after he left school, and has persevered in that occupation dur-

ing the greater part of his subsequent life. But for a number of years he was engaged in mining in the farther West, and still has holdings of value in gold mines at Telluride, Central City and Gunnison, Colorado. His present farm in Clay township, this county, comprises 260 acres of superior land, and in connection with its cultivation he carries on an extensive and thriving live stock industry. Both lines of his operations are profitable because of the intelligence, skill and vigor with which he manages them, and his success has made him one of the leaders in these industries in Shelby county.

Mr. Wheeler was married in 1883 to Miss Cora Allen Hirrlinger, a daughter of William and Magdalena (Doerrer) Hirrlinger, who were born in Darmstadt, Germany, but Mrs. Wheeler is a native of Shelbyville. She and her husband became the parents of seven children, five of whom are living: Nora, the wife of H. A. Jordan, whose home is in Clarence, this county; Eliza A., the wife of Peter Neuschafer; and Vincil O'Bryan, Virgil L. and John Leland. In politics the father is a pronounced and ardently interested Democrat, always true to his party and at all times ready to render it any service in his power. He has served on the school board for more than six years, and in many other avenues of beneficial effort has helped to build up the township and county of his residence and promote the welfare of their people. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, and in religious affiliation he and his wife are allied with the Methodist Episcopal church. His half cen-

tury of life has been judiciously employed in furthering his own interests and at the same time in essential contributions to the welfare of others. It has been eminently useful and upright, and given him an opportunity to exemplify in all relations the attributes of elevated and serviceable American citizenship.

#### JUSTUS F. ECHTERNACHT.

For a full quarter of a century this progressive and enterprising farmer and stock man has been a resident of Missouri, and has lived and labored in the township and county of his present residence. He is therefore well known to the people among whom his daily life of usefulness and sterling citizenship has been passed, and the universal esteem they give him is based on well determined grounds of merit, and is neither speculative nor sentimental. He has demonstrated the quality of his manhood and all who know him have found it worthy of their confidence and regard.

Mr. Echternacht is a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, one of the richest and most prosperous counties in the United States, where he was born on October 10, 1861, a grandson of John Echternacht, who came to this country from England, where he was born and grew to manhood. On his arrival in the United States he located in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and there his son William, the father of Justus F., was born, reared and, at the end of a long life of usefulness, buried in the region hallowed by his labor and devotion to the welfare of its people. He was a