

country, enlisting in the 83d Reg. Ill. Vol. Inf. He was a brave soldier and held in high esteem by his comrades in arms, being promoted four different times. He assisted largely in raising a company of colored soldiers, by whom he was greatly beloved, but through the chicanery of others he was deprived of any pecuniary reward for the untiring and intelligent labors whereby he might have had something with which to support his family in comfort through the balance of a life prematurely broken down by the disease-breeding districts of the South. While hunting for guerrillas near Fort Donelson, Tenn., he was injured in attempting to remove a gun carriage from a ditch, and from the effects of this he is slightly though permanently crippled. Aside from this, and a slight wound in the hand from a rebel bullet, he was mustered out at the close of the war without further injuries.

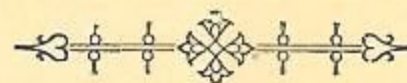
In 1872 he removed to Red Oak, Iowa, and resumed his trade, working continuously, with the spirit of a man broken down, for the next few years, when he removed to Emerson, Mills County, where he still resides. In 1851 his life was destined to experience a change, and he married Mary A. Lowell, the lady being a native of Maryland, and the marriage resulting in the birth of ten children, of which Orange Lowell was the eldest.

The subject of our sketch received his earliest education in the public schools of Knoxville, until, at the age of 13, he entered the office of the *Knox County Republican*, where he became acquainted with all the necessary routine of printing and publishing a local journal, at the same time supporting his father's family, while the latter was fighting for his country. He afterward entered the office of the *Quincy Herald*, and remained there for one year. He became proprietor, Feb. 24, 1876, of the journal of which he is now editor-in-chief, enlarging it from four to eight pages, only issuing in all two numbers of the four-page paper that had been. He married Augusta S. Bull, the daughter of William and Phœba (Stowe) Bull. This lady was a native of Milford, Conn., and became the mother of two children—Sterling H. and Lottie W.

It is almost needless to state that Mr. Campbell in politics is a true representative of the Republican party, and while maintaining his principles with all the vigor and eloquence necessary to present them to public notice, he is sufficiently just to fairly inves-

tigate opposing views and opinions. At the present date he holds the positions of City and Township Clerk. As members of the Presbyterian Church, himself and wife take a decided interest in the welfare of that body, beside being recognized members of the Knox County Bible Society. He is also a member of the Knox County Agricultural Society, and Secretary and Treasurer of the Old Settlers' Association. In him the Illinois Press Association has found an exceedingly active member. No measure likely to promote the advancement of that body escapes his notice, or is passed without his having a voice for or against its adoption. He is a member of Knoxville Lodge, No. 66, A. F. & A. M., and Knox Lodge, No. 126, A. O. U. W. Of this latter he is a charter member, being one of the earliest to organize.

This gentleman has created for himself so numerous a body of personal friends that it is not likely that his name or influence will soon pass out of the community in which he has so long been recognized as a directing spirit.



Robert B. Coe, a farmer on section 1, of Galesburg Township, was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, Nov. 7, 1840. His father, Moses Coe, was also a native of Jefferson County, in the same State, and was born in 1810. He first settled in Illinois in 1853, located in Fulton County, near Canton, where he remained one year. He then moved to Knox County and settled in Sparta Township. He married Miss Matilda Maxwell on Dec. 30, 1834. This lady was born in Ohio in 1815, and married Mr. Moses Coe in the same State. Five children were the result of the marriage—Charles B., David P., Robert B., Sarah E. and Moses E.

Robert B. Coe married Miss Lillian F. Jones on June 12, 1877. The marriage was performed by the Rev. A. Swena, of the Presbyterian Church. This amiable lady and faithful wife was born Nov. 7, 1858, in Jefferson County, Ohio, where her mother still resides. Her parents were Charles and Emma C. (Long) Jones, both natives of Ohio, the father being born July 31, 1833, and his decease occurring

Aug. 13, 1878, in the same State. They were married on the 28th of January, 1858. His wife was born Aug. 5, 1837, and is still living in Ohio. The issue by the marriage were nine children—Francis L., Morris C., Margaret A., Charles E., William P., Alva G., Louisa B., Jessie A. and Leoni L.

The subject of this biography has one child, a son—Charles B., born June 23, 1878, and a very promising youth. Mr. Coe farms 137 acres of good land in this township, worth \$75 per acre. He has a very comfortable dwelling-house, one and one-half stories high, and his barn measures 45 x 45 feet. He is at present engaged in a general farming business. His wife is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Ohio, but never united with a similar congregation since coming West.

Mr. Coe enlisted in the service of his country on the 1st of October, 1861, and was mustered in at Camp Butler, Ill., when he soon joined his regiment at Pilot Knob, Mo. He was in Co. I, of the 33d Ill. Vol. Inf. His first engagement was fought at Frederickstown, Mo.; the regiment was quartered at Pilot Knob. In the spring he was marched to Arkansas, and at Helena camped below the town some 20 miles. This continued nearly all summer. In the fall the command returned to Pilot Knob, where he was taken sick and sent home on a furlough. Here he remained during the following winter, and the next spring joined his regiment at Milliken's Bend. He assisted at Port Gibson and Champion Hill, and was at the charge on Vicksburg, on the 22d day of May, 1863, where he received a wound in the left arm and side. From here he went to the hospital at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., where he was detained two months. He then returned to join his regiment at New Orleans, and participated in the siege of Mobile and battle of Spanish Fort. He also took part in the engagement and capture of Fort Esperanza, Texas. On the 15th of December, 1865, having served in the army four years and four months, he was discharged at Springfield, Ill.

Politically Mr. Coe is a Greenbacker and a firm believer in the policy of his party. In connection with this sketch it is only correct to note that Charles M. Jones, the father of Mrs. Coe, was killed by a steam boiler explosion occurring at a saw-mill in Jefferson County, Ohio. He was pursuing the occupation of sawyer in the mill at the time of the accident, when he was thrown against a log and his body ter-

ribly mangled. He was a good Republican and an ardent patriot, having joined with enthusiasm in the 100-day service during the war.



K. Byers is Postmaster of Altona, Notary Public, attorney at law, real estate and insurance agent. Mr. Byers came to Altona in 1871, from Oneida, where he had lived for two and a half years as law student and teacher, acting the while as clerk for his legal instructors, G. W. Ford and Gen. F. C. Smith, the latter of whom was United States Assessor. While at Oneida he was admitted to the bar, March 9, 1869, but for some time thereafter gave his time to the profession of teaching in the public schools, being employed till the year 1871, when he came to Altona and entered the regular practice of his profession, which he has since pursued.

Mr. Byers has been Village Attorney for about ten years, Police Magistrate, Township Treasurer and Clerk, and has held nearly all the local offices of both village and township. This he has done notwithstanding he is a member of the Democratic party, which is very decidedly in the minority in his section of the country. But such is the esteem in which he is held by all parties, and such is the confidence of the people in his ability and integrity, that all shades of political sentiment and differences of opinion were forgotten in the voting for and election of Mr. Byers to the various positions of trust which he has so acceptably filled in his home community. He has always taken an active and leading part in the temperance work in the community. His party twice nominated him as their candidate for County Treasurer, in which he was defeated by a greatly reduced majority in a county largely against him in political sentiment. Like every intelligent man and good citizen he takes a lively interest in politics, an interest surpassed by no man in the county, and has been Secretary of the Democratic County Central Committee for ten years, still holding the position acceptably, as all other positions he has filled, commanding even the respect of his political opponents by fairness and courtesy to all. He has been an