

The faithful and efficient companion of Mr. Shawver was known in her maidenhood as Miss Harriet Rockel. She is a daughter of Adam and Mary E. Rockel, pioneer settlers of this county. The rites of wedlock were celebrated between her and our subject April 1, 1854. Six children have been born of this union. They are named respectively: William H., Adam W., Joanna, Charles I., Alice A. and Viola. Joanna is the wife of R. Jenkins; Viola is now deceased.

The political adherence of Mr. Shawver is given to the Democrat party. He served as Township Trustee three years, and for a lengthy period as School Director of his district. He belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry. Both he and his wife belong to the Reformed Church. The success which he has attained in worldly affairs is but the deserved result of his energy and prudence, while the reputation which he has among his fellow-men is due to one whose life has been ruled by proper principles, and who has ever manifested an interest in the welfare of those about him, and been ready to aid them in their advancement.



ANDREW & BRO., the leading dealers in grain and produce in Greene County, are also engaged extensively in the grocery, hardware and agricultural implement business, and for some years have been closely identified with the growth and importance of Cedarville. The brothers, James H. and T. Beveridge, are the sons of T. S. Andrew, who came to this county at an early day, and was married to Miss Jane McClellan, daughter of John McClellan, of Xenia, in which place various members of the family still reside.

James H. Andrew spent his younger years on the farm, and when about twenty-six years old entered the employ of Charles Houston & Co., remaining with the firm until the death of Mr. Houston. The business then passed into the hands of David Beal, who conducted it six months and then sold out to Cleaver & Mormon, who

made an assignment in July, 1875. It then went into the United States Court, where litigation was carried on for over a year, when the assignees disposed of the goods, and in 1877 the Andrew boys, in company with Houston Bros., of South Charleston, opened up another stock of goods in the same place under the firm name of Andrew & Co.

The business was thus conducted until February, 1882, when Andrew Bros. purchased the interest of the other partners and have since controlled the business. At first they made a specialty of grain, and later added to their transactions and now do a business of \$150,000 per annum. This speaks well for their enterprise and push, as they commenced with comparatively nothing. They are recognized as "hustlers," and have been phenomenally successful. They own the brick building in which they do business, this being two stories in height and covering an area of 36x92 feet. The large hall over the store proper is utilized as a wareroom for their farm implements and carriages.

Andrew Bros., besides this property, have three hundred acres of land and a half-interest in the Cedarville Tile Works—a large enterprise which is extensively patronized throughout the county. Each of the brothers owns and occupies a fine residence in the village, and James has property in Findlay, this State. They likewise conduct a profitable loan business, and have realized large profits by being able to discount all their bills. Their early partnership cost them \$4,500, this being the profits accruing to the other members of the firm who never took any active part in the business.

In the fall of 1880 James Andrew was united in wedlock with Miss Nannie Barber. This lady is the daughter of Martin Barber, an old resident of Cedarville. She was born in 1855. Of this union there are no children.

T. Beveridge Andrew was born in 1852, and like his brother acquired his education in the common school. They grew up together, and in their business relations have preserved a remarkable harmony, which has contributed largely to their success. He was married in 1883, to Miss Mary White, and they have one child. J. H. leans toward prohibition, and T. B. is Trustee of Cedar-

ville Township, and adheres to the Republican party. While they stand pre-eminent among the best and most successful young business men of the county, and attend strictly to business during business hours, they still wisely devote a proper amount of time and attention to recreation, and are among the most noted checker-players in this part of the State. James is especially expert at this game, and in a series of games played was seldom ever beaten. He is also an expert chess player.



ALEXANDER O. KELLER has for several years actively identified himself with the business interests of Springfield, and as one of the leading insurance men of the city and one of its enterprising grocers he is not only achieving success for himself and advancing his financial status, but he is doing his share in promoting the welfare of his adopted city materially, socially and religiously.

He was born in Baden, Germany, November 14, 1846, a son of Nicholas Keller, and a grandson of John Keller, who were also natives of that country, their birthplace being the same as his own. His grandfather was an engineer, and spent his entire life in Baden. The father of our subject was an architect of fine talent and great reputation, and was for many years in government employ. He was a life-long resident of his native land. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Verena Schmidt, is still living there in the land of her birth, at the venerable age of eighty-four years. She is a woman of more than ordinary force of character and vigor of intellect, and, notwithstanding her advanced age, retains her mental faculties to a remarkable degree, and writes to her son, our subject, every few weeks interesting letters, penned in a fine hand that betrays but little mark of the infirmities usual to a person whose head is frosted with the snows of more than four-score years.

Alexander Keller is the only member of his parents' family who ever came to the United States, his brother August and sister Johanna still residing in Baden. Our subject was given the advantages

of a liberal education in the foremost schools of Europe. His primary education was conducted at Constance, and later he attended school at Carlsruhe, and was subsequently a student in the famous universities of Heidleburg and Munich. Thus well equipped for the duties of life, after leaving college he became an architect, and practiced his profession at Strasburg, at Cologne on the Rhine, and had the advantage of a year in Paris. He returned from that city to his native land to attend to his father's business, and remained there until 1872. Ambitious to obtain a broader outlook on life, to see more of the world, and to take advantage of the opportunities offered skilled men of his profession in this country, in that year he came to America. He stayed a few months in New York, and then went to Philadelphia, where he was employed to draw plans for the Centennial buildings in Fairmount Park. He remained there until 1877 and then returned to New York, where he invested in city property, but was unfortunate in his speculation, and lost all, and after that was sick in the Fifth Street Hospital for a year. In 1879, he determined to retrieve his fallen fortunes, he made his way to Cincinnati, and wisely taking any opportunity that offered to turn an honest penny till he could find employment more congenial to his tastes, he accepted work on a farm near the city, with wages of \$5 per month. He continued thus engaged until the fall of the same year, and then went to Paris, Ky., but did not find things to his liking there, and after a month's stay in that city, he came to Springfield in the month of December, 1879, and here first found employment with Frederick Holford, and remained with him six years. At the expiration of that time he had acquired sufficient capital to establish himself in business on his own account, and he opened an insurance office, which he managed successfully, but for a man of his active temperament that was not sufficient to take up all of his time, and in 1887 he bought a grocery business, and has since carried on both branches of business with excellent financial results, more than ordinary good fortune following his ventures.

Mr. Keller has not only been successful from a financial point of view, but he has established a