

A. R. Johnson was educated in the public and high schools of Lime Springs and was graduated with the class of 1888. After completing his studies he worked for a year in the Lime Springs postoffice and the following year entered his father's harness shop and began his apprenticeship at the harness making trade. He continued to work with his father until the latter's death, after which he took charge of and continued the business. He has since remained actively identified with harness making in Lime Springs and has built up a trade of gratifying and substantial proportions.

In 1894 Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Augusta Henderson, who passed away in 1900, leaving two children: Lorin W., who is assistant cashier of the Exchange State Bank of Lime Springs; and Pauline A., a stenographer of Minneapolis. Both are graduates of the Lime Springs high school.

In 1901 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Nagle, of Lime Springs, and to them have been born three children: Mildred, Alta and Helen, all at home, the first named being now a senior in the high school.

Mr. Johnson votes with the republican party, of which he has been a stalwart supporter since reaching adult age. He is a member of the town council and has served in that body for the past fifteen or twenty years — a fact that certainly indicates his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. He has also served as secretary of the school board for the past twenty years and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion, most loyal to the interests of the schools. He has membership in Howard Lodge, No. 214, A. F. & A. M., of Lime Springs, and also with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his wife is connected with the Presbyterian church. Mr. Johnson well deserves classification with the progressive men of Lime Springs, being keenly interested in everything that has to do with the welfare and upbuilding of the community and the advancement of its substantial growth.

THOMAS J- MURPHY.

Oliver Wendell Holmes has said: "If your name is to live at all, it is so much more to have it live in people's hearts than only in their brains." It is in this way that the name of Thomas J. Murphy lives. His memory is enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him, for he was not only a successful but most progressive and honorable business man, a reliable and substantial citizen, a devoted friend and a faithful and loving husband and father. His many sterling qualities endeared him to all who knew him and in his death Chickasaw county lost one of its valued citizens.

Mr. Murphy was born in Chicago, Illinois, October 1, 1857, and when he was but three years of age was brought by his parents, Michael and Catharine Murphy, to Chickasaw county. His youthful days were spent upon a farm. The family home was established four miles west of New Hampton and when three years later the mother died the father put forth every effort not only to fill his own place in the world, but to take the mother's part in the household and surround his children with that loving care and attention which, only a mother knows how to give. Some years afterwards he wedded Miss Alice Cunningham, who proved most devoted to the children that came under her direction.

At the usual age Thomas J. Murphy became a pupil in the public schools and for some years thereafter his time was divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the farm. He supplemented his early training in the Bradford Academy, from which in due course of time he was graduated. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he largely followed through the succeeding twelve years, proving himself a capable educator, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he had acquired. With the death of his father he became the owner of the old homestead and concentrated his efforts and attention upon its management and develop-