

On the 13th of November, 1890, Mr. Shaffer was married to Miss Myrtle M. Thompson, of Pueblo, Colorado, and to them have been born two children N. Lucille, the wife of Joseph A. Miller, of Valley Junction, Iowa; and Harry Allen, who has just completed the high school course, and is now a student at the University of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Shaffer is a stalwart republican in politics and has served as city treasurer for a number of years. He and his wife and children are members of the Baptist church, in which he has served as deacon and as superintendent of the Sunday school. He was a dominant factor in the building of the church in 1894 and long served in church offices, filling both the above mentioned positions for twenty-five years. He has also supported a native preacher in India for the past fifteen or twenty years. He was also largely instrumental in building the Baptist church in Horace, Kansas, while a resident of that state. He ranks with New Hampton's most public-spirited, prominent and progressive citizens and there is no plan or measure for the advancement of public welfare in community or commonwealth that does not receive his active and earnest support. He was vice chairman of the last two Liberty Loan drives in New Hampton township and has served on various committees in connection with the war work. He also served as a member of the board of directors of New Hampton Chapter of the Red Cross and did everything possible to uphold American interests during the period of the world conflict and aid in the support of the khaki-clad boys on the fields of France.

#### ENOCH STROTHER.

Enoch Strother was a mine operator and hotel owner of Cresco. Every feature and phase of western frontier life was familiar to him and he could relate many interesting stories of the early days not only in Iowa but in Colorado and the west. From time to time in the course of life removal brought him westward until eventually he reached Colorado, attracted by the discovery of gold at Pikes Peak. He was born in Westland, Virginia, a son of Enoch and Mary Ann Strother. He left the Old Dominion with his parents during his infancy and the family home was then established in Columbus, Ohio, where he began his education, supplementing his public school training by study in the Columbus University and also in Fulsom's Commercial College. He afterward went to Havana, Cuba, where he remained for two years, and later became a sailor on the seas, sailing from Cuba to Swansea, Wales. Eventually he returned to the United States and made his way to Racine, Wisconsin, where he engaged in the wholesale grocery business for a number of years. He afterward removed to Vernon Springs, Iowa, where he established a general store in 1857. The northern part of Iowa was then largely undeveloped and unimproved and he cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers who were aiding in the work of reclaiming the region for the purposes of civilization. At a later date, in company with Judge Gilchrist, he went west across the plains, traveling with ox teams to Pikes Peak, Colorado, in search of gold. He did not remain there long, however, but continued on his way westward to Sacramento, California. Still he was not satisfied with the outlook in the mining regions of the Pacific coast and retraced his steps across the mountains to what is now Nevada. There he engaged in the mining of silver and gold and also took up the study of law under Judge Gilchrist, using his leisure hours in that way. He was still identified with mining interests in the west at the time of his death, having mining property at Virginia City, Nevada, and it was Mr. Strother who named that place, calling it so in honor of his native state. While living in Nevada he was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of law. He also served as judge in the United States bankruptcy court for ten years and was a resident of that state for forty-one years altogether. During that time, however, he made frequent trips back to Iowa to visit his brother in Cresco and look after his interests and investments in this city. His business as well as his friendly relations with Judge Gilchrist continued until the time of the death of the Judge in Nevada. Their relations were ever of a most pleasant and agreeable character and the