

States is, by far, the best country in the world; that Iowa is her best state; that there is no better place than the town of Lawler and the farming country tributary to it. It is our ambition that this bank shall be the best that good management under good laws can provide. We have every faith in the government of the United States and are glad to be under federal surveillance. Our policy will be the most liberal consistent with good banking. We will have nothing to conceal except the private affairs of our customers. The bank is in a very flourishing condition, its business steadily increasing, and its policy is such as carefully safeguards the interests of depositors and yet makes for continued growth. It has indeed been an institution of great worth to Lawler.

On the 4th of September, 1507, Mr. Parker was united in marriage to Miss Vina Clapham, of Fredericksburg, Iowa, by whom he has two children, William C. and Catherine.

In politics Mr. Parker is a republican and always keeps well informed concerning the political questions and problems of the day. He is a member of the town council and formerly served as clerk of the board. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and is serving as clerk of his camp. He is also a member and the secretary of the Homesteaders Lodge and a member of Standard Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Waucoma, Iowa, while in Arcana Chapter, R. A. M., of New Hampton, he has taken the Royal Arch degrees. He is likewise identified with Eudora Commandery, K. T., of New Hampton, and has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in El Kahir Temple of Cedar Rapids. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church and they are keenly interested in all that has to do with the welfare and upbuilding of the district in which they live. During the period of the war Mr. Parker took a most active part in furthering the interests of the government and was a member of the Liberty Loan committee of Chickasaw county, having charge of the loan in Stapleton township during the third and fourth drives. He put the township over the top in both loans and he was again appointed to that position at the time the Victory Loan was launched. His work in this connection has been most efficient and his labors brought results that were thoroughly gratifying.

SUMNER P. MOORE.

Sumner P. Moore, one of the oldest of the pioneers of Chickasaw county and for many years justice of the peace at Fredericksburg, was born in Union county, Ohio, June 9, 1849, a son of Thomas C. and Emily (Paine) Moore, the former a native of Connecticut, while the latter was born in Union county, Ohio, where they were married. In 1854 they removed to Iowa, settling in Postville, where the father conducted one of the old-time log hotels, sheltering many of the early pioneers and upon his place he also had accommodations for the teams of the continental travelers, the hotel being coated on the old military road. In 1866 he removed to Fredericksburg, Chickasaw county, and purchased a farm a mile north of the town. He spent many years upon that place but passed the last ten years of his life in Kansas, where his death occurred.

Sumner P. Moore of this review was educated in the district schools and on reaching young manhood took up work at the carpenter's trade. For twenty-five years he was prominently identified with the contracting and building business, erecting many of the substantial and fine buildings of Fredericksburg, which stand as monuments to his activity in this field of labor and show forth his skill and handiwork. He then turned his attention to the insurance and loan business, with which he has since been identified. In 1906 he bought a farm of one hundred and thirty-seven and a half acres, a part of which lies within the corporation limits of Fredericksburg. This tract of land he cultivated very successfully for nine years and then sold the place in 1915.

In 1883 Mr. Moore was married to Miss Jennie Parks, of Fredericksburg, a daughter of Benjamin B. Parks, who came to Chickasaw county in 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have become the parents of seven children, of whom four are living: Walter H., a resident of New Hampton, Iowa; Ben H., living at Eagle Grove, Iowa; Clint H., who