

Cresco high school and then took up the profession of teaching, which he successfully followed for three terms, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He afterward spent one year in Nevada county, California, but on the expiration of that period returned to Howard county and entered the employ of Platt & O'Malley of Cresco, Iowa, who were proprietors of a general store. In that establishment he continued for seven years, after which he devoted a year to general agricultural pursuits, and he later became deputy county treasurer of Howard county, in which capacity he served for a year and a half. He was next called to the office of city recorder of Cresco and was also elected to the position of alderman, in both of which offices he discharged his duties with marked capability, promptness and fairness. He subsequently turned his attention to the grocery trade, entering into partnership with C. F. Webster, with whom he remained for two years. At the end of that time he bought out the interest of his partner and he remained in the grocery business for twenty years, conducting a well appointed store and enjoying a large and continually increasing patronage. His business methods would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and his integrity as well as his enterprise constituted one of the strong features in the growth of his trade. While engaged in the grocery business he was also appointed postmaster of Cresco and occupied that position for four and a half years. At length he disposed of his stock of groceries and became the manager of the Copeland lumber yard, with which he was thus connected for four years. He afterward engaged in the flour and feed business and is now directing his efforts and attention along that line.

In 1886 Mr. Glass was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Fitzgerald, a daughter of Patrick and Mary Fitzgerald of Winneshiek county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Glass became the parents of three children: Francis R., Mary B. and Loyola A.

Mr. Glass votes with the democratic party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is always interested in matters of citizen ship and those activities which have to do with the public welfare but has never sought political preferment himself. His has been preeminently that of a business career. He has concentrated his efforts and attention upon commercial pursuits and, making good use of his time and opportunities, he has steadily advanced along lines leading to success. He now has one of the substantial business enterprises of Cresco and his liberal patronage is well deserved.

W. A. GRANGER.

W. A. Granger is a member of Granger & Putney, dealers in lumber, coal and agricultural implements and also conducting a successful business as grain buyers at Nashua. A life of activity is bringing to him gratifying results in the attainment of that success which is the legitimate goal of honorable business endeavor.

Mr. Granger was born in Bremer county, Iowa, September 12, 1858, a son of Ebenezer A. and Olive (Marsh) Granger, the former a native of the province of Ontario, Canada, while the latter was born in the state of New York. They were married in De Kalb county, Illinois, where they had gone as children with their parents. Prior to their marriage, in the fall of 1855, Mr. Granger came to Iowa and located upon a farm in Bremer county. He then returned to De Kalb county for his wife and in the spring of 1856 brought his bride to the pioneer home in Iowa which he had established. In subsequent years he increased his holdings to three hundred and twenty acres and resided upon his farm until 1888 or 1889, when he rented the place and removed to Nashua. Here he became president of the Nashua Water Power Company and was a dominant factor in the management of the corporation, continuing in that capacity until his death, which occurred in October, 1907, when he was in his seventy-fourth year. His widow survived him until June, 1917, passing away at the age of seventy-six years.

W. A. Granger, after attending the district schools, remained upon the home farm and assisted his father in its development and management to the time of his marriage. That important event in his life occurred November 28, 1879, Miss Mary