

M. Nafus becoming his wife. The young couple took up their abode upon a farm which was purchased by his father at the time of the marriage of the son. The latter continued to cultivate the land for two years and assisted his father in paying for the farm, in recognition of which he was subsequently deeded eighty acres. In the spring of 1883 Mr. Granger of this review removed to Nashua and accepted a position in the lumberyard of H. B. Laird. On the 1st of September of the same year he purchased a half interest in the business and the firm style of Laird & Granger was adopted. Under this name the partnership was maintained for twenty-one years, at the end of which time Mr. Laird sold his interest to A. H. Nafus and the firm became Granger & Nafus. The business was thus carried on until 1912, when C. L. Putney became the successor of Mr. Nafus and the present partnership of Granger & Putney was formed. Their business has reached large proportions. They carry all kinds of lumber and builders' supplies, also coal and agricultural implements, and in addition to their trade along these various lines are doing a profitable business as grain buyers.

Mr. and Mrs. Granger became the parents of two daughters: Ethel, now the wife of E. W. Staley, who is engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Nashua; and Mildred, who is principal of the schools of Adair, Iowa. The wife and mother passed away June 9, 1912, and on the 3d day of May, 1917, Mr. Granger was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary Dodd, who in her maidenhood was Miss Mary West, a daughter of Frank West, one of the well known early settlers of Chickasaw county now living retired in Nashua. By her former marriage Mrs. Granger had two children: Edith, the wife of Beam Patterson, a druggist of Westside, Iowa; and Norris E., who is the proprietor of a sheep ranch at Haines, Oregon. Mrs. Granger is a member of the Congregational church.

Politically Mr. Granger is a republican, having stanchly supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and in local political circles he has long been a recognized leader. He served for two terms as mayor of Nashua and did effective work on the side of law and order, completely putting out of existence the "blind pigs" that were operating in the town. He served for several years as a member of the town council and ever exercised his official prerogatives in support of the public good. He belongs to Bradford Lodge, No. 129, A. F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in De Molay Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R., at Clinton, Iowa. He has likewise crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine as a member of El Kahir Temple of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and his wife and two daughters are members of Nashua Chapter, No. 248, O. E. S. Mr. Granger likewise belongs to Nashua Lodge, No. 110, K. P., and at all times he is a loyal follower of those different fraternities with which he is affiliated. He is a man of social and genial nature, whose circle of friends constantly broadens as the circle of his acquaintance widens. Those who have business relations with him speak of his capability and trustworthiness; those who know aught of his official career attest his loyalty in citizenship, and those who meet him in social relations prize his friendship.

O'CONNOR BROTHERS.

James and Joseph O'Connor are the partners in the firm of O'Connor Brothers, proprietors of one of the most important mercantile enterprises of Chickasaw county. They are conducting business at Lawler and their progressive methods have resulted in the upbuilding of a trade of very large and gratifying proportions. Their worth to the community as representatives of mercantile interests is widely acknowledged.

James O'Connor was born in Independence, Iowa, April 23, 1871, and the birth of Joseph O'Connor occurred in that place, August 21, 1883. They are sons of Timothy O'Connor and in their youthful days had but limited educational opportunities. James O'Connor went to Chicago in 1893 and was employed in various ways during the three years of his residence in that city. In 1896 he came to