

chapter at Chatfield, Minnesota, and he also belonged to the Odd Fellows lodge at Chester. Death called him on the 8th of June, 1904, and in his passing Chester lost one of her most esteemed citizens. A modern philosopher has said: "Not the good that comes to man, but the good that comes to the world through man, is the measure of his success." Judged by this standard, the life of Dr. Freemire was a most successful one.

F. E. SILVER.

F. E. Silver, cashier of the Elma State Savings Bank and displaying a laudable ambition and unflinching enterprise in his business career, was born in Deerfield township, Chickasaw county, July 29, 1889, a son of Maurice and Elizabeth (Greenwood) Silver, the former a native of Wisconsin, while the latter was born in Floyd county, Iowa. A history of the father appears elsewhere in this volume.

The son was educated in the district schools and in the State Normal School at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and following the completion of his school course he entered banking circles and for three and a half years was identified with the First State Bank as assistant cashier. In October, 1913, he founded and organized the Elma State Savings Bank and has since presided over its financial policy, occupying the position of cashier, while his father is president of the institution, and George W. Keefe its vice president. His previous experience well qualified him for the responsibilities which he assumed in this connection and his powers as a business man have fully measured up to the requirements made upon him.

On the 16th of June, 1916, Mr. Silver was married to Miss Lina Adams, of Rochester, Minnesota, a daughter of Dr. A. S. Adams, one of the prominent physicians of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Silver have become the parents of two children, Mary Elizabeth Gail and Joseph Harrison.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Silver are members of the Catholic church and he is identified with the Knights of Columbus and with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party but he has no time nor inclination to seek public office, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his business affairs.

MAURICE SILVER.

Maurice Silver is now largely living retired from business although for many years he was actively identified with agricultural interests in Howard county and at the present time is president of the State Savings Bank at Elma. The active control of the bank, however, is left to his son, who is cashier of the institution.

Mr. Silver was born in Green county, Wisconsin, October 22, 1856, a son of Patrick and Anna (Dunn) Silver, who were natives of Ireland and in young manhood and womanhood came to the United States. They settled in the state of New York, were there married, and one child was born to them ere their removal to Green county, Wisconsin, where they took up their abode upon a farm. They continued residents of that county throughout their remaining days and were among the enterprising representatives of agricultural interests in that district. The father died when his son Maurice was but two and a half years of age and as the mother was then in humble financial circumstances Maurice Silver had to devote most of his time and attention in his boyhood to the farm work. This necessarily limited his educational privileges although he attended the common schools for about two months during the winter season. His youth, however, was largely a period of earnest and unremitting toil and on attaining his majority in 1877 he had thorough training to equip him for life's practical and responsible duties. In 1877 he came west to Iowa, settling in Chickasaw county, where he purchased a fractional eighty acres and engaged in farming. He prospered as the years went on and subsequently added to his landed possessions as his financial resources increased until his holdings comprised two hundred and sixteen acres of land.