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parents of eight children: Joseph R., whose birth occurred on the 27th of April, 1891; Frank J., born April 1, 1893; Alois, born May 20, 1895; William, August 17, 1898; Mary, October 11, 1901; Agnes, March 8, 1904; Lucy, December 12, 1906; and Jacob, July 25, 1909.

For many years past Mr. Kuhn has been prominent and active in local public affairs and has rendered his township excellent service in various important capacities. He served for two terms as assessor of Sumner township and for the past eighteen years has been secretary of the school board, the cause of education finding in him an intelligent and able supporter. In November, 1912, he was elected a member of the county board of supervisors for a term of three years. A devout Catholic, Mr. Kuhn has taken an active interest in the affairs of the Roman Catholic church and has been for the past twelve years a member of the church committee. He is a man of exemplary character and high and honorable principles and in the course of a life spent in Sumner township has gained the esteem and respect of his neighbors.

GEORGE R. TAYLOR.

George R. Taylor, manager of a large grain elevator in Jackson Junction, was born in Chickasaw county, Iowa, on the 1st of October, 1878, a son of Oliver A. and Ellen (Noon) Taylor, natives of New York and Illinois, respectively. They reside at the present time in Iowa, where the father gives his attention to the grain business. To their union were born seven children: Maud, who married Patrick Connelly, of Lawler, Iowa; George R., of this review; Oliver B., also a resident of Lawler; Stella, of Waterloo; Joseph C, deceased; Claude L., of Ionia; and Ruth, who married Christ Osterwalter, of Ionia.

George R. Taylor was reared in Chickasaw county and there attended district school, afterward taking a commercial and a normal school course at Nora Springs, Iowa. After completing his education he turned his attention to teaching but followed this occupation only six months, after which he joined his father at Ionia, where he became connected with the latter's grain and stock business. When he resigned this position he went to Tripola, where he worked as a grain buyer for Gilchrist & Company for some time, all the experiences of his active life contributing to make him thoroughly familiar with the line of work with which he is now connected. In 1901 he took a position as assistant in an elevator at Jackson Junction and after one year assumed entire management of the business, controlling today an important trade as a buyer, seller and shipper of grain. A spirit of enterprise and progress actuates him in all that he does and the influence of these qualities may be seen upon his business, which has increased steadily since he assumed control and is now of extensive and gratifying proportions.

On the 3d of April, 1903, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Lottie B. Trusty and to them have been born three children: Charles Oliver, who died in infancy; Clark Raymond; and Winifred Leon. Mr. Taylor gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He is interested in everything that pertains to community growth and development and gives his active coopera