

Nor was he disappointed in this. He went to California in 1890, and again in 1891, and there spent about six weeks each time, but preferring his Iowa home he returned to this State, and resumed active practice in Albia. Although he has passed the allotted age of three-score years and ten, he yet follows the profession which has brought to him a high reputation and a handsome competence.

The Doctor has been twice married. In 1853 he was joined in wedlock with Cornelia Tyrell, and they had nine children, seven sons and two daughters, of whom the following named reached years of maturity: Franklin and Harry, who are farmers; William, who died in 1889; James and Alfred B., who also carry on agricultural pursuits; Ernest, who is now studying medicine; and George, a student in the high school. The mother of these children died in 1886, and in 1889 the Doctor wedded Miss Isabel Martin, by whom he has a bright little son, Edmund, now five months old (December, 1895). Dr. Gutch purchased fifteen acres of land within the corporate limits of Albia, in 1889, and erected upon it a large, substantial brick residence, one of the most pleasant homes in the city, to which he removed his family.

The Doctor has been a member of the American Medical Association since 1876; also a member of the Des Moines Valley Medical Society, of which he has served as president, and is a member of the State Medical Society. He has ever been found on the side of progress, has been a deep student of sciences, and is an enterprising and public-spirited citizen.

ELISHA HARDIN, a prominent banker, farmer and capitalist of Iowa, now living in Pleasantville, is numbered among the pioneers of the State. In the year in which Iowa was admitted to the Union he became identified with its interests and has aided largely in opening up to civilization the region now comprised within Marion county. He has been prominent in the devel-

opment of its agricultural and business interests, and, as a result of his marked ability, great executive capacity, industry and perseverance, has arisen to a place among the wealthy men of the State. A native of Indiana, he was born in the vicinity of Hardinsburg, Washington county, February 22, 1822. His father, John Hardin, was born in North Carolina, July 5, 1795, and by occupation was a farmer and stock-raiser. He was reared to manhood in the State of his nativity, whence he removed to Tennessee, and later went with a brother to Washington county, Indiana. There he was united in marriage with Miss Ellen, daughter of Abram Colclaseur. As a mere boy he served during the war of 1812 in the capacity of a hostler. After his marriage he and his wife began their domestic life in Washington county, but subsequently removed to Effingham county, Illinois, where the father died in 1885, in his eighty-eighth year. His wife passed away at the same place, in the eighty-second year of her age. The paternal grandfather of our subject, John Hardin, was born and reared in North Carolina, but spent his last days in Indiana. He was of Scotch-Irish extraction. His father was Eichabud Hardin, who emigrated from England to the United States and reared a family of thirteen sons, all of whom reached years of maturity.

Our subject is the third in order of birth in a family of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, all of whom reach adult age, were married and had families of their own. Elisha spent his boyhood days in Washington county, and attended the public schools, pursuing his education in a log school-house with slab seats and other primitive furniture. The teacher himself had advanced little beyond the rudiments of knowledge, but Mr. Hardin managed to acquire a fair English education, and through experience and observation has become a well informed man. He remained upon the home farm until he had attained his majority, and aided in the work of the fields through the summer months. In his twentieth year he began teaching school in Washington

county, following that pursuit through five winter seasons.

In 1848 Mr. Hardin arrived in Marion county, Iowa, and took up his residence upon a farm three miles northwest of what is now the town site of Pleasantville. There he entered 200 acres of land from the Government and still holds the title to that place. Not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made thereon; but with characteristic energy he began its development and in course of time waving fields of grain replaced the once barren tract. From time to time he added to his property until at the present time he owns 840 acres of valuable land, the greater part of which is under a high state of cultivation. For forty years he resided upon that farm. He has made a specialty of stock-raising, having had large numbers of horses and mules upon his place, and having devoted particular attention to the breeding of cattle. In his various undertakings he has prospered. Careful management and energy have been two important factors in his success and are qualities which always insure prosperity.

In 1888 Mr. Hardin removed from the farm to Indianola, Iowa, where he resided for three years, during which time he was connected with the banking interests of that place, being a stockholder and director and the vice-president of the First National Bank, in which he still retains an interest. In 1892 he organized the Citizens' Bank, of Milo, Warren county, of which he was president for a time, but he has now sold his interest in that institution. In 1888 he became interested in the Citizens' Bank, of Pleasantville, of which he is now a director, and he was also one of the directors of the First National Bank, of Knoxville, having been thus officially connected with the institution for twenty years. His connection with the various banking institutions of central Iowa has led to a close and systematic study of the financial questions of the country, and he expresses himself strongly in favor of the free coinage of silver.

On the 15th of September, 1846, Mr. Har-

din was united in marriage with Miss Nancy K. Polson, daughter of Thomas Polson. By their union have been born ten children, six of whom are living, namely: Mary E., Martha A., Sarah A., Leander M., Cora A., and Hattie J. Those deceased are John T., Susan Caroline, Sophronia B., and an infant son.

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There is no calling which offers better opportunities for advancement than this; but success in the medical profession is not due to the aid of influential friends and can not be purchased. It comes as the reward of the exercise of natural and acquired abilities, of persistent and conscientious effort, of thorough application, and is therefore a fitting reward for labor. Owing to the possession of these qualities, Dr. Jackson has attained considerable prominence among the members of the medical fraternity in Marion county, and is now enjoying a large and remunerative practice.

He was born near Clinton, in Hickman county, Kentucky, September 7, 1844. His father, Dr. William W. Jackson, was born in the city of Louisville in 1814, and was a graduate of the Kentucky School of Medicine, completing the course with the class of 1852. He began practice in Oldham county, Kentucky, and afterward followed his profession for a time in Indiana, but his last days were spent in his native State and his death occurred in 1878. He was a son of Daniel Jackson, a native of Tennessee, of Scotch and Irish extraction. In an early day in the history of the State Daniel Jackson removed to Kentucky, where his death occurred in 1864. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Naomi Wilson, and was born in Graves county, Kentucky, in 1816. Her father, Samuel Wilson, was born in Tennessee. The latter was a son of a soldier of the war of