

Cassady, who was one of the youngest soldiers to enlist, went home on a sick furlough, and rejoined his regiment six months later, and was stationed near Washington. They were ordered from there to Ft. Ripley, Minn., where, February 25, 1867, our subject was honorably discharged. From the latter State he returned to his home in Ohio, but October, following, he came to Iowa as stated above and in February, following, from Fremont County to Monona County.

Our subject was united in marriage, September 7, 1878, with Miss Ida N. Whiting, who was born in Johnson County, Iowa, July 4, 1854, and the daughter of the Hon. Charles E. and Nancy (Criner) Whiting, a sketch of whom appears in this volume. She came to this county with her parents, and received her preliminary education in the district schools. She commenced teaching school in her sixteenth year, and taught for four terms, and in 1878 entered the Iowa State University, where she remained for four years.

Our subject was one of the charter members and first officers of Hanscom Post, No. 97, G. A. R.; is a Republican, and has held several local offices.



FRANKLIN AUGUSTUS DAY, now a resident of the village of Castana, and one of the pioneers of this county, is a descendant of the English Puritans. His genealogical table commences with Robert Day, who was born in England in 1605, and came to America in the "Hopewell," Captain Burdock, from London in 1624. Robert Day died in Ipswich, Mass. leaving a large family. His son, Thomas Day, was born in 1643, and died in 1718, having one son, Thomas, born about 1670 and died in 1750. The latter had a son, Jeremiah, born in 1713, who died in 1788, and who was the father of John Day, born March 4, 1751. The latter married his cousin, Miss Sarah Day, and removed from Ipswich to Winthrop, Me., in 1795, with a family of five sons and three daughters. He died in Maine October 12, 1820, Francis, the second son of John Day, was born February 11, 1781. He married Miss Elizabeth

Hewins, who was born June 28, 1787, and died October 10, 1864, he died December 17 1856, in Hallowell, Me. having had only two children: Franklin Augustus, and Francis Jerome. He was a hatter by trade, carrying on that business until Franklin was about fifteen years old, when he purchased land at Hallowell Cross Roads and remained a farmer for life. For a short time during the war of 1812-15, he joined the United States Cavalry. During the latest years of his life "Uncle Frank" as he was called, dwelt in the city of Hallowell.

Franklin Augustus Day was born July 9, 1809, in Kennebec County, Me. At the district school, the academies of Monmouth and Hallowell and the Wesleyan Seminary at Readfield, he gained an excellent practical education. He started out in life for himself at the age of eighteen by working on his uncle's farm for \$8 per month and board. Investing his wages in a watch and clothing he taught a district school the following winter. He continued to teach for three winters and one summer, a part of the time at the large town school. In 1831 Mr. Day went into a general store in company with Laban Lincoln, at Hallowell, remaining about five years. During the next two years he was a member of the firm of Day & Jackson. The following year was spent in North Carolina, where he learned to detest that "peculiar institution" which John Wesley pronounced "the sum of all villainies." Returning to Hallowell he went into the mercantile business again. Two years later his brother, Francis J., became a member of the firm, assisting him to carry on the business about eight years. During all these ten years F. A. Day served as Collector and Treasurer of the old town of Hallowell, having been elected to that office in 1845. After living one year at Middlefield, Conn., and one year at Perth Amboy, N. J., he moved with all his family to Monona County, in 1855.

F. A. Day married Miss Harriet Proctor Squire, who was born in Somerset County, Me., March 31, 1809, and who died in Monona County, January 28, 1876, having been the mother of four children, of which the following is a record: Franklin Augustus Lincoln was born July 1, 1832; Joseph Bowles Proctor, May 31, 1834; Francis Jerome

Preston, June 28, 1836; and Harriet Elizabeth Consuelo, July 9, 1841. These four children all became school teachers, are all married, all are now living in Monona County, and there are twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

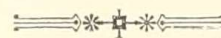
Shortly after coming to this county our subject lost the greater part of his property by going surety for a friend. He fitted out at St. Charles, Ill., and came through with six oxen and a span of horses, camping on the Little Sioux River, in December of the coldest winter ever known in Iowa. He bravely and energetically bore the hardships and privations of pioneer life. He was elected a member of the County Board of Supervisors for a number of years, and by his honest labors earned the gratitude of the people, and served as Postmaster at Arcola, and also at his store in old Castana. His occupations were various until 1878, when he became a member of the widely known mercantile firm of F. A. Day & Co. Five years later he sold out to Wm. T. Day & Co., and since then has been leading a retired life, aiming only to settle up his past business affairs.

Although our subject is the son of a Baptist deacon, he has never been a member of any church, or indeed of any society, secret or otherwise. Religiously he is, and has been, a persistent Free-Thinker. While of a domestic nature and habit, fond of games and amusements, he has opposed the use of intoxicating liquors and tobacco, and has never failed to bear testimony against saloons and all betting and gambling.

Mr. Day was a member of the old Whig party. His last vote as such was cast for Gen. W. H. Harrison, in 1840. From that time until 1856 he was a Garrisonian Abolitionist, and did no voting. There were twelve votes thrown in Kennebec Township on that year by himself and others, all of them for John C. Fremont. Since that eventful date he has been a warm and devoted Republican, taking a deep interest in the public affairs of both Nation, State and county.

Mr. Day has travelled the rough and thorny road of a wide experience, especially since coming to Monona County; his present position and success in life have been achieved by persistent hard knocks. Despite the fact that he has been a

vehement advocate, a rough-and-ready controversialist, his opponents have not failed to give him credit for honesty, ability and sincerity. Kennebec Township, or in fact Monona County, contains but few citizens who are more widely known or more respected and esteemed than the gentleman of whom this annal is written.



CHARLES I. WHITING, Cashier of the Mapleton Bank, and one of the leading citizens of that prosperous village, was born at Huntsville, Ala., December 6, 1855, and is a son of Newell A. and Eliza Whiting, a sketch of whom is given elsewhere in the pages of this ALBUM. He came to Monona County with his parents in the spring of 1858, and grew to manhood in the then little village of Onawa, receiving his education in its graded schools. He also was in attendance at Bayliss's Business College at Dubuque and Des Moines, and assisted his father in the latter's store at Onawa until the fall of 1877, when he removed to Mapleton, and in company with his uncle, Baxter Whiting, engaged in the hardware business under the firm name and style of Whiting & Co. This was one of the pioneer mercantile establishments of the place, and was operated by them until March, 1881, when they disposed of it to James Garrison, by whom it is still carried on. The Mapleton Bank, which was organized September 1, 1878, by Baxter Whiting, W. H. Bliss and Charles I. Whiting, demanding his entire attention, our subject, in March, 1881, assumed the position of Cashier, which he has held ever since. The bank had originated in their hardware establishment, occupying one corner of their store room, but on their selling out to Mr. Garrison it was removed to its present handsome quarters. A close attention to the business needs of the community, and a courteous and affable manner toward all with whom he comes in contact, have won Mr. Whiting a warm place in the hearts of almost the entire community, and he is one of the most popular business men of that section of the county. Notwithstanding his business cares, which have ever given him