

appointed United States district judge for the northern district of Iowa to succeed the late Oliver P. Shiras of Dubuque, who retired November 1st preceding.

In 1868 Judge Reed was married to Miss Laura J. Webster, daughter of Julius F. and Eliza J. Webster. Her father was a native of Laporte county, Indiana, and in 1857 removed westward to Howard county, Iowa, settling in Howard Center town-ship). He died in August, 1892, at the age of seventy-four years, while his widow died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Reed in Cresco, in February, 1916, at the advanced age of ninety-two years.

Judge and Mrs. Reed have two children: Carl W., who is practicing law in Cresco; and Kate C., who is now the wife of Dr. W. T. Daly of Cresco. The family is one of prominence in the community. Carl W. Reed has carried forward the work begun by his father, assisting in the upbuilding and development of this section of the state, and is now a member of the Iowa senate for the Howard-Winneshiek district.

A. T. BROOKINS.

Perseverance and energy feature as salient factors in the business career of A. T. Brookins and have brought him to the responsible position of cashier of the First State Savings Bank of Ionia. He was born December 16, 1883, on a farm within three miles of his present home, his parents being Franklin W. and Mary (Chamberlin) Brookins, the former a native of the state of New York, whence he removed westward to Wisconsin in young manhood. He was there married, in the town of Necedah, to Miss Chamberlin and for some years thereafter he engaged in the lumber business and in farming in Juneau county, Wisconsin. Subsequently he came to Iowa and purchased a farm in Bradford township, Chickasaw county. About 1888 or 1889 he removed to Ionia, where he resided until 1901, when he became a resident of Charles City, Iowa, and later he and his wife took up their home with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Gray, of New Hampton. The mother's death there occurred about 1913. In subsequent years the father has made his home among his children.

A. T. Brookins was educated in the town schools of Ionia and in the Charles City high school before entering the Charles City College. He was graduated from high school with the class of 1902 and following the completion of his studies he taught school for eight years, during which time he was principal of the schools of Floyd, Iowa, and also at Defiance, Iowa. He proved an able educator, having the happy faculty of interesting the children and imparting readily to them the knowledge that he had acquired. At length, however, he gave up his educational work in the spring of 1910 and went upon the farm. During the following six years he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and in September, 1915, he received his initial training in the banking business by entering the First State Savings Bank of Ionia in the position of assistant cashier. He made good in this connection and in January, 1919, was advanced to the position of cashier in which capacity he is now serving, having charge of the financial policy of the bank.

In 1906 Mr. Brookins was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Alys Dodge, of Osage, Iowa, by whom he has a son, Paul Dodge. In politics Mr. Brookins is a republican and

in the November election of 1914 was the nominee of his party for the position of county auditor, running against Peter McGinn. He was nominated in the republican convention but not through the primary, and the election board of the county, then controlled by the democrats, ruled his nomination irregular and his name was not placed on the ticket. Notwithstanding this fact there were enough who wrote his name on the ticket to almost defeat his opponent, a fact indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. He is now serving for the second term as justice of the peace in Chickasaw township and through his influence and his counsel to

litigants has succeeded in having all cases compromised and settled out of court, no cases ever having come to trial in his court. This is certainly a notable record and the influence of his work cannot be overestimated, as an amicable adjustment is far preferable to litigation, which is sure to leave behind it a trail of unpleasant feeling. Mr.