

No. 658, I. O. O. F., and to Charles City Lodge, No. 418, B. P. O. E. He is ever loyal to the teachings and purposes of these organizations and in every relation of life is found true to the trusts reposed in him. He has won a creditable place among the substantial, progressive and representative business men of Chickasaw county, where his worth is widely acknowledged. Actuated by a laudable ambition, he has advanced step by step and each forward step in his career has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. Moreover, opportunity has ever been to him a call to action and one to which he has made ready response. Men who know him—and he has a wide acquaintance—speak of him in terms of the highest regard and aside from what he has done for his city as a business man he has greatly furthered its interests and upheld its civic standards through the exercise of his official prerogatives as mayor.

#### F. A. SCHUETZ.

For thirteen years F. A. Schuetz has been the cashier of the State Savings Bank of Lawler and through his connection with the institution it has shown rapid and substantial growth, becoming one of the strong moneyed concerns of Chickasaw county. Mr. Schuetz is a native of New Hampton, Iowa, where he was born May 9, 1877, his parents being John and Mary (Demuth) Schuetz, who were natives of Luxemburg. In 1855 the father came to the United States, making the voyage in a sailing vessel. He took up his abode at Aurora, Illinois, where he was employed at railroad work for a period of eight years, and in 1863 he returned to Luxemburg, where he was married. He then brought his bride to the United States and established his home in Dubuque county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm which he cultivated for a period of five years. At the end of that time he sold the property and removed to New Hampton, where he engaged in merchandising. In 1880, after the three years' wheat crop failures of Iowa, he lost his business owing to the fact that he was carrying so many on his books who were unable to pay him. He thereafter lived a private life in New Hampton, where he passed away in 1909, at the age of seventy-seven years.

F. A. Schuetz was educated in the graded and high schools of New Hampton, being graduated on the completion of his high school course as a member of the class of 1896. He next entered the State Agricultural College at Ames, where he completed his studies in 1899. Following his graduation there he taught in the schools of Bassett for a year and subsequently became principal of the New Hampton high school, in which position he remained for two years. He next accepted the principalship of the high school at Grinnell, Iowa, where he continued for one year and was then made superintendent of the schools of Perham, Minnesota, in which capacity he continued to serve for three years. On the expiration of that period he was offered and accepted the cashiership of the State Savings Bank at Lawler and in this important position has since remained. When he entered the bank in 1906 its resources amounted to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, while on the 1st of April, 1919, its resources aggregated six hundred and nine thousand dollars. During the prosecution of the war with Germany the bank furnished the government through the subscriptions which it took and through its private subscriptions something over three hundred and eighty-four thousand dollars. The bank has shown a wonderful growth since Mr. Schuetz became its cashier and has been active in managing its financial policy.

On the 5th of June, 1907, Mr. Schuetz was united in marriage to Miss Grace C. Struett, of Perham, Minnesota, by whom he has four children: John S., Louis F., Catherine and Francis J.

Mr. and Mrs. Schuetz are members of the Catholic church and he is identified with the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and for many years he served as secretary of the school board and was recently elected to the county board of education. He has ever stood for progress and improvement in the public life of the community and during the period of the war was especially active in promotion of the Liberty Loan drives and was chairman for Utica township during the third