

his progressive spirit and sound business judgment, which has enabled him to carefully select the interests yielding the best financial returns. In the development of his farm he has shown himself to be a most progressive agriculturist and in addition to improving the fields he is successfully breeding full blooded Poland China hogs. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as he started out in the business world empty-handed, coming to America alone when a youth of seventeen years. From that point forward he has made steady progress, working diligently and persistently to overcome all obstacles and difficulties in his path, and, advancing step by step, he has at length reached the goal of success.

#### GEORGE E. HIMES.

George E. Himes is active in control of the financial interests and situation in Chickasaw county inasmuch as he is the cashier of the First National Bank of Lawler. He was born in Adams county, Iowa, September 27, 1876, and is a son of Jacob M. and Elizabeth P. (Prine) Himes, the former a native of Pennsylvania, while the latter was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, where they were married. The father had come to this state with his parents as a boy of twelve or thirteen years, the Himes family being among the pioneer settlers of Mahaska county. In 1862, or when eighteen years of age, Jacob M. Himes enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company E of the Thirty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was with his regiment for three years and six months, participating in a number of hotly contested engagements which led up to the final victory that crowned the Union arms. After receiving an honorable discharge he returned to Mahaska county and there engaged in farming until 1873, when he removed to Adams county, where he again devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits for a period of twenty years. In 1895 he retired from active business life and took up his abode in the town of Cromwell, where he resided until 1902, when he removed to Des Moines, where he has since lived. While he is not active in business at the present time, he is a stockholder in the University State Bank of Des Moines. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, loyal to the teachings and purposes of the craft, and he and his wife are consistent members of the Congregational church.

George E. Himes, after attending the district schools near his father's farm, continued his education in the town schools of Cromwell and in the Iowa Business College at Des Moines. Starting out in the business world, he was connected with clerical work for a number of years and for a time was cashier and assistant secretary of the Mutual Life & Trust Company of Des Moines. He afterward became associated with the Brotherhood of American Yeomen in an official capacity, acting as chief auditor, in which position he served for ten years. On severing his association with that fraternity on the 1st of July, 1914, he became connected with the Bank of Lawler, a private institution owned by William H. Parker & Company. This business was later reorganized, receiving its charter as the First National Bank on the 15th of August, 1914, at which time Mr. Himes was made cashier and has since occupied that position. His long connection with the banking business has made him thoroughly familiar with every phase of the work and he is putting forth earnest effort to further upbuild the bank and make it a factor in the business development of this section of the state.

On the 3d of October, 1909, Mr. Himes was united in marriage to Miss Fannie E. Parker, a daughter of William H. Parker, who has passed away. They now have one child, May. Mrs. Himes is a graduate of the Upper Iowa University at Fayette, receiving her degree with the class of 1898. Subsequently she engaged in clerical and educational work for ten years prior to her marriage. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, her great-great-grandfather, John Parker, having served in the war for independence. Mrs. Himes is a lady of liberal culture, natural refinement and many accomplishments and occupies an enviable position in the club circles of the city. She belongs to the Congregational church and is interested in many good works. Mr. Himes has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of The