

then proceeded in earnest to make a home for his family, but in the early days they had to endure all of the hardships and privations which are incident to the settlement of the frontier. His marketing in those days was done at McGregor, making the journey of more than eighty miles each way by ox team. It required an entire week to complete the trip with favorable weather. Various difficulties were endured by the family in those pioneer times, but as the years passed on conditions changed and in his farming operations Mr. Marr prospered. As he was able to save something he added to his land and in time became one of the very prosperous residents of Howard county, owning twelve hundred acres of Iowa's rich and productive soil. He died March 5, 1899, and for a decade was survived by his wife, who passed away in March, 1909.

The youthful days of Jerry C. Marr were unmarked by any event of special importance. He attended the district schools and in his youth worked with his father upon the farm. Following his father's death in 1899 he took charge of the home place and continued its cultivation for seven years. In 1906 he removed to Alta Vista and for two years represented a company in the purchase of flax. In 1908 he engaged in the produce business on his own account and has since been prominently identified with that work, winning substantial success as the years have gone on.

In 1903, while still residing upon the farm, Mr. Marr was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Doyle, a daughter of Matt Doyle, who was one of the earliest of the pioneer settlers of Deerfield township, Chickasaw county. Mr. and Mrs. Marr have become the parents of two sons, Glenn F. and Elvov M.

Voting with the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, Mr. Marr is regarded as one of its stalwart supporters but has never been an aspirant for public office. He and his family are members of the Catholic church and his position in commercial circles is that of one of Alta Vista's most prominent and representative business men.

D. P. O'CONNOR.

D. P. O'Connor, the efficient postmaster of Lawler, was appointed to that position on the 1st of September, 1913, and has since made a most creditable and commendable record in that connection. His birth occurred in Independence, Buchanan county, Iowa, on the 19th of January, 1874, his parents being Timothy and Ellen (Curran) O'Connor, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father came to the United States as a youth of seventeen years, while the mother was brought to this country by her parents when but two years of age. Their marriage took place at Garry Owen, Jackson county, Iowa, and they settled on a farm in Dubuque county which Timothy O'Connor owned. In the early '70s they removed to the vicinity of Independence, Iowa, where the father continued farming until about 1905, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in the town of Independence. His wife had passed away on the farm in 1890. In November, 1915, Mr. O'Connor came to Lawler with the intention of establishing his home here, but his demise occurred about two weeks later and before he had unpacked his goods.

D. P. O'Connor pursued his education in the schools of his native town and on attaining his majority went to Chicago, where he was employed at the stock yards for a year. At the end of that time he returned to Independence, where for sixteen months he worked in the Iowa Hospital for the Insane. In 1899 he came to Lawler and here secured employment in the store of O'Connor Brothers, conducted by his two brothers, Timothy and James O'Connor, in whose service he remained for about two years. Subsequently he spent six years as assistant cashier in the Merchants' Exchange Bank, now the State Savings Bank of Lawler, and later had charge of the station of the Standard Oil Company in Decorah, Iowa, for one year. He next devoted a year to the buying of horses and then became traveling salesman and station manager at Calmar, Iowa, for the Hawkeye Oil Company, who he rep-