

the village and engaged in mercantile pursuits, building up a large and profitable patronage and becoming well known and prominent in business circles. He passed away in 1906 and is survived by his wife, who makes her home in Ossian. To their union were born the following children: Frank A., of Ossian; Fred J., of this review; Leo, who resides in Mason City, Iowa; Joseph, of Dubuque; Emma, who lives in Ossian; Alphonse, of Chicago, Illinois; Victoria, the wife of Joseph Meyer, of Ossian; and Eulalia, a student in an academy at Prairie du Chien.

Fred I. Figge attended college in Prairie du Chien and after he had completed the prescribed course in 1888, came back to Ossian and entered the Ossian Bank as cashier, acting in that capacity until 1907 and proving able, conscientious and reliable in the discharge of his duties. When the bank became a State Bank in the latter year he was elected to the office of vice president, which he held until 1912, when he was made president. In this capacity his business and executive capacity have been called forth and the credit for the more recent expansion and growth of the institution is in a large measure due him. The deposits of the bank have increased from sixty thousand dollars in 1889 to a half million in 1913, this growth having taken place principally since the reorganization of the concern. Mr. Figge is interested also in several banking institutions in other points in Iowa.

Mr. Figge married Miss Marie Peyer in 1894. She was educated in an academy at Prairie du Chien, completing a full classical course and graduating also in music. Mr. and Mrs. Figge are the parents of five children: Seraphia, who was born June 18, 1895, and who has been attending the school at Prairie du Chien where her mother was educated and is now attending an academy at Longwood, Illinois; Marcelitta, also attending the academy at Longwood; and Vivian, Reginald and Eugenia, who live at home.

The family are members of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Figge holds membership in the Knights of Columbus. He is at all times interested in the growth and development of the city, of which he served as mayor for three terms. In politics and business alike his is an excellent record and one which is in every way a credit to the city where he was born and where he has spent his entire life.

#### THEODORE F. SCHMITZ.

Theodore F. Schmitz, mayor of Ossian, owner and publisher of the Ossian Bee and one of the most prominent figures in local journalistic circles, is a native of that place, born November 4, 1874. His parents, Joseph J. and Catherine (Wictor) Schmitz, were born in Germany and after they came to America settled in Wisconsin, whence they removed to Chicago, Illinois, remaining in that city for a number of years. From Chicago they came to Ossian, Iowa, and here the father engaged in business as a carpenter and builder until his death, which occurred in 1909. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1879. To them were born seven children: Mary A., the wife of A. C. Heck, of Ossian; Joseph L., who is living in Chicago, Illinois; Matilda, who married F. A. Figge, of Ossian; Frank A. J., deceased; Theodore F., of this review; Margaret, the