

WILLIAM W. WEAVER

It is one of the beauties of our government that it acknowledges no hereditary rank or title, no patent of nobility save that of nature's, leaving every man to establish his own rank by becoming the artificer of his own fortune. Places of honor and trust, rank and preferment thus happily placed before every individual, high or low, rich or poor, to be striven for by all, but earned alone by perseverance and sterling worth, are most always sure to be filled with deserving men, or at least by those possessing the energy and talent essential to success in contests where public position is the prize. William W. Weaver, the subject of this review, affords a conspicuous example of the successful, self-made American, who is not only eminently deserving of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens, but also possesses the necessary energy and talent that fit him to discharge worthily the duties of the responsible place with which he has been honored by the people of his county. A man of vigorous mentality and strong mental fiber, he finds those qualities the chief factor in the carving out of a career that has been above the suspicion of reproach and of honor to the county which he so ably and acceptably serves.

William W. Weaver was born in Greene county, Indiana, on November 2, 1861, and is the son of William and Martha (Edwards) Weaver, both of whom were natives of Greene county and both of whom died there in 1884. The father followed farming pursuits and was respected in his community as a man of sturdy integrity, industrious habits, public spirited and encouraging all movements toward the general good. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom are still living.

The subject of this sketch attended the common schools and was reared to the life of a farmer, which pursuit he followed until about forty years of age when, in 1900, he came to Bloomington, and during the following thirteen months was engaged in the operation of a meat market. He then entered the stock business, buying and shipping to the larger markets during the following eight years with a fair degree of success. In 1909 he was nominated by his party and elected to the office of county treasurer, in which he is now serving to the entire satisfaction of the people. In his material affairs Mr. Weaver has been very successful and is the owner of three hundred and sixty-five acres of land in Greene county, two hundred and fifty of which is under the plow, the balance being in timber and pasture. He operates his own land, which is under the personal management of his brother, George E., and from which he derives a considerable income.

In 1881 Mr. Weaver was married to Eliza E Lumsford, the daughter of James C. and Amanda Lumsford, natives of Monroe county, Indiana, both of whom are now deceased.

Politically, the subject of this sketch is a warm supporter of the Republican party and has long been active in the advancement of the party's interests. Fraternally, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Knights of Pythias, while religiously he is an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has a pleasant and attractive home at No. 505 West Sixth street, Bloomington, where the spirit of old-time hospitality is always in evidence, and where he delights to entertain his friends. Mr. Weaver has always been a man of public spirit and energy and while a resident of Beech Creek township, Greene county, he served as trustee and assessor and there held, as he has since done in his own county, the respect and confidence of the people. Mr. Weaver's life history exhibits a career of unswerving integrity, indefatigable private industry and wholesome home and social relations, a most commendable career crowned with success. It is the record of a well balanced mental and moral constitution, strongly marked by those traits of character which are of special value to such a state of society as exists in this country. In all life's relations he has been true and faithful to duty and to all trusts reposed in him, and thereby he has won the unqualified confidence and respect of his fellow men.

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