

JAMES K. WATSON.

James K. Watson, who is recognized as one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of Monroe county, resides on section 4, Troy township. He was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, in 1846, a son of John and Ellen (Davis) Watson, who were also natives of Pennsylvania, and in that state the father died. The family continued to reside in Juniata county until 1871, when they decided to establish a home in the west and made their way to Monroe county, where was purchased the farm upon which our subject now resides—then a partially improved tract of land. The sons began the further development and cultivation of the place, and it was upon this farm, three miles northwest of Albia, that the mother spent her remaining days, passing away in 1879. She had survived her husband for twenty-seven years, and had ever remained true to his memory. She carefully reared her children, five in number, doing for them everything in her power, that they might be fitted for life's practical duties. Three of the children still survive her.

Coming to Iowa, James K. Watson at once became a factor in the agricultural development of Monroe county, and the fine farm which he to-day owns is the visible evidence of his life of thrift and enterprise. With the exception of six apple trees, every tree upon the place has been planted by him. The buildings have been erected by him, and the fine property as we see it to-day is the result of his labors. In 1874 he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Elder, who has since been to him a faithful companion and helpmate on life's journey. Their only child, however, died in infancy. Their first home was a small and poor house, 16x24 feet, but after twenty years he erected his nice residence and in addition he has built good barns and other outbuildings. For some

time he has engaged in the breeding of fine stock, more for his interest in fine domestic animals than as a source of profit. He was one of a company that brought the first Clyde and Percheron stallions into Monroe county, and he has done much to improve the grade of stock raised in this locality, while upon his own farm he has some very fine cattle, horses and hogs, showing the result of high breeding in producing good grades.

Mr. Watson cast his first presidential vote for General Grant at the time of his second election, and has been deeply interested in the growth and success of his party, using his influence to this end. His fellow-citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of public trust, and for ten years he served as township trustee, while in 1901 he was elected a member of the county board of supervisors, on which he is now serving in an acceptable manner. He belongs to the United Presbyterian church, and in a business and political way is widely known in the county and state, where he is recognized as a high type of our progressive American manhood.

EDWARD TRENTON PRINTZ.

The medical profession has an eminent representative in Edward Trenton Printz, a leading physician of Moulton, Appanoose county, Iowa. He is of German ancestry and inherits some of the estimable traits of that worthy race. Peter Printz, his paternal grandfather, was of German lineage and a native of Virginia, being a large planter. Solomon Printz, our subject's father, married Sarah Kibler, whose father, John Kibler, was a Virginia planter and also of German descent, and later came west with our subject's parents and died in Illinois at