

ALEXANDER D. LANGE

Was born at Bloomington, Ill., in 1855. Came to Seward in 1880. Married Miss Louisa Kimel in 1882. They have one bright little son, Phillip C. Mr. Lange commenced the grocery trade in 1886, and is fast gaining a reputation as a valuable and worthy business-man.

HON. WM. LEESE

Came to Seward many years ago, a young man without money or family prestige, and commenced at the bottom round of the ladder to climb. With indomitable energy he determined to amount to something in life. With poverty and many attendant discouragements staring him in the face, he commenced the study of law. Many, not knowing of the mettle of the young man, could not see anything but failure in his designs. He struggled with adverse circumstances through years of preparation for the high duties of his exalted profession, and the resulting achievements have been grandly successful. Occupying the exalted position for the second term of attorney general of our state, and performing heroic work in behalf of the people, he stands to-day the central figure in Nebraska. All eyes are fixed upon him, and he is fast acquiring a national reputation. All because he has been faithful to duty and full to the maximum of determined energy. Mr. Leese was born at Athens, Tenn. Married Miss Margaret L. Wilson, at Palmyra, Neb. Came to Nebraska May 11, 1868. They have four children, all yet at home, Effie, Ray, Clara, and Leo.

LOUIS J. LEGER,

Born in France, Department of L'Eure, Canton of Comfort, Parish of Appeville, the 11th of July, 1818. Was raised a farmer boy until about sixteen, when he learned a trade, making weaver's reeds. Took a regular course of study in the normal schools of Paris, after which he became a teacher and was principal of the Gospel Society's school at St. Denis, near Paris, where he was in charge twenty-four years. Was secretary of the Protestant Institute of Paris nine years, and was associated with many of the leading men of France during the reign of Napoleon 3d. Was professor four years of photogenic association. For his effective work received three silver medals. He also received one bronze medal for his efficient work in the deaf and dumb asylum. He left Paris the year before the Franco Prussian war, and came to this country in 1869. Made his settlement in Seward county in 1873, and took a homestead in "I" precinct. Mr. Leger has a family of twelve children, seven boys and five girls. Mr. Leger is a very intelligent gentleman, being thoroughly versed in all European affairs, and familiar with French history especially.

GEORGE W. LOWLEY

Was born in Leeds, England, March 5, 1842. His parents came to this country when George was very young, and settled in Pennsylvania, but soon changed their residence to Indiana, in 1854. Commenced the study of law while in his teens, but was quick to hear his country's call to arms, and enlisted in the 11th Ind. Vol. Was with the brave boys at the capture of Ft. Donaldson, and was there wounded and upon receiving his discharge he returned to his law study. However, just before enlisting he edited and published the Tipton *Republican* awhile. Soon after returning home from the war he was admitted to practice in all the courts of