

took place and the troops again entered the field. He commanded his regiment at the battles of Altoona and Franklin, Tennessee, where he lost his left arm while at the head of his regiment, and was again made a prisoner of war. On his recovery he was placed on the cars, January 20, 1864, to be conveyed to a northern prison, but succeeded in making his escape before the train left the depot at Franklin, and with great difficulty and danger rejoined his regiment at Mobile, Alabama. He then assumed command of Cockrell's brigade, and took part in the siege of Blakeley, near Mobile. Here his whole command was captured and sent to Ship Island. They were detained but a short time and then sent to Jackson, Mississippi, for exchange. On the route they heard of the surrender of General Dick Taylor and his entire command, which virtually ended the war.

Colonel Gates was wounded in five different engagements during the war. No man in either army has a better record for cool courage, clear judgment and soldierly accomplishments. His men placed implicit confidence in his courage, daring and intrepidity. Returning to his farm in Buchanan county, whither he had moved before the war, he

for a short time engaged in agricultural pursuits. Subsequently he removed to St. Joseph and began the livery business, in which he was engaged for five years. In 1872 he was elected sheriff of Buchanan county and served two terms, having been reelected in 1874. In 1876 he was elected state treasurer by the largest majority ever given by the Democratic party in Missouri.

He is not a member of any religious organization. His family are connected with the Christian denomination. In political affairs he has always been an active Democrat, but is greatly respected by men of both parties.

He was married, April 1, 1852, to Miss Maria Stamper, a native of Missouri. By this marriage he has nine children, all living, five sons and four daughters: Susan E., John L., Joel E., Mary Luella, Elijah, jr., Charles G., Benjamin D., Maggie C. and twins, Travis and Georgia. Susan E., his eldest daughter, is the wife of H. K. Lyon, of Jefferson City.

Colonel Gates is a man of great personal magnetism and of many sterling virtues. His high sense of honor, personal independence and unflinching integrity render him a favorite, wherever he is known.

W. S. GREGORY.

KANSAS CITY.

WILLIAM S. GREGORY stands among the first of the well and favorably known business men of Kansas City. He is one of the most highly respected, reliable citizens of that growing metropolis; a man of sound judgment, fine sense, attentive to business and strictly honorable, quiet and unobtrusive, yet his worth and merit are fully appreciated by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Gregory is one of the founders of Kansas City, and was her first mayor, elected in April, 1853, the duties of which office he discharged with ability, giving the new municipal government a start from which it has constantly grown and expanded until it is the second city within the bounds of the state. He has since served as alderman, aiding the city council with his sound advice and clear judgment in matters of vital importance to the welfare of the community. In 1860-61, he acted as secretary of the Kansas City and New Mexico Insurance company,

and was a director in, and has been vice-president of, the Kansas City National Bank since 1877. He is a public-spirited citizen, and in all that pertains to the advancement and interests of the city, he is deeply interested and takes an active part.

He was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, August 4, 1825, and was left an orphan in his infancy. His father was Robert Gregory and his mother Elizabeth (Ballard) Gregory; his maternal grandfather, James Ballard, and a brother, Bland Ballard, were among the early pioneers of Kentucky. In an old book entitled "Banks' History of Kentucky" (not read much now) honorable mention is made of these ancestors, and their deeds of heroism during the dark and bloody days of the early history of Kentucky are therein recorded.

Mr. Gregory was educated at South Hanover College, Indiana, receiving a collegiate course. On leaving college, his tastes leading him in the direction