

make the occupation to which he was reared his life work and has always been an industrious, diligent man, whose perseverance and labors have resulted in making him the owner of a valuable farm property comprising one hundred and twenty acres. It is valued at as high a price as almost any of the farms in the county. The fields are very productive and good crops are annually garnered. Mr. Vaughn keeps some stock of mixed blood, having good cattle and hogs upon his place, and he is also engaged in the breeding of horses, having two registered Percheron mares and one Clyde. He is thus making a start as a breeder and expects to give considerable of his time and attention to that department of agricultural life.

In February, 1888, Mr. Vaughn was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Smith, who was born in Bureau township, March 26, 1860, a daughter of Nicholas and Julia (Frankenburger) Smith, the former of Kentucky and the latter of Ohio. Her parents were also pioneer residents of Bureau county, having cast in their lot with the first settlers here in the early '30s. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn have been born two children, William Lewis and Lysle Smith Vaughn. The parents are members of the Wesleyan Methodist church and in his political views Mr. Vaughn is a prohibitionist with somewhat independent tendencies, voting as he thinks will best conserve the interests of the community and the country at large. He is himself a staunch advocate and practitioner of temperance principles and is a man of genuine personal worth, straightforward and honorable in his relations with his fellowmen and recognizing the fact that character is more to be desired than wealth, fame or position.

JOHN B. GOULD.

John B. Gould was born in Neponset township, February 24, 1854, and was educated in the public schools. His parents were Abraham and Hannah (Bowen) Gould, extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of W. H. Gould, a brother of our subject. John B. Gould spent his boyhood days uneventfully, nothing of special importance occurring to vary the routine of farm life for him in his youth. At the age of twenty-six years he started in business for himself, choosing farming as a life work. He located on a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, Neponset township, and there he resided continuously until 1895, when he removed to section 11 of the same township, having purchased the old Stevenson place upon which he now resides. He is farming two hundred and forty acres of land and he has five eighty-acre tracts rented out. The fields are richly tilled and return him golden harvests. He has also been breeding Poland China and Jersey red hogs for the past twenty years and

Percheron horses for the last ten years. He likewise breeds shorthorn Durham cattle and his stock-raising interests are an important source of revenue to him. He thoroughly understands the care of stock and gives his farm animals the best attention.

On the 1st of February, 1881, Mr. Gould was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Stabler, who was born in Neponset township, November 28, 1861, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Kneeshaw) Stabler. Her father, born in England, March 9, 1830, is now living in Neponset, while his wife's birth occurred in that country, April 12, 1831. They were married in England, and, crossing the Atlantic to America, became early residents of Neponset township, where Mr. Stabler has been engaged in farming and stock-raising. He has prospered as the years have gone by and is now one of the extensive landowners of his community, having made judicious investments in real estate so that he now derives a handsome income from his property. He has also figured prominently in community affairs, serving as supervisor for two or three terms, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Stabler became the parents of seven children, and of the five now living Mrs. Gould is the youngest. The others are: William A., a resident farmer of Neponset township; Jane, the wife of Thomas Mocroft, who is living in Waverly, Nebraska; Charles, of Neponset township; and Caroline, the wife of William J. Otley, of Waverly, Nebraska.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Gould has been blessed with six children: Albert, who married Deborah Scott; Bertha, the wife of John Gunning; Ethel E., the wife of Ralph Scott; Carrie; Ellen; and Ada. The family are well known in this part of the state and Mr. and Mrs. Gould have a circle of friends almost co-extensive with the circle of their acquaintance. Mr. Gould exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and for seven or eight years has served as a member of the school board, but he does not seek political honors nor emoluments, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs. The occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work and he is not only conversant with the best methods of farming but also puts into practice those methods which lead to practical and desirable results.

PHILIP WOLFERSBERGER.

Philip Wolfersberger, who has had charge of a sub-postal station at Princeton since 1901, was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, on the 28th of March, 1826, and has therefore reached the eightieth milestone on life's journey. The principles which have guided his conduct have made him a man of upright character, worthy of