

soldier of the Union until the close of the war. For five years thereafter he continued his association with newspaper work, at Fort Wayne, and he was then chosen deputy sheriff of Allen County, Indiana. Later he removed to Van Wert County, Ohio, and he gave thirty-five years of effective service as a teacher, his work in the pedagogic profession having been principally in Allen and Adams Counties, Indiana, and Van Wert County, Ohio. For thirty years he was a popular teacher in the Lutheran parochial schools at St. John's, Indiana, and there his death occurred in 1912, at which time he was sixty-eight years of age. He was an influential figure in the work of the Lutheran Church in northeastern Indiana and was an active and influential supporter of the cause of the democratic party.

In the City of Fort Wayne was solemnized the marriage of Henry Lankenau to Miss Catherine Schumm, who was born in Van Wert County, Ohio, in 1849, and whose German ancestors were pioneer settlers in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Lankenau, ever a devoted communicant of the Lutheran Church, now resides in the City of Chicago, where she makes her home with her daughter Clara, who is matron of the Walther League Hospice. Of the children the subject of this sketch is the eldest; Adelaide is married and resides at Fort Wayne, Indiana; Miss Clara, of Chicago, was the next in order of birth; Louise is a teacher of German at Fort Wayne; Flora is married and resides at Fort Wayne; August is a resident of Minnesota, and always has been a farmer; Oscar is engaged in the dry-goods business at Decatur, Indiana; Adolph is a commercial salesman and resides at Fort Wayne; Alma resides at Fort Wayne and is married; and Enno and Herbert, both married, are machinists by vocation. Rev. F. J. Lankenau gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is distinctively progressive and public-spirited in his civic attitude. He is secretary of the visiting board which has a general supervision of the county institutions of Henry County and is chairman of the board of trustees of the Napoleon public library.

In Adams County, Indiana, in the year 1892, was solemnized the marriage of Rev. F. J. Lankenau to Miss Helen Bleeker, who was born and reared in that county and who is a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Bevelheimer) Bleeker, the former a native of Westphalia, Germany, and the latter of the State of Pennsylvania, her birth having occurred

in Berks County. Mr. Bleeker was for many years a prosperous merchant in Adams County, Indiana, where he also conducted in the early days an ashery, and there his death occurred when he was seventy-eight years of age, his wife having passed away at the age of fifty-six years, and both having been earnest and lifelong communicants of the Lutheran Church. They became the parents of three sons and six daughters, all of whom are living except one daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lankenau have been born nine children, concerning whom brief record is given in conclusion of this review: Alfred F. H. gained his higher academic education in his father's alma mater, Concordia College, and supplemented this by a course in a business college at Lima, Ohio. He is now a valued employee in a mercantile establishment at Napoleon. Arthur E. was graduated in Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, as a member of the class of 1916, and was editor in chief of the college paper, the Torch. Francis J. is a member of the class of 1917 in Concordia College. Harold is a member of the class of 1917 and the Napoleon high school. Wilfred E., Paul R., Otto E., Norman and Helen remain at the parental home and are attending the public schools of Napoleon.

GENERAL CEILAN MILO SPITZER. Until his retirement from active business in February, 1913, General Spitzer had for forty years exercised a dominant influence over the financial life of Northwestern Ohio and his name will always be associated as one of the most notable financiers of Toledo. General Spitzer now spends most of his time in his winter home in Los Angeles, California, and is one of the most conspicuous members of the Ohio colony in that city.

He has been one of the fortunate men of his time and generation. He was fortunate in inheriting an old and respected family name and also some of the ability and fitness for business and finance which proved the foundation upon which he built so extensively his own career and success.

Ceilan Milo Spitzer was born in Batavia, New York, November 2, 1849, the oldest son of Aaron Bovee and Laura Maria (Perkins) Spitzer. Several of his ancestors were distinguished in the early colonies of New York and the New England states. His great-great-grandfather was Dr. Ernestus De Spitzer. His mother was descended from James Draper of Roxbury, Massachusetts, and Quar-