

ried, but has been content to keep "old bachelor's hall."

The Republican party receives the allegiance of Mr. Brown. Since 1890 he has served as county commissioner, having first been appointed to fill a vacancy from July up to the fall of 1889, and was elected in 1892, 1895 and 1898. In this office he has been instrumental in promoting local enterprises and has worked for the advancement of the county. In public-spirited affairs he has been a prime mover. For four years he was a member of the state committee, and in his county has for a decade been a leader of the party. In fraternal relations he is connected with Pagosa Camp No. 412, Woodmen of the World.

ALMON BURNS is one of the honored pioneers of Colorado, having made his home in this state since 1859. He formed an intimate acquaintance with the hardships and privations of frontier life, but as the result of his industry and resolution he now has a fine ranch situated on Fountain Creek, about twelve miles from Pueblo, in Pueblo County. It is all in the creek bottom and is well watered and fertile.

Mr. Burns was born January 4, 1826, in New York state, where he was reared, and was educated in the public schools. At the age of twenty years he went to Wisconsin, with his family, and later became a resident of Illinois. He had four brothers, but all are now deceased. Of his three sisters who are still living, one, Mrs. Charles F. McCarty, is a resident of Pueblo.

In 1859 our subject came to Colorado, where he engaged in mining and prospecting in the mountains for some years. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in the First Colorado Infantry, and for four years was in active service, participating in many battles with the Indians, and being stationed in Mexico a part of the time. By his comrades it is said that he was a valiant soldier, always at his post of duty, and that he never was reprimanded for any misdemeanor.

At the close of the war Mr. Burns settled upon his present ranch in Pueblo County, and was not long in transforming the wild land into highly cultivated fields. During these years he has always dealt in stock, and has made a specialty of raising fine horses and cattle, but his life of toil has told upon his constitution, and he is now hardly able to attend to his business affairs, being afflicted with rheumatism. He is an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic, is a

good neighbor, and stands high in the community where he has so long made his home. He is one of the few now living who settled in this state as early as 1859, and his name belongs on the roll of honored pioneers.

SAMUEL H. GOLDSMITH is engaged in farming and stock-raising on the north side of the Arkansas River, three miles from Pueblo, where he has a valuable homestead, with good improvements and all the modern accessories of agriculture. Almost his entire life has been passed upon the place where he now resides, and he is therefore familiar with the methods of farming best adapted to the soil. He is a young man of energy and application and is succeeding admirably in his work as a stock-raiser and general farmer.

On the farm which he now owns the subject of this sketch was born in 1866. He is a son of Henry Goldsmith, who was born on the Rhine River in Germany and in 1849 came to Colorado, settling in Denver. From there he removed to Pueblo County in 1861 and entered the land where he afterward resided. The place had no improvements whatever, but under his intelligent oversight the land was placed under cultivation, a substantial house and barn were built, and other necessary improvements were made. He was not spared to enjoy the fruits of his labors, but died in 1872, while in middle age. His wife was born in the same place as himself and died on the home farm in Pueblo County in 1894. She left a son and daughter, the latter, Mrs. N. Weil, being now a resident of New Mexico.

Reared on the home farm, Mr. Goldsmith received his education here and in Denver. For some time he was engaged in business in Denver, but three years after the death of his mother, he returned to the homestead, where he now deals in stock and engages in raising various farm products. He is a Republican in politics, and is now serving as deputy county assessor. Fraternally he is connected with the Woodmen of the World. He was married in 1895 and has one son, Ernest.

CHARLES H. DEGRAFF. Farming and stock-raising have formed the chief occupation of Mr. Degraff, and the energetic manner in which he has taken advantage of every method that would enhance the value of his prop-