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**J**OSEPH M. BUCHANAN, the able, energetic and enterprising proprietor and editor of the *Victor Index*, a leading Republican paper of Iowa County, Iowa, was for many years a prominent and successful teacher of the State. He was also associated for some length of time with

his brother T. H. in the handling of merchandise in Victor, and has for a full score of years been actively identified with the promotion of the best interests of his present locality. Our subject is a native of Guernsey County, Ohio, and was born July 12, 1854. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Buchanan, a man of more than ordinary ability and intelligence, was of immediate Irish descent, and, born in Pennsylvania, located in Ohio in a very early day, and engaged in farming in Guernsey County. He later came to Scott County, Iowa, where he died at a good old age. Jackson Buchanan a native of Greene County, Pa., and the father of Joseph M., is the sole representative of the old pioneer's family, the other son having long since passed away.

Jackson Buchanan now a well-known and honored resident of Victor, made his home in Iowa in 1854, and settling in Scott County, entered with vigor into the tilling of the soil. He has long been a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and ever ready to aid in the good work of that religious organization. His estimable wife, Rebecca (McNeeley) Buchanan, was a native of Pennsylvania, and is now deceased. She was the mother of nine children, of whom four are yet living. Our subject was the youngest of the family and was reared upon his father's farm, and attended the common schools of the home neighborhood. At eighteen years of age, he entered upon a successful career as a teacher, which terminated when, about twenty-three years old, he engaged in the mercantile business in Victor in company with his brothers. In August, 1885, Mr. Buchanan purchased the office and good-will of the *Index*, a popular Republican organ, which he has since continued prosperously to conduct. The *Index*, a four-page and eight-column paper, is typographically attractive and furnishes to its subscribers a fund of useful and instructive information. Containing the local and national items of the day, brimming with the news of the outside world, and with its vigorous and logical editorials, it is widely read, and is gaining a rapid increase in its already excellent circulation.

Our subject was united in marriage in 1881, with Miss Emma R. Wigton, of Johnson County, Iowa,

and a daughter of Lewis and Jemima Wigton, both parents being natives of Pennsylvania. They emigrated to Iowa when young, and the father was formerly a prosperous agriculturist of Johnson County, but now lives retired in Victor. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Buchanan have been blessed by the birth of a daughter, Marion L., and are prominent in social and benevolent enterprises, being numbered among the progressive and popular citizens of Victor. The genial editor of the *Index* has long been one of the local leaders of his party and has held various official positions of trust, discharging the duties of Justice of the Peace and Township Clerk and Collector with faithful ability. Fraternally, Mr. Buchanan is a valued member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has many warm personal friends within that honored order. Prosecuting the daily work of life with intelligent ardor and untiring energy, our subject has preserved throughout the entire course of his busy career the spotless record of honest purpose and upright dealing with his fellow-men.

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