

**A** C. MCGILL, our subject, is a man of great public spirit, whose intelligence aptly qualifies him to take a leading part in his community. He is Cashier of the Savings Bank of Montezuma, Pocahontas County, Iowa, and his wide acquaintance, with his personal popularity and his apt business methods,

have combined to greatly advance the institution financially and in popular estimation. Mr. McGill was born in Carroll County, Ohio, near Carrollton, May 21, 1851, being the son of Hugh McGill, a native of Washington County, Pa., and he being the son of John McGill, also a native of Pennsylvania, whose parents came from the North of Ireland and were United Presbyterians. John McGill was a cabinet-maker in Washington County, Pa., in which county he ended his days. Hugh McGill, the father of our subject, was a physician and surgeon, being a graduate in medicine, who located in Stark County, Ohio, just after receiving his diploma, but soon went to a point near Carrollton, where he settled upon a farm, and while practicing his profession opened a farm. He improved and cultivated it until 1875, when he located at Wellsville, Ohio, where he now lives, having retired from practice about the year 1885. In politics he is a Republican, having given that party his fealty since its foundation.

The mother of our subject, Rachel (Huston) McGill, was born in Washington County, Pa., being the daughter of John Huston, a farmer, a soldier in the War of 1812, and an early settler of Carroll County, Ohio, being of Scotch and German descent. She died in Carroll County in the year 1856, having been the mother of ten children, seven of whom are now living, our subject being the youngest. Two of the brothers were in the Civil War: Capt. John S. in the Fifteenth Regiment of West Virginia from the beginning to the close of the war, now a real-estate dealer at Canton, Kan.; and William W., who was in the Eighteenth Ohio Regiment from 1861 to 1864, three full years.

Our subject was reared upon a farm and received a training in the common schools, afterward attending Hopedale Academy, near Cadiz, Ohio. He then was a student for two and a-half years at Harlem Springs College, always standing at the head of his class in mathematics, after which he taught three winter terms of school and spent the summers in the stock business. He made a number of trips across the Alleghany Mountains with cattle, driving all the way, but not being satisfied with the business and always desirous of gaining a

more thorough education, he again dropped business for the time being and attended Duff's Business College, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and graduated from this institution in 1880.

Our subject came to Iowa in 1881 and settled in Montezuma in February, where he formed a partnership and entered the mercantile business with E. C. Lee, under the firm name of McGill & Lee. Remaining in this business but eighteen months, he sold his interest and then purchased the abstract books of Robison & McKee, in partnership with John McCandless. About the same time he erected a brick store and office building, a two-story structure, in which he carried on the abstract, loan and insurance business, all of the interests doing very well, but his chief interests being in loaning and real estate. After remaining in this business for ten years, in the fall of 1891 he disposed of his interest to his partner, and at the same time assisted in the organization of the Montezuma Savings Bank, and was elected its Cashier. The building was erected and the bank organized in February, 1892, with a capital stock of \$15,000, while now (December, 1892) the deposits amount to about \$75,000. A regular banking business is conducted, and Mr. McGill's previous experience with similar institutions serves him in good stead. Its President is Capt. J. W. Carr; Vice-president, Dr. W. E. West; and Cashier, A. C. McGill, our subject. Mr. McGill has an interest in the post-office building adjoining the bank, and still carries on the real-estate business. He owns four hundred and eighty acres of improved land three or four miles outside the city, and also owns land in Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Our subject was married in Allegheny County, Pa., in May, 1881, to Miss Margaret E. McCandless, a native of that county. Mr. and Mrs. McGill are the parents of three children, viz: Arthur C., Helen M. and Mary T. Mr. McGill is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Lodge No. 274, K. of P. During the past four years he has been the Superintendent of the Sunday-school of the Presbyterian Church, of which latter body he holds the office of Ruling Elder, and is an active and useful member. His prom-

inence in the Republican party is an earnest of his influence and usefulness in that organization. He was Secretary and Treasurer of the Republican Central Committee during the past two years. Mr. McGill was Justice of the Peace eight years, resigning that office when he became Cashier of the bank.

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## A. C. M'GILL IS DEAD

10-11-1918  
Leading Montezuma Citizen and  
Banker Has Passed Away.

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PROMINENT IN CHURCH,

POLITICS AND SCHOOLS

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One of Poweshiek County's Best and  
Most Trusted Men Was A. C.

McGill.

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Astley Cooper McGill was born on a farm in Carroll county, Ohio, May 21, 1852, and was at the time of his death past 66 years of age. His early years were spent on the farm where he was born. He was the youngest of ten children, two of whom survive him, a brother, William McGill of Cleveland, Ohio, and a sister, Mrs. Amelia Russell of Pittsburg, Pa. His mother died when he was but four years of age and his early training was in the care of his older sisters.

As a young man he made many trips across the Allegheny mountains in Pennsylvania driving stock to eastern markets. He taught school for several terms and with his own savings obtained his education at Harlem Springs Academy in Ohio and Duff's College at Pittsburg.

Mr. McGill was married on May 19, 1881, to Margaret E. McCandless at Oakdale, Penn., and they at once came to Montezuma where they have resided continuously in the same home for 37 years. Five children were born in this home, two sons, Arthur C., an attorney of Sioux City, and John M., with the A. E. F. in France, and three daughters, Helen, Mary and Edith. Three of these children were at his bedside during the last hours. His last words were about the two absent children, John in France, and the daughter Mary, who was delayed in arriving from Salt Lake City.

After coming to Montezuma he engaged for a short time in the general mercantile business and later formed the partnership known as McCandless & McGill, which for some eight years conducted an abstract and loaning business. In February, 1902, he became cashier of the newly organized Montezuma Savings Bank and rendered this institution twenty-five years of faithful service.

Upon coming to Montezuma, Mr. McGill early identified himself with the Presbyterian church. He has served on the board of Elders for many years and for some twelve years was superintendent of the Sabbath school.

He was a loyal and progressive citizen of Montezuma and always supported any movement to benefit the community, being indeed one of the builders of his chosen town. For seventeen years he served on the school board and always favored any movement to better the educational facilities of his town.

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