

which to pass his declining years in the society of friends. In 1893 he and his wife went to California and spent a year, then came back and located in Hubbard.

Ann Dagget, the first wife of Mr. Teeple, was the daughter of Asal Dagget, and was born on March 13, 1829. She died on February 21, 1901, and is buried in Iowa Falls cemetery. To her union with Mr. Teeple eleven children were born. Matilda married Ed. Manning, who is now deceased, and she is living with her father. She is the mother of eight children. Asa H. married Mary Dawson, who bore to him two children, and is living in Cartersville, Iowa. George married Ida Darval, has four children, and lives in Akely, Minnesota. Edgar E. married Dell Percey, who has borne to him one child, and recently moved from Iowa Falls to California. Simon Peter married Clara Marien, has two children and lives in Belvidere, Illinois. Ella E. married Charles Gilbert, and both are deceased, leaving two children. Minnie died at the age of nine. Florence married J. L. Marks, to whom she has borne two children, and resides in Iowa Falls. Jesse died at the age of twenty-two months. Sherman married Mate Davis, and is living in Belvidere, Illinois. Anna married Albert Smallldridge, of Hardin county, and is the mother of one child, and they live on a farm seven miles northwest of Iowa Falls.

Mr. Teeple was married on December 31, 1901, to Mary J. Rockwood, whose family were originally from Vermont. She died January 3, 1908, and is buried in Hubbard cemetery. Mr. Teeple is a man who is much respected in the village of Hubbard, and can talk very entertainingly of his experiences in earlier times. It has fallen to his lot to pass through more than ordinary hardships, but his later days are comfortable, and he has brought up a large family who are now filling useful places in the world.

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#### JOSEPH M. LEPLEY.

There is little doubt that the American national game of baseball is the most popular of all games ever played. No boy lives in this country who has not played the game more or less, and no other game has so many professional followers of so many friends and enthusiasts. It is safe to say that the baseball games draw from the American public more continued attention than any other feature of American life portrayed in the newspapers. And to a capable player the profession offers high monetary rewards. From the small

boy on the streets to the big league player, every typical American plays baseball; from the factory laborer to the millionaire, every typical American watches and loves the game. Mr. Lepley has spent ten years of his life as a professional player, and during that time gained much experience of the world and a fair amount of capital for the foundation of his later operations.

The Lepleys are an old family and much esteemed in Hardin county. Adam Lepley, the great-grandfather of Joseph, died on August 28, 1831, at the age of eighty-six years and six months, in Knox county, Ohio; Barbara, his wife, died on April 17, 1842, at the age of eighty-seven. They are buried in the cemetery now called Whitney or Bethel on the west side of Job Lepley's farm in Knox county, Ohio, and the body of Adam Lepley was the first laid away in that cemetery. Job F. Lepley, the grandfather of Joseph, was born on August 15, 1795; his wife Mary was born on April 3, 1804. Their ten children were born on the following dates: Barbara, December 28, 1823; Peter, the father of Joseph, on January 31, 1826; Delilah, on July 26, 1827; David, on March 31, 1829; William, on October 11, 1830; Christiana, on July 27, 1832; Joseph, on January 20, 1834; Mattison, on January 19, 1836; John, on August 19, 1840; and Mary Ann, on May 26, 1844.

Peter Lepley in 1850 came to Marshall county, Iowa, then in 1852 came to Hardin county. He took up land in section 17 of Union township, built a log house, and began to improve the farm on which he lived until his death, on January 26, 1907. He was a careful and thrifty farmer, and prospered. In politics he was an independent voter, preferring the better man to a party ticket; in religion a consistent member of the Christian church, "Uncle Pete," as he was known throughout the county, was a man of strong and kindly character, every day the same, unchanging in his moods through all the vicissitudes of life. He married Elizabeth Hardinger, of Ohio, who is now living at Union, at the home of her oldest daughter, Mary, now Mrs. A. L. Rowen. Her other children are John L., who married Mattie Upton, of Eldora township, and Joseph M.

Joseph M. Lepley was born in Union township on August 10, 1865, and received his education in the common schools of his home district. At the age of seventeen he started out for himself, and spent ten years in ball playing over the western states, playing with most of the western leagues and winning a reputation as a skillful and heady player. Since leaving this profession he has resided on the old home farm, raising horses, sheep and cattle, and following general farming, in which he has prospered and is now known as one of the successful farmers of his township.

On February 19, 1889, Mr. Lepley married Clara Burghardt, the daugh-

ter of H. C. and Louisa (Steuben) Burghardt. H. C. Burghardt was born in Germany in 1842, and came to the United States at the age of twelve. He first settled in Wisconsin, where the most of his children were born, and later moved to Eldora township, Hardin county, Iowa, where he farmed until, at an advanced age, he and his wife moved to Union, where they now reside. Louisa Steuben was born in Ohio in 1847. To her marriage with Mr. Burghardt the following children were born: Clara, the wife of Mr. Lepley; Fannie M., who married Thomas Nichols, of Dubuque, Iowa; and Richard M., who married H. C. Rookover, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Lepley are the parents of the following children: Flossie M., a school teacher of Hardin county; Eugenia Gertrude and Charles Joseph. Mr. Lepley is well known to the people of his community, and is well liked wherever known. In his earlier life he gained a broad experience of the world, the effects of which are manifest in his manner and which has since stood him in good stead.

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