

months of the year 1920 the deposits were over \$5,000,000.00. Mr. Alves is one of the youngest presidents of a city bank in the country,—only thirty-three.

In 1907 Mr. Alves was married to Miss Katharine Triplett Kitchell, a daughter of Nathaniel A. Kitchell, of Henderson, Kentucky, and they have become the parents of two children: Margaret Henderson, born in 1908; and Elizabeth Merritt, in 1912. Mr. Alves is well known in the club circles of the city and is now treasurer of the Mission Hills Country club. He is also a director of the Kansas City Club and has membership in the Mid-day Club and in the Chamber of Commerce. He is a Mason, belonging to Temple Lodge, No. 299, A. F. & A. M., and he has membership in St. Paul's Episcopal church. He is a man of attractive personality who in his business career has displayed marked initiative, and his enterprise, combined with splendid powers of organization, has brought him to the front in the financial circles of the state.

CHARLES A. LOOMIS.

Charles A. Loomis, filling the office of justice of the peace in St. Joseph, was born in Buchanan county, Missouri, September 10, 1878, and is a son of Orton M. and Louise E. (Miller) Loomis. The father was originally from the state of New York, while the mother came from Virginia. When twenty-two years of age the former removed to St. Louis, Missouri, and thence came to St. Joseph by boat. Upon reaching the latter city he started up the street, where among the first people he saw was the Rev. C. Van Deventer, who later performed his marriage ceremony and also officiated at his funeral. Mrs. Loomis came to St. Joseph with her parents, Michael and Polly Miller, during her infancy, the family being among the early pioneer farming people of Washington township, where they settled prior to 1840, the land on which they located being known as a part of the Platte Purchase. Throughout their remaining days Mr. and Mrs. Miller continued to reside at that place and they took an active and helpful part in promoting the pioneer development and subsequent progress of the region. Mr. Miller preempted one hundred and sixty acres of land upon his arrival and afterwards secured other land, thus acquiring a large farm property, which at the time of his death was divided among his four children.

Orton M. Loomis was a young man in the twenties when he wedded Louise E. Miller. Previous to this time he had followed the milling trade but after their marriage the young couple located upon a farm, which was the land which she had received from her father. Mr. Loomis erected all of the buildings upon the place, including the dwelling, and added other improvements, keeping the farm in excellent condition and gathering therefrom abundant harvests as the years passed. He remained in active identification with agricultural pursuits to the time of his death, which occurred August 24, 1900. His widow survives and now resides in St. Joseph with her son, Milton M. Loomis, and is enjoying good health, although she has now passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey. The property on which the State Hospital for the Insane, No. 2, is now located was all originally the homestead of Michael Miller and was purchased from H. R. Hartwig and O. M. Loomis on the 14th of June, 1872, for the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars.

Charles A. Loomis attended the district schools of Washington township and was reared to the occupation of farming, his youthful days being divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. With the exception of two years spent in Colorado he continued to assist his father in the further improvement and cultivation of the farm until the father's death.

On the 16th of February, 1915, Mr. Loomis was united in marriage to Miss Agnes L. McEvoy, daughter of John and Mary McEvoy, but death terminated a most happy relation when on the 26th of May, 1915, after about three months of married life, Mrs. Loomis was called to the home beyond. On the 24th of July, 1917, Mr. Loomis was again married, his second union being with Birdie J. Kirtley, daughter of Phillip Kirtley, who was an early settler of Platte county, living near Camden Point. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kirtley still survive and are now residents of St. Joseph.