

## GEORGE STOLL.

In reviewing the life-work of the "oldtimers" of Wyoming there are many things to interest, entertain and instruct. To become a pioneer of a new country involves a life of hardship and endurance, but it required the "pick and choice" of the country to attempt to become a pioneer of the Great West. Courage, endurance and skill had here to be combined with constant watchfulness against a merciless and savage foe, whose attacks were made insidiously and without warning, while nature here put on her most unpromising mood, demanding incessant vigilance and an unremitting industry to unlock her portals of wealth. Mr. George Stoll, now of Henry's Fork, near Burnt Fork postoffice in Sweetwater county, is a true type of the early western pioneers and his experience covers a wide range of life, from the early gold operations of California to the quiet life of ranching in Western Wyoming. It is with the biographies of such men that the true history of the state is connected, and the material prosperity that has come to him is but the natural reward, of the labors wrought among the many dangers encountered in long years of activity and of the manifold hardships endured while assisting to lay broad and deep the foundations of civilization. Mr. Stoll was born in Gernvinv on December 2(s, 1836, a son of John and Elizabeth (I.obr) Stoll, being the second of their three boys. His mother died when he was but eight years old and George very soon thereafter crossed the Atlantic with his uncle, George Lohr, whose name he bore, and for about four years he was a member of the Lohr family in New York. When he was about fourteen years old the resolute and adventurous spirit of the lad induced him to take the voyage to California.

and he sailed thither with Captain Madigan, on the good ship John Baring, arriving at San Francisco in May, 1851, after a voyage of nine months. He at once went to the mines, where he successfully conducted mining for fully eleven years, amassing a fine return for his labors. In 1862 he went to the Nevada mines, followed mining until in 1863 he enlisted in the First Nevada Cavalry in General Connor's command, and with his regiment was in service at Fort Churchill, Salt Lake City and Fort Douglas during the time of the military operations brought on by the actions of the Mormons. In the spring of 1864 the troops came north, crossing the mountains near Burnt Fork and taking up their quarters at Fort Bridger, where they acted as escorts and guards for the U. S. mail-carriers until 1866, when they returned to Fort Douglas and were mustered out. Mr. Stoll then engaged in the brewing business at Bridger, conducting this until 1868, when he went to Burnt Fork, taking up the place he now occupies as his home in 1870 and in 1873 he located here as the second permanent settler, Philip Mass being the only one resident here on his arrival. Mr. Stoll now holds in fee-simple 360 acres of most excellent land, which he has brought to a high degree of improvement, and here he for a long series of vears has carried on lucrative cattleraising operations of large scope and importance. He has here wrested a fortune from what but a few vears since was an unproductive wilderness, and has recently practically retired from active business. He has never taken an active part in politics nor sought political preferment, but has taken a deep interest in matters of the public and in local affairs, and has served most capably as a deputy sheriff in the furtherance of law and order for a number of years. He was married in Salt Lake City on March 20. 1866, to Miss Mary A. Smith, a daughter of William and Mary (Grimshaw) Smith, natives of England. Of the eleven children that came to the Stoll household, nine are living: George; William; John, whose family home is at the Shoshone agency in Wyoming; Alice, wife of H. E. McMillin; Robert; Elizabeth, wife of Fletcher Kirkendall, resides in Idaho; Mary, now Mrs. Thomas Welch, of the Henry's Fork district; Edith and Lillie, while Daniel was killed by a deer at the age of six years and an infant died in early life. The business career of Mr. Stoll has been eminently fortunate, and himself and family are good exemplars of citizenship, enjoying the esteem and confidence of the public, while an air of bounteous hospitality surrounds his attractive home, which is presided over with true womanly courtesy and dignified by the cherished wife and mother.

William Stoll, the second child of George and Mary A. (Smith) Stoll, was also born at Fort lridger, on April 3, 1869, when it was an incorporate part of the great territory of Dakota, and his education was acquired in the schools of Uinta and Sweetwater counties, supplemented by diligent home study and general reading. It may be said that he came up in the cattle business, as he was at an early age a valuable coadjutor to his father in his operations, soon acquiring a competent knowledge and an experience that was of value to him in his own later operations of raising and shipping horses and stock. In 1894 he took up a homestead on the creek adjoining his father's ranch, and, after properly arranging matters and providing a suitable residence, on March 10, 1897, he was united in marriage with Miss Ida Sadlier and established his home upon his own ranch, which he has steadily and rapidly improved into a convenient and pleasant property and residence. Mrs. Stoll is a daughter of William and Emma (Edwards) Sadlier, her father being a native of Georgia and her mother of Utah. She herself was born at Melville, Utah, and they have three children, Ray W., Ruth and Edgar. Mr. Sfoill is quite extensively operating in the raising of graded Shorthorn and graded Hereford cattle, for ton years conducting a business of importance in shipping horses from Wyoming to Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana. His business life has been

active and irreproachable and he is counted as one of the representative citizens and stockmen of this part of the state of Wyoming. George Stoll, Jr., the popular and ever agreeable

postmaster of Burnt Fork postoffice, was born at Fort Rridger on April 20, 1867, and his parents are the venerable pioneers, George and Mary A. (Smith) Stoll, whose interesting life history is briefly outlined on preceding pages. Receiving the best advantages given in the district schools of Uinta and Sweetwater counties, it was an inevitable result that he should become identified with stockraising, for this is the chief industry of this section of country and his father was one of the largest stockmen. He, however, conducted merchandising for a short time, abandoning it to give his entire attention to his herd of finely graded Hereford cattle. In this industry he has been successfully employed from that time, giving some time however to the shipping of horses to the eastern states. He took up his homestead in 1901 and has commenced a systematic development of its possibilities, using care and a wise discrimination in all of his methods. He was made postmaster in 1895 and is now in office. Miss Lillian McDougall, a daughter of James and Jane ( McColloch) McDougall, became his wife at Evanston, Wyo., on November 4, 1890, and their family consists of four children, Earl S., Frederick M., Alta M. and an infant unnamed. Mrs. Stoll was born in Iowa, her parents and a line of uncounted generations of ancestry having been natives of Scotland. The family is one of the highly respected ones of this section and laudably give assistance to every worthy cause of public or private character.