Ten Old-Timers of York County

HAT there are ten persons at Me-Cool, York county, Neb., who are over 80 years of age is a remarkable fact and is something that not many towns of the same population can boast of. The oldest is Judge Brower, who was 84 on April 7, 1903, and

the youngest is Grandpa Prest, who passed the eightieth milestone on the 12th day of December. Judge Brower was born in Fulton county, New York. When 13 years of age he moved with his parents to Ashtabula county. Ohlo, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar. In 1852 he moved to Pontiac, Ill., where he practiced law successfully for a number of years and received the title which still clings to him and which he bears with dignity. He still possesses the gold-headed cane which the members of the Livingston county bar presented to him. Although in his eighty-fifth year Judge Brower is able to read without glasses. Oscree Fair came to Nebraska in the fall of 1871. After living one year at Crete he moved to York county, where he has since resided, most of the time on a farm near McCool. He was 13 on the 27th day of December. Uncle John Rush was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1812. He has lived in York county thirty-one years. Mr. Rush is a veteran of the civil war and has a record of which he is justly proud. He was married May 7, 1842, to Miss Susan Stanton. They recently celebrated the sixtleth anniversary of their wedding. Aunt Susan was born March 16, 1829, and is therefore in her eighty-fourth year. Mr. Michael McMullen was born at Limerick, Ireland, April 8, 1821; came to America in 1848 and lived in New York. In 1849 he was married and moved to Wisconsin, remaining there two years; from there he went to Illinois, where he was for several years in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Reilroad company. Tiring of this, he tried farming and finally, in 1'83, he came to York county, Nebraska, where he has since resided on a farm one mile west of Me-Cool. Richard Prest was 80 years old on the 12th day of December. He was born in New Jersey. His parents were slaveholders in New Jersey, and when the emancipation was declared they necessarily lost a great deal of their personal property. Since leaving New Jersey Mr. Prest has lived in New York, Minnesota and Nebraska. He came here in 1884. He erjoys good health. Aunt Sylvia Porter was born September 20, 1821, and is a native of New Hampshire. She came to Nebraska from Champaign county, Illinois, in the winter of 1878, and has been a resident of York county ever since.

Colonel B. Crabb is one of the best known men in southeastern Nebraska. He was born in Madison county, Ohio, October 29, 1821, where he lived on the farm eleven years and received a common school education. In 1841 he with his father en-gaged in the mercantile business, and from '41 to '43 he studied medicine. Owing to poor health he was obliged to give up the study of medicine. In 1848 he resumed the study of medicine, graduating from the Starling Medical college, Columbus, O. He



GROUP OF OLD RESIDENTS OF YORK COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

practiced in both Ohio and Iowa. In 1838 he was appointed first sergeant of a light infantry company, and in 1840 was elected captain; later lieutenant colonel of a rifle battalion, and then brigadier general of the First brigade, Thirteenth division, Ohio militia, which he resigned in 1818. He built a steam flour mill in Madison county, and also one in Clark county, Ohio. Colonel Crabb joined the Methodist church in 1843 and was an official member until moving to York in 1878. He was made Master Mason in 1846, a Royal Arch Mason In 1849, at Columbus, O.; a Knight Templar and R. S. M. in 1867 at Muscatine, Ia. He moved to Muscatine in 1855, and to Washington county in 1857, where he engaged in the hotel business. In 1861 he raised a company and joined the Seventh regiment, Iowa infantry. He fought in the battle of Belmont and was made a prisoner on the retreat to the boats. He was a prisoner just eight months, and on his return home assisted in raising several regiments in 1862. He was made colonel of the Nineteenth regiment, Iowa Volunteer infantry, and commanded the post at Springfield, Mo., during the winter of 1862 and 1863, participating in the battle of Springfield January 8, 1863. The general in command being wounded, Colonel Crabb successfully commanded the whole army against General Marmaduke, and defeated him, and that distinguished Missourian's flag of truce is now in Colonel Crabb's possession. The colonel resigned on account of disability and was mustered out March 16, He then moved from Iowa to Nebraska in 1873, and engaged in the furniture business in Lincoln, where he again built a water mill in 1876. He moved to York in 1878 to engage in the hotel busi-He bought the McCool roller mills in 1899 and moved there. Colonel Crabb was married a second time in Lincoln in 1888 to Ruth Mills, who was born in Mad-



COLONEL AND MRS. B. CRABB OF YORK, Neb.

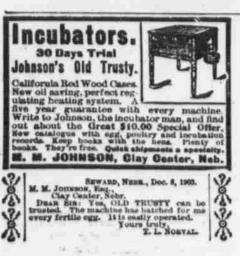
ison county, Ohio, November 7, 1820, and was for many years a successful teacher. She joined the Baptist church in the spring of 1843.

Soldier of Three Wars

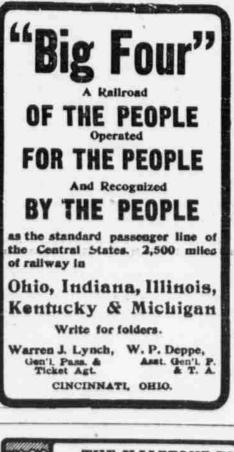
On the United States pension roll of the Topeka agency is the name of a man who has served in three wars and is 100 years He is Thomas E. Sauls of Webb City, Mo., where he conducts a little shoe

shop and makes a living in spite of his hundred years. He was born in Ten-nessee in 1803. He was a soldier in the Seminole, the Mexican and the civil wars. In the civil war he was a sergeant of the Sixth Kansas cavalry. That was after he had passed 50. After the Mexican war he represented the county of his nativity in the Tennessee legislature. While he lived in Tennessee he was a lawyer. His pension is \$30 a month and was granted by a special act of congress.











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