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ALBERT W. DILLON.

The record of Mr. Dillon is that of a man who by his own unaided efforts has worked his way from a modest beginning to a place of comparative independence in the business world. His life has been of unceasing industry and perseverance and the honorable methods which he has followed have won him the confidence of his fellow citizens.

Albert W. Dillon was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, May 28, 1829, and is a son of John and Sarah (McPeak) Dillon. These parents were natives of Virginia, in which state they were reared, and in their youth they emigrated to North Carolina, where they were married. They were there engaged in farming until 1859, when they emigrated to Missouri. The trip was made by wagon, a camp being established each night, and many dangers and hardships were endured on the long and wearisome journey. On reaching Missouri they first bought land in Pettis county, but remained there but a short time, removing to Saline county, where they located on a farm, which was their home during their remaining years, the mother dying in 1863 and the father six years later. In religion both were members of the Reformed Methodist church, and in politics John Dillon was an ardent Whig. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Eri, Lizzie, John Calvin, William Cameron, Mary, Alson and Albert W., the subject of this review. The

subject's paternal grandfather was Benjamin Dillon, who was a veteran of the war of the Revolution.

Albert W. Dillon was reared to the life of a farmer, which in that early day meant hard work and plenty of it. He attended the pioneer schools of the neighborhood and received a fair education. He has always devoted himself to the pursuit of agriculture and is now the owner of a fine little farm of twenty-five acres, situated about one and a half miles west of the town of Sweet Springs. He is practical and progressive in his methods and is enabled to realize a nice income from the farm. Mr. Dillon makes a specialty of melons, of which he raises large crops every year and the quality of which cannot be excelled in this part of the country, they finding a ready market in season.

Mr. Dillon has twice been married. His first wife, who bore the maiden name of Laura Armfield, was a native of North Carolina, and her death occurred in Saline county in 1862. To this union were born two children, namely: Leroy, who lives in Enid, Oklahoma, married Ella Brown and they have six children, Pearl, Charles, Carrie, Victor, Ada and Mamie; Elizabeth, now deceased, was the wife of Azil Vickry, and they had eight children, Albert, Louisa, William, Francis, Ezra, Tina, Daisy and Lottie. For his second wife the subject married Mrs. Melvina (Manker) Long. She was born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1837, and was a daughter of John and Sarah (Wright) Manker, natives respectively of Ohio and Virginia, though their entire married life was spent in Brown county, Ohio. John Manker was a farmer by vocation and was also a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: William W., deceased; Hannah; the third and fourth in order of birth died in infancy unnamed; Samuel; John; Melvina, wife of the subject; Cary and Louisa. Before her union with the subject, Mrs. Dillon had been the wife of William Long, who was a native of Ohio and a farmer by vocation. During the Civil war he was a member of the Fiftieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and lost his health during the army service, his death occurring soon after his return home. He was the father of four children, Sarah, the deceased wife of Joseph Whicker, by whom she had two children, Delmar and Maud; Mary, deceased; Ella is the wife of E. D. Webb, of Boulder, Colorado, and they have three children, Mabel, Bessie and Helen; Cary, of Oklahoma, married Minnie Stevens and they have one child, Delmar. To the subject's present union have been born the following children: Manker, who lives in Oklahoma, is married and is the father of four children, Adelle, Lavere, Albert and Arthur; Tamson, deceased, was the wife of M. D. Jackson and had

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two children, Noreen and Louise; Daisy is the wife of William Hibbs, of Webb City, Missouri, and they have three children, Nadine, Dorothy and Isabelle; Lena is the wife of John Ratliff, of Oklahoma, and they have two children, Alberta and John; Dodo is the wife of O. H. Lawrence and lives in Amsterdam, Missouri. The subject gave each of his children a good education and all of the daughters were school teachers before they became wives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillon are members of the Methodist Episcopal church South at Sweet Springs and give to their society an earnest and generous support. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and takes a deep interest in the success of the ticket. During the Civil war he was a member of the state militia and was chosen captain of his company. He and his wife are pleasant and hospitable people and their pleasant home is the scene of many pleasant gatherings of their friends.
