



**J.** KLINE, a prominent young business man of St. Joseph, Buchanan County, is Secretary of the St. Joseph Fair Association, which is one of the most popular places of entertainment in this part of the State. Its existence is largely owing to our subject, who was from the first very active and enthusiastic in its promotion. The grounds were leased, and the company at once built a fine race track of the regulation mile length at an expense of \$18,000. They spent on various improvements altogether \$67,000, and that the Fair proved to be a great attraction is shown by the fact that fully double the number of people ever assembled at a fair in the Missouri Valley were present during the one-week fair held in September, 1892. On Thursday there were \$53,000 paid in admission, the charge for which was at the rate of fifty cents a ticket. This was the day that Nancy Hanks trotted a mile in 2.07½, the fastest time ever made in the West outside of Minneapolis and Independence, and the gate receipts were \$26,500. When the meeting closed, this track held twenty-one world's records for harness contests. The fair was a notable success in every way, and the Association is now at work upon methods of improvement, having recently spent more than \$15,000 on it.

Mr. Kline was born in Rockville, Parke County, Ind., January 31, 1861, and is a son of F. C. and Emily (Baker) Kline. His paternal grandfather was an early settler of Tippecanoe County, Ind., and met his death in one of the bitter early political campaigns between the Whigs and Democrats, being a strong advocate of the former party. Our subject's father, who was born in Winchester, Va.,

was a printer by trade and established the Rockville *Republican*, of which he was one-half owner. In 1862 he volunteered as a private soldier in an Indiana regiment, serving until the close of the war. At the battle of Winchester he fought on the old farm where he was born. He returned in 1865 to Rockville, where he resumed his work as a printer, and he continued in that occupation until 1870, when he was appointed postal agent on the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad. Later, he served as mail agent on the Vandalia line until 1887, when he was removed on account of a change of administration. He then went to Kent, Wash., where he worked on the *Kent Journal*. His wife was born near Louisville of that State, and is a daughter of James Baker, an early settler in Parke County, Ind.

H. J. Kline is one of five children, four of whom are living. Until his twelfth year he lived in his native county, when he became a resident of Logansport, Ind., attending the High School of that place. He afterward entered the book and stationery business in the same city, becoming quite experienced in that branch of work. It was in 1885 that he removed to St. Joseph, accepting a position as head book-salesman for Ernest & Brill. At the end of a year he became city editor of the *Daily News*, of which Jacob Spencer was proprietor and editor, and retained that position for one year. He was then called to the city editorship of the *Gazette*, in the service of which he spent four years, resigning in June, 1890. For the succeeding six months he was reporter on the *Herald*, and then became its city editor.

In the fall of 1891 Mr. Kline began his work upon the journal known as the *Western Resources*, published at Lincoln, Neb. This paper is devoted to the subject of trotting horses, and Mr. Kline became an editorial writer on the staff. In January, 1892, returning to St. Joseph, he resumed his position as city editor of the *Herald*, and is now editor of the *Western Breeder*, a weekly publication devoted exclusively to trotting horses. This paper was started in 1890 as a general stock journal, but after Mr. Kline became its editor, in 1892, he, in company with several others, bought the paper and changed its name to

the one it now bears. He is Secretary and manager of the same.

In Logansport, Ind., in the year 1881, Mr. Kline and Rose Williamson were united in marriage. Two children have graced their union, Tedd and Mamie. Mrs. Kline was born in Cass County, Ind., and is a lady of education and refinement. Mr. Kline belongs to Lincoln Camp No 17, S. V., of which he was Captain for four years. He was also commander of the Division of Missouri in the year 1890, when the National Encampment was held in this city. In politics he is a staunch Republican.

