

Harris Berger

The success of any organization is largely due to the industry and the ability of its leaders. One of the most important officers in an organization is its secretary, and many a successful group can trace its success to its secretary. The Progressive Order of the West has been successful for many years, and many attribute their success to the tireless efforts of Harris Berger, who has been the secretary of the P. O. W. since 1916.

Altho Mr. Brger has many interests, he places the P. O. W. first, and as its secretary has been one of the most forceful figures thruout the long history of the organization in Memphis.

Mr. Berger was born in Yassi, Roumania, in 1881, a son of Moshe and Yetta Berger. He spent the years of his early youth in that country, and received a very liberal education in Hebrew, Jewish, German, and Roumanian. His widespread knowledge of language and general education have fitted him for the position which he now holds so creditably.

Mr. Berger decided to leave the old country for the new, and immigrated to America. He came to Memphis in 1907, and has made it his permanent residence. He has many friends, and is known by hundreds of Memphians. Mr. Berger is employed by the Haverty Furniture Company, a position which he has held for many years.

Mr. Berger devotes a great deal of his time to the Progressive Order of the West, but he has many other affiliations: Besides being the secretary of the P. O. W., he is the treasurer of the Sons of Israel, a member of the Arbeiter Ring, Congregation Beth El Emeth, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Shrine. He has actively participated in many worthy projects, and has occupied a position of leadership in the Memphis community for many years.