

SAMUEL S. WAGONER, dealer in groceries and confectionery, and retail liquor dealer at Monroe, was born in Monroe Township, Adams County, Indiana, October 8, 1854, a son of Nicholas Wagoner. His father being a farmer, he was reared to the same avocation, receiving in his youth a common-school education. He remained at home until his marriage, December 24, 1874, to Sarah A. Baker, who was born near Wooster, Ohio, September 10, 1853. Of the two children born to this union one is living - Blanche May, who was born May 9, 1881. After his marriage, Mr. Wagoner engaged in farming on his own account, settling on land heavily covered with timber. He cleared thirty acres of his land, on which he resided until May 5, 1881, when he sold his personal property, and November 14 of the same year came to Monroe and began dealing in drugs and groceries. He continued in this business two years, when he established his present business.

Mr. Wagoner has been affected with curvature of the spine at different periods since 1876, the disease originating from liver complaint. He has been attended by eminent physicians in different parts of the State. In the fall of 1885 he went to Mount Clemens Mineral Springs, Michigan, and after his return consulted Dr. Greenwalt, of Fort Wayne, and by his instructions, went to Chicago, Illinois, where he had appliances made to aid in the treatment of the disease. He was afterward treated by Dr. C. A. Jaleff, of Decatur, remaining under his care until December 8, 1886. He has great confidence in the skill of Dr. Jaleff, as he considers his life was saved by his treatment. He then entered the National Surgical institute, of Indianapolis, Indiana, where he has already been much benefitted by their treatment. While he has had his family to support he has also spent large sums for doctor's bills, and he believes the \$500 spent at this institution at Indianapolis has been of more benefit to him than the \$1,800 previously spent for doctor's treatment and patent medicines, and now thinks his cure is permanent. Mr. Wagoner is an enterprising citizen, and is always interested in any undertaking which has for its object the advancement of his township or county.

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