

until the close of the war. He then rented a farm in Clark county, Ill., where he engaged in farming until he came to Sugar Creek township, this county, in 1869, and settled on the Joseph Black farm, consisting of 320 acres of well-improved land. Mr. Irwin was married in 1868 to Miss Emily, daughter of Ira and Amanda (Hearst) Prevo, of French descent. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Irwin are Della, Otto, Minnie, Willie S., Ross, Bruce and Henry. Mrs. Irwin is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Mr. Irwin is a Republican in politics, and is a Master Mason.

PROF. W. C. ISBELL, president of the Terre Haute Commercial College, ranks high among the prominent and enterprising business men and educators of the West. He advocates that a practical business education is putting in the hands of the young the tools with which they may readily form and fashion their lives in those higher walks of life where brain and brawn work in concert for the attainment of those comforts and luxuries that are the fundamental parts of the best civilization; that forward march of nations lead by commerce that must precede both intellectual and physical development. His college was founded in 1862, and from its commencement has been one of the growing institutions of the city of Terre Haute. From the ranks of its graduates are to-day representatives in many of the leading business and financial concerns of the country, and are demonstrating the wisdom of Horace Mann, when he said: "If a father wishes to give his son a legacy better than houses, gold or silver, let him send him to an institution where he can obtain a practical business education."

Mr. Isbell is thirty-eight years of age, and was born in Noble county, Ind. He acquired a good English education in the public schools, and at the age of seventeen he removed to Chicago, where he completed his business education. He then engaged in business for a Chicago publishing house; for three years was their biographical historian, and became their general field manager. He was engaged in the business of publishing county histories in his own behalf, which he pursued successfully until 1878, when he came to Terre Haute, which has since been his residence, and took charge of the flourishing institution of which he is now the head. He has for several years been connected with business enterprises outside of the college, which have been successful, and he is known as a well-to-do enterprising business man—the right man in the right place, at the head of an institution that does credit to the State.

JAMES JOHNSON, superintendent for the Coal Bluff Mining Company, Fontanet, was born in Manchester, England, October 26, 1849, and is a son of John and Jane Ann (Dunkerley) Johnson, also natives of Manchester, England, the father having been foreman of

a cotton-mill in that country. His family consisted of six children, of whom James, the subject of this sketch, is the youngest son. He was reared in England, where he attended school at Manchester, and at the tender age of eleven years was put work in the coal mines. In 1870 he came to this country, and after remaining in New York a short time, he went to Pennsylvania, where he worked in the coal mines until 1873, when he came to Ohio, remaining one year. He then went West and bought a farm, which, however, he disposed of, and, coming to Illinois, worked in the coal mines. He then returned to his native land, and after remaining there nine months, visiting his old home and the friends of his childhood, he once more came to the New World and to Illinois, locating in Litchfield, Montgomery county. He first came to Vigo county in 1881, then went to look after the Black Coal Mines in Carbon, Clay Co., Ind., where he remained three years, when he returned to Vigo county. He served as foreman in the mines here, having charge of from 25 to 300 men, and in 1887 he accepted his present position. Mr. Johnson is thoroughly qualified for the business, having spent the most of his life in coal mining, and is perfectly familiar with all its many operations. He was married in Medina county, Ohio, to Miss Harriet, daughter of George Clayton, her parents being natives of England, and the children born of this union are William D., James J., Minnie, Charles and Harriet. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a staunch Republican.

JOHN B. JOHNSON, merchant, of the firm of Shickel & Johnson, at Sandford, was born December 11, 1841, in Terre Haute, Ind., and is the son of Calvin and Mary (Bond) Johnson, former, who was a carpenter, born in North Carolina in 1810, of Scotch-Irish origin; latter was born in New York, in 1815, of English descent, and still survives. She came to Fort Harrison in 1816, and settled in Vigo in 1836. John B. is the only son in a family of three children, and was reared in Terre Haute, receiving his education in the common schools in Edgar county, Ill., and in Terre Haute. He farmed for a time, but at the age of nineteen enlisted in the Seventh Illinois Cavalry, Company A, and served three years. He is a member of Charles Cruft Post, G. A. R., No. 86, at Sandford, and served one term as vice-commander. He followed farming until 1879, when he engaged in his present business, and is the owner of a farm of 130 acres of land. Mr. Johnson was married in 1865 to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of David P. Fuqua, and of Irish and French descent. They have one child, C. C. Johnson, who is now telegraph operator at Pana, Ill. In politics Mr. Johnson is a staunch Republican.

W. D. JOHNSON, farmer and stock-grower, Otter Creek township, P. O. Atherton, was born April 5, 1830, in La Fayette, Tippecanoe Co., Ind., of Scotch-Irish descent, and is a son of William H. and Jane S. Johnson, natives of Ohio. They came to this county in 1824, locating in Terre Haute, and subsequently moved to Otter Creek township, being among the pioneer settlers. The father, who was a farmer and stock-grower, was born in Ross county, Ohio, in 1800, and died in Otter Creek township in 1867. Our subject, who is the second in a family of six children, was reared on the farm, attending the common schools in Otter Creek township, and chose farming as his life's work. For two years he was engaged in mercantile trade in Kankakee, Ill., since which time he has devoted his time entirely to farming, meeting with marked success. His farm consists of 185 acres of well-improved land, which is well stocked, most of it being under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Johnson was married January 20, 1859, to Miss Abigail C., daughter of Jonathan Rogers, and of German and English descent, and their union has been blessed with four children, as follows: Clara B.; George S., who is a merchant; William H. and Harvey D. In politics Mr. Johnson is a Republican, and has been school director a number of years. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and has made many friends, being a liberal, highminded, honorable man.

ARTHUR THEODORE JONES, Prairieton township, P. O. Prairieton. This gentleman is an energetic farmer and a native of this county, born September 6, 1854. His parents were Edward and Eliza (Wheatley) Jones, the former of whom was born in this county in 1832, and died in 1868, in same county. John Jones, father of Edward Jones, was born in Kentucky and came to this county in an early day, where he died. His trade was that of a blacksmith, but the latter part of his life was devoted mostly to farming. His son, Edward, who was a farmer and a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was married in Vigo county to Eliza Wheatley, who was born in Ohio, and is now living in this county. She is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley, who moved from Ohio to this county in an early day. Arthur T., who is the eldest in a family of four children—two boys and two girls—received a fair education in the common schools, but was deprived of attending the high school on account of the early death of his father. In August, 1874, he led to the altar Miss Emily Melissa Wright, an accomplished young lady, who was born in this county in 1851. Her father was Richard Frost Wright, a native of London, England, born in the parish of St. Stephen, October 8, 1804; he came to this county in an early day, and died here. Mr.

Wright's first wife was Rachel Paddock, a native of Ohio, born September 5, 1812, and after her death he married Lucinda Lancaster, who was born April 25, 1807, in Indiana, and she became the mother of Mrs. Arthur T. Jones. She (Lucinda) was first married to Mr. James Sanders in 1829, and to Mr. Wright in 1850, and by Mr. Sanders she had seven children; by Mr. Wright, one, Emily Melissa. Mr. Wright had eleven children by his first wife. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Jones have two children: Nellie May and Belva Martha. Mr. Jones has resided where he now lives since 1874, the farm comprising eighty-five acres of well cultivated land, and he also owns twenty acres in another tract. In April, 1886, he was elected township trustee by the Democratic party, and was re-elected in 1888. He made a trusted and efficient officer, giving general satisfaction to both parties. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and F. M. B. A.; in politics he cast his first vote for Samuel J. Tilden.

AQUILLAR JONES, farmer and stock-grower, Lost Creek township, P. O. Seelyville, was born in Surry county, N. C., March 15, 1822, and is a son of Robert and Susan (Johnson) Jones, former of Welsh descent and latter of English and German. The father, who was a farmer, came from North Carolina to Greene county, Ind., in 1831. Aquillar, who is next youngest in a family of fifteen children, was reared on the farm in Greene county, attending the common schools, and chose farming for his life vocation. In 1854 he crossed the plains to California to seek his fortune in the land of gold. He drove an ox-team thither, where he engaged in mining three years, when he returned to Indiana, and for a time was a teamster in Terre Haute. He is self made, and has worked his own way since he was sixteen years of age. In 1873 he bought a farm, and since then has devoted his entire time to agriculture, being the owner of the farm where he now resides in Lost Creek township. He has been twice married, first time, in 1842, to Miss Mary Beauchamp, by which union there are two children: John B., who is among the prominent farmers of Vigo county; and Samuel, who is also a farmer. Mr. Jones' second wife's maiden name was Doretha Sanders, and their children are W. W., Louise Belle (wife of Oscar Bliss), Moody, Clem and Sarah Minnie. Mrs. Jones was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Mr. Jones is a member of the Christian Church; in politics he is a Democrat. Mrs. Jones died January 20, 1877, in the thirty-sixth year of her age.

JOHN B. JONES, a prominent farmer and stock-grower, Lost Creek township, P. O. Seelyville, was born in Greene county, Ind., near the town of Jonesboro, March 6, 1856, and is a son of Aquillar

and Mary (Beauchamp) Jones, natives of North Carolina, and who came of Welsh ancestry. The father is a farmer and stock-grower in Lost Creek township, this county, on the old homestead where he has resided for many years. John B., who is the eldest of nine children, grew to manhood on the farm, receiving a fair English education in the common schools of the neighborhood, and at a young age learned the vocation of a farmer. He owns a farm of seventy-two acres, and also rents adjoining land, managing in all 470 acres. He has met with very fair success in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Jones was married May 11, 1875, to Phebe Ann, daughter of Jerome Hulse. Her grandfather, Peter Hulse, was a farmer who came to Terre Haute in 1832. The family were of German descent. The two grandfathers, Robert Jones and John Beauchamp, came to Greene county, Ind., in 1821, and they were also tillers of the soil. The union of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Jones has been blessed with four children: Phebe A., Helena, Jerome Aquilla and Cora Lee. Mr. Jones, politically, is identified with the Republicans; he is a member of the I. O. O. F.

WILLIAM H. JOSLIN, Honey Creek township, P. O. Youngstown, is the present trustee of Honey Creek township. His business is that of a carpenter, contractor and builder, and he was born in Riley township, Vigo county, Ind., October 4, 1847, a son of Harrison and Dorothy (Singhurst) Joslin, natives of Indiana and of English descent. The father, who was a farmer all his life, came to Riley township this county, being among the early settlers. William H., who is the third in a family of seven children, was reared on the farm in Riley township, where he spent his childhood and youth, attending the district school. Early in life he learned the carpenter's trade, and has made it, in connection with contracting and building, his life business. In 1864 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment, Ind. V. I., and served until the close of the war. He is a member of the G. A. R., Post No. 158, and is vice-commander of same. He was united in marriage in this county, August 25, 1881, with Miss Nancy, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Risinger) Bragner, who were natives of Kentucky, and of English descent.

PETER KATZENBACH, undertaker, Terre Haute, was born in Germany, May 17, 1830, the third in a family of five children of Henry J. Katzenbach. He received his education in Germany, and in 1842 came to the United States. Revisiting Germany in 1845, he there learned the trade of cabinet-maker, and, returning to the United States in 1851, he worked at same at Mount Carmel, Ind., until 1852, in which year he came to Terre Haute, and continued his trade until 1867, when he made arrangements and opened a

business for himself. He has made his own way in the world, and has won success. He is a man of but few words, strong in his convictions, and possessed of the courage to follow them to the end. He contributes liberally to the church, is charitable to the poor and afflicted, and has made many warm friends. He is a member of the German Reformed Church, of the I. O. O. F., and of the A. O. U. W., and in his political preferences is a Democrat. Mr. Katzenbach was married in Germany, in June, 1851, to Miss Anna Maria, daughter of Jacob Best, which union has been blessed with nine children: Mary, wife of Philip May; Katie, wife of Theo. Kloer; Lottie, wife of Philip Mehrhof; Gussie, wife of George Mehrhof; Henry W., with his father in business; Helen, at home; Carrie, wife of Robert Wayne; Eleanor, at home; Louis, at home. Mrs. Katzenbach died January 14, 1884, a member of the German Reformed Church.

HENRY E. KAUFFMAN, druggist, Terre Haute, was born at Paris, Edgar Co., Ill., April 25, 1857, and is a son of Tobias M. and Barbara (Brubaker) Kauffman, natives of Pennsylvania and of German origin, who came west about 1854 and settled at Paris, Ill. His father was a carpenter and contractor, and reared his family in Illinois. Henry, who is the fourth in a family of seven children, received his education in the public schools of Illinois, and early in life entered a drug store, where he applied himself with diligence. In 1881 he came to Terre Haute, and was employed as prescription clerk until 1886, when he opened his own drug store, and from the very beginning he has met with more than average success. He superintends all the details in person, and thus makes experiments a certainty. Mr. Kauffman was married in his native town June 6, 1884, to Miss Ida B., daughter of Z. E. and Julia Link, and born in Edgar county, Ill., of German descent. Their children are Howard L., Arthur S. and Harry M. Mr. Kauffman votes for the man and not the party. He is a member of the K. of P.

JOHN P. KEATON, Prairie Creek, is a native of Vigo county, born on the farm where he now resides, May 4, 1845, a son of Joseph Z. and Margaret (Trueblood) Keaton, both of whom were natives of North Carolina, born in 1808 and 1818, respectively. Joseph Z. Keaton came to this county when a young man, and by occupation he was a farmer. He died in this county in 1878; his wife died in 1877. They were the parents of twelve children, ten of whom lived to be grown. Benoni Keaton, father of Joseph Z., was of English descent. John P., who is the eighth in the family, was reared in this county, and educated in the common schools. October 18, 1866, he was married to Miss Sarah J.

Clouse, who was born in Ohio in 1848, a daughter of John Clouse, who moved from Ohio to Sullivan county, and died one week afterward, his wife having died in Ohio prior to his coming to Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Keaton are the parents of two children: Alva and Willie. Mr. Keaton has always been a farmer, except during the years 1878-79, when he was engaged in mercantile business at the village of Pleasant, in Sullivan county. He resides on the old homestead which is situated about thirteen miles south of the county seat, and contains seventy acres of well cultivated land. He was first elected assessor in 1886, and is now serving his fifth year and second term, proving himself an able and efficient officer. From 1884 to 1886 he served as supervisor of the district. He cast his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant, and still holds to the same political party. He is an honest and upright citizen. Mrs. Keaton is a member of the Baptist Church.

PATRICK KELLEY, Fayette township, P. O. St. Mary's, is among the oldest settlers of the township, and was born in Ireland in March, 1830, a son of Daniel Kelley, a farmer, who spent his life in Ireland, dying there in 1835. The mother dying the same year, left Patrick an orphan at the age of five, and he was educated by the Sisters of Charity at the convent of Kenmare, County Kerry, Ireland. He learned the tailor's trade, but never worked at it very much. He left his native country to seek his fortune in the New World, landing at New York City in 1852, being then but twenty-two years of age. He worked for a time at his trade in that city, but, being desirous of seeing more of the United States, he traveled, working at his trade in various places and different States. In 1864 he came to this county, locating on a farm in Fayette township, and at present is the owner of eighty-three acres of land where he resides. Mr. Kelley was married at Greencastle, Ind., in 1859, to Miss Hanorah, daughter of William Conner, and also a native of Ireland. Their children now living are Daniel, a farmer; Thomas, a workman in the tool factory, Terre Haute; Maggie; Francis; Mary Anne, Sister of Providence; Hanora and Hellen. The family are all members of the Catholic Church, of which he is a trustee, and in politics he is a Democrat.

JAMES KELLY (deceased). This gentleman spent many years of his life in Vigo county, and was among her most successful farmers. He was born in Ireland, August 12, 1810, and was a son of Patrick and Catherine Kelly, the second in order of birth in a large family. His childhood and youth were spent in Ireland, where he obtained a good education, and he came to this country when a young man. For a time worked on the canal, subsequently entering the employ of Chauncey Rose, with whom he

remained sixteen years. Mr. Kelly saved his money and invested it in real estate, also worked in the railroad office. His first wife was Miss Ann Dorlin, who died one year after marriage, leaving one son, Charles, who resides in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Kelly then married Mary, daughter of Henry Flagan, and born in Germany, January 15, 1825, being six years old when she came to this country. Her father was born in Germany, May 12, 1798; her mother was born February 22, 1798, and is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were married in Terre Haute, April 2, 1854, and they had three children: William (deceased), Mary, who is the wife of Charles Hyland, of Terre Haute, and James, who was born in this county, and obtained his schooling at Notre Dame College, Indiana. He was employed as a salesman in the mercantile trade until the death of his father, which occurred in 1881, since when he has had charge of the farm of 160 acres, and he has also 200 acres of his own. He is living with and caring for his aged, honored mother.

B. F. KESTER, proprietor of the Hotel Riley, Riley, he was born in Ohio August 26, 1840, and is a son of Jesse and Lydia E. (Webster) Kester, natives of Pennsylvania, the father of German and the mother of Scotch descent. The father removed from Ohio to Clay county, Ind., in 1847, and was a teacher and farmer by occupation; he died in 1851. His family consisted of seven children, B. F. being the fourth. Our subject was reared on the farm, obtaining his education in the common schools, and followed farming until 1883, when he embarked in the grocery trade. In 1887 he engaged in the butcher's trade, and has since carried on a meat market in Riley. He was married in Clay county, Ind., in 1865, to Miss Mary A., daughter of Samuel and Matilda Knight, her mother being of English descent. Mr. and Mrs. Kester have three children: Laura A. (wife of Miller S. Ray), Clarence Almon and Leo Carl. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Kester enlisted in 1862, in the Eighty-fifth Ind. V. L., Company I, and served until the close of the war; he was taken prisoner at Thompson's Station, Tenn., and confined in Libby prison. He was in several battles and skirmishes, among others Peach Tree Creek, and all the battles under Gen. Sherman, until the fall of Atlanta, Ga. Politically he is a Republican.

JOHN D. E. KESTER, an enterprising citizen and farmer, of Prairieton, was born in this county March 3, 1826, and is a son of Ephram P. Kester, a native of Spencer county, Ky., born September 1, 1795. His father, William Kester, died while Ephram P. was yet a boy; William died in Kentucky. The Kesters descended from two brothers, who came from England, settling in Philadelphia, where one of them married, soon after coming to Kentucky,

where he settled and died. Ephram P. emigrated from Kentucky to this county about 1822, while yet single. He was a wheelwright, and once owned the ground where the National Bank of Terre Haute now stands. In 1825 he returned to Kentucky, and, in April of the same year, married Miss Margaret Stark, who was born in Kentucky in January, 1805, of German descent. She died in this county January 13, 1884; Mr. Kester died in May, 1850, also in this county. They reared six sons and three daughters, John D. E. being the eldest. The others were Candasee, deceased; Leander; Eunice A.; Ephram S.; Daniel S.; Mary D.; William N. and Zachariah T. Our subject has had a good practical education, mostly obtained in the subscription schools of this county. After residing with his parents until he attained his majority, he began life for himself as a farmer, which occupation he has always followed, excepting four years when he was engaged in the mercantile trade. Two years he was in Terre Haute, and the remainder of the time at Roseville, Parke county, Ind.

Mr. Kester married, December 16, 1846, Miss Harriet W. Trueblood, who was born in Jasper county, N. C., in 1827, a daughter of Binona and Bridget (Gregory) Trueblood, natives of North Carolina, and emigrants to this county, coming in November, 1827. They both died in this county, he having been a Baptist minister for forty years. Mr. and Mrs. Kester have had born to them children as follows (six of whom lived to maturity), viz: Ephram, Cordelia A., Rabanna G., Margaret J. (deceased), Mary A. (deceased), Mary E. (deceased), Joseph N. (deceased), Marvin H., Rose and Early P. (who both died in infancy). Mr. Kester held the office of township assessor during the years 1861-62 and 1875-76. In 1880 he was appointed to take the census of his township. He is a member of Prairieton Lodge No. 178, F. & A. M., and has presided as Master Mason for five years. He is a Republican; and cast his first presidential vote for Taylor. Mr. Kester owns 142 acres of land in the home farm, nearly all in cultivation, which farm was settled in 1818 by William Foster, who started a tannery about that time, said to have been the first in the county. Mr. Kester is an influential citizen.

WRIGHT L. KIDDER, merchant miller, Terre Haute, is among the most prominent merchant millers and successful business men in the State. He was born in Windham county, Vt., August 30, 1835, and is a son of Ashbell and Mary (Sprague) Kidder, natives of Vermont, and of English descent. The father was a prosperous and leading farmer, who migrated to the West with his family in 1854, and settled in Illinois, where he died in 1865. He had a family of four children—two sons and two daugh-

ters—Wright L. being next to the youngest. Our subject grew up as the average farmer's boy, working in the summer and attending the public schools in the winter. He commenced life as a farmer, and was in the grain business until 1865, when he turned his attention to milling. He came to Terre Haute in 1879, and, in company with his brother, purchased the mill on Water street. He continued in business with his brother until 1883 when he sold his interest in that mill and bought the mill on Poplar street, and remodeled and refitted it at a cost of \$62,000. This mill was entirely destroyed by fire in 1890, and he had but a small insurance on it. In adjusting the insurance account an instance occurred that is an index to his business methods. His book-keeper had rendered the account, and the company proposed to pay the reckoning. Mr. Kidder, however, discovered an error, and returned \$200 which had been overpaid. This is only mentioned because it characterizes all his transactions. Mr. Kidder enjoys the entire confidence of those with whom he has dealings. This reputation he has thoroughly established, and it has been one of the causes of his prosperity. The life of this gentleman is a valuable object lesson to the youths of the land.

In 1887 he bought the "Imperial" mill on Wabash avenue, and thoroughly remodeled it at a large outlay, putting in all new machinery, etc., and continued the running of the two mills (Imperial and Avenue) until the destruction by fire of the Avenue mill in 1890. The Imperial Mill (Wabash avenue) has a capacity of 1,000 barrels per day, and the mill that was destroyed had a capacity of 800 barrels per day, the product standing high in the markets of the world. Mr. Kidder is ably assisted in his business affairs by his oldest son. The Kidder Mill is one of the largest in the State. He is the owner of much valuable real estate, having 520 acres of land in the county, outside of the city, and 200 head of cattle and over 300 hogs on his farm. He is a director of the Vigo County National Bank, and the owner of several other interests in Terre Haute. In the mill and on the farm are employed about fifty men. At Hartford, Conn., he was married to Miss Elizabeth Albro, a lady of English descent, and they have two sons, viz.: Edson W. (actively engaged in the business) and Frank L. In politics Mr. Kidder is a Republican. He is a Master Mason.

GEORGE P. KIMMELL, coal merchant, office No. 501 North Ninth street, Terre Haute, is a native of Indiana county, Penn., born August 27, 1830, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Reed) Kimmell. The father was a native of Bavaria, Germany, and the mother of Pennsylvania, of English descent. William Kimmell

had teams on a wagon route between the principal cities of Pennsylvania, hauling freight, and had six teams, in all, engaged in the business. He died in Indiana county, Penn., November 11, 1847, in his fifty-sixth year; Mrs. Kimmell died in Terre Haute, Ind., in 1876, in her seventy-third year. George P., who is the fourth in a family of eleven children, was reared in his native home, and received a common-school education. When he was sixteen years of age he went to work on the Pennsylvania Canal, and worked there until 1852, when he came West with packet boats, for the trade between Terre Haute and Evansville. He continued on this line about only three months, when he went to work, in September, 1852, on the Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad, as brakeman, and was promoted to freight conductor in 1855, continuing in that position until 1869, when he went on the Terre Haute, Alton & St. Louis Railroad as freight conductor. In the spring of 1870, he went South on the Evansville, Henderson & Nashville Railroad, and ran on that line as freight conductor about three months, when he was promoted to passenger conductor, a position he held about three years and nine months. He then ran on the Pan Handle, as conductor, about three months. Coming to Terre Haute he was with John Marshall in the coal trade, two years; then engaged in the business for himself, and has since followed it. He has had to depend on his own resources. Mr. Kimmell was first married, in Terre Haute, in September, 1859, to Miss Virginia, daughter of Alex and Nancy Sharra, natives of Pennsylvania; her father was in the canal boat business. Virginia was the elder of two children, and was born in Blairsville, Indiana Co., Penn., July 2, 1839. By this marriage Mr. Kimmell had one son, Frank A. Mr. Kimmell was married, the second time, November 12, 1885, to Laura A., daughter of E. and Mary Bitcher. Our subject is a member of the Masonic fraternity; in politics he is a Republican.

J. W. KING, dairyman, Harrison township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born in Union county, Penn., in 1859, and is a son of Joseph and Maria King, who were the parents of seven children. Our subject was reared on a farm, and has carried on agriculture, and raised and handled stock. He came to the West in 1882, and settled in Vigo county. Mr. King was married in Union county, Penn., in 1880, to Polly E. Hollenbaugh, also a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1862, and they are the parents of five children, as follows: Isaac, Annie, Robert, Irving and Johnnie. Mr. King is a man of great industry, and by his own efforts and the assistance of his life companion he has prospered well. He has over one hundred cows—a fine herd of Jerseys, Herefords and Holsteins, some of which are registered. Mr. King is a member of the F. M. B. A., and in politics he is a Democrat. He is a highly respected citizen.

FRED C. KLATTE, P. O. Terre Haute. This enterprising farmer and dairyman of Honey Creek township was born in Germany, January 16, 1854, and is a son of William H. and Louise (Riechers) Klatte, also natives of Germany. He came to America with his parents in 1872, and his father, who was a dairyman, now resides in Terre Haute. The family consists of seven children, of whom Fred C., who is the eldest, was reared on the farm in Germany, receiving a good common-school education in his native place. He embarked in the dairy business, and bought a well-improved farm of seventy acres, where he keeps twenty-eight good cows, some of them being graded Jerseys. He is familiar with all the details of the dairy business, and has met with marked success. Mr. Klatte was married in Vigo county, Ind., January 21, 1876, to Helena Butler, daughter of Phillip and Kette (Hallock) Klatte, and this union had been blessed with four children, viz.: Willie, Carl, Louise and Frieda. The parents are members of the German Reformed Church, and in politics Mr. Klatte is a Republican.

CYRUS KNAPP, Terre Haute, is superintendent and general manager for the enterprising firm of brick-makers, who manufacture by the steam process, the capacity of their works being 25,000 per day, each department being carried on systematically. Mr. Knapp was born in New Jersey, May 28, 1832, and is a son of Samuel C. and Delia A. (Smith) Knapp, former of whom was of German descent and a manufacturer of boots and shoes, latter being of Welsh origin. They were natives of New Jersey, where the father died in 1844. Our subject, who is the second in a family of eight children, passed his early life in New Jersey, where he attended the public schools. He learned the mason's and brick-layer's trade, which he followed until embarking in his present business. He came to Terre Haute in the year 1852, and has resided here since then. Mr. Knapp has been twice married, first to Eliza Conner, who died in 1864, and our subject afterward married Laura, daughter of John Estes, and who was a member of the Baptist Church. She lived only one year after marriage. In politics Mr. Knapp is a Republican. In 1864 he enlisted in the Thirty-first Ind. V. I., Company K, and served until the close of the war.

M. E. KNOWLES, State veterinary surgeon, Terre Haute, was born at Clinton, Vermillion Co., Ind., April 24, 1862, and is a son of James E. and Pluma (Willcox) Knowles, former a native of Indiana, latter of Ohio, and both of English origin. The father was a farmer in early life, and now resides in Clinton, Vermillion Co., Ind., having retired from the active duties of life.

Our subject was reared on the farm in Vermillion county, where he attended the district school, subsequently entering DePauw University. His medical education was obtained at New York City, where he graduated in the American Veterinary College in 1884. He then engaged in practice, and has met with merited success. He stands at the head of his profession in this country, and is ably assisted by Dr. John Mitchell, who graduated at the same institution in 1889. The ailments of the finest horses in America demand the services of the firm on all critical occasions, in fact Dr. Knowles has an extended reputation. In 1888 he was professionally called to California by G. Valensin, owner of Sidney, and while on the coast he treated other valuable horses with entire success. In 1889 he was appointed State veterinary surgeon for Indiana. Dr. Knowles is a Republican; a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the K. of P. He was united in marriage at Terre Haute, in 1884, with Miss Lillie, daughter of E. M. Davis, and of English descent. They have one child, Frank.

**ALFRED S. KOHL.** This gentleman is the book-keeper in H. Hulman's wholesale store, Terre Haute, which in itself attests to his expertness and ability in his profession. Mr. Kohl is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, born April 27, 1858, and is a son of John and Agnes (Kunzer) Kohl, natives of Germany, who came to America with their parents when they were children, and settled in Cleveland, where they were married in 1848. The father was a merchant tailor in early life, but subsequently engaged extensively in leather tanning at Cleveland. Alfred S., who is the third in a family of ten children, received his education, first in a private school, and then graduated from the Cleveland high school, after which he obtained a position in that city as book-keeper, in which capacity he continued until 1881, when he came to Terre Haute and entered the employ of Mr. Hulman. Mr. Kohl was united in marriage at Cleveland, Ohio, August 16, 1880, with Miss Jennie, daughter of Michael Russel, and born in London, England. Of their children there are now living the following: Fred W., John A. and an infant not named. The family are members of the Catholic Church, and Mr. Kohl is a member of the K. of P. Mr. and Mrs. Kohl have many friends among the best people of Terre Haute.

**HON. JACOB C. KOLSEM,** ex-mayor of Terre Haute, and manager for H. D. Pixley, Son & Co., Terre Haute, was born in Prussia, July 24, 1849, and is a son of Jacob and Catharine (Schitzler) Kolsem, natives of Germany, who came to America and settled at Pittsburgh, Penn., in 1853. The father, who was a mechanic, spent the remaining portion of his days in Pittsburgh, dying in 1887. His family consisted of three sons and one daughter, of

whom Jacob C. is the eldest. Our subject attended the schools in Pittsburgh, and in early life learned the trade of nail cutter, working in the factories at Pittsburgh until he came to Terre Haute, in 1868. He was thus employed here until 1871, when he learned the trade of cooper, which he followed for a short time, when he accepted a position as salesman in a hat store. He was employed in that capacity in different establishments until 1884, when he was appointed to his present position. The firm carry a large stock of clothing, and employ ten salesmen, Mr. Kolsem having the entire management of the concern; and his taste and skill are evinced by the general display of the house. Mr. Kolsem was married in Terre Haute, Ind., in May, 1874, to Mary F. Stakeman, who was born in Terre Haute of German parentage, which union has been blessed with six children, as follows: Charles J., John H., Anna, Eva, Francis and Agnes. The family usually attend the Episcopal Church. Mr. Kolsem is a Democrat, and served two terms as a member of the city council of Terre Haute, and two terms as mayor of the city. He is a prominent member of the K. of P., of the Masonic fraternity, and is past chancellor of Occidental Lodge, No. 18; he is past eminent commander of the Knights Templar of Terre Haute, Commandery No. 16, of Indiana, and a thirty-second degree Mason, also a member of Murat Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Indiana, at Indianapolis. He is president of the Terre Haute Water Works Company, probably the most important corporation in the city; also vice-president and general manager of the Terre Haute District Telegraph Company, and is a member of the board of directors of three of the leading building, loan & savings associations of Terre Haute, and treasurer of the Vigo Loan & Savings Association, which has a capital stock of \$1,000,000, and of which association he was one of the originators in 1889.

HON. JOHN E. LAMB, attorney at law, Terre Haute, was born in Terre Haute, Ind., December 26, 1852, and is a son of Michael and Catharine (McGovern) Lamb, natives of Ireland, but who spent their lives mostly in this country. The father came to America when he was sixteen years of age, and to Terre Haute, in 1835, where he continued to reside until his death in 1874. John E., who is the fifth in a family of eleven children, was reared in Terre Haute, where he attended school. At the age of nineteen he was appointed deputy county treasurer of Vigo county, and served in that capacity two years. While thus engaged he commenced the study of law, and subsequently he completed the course in the office of Voorhees & Carlton, being admitted to the practice in 1874. In 1875 he was appointed prosecuting attorney by Gov. Hendricks, and in 1876 was elected to the office, and served a full term. In

1880 he was one of the electors on the electoral ticket for Hancock and English, for his district, and in 1882 he received the Democratic nomination for congress, being duly elected, overcoming a large Republican majority; has since been twice nominated by his party, but was each time defeated for the same office. In 1885 he was appointed United States district attorney, by President Cleveland, which office he resigned in 1886, to accept the nomination for congress. In 1888 the Democrats of Indiana gave this young but distinguished politician the honor of placing his name at the head of the electoral ticket of the State, for Cleveland and Thurman. Mr. Lamb has never given up his law practice or his law office in Terre Haute, and is now enjoying a large and lucrative business as a member of the firm of Jump, Lamb & Davis. He is a sound lawyer, a strong and able politician, and an eloquent and distinguished speaker either at the bar or on the stump. In a country full of surprises, his rapid rise to leadership and power has been phenomenal. Hon. John E. Lamb and Miss Essie Kent were united in marriage in Terre Haute, July 2, 1890—a notable social event of the season. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kent, one of the leading and best known families of the city.

JAMES W. LANDRUM, manager for the Terre Haute Coal and Lime Company, Terre Haute, was born in Eminence, Morgan Co., Ind., May 6, 1855, a son of William R. and Margaret (Rhea) Landrum, natives of Tennessee, who came to Indiana in 1854, moving to Terre Haute when James W. was three years old. Our subject grew to maturity, receiving his education in Terre Haute, and, in 1874, he and Miss Kate Tolbert, who afterward became his wife, graduated in the high school, after which he turned his attention to school teaching. He taught one year in the country, and two years in the city schools, when he became principal of the Fourth District school, in which capacity he served three years, and then filled the same position in the Seventh District school, two years. The following five years he spent in the office of the auditor of the Vandalia Railroad. March 1, 1887, the Terre Haute Coal and Lime Company was organized with Mr. Landrum as manager, since which time the business has greatly increased, much the result of his energy and business ability. February 17, 1878, he was married to Miss Kate Tolbert, above mentioned, and this union has been blessed with two children: Robert T. and Margaret. Mrs. Landrum is the fifth in the family of six children of James M. and Mary (Scantlin) Tolbert, natives of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Landrum are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been steward sixteen years, and superintendent of the mission Sunday-school six years. He is a member of the Masonic frater-

nity, and of the Royal Arcanum. At the organization of the Columbia Club he was elected vice-president, and in 1889 was elected president. He is a Republican, and has served three years as member of the school board, filling the various offices of president, secretary and treasurer. He is a well-known and popular citizen.

HENRY LANG, proprietor of meat market, Terre Haute, was born in Germany, January 9, 1849, and is a son of Jacob and Carlina (Steinacker) Lang, natives of Germany, where the father was a manufacturer all his life. Henry, who is the youngest in a family of nine children, seven of whom reached the age of maturity, was reared in Germany and attended the common schools there. He learned the butcher's trade while young, and at the age of sixteen he went from Germany to England, thence came in 1868 to the United States, locating in Philadelphia, where he remained one year, when he enlisted in the United States regular army, subsequently becoming a non-commissioned officer, and was with Gen. Miles' expedition against the Indians. In 1875 he came to Terre Haute, and embarked in his present business. He has made his own way in the world, has met with success and is the owner of valuable real estate. He is a member of Morton Post No. 1, G. A. R., and in politics is a Republican. Mr. Lang was united in marriage, in 1875, in Terre Haute, with Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John Pheis, and of German descent. Mrs. Lang is a member of the German Lutheran Church.

ERNEST J. LANGEN, member of the firm of Moore & Langen, printers, binders and blank-book makers, Terre Haute. This business, which is fast becoming one of the principal industries of Terre Haute, is located at Nos. 24 and 26 South Fifth street. Mr. Langen was born in Germany, January 12, 1855, and is a son of Henry and Lisette (Ritterskamp) Langen, who came to Vigo county in 1867, and located at Terre Haute, where the father was a prominent merchant tailor. Ernest J., who is the second in a family of six children, attended school in Germany, learned the printer's trade when a lad, and has worked in both English and German printing offices. He writes and speaks English and German with fluency. He did newspaper and job work until their present job office was organized in September, 1878, in company with T. S. Moore. The business has had a rapid growth, and at present they are running eight presses—three large cylinder and five smaller job presses, employment being given to about fifty persons. Their work is largely for railroad companies, which requires great accuracy and skill. Mr. Langen is a Democrat, and a member of the Catholic Church.

W. H. LARIMER, Sugar Creek township, P. O. Macksville, is engaged in the coal mining business, mercantile trade, saw-milling,

the manufacturing of hardwood lumber, and also carries on a farm of 160 acres. He was born in Scioto county, Ohio, and is a son of John and Emily (Grimes) Larimer. His mother was born in Virginia, his father in Pennsylvania, and they were of French and German origin. His father was a captain, following that business for many years on the canal, also on the Ohio river. He died in Illinois, in March, 1856. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is the fourth in a family of thirteen children. He was reared in Ohio and Illinois, and obtained his schooling at both places. He learned the shoemaker's trade, and followed it for fourteen years. Subsequently he came to Paris, Ill., where he engaged in the saw-milling business, and afterward was employed by the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railroad as superintendent of their shops. In this capacity he served for thirteen years, and in 1880 came to Terre Haute, where he was on the railroad, and furnished timber here for a time. Then he engaged in coal mining, which has merged into a large and lucrative business. He has met with success, and gives employment to nearly 150 men in his various enterprises. He is the owner of 160 acres of land which is underlaid with coal, and here he is engaged in his mining and lumber business. He is a worthy example of what ambition can accomplish, having started out as a poor boy. He has been a cripple all his life, having been severely injured in the left leg. He was married in Paris, Ill., in 1858, to Miss Isabella, daughter of John Alsop, and of German descent. Of their six children but one survives, Jedil. Mrs. Larimer is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Larimer is a Democrat; and is a member of the I. O. O. F., having passed all the chairs of Paris (Ill.) Lodge No. 91. He has one grandchild, Mary, who is the daughter of Maggie, deceased, and lives with her great-grandparents.

EDGAR L. LARKINS, physician and surgeon, No. 328 North Thirteenth street, Terre Haute, was born in Vigo county, Ind., September 13, 1855, and is a son of James H. and Mary (Mattox) Larkins, former a native of New York, of English and German descent, latter of Indiana, of Scotch descent. Our subject, who is the younger of two children, received his early education in the common schools of this county, and afterward attended the high school three years; he then taught school two terms, and read medicine under Dr. John E. Link. In the fall of 1876 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Indianapolis, where he graduated February 22, 1878, and delivered the valedictory address for his class. He then formed a partnership with Dr. Link, his preceptor, and they were together two years, after which Dr. Larkins went to Staunton, Clay Co., Ind., where he

practiced about six years, and then returned to Terre Haute, locating where he is at present. The practice the Doctor has built up shows in itself that he has been successful. Dr. Larkins was united in marriage, December 22, 1880, in Vigo county, with Marium, a daughter of Theron and Emily (St. Clair) Sutliff, natives of Indiana and of English descent. Mrs. Larkins is the third in a family of ten children, and was born in Vigo county, October 23, 1854. To this union has been born one child, Ernest L. Dr. and Mrs. Larkins are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 157, and has passed the chairs; he is a member of the Encampment and Canton, and holds the office of assistant surgeon, with rank of captain in the latter, for the State of Indiana; is also a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor. The Doctor is a member of the Indiana State, Esculapian and Vigo County Medical Societies; is a member of the Columbia Club, and in politics he is a Republican. In May, 1890, he was elected a member of the common council from the Fifth ward to serve for the period of two years.

**WILLIAM I. LAW, Terre Haute.** This gentleman is traveling salesman for Joseph Strong & Co., of Terre Haute. He was born at Bowling Green, Ind., April 14, 1860, and is a son of Marmaduke and Rebecca A. (Clemmons) Law, natives of Ohio, and of English and Irish descent. His paternal and maternal ancestors were among the colonial settlers of Pennsylvania. His father came West, and settled in Clay county, Ind., when he was a young man, and followed tailoring, but at present is engaged in the hardware trade at Brazil, Ind. He has been prominent in the politics of Clay county, where he has resided since 1865, and served one term as county treasurer. He reared a family of six daughters and two sons, William I. being the youngest son. Our subject grew to manhood at Brazil, where he attended the public schools. He learned the baker's trade at that place, but did not follow it after completing his apprenticeship. He then worked on the farm by the month, afterward securing a position as salesman in a general store, for a time, for J. M. Nees & Co. He then went into the grocery house of A. S. Decker, of Brazil, as salesman, remaining as such until coming to Terre Haute, January 23, 1880, and accepting his present position. He is eminently qualified for the position of salesman, and has met with excellent success. Mr. Law was married in Terre Haute, Ind., April 28, 1886, to Miss Cora, daughter of Dr. Joseph and Sarah (McAdams) Lane, and of Irish descent. Her father, who was a physician in Terre Haute, died in 1884; her mother resides in Terre Haute. Mrs. Law is the second child in a family of four children. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs.

Law has been blessed with one child, Ira Lyndon. In his pronounced political convictions Mr. Law is a staunch Republican.

E. E. LAWRENCE, owner and proprietor of the bakery, confectionery and restaurant on North Fourth street, Terre Haute, was born in Clark county, Ill., February 22, 1844, and is a son of James and Sarah (Handy) Lawrence, former a native of Massachusetts, latter of Illinois, and who were descendants of early English settlers of the United States; the father, who was a civil engineer, died in 1856. Our subject, who is the eldest in a family of four children, was reared in Marshall, Ill., and attended the schools there. Early in life he clerked in a store, and was there employed seven years, then, in 1868, he came to Terre Haute, where he engaged with his uncle in the grocery trade and hotel keeping. In 1876 he embarked in his present employment, and is now doing an extensive business in his line. Mr. Lawrence was married in Terre Haute, in 1871, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of N. W. White, and their children are Fred, who is a clerk, and Roy. Mrs. Lawrence died in 1888, a member of the Congregational Church, and of the Eastern Star. Mr. Lawrence is a member of the A. O. U. W., and of the Masonic fraternity. He enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-second Regiment Ill. V. I., Company G, and was made a non-commissioned officer, serving till the close of the war. In his political preferences he is a Republican.

CHARLES LAYER, farmer and stock-grower, Honey Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born in Union county, Ohio, in 1840, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Wolfe) Layer, natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. The father, who was a farmer, came to Vigo county in 1860. His family consisted of ten children, Charles being the sixth in order of birth. Our subject was reared on the farm, and worked at farming until he was eighteen years old, when he commenced to operate a saw-mill, which business he followed until he was able to buy 122 acres of land in Honey Creek township. He has made his own way, and also made his own farm, having cleared it of heavy timber, for when he came here it was all wild wood, but it is now highly improved and well stocked. Mr. Layer was married in Vigo county, Ind., in 1860, to Miss Maria Bayles, a lady of English descent, and their children are Edward, Jacob, Mary, Ida, Minnie, Pearl, Ella and Cora. Mrs. Layer is a member of the Baptist Church; in politics Mr. Layer is a Democrat.

ROBERT LEAK, farmer and stock-grower, Riley township, was born in Warren county, Ohio, February 17, 1840, and is a son of Gilpin and Merrill (Woodruff) Leak, natives of Ohio, and of Irish and Dutch descent; the father, who was a farmer, died in Ohio, in 1844. Their family consisted of five children, of whom Robert

is the second. Our subject was reared on the farm in Ohio, receiving his education in the common schools, and became a farmer. He has made his own way in the world, and at present is the owner of 200 acres of land in this county. Mr. Leak was married, March 18, 1859, to Miss Malinda, daughter of James and Eliza (Hartley) Pringle, who were of German and Irish descent. This union has been blessed with three children, as follows: Katie, wife of Algie Kite; William and Harriet E. Mr. Leak belongs to the Democratic party. August 11, 1862, he enlisted in the Fourth Indiana Cavalry, Company M, serving nearly three years, and was discharged at Washington, D. C.

JONATHAN S. LEE, a prominent and progressive farmer of Riley township, is a native of this county, born March 29, 1849, and is a son of David S. and Anna (Ferrall) Lee, former of whom was born in Ohio in 1812. Henry Lee, grandfather of Jonathan S., and who is supposed to have been born in Virginia, was of English descent, and came to Ohio at an early day; his wife was Miss Dunham, a lady of Scotch descent. They moved from Ohio to this county in 1831, where they passed the remainder of their days. Their son, David S., came with them here, and in 1834 he married Miss Anna Ferrall, who was also born in Ohio, coming here in 1818 with her parents, when she was about two years of age, they being among the first settlers. David S. Lee was an extensive farmer and good citizen, having held the office of justice of the peace for many years. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died April 24, 1884. His widow, Mrs. Anna Lee, died February 28, 1888. They had three sons and four daughters, all of whom are living except one daughter.

Jonathan S., who is the sixth child in order of birth, received a fair English education in the common schools of the county, afterward attending the high school at Farmersburgh, in Sullivan county. He lived with his parents until he attained his majority. In 1874, he married Miss Susanna Gross, who was born in this county in 1854, and died December 2, 1889, leaving three children: Robert E., Herschel G. and Ada C. She was a daughter of James I. and Catherine (Hartley) Gross, and was a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Lee is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Grant. He is a good citizen, highly respected. He served one term as justice of the peace in Riley township; he owns a well-improved farm of 181 acres, all under cultivation, located twelve miles southeast of Terre Haute.

MARTIN K. LEE, P. O. Prairieton. This gentleman is one of Vigo county's most respected citizens, and is a native of the county, born November 3, 1823. His father, James Lee, was born

in Butler county, Ohio, October 13, 1802, his parents being James and Mary (Jones) Lee, natives of Virginia, and emigrants from said State in an early day to Kentucky. James Lee, Sr., became a companion of and traveled with Daniel Boone, and served as a soldier in the war of the Revolution; he was an elder in the Baptist Church. From Kentucky they moved to Ohio, and thence, in 1817, to this county, residing here until their death. The Lees are of Welsh descent. Martin's father, James Lee, who was also an elder in the Baptist Church, was married in this county July 5, 1821, to Miss Mary Ann Kercheval, also a native of Butler county, Ohio, born December 13, 1804. They were the first couple ever married in Vigo county. He was a farmer, and died in this county, October 31, 1877. He and his wife reared a family of seven girls and four boys, viz.: Benjamin, deceased; Martin K.; John, deceased; Nancy, deceased; Mary; Elizabeth; Sarah A., deceased; Ruth; Eliza J.; Precilla, and James B. Martin K. Lee has always resided in his native county, receiving a limited education by attending the subscription schools in the winter. In those days the nearest markets were Chicago and New Orleans, and Martin made several trips to the latter city with flatboats, and to the former place by wagon. He was married to Miss Hannah Leforge, also a native of this county, born March 10, 1822, a daughter of Isaac and Ann (Harris) Leforge. Mr. Leforge was born in New Jersey, and Mrs. Leforge in Butler county, Ohio; they came to Vigo county in 1817, and both died here. Mr. and Mrs. Lee are the parents of the following named children: William S.; Wesley H.; Nancy A., wife of Joseph R. Wright; Oliver F.; James W.; John S., deceased; Ada, wife of E. M. Watson, and Kate, wife of William Fitzpatrick. Mr. Lee resides on his highly improved farm of 182 acres, situated eleven miles south of the county seat. He held the office of county commissioner for the term of three years. He cast his first presidential vote for James K. Polk, being twenty-one years of age one day before the election, and has never changed his politics. He and his wife are faithful members of the Old School Baptist Church.

ZEPHANIAH LEE, farmer, Pierson township, P. O. Lewis, is a native of Vigo county, Ind., born December 17, 1835, and is a son of John R. and Elizabeth (Green) Lee, former of whom was born in Virginia, June 7, 1797, and died in Clay county March 22, 1864; latter was born April 12, 1802, and died in 1840. After her death John R. Lee married Sarilda Perkins, who survived her marriage about three years, and Mr. Lee afterward married Mrs. Nancy Ramsey, a native of North Carolina. She died in Clay county, Ind., in 1864. John R. Lee came to Vigo county from Ohio, and remained in the county until 1843, when Clay county became his

home, and here he served as justice of the peace sixteen years. While in Ohio, before coming to Indiana, he was a captain in the militia. He was often called "Captain John R." by the old settlers. He was a member of the Christian Church, and in politics was a Whig. Ten children were born by his first marriage, three by his second, none by his third. Elizabeth (Green) Lee, his first wife, was a native of Vermont, and was a child when taken by her parents to Virginia, where she married Mr. Lee. Zephaniah is the eighth in order of birth, and being one of the youngest it became his duty to remain with his father and work on the farm. This he did until the death of the latter, when he commenced farming for his own account, and in 1867 he came to his present place. January 22, 1859, he married Nancy, daughter of Thomas Luther, and born in Clay county, Ind., in 1836. She died in her native place February 9, 1864, the mother of four children, two of whom are living: Rachel and Lewis H., those deceased being Martha J., who died when a child, and Luther, a twin brother of Lewis H., who died when he was three years of age. December 20, 1866, Mr. Lee married Miss Mary, a daughter of Joseph Denton, and born in Vigo county July 7, 1846. This happy union has been blessed with a family of eight children: Annie Rosetta, Dora Jane, Hattie Bell, Ida Myrtle, Edgar D., Frederic (who died in infancy), and Frank M. and Charles C. (twins). Mrs. Lee is a member of the Church of God. Mr. Lee is a member of the F. M. B. A. In politics he is a Republican, but not so ardent but what he would cross the line for better men.

CRITTENDEN C. LEEK, druggist, No. 1202 Poplar street, Terre Haute, was born in Clay county, Ind., January 25, 1844, and is second in the family of four children of Fredrick and Mary (Tinsley) Leek. Our subject moved to Iowa with his parents when he was eight years old, and remained there until he was thirteen, when he came to Terre Haute. He worked one year at the saddle and harness trade, and for four years on a farm. July 9, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Eleventh Ind. V. I., and participated in the battles of Fort Donelson and Shiloh, at which latter place he was taken sick, which necessitated his being sent to hospital at Evansville. Returning to his command at Memphis, Tenn., from there he went to Helena, Ark., where he was again taken sick, and was discharged from the service September 19, 1862. He returned home and remained until 1863, when he enlisted in the Eleventh Indiana Cavalry, which took part in the battle of Nashville, Tenn., and then were sent out on the plains to guard the United States mails and Government trains against the Indians. September 19, 1865, he was mustered out at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., and returning

to Terre Haute he engaged in the restaurant and confectionery business, which he continued three months. He then sold out and worked for the American Express Company about eight months, when he entered the service of the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad Company as yardmaster, remaining in their employ eleven years. He then embarked in his present drug trade, in which he does a remunerative and growing business, and has had to depend on his own resources. Mr. Leek was united in marriage in Terre Haute, Ind., August 12, 1868, with Miss Margaret Coombes, eldest in the family of seven children of John and Susan (Poorman) Coombes, natives of Illinois, former of Irish descent, latter of English. She was born in Clark county, Ill., December 10, 1843. Mr. and Mrs. Leek have two children, viz.: James Oscar and Lula R. Our subject is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the National Union. Politically he is a Republican.

EPHRAIM LEFORGE (deceased), late farmer and stock-grower, Linton township, was born in Vigo county, Ind., November 28, 1819, and was a son of Isaac and Annie (Harris) Leforge, natives of Butler county, Ohio, who moved from Ohio to Prairie Creek township, this county, in 1816, and here died. Their family consisted of eight children, the subject of this sketch being the second in order of birth. He was married October 14, 1840, to Cynthia A., daughter of Elijah and Lida (Drake) Pound, natives of Butler county, Ohio, former of whom was born September 16, 1801, and died October 7, 1879; latter was born February 11, 1802, and is still living. Her father moved from Ohio to Prairie Creek township, this county, in 1816, and was married in Sullivan county, Ind. They had a family of ten children, of whom Cynthia A. is the eldest, born January 22, 1822, in Linton township, Vigo Co., Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Leforge had born to them the following named children: Sarah J., wife of George Boyll; Melissa, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, wife of Calvin Boyll; Thomas, who married Emily Boyll, who died, and he then married Mollie St. Clair; Elijah, who married Dorothea McGrew; Rhoda, who married Nathan Drake; Ephraim W., deceased; Lida A., wife of Oliver Lee; Eunia E., wife of Preston Stout, deceased; Isaac; James C., who married Allie Kennett, and Louisa H., wife of Mortimore Drake. Mr. Leforge was reared on the farm. They were pioneer settlers of this county, which they saw pass through the various changes from the time it was a wilderness to its present stage of development. Mr. Leforge owned, during his lifetime, a farm containing 160 acres. He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, in which he served as deacon for about three years, and died June 7, 1871, while holding the office. His widow owns a house and lot in Pimento, where she re-

sides. Her son, Isaac, lives with her, and owns a farm containing fifty acres of improved land. Mrs. Leforge is a member of the Baptist Church.

JOHN G. LENTZ, contractor and builder, Terre Haute, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, November 29, 1846, and is a son of John G. and Eva (Shellers) Lentz, natives of Germany. The father was a gardener, and came from Germany to this country, settling at Indianapolis in 1854, where he lived until his death, which occurred in 1880. John G., who is the eldest in a family of nine children, was reared at Indianapolis, attending the common schools, and early in life he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he has worked since, having been contractor on many of the best buildings in Terre Haute. Mr. Lentz was married January 2, 1872, to Miss Catharine Diess, and they have four children: Ida, Mary, Fred and Grace. Mr. and Mrs. Lentz are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is trustee. In politics he is a Democrat.

JEHU LEWIS, proprietor of a leading livery and sale stable, Terre Haute, was born in Bartholomew county, Ind., March 12, 1838, and is a son of John and Rebecca (Hartman) Lewis, former a native of West Virginia, latter of Pennsylvania. The father was of Scotch and Welsh origin, and the mother of Dutch. In early life the father was a carpenter, but afterward became a farmer; he was born in 1788, and lived to the advanced age of eighty-five years, dying in Johnson county, Ind., in 1873. Jehu Lewis, who is next the youngest son in a family of ten children, was reared and received his education in Bartholomew county. He became a farmer and dealt in stock, which business he followed nine years in Coles county, Ill., and in 1875 he came to Terre Haute, where he embarked in his present business, and has met with more than average success. When the Civil war broke out, he promptly enlisted in the Seventh Ind. V. I., Company H, and served his full term of enlistment. On returning home he was elected lieutenant of the State militia, serving three years. Mr. Lewis was married in Shelby county, Ind., January 15, 1865, to Miss Mary J., daughter of Jacob and Charlot (Wooley) Missick, and they have two children: Mary Luella and Charles Morton, who is a clerk in East St. Louis, in the office of the Vandalia Railroad. Mr. Lewis is a member of the Knights of Honor, and in politics is a Republican.

ANDREW LEWSADER, Nevins township, P. O. Fontanet. (The family name was formerly spelled Luzader). Andrew Lewsader is a successful farmer of Nevins township, and is the owner of 170 acres of valuable land which he has well improved and stocked. He is one of the few men who never had the advantage

of schooling, and who grew up in the wild country, but after he arrived at manhood's estate he was taught by his wife, and learned to read and write. He was born in Fountain county, Ind., October 9, 1835, and is the son of Andrew and Rebecca (Davis) Lewsader, natives of Virginia and of French descent. The father worked at farming like many other pioneers, but hunting and trapping was the chief occupation of his life. His family consisted of twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity, Andrew being the youngest. The father was twice married, and had two children by his last wife. Andrew Lewsader spent his childhood and youth in Vermillion county, Ind., and was "bound out" to a farmer who reared him, but attended more to teaching him how to work than to the cultivating of his mind. When he reached his majority he started in the world for himself by working as a farm hand at \$10 per month. He hired to drive cattle for a drover, and worked by the day and month where he could get the best wages. He was ambitious to be his own master, and saved his earnings until he was able to buy a team, when he rented land, subsequently buying, and has met with success. Mr. Lewsader was married in 1859, to Miss Mary, daughter of Martin Faris and of English descent. This union has been blessed with seven children: Joseph F.; Sara, wife of James Crothers; Hester, wife of C. Lathons; Nathan; Laura; Andrew and Thomas. Mrs. Lewsader is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Lewsader affiliates with the Republican party.

HUGH H. LOUGHEAD, of Fayette township, was born in said township, July 21, 1841, and is a descendant of one of the pioneer settlers of this county. His parents came from Front Royal, Warren (then Frederick) County, Va., to this county, October 7, 1835, and settled in Fayette township, where they spent the remaining part of their lives. The children still reside here, except their second son, Joseph, who lives in Putnam county, Mo. The father was a shoemaker, and carried on that business, and also farmed; he was born April 8, 1799, in New Castle county, Del., five miles from the battle-field of Brandywine, and died in 1875. Hugh's mother was born in Strasburg, Shenandoah Co., Va., February 23, 1806, and died August 17, 1880. His parents' names are Thomas and Rebecca Ann (Conrad) Loughead. His father was of Scotch and English, and his mother of German descent: she could speak the German and English languages. Their children were eight in number (of whom six are now living), viz.: Lemuel, Joseph, Thomas, Mary (now the wife of Frank Argost), John (who died at the age of seven) Hugh H., Catharine (at home), and Gideon (who died December 13, 1882); the surviving sons are all farmers except Lemuel who engaged in teaching school several terms. Hugh H. attended

school in his native district. He is the owner of 260 acres of valuable land, the farm on which he resides consisting of 140 acres. Mr. Loughhead is unmarried; in politics he is a Democrat.

SANTFORD H. LOWISH, farmer and stock-grower, Lost Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, who is a descendant of an early settler of Vigo county, was born in Lost Creek township, Vigo Co., Ind., August 26, 1867, a son of Martin and Lucinda (Nelson) Lowish, former of whom was a native of England, latter of Lost Creek township, Vigo county, and of Scotch-Irish descent. The father owns a farm of 207 acres, where he now resides, in Lost Creek township. He was three times married, and Santford H. is the only child living, born to the first wife. He was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the common schools, and followed the occupation of his father, in which he has met with eminent success, being now the owner of a well-improved farm of 116 acres, where he resides. He was united in marriage in Vigo county, Ind., in 1885, to Miss Hattie C., daughter of Laban H. Dickerson, a prominent farmer of Vigo county, and now trustee of Lost Creek township, whose biographical sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Lowish have one child, Mabel Carlista. In politics, Mr. Lowish is a Republican.

JOHN LUKEN, Terre Haute, the general manager for A. Z. Foster, dealer in furniture, carpets, and house-furnishing goods, was born in Hanover, Germany, November 4, 1852, and is a son of John H. and Christianna Margaret Luken. His father, who was a carpenter and contractor, came, in 1856, from Germany to Terre Haute, where he successfully carried on his trade many years, and spent the rest of his life, dying in 1889. His family consisted of four children, of whom John is the youngest. Our subject was reared in Terre Haute, where he attended the public schools, and early in life commenced as an errand boy in a dry-goods store, soon becoming a clerk, and subsequently head salesman and manager of the store. He has been engaged in the various positions in mercantile trade, from handy boy about the store to his present position of manager, with a proprietary interest in the concern. He has been manager, for A. Z. Foster since the company was organized, and it is not flattery to say that Mr. Luken's extensive acquaintance, aided by his polite and gentlemanly demeanor, has attracted many of the influential and wealthy people to the store. Mr. Luken was married, in 1885, to Miss Anna M., daughter of Michael and Mary A. Kuhhardt. Mr. and Mrs. Luken are members of the Lutheran Church; in political matters he is in sympathy with the Democratic party.

LESLIE McCLAIN, physician and surgeon, Terre Haute, was

born in Montgomery county, Ohio, July 2, 1850, and is a son of Francis and Louisa (Vale) McClain, the father a native of Kentucky, the mother of Ohio, both being of English descent. The Doctor, who is the fourth in a family of six children, was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 24, 1874, to Sarah E., daughter of Alex and Jane (Hosack) Russell, natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. McClain is the youngest in a family of seven children who grew to maturity, and was born in Indiana county, Penn., May 29, 1848. When our subject was ten years of age his parents removed to Carlyle, Ill., thence to Merom, Sullivan Co., Ind., where he attended the public school, and afterward the college, about five years. He then read medicine under Dr. J. F. Harper, and in September, 1873, entered the Medical College of Ohio, at Cincinnati, graduating in March, 1875, in which year he came to Terre Haute, and began the practice of medicine, in which he has since been busily engaged, and he has made a success of his profession. Mrs. McClain is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church. The Doctor is a member of the K. & L. of H., Vulcan Lodge No. 753; is also a member of the A. O. U. W., Prairie City Lodge No. 2, and of the Select Knights; in politics he is a Republican.

STEPHEN McCLANAHAN, farmer and stock-grower, Linton township, P. O. Farmersburg, was born in Virginia, May 10, 1827, and is a son of Andrew and Mary A. (Kees) McClanahan, natives of Virginia. The father, who was of Irish descent, followed farming, and, moving to Muskingum county, Ohio, resided there till he died, July 4, 1847; the mother died September 8, 1868. They had a family of four boys and three girls, of whom Stephen is the third.

Our subject first married, in August, 1849, Miss Margaret, daughter of Hardie and Mary (Shelburn) Hill, natives of Virginia. They moved to Sullivan county, Ind., and died there. Margaret was the seventh in a family of ten children. Mr. and Mrs. McClanahan had three children, of whom Mary Jane, the only one living, is married to G. W. McDonald. Mrs. McClanahan died in March, 1853, a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. McClanahan married for his second wife, April 17, 1855, Parthena J., daughter of Nelson and Dessie (Shelburn) Siner, natives of Virginia. Her father moved from Virginia to Kentucky, from there to Vigo county, and then to Sullivan county, where they died, the father February 12, 1867, and the mother February 7, 1871. They had a family of eight children, of whom Parthena J. is the youngest, born September 10, 1840. By this union eight children have been born, viz.: Belle, wife of Thomas Kendall; James A., who married Ella Heap; D. V., who married Ida Moore; Charlie, who married Emma

Curry; Minnie; Benjamin F.; Flora, and one who died in infancy. Mr. McClanahan was reared on the farm, and has made his own way in the world. His start was made in this way: He bought a horse for \$35 on time, and then bought eighty acres of land, and turned the horse in for the first payment at \$75. He has given 175 acres of land to his children, and owns at the present time 320 acres of well-improved land. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, of which he is a trustee. Politically he is in sympathy with the Democratic party. Mr. McClanahan's house is built on the line between Vigo and Sullivan counties, and he dines in the former and sleeps in the latter.

THOMAS MCCOLLOCH (deceased) was a farmer and stock-grower for many years in Sugar Creek township. He was born in Tennessee August 1, 1804, a son of Alexander and Margaret McCulloch, who were of Irish descent. Thomas was a man of more than ordinary ability, and was endowed with superior business faculties. He received but a limited education in the then sparsely settled county of Vigo, and commencing as a poor boy, with no help, his success was due to his own exertions. At the time of his death he was the owner 500 of acres of land in Sugar Creek township. He died in 1877 at the age of seventy-three years, highly respected for his many excellent qualities. Mr. McCulloch was married in this county to Miss Ellen, daughter of Garard and Amelia Vansdall, of German and English descent. Their union was a happy one, and was blessed with five children, viz.: Anna, wife of James Kaufman; Altha, wife of Moses Robinson; Thomas; John and George. Mr. McCulloch was for many years a member of the Presbyterian Church, was thoroughly posted on the current topics of the time in which he lived, and in his political preferments he was a Republican.

JESSE MCCOMB, farmer and stock-grower, Honey Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born in Honey Creek township, Vigo Co., Ind., July 25, 1820, and is a son of William and Catherine (Campbell) McComb, former a native of Kentucky, of German origin, latter of Ohio. The father was a farmer who came to Honey Creek township in 1817, and settled on the farm where he died in 1850. Our subject, who is the eldest of six sons, was reared in Honey Creek township on the family homestead, attending the old-fashioned log school-house and the early subscription schools. He has made agriculture his vocation, and is the owner of a farm consisting of 203 acres. He was married in Vigo county April 5, 1849, to Mary, daughter of George and Mary (Curry) Clem, who were of German descent. The father was the first permanent settler of Honey Creek, coming from Ohio in 1814,

and settling among the Indians. The union of Mr. and Mrs. McComb has been blessed with six children—five sons and one daughter—as follows: William, John D., G. W., Wood, George and Mary Catherine. In politics Mr. McComb is a Republican. Mrs. McComb is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Altogether, here is a family highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends.

THOMAS H. McCORKLE, physician and surgeon, Otter Creek township, P. O. Edwards, was born in Boone county, Ind., November 4, 1845, and is the son of Samuel E. and Jane (Higgins) McCorkle, former born in North Carolina, latter in Ohio. They were of Scotch-Irish descent. The father was a blacksmith in early life, and in later years he engaged in the manufacture of carriages and wagons. He now resides in Boone county, Ind. His family consisted of seven children, of whom only five are now living, Thomas H. being the third son. Our subject attended the common schools in Boone county, and Thorntown Academy, subsequently attending Wabash College. He studied medicine under Prof. Mendenhall, and then practiced for five years in Clay county, Ind. In 1879 he graduated at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, and continued to practice in Clay county until 1882, when he came to this county and located at Ellsworth, in Otter Creek township, where he has since been engaged in active practice. He is a member of the Vigo County Medical and the State Medical Associations. The Doctor was married in Putnam county, Ind., December 26, 1877, to Miss Gertrude, daughter of Ignatius and Sarah (Daggy) Hawkins, who were of German descent. Mrs. McCorkle is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Dr. McCorkle was appointed a member of the United States pension examining board in 1889. In 1862 he enlisted in the Seventy-second Ind. V. I., Company D, and served until the close of the war. He is a member of the G. A. R., and is a Master Mason. Politically he is a Republican.

WILLIAM H. McCOSKEY, merchant and postmaster, Youngstown, was born in Honey Creek township, Vigo county, Ind., February 26, 1823, and is a son of Joseph and Rachel (Hixen) McCoskey, natives of Kentucky, and of Irish origin. His father was a farmer, and came to this county among the early settlers, being married in this county. The grandfather, John McCoskey, died on the way coming to this county with his family of thirteen children. His widow (grandmother of William H.) came to Vigo county with the children, and entered 340 acres of land in Honey Creek township. She was a woman endowed with excellent business faculties, and succeeded in rearing the large family respectably and prosperously. She reached the patriarchal age of one hundred and ten years, ex-

ceeding that of any person who has lived and died in this portion of the State. As an evidence of her active vitality, it is told that she walked a mile to visit a neighbor within four weeks of the day of her death. It is related of her that she attended a church meeting where she went three-quarters of a mile to hear preaching, and the weather was so bad that only two or three came. The good Brother, after waiting, concluded that he would not preach, and so announced, but Grandmother McCoskey told him that she had come to hear preaching, so the minister took his text and preached the usual sermon. She was a devout Christian. The father of William H., her youngest son, made farming a business, and for a time engaged in the butchering trade, opening the first slaughter house in Terre Haute. He was twice married, and died in 1845. Our subject, who is the eldest of four children by the first wife, was reared on the farm, attending the common school. He was a farmer until 1875, when for a time he engaged in blacksmithing. He has been engaged in mercantile business in Youngstown since 1887, and has also been postmaster since that date. He was married in Honey Creek township, in December, 1842, to Miss Mary McCalley, a native of Kentucky, of Irish descent, and they have had nine children, six now living: Joseph L.; Virginia, wife of Luther Allen; Almira, wife of Jesse Budd; Dora, wife of Charles Brooks; Morton; Nancy J., wife of O. N. Moore. Both parents are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. McCoskey is a Republican, and is a Master Mason. In 1862 he enlisted in the Seventh Indiana Volunteer Light Artillery, and served as a non-commissioned officer; was wounded at the battle of Stone River, and discharged at the close of the war. He is past commander of Toppin Post No. 158, G. A. R.

GEORGE W. McDONALD, farmer and stock-grower, Linton township, P. O. Farmersburgh, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, July 27, 1849, and is a son of Laban and Francis A. (Moore) McDonald, former a native of Ohio, latter of Virginia. The father, who was of Scotch descent, and a school teacher and farmer by occupation, died in Ohio in March, 1889; the mother is still living. They had a family of nine children, of whom George W. is the fourth. Our subject was married, October 19, 1876, to Mary J., daughter of Stephen and Margaret (Hill) McClanahan, her father a native of Virginia, and her mother of Indiana. Mrs. McDonald is the only child by this marriage, and was born August 29, 1850. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald had born to them four children, viz.: Thurman S., Cecil (who died in infancy), Loran E., and a twin sister of the latter, who died in infancy. Mr. McDonald was reared on the farm, and received his education in the common schools of Coshoc-

ton county, Ohio, at Bedford Academy and Granville College, Ohio. He taught school for ten years, then turned his attention to farming, and now owns a farm containing 120 acres in a good state of cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald are members of the Christian Church, of which he is clerk, having held that office for several years. Politically he stands in the ranks of the Democratic party.

JOSEPH A. McGLONE, farmer and stock-grower, Linton township, P. O. Farmersburgh, Sullivan county, was born in Linton township, Vigo county, Ind., January 27, 1842, and is a son of John and Hannah (Akers) McGlone, former of whom was a native of Ohio, latter of Kentucky. The father was a pioneer, and with the mother early settled in this county, where he became a farmer. He married in the county, and died in Linton township, September 7, 1887; his widow is still living. They had eight children, all of whom grew up, and of them Joseph A. is second in order of birth. Our subject has been twice married, first December 23, 1866, to Mary E., daughter of Philip and Lucinda (Moore) Copple, natives of this State, and whose family of seven children all grew up, of whom Mary E. was the second, born November 12, 1850. Mr. and Mrs. McGlone had eight children, viz.: Jacob L.; Ida M., who married Levi Hall; Charles P.; Dora E. (deceased); Alpha D.; one that died in infancy; Lucy (deceased), and Liza E. Mrs. McGlone died January 24, 1884, and for his second wife Mr. McGlone was married to Mrs. Ann J. Wheeler, daughter of William and Mary (Copple) Hanger, natives of this State, and whose family of six children all grew to maturity, Mrs. McGlone being the eldest, born October 22, 1844. Mr. McGlone has had two children by this marriage: Walter and Ira. The subject of this sketch was reared on the farm, and received his education in the common schools of Linton township. He chose farming as an occupation, and owns a well-cultivated farm of 106 acres. Mrs. McGlone is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. McGlone enlisted, October 17, 1864, in the Eighth Indiana Battery, and being taken sick was in hospital about two months. He was at Chattanooga when the war closed, and was mustered out at Indianapolis July 19, 1865. He is a Master Mason, and has served as steward. Politically he is a Democrat, and has served as school director.

C. R. McGRANAHAN, druggist, Fontanet, was born in Clay county, Ind., November 30, 1858, and is a son of J. H. and Amanda McGranahan, former of whom was born in Indiana, and died in 1883, latter born in New York, and they were of Scotch-Irish and English descent. The grandfather of our subject came to Vigo county in 1825, and was a leading farmer during his life. The

subject of this sketch, who is the eldest of four children, grew up on the old homestead, attending the common school, and became a farmer, which occupation he followed until 1885, when he embarked in his present business, and has met with good success. He has made his own way in life. He was united in marriage in this county, in 1882, with Miss Lydia, daughter of William M. Carithers, her parents being of German and English descent. Politically Mr. McGranahan is identified with the Democratic party.

**JAMES C. MCGREGOR,** Terre Haute. This gentleman was for many years among the prominent business men of Terre Haute. He is now retired from his once active and busy life, and keeps before him merely so much of business as to give him diversion and pastime. He divides his time between Terre Haute and Cincinnati, having in the latter place large real estate interests to look after. Cincinnati is the place of his nativity, having been born there April 2, 1835, a son of Robert and Mary (Craney) McGregor, latter of whom was born in New York City, of Scotch-Irish descent. The father, who was born in Scotland, immigrated to Pittsburgh, Penn., when a young man. In 1818 he went down the Ohio to Cincinnati in a skiff. He was fortuneless in all save a good character and a high resolve to succeed, and his total capital when he arrived at Cincinnati was \$4. He accepted employment at the rate of \$16 per month, but being a man of courage, great energy and unusual business capacity, before old age came upon him, he was wealthy. In 1822 he owned and ran a line of steamboats on the Ohio River. He embarked in the manufacture of iron, and was one of the first to build an iron furnace near Portsmouth, Ohio. He invested largely in real estate in Cincinnati, and at the time of his death, in 1866, he was a wealthy and influential man of that city. In connection with his iron furnace he carried on a large hardware store in Cincinnati. Of his seven children but four survive.

James C. McGregor was reared in Cincinnati, and attended school there until 1851, when he went to Europe, and traveled extensively in that country. Returning, he entered Yale College, where he graduated in 1855. In April, 1856, he came to Terre Haute, and embarked in business in company with Alexander McGregor, who was engaged in the wholesale grocery trade, also in the milling and distilling business. They did the largest business in Terre Haute up to that time in this line. In a single year their trade reached \$500,000, which was extraordinary for Terre Haute of that day. Our subject was appointed administrator of his father's estate in 1866, and has given his attention to the estate's affairs largely since then. In 1890 he made one sale of real estate

which realized \$450,000. His family resides at his old home in Terre Haute.

James C. McGregor was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth C. Riddle, a lady of Scotch descent, daughter of A. N. Riddle, an attorney of Cincinnati. They have three children, as follows: Elizabeth, Helen and James C. McGregor, Jr., all at home. In politics Mr. McGregor is a Republican. He is a Master Mason. Mr. McGregor had four brothers in the Civil war. His brother Charles is now an officer in the United States Navy.

JOSEPH McHENRY, farmer and stock-grower, Lost Creek township, P. O. Cloverland, Clay county, was born in Switzerland county, Ind., November 7, 1827, a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Sedan) McHenry, former of whom was a native of Pennsylvania, of Irish descent, and latter of New Jersey, of German descent. They had eleven children—five sons and six daughters—of whom Joseph is the second in order of birth. He was married March 3, 1853, to Nancy, daughter of James and Polina (Thompson) Watson, who had a family of five sons and five daughters, Mrs. McHenry being the second. To our subject and wife were born ten children, of whom seven grew to maturity, viz.: Hulda P., Sarah E., Mattie A., Joseph W., George I., Emma F. and John T. Mrs. McHenry died September 15, 1884, a consistent member of the Christian Church, and September 12, 1886, Mr. McHenry married Mrs. Eliza Ann Smith, a sister of his first wife, and widow of James Smith; they had a family of seven children, of whom two are living: James F. and Ella C. Mr. McHenry has made his own way in the world, and worked by the month for several years. He first bought a farm in Vermillion county, Ill., in 1850, and remained thereon about thirty years. Then he removed to Lost Creek township, Vigo county, and purchased the farm he now resides on, containing 175 acres. Mr. McHenry has served as school director a number of years. He is a member of the Christian Church, and Mrs. McHenry of the Methodist.

RICHARD McILROY, merchant, Macksville, was born in Philadelphia, Penn., May 25, 1840, and is the son of Robert and Sarah Ann (Kennedy) McIlroy, natives of Ireland, who came when they were young from that country to Philadelphia, where they were married. Richard's father was engaged in mercantile trade in that city with success until his death, which occurred in 1870. Richard, who is the eldest in a family of seven children, passed his childhood and youth in Philadelphia, where he obtained his schooling and assisted his father in the store. He moved to Terre Haute in 1856, and soon after came to Macksville, where he clerked in a general store. In 1866 he embarked in the coal trade, and subsequently

was employed as a salesman until 1870, when he engaged in his present business, also carrying on the coal mining industry. Since 1874 he has devoted the most of his time to mercantile trade, in which he has met with success. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted, in 1861, in the First Indiana Cavalry, and served three months; then re-enlisted in the same company and regiment, and served for three years. He was in several battles, among them those of Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg. He was on detached service a part of the time, and was at the headquarters of Gens. Mead, Rosecrans, U. S. Grant and Sigel, serving as orderly for all of them. Mr. McIlroy was married in St. Louis, Mo., April 12, 1866, to Miss Louise, daughter of William Fields, and born in Greene county, Ind. They have five children: Anna, William K., Richard H., Harry M. and Edna. Mrs. McIlroy is a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. McIlroy is quartermaster of Jacob Hoops Post, No. 163, G. A. R., is a Master Mason, and in politics is a Republican.

SAMUEL McILVAIN, farmer, is the son of Geer and Martha (Brown) McIlvain, and was born December 1, 1834, his parents being natives of Pennsylvania and of Scotch-Irish origin. The father made farming the business of his life, and died in Delaware county, Ohio, in 1871. His family consisted of nine children, of whom Samuel is the second. Our subject was reared in Ohio, in Union and Delaware counties, and his education was limited to the common schools in those counties. Very naturally he took to farming, and has made his own way successfully, financially, being at present the owner of two well-improved farms, one in Fayette township, this county, and one in Edgar county, Ill. He resides on the latter farm, it being well stocked. Mr. McIlvain loves to talk of old times, and often refers to the fact that he made his start in the world by cutting cord-wood. He was united in marriage in Franklin county, Ohio, with Miss Nancy J., daughter of Elijah Bennett. Her parents are natives of Pennsylvania, and of Dutch origin. The union of Mr. and Mrs. McIlvain has been blessed with two children, Ida and Emma. In politics our subject is a Prohibitionist.

ASBERY D. McJOHNSTON, M. D., Pimento, was born in Vanderburg county, Ind., December 10, 1845, and is a son of Edwin and Ann (Hillyard) McJohnston, pioneer settlers of Indiana and of Irish descent, latter of whom died December 12, 1868. The father, who was a Methodist preacher, and also followed farming for some time, sold his farm and engaged in the grocery business, which he carried on for some time; then sold out his store and embarked in the coal trade; he is still living. Their family con-

sisted of three children, of whom the Doctor is the eldest. Our subject was married December 12, 1868, to Rhoda J., daughter of Josiah and Rosina (Davis) Wolfe, natives of Virginia. Her father, who was a merchant and stock dealer, also owning a farm, was born in August, 1821, and died in Evansville, Ind., August 7, 1869; her mother was born July 18, 1825, and died in Carlisle, Sullivan Co., Ind., May 5, 1855. They were early settlers of Indiana. Their family consisted of five children, of whom Mrs. McJohnston is the second, born September 22, 1847. Dr. and Mrs. McJohnston are the parents of one daughter, Louella, married to J. E. Bratton, a telegraph operator and railroad agent. Mrs. McJohnston and her daughter Louella were both educated at St. Mary's in the Woods, four miles west of Terre Haute. Our subject received his education in the common and grammar schools of Evansville, Ind., graduating in the commercial college at that place, and was book-keeper for his father and uncle for two years in their grocery store. The father then purchased the uncle's interest in the store, and took his son in as a partner, the latter remaining with his father three years. He then attended Drake Medical College in Evansville, and graduated there. April 14, 1876, he moved to Pimento, where he now resides, and began the practice of medicine, in which he has since successfully continued. August 1, 1889, he formed a partnership with W. O. Collins. They operate a hotel in Pimento. The Doctor is a member of the Vigo Medical Society, Terre Haute: also a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 485, Pimento, and belonged to the A. O. U. W. until they disbanded. Politically he is a staunch Republican.

DR. BENJAMIN F. McKEEN, Terre Haute, is connected with the Vandalia Railroad Company, with which he has occupied a responsible position since the road was built. He is general tie agent. The Doctor is a native of Knox county, Ind., born October 4, 1827, and is a son of William and Nancy (Latshaw) McKeen, former a native of Kentucky, latter of Ohio, and both of Scotch-Irish descent. His ancestors coming from Pennsylvania were a branch of the family descended from Thomas McKeen, of Revolutionary fame. The father and two brothers were early settlers of Busseron Creek, and belonged to the Shaker settlement in Knox county, whence they came to Vigo county in 1818. They were farmers, but at the same time were skilled in the handling of tools and machinery. William McKeen died at his home in Illinois in 1875. Benjamin F., who is the eldest in a family of six children, was reared on the farm, and attended first the common schools, and then the Academy at Marshall, Ill. He studied medicine, and attended Rush Medical College, Chicago, subsequently engaging in the

practice two years, when he abandoned the profession and embarked in milling, which he followed with success until he came to Terre Haute in 1864. He has been in the employment of the Vandalia Railroad Company since he came to Terre Haute. Dr. McKeen was united in marriage in Illinois, November 24, 1859, with Miss Mary E., daughter of Erwin Cowles, and of English descent. They have three children: Charles E., a conductor on the railroad; Electa, the wife of T. A. Parker, and Nellie A., unmarried. Mrs. McKeen is a member of the Episcopal Church. In politics the Doctor is a Republican.

W. R. McKEEN, Terre Haute. Riley McKeen was born in Vigo county, Ind., October 12, 1829, a son of Benjamin and Leathy (Paddock) McKeen, former of whom was a native of Kentucky, born January 1, 1803, latter being a native of Ohio. They were of Scotch and English descent. The father, who was a farmer and pork-packer, settled in Vigo county in 1823, and died December 22, 1866. At the time of his death Mr. McKeen was a member of the county commissioners' court.

W. R. McKeen, who is the eldest in a family of five children, was reared on his father's farm, assisting in the labors of the same and attending the district schools. At the age of seventeen he became deputy in the county clerk's office, where he was employed two years. He was then employed as a clerk in the State Bank of Indiana, Terre Haute, and was promoted to cashier, in which employment he served several years. In 1855 he established a private bank, known as the "McKeen Bros. Bank," of which his son Frank is now president; also engaged in other business enterprises, and invested largely in real estate. He became a stockholder in the Vandalia Railroad Company, and was elected president thereof in 1867; is president of the Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad Company. Frank McKeen is his only child by his first wife; the children by his last marriage, in order of birth, are Anna, wife of Valentine Shuler; Mary J., wife of H. C. Pugh; Samuel C., Benjamin, W. R., Jr., and Edith. Mr. McKeen has served as a member of the city council of Terre Haute, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican.

In railroad and financial circles his name is as "familiar as household words" throughout the land, but not exactly as written above. If we had printed it as "Riley McKeen," the familiar spoken name, then there are few indeed who would have required the second thought for recognition. As financier and the responsible head of the great railroad system of the country, he is well known at home and abroad, or as a banker, but in the city of his home he is perhaps better known as a leader in all public enter-

prises tending to the growth and glory of Terre Haute and the surrounding country—a man of action and power in politics, finances, public improvements, education and social life.

FRANK McKEEN, manager of McKeen's Bank, Terre Haute. This is one of the leading young business men of the city. He is the eldest son of W. R. and Eliza (Johnston) McKeen, and was born in Terre Haute, Ind., May 24, 1853, where he grew to man's estate, attending the public schools, passing the several grades and through the high school. His first employment was in his father's bank, commencing as an office boy, then became clerk, subsequently manager, and at present he is a partner in the house. He has thus literally grown with the important financial concern of which he is now the managing partner. Mr. McKeen was married November 11, 1880, to Miss Mary, daughter of Alexander McGregor, who was an early settler and proprietor of the noted McGregor distillery of this place; he also carried on a wholesale grocery business in Terre Haute. This was one of the most respectable families in the city. Mrs. McKeen is a member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. McKeen is a Republican in politics, and has served as a member of the city council. He is a Knight Templar. The members of the family are greatly esteemed in the best social circles of the city.

JOHN McKEEVER, engineer Vandalia Railroad, Terre Haute, is a native of New Hampshire, and was born August 8, 1829, a son of John and Nancy (Collins) McKeever, latter a native of New Hampshire, who died in Terre Haute. The father, who was a native of Ireland, followed boating on the Merrimac River, and died in New Hampshire. John, who is the second in a family of nine children, was reared in New Hampshire. He received a common-school education, and then worked as section-hand on the railroad, for some time, in his native State, after which he went to New York and worked at laying track near Seneca Lake, and on the Coshocton Valley. Here he remained about two years, when he went to Ohio, and worked laying track near Toledo; from there he moved to Crestline, where he fired on the Ohio & Indiana (now the Pittsburgh & Fort Wayne) Railroad. He remained there only about one year, when he went to Chicago, in which city he ran a stationary engine for a short time, thence proceeded to Davenport, Iowa, where he worked at laying track for a short time. From there he came to Terre Haute, in 1856, and obtained a position on the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad as engineer. He continued on that line about seven years, when he went on the Vandalia Railroad, and now runs on that line the passenger train from Terre Haute to Indianapolis. Mr. McKeever was married in Evansville, Ind., September 21, 1857, to Themis A., daughter of Clarence and

Malinda (Revis) Chambers, former a native of New York, latter of Indiana. Mr. Chambers followed farming for a time, and afterward became a prominent railroad man, holding a number of positions. He was an engineer, roadmaster, paymaster, etc. He died near Princeton, Ind., Mrs. Chambers in Vincennes, same State. Mrs. McKeever, who is the eldest in a family of four children, was born in Gibson county, Ind., February 3, 1838. Mr. and Mrs. McKeever had born to them eight children, viz.: William E., who married Fannie E. Kelley; Clarence O., who married Emma B. Morris; George E., deceased; Fred; Jessie; Mattie, deceased; Grace and Frank. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. McKeever is a member of the F. & A. M., Lodge No. 19, Terre Haute, and of the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council; also a member of the A. O. U. W.; in politics he is a Republican.

COL. WILLIAM E. McLEAN, attorney, Washington, D. C. This gentleman was for many years prominently identified with the bar of Vigo county, and for years has been an active and leading politician. He was born near Frederick City, Md., October 12, 1833, and is the son of George and Amelia (Cookerly) McLean, natives of that State, and of English origin. George McLean, who was a farmer, hard-working, honest and much respected, died on his farm near Frederick, in 1838.

William Edward McLean was the only child, and may be said to have been born a "farmer boy." He came with his grandmother, Mrs. Dorcas Cookerly, to Vigo county, in 1841, when Terre Haute could boast of only about 3,000 population. After graduating at the Indiana University, at Bloomington, he commenced for himself as a school teacher in Lost Creek township, subsequently teaching for a short time in the city in what was then known as a district school. Studying law, he commenced the practice of his profession in Terre Haute in the fall of 1852, before he was twenty years of age. At the same time he became the editor of the *Terre Haute Journal*, then a weekly paper, and the only Democratic newspaper in this congressional district, remaining its editor for five years. In 1854 he was elected prosecuting attorney of the Vigo circuit court, and in 1856 was elected State senator on the Democratic ticket. In the State election in 1860 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives. In September, 1861, he resigned his seat in the Indiana legislature, having been appointed by Gov. Oliver P. Morton lieutenant-colonel of the Forty-third Indiana Volunteers, and charged with the authority of the raising and organization of that regiment. In September, 1861, he recruited and organized that regiment at old Camp Vigo, it being the last regiment raised in this county under President Lincoln's first call for 300,000 troops.

In October, 1861, the regiment having been recruited up to the standard of nearly a thousand men, went to the front and became a part of Gen. Crittenden's command, stationed on Green River, in Kentucky. In January, 1862, upon the resignation of Col. George K. Steele, he was promoted colonel and remained in the colonelcy and command of the regiment until its final muster out of service in June, 1865, having served as colonel longer than any other officer of that rank in Indiana. The Forty-third Regiment was known as a fighting regiment, and achieved a brilliant military record in the armies of the Southwest. Its first distinguished service was at the battle of New Madrid, Mo., and at the taking of Island No. 10, where 6,000 prisoners were captured. The regiment afterward, during the spring of 1862, co-operated with the gunboat fleet, under the command of Admirals Foote and Davis, in the capture of the Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi known as Fort Pillow. It was the first regiment to land at Memphis, Tenn., upon the surrender of that city to the gunboat flotilla, where it did provost duty until it was transferred to the military department of Arkansas, early in May, 1862. Col. McLean commanded the First Infantry Brigade of Gen. Solomon's division at the very successful battle fought at Helena, Ark., July 4, 1863, and Gen. Prentiss, the commanding general, in his official report of that engagement, says: "The thanks of the whole Nation are eminently due to Col. William E. McLean, commanding First Infantry Division, for his services on that day." [See Official Record of the Rebellion, published by the War Department, Vol. 22, page 390.] Col. McLean also commanded the Union forces in the battle of Elkin's Ford, fought April 3, 1864, an official report of which engagement was published by the War Department. He also was present and participated in the disastrous battle of Jenkins' Ferry, fought upon the retreat of Gen. Steele's army from Camden, a part of the unfortunate series of military disasters known in the history of the war as the "Banks Expedition." After his muster out of service in 1866, the Colonel was tendered a commission as brevet brigadier-general for gallant and meritorious services in the army of Arkansas.

After the war he returned to Terre Haute and resumed the practice of his profession. In 1866 he was again elected to the legislature, and was the chairman of the standing committee on education in the house, and aided in procuring the necessary appropriation to carry into successful operation the Indiana State Normal School, now recognized as the most popular institution in the State. In the presidential election, in 1872, he took a very active part and was the Greeley elector of the Terre Haute congressional district, having also been secretary of the Cincinnati national

convention which nominated that distinguished editor and founder of the Republican party. In the campaign of 1876 he was the Democratic candidate for congress, but was defeated by Gen. Morton C. Hunter. In the presidential elections of 1880 and 1884 he zealously advocated, upon the stump, the nominees of the Democracy. President Cleveland appointed him first deputy commissioner of pensions in March, 1885, he being the first appointee of that administration from Indiana. Col. McLean in the discharge of the duties of that position advocated the most liberal interpretation of the pension laws, and took an advanced position in favor of the most generous dealing by the Nation with its defenders, even the *New York Tribune*, and other prominent Republican papers complimenting his official conduct in the Pension Bureau. Upon the incoming of the Harrison administration he tendered his resignation, which was accepted June 30, 1889. Since his retiracy from the Pension Office he has accepted a partnership in a law firm in Washington, but clings to his residence in Terre Haute, spending much of his time here, and, if possible, is more devoted to Terre Haute and the advancement of her material interests and prosperity than ever before, and has the greatest faith in her future. Col. McLean is a member of the I. O. O. F., and has been connected with the oldest lodge of that order in the city ever since he attained his majority, and is a past noble grand of that lodge. He is one of the original members of the G. A. R., and was the first commander of Morton Post, No. 1—the first post of that order instituted in Indiana. He is recognized as a very zealous Grand Army man. He has served as a member of the board of park commissioners, and assisted as such in laying out and planning "Collett Park." He is a stockholder, and for twenty years was a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Terre Haute. He was a member of the board of trustees of the Indiana State Normal School, and secretary of the board at the time of his appointment as deputy commissioner of pensions. He was also for years a director of the Vigo Agricultural Society, and took a deep interest in its success. Col. McLean has recently been appointed, upon the recommendation of Gov. Hovey, alternate commissioner of the World's Fair at Chicago, the law requiring that the commissioners shall be equally selected from the two leading political parties.

It is due to Col. McLean to say that he has contributed his full share to advance the interests of Vigo county and her beautiful prairie city. He has also, by his own exertions alone, succeeded in accumulating a handsome fortune. Mrs. McLean departed this life October 10, 1889.

ALBERT McMULLIN, farmer and stock-breeder, Otter Creek township, P. O. Edwards, was born in Parke county, Ind., January 19, 1864, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Howk) McMullin, also natives of Parke county, and of Irish and English descent, respectively. The father is one of the influential and prominent citizens of Parke county, where he has spent the most of his life as a farmer. Albert, who is the youngest of eight children, spent his youth on the old homestead where he was born, attending the public school and assisting in the work on the farm till he commenced life for himself. Besides carrying on general farming he has dealt in stock to a considerable extent, and has given considerable attention to the breeding of thoroughbred trotting horses. His home is at Ellsworth, in Otter Creek township, adjoining which is his farm. Politically he is a Democrat. Mr. McMullin was united in marriage December 25, 1882, with Miss Tullona E., daughter of Addison Bell. This family is of English descent. Mr. and Mrs. McMullin have two children: Ohmer C. and Enola P.

JUDGE CYRUS F. McNUTT, Terre Haute, is a native of Indiana, born in Johnson county, July 29, 1837, and is a son of John and Mahala (Hensley) McNutt, natives of Ohio and Kentucky, respectively, and of Irish and Welsh descent. The father, who was a farmer, departed this life in 1857. In the order of birth in a family of six children, Judge McNutt is the fifth. He spent his youth, therefore, on his father's farm, where he remained receiving something less than the average of the benefits of the schools, until he reached his legal age. At this time, without leaving his farm home, or abandoning his labors afield, he commenced to read law, and was thus engaged two years. When he had mastered something of the elements of the English law, at the age of twenty-three he commenced a regular course of reading in the Northwestern Christian University, of which Judge Perkins was professor. From there he entered the practice of the law at Franklin, Ind., and he then spent nearly two years in further private study of his profession, and in 1862 he went to Martinsville, Morgan county, in this State, and opened a law office. Such were his acquirements and adaptation to his profession that he soon had a respectable clientele. He continued in the practice here twelve years. In 1874 he was offered and accepted a chair in the law school of the State University, at Bloomington, as professor of law, where he remained four years, or until the middle of the academic year 1876 and 1877, when he resigned his professorship, removed to Terre Haute, and resumed the practice.

Judge McNutt has indulged but little in politics, though a man of strong convictions, and having the courage of his convictions on all

subjects. In 1872, however, in what will remain in political history as the noted Greeley campaign, he became the Democratic nominee for congress in the Indianapolis district, and was defeated by Gen. John C. Coburn, Republican, but by a majority reduced nearly 1,500. The Judge's friends were greatly gratified at this remarkable and unexpected result of the campaign, where, at least among the Democrats, every candidate had to make the contest upon his individual merits, and was to some extent handicapped instead of carried along by the National ticket. Of his professional life since making his home in Terre Haute, it is difficult to write, and at the same time avoid the shadow of the reflection that is mere meaningless flattery, and we may content ourselves with the words of one of his contemporaries who said of him: "It is not too much to say that Judge McNutt has stood at the head of the Terre Haute bar since coming here."

Outside of his profession he is a strong thinker and a polished writer, and is a literary author of considerable distinction. He has written meritorious works of fiction. His miscellaneous magazine papers, especially one on "Fiction," have attracted marked attention. The "Western Association of Writers" was organized in 1885, and the name indicates the purpose and membership of the society. It has a membership of 200, including some of the eminent literary names of the country. In 1889 Judge McNutt was elected its president. By the constitution of the society this officer can only serve one year. At the July meeting of 1890, Judge McNutt was succeeded by Dr. John Clark Ridpath, the historian, and formerly professor in DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., whose "History of the World" is just now one of the most popular books from American authors. At the formation of the Terre Haute Bar Association, in the spring of 1890, he was elected president. He is at present the candidate of the Democracy of Vigo county for the office of superior court judge, which, in a full convention, was given him unanimously. The law firm is McNutt & McNutt, his two sons, John G. and Finley A., being his associates in business.

**SAMUEL A. MCPHEETERS**, farmer and stock-grower, Honey Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born in Orange county, Ind., April 27, 1843, and is a son of Alexander and Nancy J. Rigney, natives of same county, of Scotch-Irish descent. The father who is still living at the age of seventy-eight years, has been a very hard-working farmer, and has succeeded in accumulating a handsome fortune, ranking among the large land owners of Vigo county. Samuel A. is the eldest now living in a family of thirteen children, six of whom lived to the age of maturity, but only five—two boys and

three girls—are now living. Our subject grew to manhood on the farm, receiving his education in the common schools of the neighborhood, and chose farming as a business. He works early and late, and attends to all the details of the affairs on the farm, having a great attachment for his home, and his success in life is largely due to his energy and determination and industry. He is the owner of 163 acres of valuable land, all well improved and stocked. Mr. McPheeters was married in 1875 to Miss McKinney, daughter of J. W. and Jane (White) McKinney, natives of Orange county, Ind., and of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. McPheeters are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican, and is a member of the P. of H.

HON. MARION McQUILKIN, farmer and stock-grower, P. O. Terre Haute, is a member of the State legislature from this county. He was born in Sugar Creek township, July 5, 1842, and is the son of William and Mercy (Chase) McQuilkin, and the grandson of Samuel McQuilkin, who came to this county in 1816, and settled. He was an inn-keeper in Terre Haute, his being the first tavern or hotel. After a time he sold the hotel, and entered land two and one-half miles from Terre Haute. He bought the land where Macksville now stands, and laid out the village, which took its name from him. When he planted the village he thought that in time it would be part of the city of Terre Haute, and it surely would be were it not for the overflow of the Wabash River. He died in Macksville in 1847. Mr. McQuilkin's father was a shoemaker early in life, but later was a farmer and coal operator. He was twice married. Our subject is the eldest of seven children by the first wife. He was reared on the farm in Sugar Creek township, and naturally took to farming. He attended the common schools. He spent some time in the mercantile trade, having carried on the grocery business in Terre Haute for six years, but returned to his farm in 1875. He now owns 235 acres of improved land. He is a Republican, but takes no active part in politics. When he was nominated for the legislature in 1888, he hardly knew he was talked of, and did not expect the nomination until about thirty minutes before he received it. He only made a speech once or twice. He is a quiet man, but when the war broke out he promptly enlisted in the Thirty-first Ind. V. L., Company K. At the expired time he re-enlisted, and was transferred to the first United States Veterans, Volunteer Cavalry, Company G. He was a non-commissioned officer. Some of the battles he participated in were Stone River, Perry's Landing, Fort Donelson and others. He is a member of the G. A. R., Jacob Hooks Post, No. 85. He is a Master Mason. He was married in 1865 to Miss Roda Mahew, daughter of Frank-

lin Mahew [See his sketch.] Their children are Ola (a school teacher in Vermillion), Lena, Eva, Ora and Albert.

WILLIAM McWILLIAMS, dealer in boots and shoes, Terre Haute, was born in Pittsburgh, Penn., June 17, 1852, and is the youngest in the family of six children of William P. and Ellen (Johnston) McWilliams, natives of Ireland. Our subject was married in Terre Haute, Ind., April 20, 1875, to Margaret, daughter of Adam and Charlotte (Bannan) Kirkwood, natives of Virginia. She is the second in a family of six children, and was born in Wheeling, W. Va., August 10, 1858. Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams have had born to them four children, viz.: Charlotte (deceased), Addie, Birdie and Arthur (both deceased). Mr. McWilliams was reared in New Castle, Penn., and received his education in the town schools. He learned the trade of nail feeder in New Castle when a boy, and followed same for about eight years. He came to Terre Haute in 1874, and here worked at his trade for about two years; then was assistant packer in the factory about three years, after which he was foreman six years. In October, 1886, he engaged in the boot and shoe business, which he has since followed. Mr. McWilliams, is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Social Lodge No. 86, and is S. D. In politics he is a Republican.

HON. WILLIAM MACK, judge of the circuit court, Terre Haute, was born September 29, 1827, in Hamilton county, Ohio, and is a son of Erastus and Martha (Brenton) Mack, former of whom was born in Connecticut, and latter in Kentucky. In the family mingled the blood of the Scotch and the Irish. The father, who was a well-to-do farmer, very honorable and highly esteemed, died in 1846. In this family were five children, and of these the Judge is the third in order of birth. He was reared on the farm, attending the common schools, and when a well-grown youth entered the school at College Hill, Cincinnati. On leaving this literary institution, he became a law student in a leading law school of the Eastern States. After this preparatory course he was admitted to the bar, and opened a law office in Terre Haute. He was once elected to the legislature as a representative, and was the chosen speaker of that body. He was elected judge of Vigo County Circuit Court, in 1884, for a term of six years. As jurist or parliamentarian, Judge Mack is recognized as one of the foremost men in the State.

W. R. MAIL, of the firm of Mail & Hunt, dentists, Terre Haute, is a native of Vincennes, Knox Co., Ind., and is a son of John and Margaret (Homes) Mail, natives of Indiana; the father, who is a farmer, is a resident of Knox county. W. R. Mail, who is the third in a family of six children, received his early education in the

common schools, and then entered the State Normal School at Terre Haute, graduating there in 1880. In 1883 he entered the Philadelphia Dental College, and graduated in the spring of 1885, then began the practice of his profession in Terre Haute, in August, same year. By industry and close attention to business the Doctor has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the I. O. O. F., and the K. of P., Occidental, No. 18, and of the Uniform Rank. In political matters he affiliates with the Democratic party.

W. D. MALONE, merchant, Prairieton, was born in Prairie Creek township, this county, March 12, 1833, and is a son of Hugh and Sarah P. (Moore) Malone, natives of Alabama. His father was of Irish, and his mother of Scotch descent. They came to Prairie Creek township in 1828, and after remaining there about five years, moved across to Darwin Post, Clark Co., Ill., where they died. The father was a veterinary surgeon, and also followed farming. They had a family of six children, of whom W. D. is the youngest. Our subject was married November 27, 1855, to Mary A., daughter of Evan Simmons, a farmer, and Elizabeth (Dozier) Simmons, both natives of North Carolina. They were early settlers of this county, where they died. They had a family of seven children, who grew to maturity, of whom Mrs. Malone is the fifth, born November 30, 1834. Mr. and Mrs. Malone had a family of five children, viz.: Matilda F., deceased; Hugh E., who died in infancy; Charles I., deceased; Welthy J., who married Harvey Bryant, and Tulley N., who married Millie Whitlock, daughter of the Predestinarian preacher at Eugene, Vermillion Co., Ind.

Mr. Malone received his education in the common schools of Clark county, Ill., and learned the boot and shoe trade at Point Commerce, Greene Co., Ind.; also worked on the farm. He moved to Prairieton township, this county, in the fall of 1855, and followed farming until 1861, then he came to Prairieton, and bought out a shop, working at the boot and shoe trade for four years. He then bought a drug store, carrying on the shoe store in connection therewith. Mr. Malone commenced the study of medicine when he bought the drug store, and practiced it six years. Selling his drug store September 15, 1872, he moved to Neosha county, Kas., and returned satisfied in four months. He then built a new shop in Prairieton, and carried it on till March, 1876, when he moved to Vermillion county, Ill., and practiced medicine there two years. Returning to Prairieton township, he engaged in gardening, which he followed until 1888, when he bought his present grocery store in Prairieton. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and has

served as trustee in the same, also as teacher in the Sabbath-school. Mr. Malone has served six terms as township trustee, was elected to the seventh term, but after serving six months he resigned. He also served two years as constable, and is serving his second term as justice of the peace. Mr. Malone in politics is a Democrat.

HENRY D. MANN, M. D., Terre Haute, was born in Bedford county, Penn., December 8, 1834, and is a son of Philip and Eva (Kuntz) Mann, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. His father, who was a farmer and manufacturer, died in Ohio in 1868. Our subject, who is the only son in a family of four children, was reared on a farm in Pennsylvania, until he was eleven years old, when his parents removed to Stark county, Ohio. They then went to Tiffin, where he attended Heidelberg College, and he subsequently entered the State University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he attended lectures in the medical department. He then went to Albany, N. Y., where he graduated in the Medical College in 1855. The Doctor commenced the practice at Fostoria, Ohio, afterward went to Sandusky, Ohio, and then to Mattoon, Ill., where he remained until he came to Terre Haute, November 15, 1861. He has continued in the practice here since, and is eminently qualified for his profession. He was married in Oswego, N. Y., to Miss Florence Carde, daughter of Daniel Carde, and of French and New England descent. Dr. and Mrs. Mann are members of the Episcopal Church.

GEN. MAHLON D. MANSON, ex-lieutenant-governor of Indiana, residence in Crawfordsville, Ind., was born in Piqua, Miami Co., Ohio, February 20, 1820, and is a son of David and Sallie (Cornwell) Manson, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Scotch-Irish and English descent. The father, who was a farmer, died at the age of thirty-two years. His family were agriculturists, and it was on the old farm that Mahlon D., who is the fifth in a family of seven children, spent his young life. When old enough he was put to learn the carpenter's trade, and afterward he worked in a tailor's shop. Plodding his way along, he next engaged in the drug trade at Crawfordsville, Ind., and was thus occupied from 1842 until the breaking out of the Mexican war in 1846, when he raised a company, and was elected captain. He was wounded in an engagement with the enemy, but continued to serve until the close of the war. He then returned to his home in Crawfordsville, and again embarked in the drug business, in which he was eminently successful. He was thus engaged until the war of 1861 broke over the land, when he promptly tendered his services to his country, raised the Tenth Regiment, Ind. V. I., of which he became the colonel, and in that capacity served until March, 1862, after the battle of Mill Springs,

when he was promoted to brigadier general, but on account of the wound which he received in battle he resigned in 1864, and returned to Crawfordsville, resuming his former drug business.

As a soldier, politician or civilian, Gen. Manson is not only a prominent Indianian, but has elevated himself to the position of a national man. As a soldier, a statesman, a quiet but eminently successful business man, one among men in private or public life of marked moral and physical courage everywhere, he had made no mean record in the annals of his country. In 1851, while quite a young man, he was elected to the State general assembly as representative; in 1870 he was elected to congress. In 1884 he was elected lieutenant-governor of the State, and during his term of office (1886) was appointed collector of internal revenue of the Terre Haute district, which office he resigned in 1889 on the change of the administration. As an orator Gen. Manson is a man of great power. In 1889, on the occasion of the dedication of the soldiers' monument at Indianapolis, he was the orator, when he delivered what was pronounced one of the most eloquent and patriotic speeches that have warmed the hearts of the old war veterans since the war. He is president of the Mexican Veteran Association, is a Freemason of high degree, and has been all his life a sincere and patriotic Democrat. He is a member of McPherson Post No. 7, G. A. R. In public life or in his business concerns Gen. Manson has had uninterrupted successes.

F. F. MARKLE, miller, Otter Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, is descended from one of the early pioneer families of this county, of whom much is said in the general history in this volume. He is the owner and proprietor of the Markle Mills, in Otter Creek township, where he was born May 22, 1848, and where Abraham Markle built the second mill in the county. Our subject is the son of Frederick and Sarah B. (Denny) Markle, former of whom was born in Canada, latter in Ohio, and they were of English descent. The father was a miller, and built a grist-mill here at an early day. F. F. Markle is a grandson of Abraham Markle, who was a major in the War of 1812, and was a pioneer miller in this county. Frederick Markle, our subject's father, died here in 1866, and then F. F. and his brother, W. D., bought the mill here, and operated it for a time, when they sold it to H. S. Creal, who ran it until 1888, when F. F. again bought it. He has since put in the roller process, making many other improvements in the mill, and is now doing first-class work. He does a custom trade, and as the mill is well known he receives a liberal patronage. Mr. Markle is eminently qualified for the milling business, having devoted most of his business career to that calling. He was united in marriage

in this county, in 1877, to Miss Mary M., daughter of Jonathan Musgrave, who is of English descent. This union has been blessed with three children, viz.: Francis Lehman, Jonathan and Robert. Mrs. Markle is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Markle is a Republican, and he is a Master Mason.

WILLIAM L. MARSHALL, farmer and stock-grower, Otter Creek township, P. O. Atherton, was born in Kentucky, October 10, 1857, and is a son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Miller) Marshall, who were of English descent, former a native of Virginia, latter of Kentucky. The father was a blacksmith, and died in Parke county, Ind., in 1878. His family consisted of eleven children, eight of whom grew to majority, William L. being the fifth. Our subject was reared in Parke county, Ind., where he attended the common school. He made his own way in the world, working by the month to get a start in life, and has met with much success, being the owner of a farm of 280 acres, of which 170 are under a high state of cultivation. Farming has been his chief occupation. Mr. Marshall was married in 1884, in Parke county, Ind., to Miss Laura, daughter of John T. and Mary (Harland) Brown, who, were of Irish descent. This union has been blessed with three children, viz.: Frank B., Cecil Vistia and John. Mrs. Marshall is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Marshall is a Democrat.

LEWIS B. MARTIN, banker, Terre Haute, is a native of Delaware, born June 26, 1841, and is a son of James S. and Charlotte (Soan) Martin, former a native of Virginia, latter of Pennsylvania, and both of English origin. Our subject is the only member of a family of ten children residing in Indiana. He obtained his education at Newark Academy, and commenced his business life as a clerk in a railroad office; as soon as able he embarked in trade as a merchant on his own account, at Atlanta, Ga. Here he carried on business until 1863, when he came to Indiana and located at Terre Haute. He first clerked in the post-office a short time, and then found employment in the bank—first as a clerk, then as book-keeper, and afterward as cashier. In 1869 he became book-keeper in the savings bank, is a member of the board of trustees of the bank, and is now the secretary and general manager. He has been in the concern since 1869. Mr. Martin was married October 15, 1877, to Miss Adeline, daughter of Capt. William and Margaret (Watson) Fowler, and of English and Scotch descent. Her father was captain of the First Artillery, United States Army, in the Seminole war. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Martin has been blessed with two children—Margaret E. and Thomas Mills. The parents are members of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Martin's brother Thomas was formerly rector of the St. Stephen's Church at Terre

Haute, of which Mr. Martin has been junior warden since 1871, and treasurer of the diocese of Indiana since 1888. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and is a Sir Knight Templar.

WILLIAM M. MASON, stone and brick mason, P. O. Terre Haute, resides on Section 9, Harrison township, where he owns seven acres of prime land. He was born in Sullivan county, Ind., May 11, 1846, and is a son of James M. and Elizabeth (Albright) Mason, former of whom is a native of Kentucky, of Scotch descent. The parents died in Sullivan county. William M. lived in Sullivan county till seventeen years of age, when he enlisted in the Civil war, June 29, 1863, in Company F, One Hundred and Fifteenth Ind. V. I., and was in the siege of Nashville, also at Ball's Gap. He was discharged February 25, 1864, at Indianapolis, and March 20, 1864, he re-enlisted, this time in Company D, Thirty-first Ind. V. I., and was discharged in December, 1865. He was in the battle of Resaca, also through the Atlanta campaign, and in the battles of Ashville, N. C., Franklin, Tenn., as well as the two days' fight at Nashville. He was discharged December 8, 1865, and now receives a pension of \$14 per month. Mr. Mason was married in Terre Haute, Ind., to Gertrude, daughter of Ralph and Eleanor Conover, and born in Terre Haute. Mr. and Mrs. Mason were the parents of four children: Ovid R. and Pearl M., living, and Minnie and Frank, deceased. The entire family are well respected in the community where they reside. Mr. Mason is a member of the G. A. R.; in politics he is a Republican.

FRANCIS M. MATHERLY, farmer, Prairieton township, P. O. Prairieton, was born in Larue county, Ky., March 7, 1845, and is a son of Henry B. and Melvina P. (Miller) Matherly, former a native of Virginia, and latter of Kentucky, both of English descent. The father was a brick and stone mason, and also followed farming. They both died in Larue county, Ky. Their family consisted of ten children, of whom Francis M. is the seventh. He was married December 27, 1875, to Elizabeth, daughter of David and Sarah (Smith) Goff, natives of Kentucky. Her father was of German descent, and died in Johnson county, Ind.; her mother was of English descent, and died in Taylor county, Ky. They had a family of six children, of whom Elizabeth, the eldest, was born October 23, 1851, in Larue county, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Matherly had born to them two children: Oliver E. and David H. Mrs. Matherly is a member of the Methodist Church, Mr. Matherly of the Baptist. He was reared on the farm, and received his education in the common schools of Larue county, Ky. Coming to this county March 10, 1865, he now lives in Prairieton and owns a house

and lot containing four acres. Mr. Matherly enlisted in the State service in 1862, serving one year, and then re-enlisted in Company I, Thirty-seventh Regiment, Kentucky Volunteers, October 3, 1863. Some of the engagements he participated in were the battles of Peach Tree Creek, Saltsville, Franklin (Tenn.), Marion (W. Va.) and the first battle of Nashville. He was in Stoneman's raid through Mississippi, and was mustered out at Louisville, Ky., February 5, 1865. He is a member of the G. A. R., Blinn Post, No. 394; is a Master Mason, also a Royal Arch Mason. In politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM R. MATTOX, physician and surgeon, was born in Orange county, Ind., September 10, 1855, and is a son of William and Sarah (Trinkle) Mattox, natives of Tennessee and of English descent. The father has been a farmer all his life, and now resides on a farm in Orange county, Ind. His family consists of ten children, of whom Dr. Mattox is the sixth in order of birth. He was reared on a farm, attended the common schools there, afterward the Normal at Paoli, Ind., and was then engaged in teaching for ten terms, when he commenced the study of medicine in Kentucky, subsequently attending Rush Medical College, Chicago, where he graduated in the regular course in 1888. He had practiced some time as an undergraduate. In 1882 he came to Prairieton, stayed one year, and then removed to Youngstown, this county, where he had a good practice, meeting with more than the average success in the line of his profession. The Doctor was married in Orange county, Ind., in 1879, to Miss Zora V., daughter of Hugh and Rachel (Critchfield) Stewart, who were of English origin. This union has been blessed with three children, viz.: Earnest L., Mary Ethel and William C. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, and he is a member of I. O. O. F.; in politics a Democrat. He was elected coroner of Vigo county November 4, 1890, defeating the incumbent Dr. John Hyde by 432 majority. After his election to the office of coroner he removed to Terre Haute.

ANTON MAYER, retired, Terre Haute. This gentleman was born of German parentage in Wurtemberg, Germany, January 12, 1842, and is a son of Bartholomew Mayer, a farmer. Anton Mayer, who is the youngest in a family of eleven children, was reared on his father's farm, and attended the common schools. Bidding adieu to the Fatherland, he sailed for the New World, and came to Terre Haute. He had worked eighteen months in Germany at the brewer's trade, and was in Terre Haute only a short time when he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he found employment in a brewery, remaining there eight years and six months, during the last three years of which time he was foreman. Mr. Mayer was

careful and prudent in saving money. He had learned this through being thrown on his own resources when a lad, a stranger in a strange land, and among a people who spoke to him in a strange tongue. He not only worked hard, and saved his earnings, but he also observed the way in which a large brewery was carried on. In 1868 he returned to Terre Haute, and formed a partnership with Mr. Koffman in the establishing of and carrying on a brewery, which had then a capacity of about only 2,500 barrels per year. They had been in business about eleven months when Mr. Koffman died, and Mr. Mayer then assumed sole control. By careful management and many hard days' work he built up from that small beginning a very large and prosperous business, the capacity of the brewery in 1888 and 1889 reaching 25,000 barrels per year. Mr. Mayer sold the plant and retired in 1890. He is the owner of considerable real estate in Terre Haute, also of valuable farm land in the vicinity and in other places. His farm of 300 acres in Lost Creek township is being improved continually. Mr. Mayer was married in Terre Haute, April 29, 1879, to Miss Sophia, daughter of Stacy Miller, and a native of Germany, which union has been blessed with a family of three children: Herman, Bertha and Ada. In politics Mr. Mayer votes for the man and not for the party. The family are members of the Catholic Church, and in their social life have many warm and valued friends and acquaintances. Mr. Mayer is a quiet, unassuming man, of a retiring and modest nature.

FRANKLIN MAYHEW, retired farmer and stock-grower, Sugar Creek township, P. O. Macksville, was born in New Hampshire, January 17, 1807, and is a son of William and Hannah (Haryman) Mayhew, natives of New Hampshire and of English origin. The father and son came to this county in 1849. The father, who was a farmer and school teacher, had a good education, having graduated at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, in the class of 1801, with Daniel and Ezekiel Webster. He died in 1862. His family consisted of four sons and four daughters, of whom Franklin, the third in order of birth, was reared on the farm, and learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed, however, only a short time after he had mastered it. He owns a farm of 360 acres. He was married in Ohio November 30, 1840, to Miss Clara Richmond, a cousin to the well-known writer, Dean Richmond. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mayhew were as follows: Jane, who was the wife of Henry McElfresh; Rhoday, who is the wife of Marion McQuilkin (both these daughters are living, and each is the mother of five children); Thresia, wife of Merril Underwood, and Julia A., wife of William C. Calvert. Mr. Mayhew's grandfather was a full-blooded Frenchman, and was mail-carrier for Gen. Washington;

was also a pilot and French interpreter, holding a captain's commission in the Revolutionary war. He and Col. Holland surveyed Nova Scotia, and the grandfather married one of the Colonel's daughters, our subject being a descendant.

CARL LEO MEES, M. D., professor of physics, Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, is a native of Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio, born May 20, 1853, and is a son of Rev. Conrad and Elizabeth (Adams) Mees. The parents were Germans, who located at Columbus, Ohio, on their arrival in the United States, and the father is a minister of the German Lutheran Church, being still in the active service.

Prof. Mees, who is the youngest in a family of five children—four sons and one daughter—attended the schools of his native place, and then took a post-graduate course at the Ohio State University. From 1872 to 1876 he was assistant chemist in the Ohio State Geological Survey, also a private assistant in toxicological work to Dr. Theo. G. Warmley. During this period the published work on the photography and comparative measurements of blood corpuscles was done. In 1876 he was called to the professorship of physics and chemistry in the University of the Public Schools of Louisville, from which he resigned in 1880 to study in Europe—attending the University of Berlin, Germany, and the University of South Kensington, England, besides doing some special work in the laboratories of Helmholtz and Frankland. In 1882 he returned to America, having been called to the chair of physical science in the Ohio University, where he remained until called to the Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Ind., as assistant professor of physics in 1887. Upon the appointment of Dr. Mendenhall as superintendent of the coast and geodetic survey, he was put in charge of the entire department of physics. He has been a fellow of the American Association for the advancement of science since 1878, having been an officer in various positions, the last as general secretary in 1889. His published works have been mainly in periodicals and proceedings of associations.

JOHN MEIGHEN, farmer and stock-grower, Riley township, was born in Butler county, Ohio, July 4, 1829, and is a son of Patrick and Abigail (Little) Meighen, latter born in Greene county, Penn., of English and German descent. The father was a native of Ireland, and came to Pennsylvania when ten years of age, where he lived until he reached his majority. He then removed to Butler county, Ohio, and settled in Liberty township, where he was engaged in stock-growing and tilling the soil; he died in 1844, in Butler County. His family consisted of ten children,

of whom John, the youngest by birth, was reared on the farm, attending the common schools, and chose farming and stock-growing as his business, in which he has met with success. In 1859 he came from Ohio and settled in Riley township on Section 22, where he owns a well-improved farm. He was united in marriage in Butler county, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth Mendenhall, and by her had two children: Zendora, wife of Aaron McMaster, and Duell, wife of Charles Propes. Mrs. Meighen died in Ohio in 1856, and Mr. Meighen married in 1859, Miss Martha, daughter of Jonah and Nancy (Mount) Nixon, natives of Ohio and of English descent. Mr. and Mrs. Meighen's children are Emma, wife of Benjamin Jordan; Charles D., at home; Mary C., wife of Frederick Fox; Olivine, wife of John Ray; Elmer Ross, a farmer and school-teacher; Bertha P. and Myrtle Maud. The sons are all farmers, and four of the children are school-teachers. Mr. and Mrs. Meighen take a great interest in the education of their children. Mrs. Meighen is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; in politics Mr. Meighen is a Democrat.

S. B. MELTON, physician and surgeon, Nevins township, P. O. Fontanet, was born in Nevins township, this county, December 27, 1848, and is a son of William S. and Julia E. (Williams) Melton. The mother is sixty-nine years of age, having been born in Otter Creek township, Vigo county, and is a daughter of Mark Williams, a pioneer farmer. The father was a native of North Carolina, and came to this county many years ago, where he followed painting, and died in 1872. During the Civil war he was a member of the Forty-third Ind. V. I. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for many years was a local minister. Dr. Melton's grandfather was a soldier in the Mexican war, and served under Gen. Scott in his brilliant campaign. S. B. Melton is the eldest of five children; he was reared on the farm, receiving his early schooling in the district school. He subsequently studied medicine in the medical college of Indiana, where he graduated in 1877, and has been engaged in the active practice of his profession ever since. He was united in marriage, in 1885, with Miss Ada, daughter of Mark and Phebe (Smith) Payne, natives of Tennessee, and of German origin. Dr. Melton is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also of the I. O. O. F. He has met with encouragement in his professional life, and with more than the average success in his financial affairs.

JOHN C. MENEELY, farmer, Nevins township, P. O. Cloverland, Clay county, is one of the prominent farmers residing on Section 36, Nevins township. He was born in Clinton county, Ind., December 19, 1843, and is a son of Noble C. and Sidney A. Me-

neely, former of whom was born in New York, of Irish descent, and latter in Ohio, of Scotch origin. They came from Butler county, Ohio (where they had been married), to this State, locating in Clinton county, but afterward removed to Clay county, thence to Vigo county in 1853, where they made their permanent home. The father died in 1879; the mother is still living. John C. Meneely was married in Clay county, in 1861, to Hannah K., daughter of Samuel B. and Martha (String) Elwell. Mr. Elwell is still living at the advanced age of eighty-four; Mrs. Elwell died in 1887; they were the parents of ten children, five of whom survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Meneely have been born eleven children, ten of whom are living, viz.: Charles C., born September 1, 1862, married to Flora M. Frazie (they have one child, French A.); Albert R., born August 29, 1864, married to Rena Naff (they have two children, John H. and Orval D.); Thomas G., born July 12, 1867; Mary E., born February 16, 1870, married to Elijah Allen (they have one child, Clifford); Samuel F., born September 3, 1872; Sarah A., born November 4, 1874; Rebecca Florence, born January 11, 1877, and died March 20, 1880, aged three years, two months and nine days; Dora D., born September 25, 1880; William H., born January 8, 1883; Myrtle, born Sept. 2, 1885; Ollie, born July 11, 1888. Mr. Meneely enlisted in the Civil war, September 30, 1864, in Company F, Fifty-seventh Ind. V. I., and was in the battles of Spring Hill, Nashville, Franklin, and in fact in all the engagements and skirmishes during his term of service, especially in pursuit of Hood. On the expiration of his term he was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tenn., June 16, 1865; he receives \$24 a month pension. He is a member of the F. M. B. A. Mr. Meneely has accumulated all his property by his own efforts, assisted by his faithful wife, and is now the owner of 159 acres of excellent land. This is one of the prominent and highly respected families of the county. Mr. Meneely affiliates with the Republican party, but far more as a patriot than as a partisan.

THOMAS H. MENIFEE, engineer Vandalia Railroad, Terre Haute, is a native of Luray, Page Co., Va., born March 9, 1852, and is a son of G. G. and Elizabeth (Lillard) Menifee, also natives of Virginia. The father, who was a farmer and cooper, now resides in Virginia; the mother died in 1880, in her fifty-fourth year. Thomas H. is the third in a family of four children, and was reared on a farm, receiving his education in the common schools of his native home. He learned the cooper's trade with his father, which he followed until the breaking out of the war, and after the close of that struggle he resumed his trade, carrying it on until 1870, when he came to Terre Haute and commenced firing on the Van-

dalia Railroad. After two years and four months at this work, he was promoted to engineer, and has since continued in that position, running from Terre Haute to East St. Louis. Mr. Menifee was married in Effingham, Ill., November 18, 1875, to Miss Susie, daughter of John and Lizzie Kelker, natives of Pennsylvania. Her father was a locomotive engineer for a number of years, and is now master mechanic in the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad shops at Pueblo, Colo. Mrs. Menifee is the second in a family of seven children, and was born in Salem, Ohio, May 23, 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Menifee have three children, viz.: Nannie, Charlie and Lizzie. She is a member of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church; he is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Terre Haute, No. 19, Chapter 11, Council 8, Eastern Star No. 43; also of the K. of H. No. 1220, and of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. In politics he is a Republican.

BENJAMIN MEWHINNEY, retired, resides on Section 1, Riley township. He was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1809, and is a son of John and Margerett (Barnes) Mewhinney, the former a native of Tyrone, Ireland, latter of Scotland. They were married in Ireland, came to America in 1791, and were the parents of thirteen children, of whom Benjamin, who is next to the youngest child, is the only one living. John Mewhinney died in 1835, Margerett Mewhinney in 1824. The son was reared on a farm and to the occupation of a farmer, also learned the cooper's trade early in life, and for a period of twenty-five years he followed same in the winter months, farming during the summer time. He had received a common-school education in the subscription schools of his time, Gov. Whitcomb being his first teacher. Mr. Mewhinney was married in Franklin county, Ind., in 1830, to Emily Wyeth, who was born in that county December 20, 1815, and died in 1876. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are living, viz.: Johnson, in Kentucky; Mary A., wife of Thomas M. Callins, of Vigo county; Clarissa, wife of George W. Light, and Howard, who was born April 15, 1846, and was married in this county, in 1869, to Martha Lyon, a native of Franklin county, Ohio, born in 1849 (they are the parents of four children: Etta M., Nellie, Elsie and Myrtle; Howard lives on the home farm of seventy acres, and will inherit it at his father's death). Benjamin Mewhinney is one of the pioneers of Vigo county, having settled on the same land when it was in a state of nature, and which he purchased from the Government. He has done his share in bringing about the wonderful change in this country. He served three years as township trustee, and also as county commissioner, three years. Mr. Mewhinney is highly respected in the neighborhood of where he resides. Mrs.

Mewhinney died in 1876, leaving a large circle of friends to mourn her loss. Politically Mr. Mewhinney is a Democrat.

**JAMES MICKELBERY**, farmer and stock-grower, Sugar Creek township, P. O. St. Mary's, was born May 6, 1815, in Harrison county (then in the Territory of Indiana). He is a son of George and Barbra (White) Mickelbery, former of whom was born and reared in Tennessee. They were of Irish, Welsh and German descent. The father came to this, then, Territory of Indiana in 1812, and settled in Harrison county, where he was married in 1828. On coming to this county he entered land in Fayette township, and improved his farm. He was twice married, and our subject is the eldest child by the first wife, and the only one of her children now living. He was reared in Sugar Creek township, this county, before people had the advantages of schools as we have them now, and therefore his education was limited. In 1835 he purchased of the Government the land comprising his farm. He cut the first stick of wood that ever was cut by white man on the farm, and on the place built the log house where he now resides, and where he has lived over fifty years. The writer of this sketch had the pleasure of eating dinner in this house, which was cooked by James Mickelbery in true old pioneer style. Mr. Mickelbery is a Republican in politics; has never held any office, and has lived a quiet unassuming life. At one time he owned 600 acres of land, but was unfortunately drawn into a lawsuit, and lost heavily, but he is still the owner of a farm of 200 acres, situated near St. Mary's, in this county. Mr. Mickelbery was married November 5, 1840, to Miss Martha Sanders, who was born in Edgar county, Ill., in 1819, and died January 20, 1888. Her father, Anthony Sanders, was a lieutenant in the War of 1812; her mother, whose maiden name was Esther White, lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years. Her parents were of German descent. Mr. and Mrs. Mickelbery's union was blessed with twelve children, seven of whom grew to maturity, five now living; all of them received a fair start in life from their father. Their names are as follows: Elizabeth, Robert, Eliza (deceased), Mary, Franke Eugene, James H. and Phebe Alice; all are married and are prospering.

**GEORGE W. MILLER**, day mailing clerk at Terre Haute post-office, was born January 1, 1841, at West Milton, Miami Co., Ohio, where his parents resided many years. His father, William D. Miller, was a native of Pennsylvania, of English and German descent, and his mother, Ethelinda (Flack) Miller, was a native of Ohio, of German origin. Their union was blessed with three children, George W. being the eldest, and the only son. His father was a cabinet-maker, and carried on that business in Ohio, where

he died May 3, 1849. At the age of fourteen, after a limited time spent in the district school, our subject started out in the world to "make his fortune," and was first employed by the month at common labor with meager wages. When he reached his eighteenth year he concluded to learn the shoemaker's trade, working at same for eighteen months. The confinement of the shop not agreeing with him, he went to work on a farm in Ohio, as a farm hand, until he came to Parke county, Ind., in February, 1861. In September, same year, he came to Terre Haute, where he enlisted in Company I, Thirty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, being subsequently promoted to a non-commission office. Serving nearly three years, he re-enlisted in the same regiment and, going to Texas, was mustered out with the regiment January 10, 1866. He was in all the battles and skirmishes that the regiment participated in, with the exception of two, until he was shot in the left hand, whereby he lost one finger, at the battle of Resaca, Ga., in 1864. He was then placed on detached service. The officers wished him to accept a discharge, but as he was disabled for life he concluded to stay until his wound was healed. Mr. Miller has a certificate from William H. Sinclair, assistant adjutant-general, Fourth Army Corps, dated at San Antonio, Tex., December, 1865, of his integrity, ability, etc., and of his refusing an honorable discharge from the service. At the close of the war Mr. Miller rented lands and carried on farming for four years. In 1871 he engaged in hardware business at Waveland, Ind.; in 1872, he lost nearly all he had by fire; in 1879 he accepted a position in the post-office at Terre Haute as general delivery clerk; in 1880 he was promoted to carrier, and in 1881 to superintendent of carriers. During the change in administration he was out, but when Gen. Harrison was elected he was offered and accepted his present position. He has met with many reverses and discouragements in a financial way, but by industry and economy has succeeded better than the average man in his position. He is the owner of the handsome residence where he now resides, No. 1631 North Ninth street.

Mr. Miller has been twice married, the first time to Miss Elizabeth A. McCampbell, who was of Scotch descent and a native of Parke county, Ind. She died in 1876, leaving three children: William H., assistant stone inspector for the Lake Erie & Wabash Railroad; Lewemma, clerk in a store at Indianapolis, and Frank A., who is on a railroad in Kentucky. In 1877 Mr. Miller married Miss Mary J., daughter of Adam Keifner, of Terre Haute, and of German descent. They have one child, Elizabeth C. Mrs. Miller is a member of the German Lutheran Church, Mr. Miller is a Presbyterian in religion and a Republican in politics. He is past

worthy chancellor of the K. of P., and a Master Mason in the Masonic fraternity. He is a member of Morton Post No. 1, G. A. R., and has held many offices connected therewith. He has written a history of the Thirty-first Regiment, and has been a frequent contributor to the newspapers on subjects pertaining to the interests of the G. A. R. He served as senior vice commander of the Department of Indiana, and as department inspector under four inspectors; also served three terms as adjuster of Morton Post, and one term as commander. He is now a member of the Council of Administration of the G. A. R., of Indiana. Mr. Miller organized the S. of V. at Terre Haute, and was elected an honorary life member of the Indiana Division; also took an active interest in organizing the Woman's Relief Corps here, and formed their charter for them in 1885.

SIMEON MILLER (deceased) was a native of Burlington county, N. J., and was born February 10, 1827, a son of Gilbert and Rebecca (Scull) Miller, both of whom died in New Jersey. Gilbert Miller was a farmer, and instilled in the son the principles of industry and economy, which in after life enabled him, with the assistance of his most excellent wife, to achieve success in almost all that he undertook. He received the rudiments of an education in the schools of New Jersey, and after his marriage came to Vigo county, where he soon after became the possessor of land. Afterward he sold, and removed to where his family reside, and at the time of his death he was the owner of one of the best located farms in Vigo county. Mr. Miller was married in 1850, to Miss Sarah C., a daughter of Brazier Cordery, and born in Burlington county, N. J., February 27, 1831. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born ten children, six of whom are living: Lewis, Stelman L., Lidie E. (at home), Samuel P., Daniel W. and Charles B.; those dead are as follows: Anna May, born January 23, 1851, died March 23, 1885, and was the wife of George Long, of Pierson township, Vigo county; Alonzo B., born October 30, 1856, died November 4, 1870; Josephine, born January 15, 1869, died August 7, 1878; Martha J., born April 6, 1863, died September 27, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was steward for many years. Politically he affiliated with the Democratic party. He died July 1, 1880, a leading farmer of the county, of excellent judgment and good common sense, and highly respected by all who knew him. Not only the family but the entire community mourn his death.

WILLIAM W. MILLER, farmer and stock-grower, Lost Creek township, P. O. Seelyville, was born in Warren county, Ohio, November 13, 1835, and is a son of Joseph B. and Hannah (Collins)

Miller. The father was born in Ohio of Irish descent, September 6, 1807, and died in 1872; the mother was born in Pennsylvania, of German descent, July 5, 1809, and is still living. John Collins, grandfather of our subject, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Joseph B. Miller came to Vigo county in 1836, and settled on a farm where he spent the remaining portion of his life, and where his widow is still living, at the advanced age of eighty years. They reared two children, of whom William W., who is the eldest, was reared on the farm in Lost Creek township and attended the district school. Early in life he learned the cooper's trade, and followed same until 1855, when he bought a farm of sixty acres, and has since carried on farming. He enlisted in 1861, in the Seventh Illinois Cavalry, Company A, and was in the battles of Corinth, Pittsburg Landing and others; was also in the Grayson raid. He served his full term of enlistment, and returning home in 1864 rented a farm, where he has since followed agricultural pursuits. He is a Democrat in politics, and was an active member of the P. of H. He was married in Clay county, Ind., to Miss Mary E., daughter of Daniel and Emily (Carter) Harris, who were of English and German descent. This union has been blessed with three children: Louisa, James C. and Ira H. The venerable mother resides with Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

DELOSS W. MINSHALL, Terre Haute. Of the many men who have prominently identified their names with the institutions of the city of Terre Haute, there are none who will be longer remembered than this gentleman. Coming here forty-two years ago, in 1848, a young man on the very threshold of active life, he was pleased with the place and the people, and, to the good fortune of the struggling little town, he made this his home for life. Mr. Minshall's place of birth is Franklin county, Penn., where he was born in November, 1828, a son of Robert and Lucy (Nimocks) Minshall, natives of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, respectively, and of pure English descent. The father was a minister in the Methodist Church, a strong, quiet man, much respected by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He departed this life in the year 1828, the same year his son was born. Young Minshall spent his childhood and youth in his native place. His boyhood surroundings were plain and simple, neither more nor less than the average of farmers' boys, when they commence quite early to aid and assist in the work in the summer, and in the winter to give a sparse attendance at the district school. While this station in life sometimes seems a little hard to the farmer lad, yet it is a fact that where there is latent merit thus circumstanced, the condition has never yet either blighted or destroyed his future career. As soon as he was old

enough to be at all useful he was put to work in a store, and soon became a salesman, his employer finding him quite valuable. In 1848, at the age of twenty, he turned his footsteps toward the West, and in the search for a home reached Terre Haute. He had learned something of mercantile business, and had at the same time acquired a taste for it. He was fortunate in securing a position in a store in the town, and he went to work with that kind of resolution, high morals and intelligence that are the sure forerunners of success. During the next five years he had made such progress as to receive an interest in the house, and from this to its head and chief was but an easy step. In 1860 he commenced business for himself, and by 1866 he had so increased his wealth that he was tendered and accepted the position as president of the First National Bank, at which time he disposed of his mercantile business.

His reputation as a financier and business man of marked ability had preceded this event, and his name to any enterprise was now a guarantee of success. He resigned his position in the National Bank, and united with W. R. McKeen in the opening of the banking house of Minshall & McKeen, of which he was the principal manager. The new bank at once became one of the strong money institutions of the country. In 1877, having secured an ample fortune, after thirty-five years of continuous activity, he determined to partially retire, so disposed of his banking interests, and gave his attention exclusively to his large private affairs. In these years of life in Terre Haute he has identified himself, without exception, with every public enterprise for the advancement of the city and its people. He has fostered interests that are now giving employment to hundreds of men, in fact he has been the friend of the people, of the city, of education and of literature. He has used his princely fortune in a princely way for the public weal. In securing to Terre Haute the location of the normal he was of invaluable service; the same with the rolling-mill, the blast furnace, the nail works, and so on through nearly the entire catalogue of business concerns in the place. He has all the time eschewed politics, though a man always of the courage of his convictions, and as much above the dictation of partisan demagogues as he is above any mean or sordid act. He has served the people in the city council. In 1879 he was appointed United States Revenue Collector for the Terre Haute district, which office he resigned in 1883. He has been one of the most valued members of the city school board.

As already intimated, Mr. Minshall was not favored with the most ample school advantages in his youth, yet he is known extensively as a gentleman of high culture and rare literary attainments. He has been an industrious reader, and the emanations of his pen

are marked as those of the graceful writer and scholarly thinker. Socially he is one of the most companionable of men. He has just about completed his residence on Cherry street, the most elegant mansion in Vigo county. Mr. Minshall was united in marriage, April 2, 1856, with Miss Sarah J. Seibert, of Chambersburg, Penn., and they have two children: Helen and Charles.

W. L. MITCHELL, dealer in notions and ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, Terre Haute, is a native of Clark county, Ill., and is third in the family of seven children of Dr. J. D. and Elizabeth (Welch) Mitchell, former a native of Tennessee, latter of Kentucky. He received a common-school education in Clark county, Ill., attending also the Commercial College, in Terre Haute, four months. In 1872 he engaged in the boot and shoe trade, which he followed thirteen years, and then opened up the new East End Notion Store, where he is at present located. Mr. Mitchell is a young man of excellent business qualities, and by energy and industry has succeeded in building up a good trade. He has been dependent on his own resources. Mr. Mitchell was married in Mishawaka, Ind., to Nettie, daughter of Charles Hickleman, who is a wagon manufacturer. She is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church. Mr. Mitchell is a member of the K. of P., Apollo Lodge, Paris, Ill., and in politics he is a Republican.

R. H. MODESITT, merchant and justice of the peace, Seelyville, was born in Clay county, Ind., November 4, 1854, and is a son of William and Leretta (Crabb) Modesitt, former a native of Virginia, latter of Ohio, and both of German origin—honest farmers who resided in Clay county, Ind. Their family consisted of eight children—four sons and four daughters—of whom our subject, the eldest born, was reared on the farm, attending the common schools, and then became a student at the State Normal, Terre Haute. After leaving school he became a teacher, which occupation he followed with more than average success, and was thus engaged for a period of over ten years. In 1885 he embarked in mercantile trade at Seelyville, where he has since managed his general store, and also kept a boarding house for the accommodation of the public. Mr. Modesitt has been twice married, the first time in Clay county, in 1880, but his wife died without issue, in 1882. In 1884 he married Miss Hannah, daughter of Lewis Morris Herbert, of Vigo county, and of Welsh descent. This union has been blessed with two children: Minnie and Maudie. Squire Modesitt and wife are members of the Chosen Friends at Brazil, Ind. He is a member of Terre Haute Lodge, No. 51, I. O. O. F., and has passed the chairs in the subordinate lodges.

PATRICK C. MOHAN, dealer in groceries and dry goods at No. 835 North Thirteenth street, Terre Haute, is a native of

County Donegal, Ireland, and was born December 25, 1848, a son of Thomas and Rose (Carr) Mohan, also natives of Ireland. The father, who was a tailor by trade, died in Ireland, May 26, 1889, in his eighty-fourth year; the mother is now in her seventy-third year. Our subject, who is the fourth in a family of eight children, was reared in Ireland, and there received his education. October 5, 1866, he immigrated to Pittsburgh, Penn., and worked at puddling in a rolling-mill about four years. From Pittsburgh he came, February 20, 1870, to Greencastle, Ind., remained there a short time, and then moved to Knightsville, Clay Co., Ind., where he remained about three months, and then came to Terre Haute, where he found employment in the Terre Haute Iron and Nail Works as puddler, at which he worked until May, 1879. He was elected a member of the city council from the Sixth ward in 1876, and was re-elected in 1878, but resigned in 1879, to accept the position of deputy city marshal, under John H. Kidd, which position he occupied four years. He was appointed lieutenant on the police force in May, 1883, but resigned the position in August, same year, and engaged in business where he is located at the present time. He has succeeded in building up a good trade, and has made his own way in the world. Mr. Mohan was married at St. Mary's, Vigo Co., Ind., September 14, 1876, to Miss Anna, daughter of Malichi and Bridget (McClearman) Curley, natives of Ireland; her father, who was a farmer, died in 1888; her mother is still living. Mrs. Mohan is the fourth in a family of ten children, and was born in County Galway, Ireland, May 1, 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Mohan had born to them five children, viz.: Charles (deceased), Mary A., Thomas A., Anna and Henry. The parents are members of the Catholic Church, and Mr. Mohan is a member of the Catholic Benevolent Association, also of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division No. 2; politically he is a Democrat.

J. A. MOORE, physician and surgeon, Prairie Creek, was born in Shelby county, Ind., October 17, 1852, and is a son of Valentine and Eliza (Conner) Moore, former a native of New York, and a farmer by occupation, latter of Ohio, both being of Scotch-Irish descent. They were married in Hamilton county, Ohio, came to Shelby county, Ind., where they lived several years, and in 1853 moved to Sullivan county, Ind., where they reside at the present time. The Doctor, who is the seventh in a family of nine children, all of whom grew to maturity, was married October 9, 1878, to Mrs. Lulie Timmons, widow of Wesley Timmons, to whom she was married September 26, 1872, having one child by this marriage, Carl L. Timmons. Mr. Timmons, who owned a boot and shoe store in Robinson, Ill., died February 15, 1875, a member of the Presbyte-

rian church. Mrs. Lulie (Timmons) Moore is a daughter of William W. and Mary E. (Steele) Ladd, former a native of Virginia, of Scotch descent, and latter of this State, of English extraction. They moved to Sullivan county in the fall of 1865, and here the father died; the mother is still living. They had a family of eight children, all of whom grew to maturity, and of these Mrs. Moore is the fourth in order of birth, born November 22, 1854, in Louisville, Ky. Dr. and Mrs. Moore had born to them two children, Walter and Harry.

Dr. Moore was reared on the farm in Sullivan county, receiving his early education in the common schools there, also attending the high school at Sullivan. He then taught for five years, and read medicine under Dr. A. N. Weir. During the winter of 1878-79 he attended the Medical College at Indianapolis, and, following summer, he read medicine under Dr. Weir; then attended the University of Louisville, Ky., where he graduated in the spring of 1881. He was one of the honor roll members of the university. The Doctor commenced the practice of medicine in Middletown, Ind., in the spring of 1881, and has since been successfully engaged in it. He not only had to make his own start in life, but had to pay for his education himself. He is a member of the Christian Church, and has served as Sunday-school superintendent. Mrs. Moore is a member of the Presbyterian Church. The Doctor is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., No. 476, Vigo county, and has passed all the chairs. Politically he is a member of the Republican party.

JOHN W. MOORE, farmer and stock-grower, Linton township, P. O. Pimento, was born in Jefferson county, Ky., October 14, 1832, and is a son of Eleven and Elizabeth (Tyler) Moore, latter a native of Kentucky. The father who was born in Maryland, and followed farming, moved to Missouri in 1839, and died there in 1845. They had a family of eight children, of whom John W. is the fifth in order of birth. He was married March 30, 1859, to Mary C., daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Scammahorn) Blair, former a native of Kentucky and latter of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. They had a family of six children, of whom Mrs. Moore is the third. She was born March 16, 1839. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had born to them four children, viz.: Casie, born May 11, 1860, a school teacher in Linton township; Linnie, deceased; Minnie, born November 24, 1871, also a school teacher, and one (the youngest) that died in infancy. Mr. Moore was reared on the farm, and has followed agricultural pursuits, having made his way in the world by his own exertions, and now owns forty acres of well-improved land. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., No. 2, Terre Haute. He has served one term as school director, and four years as township trustee.

JOSHUA W. MOORE, Lost Creek township, P. O. Seelyville, was born in Highland county, Ohio, September 16, 1823, and is a son of Joseph (a farmer) and Rachel (Crabb) Moore, natives of Ohio, former of English and latter of German descent. They had a family of four sons and four daughters, of whom Joshua W. is the seventh. Our subject was married March 23, 1847, to Mary Ann, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Watson) Jarvis, who had a family of three children, of whom Mrs. Moore is the eldest. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had born to them eight children, five of whom grew to maturity: Joseph F., Elvis W., Marion F., George W., Clara M., all married. Mr. Moore was an early settler in this State, coming to Brazil in 1837. He first learned shoemaking with his uncle, then the blacksmith and wagon-maker's trade in 1844, which he followed seventeen years. He then began farming, and has made that his business to the present time. He is a self-made man, industrious and energetic, and now owns 245 acres of land in a good state of cultivation. He served as administrator five times; was nominated for trustee on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated. He has served as school director. Mr. Moore is a member of the Christian Church, and takes an active interest in its affairs.

T. S. MOORE, of the firm of Moore & Langen, printers and book-binders, of Terre Haute, was born in Madison county, Ky., May 9, 1847, and is a son of Walker and Sarah (Fitzpatrick) Moore, natives of Kentucky, and of Irish and English descent, former of whom was a farmer, miller and distiller. In the family were six children. T. S. Moore spent his young life at Crawfordsville, Ind., and in 1870 he came to Terre Haute, where he continued the printing business. He has been engaged in printing since 1868. Mr. Moore was married June 14, 1885, to Miss A. L., daughter of Rufus Lockwood, and of English descent. In 1864 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ind. V. I., Company I, and served until the close of his term of enlistment. He is a gentleman who stands well in the business and social circles of his city.

WILMOT MOORE, M. D., Terre Haute. This gentleman was born in Orange county, N. Y., March 26, 1821, and is a son of Benjamin and Anna (Fullerton) Moore, natives of New York, and of Irish descent. His father, who was a farmer and merchant, died in 1832. Our subject, who is the fourth in a family of seven children, was reared on a farm, and attended the district schools until he was twelve years old, when he entered a select school, and at the age of fourteen he entered upon the study of Latin and anatomy in a physicians office, where he commenced his studies in his chosen profession. From the age of seventeen to twenty-one, he taught school, finished his course in medicine, and entered upon the prac-

tice in 1845. In 1857 he graduated at the Metropolitan Medical College, of New York City. Being of liberal mind, he has studied all the systems of medicine in vogue in this country, allopathic, hydropathic, botanic, eclectic and homeopathic, and has practiced in each and all, and for the twenty years last past, he has adopted homeopathy almost exclusively, as giving better results to him and his patrons than any other. He came to Terre Haute in 1864, and has practiced his profession here since that time. He is a man of studious habits, devoted to his profession, and has enjoyed a large and lucrative practice in Terre Haute. The Doctor was married in the State of New York, and has one child only, a daughter, who is now the widow of Calvin Thomas, and by whom she has one child, a daughter, Irma Thomas. Dr. Moore is a member of the I. O. O. F., a member of the Indiana Institute of Homeopathy, and is a Master Mason in good standing.

W. F. MOORE, engineer on the Vandalia Railroad, with residence at No. 829, North Ninth street, Terre Haute, is a native of Danville, Ind., born October 3, 1850, and is a son of William and Sarah (Goslin) Moore, natives of Flemingsburg, Ky. The father, who was a carriage builder, died in Illinois, in 1883, at the age of sixty-five years; the mother is now a resident of Illinois. Our subject, who is the fifth in a family of seven children, was reared on a farm in Coles county, and received a common-school education. In 1869 he came to Terre Haute, where he worked during the winter on the Vandalia Railroad bridge, and in the summer of 1870 he began firing for the same company. He continued at that about three years, when he was promoted to the post of engineer in the yard, and this position he filled about two years, when he was put on the line as extra, then as regular freight engineer until 1880, when he was promoted to the fast line from Terre Haute to East St. Louis, which position he still holds. He has been very fortunate, never having met with an accident on the road. Mr. Moore was married in Terre Haute, December 3, 1873, to Miss Sadie E. Baird, who was born at Bairdstown, Penn., June 20, 1858, fourth in the family of six children of James A. and Nancy (Hall) Baird, natives of Pennsylvania. Her father, who was a steamboat captain and ship carpenter, served in the Civil war, and died in hospital at Chattanooga, Tenn., in 1864. Her mother is a resident of Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had born to them two children; Charles A., born December 5, 1874, and Lula B., born February 12, 1876. Mr. Moore is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 51, and Vigo Encampment, No. 17, also of the Canton, No. 28. He and his wife are members of the Daughters of Rebekah. He is independent in political matters.

JOHN H. MORGAN, M. D., Fayette township, P. O. New Goshen. This gentleman, now engaged in the practice of medicine in this vicinity, has a well-earned and extensive practice. He was born at Middlebrook, Va., October 13, 1844, son of William and Eliza (Flinn) Morgan, who are of Scotch-Irish origin, and natives of Virginia. They now reside in Vermillion county, Ind., where the father for many years carried on the manufacture of carriages. Dr. Morgan, who is the eldest in a family of eight children, was reared in Virginia. He studied medicine early in life at Portsmouth, Ohio, and subsequently attended the medical college at Baltimore, Md. He practiced for a time as an undergraduate, and then entered the Medical University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated in the regular course, and thence went to B. H. Medical College, New York. He then engaged in the practice of his profession in Virginia until 1874, when he came west, locating in Vigo county, since when he has practiced in the county. He has been financially successful, having made his own way in the world, and is the owner of a farm in Fayette township, this county. In 1861, at the age of seventeen years, he enlisted in the Fifth Virginia Infantry, was assigned to a clerkship, and served until the close of the war, when he returned and studied medicine. Dr. Morgan was united in marriage in Vigo county, Ind., to Mrs. Sadie M. Barbour, *nee* Wonner, daughter of John Wonner. Her mother, whose maiden name was Lucy Clayton, is now librarian of the public library at Terre Haute, Ind. Mrs. Morgan is of English descent. Her parents were natives of Connecticut, and her father spent most of his life in this county, where he was a prominent contractor and builder. He died in 1867. The marriage of Dr. and Mrs. Morgan has been blessed with three children, viz.: Carrie V., Helen R. and Harmon K. The Doctor and wife reside on their farms, both of them owning land, and the place where they reside consists of 300 acres of land. Dr. Morgan is a member of the I. O. O. F., of the A. O. U. W., and of the K. of P.

WILLIAM RILEY MORGAN, P. O. Prairie Creek, was born in Vigo county, Ind., September 18, 1841, and is a son of William and Sophia (Shattuck) Morgan, also natives of this county. Our subject's paternal grandparents were natives of Kentucky, of Scotch-Irish descent, and emigrated from that State to this county in an early day. The parents of William R. were married in this county, and the father died about 1843, the mother in 1850. They had two sons and one daughter, Licurgus C. and William R. being the only ones now living. After the death of his parents, William R. lived with his uncle, Valentine Morgan, for a year, and then with Joel Myers, about four years, since which time he has made his

own living, working as a hand until the beginning of the war. On September 18, 1861, he enlisted in company D, Forty-third Ind. V. I., participating in several fierce engagements, among which were those of Memphis (Tenn.), Helena (Ark.), Fort Pillow and Mark's Mill. At the latter place he was captured and taken prisoner to Tyler, Tex., where he was confined for ten months, and then exchanged. While on picket duty just across the Mississippi river from Helena, Ark., he was wounded in the face and forehead by a bullet which necessitated his being taken to the hospital, where he remained one week, preferring to be with his company although he was not able for duty for several months. He remained in the United States' service until June, 1865, when he was discharged at Indianapolis, immediately returning to this county. In 1867 Mr. Morgan was married to Miss Nancy Piety, who was born in Vigo county, in October, 1845, and by this union there is one child, born in 1871, named Walter P., now a promising young man. Soon after his marriage our subject moved to Champaign county, Ill., and there farmed until 1870, when he returned to this county, where he has since resided. He has 137 acres of land, of which ninety-five are in cultivation, located thirteen miles south of the county seat. His schooling was very limited, he receiving only a few days' tuition after he was eight years of age. Mr. Morgan cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln. He and his wife and son are members of the Christian Church, and he is a member of the F. M. B. A.

JOHN MULVIHILL, Nevins township, P. O. Coal Bluff, was born in County Kerry, Ireland, December 25; 1824, and is a son of John Mulvihill, who was a butcher. His mother, who was Julia Conners, also born in County Kerry, Ireland, still resides at the old home in Ireland, and is now nearly eighty years of age. John left his native land and came to Canada in 1869, where he lived until 1871, and then moved to the United States, settling in Rush county, Ind., where he remained until 1875, when he came to Terre Haute. Here he commenced in the rolling-mill, remaining until 1889, when he traded his city real estate for the farm where he now resides. He has made his way in the world unaided, and is endowed with more than ordinary energy, his success in life being largely due to his perseverance, industry and determination to win success. In 1848 he was united in marriage, in France, with Miss Henora, daughter of Edward Shehe, and born in Ireland in 1825. When she was in her twelfth year her parents removed to France, where she resided until her marriage; immediately after which event Mr. Mulvihill left his native country for France, where he remained fifteen years. This union has been blessed with ten children—five sons and five daughters—viz.: Julia, Margaret and

John, born in Olderney, France; Mary, born in Gansie, France; Thomas and Edward, born in the city of London, England; Charles, born in Canada; Michael, in Rush county, Ind.; Ellen and Rosa, in the city of Terre Haute, Ind. It will be seen that none of their children are Irish by birth, and Mr. Mulvihill says that when his family are all at home and seated at the table there will be Irish, French, English, Canadian and Hoosiers present. The family are all members of the Catholic Church, and Mr. Mulvihill is an active member of the St. Joseph Temperance Union; in politics he is a Democrat.

M. MURLE, merchant, Lockport, is the owner and proprietor of a general store in Riley township, and was born at Baden, Germany, January 18, 1842, the only son now living of the family of four children of Joseph Murle, who was also a native of Germany, born in 1808. The father came to America in 1853, and settled in Marion county, Ohio, on a farm, where the son was reared, attending the common schools. In 1861 he moved to Vigo county, and learned the blacksmith's trade at Terre Haute, which he followed for four years, when he clerked in a store, and was employed as salesman until 1875. He then embarked in his present business at Lockport, and has made it a success. He is also owner of a farm of eighty acres, and has made his own way in the world. Mr. Murle was married in Terre Haute, Ind., in 1869, to Miss Josephine Ashberger, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and this union has been blessed with three children: Charles F., Lena J., and William, who died. Mr. and Mrs. Murle are members of the German Lutheran Church; in politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN C. MYER, Harrison township, P. O. Terre Haute, is one of the prominent farmers of Vigo county, and resides on Section 1, Harrison township, where he is the owner of one of the finest improved farms in the county. It contains a half section, and consists of excellent land, nearly all being in a high state of cultivation. One-half is in Lost Creek township, and the other in Harrison. Mr. Myer is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and was born June 21, 1828, a son of Karl Fredrick and Margaret Myer, both natives of Germany, where they died. They were the parents of thirteen children. John C. was reared on a farm, receiving a good education in his native country, and has followed agricultural pursuits. He served five years in the German army. In 1852 he immigrated to America, and settled in Ohio; in 1856 he came to Vigo county, and three years later purchased his present farm. He first bought 160 acres of wild land, paying for same \$10,000. He first built a log cabin, in which he lived a number of years, and this primitive dwelling has been replaced with a

commodious and elegant brick building of the latest style; he has large and substantial barns and outbuildings, and the place is beautifully ornamented with shade trees, and tastefully set out with flowers. Mr. Myer is a self-made man, having commenced life poor, and his industry and economy have brought him his reward in the shape of a valuable property. He was married in Ohio, in 1852, to Christeana P. Blum, also a native of Germany, born in 1833. They are the parents of the following named children: Charles, deceased (he left two children, William and Charles); William P., in Indianapolis; Louisa, wife of George F. Parsons; Albert J., at home; Louisa, at home; Caroline, wife of Adolph Mason; Otto C., in Washington; Minnie, wife of George C. Kaufman. The family are members of the German Lutheran Church. Mr. Myer has given his children a good education. In politics he is a Republican. He has passed all the chairs in the I. O. O. F.; is also a prominent Mason, a Knight Templar, and a member of the Consistory.

ABNER W. MYERS, farmer and stock-grower, Lost Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born near Indianapolis, Ind., August 21, 1851, a son of Isaac C. and Elizabeth (Heisay) Myers, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. His grandparents were born in Germany. Isaac C. Myers was a carpenter, and came to Vigo county in 1859, settling in Lost Creek township, on a farm. He worked at his trade, and also operated a saw-mill, becoming a successful business man, and died in Kansas in 1885. His family consisted of seven children, all of whom were boys, and three of them are yet living. Abner W., who is the second in order of birth, was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the common schools of the neighborhood, and became a farmer, which vocation he has followed with marked success, being at the present time owner of a farm consisting of 123 acres of land, where he now resides. He was united in marriage November 11, 1875, to Miss Mary, daughter of Alex. Cooper, a farmer, and one of the earliest settlers of Vigo county. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Myers has been blessed with two children, one now living, William E. The parents are members of the Christian Church, in the affairs of which Mr. Myers takes an active interest, as well as in the Sabbath-school, and has been its secretary.

CHESTER MYERS is a prosperous farmer of Riley township, and is a native of Indiana, born in 1836, a son of John Myers and Catherine Sanders. John Myers was born in North Carolina, and emigrated from there to Indiana, in an early day, soon afterward removing to this county, where he died May 6, 1887. He was an extensive farmer and good citizen, and was a son of Abram Myers,

who came to this county with the early pioneers. The Myers family were of German descent. Chester's mother was born in the eastern part of Indiana, and is yet living in this county. The children of their marriage were four sons, Chester being the second in order of birth. He was raised mostly in this county, and during his boyhood days attended the common schools here. In 1857 he married Miss Nancy Reese, a native of Clay county, Ind., by which union eight children were born, as follows: William C., married August 15, 1878, to Lucy H., daughter of J. W. Green, of Riley, Vigo Co., Ind.; John C., married July 27, 1879, to Rosetta, daughter of J. W. Green, of Riley; Franklin A., married October 13, 1886, to Lydia A., daughter of Phenice Hoggett, of Farmersburg, Vigo county; Daniel R. (deceased); Effie O., married May 5, 1889, to William Young, son of William Young, Sr., of Youngstown, Vigo county; and Katie V., Susanna and Levi W. Mr. Myers has always been a farmer, and owns 190 acres of valuable land, of which 150 acres are in cultivation, the farm being located about thirteen miles southeast of Terre Haute. Mr. Myers is an industrious, honorable man, and a good citizen. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas. Mrs. Myers is a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

CHARLES NASH, superintendent of two of the mines of the Coal Bluff Mining Company, Coal Bluff, Nevins township, was born in Birmingham, England, January 27, 1846, and is youngest in the family of six children of William and Elizabeth (Simmonds) Nash, natives of England, latter of whom is a member of the Methodist Church. The father, who a brass caster by trade, died in England in 1885. Our subject was reared in England, where he received his schooling. He commenced to work in the mines when a small boy, and has made mining the main business of his life, although, from 1866 to 1870, he was in the employ of the London & North Western Railway Company, England. In 1870 he immigrated to the United States, and worked in the city of Chicago, Ill., on the tunnel. In 1871 he came to Vigo county, and in 1875 entered the employ of the company he has remained with to the present time, as a miner, afterward as foreman, and for years he has held his present position, that of superintendent. He has charge of the Edgar and Diamond coal shafts at Coal Bluff. Mr. Nash was married in England, and he and his wife have five children: Victor Hugo, Charles, Wilkie Collins, Edith and Amy. He is a Master Mason; in politics he is a Republican.

REUBEN NAUGLE, Sr., retired farmer and stock-grower, Otter Creek township, P. O. Edwards, was born in Luzerne county, Penn., January 26, 1816, and is a son of Christian and Sally

(Stickle) Naugle, natives of Northampton county, Penn., and of German descent. The father was a shoemaker and farmer all his life, and his family consisted of eight children, of whom Reuben is the third. Our subject was reared on the farm, attending the common schools, and early learned the tanner's and currier's trades, which he followed for two years; he then went to farming, and made that the main business of his life. He came to this county in 1863, has since resided here, and is the owner of a well-improved farm where he now resides, consisting of 126 acres of land. Mr. Naugle was united in marriage in June, 1845, with Miss Jane, daughter of John Davis, and of Irish and English descent. Two of their children are now living. Mrs. Naugle died in 1887. Mr. Naugle is a member, as was his wife, of the Presbyterian Church; in politics he is a Republican.

REUBEN NAUGLE, Jr., farmer and stock-grower, Otter Creek township, P. O. Edwards, was born in Luzerne county, Penn., December 30, 1858, and is a son of Reuben and Jane (Davis) Naugle, former of whom was a tanner in early life, but later a farmer. Two of their children are living, of whom our subject is the youngest. He grew to manhood on his father's farm, receiving a fair English education in the common schools, became a farmer, and is now the owner of a farm of 150 acres on which he resides. Mr. Naugle was married in Vigo county, in 1887, to Miss Minnie, daughter of Walker C. Martin, but she died same year, a few months after marriage. In politics Mr. Naugle is a Republican.

WILSON NAYLOR, a son of James P. and Sarah (Moore) Naylor, natives of Kentucky and Ohio, and of English descent, was born in Adams county, Ohio, December 5, 1828, and came to Indiana with his father's family when he was three years of age, they settling in the town of Eugene, Vermillion county. The children of this family who grew to maturity were William L., who died in 1877; Wilson (our subject); Mrs. Sarah Schlossman, now of Chicago, and Mrs. Eliza Jane Towle (a widow), of Evanston, Ill. The family were in moderate circumstances, and the sons had but the limited school advantages of that day. At a very tender age, therefore, the children contributed their mite to the family subsistence, and at an age when the average boy is just beginning in earnest his school days Wilson Naylor found himself thrown upon his own resources. His education chiefly was that of the home fireside, one of a sacred, religious duty, and rigid economy and industry; after all not the worst possible inheritance that a strong manly boy might have. Where the practical lessons of life fall upon good ground, as they evidently did in this case, they produce to the best results.

The boy had hardly reached his "teens" when he found employment on a flatboat bound for New Orleans. In this business he made fifteen trips to New Orleans and return, and then made several trips on steamboats in the same trade. He then settled down in his adopted village, Eugene, and for the next twenty-two years was a dry-goods merchant in that place. In 1864 he sold out his store, and came to Terre Haute, where he now has an elegant home on South Fifth street. Here he engaged in the grocery trade on the corner of Fourth and Ohio streets, and prospered remarkably well. His reputation for integrity in all his business affairs brought him a constantly growing patronage, and both honor and wealth were his. In 1882 the financial affairs of the new Opera House had become seriously involved. The people, of whom Mr. Naylor was one, had subscribed \$100,000 in stock to the company; the fine four-story stone structure had cost \$283,000, and, being heavily mortgaged to an Eastern insurance company, its affairs were carried into court. It was then sold to Mr. Naylor for \$100,000. He had sold his mercantile interests, together with his Ohio Street property, and has since given his attention to building up the interests of and needed improvements to "Naylor's Opera House." In 1848 Mr. Naylor was married to Flora, daughter of Benjamin Shaw, of Vermillion county, Ind., and they have reared two children: James B., who died in December, 1878, and Mrs. Elizabeth E., wife of B. G. Cox, who is a partner with H. Hulman in the wholesale grocery business, and whose present home is adjoining that of Mr. Naylor. It is with his little grandchildren, Wilson Naylor, Ellen, Laura E., B. G. and Newton, that Mr. Naylor's pleasantest hours of recreation are spent. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Blue Lodge, Council, Commandery and Chapter, and for twenty-five years has served as treasurer of the Blue Lodge; is also a member of the I. O. O. F. He was sixteen years postmaster at Eugene, Vermillion county, under Taylor, Fillmore, Lincoln, Johnson and Grant. A remarkable fact which he tells, with much gratitude, is that, although they came to the "sickly country" in a day when nearly all suffered, yet until being troubled within the past few years with rheumatism, he has never been compelled to call in the aid of a physician. Mr. Naylor relates how his father's family came to the Vermillion country. His father built a "broadhorn" (a square end flatboat with a running plank along each side to "pole the boat"), and on this put the family and possessions, the two horses and the cows. They floated down the Ohio, and then were slowly poling the craft up the Wabash when winter overtook them, and their "ark" was frozen fast in the stream. They took to the shore, packed their goods on the horses,

and with their wives on saddle, and the children behind, driving the cows, they made their way to Eugene. There is a wide chasm between that ancient mode of travel and the present palace cars, and it is to be hoped that even then the Lord tempered the wind to the shorn lamb.

ANDREW NEHF, builder and contractor, Terre Haute, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, February 26, 1833, and is the eighth in the family of twelve children of Christof and Eva (Byer) Nehf, natives of Germany. Our subject was united in marriage May 30, 1854, in New York, with Catharine Boss, a daughter of Henry and Catharine (Schriner) Boss, natives of Germany. Mrs. Nehf is the eldest in a family of five children, and was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, April 17, 1836. Mr. and Mrs. Nehf had born to them nine children, viz.: Andrew Wesley, who married Louie Winbreicht; Charles Theodore, who married Minnie Neukon; Emilie, who married Wilberforce Twaddel; Louisa, the wife of Henry Neukon; George Albert (deceased); William Heinrich (deceased); Henry William, Oloia Theolinda and Alfred Franklin. Mr. Nehf spent his life in the Fatherland until he was fourteen years of age, when he and two of his brothers immigrated to this country and settled in Milwaukee, Wis., in the spring of 1847. He served an apprenticeship of three years at cabinet-making, then went to New York and worked three years at the trade. From there he proceeded to Petersville, Mich., where he remained a short time; then went to Columbus, Ohio, stopping there about nine months, and thence removed to Terre Haute, Ind. He was engaged as foreman in the carpenter shop of the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railroad, three years; then worked three years for Capt. James Hook, contractor, and in 1862 began business for himself. His shop was at the corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets, and he followed the business of contracting and building until 1870, when he purchased an interest in a saw-mill, which he sold at the expiration of two years. Some time after serving his term as justice of the peace, he served two years in this office by appointment. From 1870 to 1879 he was engaged in collecting, and was in fire and life insurance business; then commenced work at his trade, and has followed it to the present time. He has had to depend entirely on his own resources. Mr. and Mrs. Nehf are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he served as trustee, steward, class leader, Sunday-school superintendent, exhorter and local preacher, and also served as chorister about twenty years. In politics Mr. Nehf is a Republican, and he was appointed street commissioner.

THOMAS HENRY NELSON, Terre Haute, is a native of Mason county, Ky., the son of Dr. Thomas W. and Frances (Don-

iphan) Nelson, and a brother of Maj.-Gen. William Nelson, whose name is immortally interwoven with the battle of Shiloh, where he led the advance of Buell's army on the evening of the first day's fight on the historical battle-ground. Another brother was Col. A. D. Nelson, a distinguished officer of the regular army.

Mr. Nelson came to Indiana, in early life, and located first in Rockville, where he was engaged for six years in the practice of his profession. In 1857 he removed to Terre Haute, his permanent home, and has since been actively engaged in law, literature, politics and diplomacy. He was one of the founders of the Republican party, and was often a delegate to State and National Conventions. In 1860 he accepted a nomination for congress in a strong Democratic district, with the famous orator, Daniel W. Voorhees, as his competitor. A brilliant joint canvass ensued, which attracted public attention throughout the State as well as enormous audiences. Both parties, so championed, claimed the honors of the contest. "It must now be remembered only as a combat of giants who could give and receive hard blows, and still live when the fray was over." And when it was over Mr. Nelson's friends could, in the language of Webster, well say; "Though defeated, all is not lost." Though leading in that particular case a forlorn hope, he assisted in the general success of the cause. Mr. Voorhees and Mr. Nelson, notwithstanding a wide divergence of opinion upon all political questions, have ever been warm and steadfast personal friends.

The day of his defeat for congress was the day of the election of Abraham Lincoln to the presidency, and soon after his inauguration he appointed, upon his own personal knowledge and friendship, Mr. Nelson as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Chili, which position he filled with conspicuous ability from 1861 to 1866. Our citizens had large claims against that republic, matters of some difficulty for diplomats even in times of prosperous peace, and the then new minister realized that, although our nation was convulsed with civil war, yet there should be no compromise of its rights, which must be preserved, even under such difficult and adverse circumstances. Other nations were looking upon our internal struggles as the beginning of a swift coming end of our national institutions, yet he speedily secured the settlement of every question and the payment of the claims, and at the same time so won the good-will and friendship of Chili that President Lincoln felt constrained to say that the government and the people of Chili were among the staunchest and truest friends of the United States Government. During Mr. Nelson's diplomatic residence at Santiago occurred the war between Spain and Chili, and to the American ambassador is chiefly attributed the generous

sympathy extended so universally by other governments to Chili in the contest. In this new field he found opportunity for the display of those peculiar faculties necessary in the stirring times of his own nation and the nations to which he was sent, that were a demonstration that his friend, Mr. Lincoln, had made no mistake in calling upon him to serve his country in the untried field of diplomacy. It was during his stay in Chili he witnessed the most calamitous fire of modern times—the burning, December 8, 1863, of the Church of Campana, in Santiago, the capital of the republic, in which 4,000 persons perished. With characteristic American impulse he rendered valuable aid on that occasion, and his cool judgment and prompt action excited favorable comment. He was conspicuous in the rescue of several lives. In 1866 he returned to his home, and quietly resumed the practice of law. But the country was upon the threshold of the reconstruction days. The question of the adoption of the XIV Amendment to the Constitution was before the nation, and its friends appealed to him to help them. He entered into the labor heart and soul, and addressed great audiences from Kentucky to Kansas. This added to his already extended reputation as a popular speaker. In 1868 he was chosen to head the electoral ticket of Indiana, and canvassed the State thoroughly. He was deeply interested in the work. His friends, Grant and Colfax, were triumphantly elected, and Mr. Nelson was selected by the Electoral College, over which he presided, to carry the votes of Indiana to Washington. He was appointed envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Mexico, by President Grant, in March, 1869. His nomination to the senate was at once unanimously confirmed. In the adjustment of the affairs of this Government with that of Mexico, he rendered excellent service. The history of his administration of the legation is to be found in the archives of the State department, and in several published volumes. In 1873 Mr. Nelson resigned his appointment to Mexico, but the resignation was not accepted for several months after it was tendered. During his entire residence in Chili and Mexico he was president of the Diplomatic Corps. Early in 1874 we find him again in his law office in Terre Haute, absent only when called, as was frequently the case, on important affairs in Washington City. In 1876 he again headed his party on the electoral ticket, and again in 1880 and in 1888, and each time he canvassed the entire State. Proverbially there has been no State in the Union where the whole ground in nearly every policies battle is fought over so stubbornly inch by inch, as is Indiana. The recognition of his abilities as a popular speaker is given as well by those who are opposed to his political views and