

policies as by his party companions. His manner in addressing an audience is graceful, and the supreme art of concealing himself, enlisting the sympathy of his audience, and making all forget who is talking, leaving them to the one subject of thought that the speaker desires to present, is his rare gift. This is merely the supreme art of the orator. An excellent voice, a remarkably clear and distinct enunciation, with perfect modulation and expressive features, are some of the marks of the make-up of the man that are part of the means, natural or acquired, that are at his command on important occasions. In person Mr. Nelson is above the medium in height and size, erect with a strong nervous movement, brown hair now mixed with gray, brown eyes, strong but pleasant features of face, with a full short beard, with a large and finely poised head, and a semi-military movement of person. He is just now in the prime of his mental life, and of the open, frank and genial nature that makes him a most companionable acquaintance and friend. He might be in short summed up as a typical Kentuckian, whose veneration of the memory of Clay and Lincoln is a sacred and undivided duty.

In the Annual Cyclopedia of 1872 is the following concerning Mrs. Elizabeth Key, wife of Hon. Thomas H. Nelson, who died in Maltrata, Mexico, March 23, 1872, written by William Cullen Bryant, the great American poet, who was her friend and admirer: "Mrs. Nelson was a daughter of the late Col. Marshall Key, a conspicuous and able political leader and lawyer of Washington, Mason Co., Ky. She was well educated, and early in life married Thomas H. Nelson, then a youth just entering upon his career as a lawyer, and who has since become distinguished both as a political leader and diplomatist. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Nelson removed to Indiana, where she shared with her husband all the trials, and contributed her full proportion to all the triumphs of the active, eloquent and successful lawyer, who had become one of the founders of the Republican party. Mr. Nelson was sent to Chili as United States minister almost at the outset of the late war, and remained there at a post which the course of events rapidly invested with a peculiar and almost vital importance to the commercial and political interests of the Republic, then battling for its life during the whole of Mr. Lincoln's administration, and a full year of that of his successor. In 1869 he was appointed minister plenipotentiary to Mexico, where he still remains." How large and effective a part Mrs. Nelson took in her husband's labors throughout this entire period, the archives of the State Department attest. She had been a student without pretense as without parade, all her life long. Her knowledge of foreign languages, of history and of po-

litical economy, enabled her to afford her husband an assistance as intelligent as it was assiduous; and none of those of her sex who clamor most loudly in public for the equality of woman with man has done or can ever do so much to prove the truth of their doctrine in its true appreciation as this tender, modest and devoted wife. Her union with her husband was as the Shakesperian "Marriage of true minds." Those alone who knew her well and intimately can estimate its beauty and its worth, and, estimating these, come near measuring the depth and bitterness of a sorrow which present sympathy the most sincere may soothe, but years can never adequately assuage. President Juarez, who had recently experienced a similar affliction, and whose lamented wife had been an intimate and strongly attached friend of Mrs. Nelson, manifested the most profound sympathy with Mr. Nelson, and throughout the social and diplomatic circles of the Mexican capital her loss was deeply and unaffectedly mourned. Of her children but two survive her, Marshall K. Nelson, a resident of Mexico, and Harriet, wife of Dr. Edward H. Ashwin, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

SOLOMON NEUKOM, grocer, Terre Haute. Among the prominent citizens of Terre Haute is Solomon Neukom, who has been a resident of the place for many years. He was born in Switzerland February 8, 1829, and is a son of Ulrich Neukom, a cooper by trade, who died in Germany. Solomon was reared in that country, attending the common schools of his native place. He came to America, landing at New York City June 11, 1847, and having learned shoemaking, he became engaged in that trade. In 1849 he came West, locating for a time at Cincinnati, Ohio, and subsequently, in 1856, came to Terre Haute, where in 1864 he embarked in his present business, in which he has since continued. Mr. Neukom was married in Cincinnati June 2, 1853, to Miss Regina, daughter of Gerhart and Mary (Roelker) Tormohlen, and born in Hanover, Germany. This union has been blessed with eight children, five of whom are now living—three sons and two daughters—viz.: Jennie, wife of Charles Lammers; Minnie, wife of Charles Neff; Henry, a clerk; Albert, engaged in the drug business in Terre Haute; Adolph, cashier in the Buckeye Store in Terre Haute. The family are members of the German Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Neukom has been class leader and trustee. Mrs. Neukom has been a teacher in the Sunday-school for many years. They gave their children the advantage of good education: One daughter graduated at the city high school; Minnie attended the Indiana State Normal, and was a teacher eight years. This family is one of the few where all are doing well, and all seem to prosper; they are among the best citizens of Terre Haute, and have many friends.

WILLIAM D. NEVINS, farmer and stock-grower, Nevins township, P. O. Fontanet, was born November 23, 1840, within less than a mile of where he now resides, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Denman) Nevins, natives of Indiana, and of Scotch descent, former born in Fort Harrison in 1813. William Nevins, grandfather of our subject, was truly a pioneer of this part of the State, being here among the Indians. The family have usually been farmers, and generally met with success. James Nevins, father of William D., died in Parke county, Ind., where he spent the greater part of this life; he was twice married, William D. being by first wife. Our subject was reared on the farm where he was born, attending school in his native district. He can remember when his father used the old wooden moldboard plow. He was married in Vigo county, in 1867, to Miss Nancy, daughter of Samuel and Tamsey (Roe) Elliott, and is descended from the Dutch, who settled New York nearly 300 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Nevins' children are James, Samuel, Isabella, Ellen, Dora, John, Maude and Lillie. The family worship at the Baptist Church, of which Mr. Nevins is a deacon and regulator, and in politics he acts with the Democratic party. He is one of the self-made men of the country; when he was married he could neither read nor write, but by diligence and the help of his wife, he mastered the rudiments of English, and he keeps himself posted with the important events of the day. Mr. Nevins is owner of the farm where he resides.

JAMES NICHOLS, manufacturer and grocer, Nos. 400 and 402 South First street, Terre Haute, was born in Yorkshire, England, March 21, 1845, and is the second in the family of five children of Edward and Jane (Ellis) Nichols. Our subject was reared in Yorkshire, and received his education in the public and private schools, and there learned the trade of weaver of woolen fabrics. In June, 1865, he came to Terre Haute, and followed his trade in the Wabash Woolen Mills, about five years, then went to the Indian Territory, and built a woolen-mill near Baxter Springs, Kas. Here he remained about three years, and lost what capital he had accumulated. Returning to Terre Haute, he accepted the position of receiving clerk in the wholesale grocery house of H. Hulman, with whom he remained about five years. He purchased the property, and erected a new brick building, and engaged in the grocery and meat trade on his own account, in which he has a large and growing business. In 1882 he embarked in the manufacture of lumber, staves, headings, barrels and boxes, and now employs about seventy-five men. The factory is located on First street, between College and Vine. Mr. Nichols has had to depend entirely on his own resources, and the building up of this extensive trade has been

the result of his own energy and good financiering. He was united in marriage, January 18, 1871, in Terre Haute, with Mary A. Kirtley, a daughter of James and Sarah Kirtley, natives of Kentucky. She is the sixth in a family of seven children who grew to maturity, and was born in Terre Haute, May 18, 1845. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols had born to them four children: Edward, Nettie G., Charles and Bertie. The parents are members of the Baptist Church, and he is trustee of the North Mission, and of Maple Avenue Union Protestant Church. He is a member of the K. of P., Occidental Lodge No. 18, and a charter member of the Uniform Rank. He is lieutenant-colonel in the Seventh Regiment, and has served as first and second lieutenant and captain of the Uniform Rank; was quartermaster of the first Uniform Rank organized in the State. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and a Knight Templar, also a member of the National Union. He served five years in the British army. In politics Mr. Nichols is a Republican.

FIRMIN NIPPERT (deceased) was born September 25, 1819, a native of Guinglange, a little town in the department of Moselle, France, near the city of Metz. His father was Bernard Nippert, a teacher, whose sons were Bernard, Firmin, Nicholas, August and Martin. Firmin Nippert came to this country in 1839, landing in New Orleans, whence he went to Portland, Ky., and became a clerk in a general store. He commenced merchandising at Patoka, Ind., and afterward sold goods at Salem, Ind. In 1844 he removed to Terre Haute, and opened a store on the northwest corner of Second and Ohio streets, called the French store. From 1863 to 1869 Mr. Nippert was not actively engaged in business. During this period he made the tour of Europe, and visited the Orient. On his return, in 1869, he became connected with the Nail Works, his management of which reflected great credit on him. So well pleased with his care of the property were the stockholders that in 1888, on the occasion of his retirement from his office, the board voted him in addition to his salary the sum of \$3,000. This he declined to receive, but caused it to be distributed among his subordinates. The resolutions were engrossed and signed by D. W. Minshall, G. W. Bement, Demas Deming, Henry S. Deming and Benjamin Wilhelm, and are as follows:

WHEREAS, Mr. Firmin Nippert has this day presented his resignation of the presidency of the Terre Haute Iron and Nail Works:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Directors, with sincere regret for the necessity that compels this action and the severance of his long and successful official connection with this company, desires to express, in accepting this resignation, the complete satisfaction and thanks of the company, for the very able, efficient and successful manner in which all of the duties of the position have been discharged.

The results shown by the statements this day made of operations under his management is a marvelous exhibition of progressive growth and successful operation, and this company desires to recognize in the fullest manner, the high business capacity which has brought about these extraordinary results.

Firmin Nippert died in Terre Haute on Sunday morning, November 3, 1889. He never rallied from the attack of pneumonia with which he had been stricken on the preceding Tuesday. At the time of his death he had but one brother living, Mr. August Nippert, of California, but there are several heirs of his deceased brothers and sisters. It was a great surprise to his friends that he made no will, as it was clearly his intention to do so. He left a large estate with no direct heirs. Thus ended the life of one of the most prominent business men and valuable citizens of Terre Haute. He was the intimate and special friend as well as the confidant of Chauncey Rose, and was his trusted representative in the distribution of his great benefactions. He was president of the board of managers of the Rose Polytechnic Institute. Immediately after his death the board met and passed a series of resolutions expressive of the sentiment of the entire community, as follows:

This board has lost a valuable coadjutor; the cause of education a liberal, but unpretending friend; and this community a public-spirited and upright citizen. Therefore it is proper that we put upon record our sincere regret for the loss we have sustained, our appreciation of his services in the management of the trust in which he took such a lively interest, and our acknowledgment of his uniform courtesy and deference to the opinion of his associates—the unfailing mark of a true gentleman.

The board of directors of the Iron and Nail Works held a meeting, and among other things, said: “For a number of years he was the efficient president who brought success and character to this company, by his untiring energy and unblemished integrity. A good citizen—with a tender heart and open hand—his work extended to the whole community. This board sincerely deplores his death.” Mr. Nippert occupied many other positions of trust and responsibility with characteristic energy, ability and fidelity. He was president of the Rose Dispensary, president of the Terre Haute Gas Light Company, Director of the National State Bank; director of the Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad, and had much to do with the administration of many important public and private trusts. The Fort Harrison Club adopted the following resolutions:

Mr. Nippert was a citizen of Terre Haute for more than forty years. He was all the time engaged in business, and through all his career his integrity was never even the subject of discussion. In the death of Firmin Nippert, Terre Haute has lost a valuable citizen, and this club one of its urbane and generous members. We mourn his loss as citizens and as members of this club.

The earthly record of Firmin Nippert closed forever, without one spot or stain to mar its fair page. In every relation of life, he was a just and true man. He was faithful and conscientious in the discharge of every duty. His aims were just and his methods honorable. He had business transactions with thousands of people, which, in the aggregate, amounted to vast sums of money, but no

one ever impeached the honor or questioned the integrity of Firmin Nippert. An ill-gathered dollar never soiled the palm of his hand. He was kind, gentle and modest, and "had a tear for pity and a hand open as day for melting charity." He was unostentatious but liberal in his benefactions, and paid generous tribute to every charitable enterprise. He was the friend of the friendless and the unfortunate, and "sent no one empty away." His employes and assistants honored, loved and revered him, and not one of them ever claimed to have been wronged or neglected by Mr. Nippert. Such a well-rounded character furnishes a noble example for imitation and emulation.

E. W. NOEL, with C. Schmidt & Co., No. 651 Wabash avenue, Terre Haute, is a native of Mount Vernon, Ind., born March 19, 1853. His parents were W. J. L. and Harriet (Nettleton) Noel, natives of Indiana. Mr. Noel's grandparents were pioneer settlers of Posey county, Ind. His grandfather was born in Pennsylvania, June 16, 1792, and died in Mount Vernon at the age of ninety-five. He served as fifer in the War of 1812. Mr. Noel's grandmother, whose maiden name was Johnson, was born in Ireland, June 24, 1792, and died at the age of eighty-eight years. His father is a retired merchant, a resident of Mount Vernon. His mother died in 1876. Mr. Noel is the youngest of two children that grew to maturity, two having died in infancy. He received a public-school education in Mount Vernon, then clerked in his father's dry-goods store until he grew to manhood, when he engaged in the music business, which he followed in his native home for about six years. He came to Terre Haute in the spring of 1890 with C. Schmidt & Co., and they opened their music store, May 1, 1890, where they handle a full line of musical merchandise. In pianos they handle the George Steck, William Knabe, Behning and Wheelock; in organs, Neuman Bros., Wilcox and the White. Mr. Noel was married in Mount Vernon, June 8, 1883, to Miss Ida B., daughter of George Dismer, of Mound City, Ill., a native of Germany. She is the fifth in a family of eight children, born in Mound City in 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Noel have one daughter, Harriet E. Mr. Noel is a member of the K. of P., No. 125, and is also a member of the A. O. U. W., at Mount Vernon, No. 81. In politics he is a Republican.

EDWIN O'BOYLE. Among the enterprising business men of Terre Haute, we make mention of this gentleman. He was born August 5, 1854, in Terre Haute, Ind., and although a young man has seen many changes in the city. He is a son of J. H. O'Boyle, a native of Winchester county, Va., who settled in Terre Haute in 1850, where he died in 1882. He was a leather dealer and a prominent business man. Edwin, who is the eldest in a family of six

children, prepared for college in the Terre Haute schools, then entered the Wabash College, and took a full classical course. He was first a salesman in his father's wholesale leather store, and then took an interest in the business, which after his father's death he carried on alone for a time. He is now out of the leather business and is a partner in the pants manufacturing business of Terre Haute. In his political preferences he is a Democrat.

JACOB W. OGLE, M. D., Prairieton township, P. O. Prairieton, was born in Butler county, Ohio, February 10, 1823, a son of Jacob and Sarah (Beatty) Ogle, natives of Dauphin county, Penn., former of whom was of English and German descent, and latter of Irish. The father was a tailor by trade, and was engaged in mercantile business for some time, but during the latter part of his life he followed farming. They moved to Butler county, Ohio, in 1813, and remained there until 1839 when they moved to this county. The father was born October 9, 1791, and died June 28, 1867. The mother was born December 28, 1790, and died October 3, 1871. The grandfather of our subject was William, the great-grandfather was John, and the great-great-grandfather, surnamed "John, the Emigrant," came with Lord Baltimore from England, and had grants of land. Jacob and Sarah Ogle had a family of eight children, of whom Jacob W. is the fourth. He was married December 2, 1851, to Eliza J. Ferguson, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Lee) Ferguson, natives of Butler county, Ohio, and pioneer settlers of this county, her father being a farmer. He was of Scotch descent, and the mother of English. They had a family of eight children who grew to maturity, of whom Eliza J. was the youngest, born June 28, 1826. Dr. and Mrs. Ogle had born to them a family of six children, viz.: Mary M., deceased wife of Lamise White; Sarah E., wife of B. R. White; J. B., deceased; Fred H. L., who married Agnes Ball; Blanche, wife of William Farmer, and Frank F. The Doctor received his early education in the common schools of Butler county, Ohio; then attended the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, and graduated there in 1845. He worked for a short time on the farm, and then in 1846 began the study of medicine under his brother-in-law, remaining with him about three years. He next attended lectures at the Ohio Medical College during the winters of 1848-49. The Doctor went to California in the spring of 1849, and engaged in the practice of medicine, and also mined, until 1851. He then came back to this county, and turned his attention to farming, but was burned out in the second year. In 1863 he attended Rush Medical College, in Chicago, Ill., and graduated there; then practiced medicine in Prairieton two years, when he moved in 1865 on the farm where he now resides. He owns

three well-cultivated farms of 400 acres. Mrs. Ogle died July 1, 1884, a consistent member of the Baptist Church. The Doctor is a Democrat, and has served two terms as township assessor. He has in his possession a small box made of copper and brass that has been in the family since some time before the Revolution; it was captured from the Indians, and the record that his grandfather left was that William Penn gave it to the Indians.

CHARLES ORTH, farmer and stock-grower, Otter Creek township, P. O. Edwards, was born in Otter Creek township, Vigo Co., Ind., December 30, 1858, and is the son of Lewis and Catherine Orth. His father was a farmer during his lifetime, and came to Vigo county among the earliest settlers of Otter Creek, where he spent the remaining portion of his life, and died in 1877. His family consisted of thirteen children, of whom eleven are living, Charles being next to the youngest. He was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the district schools, and has been successful in his chosen vocation. He is the owner of a well-improved farm of 154 acres, where he now resides. He was married February 27, 1884, to Miss Mary, daughter of Harrison and Luna L. Denny, natives of France, but who spent many years of their lives in this county. The mother was born in New York, the father in Otter Creek township, Vigo Co., Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Orth have two children: Herbert and Carrie. In politics he is a Democrat.

JACOB ORTH, farmer and stock-grower, Otter Creek township, P. O. Edwards, was born in Warren county, Ohio, near Lebanon, May 1, 1842, and is a son of Lewis and Catherine Orth, natives of Germany, who came from that country to America, locating in Pennsylvania, and in 1832 removed to Ohio, thence came to Indiana, in 1856, and settled near Terre Haute, where he carried on farming; he died in Otter Creek township in 1877. Jacob, who is next to the eldest in a family of thirteen children, received his schooling in his native county, but for the most part was reared in Otter Creek township, this county. He chose farming as a business, and has followed that all his life, having made his own way in the world, and is now the owner of 100 acres of well-improved land, where he resides in Otter Creek township. He was married September 4, 1872, to Miss Lucy E., daughter of Thomas Witham, and born in this county, of English descent. This union has been blessed with three children: Frank Lewis, Frederick J. and Charles W. In politics Mr. Orth is a Democrat, and has served as justice of the peace; has also been school director, and takes an active interest in the cause of education. He is a Master Mason, a member of lodge at Terre Haute.

GEORGE C. OVERPECK, farmer and stock-grower, Otter Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born in Preble county, Ohio, November 12, 1859, and is a son of J. W. and Sarah Jane (Randolph) Overpeck, natives of Ohio and of English and German descent. In early life the father was a carpenter and contractor, but later he followed farming. He came to this county in 1868, and settled on a farm in Otter Creek township, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1887. His children are George C., Mack and Frederick, all energetic and industrious, and doing well. Mack owns the farm adjoining George's land, is married and has one son, Carl Clifton. George C. was reared on the farm, attending the common schools in the township, and, following in the footsteps of his ancestors, became a farmer. He owns a well-improved farm of seventy acres, on which he resides. Mr. Overpeck was married in this county, October 20, 1886, to Miss Mattie, daughter of E. A. Phillips, a farmer of Harrison township. She is of Irish and English descent. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Overpeck has been blessed with one child, Helen. In politics our subject is a Democrat.

F. M. OWEN, blacksmith, Terre Haute, is a native of Lawrence county, Ind., born August 1, 1840, a son of M. D. H. and Anna (Gainey) Owen, natives of Indiana, who moved to Greene county, in 1856. The father was a blacksmith, and died in the last named county in 1859, at the age of fifty years; the mother died in 1872, at the age of sixty years. F. M. Owen, who is the fourth in a family of seven children who grew to maturity, received a common-school education, and learned the blacksmith's trade with his father. He started a shop at Island Grove, Greene county, and worked there until the breaking out of the Civil war. July 6, 1861, he enlisted in the Twenty-first Ind. V. I. as musician, and was mustered out September 11, 1862, at Camp Carlton, New Orleans, La. In April, 1864, he re-enlisted in the Twenty-fourth Ind. V. I., again as musician, and was mustered out at Galveston, Tex., in November, 1865. Returning to Greene county he worked at his trade until 1871, when he moved to Bloomfield, Ind., where he remained until 1875, when he removed to Terre Haute, and has here since followed his trade. Mr. Owen was married in Greene county, Ind., April 30, 1868, to Miss Nancy McClung, daughter of James and Martha (Skurlock) McClung, natives of Ohio. Mrs. Owen is the eldest in a family of five children, and was born in Jackson county, Ohio, September 13, 1845. Mr. and Mrs. Owen had born to them seven children, viz.: Alex. T. (deceased); William H., Francis M. (deceased); Fred; Rollie, deceased; Ray and Oscar. The parents are both members of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Owen is a Republican in politics.

J. A. PARKER, iron manufacturer, Terre Haute. In the ranks of the successful business men who have accumulated a handsome fortune by their own energies and industry stands this gentleman. Mr. Parker was born in Kennebec county, Me., March 20, 1830, and is the eldest son of Jacob R. and Louise R. (Robinson) Parker, natives of Maine, and of Scotch-Irish and English descent. The father, who had been a hotel keeper, died in Kennebec county, Me., in 1879. His family consisted of six sons and six daughters, eleven of whom grew to their majority. Our subject received his education in his native county, where he remained until he reached his legal age, when he went to Boston, and learned his trade in the locomotive works. Having served his full time as an apprentice, he was employed on the railroad in Maine as a locomotive engineer. In 1851 he came West, and followed railroading two years, with headquarters at Terre Haute. In 1852 he accepted a position as master mechanic at Greenville, Ohio, in the employ of the Greenville & Miami Railroad Company, where he remained three years. He then went to York, Ill., and was engaged in the lumber business for the following three years; then moved to Hudsonville, Ill., and continued the lumber trade, in connection with which he established a planing-mill. Subsequently he purchased a farm of 600 acres, which he now owns, and which has every modern improvement; in this and the fine thoroughbred animals (for he gives much attention to the raising of fine stock) he takes great interest. In 1871 he bought the Eagle Iron Works, Terre Haute, becoming the successor of W. J. Ball & Co. His long experience, skill and training in the mechanical arts have eminently qualified him to become a successful iron master. He operated the mills until 1890, employing from forty to fifty men. He is ably assisted by his two sons, George W. and Thacker A., young men of industry and ability, who are forging their way to the front ranks of active and prominent young business men. Mr. Parker was united in marriage, in Maine, to Miss Elizabeth Wentworth, a granddaughter of Ex-Gov. Wentworth, and this union has been blessed with five children, viz.: Gertrude, wife of R. Geddes; Mary J., wife of John C. Warren, county clerk of Vigo; George W. and Thacker A., who are with their father in business; and Beth. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are members of the Baptist Church, of which he is trustee, and of the Sabbath-school, of which he has been superintendent. He is a Sir Knight Templar, in politics a Republican.

G. R. PARSONS, general superintendent of the Coleman Heading Factory, Terre Haute, is a native of Delaware county, Ind., born June 11, 1846, and is a son of George and Martha (Shidder) Parsons, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, and of En-

glish and Scotch descent, respectively. The family came west in 1832, and made their settlement in Delaware county. The father was a blacksmith in early manhood, but became a prominent Indiana farmer, improving a fine farm of a half section, a large portion of it being in the rich and fertile bottom lands; he died at his farm home in 1858. The family of children were seven boys, of whom G. R. is the third in order of birth. He grew to his majority in the family home, going to the neighborhood schools, and assisting at the farm work after the fashion of the average farm boy, who is taught at home as thorough lessons in industry and frugality as in the books at school. When sufficiently advanced, he became a pupil in the high school, and mastered well the rudiments of a sound English education. His earliest launch in the wide world on his own behalf was to volunteer in the cause of his country, and go to war when but little over fifteen years of age—enlisting in Company E, Nineteenth Ind. V. I.; then re-enlisting at the end of this term of service, he remained in the army during the whole of those dark and bloody days, participating in many of the most sanguinary battles of the war. He was at the second Bull Run, Antietam, Gettysburg and many others, and was mustered out of the service September 14, 1865. It is enough to indicate the nature of his service to say that he was a member of the "Iron Brigade," and was present at the charge of the bridge that ended the battle of Antietam.

G. R. Parsons and Catherine Kiger were united in wedlock in Delaware county, Ind., in 1868; she is a daughter of William Kiger, of Irish and German descent, and of this union are the following named children: Martha J., William D., Mabel A. and Joseph M. When Mr. Parsons left the army he returned to his old home in Delaware county. During the past seventeen years he has been superintendent of the different Coleman heading factories, of which there are plants in Indianapolis, Vreederburg, Paris (Ill.) and Terre Haute, the latter of which is now (September, 1890,) in rapid course of completion. He has worked his way up the rounds of the ladder, a fine type and specimen of the American powers of adaptation—a good soldier while there is war, and a leading man in one of our most important industries when peace broods over the land. In political matters he affiliates with the Republican party. He is past commander of Major Anderson Post, No. 369, G. A. R., at Indianapolis; is a Master Mason, a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P. and of the Christian Church, of which he and his wife are exemplary and valuable coefficients. Having a general superintendence of the system of factories, it is his intention to make Terre Haute his headquarters and permanent home, and the family will be a pleasant acquisition to the city's society.

T. J. PATTON is extensively engaged in the butcher business, and is the owner and proprietor of a large meat market in Terre Haute. He was born in Brown county, Ohio, September 15, 1845, and is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Sandsburry) Patton, former a native of Ohio, latter of Virginia, and who were of Scotch-Irish and Dutch descent. The father, who was a trader, was a member of the Seventh Indiana Light Artillery, and was killed at the battle of Murfreesboro. Our subject, who is the third in a family of six children, was reared in Brown county, Ohio, where he attended the common schools. In 1858 he came to Terre Haute, and followed farming until 1866, when he engaged in the meat business, which he has followed since with more than average success. He was married, in 1870, to Miss Emma, daughter of John Vest, and a relative of Senator Vest, of Missouri. This union has been blessed with four children: Ada, Frederick, Grace and Samuel. Mrs. Patton is a member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Patton is a member of the Masonic fraternity; also of the I. O. O. F. He enlisted, in 1864, in the One Hundred and Thirty-third Ind. V. I., Company E, and became a non-commissioned officer. His success in life is entirely due to his own energy and perseverance.

JOSEPH PECK, farmer and stock-grower, P. O. Terre Haute. This gentleman is a retired farmer, residing in Section 2, Harrison township, where he owns fifty acres of excellent land, having also twenty acres in Section 11. He is a native of Yorkshire, England, and was born April 11, 1821, a son of Simeon and Jane (Rutledge) Peck, both natives of England and of English descent. They came to America in 1834, and settled on the farm. The father died in Illinois, in 1870, and the mother in this county, in 1847. They were the parents of five children, two of whom are living: Richard, in Christian county, Ill., and Joseph. Our subject was reared on a farm, receiving but little early education. He was married in Vigo county, Ind., in 1842, to Miss Emily, daughter of Solomon Allen, and born in West Virginia in 1819. They had two children: William Harvey, born December 23, 1851, died July 5, 1852, and Simon Allen, born November 13, 1853, who was married to Martha Strong, a native of Parke county, Ind., and they are the parents of three children: Walter R., Bertha and Emily. Simon A. owns twenty acres of land in Section 10. Joseph Peck is a self-made man, starting in life poor, but by hard labor and good habits he has accumulated a nice property. He is highly respected in the neighborhood of where he resides. He is a modest and unassuming man, and has never sought or held any office.

ALFRED B. PEGG, P. O. Terre Haute. This is one of the old and respected pioneers of Vigo county. He resides on section

25, Harrison township, where he has fifty-eight acres of excellent farm land, with a comfortable residence and good outbuildings. He is a native of Guilford county, N. C., and was born June 22, 1821, a son of Wiley and Phira (Merideth) Pegg, who were married in North Carolina and there died—the mother when Alfred B. was two weeks old, and the father when he was six years old. Our subject was reared on a farm and has followed that vocation, except during the time he worked at the cooper's trade. He came to Indiana in 1831 with his uncle, Nathan Merideth, and to Vigo county in 1837. He was married in this county, in 1842, to Eva A. Brown, a native of Ohio. They have no children. Mr. Pegg is a Republican, and has held the office of county commissioner eighteen months. He was real-estate appraiser four years; also trustee of Lost Creek township, this county. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM A. PEKER, of the firm of Pekar Bros., dealers in staple and fancy groceries, Terre Haute, was born in Bismarck, Germany, August 27, 1848, and is the second in the family of four children, of Carl and Louisa (Schmidt) Pekar. Our subject was married in Terre Haute, Ind., April 17, 1877, to Rosa, daughter of Frank F. and Ida (Nonnenbruch) Schmidt, natives of Germany. Mrs. Pekar is the eldest in a family of four children, and was born in Terre Haute, August 30, 1857. Mr. and Mrs. Pekar have three children: Eda, Carl and Ottelia. Mr. Pekar first learned the blacksmith's trade in the Vandalia Railroad shops, and followed same six years; then clerked in a queensware store for three years, and was afterward engaged in the coal-oil business for ten years, and then embarked in the grocery business where he is located at the present time, and where the firm have an extensive and growing trade. In politics Mr. Pekar is a Democrat.

FRANK F. PEKER, township trustee, Terre Haute, was born in Bismarck, Germany, and is the youngest in the family of four children of Carl and Louisa (Schmidt) Pekar. He was married October 27, 1881, in Terre Haute, to Matilda, daughter of Jacob Seitz, and who died September 12, 1886. Mr. Pekar came from Germany to Clark county, Ill., when he was five years old, and remained there until 1866, when he moved to Terre Haute. He received his education in the schools of that city, and clerked in a grocery store for a short time; also worked as hostler for Judge Mack, about seven months; was in the picture-frame business, nine months, and was with H. G. Richardson in the queensware trade, three years. He then engaged in the coal-oil business, which he followed for seven years, from 1874 to 1881; was in the saloon business from 1881 to 1887, and, selling out, he embarked, in company

with his brother, in the grocery business in 1888, but sold his interest in same year, having been elected township trustee. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Humbolt Lodge, No. 42, also of the K. of P., Oriole Lodge, No. 81; the Knights of Honor; the Red Men and of the Occidental Literary Club, in which latter he has held all the offices. He is a member of the Terre Haute Liquor Dealers Association, and of the Nest of Order of Owls; in politics he is a Democrat.

ALLEN PENCE, M. D., Terre Haute, was born September 8, 1819, near Urbana, Champaign Co., Ohio, the second in a family of three children of Joseph and Sarah (Rector) Pence, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, and of German and English descent, respectively. The family were agriculturists, and here Allen grew to manhood, giving the schools of the neighborhood about the usual attendance of a farmer's boy. He was studious and apt, and used the out-of-school hours to such advantage that at the age of sixteen he was considered qualified to teach, and accordingly he opened a school in Logan county, Ill. When eighteen years old he commenced a course of reading medicine, and completed his reading when aged twenty-one. He taught school but a short time, then read medicine in Springfield, Ill., in 1837, and in 1844 he came to Terre Haute, where he opened his office for the practice of medicine, patriotically on the 4th of July, and is now the oldest practicing physician in the city. In May, 1852, he laid in a small stock of drugs, and his new enterprise began to thrive, this stock being increased little by little as the wants of the trade demanded, and he has in his employ at all times two or three practical drug clerks. His business is located at the southwest corner of Second and Ohio streets, in what is known as Pence's Hall, a three-story brick structure. Pence's Hall or the third story, is 44x75 feet in size. In the rear of the main building is a three-story brick structure 25x65 feet, the first floor of which is devoted to office purposes. Dr. Pence was elected alderman by the Democrats in 1858 and by the Republicans in 1862; also held the office of city commissioner in 1872. Dr. Pence opened his first office in Danville, Ill., and from there came to Terre Haute. He has been twice married, and his present companion was Louise Weinhardt. She is one of the prominent and active workers of the Ladies' Aid Society.

WILLIAM G. PENNINGTON, farmer and stock-grower, Fayette township, P. O. Sandford, was born in Vigo county, Ind., January 8, 1836, and is a son of Henry and Hannah (Gannon) Pennington, former born in North Carolina of English descent, latter in Kentucky, of Irish. The father died in 1888; the mother still survives. The father was a successful farmer, owner of a considerable

estate at the time of his death. He was an industrious man, and made his own unaided way in the world. The maternal grandfather, William Gannon, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and a pensioner, died in 1845. William G. is the eldest in a family of eight children, all of whom survive, and, as is often the case, he was the "first boy" with his father while he was working to accumulate his possessions, doing his share of the labor on the farm from the time he was quite young, and before he was full grown he generally worked as a full farm hand. He has literally followed in the footsteps of his father, and naturally has chosen farming as a business; he has met with more than average success, and has a farm of 300 acres. He attended the district school, and also the high school of Terre Haute. Mr. Pennington was married in 1860 to Miss Martha Wiles, of German origin, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Ray) Wiles, former having been a farmer during his life. Mr. and Mrs. Pennington have eight children: Joseph Henry, George, Mary, Emma, Eva, Olive, Rosa and Oka. Mr. Pennington is among the oldest men now living who were born in Vigo county—an honest, industrious and highly respected citizen. His father, by his will, gave all his property to a younger brother, and William G. had from the start to rely upon himself, alone.

J. B. PENNINGTON, farmer and stock-grower, Fayette township, P. O. Sandford, was born in Edgar county, Ill., March 3, 1842, and is a son of Henry and Hannah (Gannon) Pennington, former of English latter of Irish descent. The mother is still living. The father, who was a successful farmer, died in 1888. The mother, who is the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, is now in her seventy-ninth year. They reared a family of seven children, Jabel B. being the fifth in order of birth of those now living. He was reared on the farm, attending the district school of the neighborhood, and is now a successful agriculturist, the owner of a farm of 163 acres. He has been twice married, the first time, in 1872, to Laura, daughter of James Pickerel, and of German origin. She died in 1887 leaving four children viz.: Marion; Mary, deceased; Ella and Susan. Mr. Pennington's second wife was Miss Mattie, daughter of William Parker, and of German origin. Our subject has taken charge of his parents in the declining years of their lives. He has always been industrious and energetic, and as a consequence has been successful in his undertakings.

JOHN ALLEN PETERS, an old and prominent citizen of Pierson township, was born in Henry county, Ky., August 7, 1825, and is a son of Joseph and Frances M. (Cheatham) Peters, former of whom was a son of John Peters, a native of England, and a farmer. Joseph Peters, who was a successful farmer, and in poli-

tics a Democrat, died in Boone county, Ind., in August, 1870, when about seventy-two years of age; his widow would be eighty-six years of age in 1890. They were for many years members of the Baptist Church, she for seventy years or longer. They had six sons and five daughters, John Allen being the third in order of birth, and four sons and two daughters are still living, viz.: James M., John Allen, Joseph T., Wesley C., Martha C. and Dolly Ann. John Allen Peters spent his school days in Kentucky, and March 7, 1840, came with his parents to Boone county, Ind., where he remained on his father's farm until twenty-three years of age, when he located on the Miami Reserve; a year later he sold to good advantage, and went to Tipton county. After four years he sold and came to Vigo county, when Pierson township was sparsely settled, and the splendid farm of 240 acres which he now owns was timberland. By great industry and perseverance this has been cleared and improved. August 7, 1845, Mr. Peters married Elizabeth, daughter of George Johns, and born in Harrison county, Ind., in 1817, and died September 3, 1870; she had been a member of the New Light Church many years. She was the mother of seven children, four of whom are living: George W., trustee of the township [See his sketch.]; Joseph T., Jr.; Sarah F., wife of George W. Taylor, and John S.; those dead are William H., William P. and Eliza A. In April, 1871, Mr. Peters married Eliza, daughter of Joseph Orr, and born in Switzerland county, Ind., November 20, 1828. Mr. and Mrs. Peters and one son, Ira W., are members of the U. B. Church, of which he is a trustee. He is a member of the F. M. B. A., and is one of the influential leaders of the Democratic party in his township, always taking an active part in the councils of his party.

GEORGE W. PETERS, trustee of Pierson township, P. O. Lewis. The people of Pierson township are to be congratulated on having for their trustee one who so ably fills that position at the present time. Mr. Peters is a son of John Allen and Elizabeth (Johns) Peters, and was born in Tipton county, Ind., December 9, 1847. His parents came to Vigo county when he was a child, and here he grew to maturity, attending the district schools when there were any, and working on his father's farm during the farming season. At the age of twenty years life was begun by him in earnest, and farming became his principal occupation; for the next seven years land was rented, at the end of which time he purchased land, and he is now the owner of a well-improved farm near Centerville. In 1868 politics engaged a certain portion of his time, and he was then elected constable of the township, which office he filled in an acceptable manner, two years; again, in 1884, his friends saw fit to

give him the same office. In 1888 he was elected trustee of the township, and was re-elected in 1890, for a term of four years. June 27, 1867, Mr. Peters was married to Miss Malissa D., daughter of Jacob Taylor, and born in this county, January 19, 1848. She died May 20, 1879, a member of the Christian Church. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Peters was blessed with five children, four of whom are living, as follows: Flora C., wife of George Johnson; Elizabeth E., James E. and Lou Eva, all at home; William T. died when about one year old. July 25, 1883, Mr. Peters married Elizabeth, daughter of William Alger, and born in Greene county, Ind., May 3, 1861, by which union there are three children: Grace, Herman A. and Arpie O. Mr. and Mrs. Peters are members of the Christian Church. He is clerk of Comet Lodge, No. 615, I. O. O. F., and has represented it in the Grand Lodge of the State; is also a member of the F. M. B. A.; in politics he is a Democrat.

JOSEPH THOMAS PETERS, Pierson township, P. O. Pimento. Vigo county is one of the foremost in Indiana, and it owes this enviable position to the enterprise and industry of its inhabitants. One who has done much toward the upbuilding of the community in which he lives is the gentleman whose name opens this brief sketch. He is a son of Joseph and Frances M. (Cheatham) Peters [See sketch of J. A. Peters.], and was born in Henry county, Ky., June 28, 1838. He spent his school days in Boone county, Ind., grew to maturity on his father's farm, and at the age of twenty began farming and dealing in stock on his own account. In 1866 he removed to Pierson township, this county, where he now owns one of the best improved farms in the township. June 3, 1858, Mr. Peters was married to Miss Sarah A. Layton, a native of Howard county, Ind., daughter of Preston Layton, who was a native of Kentucky, and died in Kansas after living, for a time in Howard county, Ind. To Mr. and Mrs. Peters seven children have been born, as follows; Malisa, wife of J. L. Weeks; John W., a farmer of Pierson township; Malinda, wife of D. V. Weeks; Sarah E., wife of Henry W. Payne; Joseph P., at home; Clara E., wife of Ben Payne; and William T., at home. Mrs. Peters is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Peters was elected assessor of Pierson township, in 1868, and gave good satisfaction in his official capacity. Like all the Peters family he advocates and votes the straight Democratic ticket. As a citizen he is highly respected by all who know him.

JAMES N. PHILLIPS, ex-county recorder, farmer and stock-grower, P. O. Terre Haute, was born in Terre Haute, Ind., May 14, 1839, and is the son of Aquilla and Matilda (Dudley) Phillips, natives of Maryland and of English descent. The father was a farmer all his life, coming from Maryland with his family in 1837, and

settling in Terre Haute. He subsequently moved on a farm in Harrison township, where he died in 1875. James N. who is the third in a family of eight children, attended the district school and the college at Greencastle, Ind., and Asbury University. He chose farming as a business, and has been successful. He is the owner of western land, and deals in real estate in Kansas; is also engaged in the salt business, and is vice-president of the Crystal Salt Works at Hutchinson, Kas. He owns valuable real estate in Vigo county, his farm in Otter Creek township consisting of 175 acres of valuable land worth nearly \$100 per acre; it is situated four miles north of Terre Haute, on the Lafayette gravel road. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served eight years as recorder of Vigo county. In 1862 he enlisted in the Seventy-first Ill. V. I., Company F. When the company was organized he was elected second lieutenant, in which capacity he served until his term expired. When he returned home he resumed farming. He was married August 15, 1865, to Miss Julia E. Balding, daughter of Nathan Balding, and their family consists of seven children, viz.: Helen; C. A.; Ransom B.; Frank; Edith; Linnie and Wallace. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is trustee of the Rosedale Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Master Mason. Mr. Phillips has many friends in Vigo county.

JAMES M. PICKENS, retired farmer, Riley, was born in Riley township, Vigo county, Ind., March 13, 1832, and is a son of James and Francis N. (Cowherd) Pickens, natives of Virginia and South Carolina, and of English descent, former of whom was born in 1787 in South Carolina, latter in 1791 in Virginia. They came to this county in 1829, and settled on a farm, or rather, in the wilderness, where they made a farm. The father died in 1840 and the mother in 1885, at the advanced age of ninety-five, having lived under all the Presidents from George Washington to Grover Cleveland. Of their eight children seven are living, James M. being the fifth. He was reared on the farm, received his education in the common schools in Riley township, and then followed farming until 1885, having made his own way in the world, since when he has resided in Riley. He still owns his farm consisting of 130 acres of well-improved land. Mr. Pickens was married in Riley township, in 1862, to Miss Eliza Arnold, who died in 1863. His present wife was Mrs. Williams, who has two children by her first husband, viz.: Jane, wife of James F. Pierce (they have two children, Zella May and Eva), and Josephine, wife of Phelix Roll (they have one child, Bert). Mrs. Pickens is the daughter of James and Eliza (Hartley) Pringle, who were of German and Irish descent, and she was born June 27, 1832. Mr. and Mrs. Pickens are members of the Chris-

tian Church, and he is a Master Mason. In 1864 he enlisted in the Fifty-seventh Ind. V. I., Company E, and was in several battles, serving until the close of the war. Mr. and Mrs. Pickens have an adopted son, Fred Lee, who is now in the high school.

MOSES PIERSON, of the firm of Pierson & Brother, dealers in lumber, lath and shingles, No. 212 South Nine-and-a-half street, Terre Haute, is a native of Vigo county, and was born in 1842. His father, Moses Pierson, was born in Kentucky, and emigrated from his native State to Vigo county about 1825, where he entered land and commenced to improve it. In time he became one of Vigo county's most extensive farmers. In early days he engaged in the New Orleans trade—loading many boats with Washash products for New Orleans, and buying in return sugar, molasses, rice and foreign goods. He died in 1845 at New Orleans, while there on business. He left a valuable estate which he had accumulated by his own efforts. He was a pioneer and prominent citizen of this county, Pierson township being named in honor of him. His father, Isaac Pierson, also a native of Kentucky, came to Vigo county several years subsequent to his son Moses. Moses Pierson was married in this county to Miss Mary Liston, who was born in Ohio, and died in Vigo county in 1888. She was the mother of five sons and seven daughters, of whom three of the former and four of the latter are living. Our subject, who is the eleventh child, was reared and educated in Vigo county. In his twentieth year he enlisted in Company C, Eighty-fifth Regiment, Ind. V. I., and went to the war, participating in all the battles of the Atlanta campaign, only receiving a slight wound. In March, 1863, he was captured at Spring Hill, Tenn., and taken to Libby prison, where he was confined thirty days. He was discharged from the army June 14, 1865, being then corporal, having been promoted. Soon after he was discharged he returned to Vigo county, where he remained until 1867, when he went to Owen county, Ind., where he engaged in general merchandising until 1882, when he returned to Terre Haute, and in 1884 formed a partnership with his brother in their present business. The trade of this firm amounts to \$75,000 annually. They are both enterprising and successful business men. The premises occupied for the business cover about three acres, and the firm sell both wholesale and retail.

Mr. Pierson was married in Monroe county, Ind., in 1874, to Miss Laura McNutt, a native of Tennessee, and they are blessed with three children: Mary, Charley and Frank. Mr. Pierson is a member of the G. A. R. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. He cast his first presidential vote for Seymour.

SAMUEL PIETY, P. O. Prairie Creek, a minister and evangelist of the Christian Church, resides on a nicely improved farm at Middletown, Prairie Creek township, the home of his birth, which occurred March 6, 1853. His parents, James D. and Laurinda (Thomas) Piety, were early settlers of this county. James D. Piety was born in Hardin county, Ky., in 1796, and died in April, 1875, on the farm where Samuel now resides, and which the latter's father purchased in 1826. He was a successful farmer and enterprising citizen, also a prominent member of the Christian Church. His father, Thomas Piety, who died in Knox county, Ind., was of English and Irish descent. Samuel's mother, who was of Welsh descent, was born in Vigo county in 1814, where she died in 1877. She was Mr. Piety's second wife, by which marriage three sons and six daughters were born, of whom two sons and four daughters are living, Samuel being the eighth child. When a boy our subject attended the common schools, subsequently the State University at Champaign, Ill., and Butler University of Indiana. Mr. Piety was married April 8, 1875, to Miss Mary R. De Bauw, a native of this county, born in 1857, and they are blessed with three children, viz.: Marcus D., Edith B. and John H. Mr. Piety has been in the ministry since 1879, traveling in several different States as an evangelist. He is an active member of the Masonic fraternity. He was formerly a Republican, casting his first vote for R. B. Hayes, but is now a Prohibitionist. Mrs. Piety is a member of the Christian Church.

WILLIAM T. PITTINGER, farmer and stock-grower, Fayette township, P. O. New Goshen, is among the oldest settlers in his township. He was born in Ross county, Ohio, April 22, 1824, and is a son of James W. and Elizabeth (Browning) Pittenger, natives of Maryland, and of Scotch, German and English descent. The father, who was a farmer, located in Vigo county, in December, 1827, settling in what is now Otter Creek township, and died in 1834. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is the eldest of four children, and was reared on the farm, attending the old-fashioned log school-house in Vigo county. He worked out to get his start, has made his own way in the world, and is now the owner of 280 acres of valuable land where he resides. He was married in Vermillion county, Ind., to Miss Harriet M., daughter of Daniel and Eunice (Cole) McColough who were of Scotch descent, her father being a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Pittenger's children now living are H. M., and Lora, wife of Harry Morgan. Mr. and Mrs. Pittenger are members of the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Republican, has served as trustee of and justice of the peace in Fayette township, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. Squire Pittenger has the respect and best wishes of all who know him.

H. M. PITTENGER, farmer and stock-grower, Fayette township, P. O. New Goshen, was born in that township, October 13, 1858, and is the eldest in the family of three children (of whom two are now living) of W. T. and Harriet (McColough) Pittenger. He was reared in the township where he was born, receiving a common-school education, also attending the college at Danville, Ill., and the Commercial College at Terre Haute. He has been successful, financially, and has followed farming as a business. His well-improved farm in Fayette township, where he now resides, consists of eighty-two acres of valuable land. Mr. Pittenger was united in marriage, in 1880, with Miss Glen Dora, daughter of William and Charlotte Robinson, and of English descent, and the children born to our subject and wife are Inez and Hazel. Mrs. Pittenger is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Pittenger is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

HARVEY M. POUND, artist, Terre Haute, is a native of Spencer county, Ky., and was born November 28, 1831, a son of David and Massie (Sparks) Pound, natives of Kentucky, former of whom was of English and German and latter of English and Irish descent. They moved to this county in the spring of 1836. The father, who was a merchant and farmer, was born in 1800, and died August 29, 1880. Mrs. Pound was born August 1, 1807, and died September 15, 1887. Rev. Samuel K. Sparks, grandfather of our subject, organized the first Baptist Church in Terre Haute, and others in the county. Harvey M., who is the third in a family of eight children, received a common-school education in Terre Haute. In 1855 he went to California, where he followed mining, seven years, then returned to Terre Haute in the winter of 1862, and learned the photographer's art. He next went to Vincennes, Ind., and opened rooms, remaining eighteen months, when he returned to Terre Haute, and conducted a similar business ten years. He then turned his attention to portrait painting and crayon work, also doing some photographing. Mr. Pound was married in Terre Haute, October 30, 1865, to Elizabeth, daughter of Moses and Rebecca (Kester) Carr, natives of Kentucky, and early settlers of this county. Moses Carr was born July 11, 1796, and died in Clark county, Ill., December 14, 1849; Mrs. Carr was born December 13, 1794, and died in same county, September 6, 1844. Mrs. Pound is the seventh in a family of eight children, and was born in this county January 25, 1835. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Pound has been blessed with one daughter, Lenora. Mrs. Pound and her daughter are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Pound is a member of the A. O. U. W.; in politics he is a Republican.

IRVING PRESTON, of the firm of Preston & Harris, Terre Haute, was born at Richfield Springs, N. Y., July 21, 1837, and is a son of Volney and Martha (Johnston) Preston, natives of New Jersey, who died in New York. Irving, who is the younger of two children, received his education in the public schools of Richfield Springs, N. Y. In 1852 he went to Waupun, Wis., and clerked in a general store until 1861, when he engaged in the drug and grocery trade, in which, by good financiering and close application to business, he made a success. He sold out his store in 1874, and, coming to Vigo county, he here embarked in the farming and dairying business, and has continued in the same since. Mr. Preston was married in Waupun, Wis., August 21, 1863, to Carolina E., daughter of Jacob Jackson, who was a prominent and wealthy farmer of this county. Her mother's maiden name was Mary Donnelly; they were natives of Tennessee, and died in this county. Mrs. Preston is the third in a family of eight children, and was born in Terre Haute, May 10, 1842. Mr. and Mrs. Preston have had born to them four children: Gertrude, wife of Herman Hulman, Jr.; Mary, Carrie and Irving. Mrs. Preston is a member of the Congregational Church.

BARNETT PRICE, retired farmer and stock-grower, Riley township, was born in Franklin county, Ind., in August, 1823, and is a son of John and Leanore (Chapman) Price, natives of Delaware and of English descent. The father was a farmer, and came from Franklin county to Vigo in 1835. He was three times married, Barnett being the third son by the second wife, having four brothers and three sisters. Our subject was reared on the farm in Franklin county, Ind., attending the common schools, and became a farmer; has made his own way in the world, and has met with success. He has given each of his children a farm, and is the owner of the farm on which he resides, which contains 120 acres of well-improved land. Mr. Price was married October 31, 1844, to Miss Lucinda Pickens, who was born in Orange county, Ind., in 1826, a daughter of James Pickens, and sister of James M. Pickens, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume, where also may be found a brief history of her parents, who were among the pioneer settlers of this county. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Price has been blessed with six children, four of whom are living, viz.: John L. (unmarried, Theodore, Amos C. and Francis H.; one of the deceased is David C. All the sons are farmers, and own farms on which they reside. Mrs. Price is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Price has always attended closely to his business, and is generally at home; he has never traveled extensively, but what he lacks in that connection he has gained by reading. At one time he owned a half section of land. In politics he is a Democrat.

FRANK P. H. PROX, president and general manager of the Prox & Brinkman Manufacturing Company, successors to Frank Prox and the Phoenix Foundry & Machine Works. This gentleman is a first-class mechanic, and is also a great inventor, having invented the best steam and hot-water heating appliances on the market. The foundry and machine works, of which he is the head, are among the largest institutions of the kind in the West, and have the best of appliances for prompt work that money can buy. The pipe department, in which the heating department is included is the largest institution in the West, and has many large contracts to mark its great success, which is due to the proper management of so skilful a man as Mr. Prox.

Mr. Prox was born in Papenburg, Province Hanover, Germany, May 18, 1840, and is the youngest son of Carl Prox. At an early age he learned the trade of coppersmith, and continued to work at his trade in Germany until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he came to the United States, where he worked in Cincinnati for some time. In 1869 he came to Terre Haute, where he took the position of superintendent of the McGregor distillery, then the property of Herman Hulman, which position he held for six years. The great increase of capacity of this house, while Mr. Prox had the management, again proved him to be a good mechanic and business manager. He left the employ of the distillery in order to go into business with Mr. D. W. Watson, under the name of Watson & Prox; they engaged in gasfitting, coppersmithing and plumbing. The firm of Watson & Prox was then dissolved after two years of successful business, Mr. Prox retiring and starting up his present business at No. 677 Main street. The great amount of business that Mr. Prox transacted soon made the quarters at this place too small, so he built his own place at Nos. 17 and 19 North Ninth street, where he continued to spread out until he occupied a full half block, Nos. 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, North Ninth street. The rapid growth of business continued until he was forced to look for other quarters, and he then formed partnership again, under the firm name of Prox & Brinkman Manufacturing Co., who now occupy a solid block on North Ninth street, from Nos. 201 to 235, inclusive. This change of business was made on January 27, 1890, and the firm have been enjoying the best of success. Mr. Prox was married at Cincinnati October 6, 1868, to Miss Agnes Middendorff, also a native of Germany, but who moved to Cincinnati with her family when but a child. This union was blessed with three children, viz.: Herman (the eldest), who is assistant general manager of the pipe department; Anton, who is serving his time in the heating and plumbing department, and Theodore, attending college.

The family belong to the Catholic Church, and Mr. Prox is vice-president of the Catholic Benevolent Society, also a trustee of the German Catholic Church. Mr. Prox received his military training in Germany, where he served in the regular army. He is giving his children a good education so as to make them thoroughly practical business men.

W. B. PURCELL, dealer in boots and shoes, No. 623 Wabash avenue, Terre Haute, is a native of Vermillion, Edgar Co., Ill., and was born June 25, 1859. He is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Vermillion) Purcell, former a native of Tennessee, a farmer by occupation, and resident of Alton, Ill. Mrs. Purcell died in March, 1868, at the age of forty years. W. B. Purcell, who is the youngest in a family of seven children, left Vermillion when he was eleven years of age, and came to Terre Haute, received his education in the public schools, and graduated at the Commercial College. He clerked in a boot, shoe and queensware store, about five years, and then in a shoe store for D. C. Greiner, about three years. He then purchased Mr. Greiner's interest, and engaged in the boot and shoe business with Mr. Paddock as "Paddock & Purcell." They continued in business about two years and six months, when they sold out. Mr. Purcell then went on the road for a boot and shoe house, and traveled seven years; then embarked in the boot and shoe business where he is now located. He has prospered, and built up a nice growing trade, having had to depend on his own resources.

Mr. Purcell was married in Morgansfield, Ky., February 28, 1888, to Mary C., daughter of John R. and Nancy A. (McCabe) Miller, natives of Clark county, Ill. Her father was engaged in the mercantile trade until about four years ago, since which time he has been farming near the city. Mrs. Purcell is the fourth in a family of five children that grew to their majority, and was born in Clark county, Ill., April 14, 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Purcell had born to them one daughter, Ethel M. In politics he is a Republican.

DAVID W. RANKIN, retired hotel-keeper, Terre Haute, was born in Centre county, Penn., August 8, 1810, and is a son of Jeremiah and Sarah (Whitehill) Rankin, who were of Scotch descent, the father born in Cumberland county, Penn. David W., who is the eldest in a family of eight children, was reared in Centre county, Penn., on the farm, and attended the public schools. When he was nineteen years of age he served a regular apprenticeship at the cabinet-maker's trade, and in 1834 he came to Terre Haute, being among the early settlers of this county, and carried on the cabinet-maker's trade some twenty years. He kept a hotel on Fourth Street for several years; then sold and built a hotel on Ninth Street, and was engaged in the business there nineteen years. He was success-

ful in his undertakings, and is now living a retired life. Mr. Rankin was united in marriage, in 1836, with Miss Ann Mary, daughter of Caleb and Phœbe E. Crawford, and of Scotch-Irish descent. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rankin, and now living, are Sarah E., Morton C. and Oscar; Emeline is deceased. Mrs. Rankin died in 1888, in her seventy-sixth year.

MORTON C. RANKIN, lumber dealer, Terre Haute, was born in Terre Haute, Ind., October 10, 1840, and is a son of David W. Rankin. He was reared in Terre Haute, and attended the public schools. In 1862 he enlisted in the Seventy-first Ind. V. I., Company B, was wounded four times, and also taken prisoner, and was discharged for disability in 1862. When he returned from the army he became engaged as a salesman in Terre Haute, and was thus employed until 1872, since when he has been in the lumber business. He takes an active interest in politics; is a member of the G. A. R., and of the I. O. O. F. In 1864 he was united in marriage with Miss Angeline L. Layton, and they have two children: Mary Arnetta and Morton L.

W. R. RAY, Riley township. Among the prominent farmers and native-born citizens of Riley township, prominent mention is due to W. R. Ray, the present township trustee. He was born December 25, 1835, and is a son of John W. and Rebecca (Crumb) Ray, former of whom is now in his eighty-seventh year. The father has lived to see Riley township change from a wild wilderness to its present form, having come to this county in 1818, and resided here continuously since. He now lives a retired life. W. R. Ray, who is the eldest son and next oldest in a family of eight children, was reared on the farm in Riley township, where he attended school until he was prepared to enter college, at Greencastle, Ind. After completing his education, he engaged in farming, meeting with great success, and he is now the owner of a well-improved farm, comprising 320 acres in Riley township. Mr. Ray was married November 4, 1858, to Miss Hester A., daughter of Dr. H. D. and Harriet (Gordon) Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Ray have had seven children, five of whom are living, as follows: John H., Miller S., Charles, Daisy and Anna. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Ray is trustee, steward and superintendent of the Sabbath-school. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., also of the K. of P., and is a Master Mason. Politically he is a staunch Republican.

W. S. REA, of the wholesale grocery firm of Bement, Rea & Co., Terre Haute. This enterprising firm have completed and removed to their new business house on Wabash avenue, one of the handsomest houses in the city. W. S. Rea, the junior partner, is a native of

the city, born November 22, 1838, and is a son of John Rea, who was a native of Philadelphia and of Scotch descent. His father was a merchant and came to Terre Haute in 1835, where he spent the remaining portion of his life. He died in 1488. W. S. Rea, who is the eldest of four children, spent four years at Wabash College, and then engaged in farming and stock-dealing until 1870, when he engaged in merchandising in a retail way for three years. In 1875 he embarked in his present business. He was married in 1875 to Geraldine A. Knecht, of Illinois. Mrs. Rea is a member of the First Congregational Church.

ALBERT J. REED, farmer and stock-grower, Lost Creek township, P. O. Seelyville, was born in Centre county, Penn., March 31, 1844, and is a son of John S. and Elizabeth (Hopper) Reed, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. The father was a farmer and stock-grower, and died in Pennsylvania in 1887. A. J. Reed was reared on a farm in Mifflin county, Penn., where he received a fair English education in the common schools, and early in life he commenced work on the Central Railroad, being in the employment of the company nineteen years in various positions, when he was promoted to conductor on train from Altoona to Harrisburg, which position he held for three years. In 1884 he came to Lost Creek township, and located on his farm where he yet resides, which consists of 120 acres of choice land. He enlisted August 15, 1862, in the One Hundred and Forty-ninth P. V. I., Company H. He participated in many battles and skirmishes, among them Wilderness, Chancellorsville, Rappahannock, Antietam, Gettysburg and Spottsylvania, where he was severely wounded by a gunshot which passed through his left lung. He was discharged March 19, 1865. Mr. Reed was married in Mifflin county, Penn., January 24, 1867, to Miss Anna C. daughter of Jacob and Maria (Hockeenbrought) Esterline, and is of German descent. They have two children: William and Charles. The family all take an interest in good reading. The sons are young men now, remarkably active and energetic, and Mr. and Mrs. Reed are justly proud of them. They treat them as companions, and advise with them in all business affairs. This is a model family where love and happiness prevail. Mr. Reed is quartermaster of Leslie Post No. 410, G. A. R., and is also a member of the K. of P. In politics he is a Republican.

EDWARD REED, attorney at law, Terre Haute, was born at Lewistown, Mifflin Co., Penn., February 22, 1850, and is a son of John S. and Elizabeth (Harper) Reed, natives of Pennsylvania and of English and German descent. The father, who had been a wagon-maker, died in 1887, at the age of seventy-three years; the mother is still living at the old home in Pennsylvania. Edward,

who is the seventh in a family of twelve children, spent his childhood in Mifflin county, Penn., where he attended the common schools and Kishoquillas Seminary, and then the Northwestern University, where he pursued the regular course until he reached the junior class, when his financial circumstances necessitated his retirement, and he engaged in teaching two years. He then commenced the study of law, and, being admitted to the bar, at once entered into the practice, in which he has met with marked success. He is the owner of considerable real estate in Terre Haute, as well as a well-improved farm near the city, which is well stocked. Mr. Reed has an enviable reputation for honesty and square dealing, and is now serving as executor for some very large estates. His law practice has been largely in the line of real estate, or in settling estates. Mr. Reed's eldest brother is a Methodist minister, and is now at Baltimore, Md. The family are rather inclined to be latitudinarian. Four of them have been teachers.

S. T. REESE, lumber dealer, Terre Haute, is a descendant of one of the prominent early settlers of Vigo county, who migrated to this place before S. T. Reese was born, the date of his birth being February 22, 1824. He is a son of John M. and Mary (Kimball) Reese, former a native of Maryland, latter of Ohio, both of English parentage. The father came to Vigo county in 1822, and settled in Sugar Creek township. He was a carpenter and joiner, and was also engaged in farming; a quiet, frugal and industrious citizen, who lived many years in his western farm home. He departed this life in 1868. He had been twice married, S. T. Reese being the third in the order of birth by the first wife, who had a family of five children. Our subject's young life was spent on the farm, and early he learned to assist in the work, in the winter attending the district schools. When old enough he worked with his father at the carpenter's trade, which he learned, and subsequently became a large contractor and builder, a business he followed twenty-five years with marked success. He built many houses in Terre Haute. In 1872 he embarked in the lumber trade in company with G. Ashman—the firm name being Ashman & Reese. They continued together fourteen years, when Mr. Ashman retired, and the firm then became Reese, Snider & Co., as it is at present. This is one of the prosperous firms of the city, and is doing a large and lucrative business in lumber and building material of all kinds. Mr. Reese has led an industrious life, building up the business house of which he is head. Quick to act, strong in executive abilities, his connection in any enterprise is a strong guarantee of success. Commencing life humbly, he has climbed the ladder successfully. Mr. Reese was married in

Vigo county, December 19, 1850, to Miss Maria, daughter of Dennis and Elizabeth (Smith) Hearn. Her venerable mother is still living, and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Reese. Mrs. Reese's parents were of German descent, who came to Vigo county in 1823. By this union was born one child, Emma, the wife of W. Q. Haythorn. Mr. and Mrs. Reese are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; in politics he is a Republican. He served as a member of the city council of Terre Haute, and is universally regarded as one of the best citizens of the place.

MARY M. REEVE, Glenn, Lost Creek township, was born in the township where she now resides, June 25, 1836, a daughter of Zadoc and Mary M. (Colton) Reeve, natives of New York, former of whom was born October 14, 1796, and latter April 11, 1800. They were married December 29, 1816. Zadoc Reeve was a house and ship-carpenter, and was one of the pioneer settlers of this county. He laid off the first school district in Lost Creek township, and bought the farm on which Mrs. Reeve now resides, containing eighty acres, before the National Road was made. He had a contract on the National Road from Clear Creek to Cory's Creek; also constructed the bridges across Lost Creek, Sugar Creek and Clear Creek, and built the first schoolhouse in Lost Creek township, which was called "Reeve's school-house." Mr. and Mrs. Reeve had a family of nine children, of whom Mary M. is the eighth in order of birth. Mr. Reeve was a Master Mason; he served as school trustee. He died March 7, 1885, and his wife died August 15, 1862. Mary M. Reeve has two sons: David M. and Zadoc, who are industrious and prominent farmers.

JOHN REGAN, farmer and stock-grower, also justice of the peace of Sugar Creek township, was born in Fayette township, Vigo Co., Ind., December 23, 1850. He is a descendant of one of the early settlers of this county, and is a son of Patrick and Rosana (Rice) Regan, natives of Ireland, former of whom farmed over fifty years, and died in Fayette township, this county, in 1879. They reared one daughter and five sons, of whom John is the third in the family. He was reared in this county, has followed farming, and is now the owner of 165 acres of highly improved land. He was married September 25, 1883, to Miss Mary, daughter of Peter Dermody (deceased), a native of Ireland, who was a wealthy and influential farmer during his life. Her mother, who is still living, was Kate Sheern. Mr. and Mrs. Regan are members of the Catholic Church. They have one child, Katie. In politics Mr. Regan is identified with the Democrats, and he was elected justice of the peace in 1886, serving one term.

PATRICK REGAN, farmer and stock-grower, Fayette township, P. O. St. Mary's. This gentleman is a descendant of one of the early

settlers of this county. He is a son of Patrick and Rosa (Rice) Regan, natives of Ireland, who came to this country when they were young, and have resided in this county for over half a century. Patrick's father was a successful farmer, and died in this county in 1879. His family consisted of six children—five sons and one daughter—of whom Patrick is the fourth. They are all members of the Catholic Church; all attended the schools of Fayette township, and all are prosperous, the boys being successful farmers. William and Patrick are unmarried. They own and carry on the home farm, which consists of 305 acres of well-improved land in Fayette township. John is a farmer in Sugar Creek township, and was a justice of the peace there. They all vote the Democratic ticket, as did their father. None of them are office-seekers, but devote their time to their farms; they are industrious, and have made a success of their business.

J. B. REYNOLDS, Terre Haute, was born in Freeport, Penn., December 18, 1846, and is a son of Charles L. and Anna S. (Weiman) Reynolds, natives of Pennsylvania, former of Scotch and latter of German descent. Our subject, who is the second in a family of four children, was married in Terre Haute, Ind., October 10, 1871, to Helen L., daughter of E. M. and Helen (Reeves) Gillman, natives of New York. Mrs. Reynolds is the eldest in a family of four children, and was born in Terre Haute February 2, 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have two children: Charles G. and Helen L. Mr. Reynolds was reared in Freeport, Penn., receiving his education in the schools of that place, and learned the cooper's trade, which he followed at Kittanning, Penn., until 1866, except during the time he was in the army. He enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Third P. V. I., serving until the close of the war, and was mustered out at Wilmington, N. C., in July, 1865. He came to Terre Haute in 1869, and kept books for E. M. Gillman two years, then went into partnership with him, and continued in the firm until the spring of 1887, when he sold his interest in the factory to his partner. After that he bought a cooper-shop in the south part of the city, but sold this at the end of the year. Mr. Reynolds and a number of prominent men of Terre Haute formed a company, and bought the "Crystal Salt Works" at South Hutchinson, Kas., and he has been engaged in the business since. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds are members of the Congregational Church. He is a Master Mason, also a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 157, at Terre Haute, and of the Encampment; in politics he is a staunch Republican.

J. IRVING RIDDLE was born September 7, 1847, in Fulton county, Ohio, a son of James S. and Matilda (Siddons) Riddle.

He had two sisters (one now deceased) and three brothers (one now deceased). Our subject was educated in the common and high school, and graduated at the business college at Wauseon, Ohio. He lived on the farm, and taught school in winter until of age. He chose insurance as a profession because he liked it, and it was about the only thing a young man could do at the time. He walked over 3,000 miles the first year or two, soliciting insurance, because the business did not warrant the expense of a horse and buggy. He has now been in the business about twenty-five years, and has been State agent for Indiana for the Phoenix Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, since the first day of January, 1874, during which time the business of this company has grown in Indiana from an annual income of \$33,000 to over \$200,000, the aggregated premiums received during that time being nearly \$2,000,000, and losses paid, over \$1,000,000. September 30, 1873, he came to Terre Haute, and has been connected with the firm of Riddle, Hamilton & Co., ever since. His ancestry dates back to the year 803, being of Scotch and English descent. His ancestors lived at Riddell Castle, near Edinburgh, Scotland, where their descendants still reside; he has an interest in the estate which is in process of settlement in the court of chancery, England, and there is a reasonable prospect of his getting a share of the estate, which amounts to several million pounds. Our subject was married in Detroit, Mich., September 7, 1873, to Fannie M. Joy, a native of St. Lawrence county, N. Y., and they have three children living, viz.: Herbert W., Vinita Belle and Don Carlos. Mr. Riddle has been a member of the Christian Church for twenty-five years, and an officer in the same for many years; is a Knight Templar, and in politics is a Republican, but in local affairs he always votes for the best man, regardless of party. Mr. Riddle is a strong friend, and believes thoroughly that a man should not live for himself alone, but for the benefit of humanity in general, and should be always ready and willing to assist in any enterprise for the benefit of the community in which he resides, especially in church and charities. He has decided views on matters pertaining to his profession, and on religious dogmas, which he does not hesitate to express when called upon. Mr. Riddle has written quite a number of articles for publication for the insurance press, and perhaps knows more people throughout the State of Indiana than any man of his age residing in the city of Terre Haute.

SAMUEL W. RIGNEY, farmer and stock-grower, Honey Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born October 19, 1817, in Orange county, Ind., where he spent his early life as a farmer, and subsequently removed to Paoli, and served two terms as sheriff

of Orange county, Ind. Before the close of his second term he came to Vigo county, and settled in 1856 in Honey Creek township, where he has carried on farming. He is owner of 400 acres of valuable land, well improved and stocked. Mr. Rigney is the son of John and Ruth (Wible) Rigney, former of whom was born in Virginia, latter in Kentucky; they were of Scotch-Irish and German descent, and the father was a farmer. Samuel W. is the second in the family of ten children, two of whom survive. The father died in 1833, leaving considerable real estate. Samuel W. was married in Washington county, Ind., in March, 1841, to Miss Mary S., daughter of Hugh and Martha (McKinney) McPheeters, who were of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Rigney have three children: Martha J., wife of John Ferguson, (they have four children: Cora., Alice, Thomas and C. R.); Charles B., and Frank, a farmer (he has one child, Nellie). Mr. and Mrs. Rigney are members of the Baptist Church, and he is church moderator. They had one daughter, Kattie, who was the wife of U. Blocksom; she died in 1877, leaving two children: Walter and Willie F. Mr. Rigney has always been a staunch Democrat.

CHARLES B. RIGNEY, farmer and stock-grower, Honey Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born in Honey Creek township, Vigo Co., Ind., in 1857, the eldest son of Samuel W. and Mary S. (McPheeters) Rigney. He was reared on the farm, attending the district school, and has made agriculture the main business of his life. In 1878 he was married to Miss I. A. Debaun, a lady of French descent, who died in 1882. They had two children: Kattie S. and Freddie. Mr. Rigney is a Democrat in politics, and was elected township trustee in 1884, serving two terms. He completed his schooling at the high school at Prairie-ton, and for a time was engaged in teaching school; at present he devotes his time to farming. He is the owner of a farm consisting of eighty acres of land in this county.

H. C. ROBINSON, farmer and stock-grower, Sugar Creek township, P. O. Macksville, was born in Fauquier county, Va., May 12, 1835, and is a son of Moses and Elizabeth (Campbell) Robinson, latter of whom was a relative of the present Gov. James E. Campbell, of Ohio. They were of Scotch and Irish origin. The father, who was a farmer, came to Indiana in 1850, and spent the remainder of his life here, dying in 1862. His family consisted of six children—four sons and two daughters—of whom our subject is third in order of birth. He was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the common schools, and became a farmer. He has resided in Sugar Creek township since 1859, and is the owner of a well-improved farm containing 230 acres of valuable

land, well improved and stocked. He was married in Sugar Creek township in 1859 to Miss Louise, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Wood) Sheept, former of whom, who was a blacksmith, was born in this county, latter in Virginia. Their children are Elizabeth, wife of William Williams; Martin D.; Virginia; A. W. and Eva. Mr. Robinson is identified with the farmers' party, and is a Master Mason.

**JOHN F. ROEDEL**, ex-county commissioner of Vigo county. This gentleman has been among the prominent business men of Terre Haute, and for many years has been one of the city's leading merchants. He was born in Germany, February 30, 1832, and is a son of John Roedel. He was reared in the parental home in Germany, receiving a fair education, and early in life he was apprenticed to learn the saddler's trade, serving the regular term. In 1851 he sailed for the New World, and reaching Cincinnati, Ohio, he found employment until 1852, when he went to Louisiana; thence proceeded to Memphis, Tenn., where he opened a grocery store. This he continued until 1857, when he changed to the harness and saddler's business, which he followed until 1862, and remained in Memphis until he removed to Terre Haute in 1864, and established his present business, to which he added in 1884 a flour and feed store. Mr. Roedel has met with moderate success, and by his own exertions has accumulated a fair share of this world's goods. He was married in 1854, and has six children. Mr. Roedel is a member of the K. of H., the K. of P., A. O. U. W., and L. & K. of H. He is a Democrat in politics, and served as a member of the city council from 1875 to 1877; he was one of the county commissioners when the new court-house was built. In 1871 he went on a visit to Germany.

**HARRY ROSS**, retired, Terre Haute. This gentleman is now among the oldest living settlers of Vigo county. He is a native of Saratoga county, N. Y., born March 2, 1801, and is a son of Ephraim and Ann (Wells) Ross, former a native of Nova Scotia, latter of Connecticut and of English descent. Mr. Ross' grandfather, a Scotchman by birth, was a lieutenant in the British army, and was stationed at Halifax, N. S., where some of the Tory families from this country moved during the Revolution. Among them was a young lady whom the Lieutenant fell in love with and married, and of their several children Mr. Ross' father was one. The latter subsequently went to New York, where he was married and had a family of twelve children, Harry being the fifth in order of birth. Our subject spent his childhood and youth in the State of New York, working on the farm and attending the common school and the academy in Onondaga county, and was with his parents on the

farm until they moved to Illinois, in 1820. In 1824 he came to Terre Haute, which was then a straggling little village, and he has lived to see a flourishing city take its place. His first business here was farming, and he afterward engaged in the manufacture of brick, which he successfully followed. When the town was growing there was a great demand for brick, which he and his brother supplied. He also made judicious investments in other branches of business; he engaged in merchandising, which he carried on until 1861, when he retired from active labors. He is one of the directors of the Vandalia Railroad Company, and for a quarter of a century has been a director of the First National Bank at Terre Haute. He often talks of the time he came to Terre Haute, when there were only about two hundred people here, and forty houses all told, the greater number of them being log houses. Mr. Ross has been twice married, the first time, in 1827, to Miss Mary Seeley, who died soon after marriage. In 1838 he was united in marriage with Miss Emaline Ross, and their children now living are as follows: Edwin W.; Julia A., wife of L. Ford Perdue; Sarah Rose, wife of Edwin R. Bryan. In politics Mr. Ross was first a Whig, and afterward, on the formation of the party, a Republican. He is a deacon in the Congregational Church.

J. W. ROSS, brick manufacturer, Terre Haute, is a nephew of Harry Ross, the pioneer manufacturer of brick in Terre Haute. He was born in Clark county, Ill., August 19, 1835, and is a son of William B. and Cinderilla (White) Ross, former a native of New York and latter of Ohio, both being of Scotch-Irish origin. J. W. Ross is a grandson of Bateman Ross, who was a brick manufacturer, in company with Harry Ross, when Terre Haute was a village. William B. Ross died in 1864, the father of four children, of whom J. W. is the eldest. Our subject was reared in Terre Haute, attending the common schools, learning his trade of brick-making with his father, and has made this county his home for over half a century. He takes an active interest in the affairs of Terre Haute. He is a Republican in politics, but has never held any office (although often solicited to do so by his party friends) as he devotes all his time to his business. His yards are situated south of Wabash avenue, where he owns fourteen acres of land, part of which is surveyed in lots, and he employs eighteen laborers in his yards, making between 12,000 and 15,000 brick per day. Mr. Ross was married in Terre Haute, Ind., April 15, 1872, to Miss Lucy, daughter of John Vest. Mrs. Ross died in 1885, the mother of two children, one of whom is yet living, Edwin R., a student in the high school. Mrs. Ross was a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Ross is an active member of the I. O. O. F., and he is a temperance man.

I. H. C. ROYSE, attorney and loan and insurance agent, Terre Haute, is a native of Kingwood, Preston Co., W. Va., where he was born November 23, 1838, and is a son of John and Sarah (Matthews) Royse, natives of Pennsylvania. The father, who was of English and Welsh descent, was a civil engineer; in the latter years of his life, however, he retired to the quiet of farm life. He died in Preston county, W. Va., in 1863. Mr. Royse, who is the seventh in a family of eleven children, remained in his native place until he was fifteen years of age, when with his father he removed to Washington county, Ohio, where he obtained such education as the public schools afforded. In 1860 he removed to Macon county, Ill., where, in August, 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company E, and in May, 1863, for meritorious service he was promoted to second lieutenant, only serving a short time as a non-commissioned officer. He was in the Fourth Army Corps, and was at the battles of Chickamauga, Tunnel Hill, Resaca (Ga.) and Nashville and Franklin (Tenn.). He commanded his company for several months, and at different times served as adjutant of his regiment and as A. D. C. on the brigade staff, continuing in service till the close of the war. On his return from the army, he became a student in Michigan University at Ann Arbor, in the law department, where he graduated in 1868, and, at once locating in Kansas City, Mo., he opened a law office. After a short time he removed to Paola, Kas., where he remained five years, then, in 1874, came to Terre Haute, and formed a law partnership with Andrew Grimes. The firm was in active practice until 1878, when he formed a partnership with his brother, B. F. Royse, who was largely engaged in real estate and insurance. B. F. Royse died in 1881, since which time Mr. Royse has been alone in the practice of the law, and has continued the firm's additional business of insurance and loans, which has had a steady prosperity to the present time. Mr. Royse affiliates with the Republican party, but is not active in politics, and single-mindedly devotes his whole attention to his large and increasing business. In January, 1890, he was tendered and accepted the office of member and secretary of the board of trustees of the Indiana State Normal School. Mr. Royse was married at Ann Arbor, Mich., March 31, 1868, to Sarah Jackson, whose parents were of the sturdy English stock. Of this happy union are three children: Minnie, Clarence and Herbert. Mr. and Mrs. Royse are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is steward, trustee and assistant Sabbath-school superintendent. Mr. Royse is a member of the G. A. R. and the Loyal Legion. This is one of the pleasant families of the prairie city, prominent in its social life and highly esteemed by an extended circle of friends and acquaintances.

ZORA B. RUKES, farmer and stock-grower, Nevins township, P. O. Rosedale, Parke county, was born December 26, 1843, on a farm near where he now resides, and is the son of William and Mary (Adams) Rukes, former by occupation a farmer. The family have usually been farmers. Mr. Rukes' grandfather, Zora B. Rukes, came from Maysville, Ky., to Indiana, settling in Vigo county, being among the early pioneers, and entered about 800 acres of land in Nevins township and Parke county. He lived to an old age, and died in 1885. Mr. Rukes' father was married four times, and was an active member of the Christian Church. Mr. Rukes was the eldest child by the first wife, and had three full brothers and two sisters. Zora B. Rukes was reared on the farm, attending the common schools, and is the only one of the immediate family who makes farming his regular business. He is the owner of 103 acres of land, cultivating, however, about 300. He was married in 1865 to Miss Jane, daughter of John and Elizabeth (McKee) McGrahanan, who were of Welsh and English descent, and early settlers in Harrison township, Vigo county. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Rukes has been blessed with five children: William, Charles, Dora, Della and Edward. Mr. Rukes enlisted August 14, 1862, in the Eighty-fifth Ind. V. I., Company G, and was discharged February 12, 1865. He was wounded in an engagement near the Kenesaw Mountains, being struck by a minie ball in the left thigh, and was discharged for disability in 1864. He is a popular man and has many friends, especially among the old veterans of the Civil war. In politics he is a Republican.

HARRY RUSSELL, of the firm of Russell & Ravell, builders and contractors, Terre Haute, is a native of Witheren, Yorkshire, England, born February 21, 1851, and is a son of Cornelius and Eliza (Elliott) Russell, also natives of Yorkshire, England, who immigrated to Rochester, N. Y., in 1853. From Rochester they went to Toronto, from there to Port Hope, and thence to Lindsay, Canada, where the father, who was a bricklayer and plasterer by trade, died in 1861, in his forty-seventh year. The family came to Terre Haute in 1863, and the mother died in Sedalia, Mo., May 25, 1875, in the sixtieth year of her age. Our subject, who is the seventh in a family of eleven children—four sons and seven daughters—received a common-school education, and then worked at canal-boating, as railroad brakeman, and at various other things until 1862, when he served an apprenticeship at his present trade. In 1872 he engaged in business with Herman Blood, and in the fall of 1874 he formed a partnership with Mr. Ravell, his present partner. This firm thoroughly understand their business, and have erected several good buildings in the city. They built the county

jail; two buildings for colored schools; the Bindley & Mack block; the Cook & Bell and the Anton Mayer blocks; also the Fairbanks Distillery; the Water Works, and the Fuel Gas Plant. Mr. Russell was married in Rockville, Ind., September 21, 1874, to Miss Mary E., daughter of Harry and Hannah (Farr) Hargraves, natives of Yorkshire, England. Mr. Hargraves is a boot and shoe merchant at Rockville. Mrs. Russell is the youngest of three children, and was born in Bridgeport, Ind., September 13, 1856. Mr. and Mrs. Russell have two daughters: Jennie and Lillie. September 8, 1880, Mr. Russell was appointed chief of police, and served about two years; he is now the nominee of the Republican party for sheriff of this county, election of 1890. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 51, and politically is a Republican. Mrs. Russell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

THOMAS RYAN, farmer and stock-grower, Honey Creek township, P. O. Prairieton. This gentleman may properly be mentioned among the representative farmers of Vigo county as one who has made his way unassisted simply by energy and determination to succeed. He now resides in Honey Creek township on a well-improved farm, and is the owner of three farms in the county. He has devoted his time and attention to the business, never meddling much in politics, except in 1887, when his party nominated him for county commissioner. He accepted, made the race, but was defeated by a few votes. He was born in Limerick, Ireland, in August, 1827, the eldest in the family of five children of Timothy and Mary (McCormick) Ryan, former of whom, who was a farmer, died in Ireland in 1849. Thomas was reared on his father's farm, and attended the parish schools of his native place. During seven years of his life he was engaged in the manufacture of gas, for six years was in the employ of a railroad company, and since 1852 he has farmed. In 1876 he came to Honey Creek township, this county. On his arrival in America he had but five cents left; he then worked out until he saved up \$1,000, when he made his first purchase of land, to which he has added, and at present he is the owner of 261 acres. Mr. Ryan was twice married, the first time, in 1832, to Miss Bell McGowan, who bore him three children (two of whom are now living), viz.: May, wife of Jesse R. Enlow, Timothy and John. Three years after the death of his first wife Mr. Ryan married May, daughter of Anthony Campbell, and by her there are three children: Martha M., Maggie and Ellen. The mother died in 1889. The family are members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Ryan is a Democrat in politics; is a member of the K. of L., and is past master in the P. of H.

JOHN M. RYMAN, farmer and stock-grower, Honey Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born in Honey Creek township,

Vigo Co., Ind., May 1, 1854, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Weir) Ryman, former of whom was born in Kentucky in 1823, of English descent. He was a leading farmer, and when a young man came to Vigo county, where he was married in 1853, his wife being of Irish extraction. John Ryman, grandfather of John M., was also a farmer. Our subject was reared on the farm, attending the common schools of the vicinity, and has made farming his life occupation. He is the owner of 153 acres of well-improved land. His father's family consisted of ten children, of whom eight are now living, and are all doing well. The father died in 1876, highly respected for his many excellent qualities of heart and head. He made his own way in life, and succeeded in accumulating a fair share of this world's goods. In politics he was a Republican, but never sought office or place.

SYLVESTER J. ST. CLAIR, farmer and stock-grower, Honey Creek township, P. O. Youngstown. This gentleman may also be classed among the manufacturers of Vigo county. He was born within four miles of where he now resides, in Honey Creek township, July 25, 1840, and is a son of Nelson and Eliza J. (Evans) St. Clair, natives of Indiana, and of French and English extraction. His father, who had spent his life as a tiller of the soil, died in 1883. Our subject, who is his eldest child, attended the schools of Vigo county, and chose farming as a business. For a time, however, from 1883 to 1889, he carried on a brickyard and tile factory, and then embarked in other lines of manufacturing in the city of Terre Haute. He became a member of the stock company known as the "Terre Haute Pottery Novelty Works," with J. B. Rhods, of Ohio, Mr. St. Clair being the general manager of the business. He is the owner of the farm where he now resides, comprising 202 acres of highly improved land. Mr. St. Clair was married in 1861 to Miss Nancy E., daughter of John M. and Margaret McCoskey, and of Irish descent. They have one child living, Lucian E., who superintends the farm. Mrs. St. Clair died in 1889. The family are members of the Baptist Church; in politics he is a Republican. He enlisted, in 1864, in the One Hundred and Thirty-third Ind. V. L. Company H, and served until the close of the war. He is a member of G. A. R. Post, No. 158. Nelson St. Clair was the second son of Eli St. Clair, who is now among the oldest men living in this part of Indiana. He was born in Maryland in 1793, of German descent, and has been a farmer, coming to Sullivan county, where he settled in 1818. He reared a family of six sons and six daughters, all of whom married and have prospered. He is a Republican in politics, formerly a Whig.

JACOB SACHS, engineer on the Vandalia Railroad, residence No. 427 North Thirteenth street, Terre Haute, is a native of Mon-

roe county, N. Y., born August 31, 1843, and is a son of John N. and Elizabeth (Scholler) Sachs, natives of Germany, who came to New York State about the year 1833. They resided there until 1853, when they moved to Terre Haute, where the mother died in 1865, and the father June 13, 1878. Jacob, who is the youngest in a family of eight children, received a common-school education, and May 10, 1860, commenced his railroad career as fireman on the Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad which vocation he followed about eight years, when he was promoted to engineer on the line. He ran on the east division about six years, then went on the Vandalia line, and is engineer of the passenger train on the first line from Terre Haute to East St. Louis. He was injured in a collision while running the pay car August 28, 1873, and was off duty about ten months on account of his injuries, then resumed his position which he still holds. He owns a farm containing 120 acres in Fayette county, Ill. Mr. Sachs was married in Marshall, Ill., January 1, 1866, to Johanna M., daughter of Christian H. Scheytt, and born in Germany August 15, 1844. Mr. and Mrs. Sachs had six children: George E., Charles F. (deceased), Dora M., Frank M., Violena C. and Nettie M. The mother died June 20, 1886, and April 10, 1888, Mr. Sachs was married in Caseyville, Ill., to Elizabeth, daughter of John T. and Helena (Herman) Holtmann, natives of Minister, Germany, latter of whom died in Illinois in March, 1869. Mrs. Sachs is the third in a family of seven children, and was born in St. Clair county, Ill., September 2, 1856. She is a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Sachs is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Humbolt Lodge No. 42; also of the A. O. U. W., No. 66, and of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, No. 25. He has run 593,383 miles on the road. Mr. Sachs is a Republican, and served in the city council two years.

HIRAM SANKEY (deceased) was a son of Thomas and Hannah (Morton) Sankey, who had a family of twelve children, of whom Hiram is the eleventh in order of birth. He was married, in 1847, to Miss Jemima W. McKenzie, who was born October 13, 1820, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Harris) McKenzie, natives of Delaware, her father of Irish and her mother of French and Scotch descent. Mr. and Mrs. Sankey had born to them three sons, viz.: Robert M., deceased; Hiram V., and Robert M., who married Harriet Speer. Mr. Sankey died August 8, 1888; he was a Master Mason. Mrs. Sankey has in her possession a copy of the *National Journal*, printed in Washington, D. C., on Saturday, July 8, 1826, published by Peter Force, giving an account of the death of Thomas Jefferson. It is in mourning after the old style of inverting the rules.

HON. PHILIP SCHLOSS (deceased). At the time of his death, which occurred in 1888, Mr. Schloss was a prominent dealer in and manufacturer of clothing in Terre Haute. He established the house which is now the firm of Thorman & Schloss, and advanced its extended business affairs. Mr. Thorman and Philip Schloss were brothers-in-law. Harry T. Schloss, the eldest son of Philip Schloss, is a native of Terre Haute, and is a graduate of the city high school, of the class of 1887. Harry, in his father's lifetime, was more his companion than sons usually are. The subject of this sketch was born at Rineck, Bavaria, May 2, 1836, and was the third in the family of six children of Hertz Schloss, a merchant. Very early in life he commenced to attend school, and by the time he was thirteen years old he had mastered his lessons to such a remarkable degree as to excite not only parental pride, but that of teachers and friends generally. On quitting school he came to America and settled in Maryland, at which time his English vocabulary extended no further than "yes" and "no." He went to school, and within a few months was able to read and write English fairly well. He then went to Philadelphia, and clerked until he came to Terre Haute, in 1854, when he became employed as a salesman in a store, being then nearly twenty-one years of age, and he was engaged as a salesman when the war broke out in 1861. He was now educated in both his mother tongue and that of his adopted country, and was kept well posted on the current news of the day. Having determined at once to go to war, and help to defend the flag of his adopted country, he joined, in 1861, the Fort Harrison Guards, re-enlisting in 1863 for thirty days, and when his time had expired again re-enlisted, serving until the close of the war.

Mr. Schloss did not close his business when he became a soldier, but through employes kept it on foot. He was in active business here about a quarter of a century, and succeeded in establishing one of the leading houses of Terre Haute. In 1874 he was elected a member of the city council on the Democratic ticket, but he eschewed politics and office, preferring to give his exclusive attention to his private affairs, yet he was prevailed on by numerous friends, and in 1882 he was elected to the State legislature, and so ably did he discharge the duties of the position that he was elected in 1884 State senator from Vigo county. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, had taken the thirty-second degree, and was serving as high priest at the time of his death. He was past grand president of the I. O. B. B. Mr. Schloss was married at Cleveland, Ohio, May 8, 1867, to Miss Laura, daughter of Simpson Thorman, of Cleveland, and born in that city, her parents being natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Schloss had four children, as follows:

Harry T., engaged in mercantile trade in Terre Haute; Lillie; Fannie and Sidney, the three last named being residents of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Schloss will long be remembered as one of Terre Haute's intelligent, prominent and liberal-minded citizens. He was a man of great personal popularity, and his coming here was a valuable acquisition to the city.

FRED W. SCHMIDT, one of the young and enterprising business men of Terre Haute, is extensively engaged in the grocery business, and at the present time he is the owner of two stores, in which he is doing a prosperous business. He was born in Germany, February 27, 1863, and is a son of G. F. and Maria (Bettenbrock) Schmidt. The parents emigrated from Germany in 1864, and in 1865 came to Terre Haute, where they permanently located. Fred W., who is the first in a family of five children, attended the public schools in Terre Haute, and for some time a private school. He commenced the labors of life as a clerk in the store of H. Hulman; in 1885 he embarked in business on his own account, which he has pushed with remarkable success. He is a self-made business man, and has earned all his prosperity. Mr. Schmidt was married in Terre Haute, October 26, 1887, to Miss Emma, daughter of Mr. Dahlen, and born in Effingham, Ill., of German descent. They have two children, as follows: Maria and Fredrick H. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt are members of the German Reformed Church and of the Sabbath-school.

LEONARD D. SCOTT, farmer and grain merchant, Fayette township, P. O. New Goshen, was born in Vermillion county, Ind., June 12, 1853, a son of M. W. and Mary (Mann) Scott, former a native of Indiana, latter of Ohio, and they were of English descent. The father made farming his business, and is now living a retired life at Clinton, Vermillion Co., Ind. Leonard D. is the third in a family of eight children, and was reared on the farm, receiving a common-school education in Vermillion county, Ind. He chose farming and stock-growing as his life occupation, is now the owner of 388 acres of land, and has dealt largely in stock. He came to Vigo county in 1880, and in 1888 embarked in the grain business in Terre Haute, in company with Marcus Dyer. Mr. Scott has been successful in business. In 1877 he was married to Effie L., daughter of Feilden Shepherd, and of English descent, which union has been blessed with three children, viz.: Clyde L., Mary E. and Doyne. Mrs. Scott is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Scott was elected township trustee in 1881, and served two terms. He is a member of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., and he is a genial and pleasant gentleman.

JOSIAH T. SCOVELL, M. D., Terre Haute, was born in Eaton county, Mich., July 29, 1841, and is a son of Stephen D.

and Carolina (Parker) Scovell, of English and German origin, former a native of Vermont and a farmer, latter a native of Connecticut. The father died in Michigan in 1852. They reared a family of four children, our subject being the eldest. He was raised on a farm, and attended the district schools for a time; then entered Oberlin College, Ohio, where he graduated in the regular classical course, in 1866. He had commenced the study of medicine before finishing his college course, and after completing his college studies, he studied one year in the medical college at Ann Arbor, Mich. He then entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, where he graduated in 1869. He went west, and practiced two years in Colorado, and then returned to Michigan. The Doctor had in the meantime devoted considerable attention to scientific subjects, and soon after his return to Michigan was offered a position in the State Normal School of Indiana, Terre Haute. This he accepted, and has since made this city his home. He filled the chair of professor of natural science nine years in this institution. Thus his time was fully employed teaching others, and at the same time advancing himself until he is now recognized as authority on many subjects of scientific interest. He resigned his professorship in 1881, and since then has engaged in the business of abstractor of titles. Dr. Scovell was united in marriage December 25, 1876, with Miss Johannah Jameson, a lady of Scotch descent, and their children are Zayda and Robert C. Dr. and Mrs. Scovell are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he affiliates with the Republicans. He volunteered in 1865, in the One Hundred and Fiftieth Ohio Vol. Infantry, Company K, and served until the close of the war.

JAMES SEATH, president of the Terre Haute Car & Manufacturing Company. The philosophy of history teaches us that the real benefactors of the race are largely those who have made two blades of grass grow where but one grew before. This class of men is generally of the quiet, unobtrusive kind, often shrinking from public notoriety. The subject of this brief sketch is a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, born August 1, 1827, a son of James and Ann (Ross) Seath: The parents were natives of the same place, and of their household of thirteen children James is the third in the order of birth. In 1833 the family emigrated to America, and located in Albany, N. Y., where the son was just of the age to commence attendance in the common school. Here he reached his legal majority, receiving a fair English education, during which time he learned the machinist's trade. In the year 1848 he went to New York City, and commenced work in the shops of the Hudson River Railroad, Walter McQueen, master mechanic. After two years in

the shops he took a position as engineer on this road, holding this place until he accepted the position offered him of master mechanic on the Hudson & Berkshire Railroad, which he filled until 1858, when he resigned. From thence he went to Bloomington, Ill., and was employed by the Chicago & Alton Railroad, as machinist and engineer, and shortly afterward was appointed to the position of master mechanic in the railroad shops at Litchfield, Ill., on the Terre Haute & Alton road. A change in the administration of this road caused him to resign, and he returned to his former employ at Bloomington. From thence he went to St. Charles, Mo., as engineer, and was soon given the position of foreman, later on that of master mechanic of the North Missouri Railroad. An interesting event in his history presents itself here. A day or two after the firing of Fort Sumter Mr. Seath received his appointment as master mechanic for this road, a position he held for about fifteen months, and during these times of strife and disloyalty he can justly be proud of the fact that he proved a faithful son to the foster mother country, and stood true to his convictions of right, he being the only officer of the road who was in sympathy with the government. In his position he had fair opportunities of proving his loyalty in many acts of kindness shown the United States troops, in the way of transportation, etc., giving instructions and aid to the officers of the different regiments, as to the movement of trains. While at St. Charles, Mr. Seath was offered and accepted his former position on the Terre Haute & Alton Railroad, at Litchfield, where he remained until 1867, when he resigned and moved to Terre Haute, to make his permanent home. His extensive experience in the management of the mechanical department of railroads, as well as in operating locomotive engines, had well qualified him to engage in the manufacture of railroad machinery of all kinds. He at once founded the shops that have grown in a few years to be the extensive Car Manufactory of which he is the head. The original firm was Seath, Smith & Co., and it was located in the old Holmes building. After six months the firm was changed to Seath & Hager, and in a small way was commenced the manufacture of freight cars for the Vandalia Railroad. The vastness of the plant to-day is evidence of its rapid growth; a growth that may be considered phenomenal, when we remember that the company, when young and yet struggling for prominence, encountered the years of panic in railroad enterprises that came in 1873 and lasted until 1878. The company was changed to a joint-stock concern in 1875. From the first hour until the present time Mr. Seath has been one of the master and moving spirits. His knowledge of railroad mechanics, and his familiarity, from experience, with the wants of rail-

road service had admirably equipped him for the high and responsible position he occupies.

Mr. Seath was united in matrimony at Bethlehem, N. Y., in the fall of 1852, with Christina Kilner, a daughter of John G. and Catherine (Herron) Kilner, natives of New York, she being the eldest in a family of six children. To Mr. and Mrs. Seath have been born four children, as follows: Mary D. (deceased), who was married to C. E. Blood; Jessie, (deceased); Jessie, Mrs. C. Conant, of Terre Haute; and James R., who is engaged in manufacturing. Mr. Seath in politics is in accord with the Republican party. In religious belief he is in sympathy with the Universalist faith.

CHARLES SEITZ, manager for the Schmidt Brewing Company, of Indianapolis. Mr. Seitz, who has the general superintendency of their business at Terre Haute, was born in that city on June 27, 1850, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Jacobs) Seitz, natives of Germany, who, in 1839, came from there to the United States. They arrived in Terre Haute in 1840, and here the father spent the remaining portion of his life, dying in 1888. The family consisted of nine children, of whom Charles is the third in order of birth. He was reared in Terre Haute, and attended the public schools, also a private one, and afterward the Commercial College. He began life for himself as an engineer, running a stationary engine for several years, and since 1875 he has been engaged in his present business. Mr. Seitz was married at Paducah, Ky., to Miss Amelia, daughter of Jacob Bleich, and born in Newark, N. J., of German descent, and raised in Kentucky. They have five children: Jacob, Mary, Charles, Frank and Emma. Mr. Seitz is a member of the A. O. U. W., and in politics he is a Republican.

FREDRICK W. SHALEY, Jr., physician and surgeon, Terre Haute, office No. 928 Chestnut street, residence No. 458 North Ninth street, was born in Terre Haute, Ind., September 13, 1858, and is a son of Fredrick W. and Matilda (Criss) Shaley, former a native of Hesse Cassel, Germany, and latter of Ohio. The father, who was a pioneer settler of Owen county, Ind., came to Terre Haute in 1853, and was one of the leading grocers of the city. Dr. Shaley is the eldest in a family of four children that grew to maturity. He was united in marriage February 24, 1886, with Julia Brewer, a daughter of N. L. and Harriet (Chidister) Brewer, former a native of Maryland, latter of New York, and both of German-English descent. Mrs. Shaley is the eldest in a family of four children, and was born in Tiffin, Ohio, April 10, 1862. Dr. and Mrs. Shaley had born to them two children, viz.: One that died in infancy and Irene. The Doctor was reared in Terre Haute, receiving his early education in the city schools, and attending the Mission House College (Ger-

man), at Franklin, Wis., three years, graduating in 1876. He entered Heidelberg University, at Tiffin, Ohio, in 1877, and graduated in 1881; then began the study of medicine under Dr. Armstrong. In 1882 he entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, where he graduated in the spring of 1884, and began the practice of medicine in Terre Haute, where he has built up a good practice. Dr. and Mrs. Shaley are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Lodge No. 19, Terre Haute, and is a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, No. 1044, also of the National Union. He is president of the board of health; has served as township physician one year; is a member of the Vigo County Medical Society, of which he was secretary, three years, and is now serving his second year as treasurer; is also a member of the Esculapian, Indiana State, and American Medical Associations. He is surgeon on the surgical staff of St. Anthony's Hospital; in politics he is a Democrat.

JAMES A. SHARP, chairman of the Republican committee, of Pierson township, P. O. Farmersburgh, Sullivan county, is a rising young farmer, who was born in Sullivan county, Ind., July 29, 1861, a son of David and Mary A. (Stewart) Sharp. David Sharp, who was born in the north of England in 1831, when a young man came to the United States, and has followed mining most of the time for several years in different western States. Afterward he located at Evansville, Ind., where he married, and then removed to Sullivan county, where he engaged in mining and farming, and has been very successful, having accumulated considerable property. His wife was born in Scotland, and when a child her parents immigrated to America, locating in Evansville, where she was married to Mr. Sharp. They are members of the New Light Church; he is a member of the F. M. B. A., and, politically, is a Republican. They are the parents of ten children, seven of whom are now living. James A., who is the eldest child, was educated in the common schools, commencing work, when quite a young boy, in the coal shaft with his father, and coal mining has been his principal occupation up to the present time. For the past six years he and his brother, David W., have been operating a coal shaft, supplying the surrounding country with coal. In 1882 he purchased the farm he now owns, which he has been carrying on in connection with mining. September 5, 1882, Mr. Sharp married Miss Mary B., daughter of John and Caroline Carpenter, and born in Sullivan county, Ind., in 1865. By this union there are three children: Ada, Carrie and Viola. Mr. Sharp is a member of the F. M. B. A.; in politics he is a Republican, and in 1889 he was elected chairman of the Republican committee of Pierson township.

GEORGE H. SHAW, farmer and stock-grower, Honey Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born in Riley township, Vigo Co., Ind., February 1, 1844, and is a son of Hamilton and Maria (Price) Shaw. The mother was born in Indiana, the father in Pennsylvania, and they were of German and Irish origin. The father, who was a farmer during his life, was an early settler of Pierson township, this county, and died in 1879. His family consisted of ten children, seven of whom are living, and two of these were children of his first wife. George H., who is next to the youngest by the second wife, was reared on the farm in this county, attending the district school, and has made farming his business, being now the owner of a well-improved farm, where he has lived since 1864. He has been twice married; first time, in 1866, to Hannah Pucket, who died in 1875. He was again married in 1875 to Nancy B., daughter of John and Elsie J. (Lemmons) Vice. She is of Irish descent. They have six children: Arletha, Elsie J., Myrtle, Henry, Pearley and John. They are members of the Christian Church. In politics he is a Democrat. Our subject has made his own way in the world.

EDGAR M. SHEPHERD, farmer and coal mine owner, P. O. New Goshen, was born September 16, 1842, on the farm he now owns and where he resides, in Fayette township, Vigo Co., Ind., a son of James W. and Catherine A. (Clapp) Shepherd, former a native of Kentucky, latter of Ohio, and who were of Scotch-Irish and English origin. They were early settlers of Vigo county, and ranked among the best citizens. In early life the father was a cabinet-maker, but spent most of his life as a farmer, and he was among the early settlers of Fayette township, where he succeeded in accumulating a handsome fortune. He was an industrious, energetic man, and helped to build the first frame house in Terre Haute. For a time his mother was in Fort Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. James W. Shepherd reared a family of eight children—six sons and two daughters—of whom Edgar M. is fifth in order of birth. He was reared on the farm, attending the district school, and has made farming his business. He opened a coal mine on his farm in 1881, which has since been a source of revenue to him. In 1867 he was married, in Vigo county, to Miss Mary, daughter of Zelotus and Jemima (Armstrong) Hovey, who were of German and English descent. The children born to this union are: W. R., Katie A. and Eunia V. Mr. Shepherd enlisted August 13, 1862, in Company K, Thirty-first Ind. V. I.; he is a member of the G. A. R. and the I. O. O. F., and is past grand master of the subordinate lodge; in politics he is a Republican.

J. N. SHEPHERD, ex-county treasurer, Terre Haute, is a native of Fayette township, Vigo Co., Ind., and was born November

10, 1838, a son of James Washington and Catharine (Clapp) Shepherd, former of whom was a native of Kentucky, and latter of Ohio; they were pioneer settlers of this county. Mrs. Shepherd came here about the year 1813, and was in Fort Harrison; James W. Shepherd came to this county about the year 1817. He helped to build the first frame house put up in Terre Haute, being a carpenter by trade, but later in life he turned his attention to farming. He died in 1876, in his sixty-seventh year; Mrs. Shepherd died in 1882, in her seventy-first year. They had a family of eleven children, eight of whom grew to maturity, of whom our subject is the fifth. He was reared on a farm, receiving a common-school education, and at the age of twenty-one he began farming for himself. August 15, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Thirty-first Ind. V. I.; was wounded February 15, 1862, at Fort Donelson, was sent to hospital, and was discharged on account of the wound received, December 31, 1862. Returning home, he farmed until 1864, when he was elected treasurer of Vigo county, being re-elected in 1866. At the expiration of his second term he turned his attention to the stock business, in which he dealt about ten years, and then engaged in dairying and gardening until March, 1888, when he purchased the livery stable where he is located at the present time. Mr. Shepherd was married in this county, February 19, 1863, to Miss Arminda O., daughter of Henry and Margaret (Shuey) Rhyan, natives of Virginia, who came to this county about 1835. Mr. Rhyan was a cooper by trade, and also followed farming. Mrs. Shepherd is the sixth in a family of eight children, who grew to maturity, and was born in this county May 28, 1844. Our subject and wife had born to them nine children, viz.: Clara E., wife of Rev. J. W. Connett; Maggie K., wife of Nelson B. Borden; Rolla H.; William J.; Orilla (deceased); Della, Myrtle, Floy and Nellie E. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd are members of the United Brethren Church. He is a member of Morton Post, No. 1, G. A. R., and in politics is a Republican.

JESSE SHERIDAN, farmer and stock-grower, Honey Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born in Jefferson county, Ky., March 30, 1831, and is a son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Goodman) Sheridan, who were of Irish and English descent, the father born in Pennsylvania, and the mother in Jefferson county, Ky. The father, who was a farmer all his life, died in 1834 in Kentucky. His family consisted of twelve children, our subject being the eleventh; seven of the children grew to maturity, and four are still living. Jesse is the only one of the family now living in Vigo county, where he has resided since 1868, and he came to Honey Creek township in 1881. In 1862 he enlisted in Kentucky, Company B, Eighth Cavalry; was a non-commissioned officer, and served

his term of enlistment. He is a member of Toppin Post No. 158, and in politics he is a Republican. Mr. Sheridan was married, in 1854, to Margaret, daughter of James and Margaret Davis, who were of English descent. Of their nine children all are living and prosperous. Mrs. Sheridan is a member of the Christian Church.

**ABRAHAM SHEWMAKER**, baggage master, Union Depot, Terre Haute, is a native of Vermillion county, Ind., born August 11, 1842, a son of Samuel M. and Susan (Hollingsworth) Shewmaker, former a native of Kentucky, and latter of Wayne county, Ind., near Richmond. Samuel M. Shewmaker was an early settler of the State, and came to Terre Haute in 1858. In the early part of his life he followed farming, and after coming here was engaged in mercantile and commission business. He died here in the fall of 1863, in his forty-sixth year; his widow is still living. Abraham, who is the second in a family of four children, was reared in Vermillion county until he was sixteen years old, when he came to Terre Haute with his parents. He attended the common schools in Vermillion county, and the city schools of Terre Haute, also the Commercial College here. July 6, 1861, he enlisted in the Eleventh Ind. V. I., and some of the important engagements in which he participated were the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Champion Hill, siege of Vicksburg, Port Gibson and Halltown, Va. He was taken prisoner at Vermillionville, La., November 2, 1863, was exchanged January 1, 1864, and was mustered out at Harper's Ferry, August 31, 1864. He returned to this county, and engaged in farming near the city three years; then moved to Indianapolis, and followed farming near that city about four years. He then returned to Terre Haute, and accepted the position of baggage master at the Union Depot May 20, 1873, which position he still holds.

Mr. Shewmaker was married in Terre Haute, Ind., September 10, 1866, to Miss Anna R., daughter of Alfred Luce, who died at Corinth, while in the service during the Civil war, her mother's maiden name being Eliza J. Moore. The father was a native of New York, and the mother of Ohio. Mrs. Shewmaker is the fourth in a family of ten children, and was born in Vermillion county, Ill., November 22, 1846. Mr. and Mrs. Shewmaker have three children: Frank, Adah and William. Mr. Shewmaker is a member of Morton Post No. 1, G. A. R., also of the K. of P., Occidental Lodge No. 18, and has passed the chairs; he represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge at Indianapolis; he is a member of the Uniform Rank. Politically he is a Republican.

**JOHN F. SHICKEL**, M. D., Terre Haute, was born in Virginia, May 5, 1826, a son of Jacob and Eva (Fuls) Shickel, natives

of Virginia and of German descent, former of whom was a carpenter. Our subject is the third in a family of five children, and was reared in Rockingham county, Va., where he obtained his education. He studied medicine at Harrisonburg, Va., and commenced the practice in Hampshire county, same State, subsequently removing to Parkersburg, W. Va. On May, 5, 1868, he came to Vigo county, and located at Sandford, where he sojourned a short time; then went to New Goshen, Ind., and remained there two years with Dr. Swafford. In 1878 he came to Terre Haute, and has since been in the regular practice. The Doctor was married in Rockingham county, Va., November 19, 1846, to Miss Kizia Bolton, a lady of Pennsylvania-Dutch parentage. The Doctor and his wife were reared in the same cradle in Rockingham county, Va., and had the same grandfather and grandmother, and yet they were not related. They have two children living, viz.: James, engaged in the drug business, and John W., in the employ of the railroad company. Dr. and Mrs. Shickel are members of the Lutheran Church. He is a Master Mason, and in politics a Republican.

W. A. SHORES, farmer and stock-grower, Fayette township, P. O. New Goshen, was born in Fayette township, Vigo Co., Ind., April 1, 1842, and is a son of Meredith and Frankie (Giser) Shores, natives of North Carolina and of Irish and Dutch descent. The father, who was a farmer, came from North Carolina to Vigo county, Ind., among the early settlers, and spent the remaining portion of his life here, dying in 1871. The mother is still living, and is now in her seventy-fifth year. Our subject was reared on a farm, receiving the usual schooling in the district in which he now resides. He chose farming as a vocation, and has met with success, owning at the present time 180 acres of land; he also has charge of his mother's farm of 320 acres, making in all a farm of 500 acres. Mr. Shores was united in marriage, December 25, 1871, with Miss C. F., daughter of John N. and Jane (Hay) Rhyan, and of German origin, which union has been blessed with three children, viz.: Edith Myrtle, Della May and William Claude. Mrs. Shores is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Shores is a Democrat, and he is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity; a member of the Blue Lodge, and of the Chapter.

ISAAC SHULL, farmer and stock-grower, Nevins township, P. O. Rosedale, Parke county, was born in East Tennessee, September 19, 1825, the fifth in the family of eight children (four of whom are living) of Isaac and Ellen (Keeny) Shull, former a native of North Carolina, latter of Tennessee. They were of German and Irish descent. The father, who was a farmer, came to this county

from Tennessee about the year 1833, and settled on the farm where Isaac was reared. He died in Vigo county in 1856. Isaac Shull received what little education he had in the old-fashioned log school-house, has made a success of farming, and has performed a great deal of hard labor, all that he owns having been accumulated by honest toil; he has 171 acres of well-improved and well-stocked land. Mr. Shull has now retired, and his sons, of whom he is very proud, attend to the farm, both being excellent farmers. Mr. Shull has been twice married, the first time to Miss Mary, daughter of John McKee. She lived, however, but a short time after her marriage, and he was then married to Miss Mary A., daughter of Benjamin and Catherine (James) Willoughby, which union has been blessed with seven children, four of whom are living—two daughters and two sons, viz.: Charles T., born in Nevins township, August 1, 1863; Benjamin S., born December 27, 1865, also in Nevins township; Mary Belle, now the wife of Josephus Tarvin, and Leora, who is at home. Both the sons are farmers and stock-growers, and both are Republicans in politics. Mrs. Shull died in 1875, a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Shull is a Republican, and is a member of the Republican party.

W. F. SIBLEY, of the firm of Sibley & Bossom, wallpaper, wallpaper and window shades, house and sign painting, Terre Haute, was born in Terre Haute, April 10, 1856, and is a son of Elisha and Phœbe R. (Cole) Sibley. His father was a native of Bennington, Vt., and moved to Terre Haute in 1819, two of his brothers having come here a short time before. He was a brick manufacturer, and earlier in life worked some time at the tailor's trade. He made the first dress-coat for Chauncey Rose, at Roseville, Parke Co., Ind. He died in July, 1889. Our subject's grandfather, on his father's side, was killed at the battle of Queenston Heights, in 1812. Mr. Sibley's parents were of English descent.

Our subject is the eldest of two children, and received his education in the city schools, attending the Commercial College two terms. In 1883 he engaged in the book and stationery business, which he changed to the present line. By energy and industry the firm have succeeded in building up a large and growing trade. Mr. Sibley was united in marriage in Terre Haute, in December, 1878, with Miss Flora J. Bell, second in the family of eight children born to John D. Bell (deputy county auditor, and a native of Ireland) and Charlotte M. (Foster) Bell, a native of Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Sibley have had one son, Richard E. Mrs. Sibley is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Sibley is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, Tamany Tribe No. 39.

SYLVESTER C. SINGHORSE, merchant, Lewis, was born in Vigo county, Ind., April 4, 1853, and is the only child born to the marriage of Lewis and Vina (Totten) Singhorse, former of whom was born in the eastern part of Indiana fifty-seven years ago, and when a child was brought to Vigo county by his father, William Singhorse. The latter was a soldier in the War of 1812, an early settler of this county, a farmer by occupation, and afterward one of the county's most respected citizens; he died at the age of eighty-seven years. Lewis Singhorse early learned how to work, and, making industry his rule of life, has become one of Vigo county's most substantial farmers. At the beginning of the Civil war he joined Capt. Bryan's Company, Eighty-fifth Ind. V. I., in which he served until discharged in the latter part of the war, on account of disability. During his term of service he participated in the battle of Richmond, and in the Georgia campaign; politically he is a Republican. His first wife, Vina (Totten), was born in this county, and died here when their son, Sylvester C., was but eighteen months old. After her death Lewis Singhorse married Permelia Totten, a sister of his first wife, and she died within eight months after her marriage. Mr. Singhorse afterward married a widow, Mrs. Asenith Timmons, by which union have been born four children, as follows: Alice, at home; Emery Grant, a farmer of Pierson township, this county; Herbert, at home, and Cora, who died when seventeen years of age.

Sylvester C. Singhorse attended the common schools, and, after becoming old enough, assisted his father on the farm until his twenty-fourth year, when he commenced for himself as a farmer. He worked some time at the carpenter's trade, but has devoted most of his time to agriculture. In 1881 he purchased land and since then has bought and sold at different times. He continued to farm until 1888, when he embarked in his present business as dealer in drugs, groceries, hardware, etc. When starting for himself he was the possessor of limited means, and was in debt, but by energy and business ability, which the family is noted for, he has become more than ordinarily successful. Mr. Singhorse was united in marriage September 13, 1877, with Miss Maria Osborn, a daughter of John Osborn, of Madisonville, Hopkins Co., Ky., and this union has been blessed with three interesting children, viz.: Harry A., Maston Arthur and Lewis Blaine. Mr. Singhorse represented Comet Lodge No. 615, I. O. O. F., in the Grand Lodge of Indiana, in 1888; in politics he is a staunch Republican, and he is an enterprising citizen.

DOUGLAS H. SMITH, managing editor of the *Daily News*, Terre Haute, was born on a farm near Youngstown, Ohio, June 16,

1867, and is a son of H. D. Smith, of Terre Haute, and Eliza (Patrick) Smith, former a native of Wales, latter of Ohio, and of Scotch-Irish descent. The father came to Terre Haute in 1879, and is engaged in the coal business. His family consists of five children, all of whom have had the advantages of good schools; they are as follows: R. J. is an attorney in Terre Haute; Will T. is a horse dealer in Kansas City; Douglas H., Birdie E. and Grace A.

Douglas H. Smith attended the public schools and an academy in Ohio, and also the high school in Terre Haute, where he graduated in 1884. He then became a student at DePauw University, remaining one year. At thirteen years of age he began to develop a taste for the newspaper office, and this has steadily grown with his growth. In 1886 he found employment as night editor on the *Daily Express*, and filled the rounds of nearly every position on the staff of the paper. In 1888 he was offered and accepted the editorship of the *Saturday Evening Mail*, and filled the chair with marked ability. He then organized a stock company which started the *News* in 1889. The stockholders elected Mr. Smith managing editor, and August 5, 1889, issued the first number of the *Terre Haute News*, a bright and newsy daily paper, perfectly independent of politics. Mr. Smith is chief editor of the paper, and secretary and treasurer of the News Publishing Company. Individually Mr. Smith is a Democrat; editorially he and his paper are non-partisan. He wields a keen and trenchant pen, and it may safely be said of him that he is one of the coming journalists of the State. He is a member of the K. of P.

HARRISON SMITH, manufacturer, Terre Haute, was born in Camden, N. J., August 13, 1853, and is a son of William and Sarah Smith, who were of English descent. The father is a tallow manufacturer, and is living in Indianapolis; the mother died in Philadelphia, Penn. The family removed to Indianapolis in 1856, and Harrison, who is the youngest in a family of four children, received his education in the city schools of that place. He then worked for his father in the tallow and grease factory until he became of age, when he went to Mattoon, Ill., and started in business for himself. At the end of one year he sold and came to Terre Haute, and engaged in the manufacture of tallow, grease, etc., the factory being located on the island southwest of town. Mr. Smith was married in Mattoon, Ill., April 16, 1876, to Catherine Kenny, a native of New York City, born December 25, 1860. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had born to them two children: Bertha and Harry. Mr. Smith is a member of the K. of P., Occidental No. 18, and has passed the chairs; is also a member of the Uniform Rank, Terre Haute Division No. 3. In politics he is a Republican.

HENRY SMITH, retired farmer, Sugar Creek township, P. O. St. Mary's, was born in North Carolina, February 4, 1803, and is a son of George and Mayant (Coble) Smith. His grandfather, Henry Smith, came from Germany to America before the Revolutionary war, and when the war broke out he promptly enlisted, and served during seven years. Mr. Smith's father was an aid, and carried news for Gen. Washington. He was a farmer, and came to Indiana in 1815, and to Vigo county in 1821, settling in Terre Haute. His mother was born in North Carolina, of German descent. Henry is the fourth in a family of nine children, and grew up in this county, many of his playmates being young Indians. He followed farming, has made his own way in the world, and is the owner of 360 acres. He was united in marriage in Crawford county, Ind., in 1823, with Miss Nannie Hearn, of English descent. Their family consisted of eight children, of whom six are living. They lived together sixty-three years. Mrs. Smith died in 1885. Both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he being class leader, trustee and steward in the same. In politics he was first a Whig, then a Republican, and served as school trustee in Sugar Creek township. His father entered a section of land in and around St. Mary's.

HENRY SMITH, grocer, Terre Haute, was born in Harrison township, Vigo Co., Ind., October 5, 1857, and is a son of Christopher and Christena (Grathwhole) Smith, natives of Germany, who immigrated to Jeffersonville, Ky., and from there moved to Ohio, coming to this county about the year 1842. Henry, who is the third in a family of five children, received his education in the public schools, and then worked one year in a brick yard; afterward was engaged in the bakery business for his own account in Terre Haute, and carried on same two years. Hethen turned his attention to gardening, which he followed two years, but worked part of the time for B. G. Hudnut. after which he was employed in the hub and spoke factory, three years and three months, and learned the bending trade. From there he went to the Hudnut Milling Company, with whom he worked over three years, then in September, 1888, embarked in the grocery trade on his own account, and has prospered from the start. He handles a full line of staple and fancy groceries, and has been dependent on his own resources. Mr. Smith was united in marriage April 9, 1878, in Terre Haute, with Miss Ella, daughter of William H. and Luella (Murphy) Walker. She is the fourth in a family of five children, and was born in Terre Haute, September 9, 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had born to them one daughter, Minnie. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; in politics Mr. Smith is a Democrat.

ISAIAH E. SMITH, farmer and stock-grower, Honey Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born in Honey Creek township, Vigo Co., Ind., September 8, 1857, and is a son of David H. and Hannah (Marts) Smith, who were of English and German descent. His mother was a native of Washington county, Ind., his father of Jefferson county, same State, and was one of the early settlers of Vigo county, a farmer and miller by occupation. His family consisted of five children, Isaiah E. being the eldest. Our subject was reared on the farm, has followed agricultural pursuits, and is the owner of 123 acres of land in Vigo county. He was married in this county, September 13, 1883, to Phebe, daughter of Richard Pucket, of one of the noted first families in the early settlement of this portion of Indiana. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah E. Smith were Faith, Mabel and Earnest. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. Smith of the Baptist; in politics he is a Republican.

JOSEPH SMITH, farmer and stock-grower, Linton township, P. O. Youngstown, was born in Bucks county, Penn., January 12, 1816, and is a son of Eli and Mary (Woolsey) Smith, former a shoemaker by trade, and a native of Bucks county, of English descent, latter a native of New Jersey, of Welsh descent. They died in Warren county, Ohio. They had a family of seven children, of whom Joseph is the eldest. He was married February 9, 1857, to Cassandre, daughter of Burgess and Sarah (Taylor) French, natives of Virginia. Mrs. Smith, who is the third of a family of nine children, was born in Shenandoah county, Va., October 5, 1814. Mr. and Mrs. Smith adopted a boy, named George F., who married Arabell Davis. Mr. Smith received his education in the common schools of Ohio, learning the boot and shoe trade with his father, at which he has worked more or less all his life. He came to this county in 1858, and now owns a farm of forty-one acres, on which he resides. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, of which he is trustee and class-leader, and has served as steward and Sabbath-school superintendent. He is master of Eureka Grange, a subordinate order, and is also a member of the Pamo Grange. He served as justice of the peace for years.

LEWIS A. SMITH, salesman for the Coal Bluff Mining Company, Fontanet, was born in the city of Terre Haute, Ind., May 11, 1862, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth A. (Lackey) Smith, natives of Vigo county, Ind., and of families of the early settlers on the Wabash. The father, who was a farmer when the Civil war broke out, enlisted in the service of his country, and was killed on the field of battle. Lewis A., who is the only surviving child, was reared in Terre Haute, where he attended school; also

took a full course at the Terre Haute Commercial College, where he graduated in 1885, since when he has been with the Coal Bluff Mining Company, three years. Mr. Smith was united in marriage in 1887 with Miss Mary Belle, daughter of Martin Ray, and of English descent. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fontanet, of which he is a trustee, and has been teacher and superintendent of the Sabbath-school. Politically he is identified with the Republican party.

REV. JACOB SMOCK, pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church. This gentleman has been an active and efficient worker in the missionary cause. He entered the ministry in the good old-fashioned times, when the minister was supposed to be able to do all kinds of religious labor, when the gospel was supposed to be free to all except the shepherd, who was expected to preach regularly and board himself.

Rev. Smock was born in Bullitt county, Ky., September 13, 1824. His parents were David and Dorcas (Cole) Smock, also natives of Bullitt county, and of Pennsylvania-Dutch origin. They removed to Parke county, Ind., in 1825, where our subject grew to manhood. The father, who was a hard-working farmer, died at the age of fifty-five years in Parke county, Ind.; his father, William Smock, who was a soldier in the Revolution, and also a farmer, lived to a good old age. Rev. Jacob Smock, who is the sixth in a family of ten children, spent his young days in Raccoon township, Parke county, on the farm. He learned to labor at a tender age, and in the winter trudged along to the district school, where all his surroundings were of the most primitive type. In 1857 he united with the Missionary Baptist Church of Parke county, and soon after was ordained minister. He has organized two churches, has put up two church buildings, and has received many into the church fold. He has baptized over eight hundred people in Parke, Vigo and Sullivan counties. He has been twice married, first, when he was only seventeen years and six months old, to Caroline, daughter of Olmstead and Sarah Miligan, and of English descent. Six of their children are living, as follows: Jasper, Alexander, Josephine, Ida M., Maud and Rosa. Mrs. Smock died in 1879, and, in 1881, Mr. Smock was married to Miss Dianah, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Spray) Wilson, former a native of South Carolina, and latter of Ohio. They were of English descent, and members of the Society of Friends. Mrs. Smock is an exemplary member of the Missionary Baptist Church. This union has been blessed with one child, Wilma H. Rev. Smock from early in life has had to rely on his own resources, and in a business point of view has met with deserved success. He deals

largely in real estate, in which respect his sound judgment has served him well, and he has succeeded in accumulating a fair share of this world's goods. When a lad he bought his time of his father, and boldly launched his bark on the troubled sea of life, with the flattering capital in stock of two dollars and a half.

MAJOR MATHIAS SMOCK, Harrison township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born October 4, 1851, on the site of old Fort Harrison, a portion which forms a part of the building in which he was born. He is a son of Cornelius and Mary (Sliner) Smock, who came to this county many years ago. Cornelius Smock was born in Kentucky, and was married in Vigo county in 1848. He had three children, viz.: Mathias, better known as "Major;" Emma, wife of William Green, and Charles. Mrs. Smock has been previously married to Milton Evans, by whom she had two children: Angeline, wife of George Bell, and an infant, deceased. Mrs. Smock's father is still living at the advanced age of ninety-six years, hale and hearty. Mr. Smock located at the old fort in 1851. Major Mathias Smock was reared on a farm, has followed agricultural pursuits, and has served as deputy sheriff of Vigo county during the past four years. He was married in this county in 1875, to Kate, daughter of James W. Stewart, and born in Terre Haute. They are the parents of six children, as follows: Frank, Mary, Helen, Herbert, Bessie and Emma. Mr. Smock resides on the old fort farm with his mother. He has quite a large collection of ancient relics he has gathered in and around the old fort, among them stone axes, arrow points, and other curiosities. He is one of the prominent citizens of the county, an influential citizen, and a leading Democrat.

GEORGE H. SNIDER, dealer in stoves, tinware and kitchen furnishing goods, Terre Haute, was born in Shelby county, Ind., April 1, 1855, and is a son of William H. and Sophia (Thurston) Snider, former of whom was a native of Kentucky, latter of Pennsylvania, and both of German descent. George H., who is the eldest in a family of four children, received a common-school education in Shelby and Clay counties, and then worked on a farm about five years. He next turned his attention to the grocery business, and clerked for some time in Shelburn and Sullivan, Ind., coming in 1880 to Terre Haute, where he worked for R. L. Ball, in the stove and tinware trade, about seven years. In August, 1887, he embarked in business for himself at 21 South Fourth street, where he deals in stoves, tin, copper, sheet-iron ware, house furnishing goods, roofing and guttering, and also makes stove repairing a specialty. Mr. Snider was married in Sullivan, Ind., February 23, 1882, to Miss Belle, daughter of Abraham and Armilda (Hopewell) Annis, natives of Kentucky. Mrs. Snider is the sixth in a family

of seven children, and was born in Sullivan county, Ind., July 4, 1859. She is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Snider have had born to them one daughter, Jessie. Mr. Snider is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 51, and of the Encampment; is a member of the Canton, in which he is accountant, also a member of the Chosen Friends. In politics he is a Democrat.

WILSON H. SOALE, attorney, of the firm of Soale & Grimes, Terre Haute, is a native of Ohio, and is a son of Peter and Sarah (Parkes) Soale, who were of German and Irish descent, the father being a farmer by occupation. Our subject was reared on the farm in Highland county, Ohio, where he received his primary education at the district schools. He attended college at Hillsboro, where he graduated in the regular classical course in 1874; then studied law with Judge Gardner, at Hillsboro, and practiced his profession in Highland and Ross counties, Ohio, until 1883, when he accepted a position in the United States pension office. In 1885 he was appointed assistant supervisor of pensions of the State of Indiana, with headquarters at Terre Haute, but resigning his office he again entered on the practice of his profession in Terre Haute. This law firm has met with success in business. Mr. Soale was united in marriage in Ross county, Ohio, October 18, 1879, with Miss Myrtie M., daughter of Gotlieb Sheible, and born in Ohio, of German descent. This union has been blessed with one child, Grace. Mrs. Soale is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Soale is a Republican, and in 1890 he received the appointment of supervisor of the census of the Fourth District of Indiana, and he filled this office with credit, his district being the first in the United States to be completed.

WARREN SOULES, farmer and stock-grower, Lost Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born in Vigo county, Ind., October 7, 1827, and is a son of William and Almira (Baker) Soules. The father was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was one of the pioneer settlers of this country, where he followed farming, having come from New York State in 1816. He was in the Revolutionary war. He and his wife had a family of ten children, of whom eight grew to maturity, Warren being the fourth in the order of birth. Our subject was married December 6, 1868, to Sarah C. McFadden, who was born April 6, 1832, daughter of Malcolm and Elizabeth (Dixon) McFadden, her father a native of Pennsylvania, of Irish descent, and her mother of Ohio, of English and Scotch lineage. They were pioneer settlers of this county. Mr. Soules has followed farming with success, and is active and energetic, now owning 600 acres of farm land in a good state of cultivation. In May, 1865, he enlisted in the Thirty-third Regiment, Ind. V. I. in the 100-days' call, served four months and was honorably discharged.

ELLIS E. SOUTH, general ticket and freight agent, "Big Four" Railroad lines, Terre Haute. This successful railroad man has gained his advancement by his energy, integrity and promptness at every post of duty. He is a native of Indiana, born November 11, 1851, and is a son of Daniel B. and Martha (Duncan) South, natives of Ohio, and of English descent, former of whom was a prominent man, having served a number of years as treasurer of Hendricks county, Ind. He died at Danville, Ind., in 1862. Ellis E., who is the elder of two children, was reared at Danville, Ind., where he attended school for a time, subsequently becoming a student at the college at Greencastle, Ind. He learned telegraphy at Danville, and was thus employed by the "Big Four" Railroad lines from 1871 to 1877, during which time he became ticket agent. He was appointed ticket agent, January 1, 1882, and in 1886 was promoted to general freight and ticket agent, with headquarters at Terre Haute. Mr. South was married in St. Louis, to Nettie C., daughter of George P. Cook, and of German descent. They have one child, Mary E. Mrs. South is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In political matters Mr. South affiliates with the Republican party. He has taken the thirty-second degree in Masonry, and is also a Shriner, being a member of Murat Temple of Indianapolis.

A. W. SPAIN, physician and surgeon, Terre Haute, was born in Gibson county, Ind., November 22, 1837, and is a son of Archibald and Sarah (Garwood) Spain, former a native of Virginia, of English descent, latter of Kentucky, of German descent. The father came to Indiana Territory in 1815, and located near Vincennes, Knox county. The Doctor, who is the eighth in a family of ten children, was united in marriage May 22, 1866, at Noblesville, Ind., with Viola, daughter of Fredric and Martha (Dale) Cole, former of whom was a native of Rodmar, Jefferson Co., N. Y., and latter of Noblesville, Hamilton Co., Ind. Mrs. Spain, who is the eldest in a family of six children, was born in Shelby county, Ind., October 29, 1845. Dr. and Mrs. Spain have had born to them three children, as follows: Mattie D., Gertie A. and Robert T.

Dr. Spain was reared on a farm, and received his early education in the common schools of Gibson county, Ind. He then attended the Academy at Patoka, that State, two years, after which he taught in the public schools in New Harmony, Ind., and vicinity, four years, and then read medicine under Dr. J. W. Rawlings of that place. In 1861 he attended the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, graduating there in 1863. He was then appointed assistant-surgeon in the Eightieth Ind. V. I., remaining in the service until the close of the war. He then located in Posey-

ville, Ind., where he practiced medicine fifteen years. In 1879 he took a special course of lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York. In 1880 he came to Terre Haute, and has here practiced since. He has had to depend on his own resources, and has made a success in his profession. The Doctor is a member of the Indiana State Medical Association; the Mississippi Valley Medical Society; the Esculapian Medical Society of the Wabash Valley; also the Vigo County Medical Association, and served as president of the Vigo Society in 1879. He is secretary of the city board of health. Dr. and Mrs. Spain are members of the Christian Church. He is a member of the Terre Haute Science Club, and of the G. A. R., Morton Post No. 1; also a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 157, and is a past grand; he is a member of the Encampment, and is a past patriarch; is also a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor.

EDMUND T. SPOTSWOOD, M. D., Terre Haute, was born in Richmond, Va., October 10, 1827. He is a direct descendant of Sir Alexander Spotswood, who was a major-general in the British army and subsequently colonial governor of Virginia, from 1710 to 1723. The latter was of Scotch parentage, and was born in the port of Tangier, on a British man-of-war. He was reared in the army, served under the Duke of Marlborough with distinction, and was wounded at the battle of Blenheim while acting as deputy quartermaster-general. He was sent to America by the king of England as governor of Virginia, and no name is more prominently connected with the colonial history of Virginia than his. He developed the first iron mines and erected the first iron furnace in America, and was the first to introduce iron in the colonies for which he was called the "Tubal Cain" of Virginia. He was the first to bring the writ of habeas corpus to America, and in 1739 he was appointed deputy postmaster-general of the colonies, and it was he who promoted Benjamin Franklin to the postmastership of the then province of Pennsylvania. Gov. Spotswood died at Annapolis, Md., June 7, 1740, while on his way to Central America to take charge of the British troops in that country.

Dr. Edmund T. Spotswood is a son of Robert and Eliza L. (Hening) Spotswood, former of whom died in 1832, when the son was but five years old; the mother, who was of English descent, was the daughter of William Waller Hening, a prominent attorney of Virginia, and an author of a number of law books. She was possessed of high scholarly attainments, and was a poetess of high rank, several of her poems being used in the text books for public schools. After the death of her husband she married Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, of New York. They were pioneer settlers of

Carroll county, Ind., and the mother died at the home of Dr. Spotswood, in Perrysville, Ind., March 8, 1873, at the advanced age of seventy-three. Dr. Spotswood spent most of his life in Indiana, having come to this State when he was fourteen years old. His childhood and youth were spent on the farm, and he received his literary instruction from his mother. He studied medicine at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and graduated in 1852, locating same year at Perrysville, Vermillion Co., Ind., where he remained in the active practice of his chosen profession until 1888, being then the oldest practicing physician in Vermillion county. In April, 1862, after the battle of Shiloh, Dr. Spotswood volunteered his professional services to help to take care of the wounded. He went to Evansville where he found a large number of the wounded had been sent to Indianapolis, whither he went, and was offered a position as surgeon by Gov. Morton, but did not accept it. In August, 1862, he was appointed surgeon of the Seventy-first Ind. V. I., which became the Sixth Indiana Cavalry, and served in that capacity for eighteen months, when he was compelled to resign on account of disease of the eyes, acquired in the discharge of his official duty, and from which he has never recovered. He returned to Perrysville, where he did office practice. Dr. Spotswood represented Vermillion county one term in the legislature. He is a speaker of marked ability, and is independent in politics. He inherits of his mother poetical genius, and has written several very creditable poems. The Doctor was elected to the General Assembly from Vermillion county, Ind., in 1854, and was next the youngest member in the House of Representatives. He was the first to advocate a State normal school for Indiana, and while a member of the legislature he introduced the first resolution to establish the State Normal School of Indiana. The resolution reads as follows:

*Resolved:* That the committee on education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a State Normal School, in which persons who desire to make teaching a profession shall receive instruction free of charge, provided they bind themselves to teach for a specified term of years within the State of Indiana; and also if it is deemed expedient to establish such a school, whether it would be practicable to establish it on the Manual Labor Plan so as to make it a self-supporting institution as near as possible. With leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The Doctor was the first to agitate a State bureau of statistics. Dr. Spotswood was married May 17, 1853, to Miss Sarah, daughter of Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, of the State of New York, and they had five children, as follows: Edith, Welford and Bernard are deceased, and Edwin and Mary are living in Terre Haute, Mary being married to H. B. Rhoads. Dr. Spotswood is a Methodist.

PATRICK W. STACK, owner and proprietor of the Chestnut Street Hotel, Terre Haute. This energetic and successful business

man was born in Ireland August 24, 1848, and is a son of William Stack, who was a farmer, and died in the old country. The family consisted of eight children, of whom Patrick W. is the fifth. He crossed the ocean in 1852, and was reared in America, attending the common schools at Pittsburgh, Penn., where he also worked in the machine shops some years. In 1866 he removed to Terre Haute, and was employed by the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railroad Company as engineer, and has since made this city his home. In 1875 he embarked in the hotel business, and has carried on, at the same time, other business enterprises. He has dealt extensively in real estate, and is the owner of nine dwellings in addition to his hotel and other real estates in Terre Haute, also valuable property in Illinois—a highly improved stock-farm, where he breeds and deals extensively in draft horses. He has made his own way in the world. Mr. Stack was united in marriage in Coles county, Ill., in 1876, to Miss Mary A., daughter of I. O. Sullivan, and born in Clay county, Ind., of Irish descent, which union has been blessed with seven children, viz.: Will. D., John W., Anna Mary J., Margaret A., May Patrick, Helen and Catherine. The family are members of the Catholic Church, and Mr. Stack is a member of the Hibernian Society, also of the C. K. of A., having served as treasurer and president in the order. He is a member of three of the building and loan associations of Terre Haute, and occupies the position of appraiser in all of them. He does all he can to advance the interests of the laboring man, and to help to build up the city. Mr. Stack is a consistent and active member of the Democratic party, though never a blind dogmatic partisan, and in 1880 was a candidate before the Democratic convention for county treasurer. It is the welfare of his country and fellow-man that always actuates his every action.

PETER N. STAFF, No. 913 Main street, Terre Haute, was born in Henry county, Ind., January 26, 1844, and is a son of Fredrick S. and Catherine (Napp) Staff, natives of Baden, Germany. Peter N., who is the sixth in a family of ten children, was married in Terre Haute October 27, 1881, to Martha E., daughter of Joseph C. and Catharine (Sasseen) Strole, who were of German descent. Mrs. Staff is the eldest in a family of four children that grew to maturity, and was born in New Goshen, Ind., February 13, 1854. Mr. Staff was reared in Raysville, Ind., and received a common-school education; he worked on a farm, also in a brick yard, and was railroading about nine years. In September, 1861, in response to the call of his country, he enlisted in Company K, Thirty-sixth Ind. V. I., and among the important engagements he participated in may be mentioned the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Stone River, Chickamauga and the Atlanta campaign. At Ringgold, Ga., he was slightly

wounded with a sabre, and was captured, but made his escape. He was mustered out at Indianapolis in September, 1864, and after his return from the army he attended school three years at Raysville and Knightstown. He came to Terre Haute in 1870, and engaged in business. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 382, and of the Encampment, No. 17. He is a Republican in politics.

CHARLES STAHL, member of the firm of Zimmerman & Stahl, manufacturers of pants, overalls and shirts, No. 30 North Sixth street, Terre Haute, is a native of Vienna, Austria. His father, Edward Stahl, who held a government position, died in Vienna at the age of sixty-five years, and his widow, whose maiden name was Anna Zimmerman, is yet living in Vienna. Charles, who is the eldest in a family of seven children, received his education in the highest institutions of learning in Vienna. Having attended school fifteen years, he began his career in the railroad business as telegraph operator and station agent, and was thus employed five years, when he accepted a position in the Exchange Bank of Vienna, where he remained two years, when he resigned and went into the largest bank in Vienna, whose capital was \$90,000,000, having control of \$100,000,000 of State funds. Mr. Stahl remained in that institution nine years. He emigrated to America, locating in Terre Haute, Ind., November 9, 1886, and owing to the illness of Mr. Zimmerman, his father-in-law, he took charge of his business; resigned his position in the bank in 1887, and took an interest in the factory. Mr. Zimmerman died in May, 1888, and Mr. Stahl has had entire charge of the concern since that time. The business was organized by Mr. Zimmerman in 1872, and had a steady growth until his sickness, when its affairs declined; but under the management of Mr. Stahl, who is an enterprising, thorough business man, it has grown until they now have a larger trade than ever. This factory is one of the important enterprises of Terre Haute, and gives employment to about 250 girls and about twenty men. Mr. Stahl was united in marriage, in Vienna, Austria, July 9, 1883, with Rosa, the younger of the two children of Charles Zimmerman, and a native of Bohemia. Mr. and Mrs. Stahl had born to them two children: Charles and Elsa, latter deceased.

REV. JAMES D. STANLEY, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, residence No. 215 North Seventh street, Terre Haute. This gentleman is a native of Georgia, being a son of Augustin and Rebecca (Dowdell) Stanley, also natives of that State. The father was an Episcopal minister, and also a physician and surgeon, having been graduated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. The family removed from Georgia to Tennessee in 1871, and remained there until 1879, when they became residents of Evansville, Ind.

His father was rector of the Church of the Holy Innocents in that city, and died in January, 1881, at the age of forty-nine years. Our subject, who is the eldest in a family of six children, received his preparatory education in Georgia and Tennessee, and entered Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., in 1873, where he was graduated, in 1877, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, three years later receiving that of M. A. He was awarded the oratorical medal at the college in 1876. In the fall of 1877 he entered the General Theological Seminary, New York City, being graduated in 1880. At the Commencement that year he was one of the two appointed essayists. He was ordained to the ministry in June, 1880, at St. Paul's Church, Evansville, Ind., by Bishop Talbot. Here he officiated for a short time, and in October, 1880, took charge of the Church of the Epiphany, Cincinnati, Ohio. He became rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Terre Haute, in October, 1886, and has served on a number of important committees in the diocese. In 1889 he was one of the four Clerical Deputies from the State to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church held in New York City. He is Past Chancellor of Oriental Lodge, No. 81, K. of P., and Prelate of the Commandery, K. T. No. 16, Terre Haute, and in May, 1890, was elected Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of the State of Indiana.

WILLIAM I. STARK, physician and surgeon, Nevins township, P. O. Fontanet, was born in Sullivan county, Ind., June 30, 1857, and is a son of Elijah and Curmellar (Weeks) Stark, former a native of Indiana, latter of Kentucky. They were of Scotch descent. The father has been a farmer all his life, and resides on a farm in Sullivan county. Dr. Stark, who is the sixth in a family of nine children, was reared on a farm, and received his early education in the common schools, subsequently attending the high school at Sullivan. He then studied medicine with Dr. Higbee, at Sullivan; afterward went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he took a full course in the Homeopathic College, graduating in 1881. He then entered on the practice of his profession in Vigo county, and has been a practitioner here ever since. The Doctor was married, September 24, 1886, to Miss Malinda, daughter of Daniel H. and Elizabeth Markin, and of German descent. Dr. and Mrs. Stark are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served an unexpired term as justice of the peace; afterward he was elected, and served a full term in the office. They are members of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, of which order Mrs. Stark is financial secretary. The Doctor is a member of the Knights of Labor.

WORTH B. STEELE, lumber dealer, Terre Haute, is secretary of the Wabash Lumber Company, and is one of the represent-

ative citizens of Terre Haute. He was born in Crawford county, Ill., July 22, 1851, and is a son of Nenian and Martha J. (Harris) Steele, former a native of Virginia, latter of Illinois, and both of Scotch descent. The father was a physician, and engaged in the practice of his profession in Crawford county, Ill., where he died in 1861. Worth B., who is the third in a family of five children, was reared in Illinois, attending the graded schools, and early in life was engaged as a book-keeper. He came to Terre Haute in 1868, and served as secretary of the Terre Haute Lumber Company. In 1889 he became a member of the Wabash Lumber Company, and has since served as its secretary. He was married in Clark county, Ill., in May, 1872, to Miss Delia A., daughter of John and Susan Paterson, and a native of Maine, born of English descent. This union has been blessed with three children: Malcom, John and Alma. Mr. Steele is a member of the Christian Church, Mrs. Steele of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the city council; is a Master Mason, and a member of the I. O. O. F. He is trustee of the National Union Society, Terre Haute. Politically he is a Republican.

NICHOLAS STEIN, of the firm of Stein & Heckelsburg, No. 513 Wabash avenue, Terre Haute, is a native of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, born October 6, 1843, and is a son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Huebner) Stein, natives of Germany, who immigrated to Missouri in 1858, and came to Terre Haute in the spring of 1860, where they now reside. The father is a wood-turner by trade. Our subject, who is the second in a family of seven children, received a common-school education, and served an apprenticeship at the shoemaker's trade, which he followed until May, 1864, when he enlisted in Company I, One hundred and Thirty-third Ind. V. L., in the four months' service. They were put on guard duty at Bridgeport, Ala., to guard railroads and bridges, and Mr. Stein was mustered out at Indianapolis in September, 1864. He then returned to Terre Haute, and engaged in the boot and shoe business, forming, in March, 1879, a partnership with Mr. Heckelsburg. This is one of the leading shoe firms of the city, and they have built up a large and growing trade, making a specialty of first-class lines of goods. Mr. Stein has had to depend on his own resources. He was married in Terre Haute, May 11, 1867, to Miss Catharine, daughter of Charles F. and Hannah (Seebergher) May, natives of Baden, Germany, who died in this county. Mrs. Stein is the third in a family of seven children, and was born in Baden, Germany, September 21, 1843. Mr. and Mrs. Stein have four children: Charles F., Edward E., Gertrude M. and Katy May. The parents are members of the German Lutheran Church. Mr. Stein is a member of the Masonic fraternity,

Humbolt Lodge No. 42, also of the I. O. O. F., Goethe Lodge No. 382, and has passed the chairs. In 1880 he was elected school trustee by the city council, and served six years. In politics he is a Democrat.

JAMES K. P. STEPHENS, Pierson township, P. O. Lewis. This prominent farmer was born in Clay county, Ind., May 8, 1845, and is a son of James and Wealthy (Beeman) Stephens, both natives of Randolph county, N. C., former of whom was born in 1794 and died in Clay county in 1857, latter born in 1818, and died near Bowling Green, Ind., in 1888. The father served in the War of 1812, in Col. Ben. Dumas' regiment, participating in a great many battles, and during the time he was at the spot where Terre Haute now stands. In 1827 he, in company with others, left North Carolina and came and settled where the town of Bowling Green now is, where they farmed. In politics he was a Democrat. He was twice married, first to Elizabeth Jordan, by whom there were two sons and two daughters, two of whom are living. Mr. Stephens married the second time, and by this union were eight children, James K. P. being the seventh in the order of birth. Five of the eight are living, as follows: Elijah, Laborn, Nancy, James K. P. and Jacob E. James Stephens, the father of our subject, came from France with LaFayette, to join the colonists against the English, and took part in the battles LaFayette's army participated in. After the war he remained in North Carolina, becoming a citizen of the United States and an extensive planter.

James K. P. Stephens obtained his education in Clay county, Ind., and in March, 1863, he left home, enlisting in Company M, Sixth Ind. V. C. He took part in several battles—Tazewell, Walker's Ford, the siege of Knoxville and others. He was at one time very severely injured in time of action by his horse falling on him. He took part in all the engagements under Gen. Sherman from Chickamauga, Tenn., to Atlanta, Ga., such battles as Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Turner's Ferry, Adairsville, Cassville, Cartersville, Altoona Pass, Big Shanty, Burnt Hickory, Brush Mountain, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Culp's Farm, Smyrna, Chattahoochie River, Peach Tree Creek, Ezra Church, Atlanta, and was with Gen. Stoneman on his raid to Macon, Ga.; was also in the battles at Pulaski and Nashville, Tenn. He was mustered out of the service at Murfreesboro, Tenn., September 27, 1865. After returning from the army he again commenced farming, and in 1867 he came to Pierson township, this county. May 17, 1866, he married Margaret F., a daughter of Peter Craft, and born in Ohio, August 30, 1846. Seven children have been born to this marriage, of whom those living are Bettie, Thaddeus, Pat, Maud, May, Sherman and Ethel. Mr. and

Mrs. Stephens are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is adjutant of Gen. Cruft Post No. 284, G. A. R., of which he was commander three years; he is a member of Vigo County Lodge No. 29, A. F. & A. M.; also of the F. M. B. A. Lodge, No. 3254, Centerville, and in politics he is a Republican.

REUBEN N. STERLING, farmer and stock-grower, Honey Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born November 30, 1846, at Paris, the county seat of Edgar county, Ill., and is a son of David A. and Mary Mahettable Sterling, former of whom was born in Blount county, Tenn., latter in Erie county, N. Y., and they were of English and Scotch descent. The father, who was a carpenter and cabinet-maker by trade, spent many years in the county, having come here when he was but seventeen years of age; he died in 1858, after living here nearly half a century; his widow lived to be seventy-two years of age, and died in 1885. Their family consisted of ten children, of whom Reuben N., the sixth in order of birth, was reared in Vigo county. He had the sparsest advantages of the schools, but has picked up the rudiments of an English education, and can transact his own business with accuracy. He has hewed out his own pathway in life since he was eight years old, and now rents a farm of 240 acres. He never goes in debt except for limited amounts, and has never asked anyone to go his security. Mr. Sterling was married in 1872 to Sarah J., daughter of Adam and Sarah J. (Drake) Kesler, and of German and English descent. Their children are May, Ada, Olive, Gertrude, Ralph, Matilda and Harriet. In politics Mr. Sterling is a Republican. In 1862 he enlisted in the Fifty-fourth Ind. V. I., Company B, and was wounded and taken prisoner at West Point, but served his term out and re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifteenth Ind. V. I., serving six months. He then again re-enlisted, this time in the Eighteenth Indiana Battery, Capt. Beck's Light Artillery, and served until the close of the war. Returning home he engaged in coal mining for fifteen years, and then bought his present farm, and has since been engaged in farming and stock-growing.

THOMAS STEVENSON, farmer and stock-grower, Otter Creek township. This gentleman is among the most prominent and best known farmers of Vigo county. He was born on Section 8, in Otter Creek township, this county, March 31, 1826, and is a son of Mahlon and Ruth (Durham) Stevenson, former a native of Tennessee, latter of Virginia. They were of English descent, and were among the earliest settlers of Vigo county. The father was a farmer, and came to this county in 1816, and in 1819 he settled in Otter Creek township, in the green wood, where he opened a farm and spent the remaining portion of his life. He was a wheelwright

by trade, but could turn his hand to other work with success, among other things making chairs, his sons doing most of the farm work. The father and mother died in Otter Creek township. Of their ten children eight lived to be men and women, only three of whom are now living. Thomas, who is next to the youngest, was reared in Otter Creek township, and attended the district school and Bloomingdale Academy. He has devoted his life to farming and stock-growing, and has met with success, being the owner of 300 acres of land. Mr. Stevenson is highly respected by all who know him. He was married in Tippecanoe county, Ind., February 27, 1862, to Miss Eliza, daughter of George S. and Sarah (Coffman) Aholtz, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German origin. This union has been blessed with six children, viz.: George L., a farmer; Sarah I., Norma, Archer, Octavia and Frederick. Mr. Stevenson is a member of the Society of Friends, which was the religious faith of his parents; Mrs. Stevenson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Republican in politics, but never aspired to any office; has served as supervisor, also one term as trustee of Otter Creek township, where he has spent most of his life.

JAMES A. STEWART, farmer, Nevins township, P. O. Fontanet, whose residence is on Section 24, is the owner of eighty acres of land, all in a high state of cultivation. He was born in Terre Haute, Ind., January 22, 1850, and is a son of James and Catharine Stewart. He was reared on a farm as a farmer boy, and has followed agricultural pursuits since commencing life for himself. He was married in Vigo county, Ind., to Samantha A., a daughter of Edward T. and Mary Jones, and they are the parents of the following named children: Thaddeus D., Tony E. and Herman. Mr. Stewart is a member of the F. M. B. A., and politically he is in accord with the Democratic party. The family have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and in the social life of the neighborhood are highly esteemed.

LOUIS K. STOCK, M. D., Centerville, Pierson township, prominent as a physician and citizen of that township, was born in Clarkson, Columbiana Co., Ohio, May 1, 1853, and is a son of Franklin and Catharine (Canaan) Stock. Franklin Stock is a son of Benjamin and Jane (Dougherty) Stock, former of whom was a native of England. The Stock family for generations have mostly been engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods. Franklin was born in Ohio, in 1829, was reared in Washington county, Penn., and then migrated to Ohio, where he remained until 1860, in which year he removed to Pittsburgh, Penn., and then came to Sullivan county, Ind., where he resided until 1884, thence came to Centerville, this county, where he now resides. During the Civil war he served eighteen

months in Company D, Forty-third Ind. V. I., being on duty most of the time transferring prisoners from the North to the South. His principal occupation has been that of farming.

Dr. Stock is the eldest in a family of four children. His brother, Charles G., a carpenter and undertaker in Centerville, is the second child; Clara B., the third, is the wife of George R. Dutton, cashier of the Sullivan County Bank; Edgar M., the youngest, is engaged in farming in Vigo county. Dr. Stock received his education at Ascension Seminary, at Farmersburg, Ind., and when he became old enough he taught school in Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties. After six years in the school-room, he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. W. W. Johnston, of Terre Haute, as his preceptor. Previous to this, however, he had taken a course in the Commercial College, and was able to keep books, which he did, earning money to pay his expenses while engaged in the study of medicine. In 1877 he attended, one term, the Eclectic Medical Institute, of Cincinnati. He then located, and commenced the practice of medicine at New Gosheh, Ind. After four years he again attended medical lectures at Cincinnati, where he graduated in 1882. He then settled in Centerville, Ind., where he now has an extensive and lucrative practice. During his days in school it was one continual struggle for success, which he has gained. October 2, 1883, he married Miss Emma F. Cochran, daughter of Charles P. Cochran, and they have one son, Herbert. Dr. and Mrs. Stock are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of Comet Lodge No. 615, I. O. O. F.; has represented the I. O. O. F. in the Grand Lodge of the State. In politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE W. STOUT, farmer and stock-grower, Linton township, P. O. Pimento, was born in Spencer county, Ky., January 1, 1829, and is a son of Robert and Martha (Vandyke) Stout, former of whom was a carpenter by trade, and also followed farming. They were natives of Kentucky, and had a family of six children, of whom George W., is the third. Our subject's paternal grandparents were Peter and — (Sherwood) Stout, and his maternal grandparents were Peter and Anna (Stout) Vandyke, natives of Virginia. George W. Stout was married, October 9, 1850, to Nancy R., daughter of Reuben H. and Elizabeth (Kester) Beauchamp, who reared a family of nine children, Nancy R. being the fifth. Mrs. Stout's parents were natives of Kentucky, where they were married, and whence they moved to Indiana. They were both members of the Baptist Church. Her paternal grandparents were both named Beauchamp—Isaac and Hetty—and her maternal grandparents were John and Sarah (Pound) Kester, the one a native of Vir-

ginia, the other of Tennessee; they moved to Kentucky, and raised a family of nine children. Mr. and Mrs. Stout had born to them nine children, viz: Theodore V., William P. (deceased), Martha E. (deceased), Marietta K. (deceased), James R. (deceased), Claudie D., Reuben C., John H. and George L. The subject of this sketch received his education in the common schools of Kentucky, and chose farming as a business. He moved to Linton township, this county, in 1849, and bought the farm on which he now resides. He has made a success of farming, and owns 230 acres of land in a good state of cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Stout are members of the Baptist Church, in the affairs of which he takes an active interest, being deacon at the present time. He has served four years as justice of the peace, and two years as assessor by appointment. In politics he is a Democrat.

J. W. STOUT, chief of police, Terre Haute, was born in Spencer county, Ky., December 3, 1852, and is a son of James and Arsula (Taylor) Stout, natives of Kentucky and of English descent. They came to Indiana in 1855, and settled in Sullivan county, on a farm near the Vigo county line. J. W. Stout, who is the second in a family of six children, remained with his parents on the farm, and attended the district schools until he was nineteen years old, when he came to Terre Haute, where he was engaged for a short time as hotel clerk. He then removed to a farm in Prairieton township, and followed agriculture three years; then returned to Terre Haute, and kept hotel until 1880, when he embarked in mercantile trade, which he continued four years. In 1884 he engaged in the livery business, which he has since carried on. Mr. Stout was married in Clay county, Ind., October 27, 1874, to Miss Emma, daughter of Christopher Trinkle, and a native of Clay county. In politics Mr. Stout is a Democrat, and was appointed superintendent of the police of Terre Haute, May 10, 1888. He has thirty-seven men under him, and is well qualified for the position he holds.

JOHN H. STROLE, Fayette township, P. O. New Goshen, is one among the most successful farmers of Vigo county, Ind. He was born in Page county, Va., September 9, 1828, and is a son of John and Drucilla (Graves) Strole, former a native of Pennsylvania, latter of Old Virginia, and they were of Dutch and English descent. His father was a miller in Virginia. He died in 1867. Our subject, who is the fifth in a large family of children, was reared in Virginia, and was with his father in the milling business until 1851. He received his schooling in that State, and has made farming the main business of his life, meeting with great success. He is the owner of a fine well-improved farm in Fayette township, of 290 acres, and also 130 acres in Edgar county, Ill. He has made his

possessions mostly by farming, and attends strictly to his business. His farm is an example of neatness, well worthy of imitation. Mr. Strole was married in Vigo county, Ind., February 14, 1856, to Miss Matilda E., daughter of Jacob Whitesel. Her parents were of Dutch descent. Our subject and wife have six children, as follows: D. F., Hannah D., Susanna A., Sarah R., Joseph S. and Dora E. Mr. Strole is a devout member of the U. B. Church, and has served for a quarter of a century as trustee of the same; is also an active member of the Sabbath-school, and has served many years as treasurer of it. He contributes both his money and time liberally to the support of the gospel, and is classed on the side of morality and temperance. He is an out-and-out believer in letting the light shine, and when his church people erected their church he came forward with the largest subscription on the list. He believes in church matters as he does in business: "What is worth doing is worth doing well."

JONAS STROUSE, grocer, Terre Haute, is a native of Germany, and is a son of Abraham Strouse. His parents died in Germany. He received a common-school education, and then worked about eight years at the shoemaker's trade in his native place. In 1866 he immigrated to Pittsburgh, Penn., where he worked at his trade one year, and then came to Terre Haute, where he was employed as a clerk in his brother's clothing store about five years; then was in a grocery store for some time. In 1879 he engaged in business for himself where he is at present located, and does a wholesale and retail business in groceries and liquors. Mr. Strouse started out in the world with no capital except good health, a good character and honest industry, supplementing these with a close application to business, and he has won him success. He was married in Indianapolis in October, 1880, to Trulia Rosendolph, and they have one son, Alfred. Mr. Strouse is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Humbolt Lodge No. 42, and also of the I. O. O. F., No. 386.

CHARLES STUEMPFLE, member of the firm of Stuempfle & Welte, Terre Haute, is a native of Preston, Canada, born August 13, 1843, and is a son of Michel and Catharine (Roos) Stuempfle, natives of Germany, the father of Wurtemberg, and the mother of Alsace. Michel Stuempfle, who was a manufacturer of pottery-ware, moved to Canada when a young man, and died there in 1879, in his seventy-third year. His widow, now in her seventy-third year, is still a resident of Canada. Charles, who is the sixth in a family of eleven children, was reared in Canada, where he received a common-school education. He learned the shoemaker's trade, and followed same ten years at his native home. In 1868 he came to Terre Haute and carried on his trade here about ten years; then, on

September 7, 1878, embarked in business with Mr. Welte, his present partner, where they are located at this time. Their hall is nicely fitted up, and they conduct a quiet, orderly place. Mr. Stuempfle has been dependent on his own resources. He was married in Terre Haute, November 3, 1870, to Miss Frances, daughter of John and Philophena (Zimmerman) Schmidt, natives of Hessia, Germany, who came to this country about the year 1850. Her father was in the employ of the Vandalia Railroad Company in their shops, and died in 1867; her mother died in 1887. Frances is the eldest in a family of five children that grew to maturity, and was born in Syracuse, N. Y., October 26, 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Stuempfle had born to them three children: Charles (deceased), Charlotte and Ada. Mrs. Stuempfle is a member of the German Reformed Church. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and in politics is a Democrat.

D. C. SULLIVAN, farmer and stock-grower, Sugar Creek township, P. O. St. Mary's, was born at St. Mary's, this county, May 10, 1858, and is a son of Dennis and Catherine (Shea) Sullivan, natives of Ireland, but who resided in England for some time, and then came to America in 1849, and settled in Sugar Creek township, this county, on a farm. In 1860 the father removed to Fayette township where he spent the remaining portion of his life, dying July 3, 1889. His family consists of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only son. He was reared on the farm, attending the common school, and then followed farming, in which he has been successful; his farm where he now resides consists of 257 acres. Mr. Sullivan was united in marriage January 27, 1881, to Miss Lora, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Sauvel) Fulmer, and a native of Pennsylvania, born of German descent. They have six children: Lena, Katie, Lora, Grover D., James A. and Johanna. Mr. Sullivan is a member of the Catholic Church; in politics he is a Democrat.

THOMAS SUNDERLAND, gardener and farmer, Otter Creek township, P. O. Atherton, was born in Yorkshire, England, February 26, 1833, and is a son of George Sunderland, who was a man of considerable mechanical ingenuity, whose main business was working in the factories in England, mostly as superintendent; he died in England in May, 1870. Thomas, who is the youngest in the family, partook of his father's nature, and after attending the common schools he learned the blacksmith trade, serving as an apprentice for five years in England. In 1855 he married Ann Long, and in 1857 he came to the United States, making his temporary home in Orleans county, N. Y. He was prudent and industrious, and in December, 1860, he was in a position to revisit England, which he did. In March, following year, he returned to the United

States, bringing his wife with him. In New York they had a son and daughter born to them, of whom James (the elder of the two) was married to Laura Nott, and then left Terre Haute (whither he had come with his parents) for Chicago, where he is engineer for the Cook Laundry, at No. 3734 Cottage Grove avenue. The daughter, Sarah Hannah, is the wife of George F. Davis. Thomas Sunderland farmed until coming to this county, in 1869, then worked in the nail factory, as night fireman, for several years. Subsequently he bought his present farm in Otter Creek township, and he now makes gardening a specialty. Mrs. Sunderland is a member of the Church of England. Mr. Sunderland is a member of the A. O. U. W., and of the F. M. B. A.; politically he is a Democrat.

Theron Sutliff (deceased) was a prominent farmer and stock-grower, and was born in the State of New York, February 7, 1815, and died in 1881. He was the third in a family of four children. His parents came to Vigo county at an early day, and the father lost his life while on a trip to New Orleans on a boat. Theron Sutliff grew to manhood in Vigo county and became widely known as an energetic and successful farmer, owning at the time of his death 350 acres of valuable land, all the fruits of his own toil. He was married January 10, 1847, to Miss Emily M., daughter of Eli St. Clair, who is still living at the advanced age of ninety-five years. Her mother's maiden name was Fannie Siner, her parents being of English descent. Mr. and Mrs. Sutliff had a family of eight children, viz.: Warren, who is now in the drug business at Peoria, Ill.; Cordelia, wife of William Bowman; Marium, wife of Edgar Larkins; Albert, Nelson, and Henry, farmers; Park, a farmer in Honey Creek township; and Riley, also a farmer at the same place. Mrs. Sutliff is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Mr. Sutliff was a Republican in politics.

Park Sutliff, farmer and stock-grower, Honey Creek township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born in Honey Creek township, Vigo Co., Ind., December 22, 1866, and is a son of the late Theron Sutliff. His mother's maiden name was Emily M. St. Clair. She was born in Honey Creek township; his father was born in the State of New York, and died in 1881; they were of American and German origin. The father made farming his business, and succeeded in accumulating a handsome fortune. Our subject, who is the seventh in a family of eight children, was reared in Honey Creek township on a farm. His schooling was obtained in the district school of the neighborhood, and he wisely chose farming and stock-growing as a permanent life business. He is now the owner of a well-improved farm where he resides, situated near the spot where he was born. He was married in Vigo county, in 1884, to Miss Irene, daughter of

John and Millie (Puckett) Price, and was born in Indiana, of American and German lineage. Mr. and Mrs. Sutliff have one child, a bright little girl named Dora E. Mr. Sutliff is a Republican in politics. Mrs. Sutliff is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

PRESTON N. SWALLS, farmer and stock-grower, Lost Creek township, P. O. Seelyville, is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Vigo county. He was born April 15, 1843, on the farm where he now resides, and of which he owns a one-half interest; this is a valuable farm, consisting of 298 acres. His brother, C. B., who is unmarried, owns the other half interest in this farm, and resides with the family. Their parents were David and Catharine (Muncie) Swalls, natives of South Carolina, and of Scotch-Irish and German descent. The father, who was a farmer all his life, came to this county in 1830. Preston N. is a grandson of Valentine Swalls, also a farmer, who lived to the advanced aged of ninety-three years. Our subject, who is the eldest son in a family of seven children, received his education in schools of the district where he grew to manhood, and he has been a farmer all his life. He was united in marriage, in Vigo county, with Miss Sarah E., daughter of Henry Clay (a farmer) and Mary J. (Ladd) Long, and of English descent. Mrs. Swalls is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Swalls is a Democrat in politics, but has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to attend to his farm. He and his brother, C. B., mindful of the old maxim "In union there is strength," have kept their farm together, and have prospered remarkably well. Preston N. enlisted in August, 1862, in the Fourth Indiana Cavalry, Seventy-seventh Regiment, Ind. I. V., Company M, and proved a good soldier, serving his country faithfully.

HENRY B. SWEET, general manager for Arthur Jordan, wholesale dealer, Nos. 101 and 119, Water street, Terre Haute, was born in Springfield, Ill., August 6, 1855, and is a son of Galusha B. and Matilda (Perrin) Sweet, of Massachusetts and New York, respectively, former of English ancestry. When about fifteen years of age Galusha B. Sweet moved from his native State, with his parents, to Galena, Ill., where he grew to manhood, and became a prominent and influential business man. He was connected with various important enterprises. At one time he was a wholesale commission merchant, forwarding supplies for the Southern plantations; was also connected with an important steamboat line, and with the Chicago & Alton Railroad. He died at Alton, Ill., in 1865; his widow is now living in Brooklyn, N. Y. They had born to them nine sons and one daughter, of whom four sons are living. Our subject was reared and educated in Illinois, and when he was

about one year old his parents moved to Alton, same State, and soon after the death of the father the family went to Chicago. From there Mr. Sweet proceeded to Minneapolis, Minn., subsequently to New York, thence moved to St. Paul, and from there to the Pacific coast, where he remained two years engaged in mining. In the latter part of 1888 he located in Spokane Falls, W. T., and then came to Terre Haute, where he accepted the position he now occupies. October 25, 1880, Mr. Sweet was married to Miss Gene Burke, an accomplished lady of Indianapolis, and by this union there is one son, Edward E. He and Mrs. Sweet are members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church; he is a worthy member of the K. of P., and in politics he is a Republican, having cast his first presidential vote for Hayes.

G. W. TABER, farmer and stock-grower, Lost Creek township, P. O. Seelyville, was born in Urbana, Champaign Co., Ohio, April 15, 1837, and is a son of John Clay and Rebecca (Doolittle) Taber, latter a native of Maryland, of German origin. The father, who was born in Kentucky, of English descent, was a hatter by trade, and was a prominent man; he served two terms as sheriff of Champaign county, Ohio, and died in Indiana in 1873. His family consisted of seven children, five of whom grew to maturity. G. W. Taber, who is the third in the family, was reared in Urbana, Ohio, where he received his education. His first occupation was that of a clerk, in which capacity he was employed six years. He came to Terre Haute in 1863, and, having learned the manufacturing of horse-collars and fly-nets, he embarked in the manufacture of that line of goods, with two of his brothers, continuing the business with success till 1874. One year during the war they paid a revenue tax of \$1,600. His farm in Lost Creek township, where he has resided since 1874, consists of 155 acres of well-improved land. Mr. Taber has made his own way in the world. He was married in Terre Haute, Ind., to Miss Anna, daughter of Rev. Thomas and Elizabeth (Herrington) Eckles, and born in England, as were also her parents. Her father was a minister of the Methodist Church, a man of high literary attainments, who came to Terre Haute in 1852, where he opened a school and taught the higher branches; he died in 1854. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Taber has been blessed with five sons, viz.: William H. and George M., school teachers; Frank A., Herbert E. and Mont E., attending school. They take an active interest in the affairs of the church, and Mr. Taber has served as trustee in the church at Terre Haute. In politics he is a Democrat.

ROBERT TAGGART, manager of the Depot Hotel, Terre Haute, was born in Ireland, August 15, 1857, and is the fifth in the

family of seven children of Thomas and Martha (Kingsbury) Taggart, who came from Ireland and settled at Xenia, Ohio, in 1863. The father was employed by the railroad company many years. Our subject's first employment was as clerk in a hotel at Xenia, and in 1876 he came to Terre Haute, where he accepted his present position. He has made a success, and is well and favorably known by the traveling public. He was married in Ohio, to Miss Mary, daughter of Robert Greenwood, her parents being natives of Virginia, and of English descent. This union has been blessed with a family of four children: Ralph, Thomas, Robert and Mary. Mrs. Taggart is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Taggart is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, Scottish Rite, and has taken thirty-two degrees. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party.

JOHN M. TALBOTT, M. D., Middletown, was born in La Fayette, July 3, 1836, and is a son of Rev. Henry S. and Martha L. (Harter) Talbott, former a native of Pennsylvania, latter of Kentucky. From Pennsylvania the father went to Steubenville, Ohio, and studied medicine there, the late Ex-Secretary of War Stanton being one of his schoolmates. The Doctor's father, who was one of the first graduates of the Cincinnati Medical College, came to Spencer county, Ind., about the year 1818, and practiced medicine nine years in that county and also in Warrick county; then entered the Methodist Episcopal Conference, and was a minister of the Gospel for nearly fifty years. When a little girl, his wife came to Spencer county with her widowed mother, who had five children. Rev. Henry S. Talbott died in September, 1880, in his eighty-first year; his widow is still living, and is in her eightieth year. They had a family of five sons and five daughters, of whom the Doctor is the fifth. Our subject was united in marriage, January 3, 1861, with Amanda, daughter of James (a farmer) and Mary (Clark) Rice, natives of Kentucky, and pioneer settlers of Warrick county, Ind., where they died. Amanda was born February 28, 1838, and died March 14, 1889, a consistent member of the Christian Church. Dr. and Mrs. Talbott had an adopted daughter, Osa M. White, who died April 16, 1889.

The Doctor received his early education in the common schools of Orange county, Ind., then attended DePauw University at Greencastle for a year, beginning the study of medicine in 1857, in Spencer county, Ind., under Dr. Milner, and remaining with him two years. He then attended Louisville Medical College one term, and began the practice of medicine in Gibson county. Here he remained a short time, and then went to Pike county, Ind., and from there to Shelby county, Ill., where he practiced during the summer

of 1861, his next move being to Warrick county, Ind., and there he practiced three years. The Doctor then enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-third Ind. V. I., was placed on the medical staff, and served as hospital steward. He was mustered out in October, 1865, and after coming home from the army he traveled in Kansas for one year. On his return, the Doctor located in this county, and has been engaged in the practice of medicine to the present time, being very successful. His political party is the Republican.

J. SMITH TALLEY, president and general manager of the Coal Bluff Mining Company, P. O. Terre Haute, was born at Wilmington, Del., May 23, 1840, and is a son of George W. and Levina (Beeson) Talley, who were of English descent. The father, who was a prominent farmer and stock-grower, died in 1888. The family consisted of ten children, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth. His young life was that of the average farmer's boy, assisting with the work and going to school, and after leaving school he engaged in teaching for a short time. In 1862 he enlisted in the First Independent Battery, Light Artillery, of Delaware, in which he served until the close of the war in 1865. When the battery was first organized he was made first sergeant, and was promoted to second lieutenant, in which capacity he served for nearly a year. At the close of the war he again engaged in teaching in Illinois, after which he became interested in the coal business. In 1867 he was elected secretary of the Litchfield (Illinois) Coal Company; in 1875 he became one of the owners and also the secretary of the Coal Bluff Mining Company, in Vigo county, and in 1885 he was elected president and general manager of the company. He is also president of the Chicago & Indiana Block Coal Company, of Clay county. The Coal Bluff Mining Company employ 200 men in Clay county, and 500 in Vigo county, the business being one of the most prosperous in the county. The company owns about 1,500 acres of coal land, and arousing all the improved methods of mining. The importance of this industry to Vigo county will be seen when the fact is stated that they ship 15,000 car-loads of coal annually. Mr. Talley has had to rely upon his own resources and efforts in life, and the development of this vast business has been accomplished largely through his individual efforts.

Mr. Talley was married in Wilmington, Del., in 1867, to Miss Mary A. Beeson, a lady of English descent, and their union has been blessed with four children, as follows: George E., Homer B., Nellie M. and Walter B. Mr. and Mrs. Talley are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the board of trustees of the same. He is a Master Mason, and in politics is a Republican.