

PERSONAL SKETCHES.

He is in the prime of life, of vigorous constitution and good morals. He is engaged in an extensive dry goods trade in Warsaw, and, from our knowledge of his business ability, we predict for him a successful career in this enterprise and a competence in worldly wealth.

JOHN W. V. HUMBLE, TIPPECANOE TOWNSHIP.

John W. V. Humble was born in Madison County, Ohio, in the year 1826, where he resided until twenty-five years of age. In 1851, he removed to Noble County, Ind., and, in 1860, to his present residence in Kosciusko County.

In 1847, he was united in marriage with Miss Hannah P. Bohel, who died leaving one child, Magnus A., now residing at Warsaw. In 1850, he was married a second time, choosing for his companion Mrs. Frances M. Boutby, who had one daughter, Sarah E., now married and residing in Stark County, Ind. This second union was blessed by the following-named children: Amanda C., married to L. T. Mook, and now residing at St. Louis, Mo.; Mary J., married to J. W. Ritter, and residing at Webster, Ind.; S. F., residing at home; Ida C., also at home; Harriet P., married to C. L. Weaver, and residing at Leesburg, Ind.; George Meady, Rose E. and Jessie M., residing at home.

Mr. Humble was reared on a farm, and, out of school hours, was employed in assisting his father to perform the labors incident to that occupation. He found it congenial, as well as profitable, and, in later years, adopted it as the means through which to acquire his fortune. He began his career as a farmer on a tract of eighty acres, and, by economy and perseverance, accumulated sufficient to enlarge the boundaries of his farm from time to time, and is now the possessor of 360 acres of valuable land, the larger portion of which is under cultivation. He has confined his attention closely to farming, and has not engaged in speculation or uncertain enterprises. He has been fortunate and successful in all his business transactions, and has amassed a fine fortune. He is regarded, wherever known, as a man of the soundest integrity, a good neighbor, and a generous friend to the honest poor. He has not lived in vain; for, while laboring stoutly to enhance his own fortune, he has been ever ready to assist those less fortunate than himself, and many will remember him long with kindness for his generous deeds of charity.

M. C. FURLONG, WARSAW.

BY COL. J. B. DOBBS.

Myron Clark Furlong was born in Salisbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., June 11, 1816. At that early day, that portion of Connecticut was provided with excellent common schools, and young Furlong was permitted to enjoy their full benefit until the spring of 1826, when he removed with his parents to Charksfield, Huron Co., Ohio, where he remained until 1844. In that year, he removed to Mr. Vernon, Knox Co., Ohio.

April 24, 1839, he was united in marriage with Miss Minerva Dishro, sister of Rev. W. B. Dishro, a distinguished Methodist minister of Ohio. The fruits of this marriage was seven children. The two eldest sons enlisted in the war to put down the rebellion at its very beginning. Both gave their lives for their country, and now fill soldiers' graves. The next younger son, Gilbert W., is now in business with his father in Warsaw. His oldest daughter is a graduate of a medical college, and has been a practicing physician for a number of years. His wife died at Mr. Vernon, Ohio, May 14, 1861.

After having been engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements at Mr. Vernon for nearly seventeen years, and built up a flourishing business, he lost the entire savings of all those years in one short hour. The fire fiend swept away his buildings and machinery, together with a large quantity of manufactured implements, and left in their place a pile of smoldering embers.

March 11, 1862, he came to Warsaw, and at once embarked in the manly business, to which he has continued to this day to devote his entire attention, and he has been successful at it. The work from his establishment is known over a large portion of the north part of this State, for the beauty of its design and finish, and for the excellent quality of the material used.

October 20, 1863, he married Mrs. E. W. May, a sister of E. Huffman, Esq., of Plain Township, Kosciusko County, a lady who is widely known for her Christian virtues and works.

For more than fifty years, Mr. Furlong has been a zealous member of the M. E. Church, a hard-working, praying, conscientious Christian, always ready to espouse the cause of whatever he believed to be right, and equally ready to condemn the wrong. He has, for forty years, occupied an official relation in the church. He has always been noted for his zeal in the temperance cause, and has always been ready and willing to contribute in every way he could to the advancement of every enterprise conducive to the public welfare.

W. P. SEYMOUR, M. D.

BY COL. J. B. DOBBS.

W. P. Seymour was born in Meadville, Crawford Co., Penn., April 27, 1829, from where his parents moved soon after to Philadelphia, where his father, who was a graduate of Dickenson College at Carlisle, Penn., was engaged in the mercantile business, but died insolvency when the subject of this sketch was only nine years of age, thus leaving him, through the loss of his mother, two years before, an orphan, without any resources. A maternal relative, however, came to his rescue, and, when he was seventeen years old, he entered Princeton College at Princeton, N. J., where he remained for a time, but finally graduated, at the age of twenty-one, at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia. He at once entered upon the study of medicine, and, after receiving his diploma, he entered into partnership with his preceptor in that city, and continued in active practice until the breaking-out of the war in 1861, when, in August of that year, he entered the army as Lieutenant Colonel of the Ninety-ninth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He served for nearly two years with his leaving his regiment, he received from his fellow-officers a testimonial of regret for the misfortune that compelled his retirement from the service. On the hands of others, the Doctor concluded to "go West," and, in April, 1863, he arrived in Warsaw, and at once resumed his professional labors. About a year after, he removed to Leesburg, where he practiced about fourteen years, and then he removed to Warsaw again, where he now resides.

He was married December 25, 1861, to Miss Anna Rosenberger, of Philadelphia, and they have one son, and one daughter, who is the wife of C. F. Peck, M. D., of Leesburg. In 1865, the Doctor was the victim of a partial stroke of paralysis, a result of his army life, which was followed,

in 1876, by a second stroke, which involved his entire left side, and has left him a confirmed invalid. From 1863 to 1866, he was Secretary of the Medical Society of Northern Indiana, and, in 1877, he was elected President of the Kosciusko County Medical Society, which position he still holds.

The Doctor has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and to him, more than any other one man, probably, are we indebted for the Cincinnati, Wash & Michigan Railroad. He was prominent in Pennsylvania politics for a number of years, but, while an active worker for his party, he never has sought any position for himself, nor held one, except a complimentary one from Gov. Bigler, of Pennsylvania, as Aid to the Governor, with the rank of Colonel. The Doctor is one of the most affable and pleasant of gentlemen, and is one of the most agreeable as well as instructive companions to be found.

FRANK JOSEPH ZIMMERMANN

BY J. F. WERNIKAMP.

was born in Blumenfeld, Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, March 19, 1842. He, in company with his parents and one brother and sister, came to America in 1847 and settled in Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Ind., in 1848, at which place he studied English and German in a private school, under the auspices of the St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rev. Edward Follower, Superintendent.

In the fall of 1860, he went to his brother, E. Zimmermann, editor of the *Aves*, in Columbia City, and apprenticed himself for three years, to learn the printing business. A short time after his indenture was completed, he found employment in the Cincinnati *Enquirer* office. In 1864, he came to Warsaw and became proprietor and publisher of the *Fort Union*. In November, 1867, he became assistant editor of the *Fort Wayne Democrat*; he sold out at the expiration of a year and, returning to Warsaw, resumed the change of the paper he had left, and which he has since controlled.

He was married, November 18, 1869, to Mrs. Louisa M. Wiggins, daughter of Dr. G. W. and Mary E. Spencer. She was born at Piqua, Ohio, in 1843, and, with her parents, removed to Hagerstown, Wayne Co., Ind., about the year 1846, and remained there until February, 1866, when, with several members of her family, she removed to Warsaw. She had a daughter by her first husband, Mr. Wiggins.

He is a Catholic. His parents were members in good standing in that church, and reared their children in that faith. In politics, he is a Democrat; was identified with Stephen A. Douglas's construction of Democracy; and is now one of the conservative partisans, recognizing that the supreme power of the nation is in the hands of the whole people, directly exercised by them, and hence the influence of the paper which he publishes is for all, and is appropriately called "*The Union*." With such sentiments, he has been content to share the fortunes of the party from early manhood. He is emphatically a practical printer, and when not wielding the quill, the set-sers and paste-pot, may be found at the case; and his success is a demonstration of what industry is sure to accomplish.

ANGEL B. BALL, WARSAW.

BY COL. J. B. DOBBS.

Angel B. Ball was born September 9, 1835, in Randolph County, Ind. When he was two years of age, his father, Judge John Ball, removed, with his family, to the southwest corner of Kosciusko County. A short after locating at that point, six sections in the southwest corner of Kosciusko were transferred to Fulton County, by an act of the Legislature, and thus the Judge lost his residence in this county. Mr. Ball possessed naturally a studious mind, and embraced all the opportunities at his command to improve it, and, in 1856, entered college at Fort Wayne, Ind. After graduating, he returned to Fulton County, where he was engaged part of the time in labor on the home farm, and part of the time in teaching school, until February, 1864, when he removed to Warsaw, where he has since continued to reside.

May 19, 1859, he was united in marriage with Miss Rachel E. Jordan. They have three children—two sons and one daughter—to grace their home. In 1859, Mr. Ball received the nomination for County Auditor in Fulton County, and although there was a large majority to overcome, he was defeated by a few votes only. On his removal to Warsaw, he formed a partnership with Mr. A. J. Whitenberger, in the dry goods business, which continued until 1870, when he was nominated, by the Republican party, for the office of Auditor of Kosciusko County, to which he was elected in October following. In 1874, he was re-elected, and is the present incumbent of that office.

He has always been one of the most prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and takes a very active interest in Sunday School work. He was one of the charter members of Lake City Lodge, No. 430, I. O. O. F., and has ever been one of its prominent members, having held important positions in the Grand Lodge of the State.

He is a pleasant, agreeable gentleman, and a deservedly popular officer, as well as a very correct and efficient one.

MARCUS PHILLIPSON, WARSAW.

BY COL. J. B. DOBBS.

Marcus Phillipson was born in the Dukedom of Nassau, Germany (now Prussia), April 2, 1841. In one of the most romantic regions on earth his childhood and early boyhood days passed like a summer dream. There is, perhaps, no other part of the earth, of equal size with that little Dukedom, where every foot of ground is made memorable by some romance of poetry, love, or war. Its vine-clad hills are covered with castles, built in feudal days, while at their feet flows the majestic Rhine, and the charming Moselle. And its peculiar geographical position is such that, from the dries of the Roman Empire to the time of the Franco-Prussian war, its territory has been the highway over which the contending hosts of Europe marched to meet each other on the battle-ground upon which they tried their prowess. But a country controlled by a descendant of the old feudal Barons, whose title was won at the end of a conflict with some other feebler of old, and in whose election the people had no choice, is not the place for a man who has hopes and aspirations of his own. This fact was recognized by the subject of this sketch. In 1857 (at the age of sixteen years), he left his native land, and went to England, where he resided two years. He then took passage for the United States, hoping to find here that equality of citizenship which he felt to be his due, and reached New York in the summer of 1859. The next two years were passed in New York and Pennsylvania, acquiring a knowledge of the manners and customs of the American people. In 1862, he removed to South Bend, Ind., where he became a partner in the firm of M. Livingston & Co., and, in 1863, came to Warsaw to conduct a branch house for that firm. Prior to his departure from South Bend, he was united

in marriage with Miss Regina Dreyfoos, a very intelligent and amiable lady.

Their wedded life has been blessed with five children.

In 1872, the firm of Livingston & Co. was dissolved, since which time

Mr. Phillipson has conducted the business alone in this city.

He is an affable, pleasant gentleman, a careful business man, and an honest dealer; and is justly entitled to the appellation, "the clothing merchant prince of Kosciusko County."

HON. JOHN D. THAYER.

BY COL. J. B. DOBBS.

John D. Thayer was born on the 24th day of May, 1840, in Onondaga County, N. Y. His parents were in good circumstances, and, at an early age, he had good opportunities for storing his mind with valuable information, and laying the ground-work for a good education. In 1847, his parents removed with their family to Peru, in this State, where they remained until 1849, when they removed to Marshall County, where they still reside. John D. attended school at Plymouth and South Bend, until he had acquired about all the knowledge to be acquired from books, in the schools at those places, and, in 1860, he went to Greenastle, in this State, where he attended Asbury University for one year.

On the 27th of June, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Ervin, of Bourbon, Marshall County, a union which has been full of joy and blessings to both of them. They have four children, three daughters and one son. They removed to Warsaw in 1864, Mr. Thayer, and his brother, H. G. Thayer, of Plymouth, having purchased at that time the large flouring-mill in Warsaw that stands west and across the street from the Public Square. He at once put the mill into first-rate condition, and commenced the manufacture of flour on a large scale—at the same time carrying on the business of a general grain-dealer, in which business he has continued to this time. He soon became active in politics, and, in October, 1872, was elected Representative in the Legislature of this State. He attended the special and regular sessions of that Legislature with credit to himself, and rendered such satisfaction to his constituents, that they re-elected him in October, 1878, serving through both the regular and special sessions of that Legislature to the credit and satisfaction of all. He has always taken a lively interest in educational matters, and was elected one of the school Trustees of the city of Warsaw, in 1873, which position he held until he entered upon his duties as a legislator, in 1879. Mr. Thayer is a prompt, energetic, live business man, of eminent social qualities, of decided opinions on all subjects, but never disagreeable in trying to force them upon others, and an educated, refined and pleasant gentleman. That we have not more like him is a misfortune.

ALEXANDER COOK, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.

Alexander Cook is a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland; born June 12, 1826. He emigrated to the United States in 1851, and settled in Huron County, Ohio, living at various times in Huron, Ashland and Richland Counties, Ohio, until 1864, when he turned his attention to the State of Indiana, and settled in Kosciusko County. He brought with him the machinery for two saw-mills, one of which he sold two years later; the other he has since operated very successfully. Soon after his arrival in this county, the Presidential election of 1864 took place. He had not lived in this State a sufficient length of time to be qualified as a voter, and so well did he appreciate his privilege as an American citizen, that he returned to Ohio, and, at the end of the railroad-journey, hired a buggy and drove fifteen miles to his former voting-place and cast his ballot for Abraham Lincoln. Having identified himself with the Republican party, he has ever since been a supporter of that branch of the body politic.

In 1858, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Davidson, in Ashland County, Ohio. This union was blessed by six children, namely, Alexander, William, Mary, George, Ida and Margaret, all of whom are now living.

Not only has he been a successful miller, but a successful farmer as well. In 1864, he purchased 320 acres of timber-land, and of this amount 240 acres are now cleared and in a fine state of cultivation; and his handsome residence and tastefully-arranged grounds are, of themselves, eloquent testimonials to his enterprising spirit. His saw-mill was erected in 1865. It is operated by a twenty-five horse-power engine, and, during the past year, sawed fully 1,000,000 feet of lumber. It is a source of profit to its proprietor and an important industry in the township.

Whilst he has been very fortunate in acquiring a competence in this world's goods, he has ever been a generous contributor toward the founding and maintenance of religious and educational institutions; and all enterprises for the public good are sure to receive his encouragement and support.

He is a member of the Christian Church, and also of the Masonic fraternity. He is a man of firm principles and integrity, and all who know him recognize him as one of the substantial men of the township.

MATTHEW M. ALEXANDER, SEWARD TOWNSHIP.

Matthew M. Alexander, son of Peter and Jane (Mitchell) Alexander, was born in 1822, in Belmont County, Ohio, where he received a good common-school education.

In 1849, he was united in marriage with Miss Editha, daughter of Jonathan and Catherine Darling, of Richland County, Ohio. During his residence in that State, he was engaged in the saw-mill enterprise, and, upon his removal to Kosciusko County, Ind., in 1864, brought with him the machinery of his mill. This he subsequently sold, and erected his present mill in 1866; and, in connection with this enterprise, has been successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising. From early childhood, he was taught to work, and his life has been marked by industry and energy; and in reward of his tireless labors he has been blessed by the acquisition of a comfortable fortune.

His political views are in accord with the principles of the Republican party, of which he is a cordial supporter, although not an active participant in political life. He is a man of honor and firm principles, and is highly esteemed by all who know him. He has always been fair and just in his dealings with men and is not one who would take a mean advantage. Peter, Jonathan, James A., Annetta Florence, Gilbert Washington, Madison Clark, Emma Ella, George M., John Franklin and Margaret Jane.

SAMUEL W. OLDFATHER

was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, April 29, 1845, being the second son of Solomon and Mary Oldfather, who moved to Washb County, Ind., in the year 1849. He located on a farm of 160 acres, all of which was covered with a dense forest of timber, and it was here that the subject of this sketch got his first lessons in the hardy pioneer life of the early settlers, which, in later years, developed the complete business man, and gave