

Seventh Indiana Cavalry, and was commissioned and mustered in as Captain. He was with his regiment in its operations at Union City, and Jackson, Tenn., at West Point, Miss., and the battle at Okalona, February 22, 1864, and led his company in the saber charge, at Ivy Farm, that evening. In July, 1864, he accompanied his regiment on its expedition to Port Gibson, Miss. For meritorious services, he was, in October, 1864, promoted over five ranking Captains, and commissioned Major of the regiment, and was mustered as such, November 11, 1864. On the 20th of March, 1865, Maj. Carpenter went on duty at Gen. Washburn's headquarters, as Judge Advocate of a Court Martial, but was soon afterward detailed as Judge Advocate of the Military District of West Tennessee, and stationed at Memphis. He served in that capacity until August 20, 1865, when he was ordered to rejoin his regiment, which he did in due time, at Hempstead, Tex. On the consolidation of the regiment, which occurred soon after, he availed himself of the opportunity to return to his home, and was mustered out of the service. In the language of a brother comrade: "As a soldier, he was brave; as an officer, efficient; as a disciplinarian, strict but just, with good executive ability." Maj. Carpenter then resumed the practice of the law at Warsaw; and, in 1867, without solicitation, was appointed Prosecuting Attorney for the Tenth Judicial Circuit, and faithfully discharged the duties of said office until the election of his successor, in 1868.

At the general election of 1870, he was elected without opposition, Judge of the Twenty-first Judicial District, of the State of Indiana, and was re-elected in the fall of 1872, and held the office until June 28, 1873, when that court was abolished by an act of the Legislature. As a Judge, he was courteous to the bar, just and fearless in the discharge of his duty. He carried with him on the Bench his characteristic traits of energy and

close attention to all the business details of his office. His ability as a lawyer, and familiarity with the practice rendered him a most efficient and accomplished Judge, and, doubtless, had he remained upon the Bench, he would have stood second to none of the *notissimi* Judges of the State. Judge Carpenter again opened an office in Warsaw, and in a short time acquired an extensive business. As a practitioner, he ranks among the very first; kind-hearted, liberal-minded, and generous to a fault; a man of strong convictions upon all subjects of Church and State, but he is, nevertheless, the warmest of friends.

Judge Carpenter was married January 31, 1849, at Marion, Ohio, to Minerva Jane, daughter of John Anderson, of that place, a substantial and well-to-do farmer. Her father was of English, and her mother of Irish parentage. This marriage has been blessed with eight children, five sons and three daughters; Ella, the eldest, an accomplished young lady, is a graduate of Asbury, Ind., University, and is now teaching in the public schools of Warsaw; and Frankie, his eldest son, is a cadet at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and bids fair to make an efficient naval officer. The Judge has been a member of the M. E. Church for over thirty years, and his family belong to the same Church. He aids, with commendable generosity, all good works, and is ever to be found upon the right side or all great moral questions. He has always taken a great interest in education, and, at present, is one of the Trustees of Asbury University. In politics, Judge Carpenter was originally a Whig, but since the formation of the Republican party, he has been a member of that organization. Three times, he has been the editor of the *Northern Indianaian*, a position which he filled with decided credit to the party and honor to himself; as a writer, he has very excellent ability. He became a member of the I. O. O. F.,

Kosciusko Lodge, No. 42, at their last meeting in December, 1854, and is now a member of Lake City Lodge, No. 410. He has passed all the chairs in the subordinate Lodge, and is now a member of the Grand Lodge of the State. He became a Mason in 1861, and has taken all the working degrees, including Knighthood, and has been Eminent Commander of Warsaw Commandery, No. 10.

At present, Judge Carpenter is the attorney for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, for the State of Indiana, a very arduous position, requiring both tact and talent, and is discharging his duties in a very able manner, and to the entire satisfaction of his employers. No better appointment could have been made, as he is possessed of talents peculiarly adapted to such work.

Socially, the Judge is a very companionable gentleman. Politically, an ardent partisan, but generous enough to accord to his opponents honesty of political convictions. As a soldier, brave and efficient; as a Judge, honest, upright and capable; as a writer, terse and pointed; as a lawyer, unyielding in his devotion to a client's cause, with an ability of such order, that it makes him a dangerous, though an honorable, competitor; as a citizen, enterprising and ambitious, always regarding the improvement of Warsaw and Kosciusko County, and the advancement of her citizens, in all things, as of paramount interest and importance. In the very prime of manhood, and vigor of intellect, he still has a most useful life spread out before him. Judge Carpenter would fill, with credit to himself and honor to his constituents, any position to which they might call him, political and judicial. In the highest sense, we may truthfully say, that the Judge is a most honorable citizen, and excellent gentleman.

