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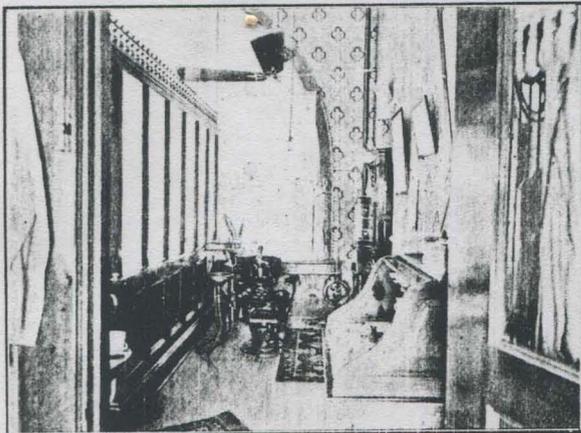


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Dental science has made very rapid strides during the past decade and today the case which erstwhile caused hours of labor for the dentist and excruciating torture for the patient is accomplished in an easy and dexterous manner. When we revert in fancy to the days of almost brutal dentistry compared with the present advanced and easy process, one may truly be thankful he is living in an age of enlightenment and of modern theoretical and practical ideas. In the dental colleges of today every appliance which skill and ingenuity could devise to facilitate dispatch and to reduce the sufferings of the patients to a minimum are used and recommended to the students.

Sullivan is especially fortunate in having such competent dentists. They are all men who are assiduous to keep abreast of the times in the dental world, to apply every worthy new process and to perform their work in a manner which will be a credit to the profession and to themselves.

The dental fraternity of Sullivan is made up of the following men: Dr. P. A.



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Barco, Dr. L. A. Stewart, Dr. E. R. Riggs and Dr. I. N. Williams.

DR. E. R. RIGGS.

Dr. E. R. Riggs, the youngest dentist of Sullivan was born in Shelburn, December 9, 1874, and is the son of Commodore Perry Riggs, who moved to Sullivan when Dr. Riggs was 3 years old. He received a common education in the local schools and all but finished the course of the high school. He then entered Purdue University at LaFayette, Ind., with the intention of becoming a civil engineer. After a year he decided to study dentistry and accordingly entered the Chicago college of Dental Surgery, the largest institution of its kind in the United States, where he remained three years. Besides the regularly yearly courses he spent his vacation there also completing a post-graduate course of two terms and received a certificate of recommendation for the same and a diploma of graduation in March, 1897. While at college he applied himself assiduously to his work and was



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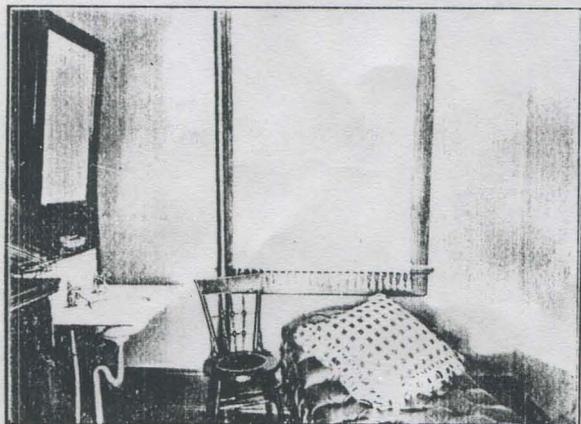


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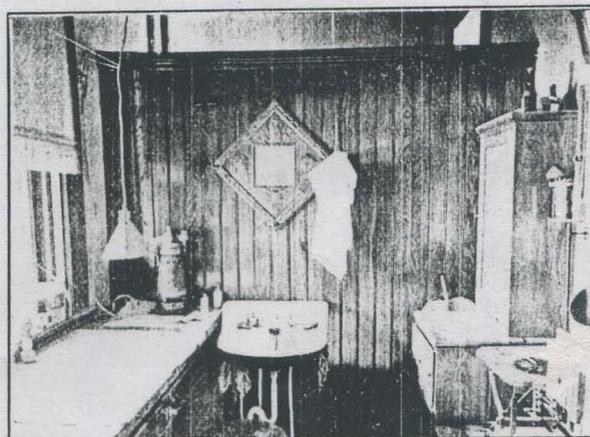


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much commendation for his unusual success.

After finishing his education Dr. Riggs located at Carlisle, where he remained for a year but desiring to branch out upon a more extensive scale, came to Sullivan over a year ago and opened an office in the Davis block on North Court street. This he fitted up in the most elegant style and put into it all modern instruments and appliances which would enable him to do the highest class of dental work. His success has been unusual.

Dr. Riggs is a young man who is ambitious to succeed and he believes that quality in the work he does will make him succeed. All patrons can be assured the most courteous attention and the best of service.

Care of the Teeth

The editor of this book made a personal visit to the office of Dr. Riggs and had a pleasant little chat with him. He readily granted permission to have engravings made of his offices and the writer requested him to give a brief interview upon the care of the teeth for the benefit of the readers of the Democrat.

"Neglect of the child's first or baby teeth," he said, "is usually the primary cause of crossed and ultimately badly decayed and broken down second or permanent teeth. Comparatively few mothers realize the vast importance of caring for the little child's first teeth. At 2 years of age the complete set of temporary teeth, twenty in number, are fully erupted and very frequently they are attacked by decay within a year. Decay in these teeth is very rapid and oftentimes the child is suffering from a severe toothache before it is 3 years old. At this time the very common error of having the teeth extracted is committed. If you ever had one of your second teeth extracted you know that the space left by its extraction is almost completely closed."

"Because of the elastic condition of the bones in youth the more rapid and complete the closing of the space when a tooth is lost. The second or permanent teeth do not begin to erupt until the child is about 6 years of age. Some do not make their appearance until the tenth or eleventh year. You easily see then that when the temporary teeth are extracted too soon there is nothing to keep the space from closing, which is nothing more than the jaw contracting, consequently when the second teeth begin to erupt there is not enough room for them to arrange themselves in their regular order and some are turned or protruded and perhaps one or two have the appearance of tusks."

"There is no one feature that lends a greater charm to a young lady or a more pleasing appearance to a young man than do nice, even, well cared for pretty white teeth."

"Children's teeth can be saved even after they have ached, but not without some little trouble. The best method is for every child to be taken to a dentist as soon as it is two and a half years old, and all little places that are beginning to decay, filled, which can be done quickly and with practically no pain.

The child should then be taken to a dentist every six months and all newly decayed teeth, if any, attended to. To save these teeth not only keeps the jaw from contracting but also avoids hurting the child by extracting the teeth which is quite an important factor when the dreading of future dental work is taken into consideration. A child that suffers the pain of having a tooth extracted forever afterwards has a horror of a dentist. The first impression is the lasting one. By kind and gentle method the confidence of most any child can be won and it is remarkable how patiently and willingly a little child will permit of its teeth being filled, often showing more grit and endurance than adults. In this manner, saving the baby teeth until the proper time for them to be lost, the second teeth will grow in nicely and evenly and will not be so liable to decay as crowded crossed teeth and the grown child will not have that dread and terror of the dentist. Adults should have their teeth examined once each year and decayed teeth filled before the cavity is large, thus avoiding much pain and saving time and money."

"Fortunately, however, teeth that have been badly neglected and are either too badly decayed to fill or have been lost entirely, can be restored by crown and bridge work and by plates.

"Early attention and proper care of the teeth do much to insure personal attractiveness and prolonged health."

DR. L. A. STEWART.

Dr. L. A. Stewart is one of the most prominent and deservedly popular dentists.

He was born in Sullivan in 1864. His father, the late LaFayette Stewart, was one of the early pioneers of the county, having engaged in the mercantile and later the insurance business for fifty odd years.

Dr. Stewart is a graduate of the Indiana Dental college, having graduated from that institution in 1888, and is an active representative of the latter day



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DR. L. A. STEWART

school of progressive, scientifically educated dentists who have made for their profession a worthy name.

He is the possessor of a large practice numbering among his clients the most prominent citizens both at home and surrounding towns. His office is handsomely furnished with the latest appliances necessary to the performance of the work demanded, which later is done according to the highest standard prevailing in the largest cities. There is a well stocked library of scientific books of reference and periodicals of the profession. The doctor is a member of the Western Indiana Dentist society and the Dental Protective association of the United States. In matters of public welfare he is always interested and during his term of office as a member of the city council was probably the youngest man ever presiding as president of that body.

DR. P. A. BARCO

Was born in Madison county, Ill., in 1874. When he was but a few years old



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DR. P. A. BARCO

his father, W. E. Barco, removed to Sullivan and is now the proprietor of a bakery. Dr. Barco received a common school education in the county and almost completed the course of the high school. For three years he was a clerk in a grocery store, not disdaining manual labor although his ambition was to become a professional man. At the end of that time he entered the Indiana Dental college, one of the schools comprised by the University of Indianapolis. His work there was painstaking and careful. For two years he devoted himself industriously to the science of dentistry and graduated with a thorough practical and theoretical knowledge of the science. Two years ago he came to his native city and opened dental parlors on the east side of the square, which he furnished in an elegant manner and which he equipped with all instruments

and appliances necessary to a first class office. From the start he did a lucrative business and by honest and reliable service has ingratiated himself into the confidence and sympathy of his fellow citizens. A brilliant career has frequently been predicted for him and the prediction every day bids more fair to be realized.

DR. I. N. WILLIAMS

Dr. I. N. Williams was born in 1843 in Washington county, Ind. His father being a farmer he was reared on a farm where he received the meager school advantages there offered. After completing the common branches he attended the high school at Paoli, Orange county. He then went to Louisville and learned the dentist's profession, completing his technical education in 1861 at the age of 20. He began practice at



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Salem but after a short time enlisted in Company I, 44th Indiana volunteers. After being mustered out he returned to Salem. He then moved to Madison county, Iowa, but in a short time returned to Salem. After spending a few years in Kansas he again returned to Salem in 1878 and remained there until 1893 when he located in Sullivan.

Dr. Williams' offices are on the corner of Main and Jackson streets and are furnished with much taste. His long experience as a dentist has given him a practical knowledge of his profession a thousand times more valuable than incorrect theories. His work is at all times of high quality and gives universal satisfaction. His wife, Mrs. Alice Williams, assists him in his work and proves a valuable assistant.

Dr. Williams is a member of the Baptist church and has been a deacon for a number of years.

MEDICAL FRATERNITY

Sketches of Sullivan's Leading Physicians and Surgeons

History of the Sullivan County Medical Society

The Sullivan County Medical society, the representative medical organization of the county was organized April 3, 1895, by Dr. Woodburn of Indianapolis, a representative of the Indiana Medical association who came here at the instance of Dr. W. N. Thompson and others. The purpose of the society as set out in the articles of association are as follows:

"The object of this society shall be the advancement of medical knowledge, the elevation of professional character, the protection of the interests of its members, the extension of the bounds of medical science and the promotion of all measures adapted to the relief of the suffering and to improve the health and protect the lives of the community."

The first officers were:

President—R. H. Crowder.

Vice President—A. Cushman.

Secretary—G. W. Pirtle.

Treasurer—W. N. Thompson.

The charter members were:

Drs. A. Cushman, Grayville; C. H. Edwards, Sullivan; E. Garrison, Middletown; Joseph Freeman, Sullivan; J. S. Murphy, Sullivan; S. D. Osborn, Shelburn; G. W. Pirtle, Carlisle; J. J. Thompson, Sullivan; W. N. Thompson, Sullivan, and R. H. Crowder, Sullivan.

The present officers are:

President—J. L. Durham.

Vice President—W. N. Thompson.

Secretary—J. R. Crowder.

Treasurer—C. H. Edwards.

Board of censors—A. Cushman, R. H. Crowder, Jos. Freeman.

The present roll of members is:

J. L. Durham, Grayville; A. Cushman, Grayville; E. J. Yeager, Grayville; O. O. Parker, Merom; James Miles, Merom; Orin Stoddard, Merom; R. H. Van Cleave, Farmersburg; James Harper, Shelburn; W. N. Thompson, Joseph Freeman, E. D. Thixton, C. H. Edwards, R. H. Crowder and J. R. Crowder of Sullivan.

The society meets quarterly to transact business, to discuss various topics and to listen to special papers prepared by different members upon assigned topics of interest in the profession.

DR. J. J. THOMPSON, DECEASED.

Any sketch of the medical fraternity of Sullivan county would be incomplete without the mention of the late Dr. J. J. Thompson, who practiced medicine in Sullivan from 1848 until Feb. 26 of the present year, when the angel of death overtook him.

Dr. Thompson was born in Shelbyville, Tenn., Oct. 18, 1824. In 1833 he removed with his parents to Philadelphia and from there to Vincennes in 1837. Af-



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DR. J. J. THOMPSON, DECEASED

terwards his parents moved to Putman county and then to Iowa City, Iowa, where his father died in 1844. The family then returned to Putman county where his mother died in 1861.

In September of 1843 Dr. Thompson located in Sullivan to practice medicine and for more than half a century devoted himself to the relief of physical suffering in this and surrounding counties. He was one of the petitioners for the incorporation of the town of Sullivan. A more honored and revered character has never been produced by Sullivan county. His memory is still preserved by every feeling of respect and veneration by his colleagues of the medical profession.

DR. W. N. THOMPSON.

Dr. W. N. Thompson, one of the leading members of the Sullivan county medical fraternity was born Nov. 26, 1864, in this city. After the usual courses in the common schools he entered the Sullivan high school from which he was graduated in 1883. He then entered Rush Medical college at Chicago, being graduated in 1886. Returning to Sullivan he entered the practice with his father, the late and venerable Dr. John J. Thompson, whose demise occurred Feb. 26, 1899.

Dr. W. N. Thompson is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He has passed through the chairs of both the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows and holds the rank



DR. W. N. THOMPSON

of major in the Uniform Rank, I. O. O. F. He has a family consisting of a wife and one child. He is local surgeon for the E. & T. H. railroad.

It can be said without any attempt at idle flattery that Dr. Thompson is one of the best physicians in the county. His professional education has been of the best and he has applied himself assiduously to his chosen work, securing from his practice that necessary experience to become thoroughly proficient. He conducts a general practice.

He is elder in the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Thompson is a member of the following medical societies, viz: The American Medical association, International Association of Railway Surgeons, Indiana State Medical society, Aesculapian society of the Wabash Valley and the Sullivan County society.

DR. H. H. WARD.

Dr. H. H. Ward, one of the newer members of the medical fraternity of this city was born in Corydon, Ind. His father, Rev. J. A. Ward, is a Methodist minister of high standing in his denomination and is now pastor of the Methodist church at this place. Dr. Ward



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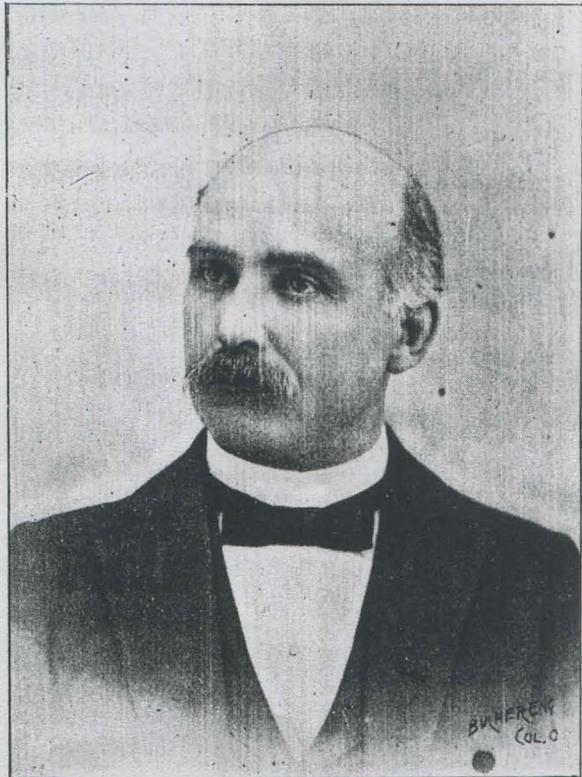
DR. H. H. WARD

received his general education at the Bedford, Ind., High school and at De Pauw university. He then took a course in medicine at the Louisville Medical college from which he was graduated, ranking high in his class. He made a special study of the diseases of women and children at Louisville, devoted his extra time and attention to that particular subject.

Dr. Ward's offices are on the north side of the square. He makes a specialty in his practice of the diseases of women and children.

During the years which he has been in Sullivan Dr. Ward has demonstrated

that he is thoroughly competent to render medical assistance in the most critical cases. His success has been fine from the beginning and he is regarded among the profession as one of the physicians who is to take the lead in the next few years. He is thoroughly devoted in his work and spares himself no inconvenience and fatigue to serve his patrons faithfully and to the best of his ability. He is neither an adventurer nor an experimenter in the field of medicine, neither is he a quack, but an earnest and capable doctor in which every confidence can be safely reposed.



DR. L. K. STOCK

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Dr. C. K. Stock, a follower of the newer school of medicine and one of the leading physicians of the county was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1853. He attended the Ascension Academy at Farmersburg for two years and took a course in the Terre Haute Commercial college. For six years after completing his education he was engaged in teaching. In 1876 he entered the Electic Medical institute of Cincinnati from which he was graduated. He began practice in 1877 in Vigo county, locating first at Centerville and removing to Lewis. Five years ago he came to Sullivan and began a practice which increased from a few patients into one that keeps him busy all the time. He has been a member of the Odd Fellows for twenty years and has passed through all its branches. He is also a Mason. He affiliates with the Methodist church.

His family consists of a wife and two boys. He is a member of the State Medical society. In politics he is a republican.

DR. J. M. BILLMAN.

Dr. J. M. Billman, the well known physician and oculist, whose offices are situated on the southeast corner of the square, was born in Coshocton county, O., Apr. 25, 1864. He was reared upon a farm. In 1893 he entered the Indiana Medical college, where he remained a year. In 1894 he determined to specialties in ophthalmology and otology and entered the Indiana Ophthalmic college at Indianapolis where he took a thorough course in all the diseases of the eye and ear. He then attended the Electic college of Physicians and Surgeons for a considerable period. In 1896 he was graduated from the Bennett Medical college, after which he took a post-

graduate course in the Northern Illinois Ophthalmic college.

It will be seen from this that Dr. Billman has had an unusually thorough professional education. Having attended so many different institutions he has been able to learn all the different methods taught by each and to utilize the best of them.

During one summer Dr. Billman fitted glasses in Chicago from which he gained much experience. He now manufactures all his own glasses and has in his office all modern appliances with which to make accurate and careful tests. The editor of this book was very much interested in watching the doctor in his work shop and in the explanation which he gave concerning the making of glasses for defective eyes.

Dr. Billman has a family consisting of a wife and two children. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, for which he is examining physician. He was secretary of the board of health for two years.



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DR. J. J. BILLMANN

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

JACOB MAHLEY, FRED. HOKE, Jr., W. M. DRAPER,
STEPHEN BRUNGER, W. E. MILLS.

CITY CLERK AND TREASURER:

DAVID CRAWLEY.

MARSHALL:

W. T. MAYFIELD.

SUPERINTENDENT WATER WORKS:

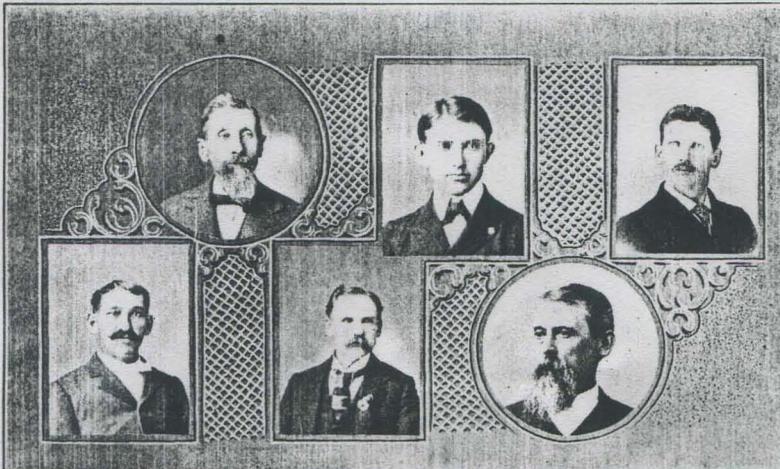
CHARLES BARNETT.

CITY ENGINEER:

JOHN P. FISH.

CITY ATTORNEY:

JOHN S. BAYS.



JACOB MAHLEY, President Town Board. FRED. HOKE, Jr., Member Town Board. W. M. DRAPER, Member Town Board.
W. T. MAYFIELD, City Marshal. S. BRUNGER, Member Town Board. DAVID CRAWLEY, Town Clerk.

One of the rank evils of modern municipal government is the election to office of incompetent and inexperienced business men, who by the tricks and devices of politics secure places which they are in no wise fitted to fill. Such a condition of affairs does not exist in Sullivan. A more representative body of men could not be secured. Four of the five members of the board of trustees are proprietors of as many manufacturing plants, viz: Jacob Mahley, president of the board, owner of the Jacob Mahley hardwood lumber mills; S. Brunger, of the Sullivan woolen mills; W. M. Draper, proprietor of the Sullivan bottling works and Fred Hoke, Jr., of the Holcomb & Hoke Manufacturing company. These men were elected because of their fitness to manage the affairs of the town and they have proved their fitness was well judged.

The present board was organized in May, 1898, with Jacob Mahley as president for his third term and David Crawley as clerk. Since that time it has guarded the interests of the town with jealous care, has been economical in the expenditure of public money and has adopted popular policies.

The board recently ordered new test wells dug at the water works to discover if an additional supply of water may not be found. It is now contemplating the building of a general sewer in the western part of the town.

JACOB MAHLEY.

Jacob Mahley, president of the council is a native of Germany, having been born there in 1834. He came to the United States when he was 18 years of age and after spending some time in New York came to Shelby county, this state. Fifteen years ago he engaged in the lumber business. Six years ago he removed to Sullivan and started a lumber business of which there appears a representation elsewhere. Three years ago he was elected member of the council from the Second ward for a term of two years. He was elected for a second term, which expires in the coming May election.

Being the senior member of the council in point of age his advice and counsel has been of much weight. His services have at all times been faithful and conscientious.

S. BRUNGER.

S. Brunger, councilman from the Fifth ward was born in Canada in 1845. His father came from England to Canada and in 1856 moved to Indiana and settled at Connorsville, Fayette county, where he was engaged in the woolen mill business for a number of years. S. Brunger enlisted in the 68th Indiana at the outbreak of the war, was captured and exchanged and served upon detached service with the 10th Indiana battery until he was mustered out. After the war he went to Carlisle, Ind., with his father and twenty years ago moved to Sullivan. He is a member of the firm of S. Brunger & Co., owners of the Sullivan woolen mills.

Mr. Brunger was elected to the council last May for a term of two years.

DAVID CRAWLEY.

Mr. David Crawley, clerk of the town of Sullivan, was born October 20, 1831, in Sullivan county Jan. 1, 1891. For four years in 1844, and located in Fairbanks township. He moved to Sullivan in 1865, where he has been engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. He served eight years as county auditor and four years as county treasurer. He was trustee of Fairbanks township five years prior to 1865. He has been town clerk since May, 1899. He is a Mason and a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Crawley is one of the old settlers of Sullivan county and one of its best known citizens.

JACOB F. HOKE, JR.

Jacob F. Hoke, Jr., represents the Third ward in the council. He was born in Sullivan county Jan. 1, 1891. For 4 years he was employed in the hardware store of A. J. Stewart & Co., during which time he served as clerk and treasurer of the town of Sullivan. For a year he was connected with the Sullivan Mercantile company as secretary and treasurer, which connection he severed to become a partner in the firm of Holcomb & Hoke.

At the last councilmanic election Mr. Hoke was made the representative of his ward for a term of two years. He is one of Sullivan's most enterprising and successful young business men. He is an advocate for progress at all times and the weight of his influence has always been thrown toward the advancement of the city along all lines which are modern and up-to-date.

W. E. MILLS.

W. E. Mills, councilman from the third ward, was born in 1862 in Greene county, Ind. He attended the High School and was engaged in farming until appointed deputy sheriff by Mr.

Hawkins, in which capacity he served four years. He was then elected sheriff and re-elected, serving as the incumbent of that office for four years. He was elected to the town board in May, 1898.

WATER WORKS.

Sullivan is one of the few cities in Indiana which owns and operates its own water works system. By its erection the city put itself on record as favoring municipal ownership of franchises. The works were built at a cost of over \$40,000 and includes a reservoir, pumping station and stand pipe. The citizens are given water service at a much lower rate than usually obtained from private plants. Mr. Charles Burnett is the superintendent of the works.

W. M. DRAPER.

The representative of the fourth ward on the town board is Mr. W. M. Draper. He was born Feb. 8, 1861, four miles north of Sullivan. He lived on a farm until 14 years of age, when he was employed by the I. & L. S. R.R. for five years. He then secured a position with the E. & T. H. R. R. as agent and telegraph operator. For nine years he was local agent for the Adams Express company. Two years and a half ago he established the Sullivan Bottling works, of which he is now the proprietor. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias. As a member of the town board Mr. Draper has been faithful and conscientious in his trust.

MINISTERS.

The following are the names of the ministers of Sullivan and the denomination with which they are associated:
 Rev. Dr. J. A. Ward, Methodist.
 Rev. M. W. Yocum, Christian.
 Rev. Augustus Sonne, Presbyterian.
 Rev. N. G. McGuire, Baptist.
 Rev. Father Ketler, Catholic.

WM. B. AKIN.

Wm. B. Akin, proprietor and editor of the Sullivan Times was born and reared at Carlisle, Ind. He is the son of



WM. B. AKIN,
Editor and Proprietor of Sullivan Times

John S. Akin, one of the most prominent farmers of the county. He was educated at Notre Dame university. He took control of the Sullivan Times April 1, 1899. Recently he was married to Miss Ada Curtner.

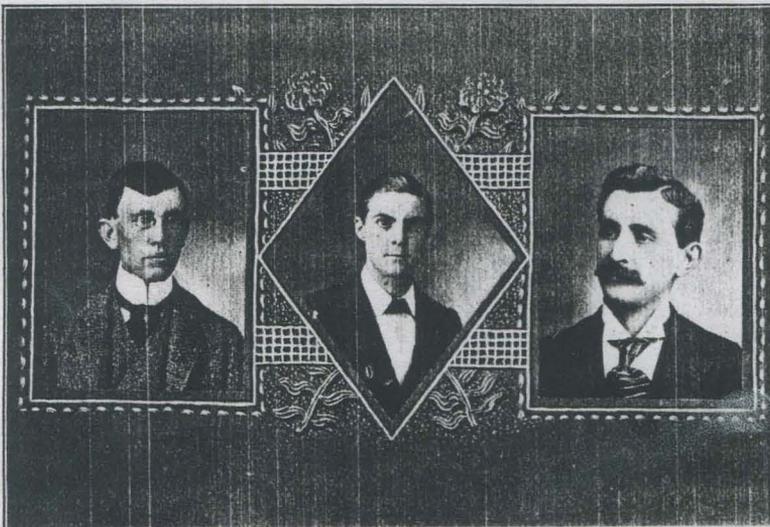


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GROUP OF BABIES PHOTOGRAPHED BY DeVOL DURING THE LAST YEAR

W. F. DE VOL, PHOTOGRAPHER

The official photographer of the Sullivan Democrat's special industrial edition was Mr. W. F. De Vol, whose studio is one of the finest in southern Indiana. He himself is an artist of exceptional merit. We publish herewith a cut showing the entire lot of babies photo-

graphed by Mr. De Vol during the past year; a view of Mr. and Mrs. De Vol and the interior of the studio. The quality of the photographing for this publication will be an evidence of Mr. De Vol's skill. Photographs of any of the views in this book can be had of Mr. De Vol at a nominal cost.

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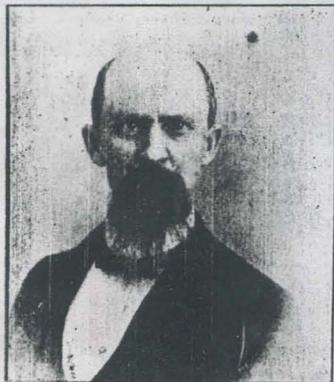
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