

## FITCH, ROBERT S

ROBERT S. FITCH, district agent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company at Portland and one of the active business men of that city, is a native of the old Blue Grass state, but has been a resident of Indiana for years, having moved to Portland from Marion. Mr. FITCH was born at Flemingsburg, Ky., December 23, 1876, and is a son of David R. and Katherine ( COOPER ) FITCH, the former of whom was born at Fitchburg, Mass., which town was named for his grandfather. David R. FITCH was for years engaged in the general mercantile business at Flemingsburg. He and his wife were the parents of four children, but two of whom are living, the subject of this sketch and his brother, D. Wall FITCH, who is engaged in the insurance business at Anderson, Ind., those deceased having been Amanda and Benjamin C. FITCH. Reared at Flemingsburg, Robert S. FITCH completed the high school course there and was for ten years thereafter engaged in the dry goods business there. He then went to Cincinnati, where he took employment as a city salesman with the John Shileto Company. A year or more later he transferred his connection to the firm of Lansburg & Son and was engaged with that concern when two years later the death of his brother necessitated his return home. Not long afterward he became engaged in the newspaper business at Brookville, Ky., where he remained thus engaged for two years and a half, at the end of which time he disposed of his interests there and moved to Litchfield, Ky., where for two years thereafter he published a newspaper. He then accepted a position with the Osborn Paper Company at Marion, Ind. and moved to the latter city. Six years later he transferred his connection from this concern to the Prudential Life Insurance Company, his connection being with the Marion office of this company, and was engaged there in that line for three years, at the end of which time he had established a record for service with the Prudential which warranted his advancement and he was made a district agent, being given charge of four counties, including Jay, and has since made his home in Portland. In 1905 Robert S. FITCH was united in marriage to Minnie S. WALTON, who was born in Grange City, Ky., and to this union have been born three children, Rollo W., Annie Helen and Clyde R., the latter of whom died in March, 1913, at the age of three months. Mr. and Mrs. FITCH are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. FITCH is a Democrat. He is a Royal Arch Mason, an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias, is a member of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and also is affiliated with the local Kiwanis Club.

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