

## **MORRISON, JOHN A.**

JOHN A. MORRISON, manager of the Portland Electric Company at Portland, is a native of the old Keystone state, born in York county, Pennsylvania, May 23, 1878, and is a son of William B. and Catherine E. (PABST) MORRISON, both of whom also were born in Pennsylvania. William B. MORRISON was a farmer and merchant and he and his wife were the parents of three children, two of whom are still living, John A. MORRISON having a brother, William G. MORRISON. John A. MORRISON received his schooling in Fulton county, Illinois, to which county his parents had moved from Pennsylvania when he was a child, and upon completing the high school course entered Northwestern University, where he took the course in pharmacy. Upon leaving the pharmacy school Mr. MORRISON took service with the Des Moines Drug Company at Des Moines, Iowa, and in time was made assistant general manager of the concern. He remained with this company for twenty years, or until 1916 when he became attracted to the possibilities of electrical distribution and supplies and became engaged at Des Moines in the electrical business, continuing there until 1919 in which year he transferred his connection to the Portland Electric Company and has since resided in Portland, where he is carrying on the agency for the Lally farm and rural electric light and power plants, this local agency controlling sales for this popular equipment within a radius covering ten counties hereabout. On June 24, 1901, John A. MORRISON was united in marriage to Cora Mae ALLISON, who was born at Hastings, Neb., daughter of Joseph S. and Martha (Huston) Allison, and to this union two children have been born, Ruth Elizabeth, who is a member of the class of 1923, Portland high school, and John R. Mr. and Mrs. MORRISON are members of the Baptist church. In his political views Mr. MORRISON is independent.

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