

Malin & Schwartz, artistic photographers of Portland, are located in the Reed & Mackenbach block, on Meridian Street. These gentlemen stand at the head.

Photography, whether it is considered as a pursuit or an art, presents features of astonishing importance. It is estimated that not less than \$50,000,000 are annually paid by people of this continent for photographic pictures, and in addition for the numerous people this employed directly as artists, the various processes call into existence many trades that give employment to thousands.

Among the leading photographers of Northern Indiana, those who have manifested the most zeal and attained the most honorable distinction may be mentioned Malin & Schwartz. We would call the attention of all to their studio and work. They have all new styles, and their great feature is work in the higher style of excellence.

J. S. Malin, the senior member of the firm, is a native of Jay County, born in Pike Township, October 18, 1855, a son of Eli Malin, an early settler of the township. When he was sixteen years old his father moved to Portland. He attended the public schools in his youth and for a time was a clerk in his father's store and from 1874 to 1878, was assistant postmaster under his father.

He was teller in the People's Bank, Portland, Indiana, three and a half years, and held the same position in the Citizen's Bank one year and a half.

This experience in banks afforded him a good commercial education. In 1885, he bought a half interest in the photograph business of A. E. Forry, and May 7, 1886, Mr. Schwartz bought Mr. Forry's interest.

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