

## ORR, JAMES G

JAMES G. ORR, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, who is engaged in the wholesale fruit and produce business at Portland, one of the best known and most progressive business men of that city, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Selma, in Delaware county, this state, August 3, 1880, son of Joseph N. and Nannie C. (SIMMONS) ORR, who are still living there.

Joseph N. ORR was born in Delaware county, a member of one of the pioneer families of that section of the state, and early became engaged in business at Selma, proprietor of a general store, which business he still maintains. He and his wife have three children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Nellie and Bertha.

Reared at Selma, James G. ORR received his early schooling in the excellent schools of that village and supplemented the same by the course in the high school at Muncie and two years of attendance at Indiana University. Reared to a commercial life, he became engaged in business with the W. H. Moreland Shoe Company at Muncie, where for five years he was proprietor of a shoe store. He then sold that store and returned to Selma, where he became engaged in the grocery business, continuing thus engaged until in 1913, when he disposed of his interests there and moved to Portland, where he has since been quite successfully engaged in the wholesale fruit and produce business on West Race street. Ever since he became a resident of Portland Mr. ORR has given his thoughtful attention to the general commercial activities of the city and is now president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, to the affairs of which active and influential organization he has long been earnestly devoted. He is a Republican, a Knights Templar and Cryptic Mason, a past exalted ruler of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a member of the United Commercial Travelers, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. ORR is one of the charter members of the Portland council, Royal and Select Masters (Masonic), and is now serving as steward of the council.

In 1905, James G. ORR was united in marriage to Helen TOMLINSON, of Henderson, Ky., and to this union one child has been born, a son, James N.

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