

**J.W. POLLEY**, who has been a member of the bar of Jay County since October, 1884, is a native of Darke County, Ohio, born September 9, 1845. He was reared to the vocation of a farmer in his native county, and received a fair common school education. At the age of eighteen years he began teaching school, but before completing his first term he enlisted, in February, 1864, in Company G, Eightieth Ohio Cavalry, and served until the close of the war, his regiment operating in Virginia the greater part of their term of enlistment. On his return from the army, desiring to fit himself thoroughly for a teacher, he took a course at the Southwestern Normal at Lebanon, and subsequently engaged in teaching school, following his profession successfully until 1883. He became a resident of Jay County, Indiana, in April, 1874, when he purchased a farm on section 16, Wayne Township, which he still owns. The same year, 1874, he engaged to teach a normal institute at Winchester, and before the close of the session he was appointed principal of the high-school at that place, where he remained three years. He then held the position of superintendent of the city schools at Pendleton, Madison County, for one year, when he came to Portland, and for four years had charge of the high-school of this city, after which he taught in the Camden schools for one year. At present Mr. Polley is principally engaged in loaning money and dealing in real estate. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party. Mrs. Polley was formerly Miss Jennie Boyd. She is a native of Darke County, Ohio.

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