

**M.L. RUPEL**, who has been a resident of Jay County since 1854, was born in Darke County, Ohio, October 5, 1836, a son of James Rupel, deceased, who was one of the prominent citizens of Jackson Township. Our subject was reared to agricultural pursuits on the home farm, and in the common schools of his neighborhood he received his education. When eighteen years of age he accompanied his father's family to Jay County, Indiana, where he has since followed the avocation of a farmer, and during his residence in Jackson Township he has made many friends, and gained the respect of all who know him.

Mr. Rupel was married October 4, 1858, to Miss Jane Mahuran, a native of Indian, born in Wells County, May 8, 1841, a daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Hardyshell) Mahuran, who became residents of Jay County. Mr. and Mrs. Rupel are the parents of eight children - Parmelia Hamma, born October 3, 1859; Clark, born July 20, 1861, is superintendent of the High School at Junction City, Lane County, Oregon; Charles, born March 23, 1864, is engaged in the mercantile business at Monroe, Benton County, Oregon; Effie, born August 8, 1867, a prominent teacher in Jay County; James, born December 3, 1872; Isaac, born April 9, 1874; Pearl, born May 10, 1877, and John, born December 1, 1879.

Mr. Rupel has resided on his present farm since 1863, and in connection with his general farming he is successfully engaged in stock-raising. His farm contains 160 acres of well improved land, with good house and farm buildings in good condition. Politically Mr. Rupel is an ardent Republican. He is a member of the United Brethren church, of which he is at present trustee. He is also superintendent of the Sabbath school.

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