

other improvements are of the best type, so that he has every reason to view with satisfaction the progress he has made and the independent position to which he has attained through his own well directed endeavors. He is a staunch Republican in his political allegiance, taking a loyal interest in public affairs of a local order and having served both as clerk and director of the school board of his district. He gives a liberal support to the work of the Methodist Episcopal church in Evans Chapel, of which Mrs. Garner is a zealous member.

On February 13, 1890, Mr. Garner was united in marriage to Miss May S. Boring, who was born in Green county, Illinois, and reared in this county, being a daughter of George W. and Augusta Boring. The mother died in 1908 and the father lives in Clarence, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Garner became the parents of eight children, all of whom are living, namely: Florence Merle, Alfred E., Eva May, George Delbert, Charles E., Clara Hazel, and Lola Grace. One died in infancy.

RICHARD W. GILLASPY.

A representative of one of the old and honored families of Shelby county and a son of William L. Gillaspay, of whom more specific mention is made on other pages of this volume, the subject of this review has been a resident of this county from the time of his birth and is now numbered among the successful farmers and progressive citizens of Taylor township, his well improved farm being located in section 24.

Richard Wilson Gillaspay was born on

the old homestead farm of his parents, in Taylor township, this county, on June 28, 1866, and there he was reared to maturity, in the meanwhile having duly availed himself of the advantages afforded in the district school that was long known locally by the facetious title of "Grub College." He continued to attend school at intervals until he had attained the age of sixteen years, after which he continued to be associated in the work of the home farm until 1887, when he rented a tract of land and engaged in farming and stock-growing on his own responsibility. He was indefatigable in his efforts, which were directed with energy and discrimination, so that his success became cumulative. He continued his operations under these conditions for a period of six years, at the expiration of which he purchased forty acres, which he later sold and purchased eighty acres of his old homestead farm, to which he has since added until he now has an admirably improved farm of 160 acres, all of which is available for cultivation. He has erected substantial buildings on his farm, and the place gives the tangible evidences of thrift and prosperity.

Mr. Gillaspay has not failed to lend his co-operation in the support of all measures advanced for the general welfare of the community and, though he has never sought or desired public office of any description, he is a staunch supporter of the principles and policies of the Democratic party. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Missionary Baptist church and are zealous workers in the various departments of its religious and benevolent activities. They are

held in high regard in their native county and their pleasant home is one notable for its hospitality.

On March 11, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gillaspay to Miss Martha L. McVey, who, like himself, is a member of a well known pioneer family of Shelby county, where she was born and reared. She is a daughter of Reuben W. and Martha McVey, who were residents of Taylor township. They have no children.

JOHN H. BUE.

Pleasantly located on his fine farm of 210 acres in Bethel township and pursuing the peaceful if arduous life of an active and energetic farmer and live stock breeder, John H. Bue has, nevertheless, had a career of considerable variety and adventure, even though it was confined to his youth and early manhood. He is a native of this country, though not of this state, having come into being on November 23, 1855, in Lake county, Indiana, and is a son of Henry and Eliza (Mooney) Bue, natives of Lincolnshire, England, where the father was born in 1830.

He came to the United States when he was about twenty-one years old, and for a short time lived in Rochester, New York. But the West had greater attraction for him. Its great wealth of resources called him with a pleading voice and its natural life, unspoiled as yet by the blandishments of social culture, wore for him a winning smile. Accordingly, after a residence of a year in Rochester he moved to Indiana and took up his resi-

dence in Lake county. There he banked cord wood and later became a railroad contractor.

In 1869 he took another flight toward the Rockies, coming to Missouri and locating at Excello, in Macon county. Here he bought a farm and farmed it one year, then moved to Boonville, Cooper county, where death soon afterward robbed him of his wife. From that time to his death, in 1895, he followed railroad contracting almost exclusively. During the greater part of his activity in this country he was highly prosperous, but business reverses late in life deprived him of much of his gain, and kept him from leaving his children with as good a start in life as he had aimed to give them. He died at the home of his son, John H. Bue, at which he had lived at intervals after the death of his wife.

Mr. Bue, the father, undertook and carried to completion several large works of construction in his contracting days, among them the O. K., M. K., T. & Long division of the Wabash railroad in this part of the country. He was married in New York to Miss Eliza Mooney, and by this marriage became the father of eight children, five of whom are living: John H., the immediate subject of this sketch; Mary, the widow of Patrick Lyons, who lives in Bloomington, Illinois; William, who is a resident of Flathead county, Montana; Sarah, the wife of William Garrison, whose home is in the new state of Oklahoma; Charles, who resides at Elwood, Indiana; Hannah M., the wife of R. W. Tanner, of Idaho, who died in September, 1910. The father was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church,