

JEWETT, CHARLES L., attorney, Scottsburg, was born October 6, 1848, in Hanover, Indiana, being the only son of Jonathan and Mary (Wells) Reid. His father died when the boy was an infant, and his mother married Judge P. H. Jewett, who adopted him as a son, and by legal process had his name changed to Jewett. At the age of fifteen he entered the State University at Bloomington, where he remained until 1866, when he was admitted to the college at Hanover, and studied for one year. His health failing, he left school and removed to Montana Territory, where he was successively prospector, gold miner, and government surveyor. In the latter capacity he surveyed all the lands lying near the head waters of the Missouri River. These two years of pioneer life restored his health, and secured for him a physical stamina and development, as well as a fund of experience, which will no doubt be of great benefit to him throughout his life. Returning to his native state in 1869, he prepared to enter upon the profession to which he had directed all his studies, and toward which all his efforts were now bent. He was admitted to the bar at New Albany, October of the same year, and immediately commenced practice. October 16, 1869, he was chosen Justice of the Peace, but he resigned within one year. In 1871 he was appointed deputy prosecuting attorney of Scott County, and in 1872 was elected district attorney for the district composed of Scott, Clarke, Floyd, Washington, and Harrison Counties. In March, 1873, he was appointed by Governor Hendricks prosecutor for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, and in October of that year was elected to the same office for a full term. He was re-elected in 1874, and continued to hold the position until October 22, 1877. In 1878 he was the Democratic candidate for Judge of the Fifth Circuit. Though a young man, Mr. Jewett is one of the acknowledged leaders of the Democratic party in his district, having been a member of the state central committee in 1876, and is at present chairman of the county central committee. He is an organizer of rare ability and tact, and an able lawyer. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and is regarded by all who know him as a gentleman of culture, enterprise, and influence. With youth and ability to aid him, he will no doubt make his mark in the world so plainly that those yet to come shall not fail to see the record.