

LOUIS W. HUGHES

It is interesting to note from the beginning the growth and development of a community, to note the lines along which progress has been made and to take cognizance of those whose industry and leadership in the work of advancement have rendered possible the present prosperity of the locality under consideration. L. W. Hughes, of this review, is one of the strong, sturdy individuals who has contributed largely to the material welfare of the city in which he resides, being an up-to-date business man, public spirited as a citizen, and progressive in all the term implies.

L. W. Hughes was born at Bloomington, Indiana, on May 13, 1856, and is the son of David and Mary C. (Gibler) Hughes. The father, who was born here in 1845, was a farmer early in his life, but later ran a transfer line and eventually, in 1890, entered the lumber business under the name of Hughes Brothers. Prior to this time the business had been conducted under the name of W B. Hughes, the business having been established in 1880. Mr. Hughes died in 1899. His son, the subject of this sketch, received his education in the common schools of Bloomington, being a graduate of the high school, and he then entered the State University, where he graduated with the class of 1898. With the object in view of following the dental profession, he then attended the Central Dental College at Indianapolis, where he graduated in 1901, and during the following six years he was engaged in the active practice of his profession at Bloomington. However, in 1907, he entered into the lumber business with his father and became the manager of the Hughes Brothers Lumber Company, one of the most important and successful enterprises of the kind in the city of Bloomington. They carry a full line of all kinds of lumber, together with building materials, such as plaster, paint and light hardware, and also carry a full line of coal, lime and cement. The firm has a splendid reputation for square dealing and evident anxiety to please their customers and it is now considered the leading enterprise of the kind in this section of the country.

In 1900 Mr. Hughes was married to Maud Orr, the daughter of A. A. Orr, of Bloomington, and whose death occurred in 1899. To Mr. and Mrs. Hughes has been born one child, Lucile O. Politically, the subject of this sketch is a staunch Republican, while his religious membership is with the Church of Christ. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order and has attained to the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and is also a member of Murat Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Indianapolis. Mr. Hughes is well and favorably known in Monroe county, having long been regarded as a man of sound business principles, upright in all his dealings and congenial in his relations with his acquaintances, and he has a host of friends, and, because of his eminent business success and his high character, he is eminently entitled to representation among the enterprising and progressive citizens of his community.

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