

## OTTIS O. JUDAY.

Ottis O. Juday was born at Geneva, Indiana, June 16, 1872. He was the first child born in this place. His father, Andrew J. Juday, went to the front during the Civil war, serving under the banner of the Forty-seventh Indiana Infantry. He established the first store in Geneva, thus, with his wife, Lucinda E., becoming pioneers of the community. Mr. Juday traces ancestry back to the eastern states, the grandfather having emigrated from Pennsylvania and the grandmother, like many another of our worthy people, came from Virginia.

Mr. Juday, after completing the grammar school course at Geneva, attended the Richmond high school. Following this he furthered his educational training by taking a thorough business course, also at Richmond. He then joined his father in the grocery business in 1892.

After following the trade of a grocer for a time Mr. Juday foresaw the opportunities and possibilities in the crude oil and gas fields and soon entered this arena as a contractor and producer. As was to be expected, he made a success in this fruitful line, evidences of his ability being afforded by the fact that he has been made manager of four different concerns since beginning the work.

Mr. Juday has always been a loyal Republican in politics. He is not an aspirant for public office, but was persuaded to accept the nomination for justice of the peace and was elected November 8, 1904, in a township which is over one hundred and fifty Democratic.

He has been willing to do his part in promoting the public welfare, having assisted in organizing the Geneva Telephone Company, of which he is now vice president. He takes an active interest in the lodge work of the town, being a member of the Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of the Maccabees and Sons of Veterans. He is not only a member of the United Brethren church, but is one of the trustees, and is at present acting also as the church secretary.

December 8, 1896, Mr. Juday was married to Cora Gertrude Lewis, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mr. Roosevelt cannot charge Mr. and Mrs. Juday with contributing toward the race suicide, for they have a neat little family to their credit. They are: Ruth G., Robert L., Mary L. and Elizabeth E. Nothing more, it seems, would be needed to make up a well rounded and useful citizen.

**Snow's History of Adams County, Indiana, John Fletcher Snow, B. F. Bowen, Indianapolis, IN, 1907, p. 448 (image 915).**