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JACOB BUHLER, dealer in lime, hair, cement and plaster of paris, also flour and feed exchange, at Decatur, was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, February 25, 1825. He learned the stone mason's trade when a young man, and traveled as a journeyman mason in his native country for three years. In 1847 he came to America, landing at New York June 26, and from there went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked at his trade until 1848. He then went to Licking County, Ohio, and there worked at his trade until coming to Adams County, Indiana, in 1849, where he has since resided at Decatur, with the exception of five years spent in Wabash County. He followed contracting after settling in Adams County, and in 1875 began dealing in lime and building material, in which he is still engaged. He was united in marriage at Decatur, June 3, 1851, to Rose Ann Chronister, born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Helem) Chronister, who were natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. They came to Adams County, Indiana, in 1847, when Mrs. Buhler was about sixteen years of age, and located on a farm in Union Township, where the father died in 1859, aged sixty-four years. The mother died at Decatur in 1884 at the age of seventy-nine years. Both were members of the Lutheran church. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Buhler, of whom six are living - Emanul, Samuel, Jacob B., Albert, John and Chester, all with the exception of Albert, who is in Nebraska, being residents of Decatur. Those deceased are - David A., who died August 4, 1854, aged one year, and Henry C., who died May 3, 1862, aged six years. Mr. Buhler is a member of St. Mary's Lodge, No.167, I. O.O. F. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party. He and his wife belong to the Evangelical church at Decatur, and for three years he has served as steward of his church.