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JACOB JOHN MAGLEY, a member of the hardware and implement firm of Glass & Magley, was born near Monmouth, Root Township, Adams County, Indiana, September 17, 1852. He remained on the home farm until twenty years of age, when, having obtained a good education, he began teaching in his native county, and taught ten years in the townships of Root, Preble and Kirkland. In 1882 he was appointed station agent at Kirkland for the Chicago & Atlantic Railroad Company, and at the same time engaged in the mercantile business and in manufacturing tile, which he continued until February, 1886, when he removed to Decatur and became associated with Noah Glass in the hardware and agricultural implement business. Mr. Magley was married March 30, 1880, to Harriet Wilder, a daughter of Edwin Wilder, early settlers of Adams County. Mr. and Mrs. Magley have two children - Jessie Ethel and Chauncy Edwin. They are members of the English Lutheran church at Concord, Root Township. Mr. Magley's father, Christian Magley, was a native of Switzerland, who settled in Adams County in 1847, and died on his farm in Root Township in 1860. His mother, Mary (Scharer) Magley, was also a native of Switzerland, coming to America in her girlhood, and was married in Licking County, Ohio. She is still living, making her home with her son Jacob. Six of her eight children are living, all but one in Adams County. She is a member of the German Reform church, as was also her husband.