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WILLIAM JACKSON MYERS, a member of the woolen manufacturing firm of Myers Brothers, at Decatur, Indiana, was born near Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, May 21, 1839, a son of Christopher Frederick and Christina (Havich) Myers, native of Stuttgart, Germany, who came to the United States in 1830 and located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and in 1835 moved to Wayne County, Ohio. From there, in 1850, they came to Adams County, Indiana, and settled on a farm in Washington Township, where the father died January 20, 1860, aged sixty-nine years. The mother died at the home of her son David November 26, 1879, aged seventy years. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had a family of ten children, six of whom are living, all in Adams County. William J. Myers was eleven years of age when his parents moved to Adams County, and from that time until sixteen he attended the district schools. In 1857 he entered the Indiana State University at Bloomington, where he remained two years. During the winter of 1860-'61 he taught the district school at Pleasant Mills, Adams County, and in the summer of 1861 he was employed as principal of the Decatur schools, filling that position until 1863, when he attended the Vermillion Institute at Hayesville one year, and in the fall of 1864 entered the Washington and Jefferson College at Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, in the junior year, and graduated in the class of 1866. He was then employed two years as principal of the high school at Steubenville, Ohio, and in 1868 assumed the principalship of the schools at Cadiz, Ohio, a position he held fourteen years. In 1872 he was elected to the chair of agriculture at his alma mater, which he declined. In 1874 the degree of A. M. was conferred on him by the faculty of Franklin College, Ohio, and in 1875 the honorary degree of Ph.D., by the same institution. In 1882, having resigned his position as superintendent of the schools at Cadiz, on account of ill-health, he came to Decatur and became associated with his brothers, David L. and James M., the firm name being Myers Brothers, proprietors of the Decatur Woolen Mills. Being a shareholder in the Decatur National Bank, he was in 1883 elected a director. In politics Mr. Myers was formerly a Republican, but now affiliates with the Prohibition party. In 1886 he was the nominee of the Prohibition party for State Senator, to represent Adams, Jay and Blackford counties. July 9, 1867, Mr. Myers was married to Jennie Hunter, a native of Carroll County, Ohio, born in 1842, daughter of George and Rosanna (Harkless) Hunter, the former of Irish and the latter of German parentage. Her parents moved to Adams County, Indiana, when she was eight years of age, and in 1863 moved to Ashland County, Ohio. She attended the common and high schools of Decatur, and in the spring of 1863 entered Vermillion College at Hayesville, Ohio, which she attended three years. Mr. and Mrs. Myers have had six children, but four of whom are living - George Hunter, Anna, Wilhelmina and Mary. One child died in infancy unnamed, and Emma died July 13, 1876, aged seven months. Mr. and Mrs. Myers are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a local minister.