

W. H. ALBACH.

W. Harrison Albach was born in Morrow county, Ohio, February 10, 1840. His early life was passed on a farm in Perry township, Morrow county. In addition to the district school of the neighborhood he also attended the public schools at Chesterville, Fredericktown and Mount Gilead.

At the age of sixteen he taught school. In 1860 he began to read law under the preceptorship of Judge A. K. Dunn at Mount Gilead, and was admitted to the bar in 1864. That year he recruited a company for the war and became a lieutenant of Company E, One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war.

Returning to Mount Gilead, Mr. Albach was elected the mayor of the town—the county seat of Morrow county. Engaging in the practice of the law, he was associated for a short time with Bert Andrews. In 1867 he engaged in the drug business at Cardington, in which trade he continued for three years. For many years after retiring from the drug business he dealt in farm implements, machinery and supplies, and was also engaged in the nursery business. In 1885 he became interested in a cash and package carrier patent, the invention of S. W. Barr, of Mansfield. He organized a company and devoted his entire time to traveling and marketing the machines for a number of years. He made several improvements upon the invention, which were patented in his name and assigned to the company.

During the time he was interested in the Barr carrier he invented also what is now known as the "Shelby stove," for gas and gasoline, and in April, 1900, founded the Shelby Stove Company, of which he is the vice-president. The company makes a line of thirty distinct stoves, and also manufactures the Beecher furnace and the Shelby plow.

Mr. Albach has been successful in his business enterprises. Seeing the evidences of the future growth of Shelby, and its advantageous location and railroad facilities for shipping purposes, he wisely selected that place for the location of his works. He is an upright, enterprising business man, capable of conducting large enterprises. He has traveled and has a knowledge of the world that assists him in meeting the wants of the trade in whatever line of industry he may engage.