

## **THOMAS J. ABERNETHY**

Columbus with her pulsing industrial activities and complex business interests is continually drawing to her from other sections of the state men of worth whose force in particular lines is manifest in the impetus which her various professional and commercial concerns receive therefrom. Coming from one of the neighboring county seats, Thomas J. Abernethy, now recognized as a strong member of the Franklin county bar, represents one of the old well known families of Pickaway county which has furnished both the bar and the bench of the capital city with worthy incumbents.

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From such a parent stock came Thomas J. Abernethy, who largely follows the same lines and never looks at life from a narrow standpoint but has directed his efforts in every relation to the general welfare as well as individual needs. In the common schools he prepared himself for the profession of teaching and used that calling wherewith to secure the means that would enable him to pursue a, higher educational course. When this was made possible he attended the National Normal University at Lebanon, and also studied for a time in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. e then resumed teaching and also took up the study of law under the direction of the law firm of Page, Abernethy & Folsom at Circleville, Ohio, there continuing his reading until he was regularly admitted to the bar in 1890, since which time he has continually and successfully engaged in practice.

For some years Mr. Abernethy followed his profession in Pickaway county and then in January, 1900, concluding to enter a broader field. came to Columbus where he has built up a good practice. The fact that there could be no permanent success in life without the cardinal virtues of honesty, sobriety and fair dealing was inculcated in his mind in his boyhood and he has been able to again and again demonstrate the correctness of these principles. Having in early manhood the ambition to become a lawyer, when once admitted to the bar his ambition was to make steady advance ill the profession and, at all times actuated by high ideals, he has proved himself an able and conscientious minister in the temple of justice. Always careful to conform his efforts to a high standard of professional ethics. He never sought to lead the court astray in a matter of fact or law and yet gives to his client the benefit of great talent, unwearied industry and wide learning. His reading has been by no means confined to professional lines for he has sought out the best general literature of all ages and shows a most discriminating taste in the selection of his library.

Mr. Abernethy has been married twice. On the 25th of September.

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Mr. Abernethy wedded Miss Nellie V. Cain, of Lancaster, Ohio.

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Mr. Abernethy is a democrat in principle but without political aspirations, and against his will was nominated for common pleas judge in 1899. Something of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by the general public is indicated by the fact that he succeeded in reducing the republican majority of the district from forty-five hundred to five hundred. He has always adhered

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to the religious teachings of the Methodist church in which he was reared, and regards his fellowmen in a spirit of charity and good will while allowing for himself no swerving from the rules which govern strict integrity, honorable manhood and high professional service.

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