

Henry M. Kelly,

Simply by hard work and conscientious endeavor, coupled with more than ordinary ability and a liberal use of brain matter, Henry M. Kelly has placed himself in command of a legal practice that is extremely extensive and lucrative. Mr. Kelly is one of that class of men who absolutely refuse to let circumstances control their destiny. Without the backing of wealth

and influential relatives and friends, he determined at an early age to become a lawyer, and no circumstance that arose, however discouraging, could shake him from that decision. By sheer determination and steady ap-



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plication he attained the point where he could hang out his shingle, and his success has been constantly growing from that day to this. While he has always been an ardent Democrat, politically, Mr. Kelly has never sought nor has he held public office. He was born in this city in 1865, and graduated from the public and high schools. In 1885 he went with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kelly, to a farm in Indiana, but returned three years later to commence the study of law with the late George W. W. Blake, at that time State's Attorney of La Salle county. He received admission to the bar in 1891, and for two and one-half years was assistant State's Attorney. From then until 1897 he was in partnership with Mr. Blake, but since that time has practiced alone. May 29, 1894, Mr. Kelly was united in marriage with Miss Mollie Morrissey, of this city, and they have nine children — Marie, Harry, Emmet, Melville, Laura, Lawrence, Catherine, Walter and Jerome. Mr. Kelly has just completed the erection of one of the finest and most modern homes in the city, at the east end of Pearl street.