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Mr. Barbour was born in Keokuk, Iowa, March 2, 1870, and attended the schools there, at Quincy and also at Pittsfield, Ill., where his father now resides at the advanced age of 76 years. Mr. Barbour is a practical printer, and, having had much newspaper experience, is considered an extraordinary good writer and possesses a splendid vocabulary. He was an apprentice in the printing office of Rev. G. H. McDaniel, Hannibal, Mo., in 1890, later was employed by the Hon. C. H. J. Taylor at Kansas City, Kas., and in this city, working for the Hon. S. B. Turner, who was then in charge of the State Capital. He went from here to Pittsfield, working there for some time. His next move was to St. Louis where he remained for a time and then from there to Osaloosa, Iowa, where he worked for Geo. E. Taylor until June 25, 1896, coming then to Springfield for the second time, where he has resided ever since. He accepted a position as compositor on the State Capital then being run by Capt. Jorday S. Murray. He was one of the organizers and stock holders in the Illinois Record, which began in June 1902, and was the printer for six months on that paper.

In February, 1904, The Forum was begun, and since that time he has been working for The Forum and Hamann, the printer.

Mr. Barbour is an excellent penman and has had some experience as a type writer. He is married and has an estimable wife.

He is a newspaper man by practice, having been directly connected with the business for seventeen years.

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