

It takes more than a good resume to get a government contract.

John K. Ashley (1853-....)

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JOHN K. Ashley, County Surveyor, Spokane, Washington, was born in Washington county, Ohio, in 1853, son of William and Mary J. (Muhnix) Ashley. His father was a native of Portsmouth, Ohio, and, was by profession a civil engineer. The Ashleys were many of them prominent men. James M. Ashley represented the Tenth Ohio Congressional District, and moved the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson; was afterward Territorial Governor of Montana, serving from 1869 to 1871.

The subject of our sketch was the oldest in a family of six children, and received his early education in the public schools of Denver, Colorado. He took a college course at Antioch, Ohio, where he graduated in 1876 with the degree of A. B. Returning to Denver, he was employed as civil engineer until 1886, when he came to Spokane. While in Colorado he served as a member of the State Legislature during the years of 1884 and 1885. He was elected County Surveyor of Arapahoe county, receiving 8,000 out of 12,000 votes. On coming to Washington he resigned this position in favor of his deputy, who still fills the office. Before being elected to his present office, Mr. Ashley served as City Engineer. His term as County Surveyor will expire January 1, 1893.

Mr. Ashley has invested largely in real estate in both Washington and Idaho. His pretty home in Spokane is valued at about \$3,000. He is thoroughly posted in every department of his profession, and is a quiet, affable and pleasant gentleman. Among the members of his profession he ranks high, and is regarded with esteem by all who know him. Politically he is a Republican. In 1892 he served as chairman of the Spokane County Republican Committee. He is a Knight Templar having his membership with Denver No. 5.

Mr. Ashley is a man of family. In 1879 he married the oldest daughter of Arternas Carter, of Chicago, Illinois. She died at Denver in 1885, leaving two children, Helen and John K. In 1888 he married Miss Lillian Hodder, at Boston, Massachusetts. Her father is president of the American Promoting Company at that place, and is a prominent man in the Unitarian Church.

Mr. Ashley is a member of the Unitarian Church.

ⁱ Hines, H. K. (Harvey Kimball), 1828-1902, "An Illustrated History of the State of Washington": containing a history of the State of Washington from the earliest period of its discovery to the present time, together with glimpses of its auspicious future, illustrations and full page portraits of some of its eminent men and biographical mention of many of its pioneers and prominent citizens of today: Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co. 1893.