

## History of Spokane County

DR. J. J. PIPER, a pioneer of 1879, is a native of Tippecanoe county, Indiana, born April 6, 1831. While he was yet a boy, his family moved to Clark county, Ohio, and he grew to manhood there, but in 1852 came to California and engaged in mining enterprises. In 1856 he began the study of medicine with Dr. Elias Jones, of Wolf's Lake, Indiana, and attended lectures at the Indiana Medical School at LaPorte. He practiced as a physician for twenty-nine years afterward, then came to Spokane county and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land on Peone prairie. Subsequently he purchased a half section more, so that he is now the owner of a fine farm of four hundred and eighty acres. In addition to his farming, he still practiced his profession for a time among the residents of the prairie, but is now retired from the work. Dr. Piper is looked upon, by those best acquainted with his abilities, as an excellent physician, and his many amiable qualities as a man render him a universal favorite. Though quite an old man now, he still takes an active interest in all matters of local concern, and occupies a place among the leading and representative men of his community. He was a member of the second board of county commissioners in this

county, and has served as a commissioner twice since. The Doctor is one of the oldest, probably the oldest, member of the I. O. F. in the state of Washington, having joined the order in March, 1852. He was married in California, in 1859, to Elida Kirkpatrick, and they have two daughters: Albertina Jane and Carry Aneta. Mrs. Piper died in California, in 1868.