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Joel N. Converse was a descendent of a Vermont family that had emigrated to Ohio where he was born in 1820. He graduated from Starling Medical College at Columbus in 1845 and practiced medicine until 1852 when failing health turned him toward agriculture and then railroad investment. When the Union and Logansport Railroad was organized he became its vice president and eventually its president. In 1871, he was still a director of the C.C. & I.C. [Columbus, Chicago, and Indiana Central] Railroad with which the Union and Logansport had been united. He was also at one time president and superintendent of the former road. In 1869, however,

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