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That the public is entitled to the privileges afforded by a work of this nature needs no assertion at our hands; for one of our greatest Americans has said that the history of any country resolves itself into the biographies of its stout, earnest and representative citizens. This medium, then, serves more than a single purpose; while it perpetuates biography and family genealogy, it records history, much of which would be preserved in no other way.

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GEORGE DAWSON COLEMAN. With very few exceptions the business of the city of Lebanon is carried on by descendants of old and worthy families, whose individual members in their time were prominently identified with the institutions of the county. Ever since the name of Lebanon was attached to a county organization the family of Coleman has been through its different members very prominently identified with the advancement and progress for which this section of the State is so distinguished.

Robert Coleman, the progenitor of the family in America, was one of the most successful ironmasters in Lancaster county, Pa., during the latter part of the eighteenth century, and was not only prominent in the business world, but became a man of distinction in the public life of the State, having been a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly as early as 1788. He was also for many years associate judge of Lancaster county. Robert Coleman was born November 4, 1748, near Castlefin, in County Donegal, Ireland, and came to this country in 1764, arriving at Philadelphia. He carried letters to Blair McClanaghan and the Messrs. Biddle, who recommended him to Mr. Read, then prothonotary of Reading, Pa., who employed him for two years. At the end of that time he became a clerk for Peter Grubb, at Hopewell Forge, with whom he remained six months, leaving to take a place at Quinttapahilla Forge, near Lebanon, Pa., owned by James Old, who had large iron works near Reading and Norristown for some time. Some time later, when Mr. Old removed from Speedwell Forge to Reading Furnace, he took Mr. Coleman with him, and they were associated in business for some years. While at the Furnace Mr. Coleman married Mr. Old's eldest daughter, and not long afterward he rented Salford Forge, near Norristown, where he continued for three years. In 1776 he moved to Elizabeth Furnace, in Lancaster county, which he first rented, afterward buying it gradually from the different members

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of the firm who owned it—Stiegel, Stedman & Benezet. There he manufactured ammunition for the Government during the Revolutionary war, and it is of interest to note that the iron chain which was stretched across the Delaware river below Philadelphia, to prevent the approach of the British warships at the time that city was threatened by Gen. Clinton, was manufactured by him. He was the first of his family to obtain an interest in the ore bank of Cornwall, Lebanon county, which he purchased from the Grubb family. Mr. Coleman was a man possessed of a penchant for hard work, which, coupled with fine business judgment, soon caused him to forge to the front as a leading man in the iron business. On October 4, 1773, he married Anne Old, who was born May 21, 1756, and they had four sons, William, Edward, James and Burd. Mr. Coleman retired from business and removed to Lancaster in 1809.

James Coleman passed his life in the iron business in Lancaster and Lebanon counties. He married a Miss Dawson, of Philadelphia, who bore him the following children: George Dawson; Ann; Sarah; Harriet; and Robert.

George Dawson Coleman was born in Philadelphia January 13, 1825. He received his preparatory education at Princeton, N. J., and then matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, Collegiate Department, from which he graduated in 1843. In 1846, together with his brother Robert, he came to Lebanon county and erected the North Lebanon Furnaces (the first anthracite furnaces built in Lebanon county), where they began the manufacture of pig-iron. The brothers owned together a 15-48 interest in the Cornwall ore deposit. In 1852 Robert withdrew from the firm, and from that time until his death the North Lebanon Furnaces were owned and operated by George Dawson Coleman, and were left intact to his heirs. During his life Mr. Coleman was a successful and enterprising iron manufacturer, and was well and favorably known in that connection throughout the State. He was a large stockholder in the Pennsylvania Steel Company, at Steelton, Dauphin county. He was a warm supporter of the Government during the Civil war, and was one of that noble band of capitalists who furnished the sinews of war freely, and without whom the Government could not have prosecuted a successful fight against rebellion. He contributed liberally of his own means to the organization and equipment of the different regiments from his section of the State, and especial mention should be made of the Ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, which regiment he was instrumental in raising, contributing over \$10,000 for its equipment, and whose subsequent military career he watched with intense interest and solicitude. He also gave liberally to the assistance

of the widows and orphans of those who fought in the ranks. Mr. Coleman was an active member of the Sanitary Commission, and frequently in person distributed its stores upon the battlefield. He was deeply interested in and cheerfully aided all movements tending to develop and improve the community. He was a member of the State Board of Charities from the time of its organization, in 1869, and was president of the same at the time of his death. For a number of years he was president of the First National Bank of Lebanon. In his earlier life he was prominent in the political affairs of the State, as a matter of duty serving during the Civil war in the State Assembly, and subsequently serving three years in the State Senate. His course as a legislator was marked by the faithful and conscientious discharge of all his duties, and he was recognized as a valuable coadjutor in the important work of legislation.

In his religious character Mr. Coleman was most exemplary. He took a deep and personal interest in the religious welfare of those in his employ, and erected and supported churches for them at Elizabeth and Lebanon Furnaces. Several years before his death Mr. Coleman presented his grandfather's residence, at the corner of Front and Pine streets, Philadelphia, to St. Peter's Church, contributing in addition a large sum for the purpose of altering and arranging the house for their mission work. His whole life was an example of generosity and kindness of heart, and in the community in which he lived and labored no man was more universally respected and beloved. His home life was a model of excellence and conjugal felicity. He married in 1852 Miss Deborah Brown, a native of Philadelphia, daughter of William and Deborah (Norris) Brown, who are now deceased, and she survived him, as did also two sons and five daughters. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Coleman: Robert, Harriet, Debbie N., Sarah, James, Frances, William, Bertram Dawson, Edward and Annie.

George Dawson Coleman died at Lebanon September 9, 1878, after a long and useful life, mourned by a very large concourse of friends and neighbors, who were unanimous in the opinion that his death was a distinct public calamity.

GEN. JOHN PETER SHINDEL GOBIN. If, as has been written by one of the bards, "true history is biography," it follows that to chronicle the deeds and achievements of the successful and representative citizens of a community is but to write the history of that community, and the biographer becomes the true historian. Thus it will be seen that the importance of making permanent record of the lives of men who have contributed to the material

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growth and development of a community, and have reflected credit and honor upon it, cannot be overestimated.

Lebanon county, Pa., counts among her citizens many who are well worthy of the distinction of receiving extended notice in any volume devoted to the annals of the county, and among all of them stands conspicuously Gen. John Peter Shindel Gobin, the present lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth, who by reason of his long and useful life, his brilliant military record, his distinguished career as a public official, and his sterling worth as a man, has won the admiration and esteem of all who know him, not only among his fellow citizens of Lebanon, but throughout the entire State.

Gen. Gobin is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born at Sunbury, Northumberland county, January 26, 1837, and comes of sturdy pioneer stock. His paternal ancestors were numbered among the soldiers of the Revolutionary and other wars of the country, while among his maternal ancestors were ministers of renown. Charles Gobin, his great-grandfather, was a captain in a battalion of Berks county associators, and served in the Jersey campaign in the war of the Revolution during the summer of 1780, and later was on the frontiers in command of a company of militia to protect the settlers from the threatened invasion of the Indians, Tories and British from New York. His grandfather, Edward Gobin, was a soldier of the war of 1812-14. On the maternal side, his grandfather, John Peter Shindel, for whom he was named, was a pioneer Lutheran minister, who resided in Lebanon at the beginning of the last century, removing to Sunbury, Pa., about the year 1812. His son, Rev. Jeremiah Shindel, a noted member of the Lutheran ministry, was born in Lebanon. Prior to studying for the ministry Rev. Jeremiah served an apprenticeship at the printer's trade in Harrisburg, where he had as fellow workmen the late distinguished Pennsylvanians, Simon Cameron and William and John Bigler. Later he prepared for the ministry, in 1830 was licensed to preach, and in 1831 was ordained. In 1859 he was elected to the State Senate of Pennsylvania from the district composed of Lehigh and Northampton counties, serving as senator for three years. In 1862 he was appointed chaplain of the One Hundred and Tenth Regiment, P. V. I., and served two years.

The parents of Gen. Gobin were Samuel S. and Susan (Shindel) Gobin, the former of whom was a large contractor. Gen. Gobin inherited the martial spirit of his paternal ancestors, and the scholarly characteristics of those on the maternal side. He received an academic education in the schools of his native town, and learned the printer's trade in the office of the Sunbury *American*. Later, under the preceptorship of M. L. Shindel and Gen. J. K.

Clement, he studied law, and was admitted to the Bar in 1858. His early professional career, however, was interrupted by the breaking out of the Civil war, as, upon President Lincoln's first call for three months' men, he left his law practice and entered the army, April 19, 1861, as first lieutenant of Company F, Eleventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he returned to his home, recruited a company, and on September 2, 1861, was commissioned captain of the same, which was mustered in as Company C, Forty-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. Promotion was rapid for this intrepid young soldier, and he was successively advanced to the ranks of major, lieutenant-colonel and colonel of the Forty-seventh Regiment, and was brevetted brigadier-general of volunteers for meritorious services on March 13, 1865, and complimented in general orders for gallantry at the battle of Pocotaligo, S. C. Besides the latter engagement he participated in those of St. John's Bluff, Sabine Cross Roads, Pleasant Hill and Cane River Crossing, serving in the departments of the South, the Gulf and the Shenandoah. Gen. Gobin was with Gen. Sheridan in his celebrated campaign, during a portion of the time commanding a brigade in the Nineteenth Corps, participating in the battles of Opequan and Fisher's Hill, and particularly distinguished himself at Cedar Creek, where his command was right of Sheridan's line. When a portion of the line gave way from the severe pressure of the enemy's front, which overlapped the Union force, Gen. Gobin held fast, and thus gave the enemy its first repulse, which proved the turning point in the tide of battle. For a time he was Judge Advocate General of the Department of the South, and remained with his regiment at Charleston, S. C., in command of the First sub-district, acting as Provost Judge of that city, until January, 1866. He was mustered out of the service on January 9th, of that year.

Immediately after leaving the army, Gen. Gobin located in Lebanon, and resumed the practice of his profession, and there he has since resided and followed the law, meeting with a success that has easily placed him at the head of the Lebanon County Bar. The public life of Gen. Gobin has been varied, and uniformly successful and distinguished. Early in his professional career he served for a time as county solicitor of Lebanon county, and this was followed, in 1884, by his election to the State Senate, in which body he served continuously from that year until 1899, an unprecedented term, resigning in the latter year to assume the duties of the office of lieutenant-governor of the State, to which position he had been elected at the general election of 1898. He has served as a trustee of the Soldiers' and Sailors'



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Home at Erie; as a commissioner of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools; and as commissioner of the Gettysburg Monumental Association. In 1874 he was commissioned colonel of the Eighth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, and since 1885 he has been brigadier-general of the Third Brigade of the Guard, and commanded in the numerous riots of the State. During the Spanish-American war he held a commission as brigadier-general of volunteers.

Gen. Gobin assisted in the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has had conferred upon him the highest honors of the organization, having been elected department commander in 1886, and commander-in-chief of the organization in the United States in 1897. He is an active member of the Loyal Legion, and of the Sons of the Revolution. In fraternal society circles he is very active and prominent; has been Grand Commander of the Knights Templars of Pennsylvania; Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of the United States; Grand Generalissimo; Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Master of the United States. In Odd Fellowship he is a Past Grand Patriarch of the State of Pennsylvania.

Aside from his profession Gen. Gobin has various local interests and connections of importance, being a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank, of Lebanon, and of the Cornwall & Lebanon Railway Company, and also solicitor for both corporations.

As a soldier, public official, lawyer and citizen, Gen. Gobin has had a brilliant and uniformly successful career. As a young man he abandoned his chosen profession at the threshold, to go to the front and serve his country in her hour of peril with an ardor that patriotism could alone inspire, there to win laurels and fame; as a public official he has displayed wisdom, conservatism and executive ability far above the ordinary, winning merited recognition and promotion at the hands of his fellow-citizens and the State at large; as a lawyer he has won a place at the head of the Bar of both his county and State; and as a citizen, he leaves nothing to be desired.

Gen. Gobin is of pleasing personality; kind and courteous to all, of commanding figure and magnetic temperament, he impresses favorably all who come in contact with him. His characteristics are strong and rugged—a stanch friend, a good fighter, but generous foe, warm-hearted and charitable. These are traits which, coupled with his achievements, have endeared him to his many friends and won him the respect and admiration of his enemies, if enemies he has, and where is the man who has impressed his personality upon the affairs of his time that has not?

**RICHARD J. SEE.** Among the prominent and influential citizens of Lebanon county few occupy a more enviable position in public esteem than does Richard J. See, the president of the Myerstown National Bank, and business man and capitalist well known all over the State.

By birth Mr. See is a Pennsylvanian, and his early ancestors were of German extraction, his maternal grandfather, Jacob Seltzer, having been a native of Germany, and one of the leading and most influential men in Berks county, through a long and active life. The birth of Mr. See took place at Womelsdorf, in Berks county, and he was one of a family of six children born to George and Elizabeth (Seltzer) See, the former of whom was born in 1799, in Schuylkill county, Pa., and came to Berks county in young manhood. By trade he was a builder and contractor, and became well and favorably known in his locality, rearing a family which has reflected credit upon him and the community. His wife, Elizabeth (Seltzer), born in 1804, died October 7, 1884, and the death of Mr. See occurred in 1869. Their children were as follows: Jonathan, of Berks county; Charles, of Ashland, Schuylkill county; Eliza, deceased; Richard J., of Myerstown; Helen, wife of John A. Oberly, of Oil City, Pa.; and Jane, who died young. In politics Mr. See was identified with the Democratic party. The family was reared in and has always been consistently connected with the Reformed Church.

Richard J. See was reared in the village of his birth, and secured his education in the local schools. At the age of sixteen years he entered the employ of a village merchant, Elias Fiddler, in the capacity of clerk, and there he learned the principles of this business, which five years later he put into practice, when, in association with William S. Filbert, he purchased Mr. Fiddler's business and conducted a general store for the succeeding five years. In 1861 he came to Lebanon county and engaged in farming, continuing to follow agricultural pursuits for some seven years, and then began dealing in horses, and for fifteen years he continued to follow this line, becoming well known east and west for his honest and upright methods of doing business. In 1884 he retired from the farm, and with his wife and infant granddaughter removed to Myerstown, where he purchased an elegant home, and which pleasant city has ever since been their place of residence. As one of the organizers of the Myerstown Bank, his interest has always centered in this institution and he has served on its board of directors and as vice-president, and, upon the death of the late A. H. Carmony, became its able president. Since that time his careful, conservative course has retained him the confidence of the financial world, and he is one of the most highly regarded citizens of this place.

In 1858 Mr. See was united in marriage with Miss Mary Elizabeth

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Leisse, daughter of John S. and Rebecca (Van Reed) Leisse, prominent farming people of Berks county, now deceased, who had a family of three children, Margaret Anna, John Calvin, and Mrs. See, the latter being the only survivor. One daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. See, Annie R., who became the wife of George H. Horst, and who passed away at the early age of twenty-two years, on October 28, 1884, leaving behind an infant daughter, Mary E., who has taken her mother's place in the hearts and home of her grandparents. She is a young lady of most winning personality, and is pursuing her studies at Bryn Mawr College, being particularly talented in music.

Like his honored father, Mr. See has always supported Democratic candidates and principles. He is a man of unerring judgment and has consistently sustained a reputation for safe and conservative business methods. He is at all times approachable in matters concerning the public weal, and is charitable and benevolent in private life, never having been a man of ostentation. In him Myerstown finds one of her best citizens.

EZRA GRUMBINE, M. D. This is a familiar and honored name in Lebanon county, where the bearer has for many years gone in and out before the people in the busy life of a practicing physician, and has ever evidenced a disposition to sacrifice his own comfort in order to ameliorate the sufferings of others. Dr. Grumbine is not only well and favorably known in the field of medicine, but of late years has made his genius felt in the line of finance, being at the present time president of the Lebanon County Trust Company, one of the leading financial institutions in this section of the State.

Dr. Grumbine was born February 1, 1845, at Fredericksburg, Pa. He traces his ancestry six generations back to Leonhart Krumbein, who immigrated from the Palatinate in Germany to this country, crossing the ocean in the ship "Brothers," and landing at Philadelphia on September 30, 1754. Settling near Schaefferstown, Pa., he reared a family of children among whom was a son who received his father's name of Leonhart. This Leonhart's son, Jacob, migrated to the northern part of Bethel township, Lebanon county, Pa., to a farm at the foot of the "Little Mountain," two miles north of Fredericksburg.

Among Jacob's numerous family was one who received the name of John Grumbine, a man of short stature and kind disposition, who married Susanna Fehrer, and they had one child, John Philip Grumbine, the father of the subject of this sketch. Mrs. John Philip Grumbine's maiden name was Maria Light.

Dr. Ezra Grumbine was educated in the common schools of his native



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village, at the Lebanon Valley Institute at Annville, at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, and at the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating from the latter institution, in March, 1868, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His preceptors in the study of medicine were Drs. Fahnestock and Grumbine at Annville, and Dr. H. K. Hartzell at Goodsville, in Lehigh county. Previous to his entering upon his medical career, he taught school in Bethel and South Annville townships, and for one season had charge of the school in the borough of Dillsburg, in York county, Pennsylvania.

In 1869 he settled in Fredericksburg for the practice of his profession, but two years later removed to Mt. Zion, where he has since resided, enjoying a large general practice. He keeps in close touch with his profession, and is a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and of the local county association. He is also a member of the Lebanon County Historical Society, to whose literature he has at different times made contributions: and in 1894 he read a lyric poem in the local vernacular before the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania German Society at Reading. He is one of the earliest members of this association. Appointed postmaster by Postmaster-General Key in 1877, he served in that capacity at Mt. Zion for thirteen years.

Dr. Grumbine is a gentleman of decided opinions, and has the courage of his convictions when once he has made up his mind. This was shown in the fall of 1892 when he accepted the nomination for Congress on the Prohibition platform, making a gallant losing fight. Of late years he has given considerable attention to business lines, and in 1902 became one of a party of gentlemen who organized the Lebanon County Trust Company, and was elected its president. This institution is rapidly taking rank as one of the leading financial centers of the section, owing to the careful management of its board of directors.

The Doctor is a man of refined and cultivated tastes, and is not only a master of the two lines mentioned, but has evinced a decided literary bent which he has frequently indulged as a means of relaxation from his professional labors. From the fact that his verses, both in English and in the Pennsylvania German vernacular, have been copied by metropolitan journals, and that his productions have appeared in Philadelphia, New York and Boston, his friends have solicited him to have a volume of his writings published. This he may do at some time in the future.

In 1868 Dr. Grumbine was married to Annie Elizabeth Beaver, eldest daughter of Dr. Daniel H. Beaver, of Fredericksburg. She was born De-

ember 13, 1849, and died in September, 1880, leaving two sons and one daughter. Harvey Carson, the elder son, was educated in the common schools of Mt. Zion, Fredericksburg and Lebanon; at Palatinate College, Myerstown; Lafayette College, Easton; and Wesleyan University, Connecticut, at which last named institution he took the degree of Ph. B. He then went abroad and finished his studies with a three-years course in the University of Munich, Germany, where he received the degree, *cum laude*, of Doctor of Philosophy. He is at the present time filling the chair of English Literature in the University of Wooster, State of Ohio. Thaddeus Stevens, the other son, was educated in the common schools and at Schuylkill Seminary at Fredericksburg. He served an apprenticeship as a druggist, and matriculated as a student in the College of Pharmacy at Philadelphia, but ill health obliged him to abandon the study. Bessie Shirley, the daughter, was educated at the Moravian Seminary and College for Women at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The second marriage of the Doctor occurred January 10, 1882, when he called to preside over his home, Miss Virginia S. Uhler, a native of Lebanon and a daughter of the late Captain Joseph Uhler, whose early ancestor was Anastasius Uhler, a Palatine immigrant who landed at Philadelphia from the ship "Samuel," August 11, 1732.

LIEUT. HENRY MELCHIOR MUHLENBERG RICHARDS. The city of Lebanon, the center of a county of the most fertile of Pennsylvania's farming lands, figuratively flowing with "milk and honey," worthily bears a name made famous in the early days of Christian history. It is the home of wealth, culture and education, numbering among its citizens many who have, with honor, distinguished themselves in notable fields of activity. In recalling these the biographer finds a prominent example in Lieut. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Richards, who has not only been himself distinguished, but whose ancestry is also one of eminence in the religious, military and public life of the State and Nation.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Richards was born August 16, 1848, in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran parsonage at Easton, Pa., a son of Rev. John William Richards, D. D., who was born April 18, 1803, and died January 24, 1854, a prominent divine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was given the degree of D. D. by Jefferson College, August 6, 1851; was secretary of the Ministerium in 1843, and served three terms in that incumbency, and was elected president of the same in 1850, which office he held at the time of his death. On May 21, 1835, he married Andora Garber, born May 21, 1815, died May 26, 1892, only daughter of Henry Garber, born

March 23, 1792, died November 1, 1848, and Susanna Paul, born September 2, 1789, died June 4, 1832, daughter of Abraham Paul, born July 11, 1765, died March 29, 1823, and Ann Barbara Hortter, born September 18, 1764, died April 11, 1845, son of Abraham Paul, born July 28, 1730, died —, son of Andrew Paul, born about 1700, died 1790, in Germantown, Pa., and Elizabeth Reiner, daughter of Henry Reiner, born in 1675, died in 1749, of Limerick, Montgomery county. Henry Garber was a son of Benjamin Garber, born February 20, 1769, died August 6, 1818, and Hannah Reiner, born May 5, 1774, died April 27, 1861 (daughter of Henry Reiner, born in 1738, died February 19, 1816, and Susanna Gisbert, born 1742, died February 24, 1816, the former a son of Philip Reiner, born about 1712, died about 1795, son of Henry Reiner, born in 1675, died in 1749), son of Benedict Garber, of Alsace, Germany, born October 13, 1732, died June 12, 1817. The latter emigrated to Trappe, Montgomery county, Pa., in 1741, and during the Revolution served in Capt. Jacob Peterman's Fourth Co., Sixth Battalion, Philadelphia County Militia, of 1780. On November 27, 1758, he married Dorothea Loreht, born December 5, 1733, died February 25, 1807. Benedict Garber was a son of Henry and Catherine Garber, both of whom died on shipboard in 1741.

Rev. John William Richards, D. D., was a son of Hon. Matthias Richards, born February 26, 1758, who died August 4, 1830, of Reading, Pa., volunteer in Col. Daniel Udree's Second Battalion, Berks County Regiment, 1777, at the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, and in operations prior to the encampment at Valley Forge; Major of the Fourth Battalion Philadelphia County Regiment, 1780; Justice of the Peace, 1788, for forty years; Judge of Berks County Courts, 1791-97, also about 1824; Inspector of Customs, 1801-02; Member of Congress, 1807-11; Collector of Revenue, 1812; Clerk of Orphan's Court for Berks county, 1823; Trustee of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Reading, Pa. On May 8, 1782, he married Maria Salome Muhlenberg, born July 13, 1766, died March 13, 1827, sister of Major-Gen. John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, of the Continental army, of Frederick Augustus Conrad Muhlenberg, first Speaker of the United States Congress, and Rev. Gotthilf Henry Ernst Muhlenberg, D. D., prominent Lutheran divine and eminent botanist. She was the youngest daughter of Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, D. D., born September 6, 1711, who died October 7, 1787, the distinguished Patriarch of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Anna Maria Weiser, born June 24, 1727, died August 23, 1802 (daughter of Col. John Conrad Weiser, born November 2, 1696, died July 13, 1760, married 1720, Anna Eve ———, born January 25, 1700,

died December 27, 1778, the eminent head of the Indian Bureau of the Province of Pennsylvania, 1731-60; Justice of the Peace, 1741-52; President Judge of Berks County Courts, 1752-60; Lieutenant Colonel, October 31, 1755, commanding the First Battalion, Pennsylvania Regiment, in defense of the Blue Ridge frontier during the French and Indian War; son of John Conrad Weiser, born 1660, died 1746, and Anna Magdalena Uebele, born 1666, died May 1, 1709; leader of the German Palatine immigration into New York Province, 1710; Captain of German contingent from Queensbury, in British army assembled at Albany, N. Y., during summer of 1711, as an expedition against Montreal, Canada; son of Jacob Weiser, born about 1625; son of Jacob Weiser, born about 1590, both holding the honorable office of "Schultheisz," or Chief Magistrate, of Gross-Aspach, County of Backnang, Wurtemberg, Germany); son of Nicholaus Melchior Muhlenberg, of Eimbeck, Hanover, Germany, and Anna Mary Kleinschmid, daughter of an officer in military service; a scion of the German noble "von Mühlenberg" family, which had its origin in Ziracka, a prince of the Wendish and Sorbic tribes, who was converted to Christianity about 950, A. D., and had his residence near the present city of Muhlberg. Hon. Matthias Richards was a son of Matthias Richards, born January 9, 1719, and died March 28, 1775, of New Holland township, Montgomery county, Pa., a prominent and wealthy landed proprietor of that locality, and member of the building committee of the Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1767 (married, about 1748, Ann Margaret Hillegas, born August 15, 1726, died January 6, 1773, daughter of John Frederick Hillegas, born November 24, 1685, died January 6, 1765, and Elizabeth Barbara ———, who died March 4, 1759; a prominent resident of "Goshenhoppen," Montgomery county, Pa., whence he emigrated from Germany, arriving September 18, 1727; uncle of Michael Hillegas, first Treasurer of the United States, 1775-1789); son of John Frederick Reichert, born 1679, in Augsburg, Germany, who died in September, 1748, and was buried at Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which he was one of the founders; arrived in America about 1700 or 1703; married Anna Maria ———, born 1685, who died March 18, 1756; son of an officer in the German army.

Lieut. Richards received his preliminary education in the public schools of the city of Reading, Pa., to which place his father removed, from Easton, Pa., in March, 1851, and where he died while pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. On June 30, 1860, he entered the Reading High School, at the head of all the male applicants, graduating from the same in 1864. In June, 1863, at the age of fourteen years, he enlisted as a private (doing duty as a drummer), in Company A, Twenty-sixth Emergency Regiment, Pennsyl-



vania Volunteers, and served through the Gettysburg campaign, participating in the battle of Gettysburg. In disguise, he and his brother penetrated into the midst of Early's Corps of the Confederate army, and were the first to give notice of its retrograde movement from Harrisburg towards Gettysburg. On July 10, 1864, he re-enlisted, as a private, in Company A, One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served in West Virginia, under Gen. Sheridan. In July, 1865, he entered the United States Naval Academy at Newport, R. I., as a midshipman, graduating from the same in July, 1869, at Annapolis, Md. During this time he ranked at the head of his classes each year, never falling below number three, and graduated a "star" pupil, the highest honor, when he was publicly complimented by Admiral David D. Porter, and given his diploma by Gen. U. S. Grant. In 1866 he made a cruise along the coast of the United States on the U. S. S. "Macedonian"; and in 1867, on the U. S. S. "Savannah," he made a cruise to Europe and participated in the great naval ovation to the Empress Eugenie, at Cherbourg, France; and in 1868 he cruised among the islands on the west coast of Africa on the U. S. S. "Savannah," having previously visited the United States Military Academy at West Point. During 1869-70-71, on the U. S. S. "Juniata" and the U. S. Flagship, "Franklin," he cruised about Europe and Africa.

In April, 1870, Lieut. Richards was at Tunis, Africa, to avert a threatened fanatical outbreak against the Christians; actively engaged in the Franco-German War of 1870-71, being with the German army in July, 1870, prior to the battles of Worth and Gravelotte; with the French fleet off Heligoland, in the German Ocean, in August, 1870, awaiting the attack of the German fleet, but dispersed by a hurricane; with the German fleet at Wilhelmshaven, in September, 1870; in Havre, France, October and November, 1870, during the advance of the German army; with Bourbaki's defeated army in Switzerland in January, 1871; and at Marseilles in April, 1871, during the Communistic Outbreak. In January, 1871, he was on active duty in Spain during the outbreak of the Carlist Insurrection, and at Naples and Civita Vecchia, Italy, in March, 1871, guarding American interests during troubles incident to the occupation of Rome by King Victor Emmanuel and the deprivation of the Pope's temporal power.

During these years, Lieutenant Richards passed through many exciting adventures. In April, 1870, he narrowly escaped death in the Bay of Tunis, while on boat duty during a tempest; in February, 1871, he made a dangerous ascent of Vesuvius during an eruption; had a hazardous experience in crossing the Alps, in March, 1871, by the Simplon Pass, after a winter's storm;

and was attacked and nearly captured by Spanish brigands in the vicinity of San Roque, outside of Gibraltar, in May, 1870.

During 1872, Lieutenant Richards was on duty at the Torpedo Station, Newport, R. I., attached to the nitro-glycerine department, at which time he invented a circuit closing fuse, far superior to anything then in use, which was adopted by the government. In 1873-1874 at the personal solicitation of its commanding officer, Commander (now Admiral) George Dewey, he was attached to the U. S. Steamer "Narragansett," on surveying duty in the Pacific Ocean. The charts now in use of the Peninsula of Lower California, the Gulf of California, the Mexican Coast and various islands in the Pacific Ocean were mainly the result of his work. At this time occurred the "Virginus" difficulty with Spain, when Commander Dewey asked to be ordered to attack Manila, in the Philippine Islands, in case of war, which he so gallantly captured in 1898. While at Panama in April, 1873, a severe revolutionary outbreak occurred, when Lieut. Richards volunteered for active service and was sent on shore in performance of same, which was of a dangerous character. He also volunteered for and was given charge of a hazardous boat expedition to Las Tres Marias Islands, February 22, 1874, and saved the vessel from shipwreck on La Roca Partida, of the Revillagigedo Group of Islands, March 28, 1874. Lieut. Richards was commissioned Ensign in the United States Navy, on July 12, 1870; commissioned Master, on July 12, 1871, and was promoted to Lieutenant in November, 1874. After these years of arduous and faithful service, to the regret of his commanding officer, he decided to tender his resignation as an officer in the United States Navy, to take effect January 1, 1875, to enable him to be more with his family, as, during ten years of service, he had only been able to remain home some six months in all.

After leaving the naval service, Mr. Richards entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in the office of its General Superintendent, at Reading, Pa., and later, that of the Engineer of Machinery, where he remained until the fall of 1878. During this time occurred the terrible labor riots of 1877, resulting in much bloodshed and loss of property at Reading, when he assisted in organizing a company of Coal and Iron Police, composed of veteran soldiers, and served in the same during the continuance of the disturbances. From the fall of 1878 until August, 1881, Lieut. Richards was associated with Charles M. Roeder, of Reading, in the insurance business, when he was offered a prominent position in the growing Bolt and Nut Works and Rolling Mill of J. H. Sterbergh, of Reading, which he accepted, and with which business he has since been identified.

When a war with Chile was threatened, in 1892, he volunteered for service, and again volunteered, in April, 1898, so soon as a war with Spain became evident. His services were accepted and he resumed his position as a Lieutenant (Senior) in the United States Navy, was immediately ordered on duty and served during the entire war, at the front, as Executive Officer of the U. S. S. "Supply," one of the large trans-Atlantic passenger steamers of the International Steamship Company, American Line, fitted out by the Government as an auxiliary cruiser and supply ship. He was at Guantanamo Bay, off Santiago, with the "Cristobal Colon" at the Jacuro Anchorage, on the blockades of Manzanillo and Cienfuegos, at the Isle of Pines, on the blockade off Bahia Honda, Cabanas, Muriel, Havana (during the last engagement of the war), Matanzas, Cardenas, and at San Juan and Palominos Island, off Porto Rico. He carried his vessel safely through the vortex of a terrible West India hurricane on the way to San Juan. He reached Gibara, Cuba, upon the cessation of hostilities, just as the only surviving Spanish man-of-war, "La Infanta Isabella," had entered, and anchored beside her, and was probably the first United States naval officer to exchange friendly greetings with a free Spanish naval officer, on the close of the war. Some months after the close of the war he was given his honorable discharge, with the thanks of the Government.

Lieut. Richards then resumed his position in the iron business, and upon the consolidation of his and various other large establishments, on September 1, 1899, into the American Iron & Steel Manufacturing Company, he was made its General Auditor, and a member of its board of directors, which necessitated his removal to Lebanon, Pa., where the general offices of the company were located, and that city has been his place of residence since. At the annual meeting of the company, held in February, 1901, he was elected Treasurer. During the strike of its employes, beginning in May, 1902, and culminating in terrible riots and bloodshed in September, which was only terminated by the timely arrival of troops, he was shot in the right side, while defending the company's property.

In June, 1893, this distinguished officer was appointed by Gov. Pattison a member of the commission to locate and describe the forts of Pennsylvania used for defense against the Indians prior to 1783. His exhaustive report on the "Frontier Forts of the Blue Range" was ordered printed by the Legislature, and has become the standard work on that subject. Besides this, he is the author of many historical works, among which may be mentioned: "Citizens of Gettysburg in the Battle," published in the *Century Magazine*, January, 1887; "Quarter-Centennial History of St. John's Lodge, No. 435, F. &

A. M.," book form, issued in February, 1894: "Pennsylvania's Emergency Men at Gettysburg," issued in book form in February, 1895; "Pennsylvania's Military Methods during the French and Indian War," published in the American Historical Register of April-May, 1897; "The German Leaven in the Pennsylvania Loaf," for the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, published in book form in December, 1897; "The First Discoverers of America, German not Latin," Vol. VIII, Pennsylvania-German Society, 1898; "The German Emigration from New York Province into Pennsylvania" (in collaboration with his brother, Rev. Prof. M. H. Richards, D. D.), Vol. IX, Pennsylvania-German Society, 1899; "The Descendants of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg," Vol. X, Pennsylvania-German Society, 1900; etc.

Lieut. Richards is a member of the following societies: Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the Revolution; Pennsylvania Commandery, Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States, in which he was national delegate; Pennsylvania Commandery, Naval Order of the United States, of which he is a member of the council and historian; Pennsylvania Commandery, Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War; Grand Army of the Republic, national aid-de-camp, quartermaster of McLean Post, No. 16, Department of Pennsylvania, from November, 1875, to January, 1900, etc.; Naval Academy Graduates Association; Navy Athletic Association; Pennsylvania-German Society, of which he is secretary; Historical Society of Pennsylvania; Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania; American Academy of Political and Social Science; Wyoming Historical and Geological Society of Pennsylvania; Historical Society of Montgomery county, Pa.; Historical Society of Berks County, Pa.; Historical Society of Lebanon County, Pa., of which he was vice-president; St. John's Lodge, No. 435, F. & A. M., of Reading, in which he is past master by merit.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the church of his ancestors, Lieut. Richards has been actively at work since his return from military service, and has been prominently identified with various of its important operations. He served as superintendent of Trinity Lutheran Sunday-school, at Reading, Pa., from the early part of 1881 until the close of 1899, during which time he brought about many improvements and many important advances. Upon his removal to Lebanon he was elected a trustee of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, and became actively engaged in the work of its Bible School. He has since become identified with the St. James' Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Lebanon, recently organized, and was elected the superintendent of its Bible School.

On December 26, 1871, Lieut. Richards was married to Ella VanLeer,

who was born November 8, 1848, a daughter of Branson and Drucilla (Turner) VanLeer, on her paternal side a descendant of the German noble "von Loehr" family, having its origin in Werner von Loehr, mayor of the city of Mayence, who was raised to the nobility June 13, 1521; on her maternal side descended from the English families of Washington, West, Gilpin, Pennington, etc., and, through them, from the old reigning families of England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, France, Spain, the Byzantine Empire, the Holy Roman Empire and Scandinavia, the records remaining unbroken in authentic data for 2,400 years, and extending through the Irish traditional lineage to the Jewish royal line, and thence back to Adam. Their offspring are Rev. Henry Branson Richards, pastor of St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Lebanon; Charles Matthias, a practicing physician at Reading, who married Anna Alfarata Harner; and Florence and Alice, both of Lebanon.

JUDGE JOHN H. KINPORTS (deceased). One of the best known and prominent citizens of his time in Lebanon county, was the late Judge John H. Kinports, a leading merchant and banker of Annville, and ex-clerk of the Orphans' Court, and of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Lebanon county, and an ex-Associate Judge of the Lebanon County Court. He was a son of John Kinports, a native of Lancaster county, Pa., who removed thence to Lebanon county, and subsequently to Dauphin county, where he died in 1855. John Kinports was a farmer by occupation, was twice married, and the father of twelve children. His first wife was Barbara Huber, of Lancaster county, by whom he had the following children: John H.; Jacob; Barbara; Catherine; Anna; Mary; Elizabeth. The second wife was Elizabeth Hess, by whom he had children as follows: David; Daniel; Abraham; Lydia; and Veronica.

John H. Kinports was born January 21, 1821, on a farm in Lebanon county, where he spent his early life. When fifteen years of age he entered the employ of James Bingham, of Annville, with whom he continued for three years, and continued a citizen of Annville until his election to the office of clerk of the Orphans' Court and of the Quarter Sessions Court, when he removed to Lebanon city, and there resided during his incumbency of that official position. Returning to Annville, he engaged in merchandising in partnership with C. H. Killinger, later with H. H. Kreider, and still later with D. O. Shenk, continuing with the latter gentleman under the firm name of Kinports & Shenk until Judge Kinports' death. At that time the Judge was succeeded by his sons, George W. and H. Lucien, the style now being

Shenk & Kinports. Judge Kinports was one of the organizers of the Annville National bank, became its first president, and was holding that office at the time of his death, on March 8, 1893. For ten years he served as an associate judge of the Lebanon County Court.

Judge Kinports married Mary Ann Stein, of Annville, who died January 5, 1898, and their children were as follows: George W., Anna, Barbara, Rebecca, John H., Philip, Frank, Lizzie, Charles and H. Lucien.

COL. A. FRANK SELTZER, a prominent member of the Lebanon County Bar, was born on the old Seltzer plantation at Union Water Works, in Lebanon county, and is descended from two of the oldest families in the county. The name Seltzer is derived from Seltzer Springs, in the Duchy of Nassau, Germany, from which place Mathias Seltzer, the founder of the American branch of the family, emigrated. He located at Union Water Works, Lebanon county, in 1730. There his grandson, Jacob Seltzer, was born. Jacob married Eleanor Clark, who was born in Lebanon county, a daughter of Benjamin Clark, also a native of the county.

John Clark Seltzer, son of Jacob and Eleanor and father of A. Frank, was born at the old homestead at Union Water Works, and became a prominent man. He was the first postmaster at Mt. Nebo, then called Seltzer-ville. In politics he was an old-line Whig, and on the disintegration of that party became a Republican, and he was always active in public affairs. He married Elizabeth Faber, a native of Lebanon county, and a daughter of Jacob Faber, a granddaughter of Philip Faber (born in Lebanon county), and a descendant of Adam Faber, who emigrated to America in the seventeenth century.

A. Frank Seltzer is an alumnus of Franklin and Marshall College, and received from that institution the honorary degree of Master of Arts. He entered the United States military service in June, 1862, as first lieutenant of Company G, One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Third Brigade, Second Division, Third Corps, Army of the Potomac. He was promoted to captain in July, 1863, and participated in some of the most important battles of the war, among which were Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. He was honorably discharged from the service on March 30, 1864, on account of physical disability. In 1865 he was admitted to the Lebanon County Bar, since which time he has been in continuous and successful practice of his profession, taking high rank. He is a member of the Bars of both the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and of the United States. From January, 1893, to January, 1896, he served as

district attorney of Lebanon county. In 1899 he was appointed aid-de-camp on the staff of Gov. William A. Stone, of Pennsylvania, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, which position he holds at the present time. Col. Seltzer is active in Grand Army circles. He is a charter member of Sedgwick Post, No. 42, G. A. R., and a past commander of same. He is a member of the Lebanon County Historical Society, of the Pennsylvania German Society, and of other organizations.

Some years ago Col. Seltzer contributed humorous articles to a number of well known journals, under the nom-de-plume of "Paul Grave." He also delivered humorous lectures before Teachers' Institutes and other assemblies throughout the eastern part of the United States. Col. Seltzer has been an active Republican campaigner. In successive State and National contests he addressed many important meetings. He made a tour of the world in 1898, and before and since that time has been an extensive traveler.

CYRUS RESSLEY LANTZ. The history of a state as well as that of a nation is chiefly the chronicle of the lives and deeds of those who have conferred honor and dignity upon society. The world judges the character of a community by that of its representative citizens, and yields its tribute of admiration and respect for the genius, learning or virtues of those whose deeds constitute the record of a State's prosperity and pride. Time's long scroll contains many names of citizens who have reflected credit on classic Lebanon, but none are written in better form than the honored one which appears at the head of this sketch. It is not a light thing to write biography. Space forbids but the mere chronicling of facts. Those who peruse must "read between the lines" for lessons of noble endeavor and victory of spirit over flesh.

Cyrus R. Lantz, prominent lawyer and financier of Lebanon, Pa., was born August 26, 1842, and is a native of Cornwall township, in the county where he has passed his entire lifetime. His pre-scholastic training was thorough, and the foundation thus laid proved amply adequate for the later splendid educational equipment which he added by self-exertion. Not that Mr. Lantz is profoundly educated in book lore, for the great Civil war claimed his youthful energies in the collegiate period of his life—but he is educated in that broader sense, that he had for his tutor the experience of practical life. He left the school room at the age of fourteen, and matriculated in the greater educational institution referred to, entering the mercantile establishment of Isaac Hambleton at Cornwall. A year's experience there was followed by a change in the current of his life, he entering the school

room as a teacher. Mr. Lantz was but a mere lad, fifteen years old, but so well had he applied himself to his books, and so thoroughly was he possessed of the teaching instinct—teachers are born, not made—that his first term in North Lebanon township was not less successful than his later efforts. For three years he taught country schools, then with the idea of taking higher work he stood successfully an examination before the present deputy State Superintendent, Hon. Henry Houck. The school room, with its humdrum monotony, was, however, not destined to be the arena of action for Mr. Lantz. Like many youths of spirit he had chafed against the fate that kept him from being among the first to answer his country's call, and taking counsel of nothing but valor, he signed for the defense of Old Glory and the constitution, on the very day of the examination, August 13, 1862. As a private soldier our subject did his duty. The fame of the officers in the Civil war has been sung in song and story, but every true patriot realized that the war was fought to a successful finish by the boys whose only shoulder straps were battle scars.

The war record of Mr. Lantz is thus briefly stated. A private soldier, Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, he was mustered in at Harrisburg August 16th, moved to Washington, and became part of Jennings' Brigade, Abercrombie's Division, and engaged in the defense of the capital until Dec. 2d; the regiment was then brigaded with the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-eighth New Jersey and Twenty-seventh Connecticut, and joined the Second Division of the Second Army Corps under Gen. Howard, doing camp duty till May, 1863. The regiment was then brigaded with the Nineteenth and Twentieth Massachusetts and Forty-second and Fifty-ninth New York, and saw service as follows: on duty Arlington Heights till August 23d; Chair Bridge, Dec. 2d; Falmouth, Dec. 6th-9th; from this point to Fredericksburg, where it participated in some of the hottest actions of that disastrous battle from the 10th to the 15th. The regiment first took positions at Lacey House, where it remained under fire until nine efforts to cross on pontoons had been frustrated by the galling fire of the enemy's sharpshooters; finally it succeeded and drove the skirmish line of the Thirteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Mississippi and Fifth Florida back to Princess Anne street, being the first Federal brigade to cross the river; it held advanced position under heavy artillery fire during the 11th, 12th and 13th. On the latter date the men made assault on the famous "stone wall," held by McLaw's Division, but were repulsed and lay in front of Confederate lines until night; then they withdrew and remained in town until the 15th, when they returned to camp at Falmouth; next came picket



and outpost duty near Fredericksburg, December 17th to May 2d, 1863, and the Chancellorsville campaign from April 27th to May 6th. In this campaign the regiment crossed to Fredericksburg on May 3d, assisted in the assault which Sedgwick made on Mayries Heights, pursued the enemy toward Chancellorsville, and did fatigue duty the nights of the 3d and 4th, occupied Fredericksburg the night of the 5th; returned to Falmouth; and on May 14th embarked for home and was mustered out at Harrisburg on the 29th. In the attack on the stone wall at Fredericksburg Mr. Lantz was shot three times, but escaped with little injury. The first time he was shot through the cap, the second bullet struck him in the breast, hitting a pocket Bible which his sister gave him, and which undoubtedly saved his life; the third shot struck the lock of his gun and just grazed his fingers. With the exception of this slight wound our subject returned from service without harm, and with the consciousness of duty bravely done. He also served eight years as captain of Company E, Eighth Regiment, National Guard, Pennsylvania.

Picking up the thread where it had been broken, Mr. Lantz entered the schools of Lebanon as a teacher, also receiving the appointment of United States marshal for purposes of draft in the township of Cornwall, at South Annville. Still successful in the schoolroom, he was promoted from one grade to another until he had reached the grammar school. In connection with his duties he had taken up the study of law with Hon. Josiah Funck, of Lebanon, and in the summer of 1869 passed the examination and was admitted to the Bar.

In this new field of endeavor Mr. Lantz immediately took an advanced position. He was appointed a notary by Gov. Geary, and was deputy treasurer of Lebanon county for two years. In 1871 he was elected district attorney of this county, in which position he served three years. Further political preferment came to him in 1880, when he was nominated by the Republicans of his district for State Senator in Garfield's campaign. The campaign which followed was the high-water mark of political pyrotechnics in Lebanon. Under the leadership of Mr. Lantz a tabernacle was erected on the public square, and nightly meetings were held, attended by uniformed wide-awakes from every part of the county. Carrying the day, Mr. Lantz became a vigorous and helpful member of the State Senate, serving on some of the most important committees and being heard in carefully prepared efforts in the advocacy of good measures on the floor. He was particularly strong in the special sessions, called by Gov. Pattison for the purpose of forcing a reapportionment bill upon the Republicans, in which attempt he ingloriously failed. Since his senatorial experience Mr. Lantz has contented himself with work-

ing in the ranks as a private, where he has always been forceful and effective in his thorough organization of the voting element. On the hustings our honored subject is a powerful advocate, and is frequently called upon to take part in the campaigns waged by his party. In 1884 he accompanied the "plumed Knight," James G. Blaine, on his trip through the old Keystone State, and did valiant service for the ticket, in many campaigns speaking in two languages in every township of his county.

In connection with his extensive practice Mr. Lantz has found time for the promotion of many business enterprises and has long been regarded as a leader of the financial thought of the county. He has been president of the People's National Bank of Lebanon since 1898, and has contributed much to its solid character by his broad business policy. In 1883 he assisted in the organization of the Homestead Building and Savings Association, and since that date has been its proficient secretary. Other public institutions with which he has been connected are the Lebanon Valley Fair Association, the Lebanon Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the Hook and Ladder Company, of which he has been president twenty years, and the Lebanon Ice Company.

The social and religious life of our subject has been equally prominent and helpful. Joining Old Salem Lutheran Church when a lad of thirteen, he has always been active in the Master's service. For twenty-five years he was secretary to the church council, and is now an honored elder of that organization. Possessed of fine musical ability, Mr. Lantz sang in the choir for twenty-five years, and was for fifteen years the leader, ill-health causing his retirement finally from that branch of the service. In the Sunday-school he has been a power, having for long years been teacher of a class of some three hundred young people. He is one of the most prominent laymen in the national meetings of his spiritual advisers, the General Council of the Lutheran Church of North America. In charitable work he is unostentatiously helpful, and is active in every good work and word in his community. Mr. Lantz has always kept up his early interest in educational matters. For years he was president of the school board, and is the father of the present system of promotion followed in Lebanon schools, which has been effective in maintaining a most efficient corps of teachers.

The married life of Mr. Lantz has been a model one, he and his wife being the parents of two bright children. The date of marriage was April 26, 1865, Mrs. Lantz's maiden name being Mary A. Kauffman, her place of nativity North Lebanon township. Lily Jane, their accomplished and gifted daughter, married Jacob Ely Reinoehl, a prominent and successful attorney of Lebanon. The son, Henry K., was graduated from Muhlenberg Col-

lege, and taking a theological course at Chicago, is now the popular pastor of a large and prosperous congregation at Frankfort, Indiana.

It is good to have lived: it is better to have lived a life helpfully efficient in promoting the improvement of society; to have it said, as can be faithfully asserted of Cyrus R. Lantz, that the world is better for his having lived in it.

GEORGE W. KLINE, SR. The courts of Lebanon county have been the arena of action for many gifted attorneys-at-law—men of character, and with a just appreciation of the sacredness of the law as the conservator of peace and justice. It has been now some years since the gentleman whose honored name opens this sketch was wont to be heard in forensic debate before the courts of the county, but there are those who still remember his singularly effective efforts and the unassuming modest life he lived.

George W. Kline, Sr., for long years an able attorney of Lebanon, was a native of York county, Pa., where he was born, at Wrightsville, March 12, 1795. His death occurred at Lebanon June 21, 1845. His parents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Withers) Kline. He studied law under Hon. William Jenkins, and was admitted to the Bar August 20, 1821. He immediately located at Lebanon for the practice of his profession, which he continued until his death. He was in many respects one of the finest lawyers who have ever appeared before the courts of the county. His marriage occurred March 3, 1823, the lady's maiden name having been Catherine Lineweaver, of an old and honorable family of the county. There were but two children, Matilda Henrietta, now deceased, and George W., Jr. The mother of these children died March 19, 1871.

GEORGE W. KLINE, JR., deceased, was born in Lebanon March 13, 1833. He was given a splendid preliminary education at Lebanon Academy, and was prepared for Yale at the noted Hopkins Grammar School of New Haven. Matriculating at Yale, he immediately took an advanced position in his class and graduated with honors, his class being the famous one of 1853, containing many names that have since been noted for high position. Entering the office of his uncle, the late Hon. Levi Kline, of Lebanon, he took up the study of the law and was admitted to the Bar April 25, 1857, though he never pursued his profession. His tastes led him rather into literary work, and he soon became connected with the press of the city, where his facility as a writer made him a valuable addition to the staff. In his politics he was a Republican, and was most patriotic. When the Rebels invaded Pennsylvania, in 1863, Mr. Kline was one who enlisted with the "emergency men," as a private. He was a most companionable man, and was one of the leading Masons

of the city at the time of his death. This sad event occurred October 15, 1889. Mr. Kline married, November 14, 1872, Martha Weidman, daughter of the late Gen. John Weidman, of whom a biography appears elsewhere.

FRANK E. MEILY, one of the most prominent citizens and members of the Bar at Lebanon, and ex-judge of the Lebanon county court, was born in Lebanon October 21, 1855, and is a son of the late Charles H. Meily, who was born on the Meily homestead, on the southeast corner of Ninth and Walnut streets, Lebanon, in 1827, and died in May, 1890. He married Sarah, daughter of Michael Steckbeck, and she died in 1889. To this union children as follows were born: Elizabeth, who married the late Joseph H. Light, the distinguished editor of the Lebanon *News*; Henrietta, who is unmarried; Alice; Emanuel G.; Nora M.; Charles H., Jr., deceased; and Frank E. In his younger days Charles H. Meily served as a clerk in a general merchandise store in Lebanon, but in 1857 he embarked in the lumber business with the late Judge Adolphus Reinoehl, under the firm name of Reinoehl & Meily, and continued that connection until a short time prior to his death. Mr. Meily was prominent in politics, and took an active part in local affairs, holding several offices, among which was that of treasurer of the school board. Socially he was a member of the Masonic fraternity and the order of Odd Fellows.

Emanuel Meily, the grandfather, was a native of Lebanon. He was a weaver of carpets and old-fashioned quilts, and some specimens of his skill are still to be found among the people of Lebanon, his name being woven in the corner, and these are highly prized. He married a Miss Shoemaker, and had issue as follows: Emanuel, now of California; John, deceased; George, now of Illinois; Edward, deceased; Samuel, deceased; Joseph, deceased; Milton, now of South America; and Charles H.

Judge Frank E. Meily graduated from the Lebanon high school and then entered Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., where he was graduated in 1876, taking first honors, being valedictorian of his class. After his graduation he read law in the office of the late W. M. Derr, of Lebanon, and was admitted to the Lebanon county Bar in 1879, and subsequently to the Bars of all the other courts. In 1892 he was elected city solicitor of Lebanon, and in January, 1894, was appointed by Gov. Pattison Judge of the Lebanon County Court, which had just been created by the Legislature, the act making Lebanon county a judicial district by itself. This position was held by him with distinction until the next general election, the following year. Judge Meily is a man of wide experience, exhaustive reading and rare ability. His mind is



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quick to act, but it is governed by a calm, keen judgment, which carefully weighs each side before deciding, and few men are better qualified naturally to uphold the law and defend the innocent.

REV. THEODORE EMMANUEL SCHMAUK, D. D., pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, a large and leading religious organization in Lebanon county, Pa., a man of scholarly attainments, the editor of various religious publications of his denomination, and an author whose works have shown research and genius, was born in the Evangelical Lutheran parsonage, in Lancaster, Pa., in the year 1860. His surname is an honored inheritance from his father, the late Rev. Benjamin William Schmauk, who for almost thirty years was pastor of Salem Church, Lebanon.

In recalling some of the leading events of the life of the late Rev. B. W. Schmauk, we refer to a biography prepared by Rev. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz, in loving memory of this divine, and read upon its title page the statement:

"Rev. Benjamin William Schmauk, born in Philadelphia, Pa., October 26, 1828; died in Lebanon, Pa., April 4, 1898, aged sixty-nine years, five months and eight days." His parents were Benjamin F. and Theresa (Schultz) Schmauk, and his connection with the church began at his baptism and was cemented by his confirmation in 1843. Of natural ability, he had reached the Philadelphia High School early in life, and had the advantage of being instructed by such educators as Dr. Pile, Alexander Dallas Bache, later superintendent of the American Coast Survey, and the Hon. John S. Hart. Upon the completion of a two-year course in the high school, Mr. Schmauk learned the silver-plating business and followed this trade for five years. As early as the age of twenty-one the young man displayed unusual seriousness of mind and conduct, and when opportunity offered, became a student under Rev. W. J. Mann, D. D., in Philadelphia, pursuing under him a course in German, Latin and other higher branches, and under the tutor's direction reading works on History, Theology and Aesthetics, also taking instruction at Crawford's Academy. Then one term was passed in the Gettysburg Theological Seminary, and after his return he continued his theological studies under Dr. Mann and Rev. Dr. Demme.

At the meeting of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, held in Trinity Church, at Reading, Pa., April 3 and 7, 1853, Mr. Schmauk was licensed to preach the Gospel. In July, 1853, he became pastor of Zion Church, in Lancaster, Pa., and faithfully labored in this, his first charge, until July, 1864, becoming known for his ability in the pulpit as well as for his devotion in pastoral work, and for his loyalty to the cause of the Union

in the dark days of the Civil war. In May, 1864, Pastor Schmauk was sent as a delegate from the Synod of Pennsylvania to the General Synod at York, Pa., and took part in the proceedings of that historic convention, which finally resulted in the organization of the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America, and in the establishment of a Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Having received an urgent call from Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Lebanon, he here entered upon his work July 1, 1864, and for the twelve succeeding years not only added to the membership of this church, but labored abundantly throughout the Lebanon Valley. He was noted for his careful pulpit preparation, his earnest sermon delivery, his faithful pastoral care, his sympathy in sickness and distress, and his deep interest in the spiritual welfare of his flock. On Christmas Day, 1866, he gathered together the scattered Lutherans in Annville and succeeded in organizing the St. Paul's congregation there, and built, in February, 1869, a permanent house of worship. Other congregations were cared for by this untiring pastor, Cornwall profiting by his ministry for many years, and other villages looking to him for spiritual guidance. When Jonestown lost its regular pastor, Pastor Schmauk ministered here, and during an interim at Myerstown, of a year's duration, he looked after the congregation of the faithful of that place.

Pastor Schmauk was deeply interested in the affairs of the Conference to which he belonged, and in critical ecclesiastical periods he was never afraid to do just what he thought right. He served as German secretary of the Synod of Pennsylvania in 1868-69, but later declined re-election. He was ever ready with word, pen and purse to advance the interests of the Synod. Very dear to his heart were the founding of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and the opening of Muhlenberg College at Allentown, and to both enterprises he was a liberal contributor. During his pastorate at Lebanon he was a delegate to the second meeting of the General Council, held at Pittsburg, Pa., in 1868, having also been present at the preliminary meeting held at Reading in December, 1866, when grave matters of import to the church were discussed and settled. During the year 1878-79 Pastor Schmauk was elected temporary professor of German in Muhlenberg College, discharging the duties of the position in connection with his duties as pastor of St. Michael's congregation, at Allentown, Pa., whither he had gone in 1876. At this time Muhlenberg College conferred upon him the honorary degree of A. M. In 1876 he became a member of the board of trustees of the college, but resigned before the expiration of his term of office. He was re-elected in 1882, and again in 1889, holding the position through the balance of his

life. During the pastorate at Allentown he was made president of the Second, or Lehigh Valley, Conference, and continued in office until his return to the territory of Lebanon county. In 1883 Salem Church, Lebanon, again sought a pastor, and it was at this time that the congregation remembered the faithful services and devotion of Pastor Schmauk, and not only extended a call to him to return, but also one to his son, Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, who was ordained at a meeting of the Synod in 1883, to become the junior pastor. These calls were accepted, and amid much rejoicing the father and son preached sermons in Salem Church on the first Sunday in July, 1883, and at the same time became the pastors of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Annville. Active once more in his old charge, the beloved pastor of this flock was spared for nearly fifteen more years of usefulness. The last great work in which he was especially interested was the erection of a new Chapel, and an extraordinary sermon which he preached in the last winter of his life, to inspire his people and prove to them the wisdom of the new enterprise, is still recalled. Its influence was not lost, for the Chapel of his hopes has been erected by a loving people as a memorial to his life and labors.

During his second pastorate at Lebanon Rev. Schmauk rendered important services to many other congregations, was deeply interested in the work of the Fourth, later the Lancaster, Conference, and from 1889 was for years its president. During these last years he represented the Synod of Pennsylvania in the meetings of the General Council held in New York, Pittsburgh and Buffalo, and took an absorbing interest in both home and foreign mission work. His interest in the prosperity of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Muhlenberg College and the Orphans' Home at Germantown was shown by deed as well as by word. Muhlenberg College honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity, but he declined to accept.

On June 25, 1857, Rev. Schmauk married Catherine Wilhelmina, daughter of John and Fredericka (Knecht) Hingel, of Philadelphia. In the city of Lebanon stands a building of most beautiful architecture, called the Salem Memorial Chapel, erected in memory of Rev. B. W. Schmauk, and of all the sainted dead of Old Salem.

Such was the father under whom the present pastor of Salem Lutheran Church was permitted to grow to manhood in the closest bonds of filial affection and religious fellowship.

Following a thorough preparatory education, Dr. T. E. Schmauk entered the University of Pennsylvania, and there took a classical course, graduating in the class of 1880, with the honors, later graduating from the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, in the class of 1883. In 1897 the



degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him. As noted above, in association with his father, he became pastor of Salem Church, and at the death of the latter assumed full charge, and has become a power in his denomination and a factor for good in the religious world. He wields a facile pen; is editor of the leading theological journal of the Lutheran Church in America, *The Lutheran Church Review* of Philadelphia, and author of the Graded Sunday School System of the Lutheran Church, which is the first complete practical application, in religious instruction, of the principle of pedagogical gradation, long universal in secular education. Dr. Schmauk is the editor of the Lutheran Sunday School Lessons and of the many publications of the General Council Graded series; and since 1889 has been the literary editor of *The Lutheran*. He is also an author of no small standing in the religious world, his books best known, perhaps, being: "The Negative Criticism of the Old Testament," "Catechetical Outlines of the Old Testament," "The Voice in Speech and Song," "Charms of Conversation," "History of Old Salem and Lebanon" and "History of the Lutheran Church in Pennsylvania."

Few students of Pennsylvania history are more thoroughly at home as to old records and authentic annals, and he holds a life membership in the Historical Society of the State, and was one of the organizers of the Lebanon County Historical Society, being a member of the executive committee. His interest has been particularly centered in early German annals, and he is one of the founders and an ex-president of the Pennsylvania German Society of the State. He has been chairman of the executive committee of this society for many years. He is one of the founders and an ex-chancellor of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua. In all church movements he is deeply interested. He is a member of the board of trustees of Muhlenberg College; member of the Church Book committee of the General Council; member of the Convocation of Church Musicians of the Lutheran Church; chairman of the Sunday School Work committee of the General Council; and member of the Committee on Education in the Lutheran Church, and of several joint committees of the several bodies of the Lutheran Church. While not personally known to all congregations of his denomination scattered over the United States and Canada, there are very few who do not know him through his writings, which penetrate into almost every home.

COL. JOHN MILLER MARK, one of the oldest and best-known citizens of Lebanon, was born on a farm in East Hanover township, about three miles from the village of Jonestown, March 15, 1822, son of George Mark, who was born on the same farm January 16, 1797, and died January 14,

1839. His father, also George Mark, was a native of Germany and was one of the early settlers of East Hanover township, and followed farming all his life, his son following in his footsteps, and dying on the same farm.

George Mark, the father of Col. John Miller Mark, married Elizabeth Miller, who was born in North Annville township, Lebanon county, May 13, 1799, and died in 1836. The following children were born of this union: Catherine, born June 9, 1818, married Joseph Frank, and died July 14, 1888; John Miller; Elizabeth, born October 12, 1823, married Joseph Farnsler, and died September 3, 1896; George, born September 3, 1825, died March 22, 1897; Sallie married George Mark, and died young.

John Miller Mark was reared on the farm and attended the common schools. On April 1, 1839, he left the farm and went to work in a store in Fredericksburg, Lebanon county, where he remained one year and then went to Bellegrove, in the same county, where he was employed in a store. Mr. Mark remained in the employ of George Weidman, at Bellegrove, for three years, and in 1843 purchased the store which he conducted until 1849. He then removed to Jonestown, and for a time was engaged in a lumber business, but in 1853 he returned to Lebanon, where, in the following year, he embarked in the hotel business, on the corner of Ninth and Chestnut streets. He here operated the "Union Hotel" until 1861, when he rented it in order to offer his services to his country. When the Civil war was over, Mr. Mark resumed the management of the "Union Hotel," and continued its popular host until 1870, when he retired, again renting the property.

Col. Mark was a gallant soldier. In 1861 he raised Company D, of the Ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was commissioned captain of this company, and on June 1, 1862, he was commissioned major by Gov. A. G. Curtin, and was promoted to be colonel November 27, 1862. Col. Mark was mustered out of the service on account of disability on March 12, 1863, his honorable discharge being signed by Assistant Adjutant General C. A. Whittier, by command of Maj. Gen. Sedgwick. While captain of Company D, he participated in many of the serious engagements of the war, and was wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks, Va., by a ball passing through his right fore-arm, and was also slightly wounded in the leg, a fragment of an exploding shell also striking him in the neck. Although the latter did not cut the flesh, Col. Mark felt the effects of the blow until a few years since. Following this misfortune on the field, Col. Mark was then stricken with typhoid fever and was sent to the hospital in Philadelphia, but was not received there and was given up to die. He insisted upon being sent home, and soon after his return experienced beneficial results and finally considered

himself well enough to return to his command. Following his return, his efficiency was recognized by his promotion to the office of major, and later to that of colonel, and he was at that time ranking colonel of the brigade, in direct line of promotion to the position of general. However, he began to realize that he could not continue military service, as his return to duty had been too soon, his recovery not having been completely accomplished.

It was with feelings of regret that Col. Mark gave up his brilliant military prospects and returned to his home, and it was also a source of grief to his comrades-in-arms. In 1863 he was appointed deputy-marshal of Lebanon. For many years he was a store-keeper and gauger in the Internal Revenue department. For several years Colonel Mark was chief of police of Lebanon county, and also served one term as register and recorder of the county. Every duty entrusted to his care was performed with an eye to the public good, and both in military and civil life, he has lived up to the full measure of first-class citizenship.

On January 26, 1843, Col. Mark was united in marriage with Catherine Zinn, born in Cornwall township, Lebanon county, December 5, 1819, and they had children as follows: Milton, a resident of Denver, Colo.; Cyrus, a resident of Pueblo, Colo.; Monroe, a resident of Oregon City, Ore.; Charles, a resident of San Diego, Cal.; John, who died in Pueblo, Colo.; and Penrose, who lives in Lebanon. Col. Mark is a valued and active member of Sedgwick Post, G. A. R.; Mt. Lebanon Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; and Mohegan Lodge, I. O. O. F. He was a member of the fire department of Lebanon for many years, and is now an honorary member.

PETER B. WITMER, A. M. (deceased). One of the oldest educators, and proprietor of the old, well-known educational institution of Lebanon county—the old Palmyra Academy, which he founded—was Peter B. Witmer, A. M., born in Lebanon township, Lebanon county, October 25, 1823, son of Michael and Anna (Burkholder) Witmer.

The origin of the Witmer family in America is as follows: In the year 1733 four Witmer brothers sailed for America on the ship "Hope of London," Daniel Reed, master. They arrived in Philadelphia the latter part of August, and on the 28th of that month the elder brothers took the oath of allegiance. They were all natives of Canton Zurich, Switzerland, and were of the Reformed faith. The four brothers, Michael, Ulrich, Peter and John, settled in Lancaster county, Pa. The ancestor of Peter B. was Peter, father of Peter, father of Michael, our subject's father.

Michael Witmer, father of our subject, was born in South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, January 13, 1796, and died December 31, 1877.

He married, in April, 1821, Anna Burkholder, of South Annville township, who was born June 25, 1797, and died April 25, 1869, their children being: Abraham, born February 10, 1822; Peter B., born October 25, 1823; Rosanna, born October 1, 1825; Anna, born October 6, 1827; Maria, born December 24, 1829; Jeremiah, born December 19, 1832; Uriah, born November 6, 1834; John B., born April 1, 1838; and Michael, born September 15, 1842.

The early life of Peter B. Witmer was spent on the farm. At the age of seventeen years he entered a private school at Columbia, Lancaster county, Pa., and later attended Fairview Academy in Adams county, Pa. When nineteen years old he became a pupil at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., and later entered Princeton College (now Princeton University). He received his degree, A. M., from Franklin and Marshall College, and began teaching independently August 3, 1846, in Lebanon county, and subsequently in Bernville, Berks county, after which he removed to Annville. Later he removed to Myerstown, remaining seven years in the latter town, removing to Palmyra in 1857 and there founding a select boarding school, which was known as the Palmyra Academy, which he conducted until 1894, when the school was abandoned. His death occurred September 11, 1899.

Mr. Witmer married, in May, 1850, Mary Ann Bachman, who was born January 29, 1829, in South Annville township, Lebanon county. Their children are: Rose; Anna; John B., who died July 6, 1901, was an attorney; Emma J. married Dr. H. B. Felty, now of Abilene, Kans.; Charles K.; Peter B.; also four others, who are deceased.

John B. Witmer was born in Palmyra October 3, 1857, and was educated at the Palmyra Academy and Mt. St. Mary's College, Md., graduating from the latter place in 1877. He spent several years in teaching in the Palmyra Academy. He read law in the office of the late Grant Weidman, Sr., of Lebanon, and was admitted to the Lebanon County Bar in 1882, practicing until his death.

CHARLES KILLINGER WITMER was born in Palmyra January 18, 1867. He was educated at the Palmyra Academy under his father, and at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating from there in 1888. He taught in the Palmyra Academy for one year, following which he was for a year principal of the grammar school department of Waynesboro, Pa. He next became instructor in science in the Hannibal (Mo.) high school, for three years, and then became principal of the Lebanon high school, continuing in that position for eight years, resigning in 1901 to enter the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania. He is at present completing his course in the Law Department of Yale University.

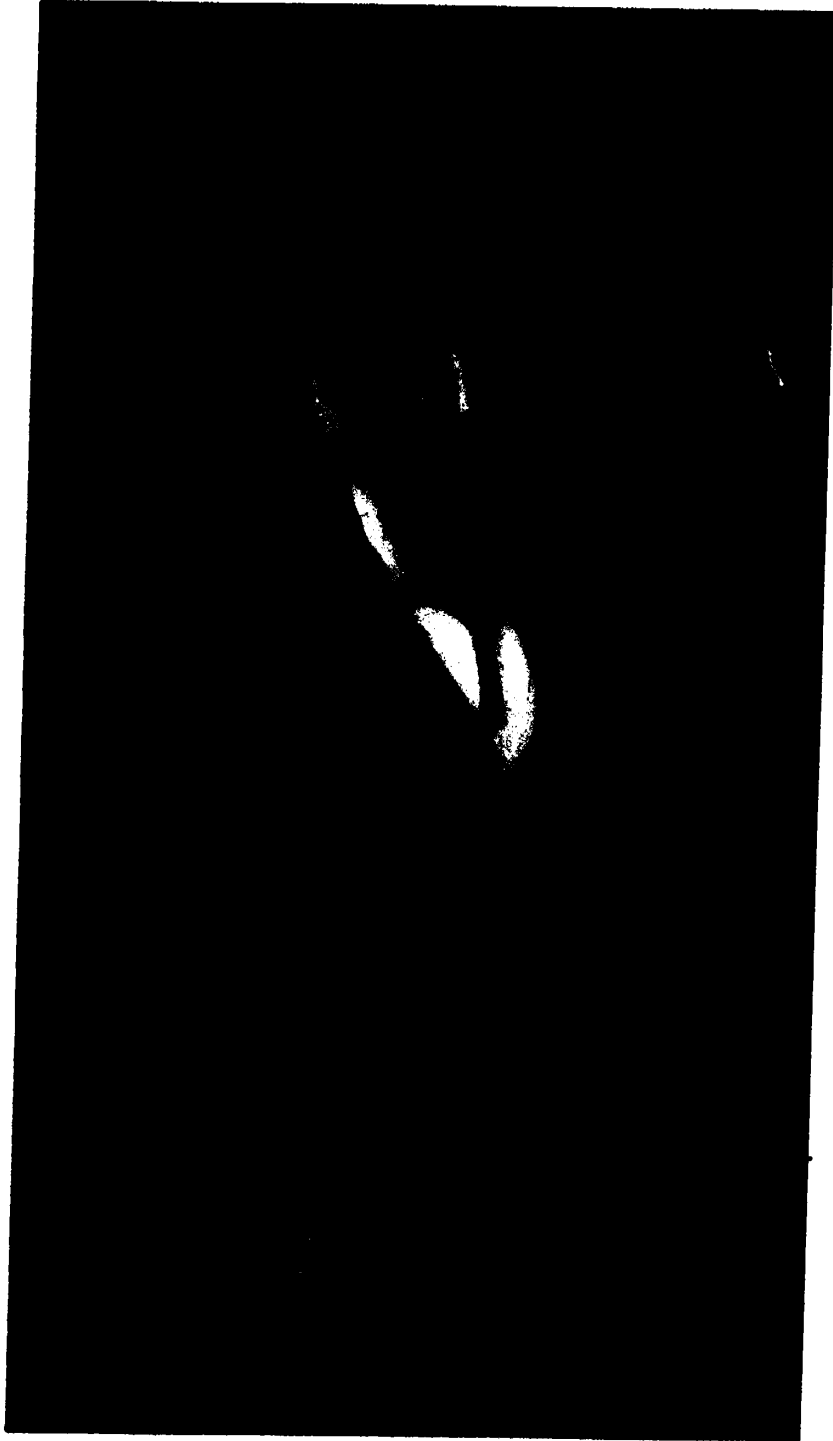
Peter B. Witmer, Jr., M. D., graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1892, Jefferson Medical College in 1896, was connected with the Methodist Episcopal hospital of Philadelphia for eighteen months as resident physician, and then went to Abilene, Kansas, where he commenced the practice of medicine with his brother-in-law, Dr. Felty.

ADAM RISE, late president of the Valley National Bank, and senior member of the general hat firm at No. 831 Cumberland street, Lebanon, was at his death by far the oldest native Lebanon citizen, having attained the advanced age of eighty-four years. For over seventy years, either as assistant or business manager, he was connected with the hat business, and was one of the most reliable dealers in that line in his vicinity. He might almost be said to have been born to the work. His father, Adam Rise, Sr., was a hatter and followed that trade in Lebanon for many years. Among the old settlers was one of the most highly honored and respected citizens of the place. He married Catherine Gessman, and by her had five children: Samuel, Henry, Mariah, Adam and John, all of whom are deceased.

Adam Rise was born in Lebanon, Pa., August 6, 1818, and there grew to manhood. In the public schools of his city he acquired an education sufficient for all ordinary business purposes, and at the age of twelve began learning the hatter's trade. As the work proved to be in line with his natural bent he progressed rapidly, and in the course of time opened the general hat store on Cumberland street, with which he was connected up to the time of his death, which occurred June 3, 1903.

On January 27, 1839, Mr. Rise married Rebecca Louser, who was born October 16, 1818, daughter of Jacob and Mary Louser, pioneer citizens of Lebanon. Mrs. Rise was an admirable helpmeet for nearly sixty-three years, and she died December 9, 1901. Of this union there were four children: Mariah, who never married, kept house for her father; Jacob L. is mentioned below; Catherine S. is deceased; and Eliza R. is the wife of C. M. Bowman.

Mr. Rise possessed all the requisites for a successful merchant, and from time to time enlarged his stock of hats. Finally as his trade increased he received his son, Jacob L., as a partner. The profits from his business he wisely invested, and besides his interest in the general hat store, he owned a large amount of bank stock, several valuable buildings in Lebanon, and had interests in other city enterprises. As a superior business man he was made president of the Valley National Bank, and for over fifty years, from the time of its organization, he served as treasurer of the Perseverance Fire Insurance Company.



*Actum Rise*

Mr. Rise was a Democrat, and wielded a strong influence in local politics. Fraternaly he belonged to the F. & A. M. for fifty-five years, and to the I. O. O. F. for fifty-seven years. Personally he was remarkably well preserved, and his mind was keen and active. Honesty of purpose, courage and energy were impressed upon his countenance and emanated from his movements and attitudes, impressing the beholder with reverence and respect. That he was a power in his community was evident even to casual observers. In religious connection he was a member of the Reformed Church.

JACOB L. RISE, active member of the firm of A. Rise & Son, possesses many traits characteristic of his father, and seems to be quite as successful in business, a large share of the progress made by the firm in recent years having been due to his wise management. As a young man he served valiantly in the Civil war for a full term of enlistment, as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville; he was discharged in May, 1863. He married Lizzie Alwine, of Lebanon, who died leaving three daughters, Julia, Rebecca and Catherine. Mr. Rise, like his father, is a Democrat. Fraternaly he is a Mason in good standing. As a business man he is generous and honorable in all his dealings, and he has a host of warm friends.

HIRAM L. ILLIG, the present recorder of Lebanon county, was born July 24, 1846, son of Jonathan and Eliza (Ramler) Illig.

The family is one of the oldest in the section, and the Pennsylvania branches were founded by Andreas Illig, who came originally from the Palatinate, Germany. He and his wife sailed from Rotterdam, on the good ship "Molley," John Hodgesen, master, in 1727, and landed in Philadelphia September 30th of that year. The parcelling out of the fertile Millbach valley, decided Mr. Illig to locate in that region, and soon after his arrival he settled upon the farm now occupied by his descendants, Hiram L. and Andrew S. Illig. The present occupants have in their possession the original deed, written on parchment, dated 1727, and bearing the signatures of William, Thomas and Richard Penn, under the seal of Great Britain. Andreas Illig cleared up his new land, and there made a comfortable home for himself and family. He and his wife Dorothy had two children: Leonard, who is mentioned below; and a daughter, who married a Mr. Scholl. Andreas Illig died May 14, 1758.

Leonard Illig (I) succeeded to his father's estate, and there made a good home, making many improvements upon the work of his predecessor.

During his young manhood he married and among his children were three sons, Leonard (2), John and Simon, and a daughter, who married a Mr. Reed. He served in the war of the Revolution. His death occurred December 23, 1797.

Leonard Illig (2), upon reaching manhood, settled upon the home farm and there engaged in agriculture. As a progressive farmer he made improvements on the old place, among his additions being the old mansion still to be seen there. During his young manhood he married Catherine Wechter, and they had three children: Jonathan, who is mentioned below; Leonard, who never married; and Elizabeth, who became the wife of Jacob Schoch. He died February 2, 1836.

Jonathan Illig was born in 1806, and was reared on the family homestead. Upon reaching manhood he turned his attention to farming, following same in Millcreek township. In 1837 Mr. Illig married Eliza Ramler, who was born in Heidelberg township, daughter of Christian Ramler, who served in the war of 1812. He was elected sheriff of Lebanon county, in 1840. To Mr. and Mrs. Illig were born nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Mary, who married George Seltzer, of Lebanon City; Elias R., a miller and farmer of Millbach; Elizabeth, who married Capt. J. G. Baddorff, who is the present treasurer of Lebanon county; Jonathan C., of Reading, Pa.; Hiram L., who is mentioned below; Andrew S., of Richland; and Thomas B., who is in partnership with his brother Jonathan C., in the dry goods business in Reading.

After his marriage Mr. Illig settled upon the homestead farm in Millcreek township, and followed agriculture. He lived to the age of fifty-seven, dying in 1862. He was prominently identified with the Evangelical Lutheran church at Millbach, where he is buried.

Hiram L. Illig was reared in Millcreek township. In the free schools of his vicinity, and Fremont Seminary, Norristown, Pa., he was educated. Upon leaving school he taught eight consecutive terms in the public school at Millbach, in Lebanon county.

In November, 1875, Mr. Illig married Clara Gernant, of Leesport, and they have two children: Charles L., residing in Pottsville, Pa.; and Laura G., who is living at home.

After his marriage Mr. Illig settled upon the homestead farm in Millcreek township, and continued his agricultural pursuits, which he has steadily followed for the last twenty-seven years. Mr. Illig has always been a man of many interests, especially active in public affairs, and has served as school director for twenty-five years, a place which he is still filling. On November



4, 1902, through the esteem of his fellow citizens he was elected county recorder, and is now performing the duties of the office. Of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Millbach, he has served as deacon four years and trustee since 1886. He is the possessor of a collection of local specimens of Indian relics, numbering over twelve thousand (12,000), together with typical specimens from all over the United States. Politically he affiliates with the Republicans.

WILLIAM MOORE GUILFORD, M. D. Among the prominent and representative citizens of Lebanon county is Dr. William Moore Guilford, a well known and highly esteemed physician of the city of Lebanon, where he was born November 26, 1832, a son of Simeon and Catherine E. (Doll) Guilford. He comes of Revolutionary ancestry, his grandfather, Simeon Guilford, having served for a period of six years in the Revolutionary army.

Simeon Guilford (2), son of Simeon and father of William M., was for many years prominently identified with the iron business of Pennsylvania, and won public approval as a skilled and reliable civil engineer. He was born in 1801—the same year that witnessed the birth of so many who later became distinguished in various walks of life—in Northampton, Hampshire Co., Mass., and from the age of fourteen years displayed those solid traits of character which the country accepts as distinctively associated with New England ancestry and environment. Previous to 1823 he had become skilled enough in his profession to be engaged as one of the civil engineers on the Erie Canal, which was then in course of construction, later in the same year coming to Pennsylvania, where he became principal assistant to Canvas White, who was the chief engineer of the Union Canal. Mr. Guilford was too good an engineer himself to be blind to the advantages which he could not avoid seeing would result from the location of a different route from that already selected by Mr. White. Mr. Guilford was able to prove that the route of his selection would diminish the cost of the work, by affording a better water supply by diminishing the waste of water or leakage occasioned by the interstitial character of the limestone region. He was also able to provide a superior hydraulic cement, manufactured from an argillaceous limestone, which he had discovered on the line of the work, and its use in this connection saved the company many thousands of dollars. In consequence of this important service rendered the company, he was presented by them with a set of Ree's Cyclopaedia, of forty-six volumes, and this gift was accompanied by complimentary resolutions.

In 1827 Mr. Guilford accepted the appointment of principal engineer in

the service of the State, which was tendered him by the State Board of Commissioners. His first work in that connection was the survey of the route for a canal from Clark's ferry on the Susquehanna river to Northumberland, and in the short space embraced between May 31 and June 26, 1827, he surveyed both sides of the river, locating, platting, estimating and reporting seventy-nine miles of canal, besides side lines, alterations, etc., amounting to fifteen miles more, and also determining the locality of a dam of 2,200 feet, across the river, near Sunbury; a bridge of the same dimensions at Duncan's Island; and a dam and inlet lock at the mouth of Penn's creek, at Selinsgrove. Before leaving the line he was tendered, by the citizens and contractors, a public dinner, at which he was presented with a pair of silver pitchers, appropriately inscribed.

On various occasions Mr. Guilford was called upon to make surveys, locate and render estimates of proposed improvements, his judgment and accuracy having won general confidence. Among the important enterprises of this kind were: The locks and dams on the Conestoga river and the Cohoes creek; a similar work on the Rancocas creek, N. J.; and on the canal and reservoir at Beaver, Ohio.

Between 1825 and 1832, Mr. Guilford discovered the celebrated Chestnut Hill iron ore, on the Greider farm, near Columbia, Pa., which he owned for some years, also three other fine deposits of hematite ore, in Lebanon county, and others of less importance. In 1830-31, in partnership with the late Dr. George N. Eckert, he erected in the Swatara Valley, in Schuylkill county, the "Swatara Furnace" for the manufacture of iron by charcoal, and here pig iron and such castings as stoves, water pipes, etc., were produced in large quantities, this establishment remaining in operation for twenty years. In 1853, for sundry reasons, the partnership was dissolved, and the works abandoned. In 1855, in connection with other capitalists, Mr. Guilford started a blast furnace at Lebanon, making use of anthracite coal as a fuel. This was known as the Dudley Furnace and use was made of the Cornwall ore.

After retiring from the iron business, Mr. Guilford devoted his attention for many years to his property interests in Shelbyville, Ottawa and Chatsworth, Ill. In politics he was very prominent in the Whig party, and was its candidate for canal commissioner in 1843, failing of election on account of conditions which resulted in the defeat of the whole Whig party.

In May, 1830, Mr. Guilford was married to Catherine E. Doll, a niece of Judge Andrew Groff, of Lancaster. Three children of their family survive, namely: Dr. William M., of Lebanon; Dr. S. H., a dentist in Philadelphia;

and Robert E., a successful merchant in Shelbyville, Ill. Mrs. Guilford died October 8, 1850. Her husband survived her many years, his death occurring in 1894, at the age of ninety-three years.

William M. Guilford was fashioned by nature for a physician. His early ambitions were all in the line of medicine, and after finishing a general and classical course of study at Lebanon Academy, in his native city, at the early age of sixteen years he commenced its serious study under Prof. Henry Childs, of Berkshire Medical College, at Pittsfield, Mass. In 1849 he attended a course of lectures in that institution, and also a course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. Upon his return to Lebanon he entered the office of John W. Gloninger, as a student, subsequently attending two full courses of lectures in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in April, 1852. Dr. Guilford spent the winter of 1852-53 in gaining valuable experience in walking the hospitals of Philadelphia, and in the meantime attended the lectures in Parish's School of Practical Pharmacy, in that city.

Thus qualified, Dr. Guilford located, in November, 1854, in his native city, and entered upon a practice which has been eminently successful, and which has made his name almost a household word through Lebanon and its environs. Since 1854 his faithful service and trained skill have been devoted to this locality.

Aside from his vocation Dr. Guilford has been a prominent factor in the progress and development of Lebanon, and has been connected at various times with many of the leading financial enterprises of the city. He was one of the founders of and a director in the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, a director in the Lebanon National Bank, the Lebanon Trust & Safe Deposit Bank, the Lebanon Manufacturing Co., and other organizations.

Dr. Guilford has always been pleasantly associated with his brother physicians. He is a member of the Lebanon County Medical Society, of which he was president in 1892; of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, being a member of its board of censors; of the American Medical Association; was president of the board of pension examiners in 1870; has been president of the medical staff of the Good Samaritan Hospital since 1889 and visiting physician of the same; was consulting physician to the Pennsylvania State Asylum for the Chronic Insane in 1894-1903, and has been vice-president of its consulting staff since 1894; was president of the city board of health in 1887-88; is one of the censors of the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia; in 1863 was second lieutenant of the Lebanon County Emergency Company; was one of the examining surgeons for the Ninety-

third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, prior to its muster into the service for the Civil war; and for fifteen successive years was appointed by the directors of the poor as physician to the County Hospital. To those who can appreciate the duties attendant upon so many public offices of responsibility, it has been a matter of wonder that Dr. Guilford has so efficiently performed every duty, and in the meantime given careful and conscientious attention to an absorbing practice.

On November 12, 1856, Dr. Guilford was united in marriage with Mary, daughter of John Elder, and great-granddaughter of Rev. John Elder, a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, and for sixty years pastor of Paxton Presbyterian Church, where he was ordained December 21, 1738. Four of the sons of Rev. John Elder were officers in the Revolutionary army. The mother of Mrs. Guilford was Jane Henderson Richie, a native of Dauphin county, Pa. To Dr. and Mrs. Guilford were born the following children: Jane Richie, who is the wife of John Hurst, of Syracuse, N. Y.; William Moore, Jr., B. S. (Haverford College, 1890); Paul, M. D. (University of Pennsylvania, 1891); Adaline E.; and Arthur B.

JOHN J. BOWMAN, one of the progressive and leading business men of Myerstown, Pa., who was born and reared in that town, is the only son of Moses L. and Mary (Muth) Bowman, the former of whom is deceased, his wife surviving and making her home in Myerstown.

Moses L. Bowman was born July 12, 1825, and died at his home in Myerstown, September 27, 1901, having been one of the most successful merchants of Myerstown, where he had been in business for half a century. He was a son of Jacob Bowman, a farmer of Lebanon county, located near Palmyra, Pa., and was a member of one of the old and prominent families of that locality, his forefathers having emigrated from Switzerland and settled in Lebanon county in its early days. Jacob Bowman was the father of the following children: Jacob C., Moses L., John M., Sallie (deceased), Fannie and Carolina. Moses L. Bowman left the farm when a boy of fourteen years, and commenced clerking in the store of David Bowman, of Lebanon, which stood on the present site of the Ross Drug Company, of that city. He later went into business for himself, and was very successful. On May 20, 1852, he married Miss Mary Muth, of Myerstown, a daughter of John and Mary (Zimmerman) Muth, of that place, and John J. Bowman was the only child of this marriage. Starting out in life a poor boy, by his industry and thrift Moses L. Bowman became one of Myerstown's wealthiest and most influential men. For more than half a century he owned and

operated one of the largest mercantile firms, and at the time of his death he owned a fine farm, beautiful residence, excellent and large stock of goods, and a good storehouse. In politics, he was a staunch Republican, and was active in local affairs, but never sought or desired office. In the Reformed Church he was long one of its most liberal supporters and earnest members, and held various official positions in the same. In his untimely taking away, Myerstown lost one of its best citizens, and he has bequeathed to his descendants an untarnished name and the influence of a true, upright life. This influence reaches beyond the term of his own existence, and is such as to stimulate others to high and noble deeds. His wife was a member of a large family of children, all of whom grew to maturity: William, Jefferson, Cyrus, Franklin, Edward, Amanda, Mary, Amelia, Harriet and Katherine. The Muth family is an old and well known one of Lebanon county.

John J. Bowman was educated in the public schools of Myerstown, the Palatinate College of Myerstown and the Franklin and Marshall College of Lancaster, Pa. After leaving college he went into his father's store and is now conducting this large establishment, which is prospering greatly under his able management. The old, reliable and strictly honorable methods which gained it such repute with the trade in the past, are continued, and Mr. Bowman is decidedly one of the leading merchants of Lebanon county.

On January 19, 1893, Mr. Bowman married Lizzie A. Loose, of Bethlehem, Pa., daughter of Rev. Isaac and Catherine Loose, the former a minister of the Reformed Church of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have had three children: The eldest, a son, was still born; those living are Claffin L. and Mary Katherine. Mr. Bowman is a staunch Republican in his political affiliations, while both he and Mrs. Bowman are earnest and active workers in the Reformed Church. They are both very highly esteemed and take an important part in the social life of Myerstown, where both are so well and favorably known, and none more richly deserve the success which has attended their efforts.

JOHN YOUNG (deceased) was born in Lehigh county, Pa., February 6, 1824, son of Jacob and Catherine Young, of the same county. John Young was reared on the farm, and received his education in the country schools. He learned the printer's trade when a young man, under his brother Joseph's direction, in Montgomery county, and afterward did newspaper work in several counties in Pennsylvania, locating in Lebanon about 1850. He published a paper, the *Pennsylvanier*, for three years. In 1850 he changed the name to *Volkszeitung*, meaning, in English, the people's paper. This he

conducted with success until 1885, when he sold out to Frank F. Hauck, who is the present editor.

Mr. Young married Miss Elizabeth Rolland, and they had two children, one of whom reached maturity, Ella M., the wife of Dr. Frank M. Brundage, who represents the United States at Aix-la-Chapelle, Germany, as a consul for his government. His second marriage, on July 10, 1862, was to Miss Mary Ann Reinhart, of Bethel township, Lebanon county, Pa., who still lives in Lebanon. She was born March 14, 1839, daughter of Oliver and Hannah Reinhart, of Lebanon county, the former of whom was a farmer and teacher. Mrs. Young was one of a family of nine children, of whom grew up: Catherine, the wife of Emanuel Behney, of Schuylkill county, Pa.; Sarah Ellen, the wife of William Johnson, of Schuylkill; Mary Ann, the widow of John Young; and Ephraim, who was killed in the Civil war. The Reinharts are one of the old families of Lebanon.

John Young was a staunch Republican, and a member of the Union or rather Independent Church, being an exhorter and teacher for many years. He was a self-made man, honest, and true to his convictions. He had at the time of his death accumulated a small fortune. His widow resides at her home, No. 638 Chestnut street, Lebanon. Mrs. Young is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church, and a noble Christian woman.

**SAMUEL WEISS, M. D.** Among the representative members of the medical profession in Lebanon, none stand higher in public esteem than does Dr. Samuel Weiss, who was born August 20, 1845, in South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, son of Samuel and Sarah (Smith) Weiss, both natives of the same county.

Samuel Weiss, the father, was born in 1800, son of Henry Weiss, who was a resident of Lebanon county near Schaefferstown, and died in 1886. The mother of Dr. Weiss was a daughter of Henry Smith, a well-known resident of Cornwall, Lebanon county. These parents had a family of seven children, four of whom still survive. Mr. and Mrs. Weiss were highly respected people, and were members of the United Brethren Church.

Dr. Weiss was reared on his father's farm, and until he was eighteen years of age devoted his winters to study in the public schools and his summers to farm work, developing in this manner both mind and body. Ambitious to enter wider fields of usefulness, the young man spent one year in the Lebanon Academy, while it was under the scholarly care of Cyrus Boger, and supplemented this with two years at the Millersville State Normal School. In April, 1867, he first turned his attention to medicine, entering



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upon a course of study with Dr. William M. Guilford, of Lebanon, where he prepared for entrance to Bellevue Medical College, New York City, graduating with credit four years later.

In 1872 Dr. Weiss located for practice in Lebanon, and his services have been in active demand ever since. His capacity was recognized by his appointment to the position of county physician, a position of responsibility which he held for fifteen years (with but one year's intermission), during which time he served with great efficiency.

Dr. Weiss has been prominently identified with State politics, for a number of years. His personal following is large, and his popularity led to his selection in 1900, by the anti-Quay people of Lebanon county, to stand for State Senator, of the Seventeenth Senatorial District of Pennsylvania, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Gen. J. P. S. Gobin, who became a candidate for Lieutenant-governor. The political history of the canvass all over the State, at this time, tells of much party and factional feeling, and in Lebanon county the result was waited for with interest all over the State. Current history records the attitude of the various factions in regard to Senator M. S. Quay, and the party to which Dr. Weiss was attached did good work in the county canvass. Doubtless it was on account of the realization of the peculiar fitness of Dr. Weiss for the high honor, that caused his triumph, for he was elected Senator by a majority of between 2,300 and 2,400, although many of the Quay men did not vote against him. When Senator Quay came up in the United States Senatorial contest, Dr. Weiss conscientiously opposed his election. Dr. Weiss's ability has been recognized by the administrative body by his selection for the following committees: Appropriations, Banks and Building and Loan Associations; Educational; Forestry, Game and Fisheries; Pensions and Gratuities; and Public Health and Sanitation.

Dr. Weiss has been connected with many enterprises of a financial nature in his city and for a time was a director in the People's National Bank, resigning from the same. He is at present a director in the Valley National Bank of Lebanon. As a progressive and thorough physician and skillful surgeon, Dr. Weiss enjoys an enviable reputation. He was the first surgeon in Lebanon county to perform ovariectomy, and has kept in touch with all modern discoveries, being generally regarded as a leader in the profession. Since its establishment, he has been surgeon and a member of the gynecological staff of the Good Samaritan Hospital of this city.

In 1889 Dr. Weiss was united in marriage with Miss Zitella McCauly, of Lebanon.



JOHN K. REINOEHL, A. M., M. D. The issues of life and death constitute important and grave responsibility and no one who has ever stood beside the sick bed and watched with agonizing expectancy every motion of the physician as he diagnoses the case can fail to estimate this responsibility at its value. An honest physician is in some respects the noblest work of creation; and when with honesty is coupled profound therapeutic knowledge the combination is indeed a happy one.

Dr. John K. Reinoehl (deceased), one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Lebanon for twenty years, and a gentleman whose sterling integrity, broad culture and genial personality caused his selection for political preferment, was a native of Lebanon, having been born in the city August 3, 1858, a son of George H. and Mary A. (Krause) Reinoehl. The latter was born September 21, 1834, and still survives her husband. The Reinoehls were Lebanon county people as early as the present day record vouches, the first recorded name being George Reinoehl, the great-grandfather of our deceased subject. His son, Samuel, was born in the village in the year 1800, and died in 1866. The father of Dr. Reinoehl was born March 18, 1835, and died March 23, 1898.

Dr. Reinoehl's youth was passed amid gentle home environment, and careful direction was given to his early training, both as to general culture and specific education. The excellent school system of the city grounded him thoroughly in the "three R's" and the Swatara Institute prepared him for his college course at Muhlenberg. From this latter excellent school he was graduated with distinction in 1879, with the degree of Master of Arts. Deciding on medicine as a profession he began a course of reading with the late Dr. George P. Lineweaver and in due time matriculated at the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. The diploma of this institution was issued him in 1882, and he immediately opened an office in his native city. His success was most marked from the beginning. Dr. Reinoehl was at home in the field of general therapeutics and also established an enviable reputation as a deft manipulator of the surgeon's knife. His practice was extensive and largely in counsel.

Dr. Reinoehl had a fine conception of the duties of an American citizen, and was therefore always found ready to do his share of the unremunerative labor necessary in every municipality. His fine ability soon marked him for higher service, and he was sent to the Legislature in 1892, and again in 1894, in that body acquitting himself with great satisfaction to his constituents. As stated our deceased subject took great interest in the local affairs of the city. In his younger manhood he served five years in the Pennsylvania

National Guard. In 1883-85 and 1889-91 he was coroner's physician of the county. On the city board of health he gave good service in 1885-86 and 1890-91. In 1889 he received the appointment of secretary to the United States Board of Examining Surgeons, a position which he resigned in 1892 to enter upon his legislative duties.

Fraternally Dr. Reinoehl was a prominent Mason, a Knight Templar of Hermit Commandery, and secretary of the Royal Arcanum. He was a member and strong supporter of the Lutheran church, and was charitable to a fault. He belonged to the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, being a charter member of the chapter of Muhlenberg College, and also belonging at the University of Pennsylvania.

Miss Emma M. Dillon and Dr. Reinoehl were married in Philadelphia November 27, 1884. Mrs. Reinoehl is a daughter of Thomas H. and Catherine Dillon, and was born in Philadelphia September 11, 1868. To this union came three bright children: John K., Jr., born July 7, 1886; Mildred, born July 7, 1896, died August 5, 1896; Irene, born September 10, 1898.

The death of Dr. Reinoehl was the result of an accident, and occurred July 10, 1902. In this event the community suffered an irreparable loss, the medical fraternity lost one of its brightest members, and the home a kind and indulgent husband and father.

WILLIAM LONG KREIDER, one of the leading citizens of Palmyra, Lebanon county, comes from a long line of honorable ancestry. Going as far back as Jacob Kreider, the great-grandfather of William L., we find that he was born in Lancaster county, and was a descendant of one of four brothers of the name who had emigrated either from Germany or Switzerland. Jacob married in his neighborhood and settled on Snitz Creek, below Lebanon, in what is now North Cornwall township, but at that time was Lebanon township, in Lancaster county.

Henry Kreider, son of Jacob, was born on the old homestead on Snitz Creek, September 25, 1774, and died April 9, 1835. He married Christianna Wittemeyer, daughter of Ludwig Wittemeyer, born August 3, 1777, and died August 3, 1864.

Jacob Kreider, son of Henry, was born in 1812, in South Lebanon township, and died in 1874. He married Mary Long, born in 1819, on the old Long homestead in South Annville township, daughter of Joseph Long, and died in 1889. The maternal grandfather, Joseph Long, was a son of Christian (3), son of Christian (2), a son of the Christian Long who took up 400 acres of land from the Penns, which was then located in the boundaries

of Lancaster county, but which is now included in Lebanon county, and a part of which is now owned by Joseph L. Kreider. The children of Jacob and Mary (Long) Kreider were: Joseph L., of North Cornwall township; Henry L., of Cleona, Pa.; W. L., of Palmyra; Abraham L., of the State of Washington; Benjamin, of Cleona; and Sarah, the wife of Adam Moyer, of Palmyra.

William Long Kreider was born September 26, 1838, on the farm now owned by Andrew Kreider, on the Berks and Dauphin turnpike, in South Annville township, Lebanon county. He was reared on the farm, attending the common schools and the old Annville Academy. His young manhood was spent mainly on the farm, although he was also occupied in other ways, spending two years as a clerk with Christian Hoverter and one year with Killinger & Kinports, at Annville. He operated a fulling mill on his father's land for two years. In 1864 he married, and in the next year removed to the farm of his father-in-law, David Wilhelm, at Palmyra, and in the succeeding fall built a store building and dwelling house at Palmyra. Here Mr. Kreider engaged in a mercantile business with his brother, Abraham. Both were men of business ability, and they soon realized the convenience of their location as to transportation, and in 1866 they bought the grain warehouse, coal siding, etc., from Martin Early, and combined all their lines of business. In the spring of 1867 they sold the mercantile line to Jerome and Michael Deininger, but continued in the coal and grain business for a number of years. Later Abraham withdrew in order to enter upon grain brokerage in Chicago, and was succeeded by his brother Henry, although he retained his half interest in the property. When he returned to Palmyra, he, with Henry, took charge of this business, William retiring from active participation, but still retaining his half-interest in the property. For a few years he then engaged in farming, but later bought out the warehouse business and resumed operations in grain and coal, subsequently taking his son, David A., into partnership, under the firm name of W. L. Kreider & Son. About four years later they went out of the business, renting the warehouse to Jacob Landis & Son. For the succeeding two or three years, Mr. Kreider engaged in no active business, but in 1888, when the first shoe factory was organized in Palmyra, he became a director, and later served the company for two years as president. Later he withdrew from this company and in 1891 built a shoe factory near the railroad station, with dimensions of 32x50 feet, which were doubled in 1893. In 1895 it was found necessary, on account of the great growth of the business, to build the two additions of 34x50 feet, three stories high, and in 1897, they added a three-story building of 30x65 feet. The combined floor space is more

than 24,000 feet, and the factory turns out infants', children's and misses' turned shoes, mocassins and soft soles, employing from 175 to 200 skilled hands. The territory covered by sales is mainly the Middle West, although purchasers come from California and Utah. Mr. Kreider is a man of so much business ability that he is able to operate many lines, and all successfully. In 1897 he added a flouring mill of 125 barrels capacity a day to the grain warehouse, which is now operated by John S. Bomberger & Son. Other enterprises in which he is interested are: the Londonderry Water Company, of which he has been president since its organization; and the Lebanon & Annville Electric Railway Company, of which he was one of the first directors. For a time he was a director in the Palmyra Bank. Mr. Kreider also owned a lumber yard, and erected a planing-mill which he sold to W. H. Erb some two years ago. Much of the desirable residence portion of East Palmyra has been his property, and he laid it out into town lots, and erected about twenty-five of the comfortable and attractive residences. He has always dealt extensively in real estate, and in 1890, in company with Henry H. Long, bought a tract of forty acres from Michael Kreider. They platted the same, and started the town of Cleona, on the Pennsylvania & Reading Railroad, building a large warehouse, where they handled coal and lumber; the town now has a population of some 200 people.

In 1864, Mr. Kreider married Catherine Wilhelm, who was born March 9, 1846, on the Gravel Hill road, Palmyra, daughter of David and Fanny (Deininger) Wilhelm, the former of whom was born near the old New Market forge and the latter on the same farm as her daughter, which is the old Benjamin Deininger farm. Children as follows blessed this union: David A., born July 15, 1866; William H., December 22, 1869; Mary A., February 3, 1873 (died October 21, 1881); Harry Clayton, September 1, 1875; Katie M., April 17, 1878 (married Eugene Bowman, cashier of the Palmyra Bank); and Edwin Franklin and Fanny Violet, twins, September 16, 1883, of whom Fanny died January 2, 1887, and Edwin, January 11, 1888. The three sons, David A., William H. and Harry Clayton, are all interested with their father in the shoe manufacturing business, under the firm name of W. L. Kreider's Sons. Mr. and Mrs. Kreider are valued members of the River Brethren Church. In politics he is a Republican.

DAVID A. KREIDER, one of the substantial men of Palmyra, was born in Palmyra, July 15, 1866, and received his education in the common schools of that city, and at the Reading Business College. In the spring of 1886, he embarked in a coal, grain and lumber business with his father, but two years

later, established a general store in Palmyra, and operated it alone. After about eighteen months, however, he again entered the coal, grain and lumber branch of commercial activity, locating at Cleona, Pa., just after that town had been laid out, and before any buildings had been erected. Mr. Kreider built and then sold to the new residents a number of pleasant homes, and was largely instrumental in the establishment of the prosperity of the place. Later, he returned to the farm at Palmyra, and for some time was employed in attending to it and erecting some eight or ten houses in his vicinity.

The next occupation of Mr. Kreider was that of clerk in the Kreider shoe factory, and occasionally he went upon the road as a traveling man. This continued for about a year, when he purchased the planing mill and lumber yard of W. H. Erb, and the following year, he and his father bought the coal and grain business of J. Landis & Son. The planing mill was rented to W. H. Erb, but he and his father continued the coal and grain business for two years, and then began operating the new flouring mill also. However, a year later, the flouring mill was rented to Hoffer & Stauffer. After a few months spent in well-earned rest, Mr. Kreider became the fourth member of the firm of W. L. Kreider & Sons, shoe manufacturers, which style was changed, June 12, 1900, to that of W. L. Kreider's Sons, upon the retirement of the senior member. Mr. David A. Kreider attends to the business of the office as well as the purchasing, and is a very energetic young man of excellent ability.

David Kreider married Minnie Erb, daughter of Isaac Erb, formerly a coal and lumber dealer of Swatara Station. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kreider were: Willie E., David, Minnie, Irwin, Paul, Harry, Ruth, Raymond and Violet Edith, the last named dying at the age of three years, three months and three days. Mr. Kreider is a consistent member of the River Brethren Church, and he and his family are important factors in the social life of Palmyra.

**WILLIAM H. KREIDER**, one of the leading young business men of Palmyra, and a member of the firm of W. L. Kreider's Sons, was born in Palmyra December 22, 1869, a son of William L. Kreider, an extended sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. The boyhood days of our subject were spent in Palmyra, where he received a liberal education in the public schools and at the Palmyra Academy. After completing his education he first worked upon his father's farm, and then entered his father's employ, when the latter was successfully conducting a grain business at Palmyra, remaining in that line until 1887, when he entered the Palmyra Boot

and Shoe factory, and worked at the bench for three years, learning the business thoroughly. He was promoted until he became foreman for the company, and held that position for two years, when he resigned to enter the shoe factory of his father, the latter having in the meanwhile embarked in this line of commercial activity. One year later the young man was made a member of the firm. In addition to his interest in the shoe business Mr. Kreider is a director in the Londonderry Water Company. While deeply immersed in his business cares, Mr. Kreider ardently supports the principles of the Republican party, and is a man who enjoys in highest degree the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

On December 25, 1890, Mr. Kreider was married to Susie E., daughter of John K. and Elizabeth E. Landis. Mrs. Kreider was born at Lyonsville, Dauphin county, near Palmyra. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kreider: Elizabeth M., born October 3, 1891; Edwin F., born July 3, 1893; Catherine P., born September 24, 1898. The religious affiliations of Mr. Kreider are with the United Brethren Church, of which he is a trustee, and to which he is a liberal contributor.

BERNHARD RAUCH (deceased) was one of the pioneer citizens of Lebanon, and was born in 1801, and died September 22, 1882. He spent his boyhood days on the farm and learned the trade of a wool dyer. On April 29, 1827, he was married to Miss Jane Brown, of Colebrook, Lebanon County, who was born in 1805, and lived to a good old age. They had ten children, six of whom grew to maturity. We have record of the following: John H., born in 1828, is deceased; Sarah, born in 1830, lives in Lebanon; Elizabeth, born in 1833, is deceased; Louisa, born in 1835, is deceased; Mary Anne, born in 1838, is deceased; Miss Margaret J., born July 18, 1839, now resides in Lebanon; William, born January 11, 1842, is a shirt-maker in the city of Lebanon; Cyrus G., born in 1844, is now a partner with his brother, William, as a shirt manufacturer. Mr. Rauch was a Democrat and a member of the Reformed Church, being one of the leading members. He was a director of the First National and Valley National Banks of Lebanon, and also served as school director.

Mr. Rauch started out in life a poor boy with no money, but by hard toil and economy he left considerable property at the time of his death. He was respected for his honesty and integrity, and possessed a splendid moral character, was a good citizen and was well liked by all who knew him. A man with a big heart, he was good and kind to the poor and much devoted to his family. He never catered for notoriety, much preferring to lead a

quiet humble life. He left behind him a large family and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Sarah and Margaret J. Rauch reside in their well furnished home at No. 132 South Eighth street, where they have been living retired since the death of their father. They are members of the Reformed Church of the city of Lebanon, and in younger life were among the active members and teachers in the Sunday School.

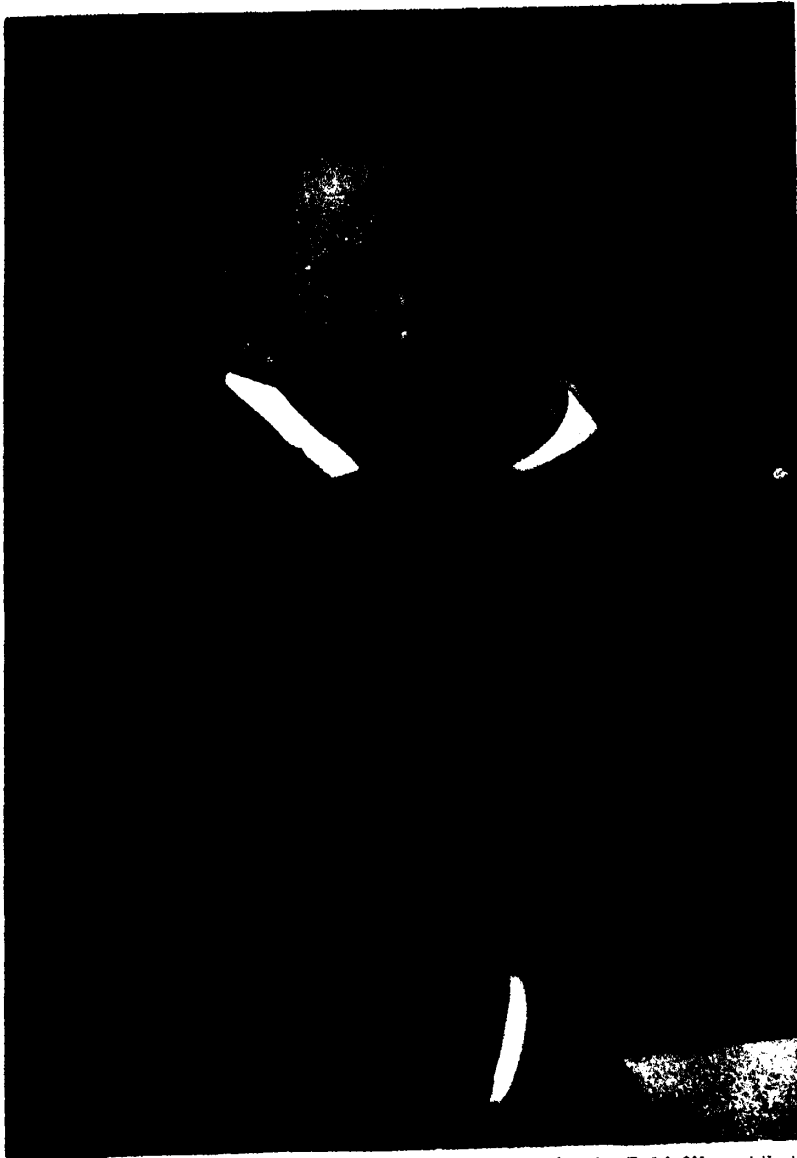
LEE LIGHT GRUMBINE, lawyer and journalist, was born in Fredericksburg, Lebanon county, July 25, 1858. His early ancestry emigrated to America from the Rhine country about the year 1755, and his genealogy connects him with the early Moravian settlements in eastern Pennsylvania, through his paternal great-grandfather, Peter Fuehrer, who was a Moravian teacher among the pioneer settlers of the New World.

Mr. Grumbine was educated in the public schools, Palatinate College and Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., graduating A. B. from the last named institution in 1881. In 1884 he received the degree of A. M. from his alma mater. While in college he began the work of giving public elocutionary entertainments which he has kept up as a diversion ever since, varying it with lecturing and teachers' institute work. In 1886 he was chosen instructor of elocution in Cornell University, but through some misunderstanding never entered upon the duties of the position.

After leaving college, Mr. Grumbine engaged in teaching, and in the meantime studied law, being admitted to the Bar of Lebanon County in 1884, and to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 1887. For seven years he practiced law, a part of the time as a member of the firm of Gobin & Grumbine. Leaving the practice of the law temporarily he turned his attention to literary work and founded the *Lebanon Daily Report*.

Mr. Grumbine's career has been one of great versatility along various lines, and it must be said that whatever he has attempted he has carried through successfully. His chief work of course has been that of a lawyer. Quiet and unobtrusive in manner, independent in conduct even to aggressiveness, without the employment of the arts of the politician, or the seeker of favor, he has, by sheer force of his character, ability and rectitude of life, commanded a leading position at the Bar of his county, and enjoys the confidence of a large clientage. He served continuously for many years as a member of the examining board of the Bar.

As a journalist he made a brilliant record in the short time that he was engaged in that work. He, in conjunction with the Sowers Brothers, who were conducting a printing house, founded the *Lebanon Daily Report* in



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November, 1889, and he was for four years its editor, guiding hand and part owner. Conducted on thoroughly independent lines, in the public interest, it at once became a recognized force in Pennsylvania journalism, his editorials being frequently quoted in the metropolitan press. Under his management it was foremost in reform, the dread of evil doers and machine politicians. Among the more prominent achievements of the *Report* during Mr. Grumbine's editorship was the establishment of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua at Mount Gretna, and of the Pennsylvania-German Society. In the famous Swallow campaign, in 1898 he took editorial charge of the Harrisburg *Commonwealth*, a Prohibition daily printed at the State capital, and always stood very closely to Dr. Swallow in his memorable fights against the saloon and the Quay machine. He was also one of defendant's counsel in the libel suits brought against Dr. Swallow. He resumed the practice of the law in 1894, and has been prominent in many of the leading cases of the county.

Another field of activity in which the subject of this sketch has won distinction is that of literature and public speaking. He is a vigorous, convincing and yet graceful writer on many subjects, and has contributed a number of valuable papers to different periodicals. He is the author of a volume of poems and translations, which illustrate a prefatory treatise on the Pennsylvania-German language—a study of its status as a spoken dialect and form of literary expression with reference to its capabilities and limitations. His verses both in English and German breathe a genuine poetic spirit, and as lyric songs and pictures of Pennsylvania-German life give the writer the rank of a real poet. He is a recognized authority on the Pennsylvania-German dialect, and has made a close study of the provincialisms of eastern Pennsylvania, having their origin in German idioms and expressions, which he has frequently treated in lectures. An article on the same subject was read before the American Philological Association, of which he was for years a member. He has also in course of preparation a history of the Mennonites, which he is writing for the Pennsylvania-German Society, and which will be published by the Society as soon as finished. Another book in course of publication at this writing is a volume of public speeches on the liquor traffic to be issued by the State Executive Committee of the Prohibition party. A number of these have been published as campaign documents and distributed over the State by the hundred thousand. As a public speaker he has been very successful.

Mr. Grumbine has also displayed a considerable talent in organizing or in the art of doing things. Among his achievements in this line it may be said that he was the prime mover in the organization of the Pennsylvania

Chautauqua and a member of its first board of managers. With the resources of a first-class newspaper at hand he was prominently instrumental in the organization of the Pennsylvania-German Society. Recognition of this fact is made in Vol. I of the Society's Proceedings: "during the months of December, 1890, and January, 1891, articles appeared in various journals throughout eastern Pennsylvania, the earliest being in the *Lebanon Daily Report*, followed by the *New Era* of Lancaster and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, advocating the formation of a Pennsylvania-German Society." It was not the intention of its promoters to perpetuate the dialect, as is sometimes thought, but to secure for the heroic and pious German settlers of Pennsylvania that recognition which is due them, and to save to history their contributions to the material, political and religious development of the nation, which the society has been doing with eminent success and satisfaction. It numbers most of the leading professional and business men of Pennsylvania-German extraction in the State and elsewhere among its members. Mr. Grumbine has been a member of the Executive committee of the society continuously ever since its organization. He has also been one of the leading spirits in the Lebanon County Historical Society since it was founded, has been a member of its Executive Committee since its organization, and has contributed a number of papers to its publications. He planned and helped to organize the Lebanon County Trust Company, one of the flourishing financial institutions of this county, of which he is one of the directors, vice-president and solicitor.

In politics Mr. Grumbine has been a Prohibitionist for twenty years, having by his labors, his earnest devotion to the cause and his forceful writing and speaking won a high place in the confidence and the councils of the party. He has for many years served on the State Executive committee and has taken a leading part in the party's conventions, presiding, on several occasions, and frequently serving as chairman of the committee on Resolutions. He was the author of the Gettysburg platform of 1903, which committed the party to "license repeal" as the first step toward the solution of the liquor problem, and which was justly regarded as one of the strongest and most statesman-like papers ever adopted by a political convention. It attracted wide attention. He was the Prohibition candidate for the office of lieutenant-governor in 1902, running a close second to Dr. Swallow for the nomination of governor. In 1900 he accompanied the Prohibition candidate for president on his tour through the State, and was one of the leading speakers in that campaign. Serving in numerous capacities of trust and responsibility in private life he never held a public office.

Mr. Grumbine was married, in 1881, to Roie E. Adams, of Naples, N. Y., and has one son, LeRoy Adams Grumbine, a student in Oberlin College and Conservatory.

ROIE (ADAMS) GRUMBINE, musician, and wife of Lee L. Grumbine, though residing for the greater part of her life in Lebanon county, was born in the village of Naples, Ontario Co., N. Y. Her father, John Adams, was a native of Exmouth, England, and her mother, Sibyl Fox, of Saybrook, Conn. Through her mother she is descended from the large and prominent family of Palmers, originally from Massachusetts. Miss Adams was educated in the Naples Academy, and graduated in music from the then celebrated Lyons Musical Academy, of Lyons, N. Y., of which Rev. L. Hinsdale Sherwood, father of William H. Sherwood, the great pianist, was the founder, and during his life the principal. She also studied under the latter and in Boston and other places. She came to Lebanon county as teacher of music in Palatinate College, Myerstown, and was principal of the Musical Department in this institution for nearly ten years. It was owing alike to her ability as a teacher and to her administrative powers that this department rapidly grew in numbers and in influence until it became the leading and most important department of the college. Since her marriage she has resided in the City of Lebanon, where she continued her teaching, her pupils numbering hundreds; and scores of these are now themselves teaching music here and in other places. It is not too much to say that for upwards of twenty years Mrs. Grumbine exerted the leading musical influence in this community, which in music culture ranks second to none in the State. She has also been a contributor to various musical periodicals.

JOHN S. SPRECHER. The Sprecher family was founded in Lebanon county by Frederick Sprecher, who emigrated from Germany and settled on a farm in North Cornwall township, two miles west of the city of Lebanon. His property contained 144 acres, and it had been but slightly improved, requiring both his own and his son's industry to clear it up. This land is still in the possession of the family, being a part of the estate of the late Daniel Sprecher. Frederick Sprecher lived to advanced age. He was twice married, one son, George, being born to his first marriage, in 1805. His second wife was a member of the Stover family, and she bore two children to him: Frederick; and Elizabeth, who married Jacob Stover, of North Cornwall township.

Frederick Sprecher (2), son of Frederick, was born in 1809, and died

May 14, 1879. He was reared on the homestead and spent his life operating the home farm, until within twelve years of his decease, when he retired from active labor. For a long period he served faithfully on the school board, and was a leading man in the township, advocating reforms of all kinds, anxious to have the children afforded good educational advantages and cheerfully contributing to the building of good roads. In politics he was a strong Democrat. In his death the Lutheran Church lost a worthy member who had served as trustee, elder and deacon. His wife was Miss Susannah Seachrist, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Imboden) Seachrist, born in 1817, in South Lebanon township, and died September 27, 1902, her death occurring at the home of her son, John S., where she had lived for the twelve previous years. Children as follows were born to Frederick and Susannah Sprecher: Mary, who died unmarried; John S.; Lavina, who died unmarried; Daniel, who was a farmer of North Cornwall township on the old homestead, and who died in 1883, leaving a widow and eight children; Miss Catherine; Ezra, who died in infancy; Emma Susan, who died unmarried; and an unnamed infant.

John S. Sprecher was born July 30, 1837, and grew to manhood on the old homestead, obtaining his education in the common schools and the academy in his locality. When he was twenty-three years of age he settled on the farm he still occupies, adjoining the old homestead, his fine farm of 102 acres being the best proof of his ability as an agriculturist, his reputation being that of one of the best farmers in the county. Mr. Sprecher is more than that, no man standing in higher esteem.

On November 17, 1854, Mr. Sprecher was married to Miss Frances Kettering, daughter of Samuel and Frances (Shenk) Kettering, born April 15, 1840, in Millcreek township. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sprecher, namely: Anna Mary, born June 8, 1861, is the wife of Simon Long, of North Lebanon township, and they have had children, Samuel, Elias, John, Amos, Leah, Cora, Nancy, Bulah, Fannie (deceased) and an infant unnamed (deceased); Samuel F., born August 29, 1865, now a leading stock dealer in North Cornwall township, married Sallie Shaak, and they have had children, John, Mabel M., Helen and Charles (deceased); and Harvey, born August 3, 1869, died October 23, 1869.

Mr. and Mrs. Sprecher belong to the Lutheran Church, in which he holds the offices of trustee and treasurer, and has long been one of the elders. As stated, no man in this part of Lebanon county is more highly esteemed, and if he desired he could probably be elected to almost any local office, but he only serves when he feels that he can benefit his neighborhood by doing

so, and has been judge of elections and school director. His home is one of hospitality, and his hand is extended in hearty good will to all who deserve his friendship.

**LINEAWEAVER.** The first ancestor of the Lineaweaver family of Lebanon, Lebanon county, one of the oldest and most prominent of the Lebanon Valley, to come to America, was Peter Lineaweaver (Leinweber, as the name was then spelled), who emigrated from Zweibrucken, in the Rhine Palatinate, near Frankfort-on-the-Main, in 1729. He was of the Reformed faith, and was thoroughly in sympathy with the large numbers of Germans arriving in America in that decade from the Rhine Palatinate. He settled in the Swatara Valley, in what is now Lebanon county, taking up 300 acres of land there in 1733. At his death he left one son, Peter (2).

Peter Lineaweaver (2) was born in 1747, in Londonderry township, then Lancaster county. In 1777 he enlisted, at Lancaster, as ensign in one of the companies of the Revolutionary forces recruiting at that point. He held tracts of land in Fayette county, but so far as can be learned never lived there. He died in August, 1806, leaving a son, Peter (3), born in 1774, in Londonderry township.

Peter Lineaweaver (3) was register of wills and clerk of the court under appointment of Gov. John A. Schultze, and had charge of the mails between Reading and Harrisburg. He was a man of prominence and influence, and was actively interested in the political questions of the day. His death occurred at Lebanon in 1835. He married Susanna Gilbert, born 1774, died 1855. Seven children blessed this union, as follows: George, M. D., who married Sarah Toby; Catherine, born in 1801, who married George W. Kline; Elizabeth, born in 1804, married to John Krause; Maria, Jacob and Dr. William Gilbert (born 1811), who all died without issue; and Henry D., born 1814, who married Elizabeth Siegrist.

George Lineaweaver, M. D., eldest child of Peter (3), was born in Londonderry township in 1799, and he died in 1860. Being brought to Lebanon by his father, he was educated in the public schools and at the academy, and then studied medicine with Dr. John B. Mish, and attended one course of lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, in the Medical Department, in 1819. In 1846 Jefferson Medical College conferred the degree of Doctor of Medicine upon him because of his professional standing, and the interest he manifested in the institution. In 1820 Dr. Lineaweaver began the practice of his profession, and soon took prominent place in its ranks in his county, which prominence extended year by year, until he was

known and esteemed throughout the Lebanon Valley. He was also distinguished, aside from his profession, and held offices of honor and trust, and was noted for his remarkable memory. In 1839 he was appointed by Gov. Porter to the office of register of wills of Lebanon county, a position his father had had. Dr. Lineaweaver married Sarah Toby, a daughter of Captain Simeon Toby, of Philadelphia, and to them were born the following children: George Peter, M. D., born August 27, 1827, married Mary McAbee, and died about 1885; Simeon Toby, M. D., born January 29, 1829, married Mary A. O. Harbaugh, and died in 1899; John Krause, M. D., born April 30, 1831, married Jane S. Crane; Samuel T., born April 9, 1837, married Emma Jeffries; Washington Kline, born November 21, 1839, married Eliza F. Pleasants, and died in 1888; Albert, born September 28, 1843, married Cecilia C. Carver; and two others died in infancy.

George Peter Lineaweaver, eldest son of Dr. George, studied medicine with his father and subsequently received the degree of M. D. from Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia. He married Mary McAbee, a sister of the wife of Kline Cyrus Lineaweaver, son of Henry D. and Elizabeth, by whom he had three children: George, now deceased; William; and Fanny, who died in infancy. Dr. George P. Lineaweaver took up the practice of his profession in Lebanon, and continued his residence there until his death. His extensive knowledge of medicine made him a worthy successor of his father, and he built up a large practice in his native town. He and his brother, Simeon, were the only two members of the family of that generation to continue living at Lebanon.

Simeon T. Lineaweaver, M. D., was born in Lebanon January 29, 1829, and died July 11, 1899. His early education was gained in the old Lebanon Academy, after which he read medicine with his father and attended medical lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating in the class of 1864. He began the practice of his profession at Millerstown, Perry Co., Pa., and in 1877 he removed to Hagerstown, Md. In 1881 he settled permanently in his native town, where he was prominently and successfully engaged in the practice of his calling until his death. He married Mary A. O. Harbaugh, born at Lewisburg, Pa., daughter of the late Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D. D. The issue of this marriage was as follows: Sarah; John K., deceased; THOMAS T.; Mary L.; Henry H.; Grace G.; and Simeon E.

The Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D. D., graduated from old Marshall College (now Franklin and Marshall) in the class of 1842. Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity,

and he began his ministerial work in the Reformed Church at Lewisburg, Pa., whence he went to Lancaster and there had charge of a congregation. He came to Lebanon in 1860, and was pastor of St. John's Reformed Church until 1864, when he resigned to accept the chair of Didactic Theology in the Theological Department of Franklin and Marshall College, then at Mercersburg. His death occurred at Mercersburg in 1868. He was twice married, his first wife being Louisa Goodrich, of Ohio, who bore him one daughter, Mary A. O., who married Simeon T. Lineaweaver. The second wife was Mary L. Linn, of Lewisburg, and of this marriage ten children were born.

DAVID TICE, a prominent and substantial citizen and retired farmer and machinist of Myerstown, Pa., was born in Jackson township September 3, 1825, on the old Tice homestead near Myerstown, a son of Michael and Catherine (Noecker) Tice, deceased. Michael Tice was reared in Jackson township, and was a son of David Tice (for whom our subject was named), one of the very early settlers of the district. David Tice was the father of two children. All of the name have always been highly respected and have occupied prominent positions in the several communities in which they have, from time to time, made their homes. Michael Tice was a farmer for many years, residing in Jackson township. He had a family of thirteen children: Henry, Israel, Eliza, David, Susan, Andrew, Catherine, William P., Percival, John, Lavina, Rebecca and Aaron, all of whom grew to maturity. All are now deceased, except Catherine, wife of Samuel Reber; David; and William P., of Myerstown.

David Tice was reared upon the homestead farm, and received very meager educational advantages. He married Miss Eliza Zinn, a native of Jackson township, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Groh) Zinn, old residents of Lebanon county, and seven children were born to them, four of whom reached maturity: William H., who is a merchant at Myerstown, Pa.; Sarah J., at home; M. Ella, a clerk for her brother, William H.; and Lizzie R., wife of Elmer Haak, of Myerstown.

Mr. Tice began the battle of life a poor boy, but by hard work and economy he has placed himself in comfortable circumstances, owning a fine farm of ninety-one acres, as well as the old homestead, consisting of one hundred and six acres; both tracts are in an excellent state of cultivation. The first thirty years of his business life were spent upon the farm, but later he located at Myerstown, where he learned the machinist's trade, and about that time went into partnership with John Gairing, for the purpose of manu-

facturing threshing machines. After continuing in that line for ten years with marked success he retired, and is now spending his declining years at his comfortable home on East Main street.

In politics Mr. Tice is a staunch Republican, but has never desired nor sought office, preferring to give his time and attention to his private affairs. In religious matters he is a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, of which he has served as trustee, always holding important offices. In business and private life Mr. Tice has always proven himself an upright, loyal, true, Christian man, and one in whom every confidence may be placed.

TOBIAS REINOEHL. Few men in the city of Lebanon have wielded a wider or more powerful influence in the vicinity than has Mr. Reinoehl, retired manager of the *Lebanon Courier*, under the firm name of Worth & Reinoehl. For thirty-five years, through the columns of his paper, he has instructed the public, given practical advice, and voiced the unbiased sentiments of the people. As a public educator his services have been invaluable. Now, at the age of seventy years, having well earned a right to leisure, he is living a quiet life at his handsome residence at No. 340 North Ninth street.

Mr. Reinoehl comes of an old distinguished Lebanon family. In 1749 there came to that village from Wittenberg, Germany, a man of force and ability, George Henry Reinoehl, accompanied by his son, Henry, who was about eight years of age. From him have descended all the Reinoehls in this country. By his marriage here there were three sons: George and Conrad, of Lebanon; and Christopher, who was a drummer in the Revolutionary war.

George Reinoehl, son of George Henry, married and had fifteen children—fourteen sons and one daughter.

George Reinoehl, Jr., grandfather of Tobias, was a prominent business man of Lebanon for many years. For some time he conducted a blacksmith's shop, which was widely patronized, and he also engaged in the lumber business, carrying on a large and extensive trade. He was also the owner of a large farm in South Lebanon, now Cornwall, township. By his marriage there were four children: Mary, who married John Yorty; Samuel, who is mentioned below; Helena, who married John Marquart; and George, who settled in Ohio, later in Indiana, whence he removed to Minnesota, where he died.

Samuel Reinoehl, father of Tobias, was born in 1805. Upon reaching manhood he made his residence in Lebanon, where he became well-known and highly esteemed, and continued in the lumber and coal business. In 1827 he married Mary Uhler, a noble woman, who is now deceased. By this mar-





*Tobias Reinhoehl*

riage there were thirteen children : Catharine, Helena, Adolphus, all deceased ; Tobias, who is mentioned below ; George H., now deceased ; Eliza Catharine, widow of John M. Good, residing in Lebanon ; John L., merchant of Lebanon ; Mary A., widow of John Rodearmel ; Rosanna, the wife of Edwin W. Stoner, of Lebanon ; Samuel U., and Michael W., both members of the Reinoehl Lumber Company, and the latter county recorder ; and two children, both named Selma, who died young. Mr. Reinoehl died in 1866 in his sixty-second year, and the mother in 1876.

Tobias Reinoehl was born in the city of Lebanon, February 16, 1833. In the public schools of his city and in Lebanon Academy he acquired his education, developing the quick perceptive powers, the natural taste for good literature, and habits of perseverance and industry, which pre-eminently characterized his later work. Discerning, at the early age of twelve, the place he was to fill in life, he contentedly started in at the bottom and apprenticed himself to a printer. For four consecutive years he patiently applied himself to the work, mastering all the details, and familiarizing himself with many other branches of newspaper work. Later he followed his trade in Harrisburg, where he remained nearly a year, in St. Louis, Mo., for about a year, and finally in Philadelphia, acquiring in these large cities a knowledge of journalism which made him confident of success in that line. A young man of push, energy and considerable attainments, he came to Lebanon in 1855 and purchased an interest in the *Lebanon Courier*. It was soon apparent to the public that a new man had the handling of this paper, and one who thoroughly understood his work. Old subscriptions were renewed, new ones came in, and the paper continued to flourish. For thirty-four successful years in partnership with Col. T. T. Worth, until 1889, when they both retired, he continued the management, winning for himself a lasting reputation as an eminent newspaper man of his State. In 1863, Mr. Reinoehl enlisted in Company E, Forty-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, to protect his State, serving some nine weeks. He has been married twice ; first time to Emma L. Negly, of Lebanon, and, after her death, to Catharine M. Ellinger, of Lancaster, Pa., in 1858. By the first marriage there was one child, Mary Alice, who married George T. Kaley, and who is deceased. By the second marriage there were six children, four of whom are now living : Emma E., who married D. P. Witmeyer ; Martha E., the wife of Frank A. Osbourn, now deceased, senator of the Third Pennsylvania District ; and Catharine E. and Grace E., who are living at home.

Mr. Reinoehl's large acquaintance with the public pre-eminently fitted him for filling offices of public trust, and he has long been prominent in this

field. In 1860, under Gov. Andrew G. Curtin, he was appointed notary public, a position which he has filled to the present day with marked ability, altogether more than forty-two years. He has served the Fourth ward in the city council for several terms, and, under the old borough law, served as assistant burgess for some time, filling both offices with distinction. Politically he is a firm Republican. In religious sentiment a Lutheran, he is a trustee of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church. Fraternally he stands high, and affiliates with a number of orders. He is a member of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, F. & A. M.; Weidle Chapter, No. 197, R. A. M.; Lebanon Council, No. 27, R. S. & S. M. M.; Hermit Commandery, No. 24, Knights Templar; Mohegan Lodge, No. 288, I. O. O. F.; Uncas Encampment, No. 144, I. O. O. F.; Washington Camp, No. 254, P. O. S. of A.; Swatara Tribe, No. 276, I. O. of R. M.; Acme Lodge, No. 427, K. of P.; Lebanon Castle, No. 6, A. O. K. of M. C.; and Kittatinny Lodge, No. 85, A. O. U. W. High intellectual endowments and a large capacity for work have been promoters of Mr. Reinoehl's success in life.

SAMUEL HAUER (deceased) was born March 5, 1833, and died in Lebanon February 27, 1882. He was a son of Henry Hauer, who lived on a farm in Lebanon county and was one of a family of twelve children: Levi, Jacob, John, George, Peter, Catherine, Samuel, Elizabeth, Sarah and three that died in infancy.

Samuel Hauer was reared on the farm, and when eighteen years old came to the city of Lebanon. He learned the trade of a brick mason, and followed the same for about ten years, after which he began the manufacture of cigars. He continued at this work for fifteen years, and then went into the general grocery business and continued until the time of his death. On December 16, 1858, he was married to Miss Louisa Euston, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Thomas) Euston, of the city of Lebanon. Her father was a farmer and miller by trade, and devoted his life to these pursuits. She came of a family of nine children, all of whom lived to maturity: Mary, Susan, William, Joseph and John, all deceased; Louisa, widow of our subject; Henry, of Lebanon, an iron superintendent; Edward, an architect of Lebanon; and Sarah, the wife of Cyrus Heverling, of West Lebanon, Pa. Samuel Hauer was the father of seven children: Harry, who died young; Elmer E., cashier of the People's National Bank; Harvey, an architect of Philadelphia; Elizabeth, the wife of Adam Saylor, of Lebanon; Florence, a teacher in the public schools of Lebanon; Mary, a stenographer and insurance representative; and Emma, also a teacher in the public schools of

Lebanon. Mr. Hauer was a stanch Republican, and a member of the Evangelical Church. He was an active Mason and a member of the I. O. O. F., of Lebanon. He was a self-made man; by hard work, pluck and energy managing to obtain considerable of this world's goods before he died. He was one of the leading business men of Lebanon, and at one time was assistant burgess of the city. A man, honest and true to his convictions, with a noble moral character, he was one who enjoyed the friendship of many. His widow is now residing at her fine home, No. 643 Walnut street, with her three youngest daughters, in retired life. She is a member of the Evangelical Church of Lebanon, and is a noble Christian woman, an esteemed citizen, and comes from one of the old and respected families of her home city.

DANIEL T. BORDNER. The Bordner family is one of the old and prominent ones of Lebanon county, and the first family record leads to Daniel Bordner, the great-great-grandfather of Daniel T. Bordner, who was born about 1750, and lived to be about ninety years old. He resided near Millersburg, Berks county, where he owned a farm, and his remains lie buried in the vicinity. Godfrey Bordner, the grandfather, settled in Union township and engaged in teaming between Philadelphia and Pittsburg, and he died in the latter city from a fever contracted on his last trip. He married a Miss Gassert, who bore him six children, namely: Daniel, who married a Miss Tobias; John, who married a Miss Miller; Godfrey; Jacob, unmarried, who went to California in 1851 and was lost sight of; William, who moved to Indiana, where he married and reared a family; Sarah, who married Solomon Rhine and located in Dauphin county, where she still resides, the mother of a family.

Capt. Daniel Bordner was born in 1807, in East Hanover township, where he remained until 1850, when he came to Union township and bought a store and hotel property, but seven years later turned the store over to his son, Daniel T. Until 1869 he operated the hotel and then rented it and removed to his property across the street. Capt. Daniel was an active and influential man in the State militia, with which he was connected for years, serving in 1845 as captain. In politics, during early life, he was an ardent Whig, and from the day the Republican party was formed under the oaks at Jackson, Mich., until his death, he was a radical member of it. He never sought or desired office, but was content to be a worker in the ranks, and was happy in the success of his party. Many times he was sent as a delegate to the conventions, and never failed to cast his vote. In 1828 he

married Anna Maria Tobias, born in Berks county in 1808, and to them were born children as follows: Daniel T.; John, born in 1834, died in 1855; Katherine, born in 1835, married Henry Gingrich, and had one child, Lizzie, who married Will. S. Rise.

Daniel T. Bordner was born May 27, 1831, in East Hanover township, and resided there until 1850, when he came to Union township and entered his father's store. In 1868 he built the store and residence he now occupies, in Bordnerville, a village named for his family. Mr. Bordner conducts a first-class general store, and since 1872 has carried on farming. In that year he bought a farm of eighty-two acres, from John Copenhaver, and has been interested in placing it under a fine state of cultivation. In the store he is ably assisted by his son, Daniel Webster, who has almost grown up in the business, and has a thorough knowledge of the needs of country trade. In early life Mr. Bordner was a Whig, and cast his first vote for President for Gen. Scott, the last nominee of the Whig party. While not as radical in politics as his father was, he is a Republican, and heartily sustains the principles of that party.

On June 14, 1857, Mr. Bordner was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Weaver, born August 16, 1839, at Fredericksburg, Lebanon county, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Sherk) Weaver. Her ancestors on her father's side came from Holland in the seventeenth century and settled at New Amsterdam, New York, thence moving to Fredericksburg. To Mr. and Mrs. Bordner have been born these children: Lizzie, born January 30, 1858, married Rufus Good, and they have children, Sadie, Agnes, Annie, Jennie, Henry and William; Irwin, born November 12, 1859, is manager of a department in a grocery store in Chicago; Cora, born March 15, 1861, married Jacob M. Groh, and they have children, Maggie, John, Adam and Annie; Grant, born February 16, 1863, married Annie Sherk, and they have children, Annie, Daniel, Maggie, Samuel and Esther and Edith, twins; John Sherman, born September 16, 1864, married Ida Moore, who died leaving children, Ethel, Annie and Dora, and he married (second) Dora Estelle Carter (he is an extensive manufacturer, operating two glass factories, one at Alexandria, and the other at Richmond, Va., and employing about 500 men); William, Annie and Maria died in infancy; Henry Dawson, born April 1, 1869, married Annie Overholtzer, and has one daughter, Esther; Sarah Agnes, born December 12, 1870, married Samuel Groh, and they have children, Nancy, Daniel and Sarah; Daniel Webster, born September 31, 1872, unmarried, resides at home; and Jane Catherine, born February 11, 1876, married George A. Speck, and they have one child, Ralph.

ADAM BAHNEY, one of the substantial and representative citizens of Lebanon county, who for many years carried on an extensive business in Myerstown, as cabinetmaker, furniture dealer and undertaker, now lives retired from activity, although interested in many of the leading enterprises of this community.

Mr. Bahney was born February 10, 1839, in Millcreek township, a son of Isaac and Sarah (Bortner) Bahney, both of Lebanon county. The former was born in Lebanon county in 1808, and died in 1847. He was a son of Christopher, son of Thomas, son of Thomas, the founder, also known as Felty, who is supposed to have emigrated to America prior to the Revolutionary War, and who first settled near Mt. Aetna, in Berks county, the name being originally spelled Behney. Grandfather Christopher Bahney was the father of eight children, viz.: Isaac, Augustus, William, Jacob, Henry, Matilda, Eliza and Sarah. Isaac Bahney was married to Sarah Bortner, daughter of Jonathan Bortner, of Dauphin county, where the former was born and reared, and these children were born to this marriage: Aaron, of Reading; Christopher, deceased, of Urbana, Ohio; Adam, of Myerstown; and Emma, the widow of John Waltz, of Lebanon City. For many years Isaac Bahney was a successful dealer in horses and stock. He was stanch in his adherence to the principles of the Democratic party. His religious membership was in the Reformed Church.

Until he was sixteen years of age, Adam Bahney remained in the locality of West Myerstown, and was there educated. At the above age he began to learn the cabinetmaking trade at Myerstown, on the very lot which he now owns. However, his health gave way and he was obliged to change his conditions and went to Lebanon, where he was employed for a time in the shops. In 1863 he came back to Myerstown and purchased the shops in which he had been employed as an apprentice. Here he established himself in a very small way, as he had but limited means. That he is now a large property owner in this city, including "The Bahney House," the only first-class hotel in this place, one fine farm in Jackson township, and valuable property in Myerstown, besides being interested in many prosperous enterprises of the vicinity, testifies to his diligence and perseverance, his prudent husbanding of his means, and to a temperate and industrious life. Mr. Bahney is an entirely self-made man, one who has given his close attention to his own interests as well as to pleasing the public, and one whose career has been marked with an unswerving integrity, which makes his name but another, among his neighbors, for probity and honesty.

On May 10, 1866, Mr. Bahney was married to Sarah Noocker, a daugh-

ter of Isaac Noocker, of Myerstown, and of an old family there. Two children were born to this marriage, namely: Lottie L., the wife of George H. Horst, cashier of the Myerstown National Bank; and Isaac N., who carries on his father's business at Myerstown. The mother of these children died May 11, 1881. Mr. Bahney was married, second, June 2, 1894, to Amelia Wilhelm, of Host, Berks Co., Pa., and a member of one of the most honorable old families of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Bahney are spending their lives in great ease at their pleasant home in this city, enjoying the esteem of all who know them.

Mr. Bahney has for a number of years been a member of the board of directors of the Myerstown National Bank, and is manager and a director of the Dauphin Turnpike Company. His religious membership has from early youth been with the Reformed Church, and he has served as treasurer and trustee. A stanch Republican, he supports zealously the principles he believes will best advance the country's interests. Mr. Bahney stands as a representative man of Lebanon county, a good citizen, a kind neighbor and a lover of his city, home and family.

JACOB G. ADAMS, a well known attorney of Lebanon, and one of the leading exponents of the legal profession in Lebanon county, was born at Monroe Valley, Swatara township, Lebanon county, November 6, 1852, son of Samuel Adams.

Samuel Adams was born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1800, and died in 1873, coming to Lebanon county in 1852. He married Susanna Gress, born at Muddy Creek, Lancaster county, the daughter of Jacob Gress, she being a widow when she married Mr. Adams, and had one daughter, Mary, who married John Martin, now of Hebron, Lebanon county. Mr. Adams was a widower and had two sons, Josiah S. and Amos S., both now of Lebanon; and one daughter, Rebecca, deceased, who was married to Jacob Heartter, of Tremont, Schuylkill county. Jacob G. Adams was the only child born to his parents. The grandfather, Jacob Adams, was born March 14, 1763. The Adams family came originally from Germany.

Jacob G. Adams was reared in Monroe Valley on the old farm, and attended the common school of his district, where he laid the foundation of a good education, remaining on the farm until sixteen years of age. Subsequently he commenced teaching school, spending one term at the Union township school; two terms at the Swatara school, and then four terms in Lebanon. During the time he was teaching school in Lebanon he read law with John Benson, one of the oldest, if not the oldest, members of the present

Bar. Mr. Adams was admitted to the Bar January 1, 1877, and began practice at once, meeting with unqualified success. In 1877 he was elected district attorney of Lebanon county, taking charge of the office January 1, 1878, and during his occupancy of that office brought to bear upon his duties his legal knowledge, calm judgment and keen foresight, which enabled him to make a record worthy of himself and his party. For three years Mr. Adams filled this office with distinction, and since then has acted as solicitor for the board of county commissioners for three years, and as solicitor for the county poor directors for a similar term.

Mr. Adams was married, September 18, 1879, to Laura E. Benson, daughter of John Benson, of Lebanon. To this union the following children have been born: John B., who graduated from the Lebanon high school and in December, 1901, was appointed a clerk in the office of the United States consul at Aix-la-Chapelle, Germany; Robert L. and Paul G., twins, graduates of the Lebanon high school, who read law with their father, and are now students in the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania; Sarah and Laura E.; and five other children, now deceased.

JOHN K. SHERK, one of the oldest and best known farmers of North Annville township, Lebanon county, residing on his farm about one and a quarter miles from Belle Grove, was born about half a mile south of Belle Grove May 31, 1831, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kauffman) Sherk. The father was born in Hanover township, Lebanon county, in 1807, and died in 1872. The mother was born near Kauffman's Meeting House, in North Annville township, in 1806, and died in 1896, a daughter of Abraham Kauffman. The paternal grandfather was John Sherk, who married Franey Ellenberger. The origin of the Sherk family in America is traced back to three brothers who emigrated from Europe. One settled near Ephrata, Lancaster county, Pa., one in Bethel township, Lebanon county, and the third in Hanover township, Lebanon county, the latter being the forefather of our subject.

John Sherk, the grandfather, had the following family: Jacob; John married Mary Wenger; Joseph died unmarried; Fanny, deceased, married Ephraim Light; Nancy died unmarried. The children born to Jacob and Elizabeth Sherk were: Moses, born October 14, 1827, married Mary Core; John K.

John K. Sherk, the venerable subject of this sketch, remained at home until his marriage, when he began life on his own account, operating a rented farm of fifty acres near Belle Grove. Through constant effort and

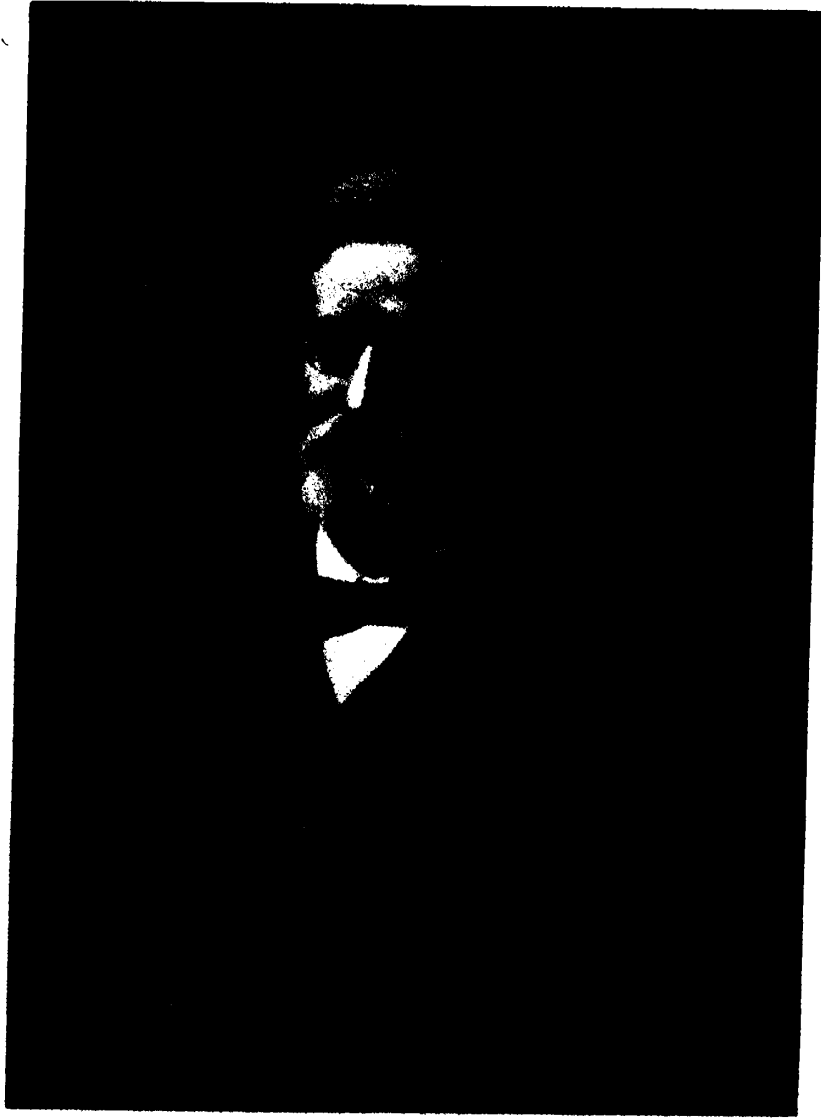


thrift he managed to accumulate sufficient to purchase his present home of 113 acres, to which he removed about 1857. In addition to this property, which is a very fine one, he owns a farm of 104 acres in East Hanover township, and another in North Annville township, of 150 acres. He also owns twenty-four acres of timber land in the mountains, and a house in Belle Grove, all of this property having been obtained by his own efforts.

Mr. Sherk was married to Elizabeth Light, born February 26, 1834, and died February 18, 1900. She was born near Gingrich Meeting House (Mennonite), in North Cornwall township, Lebanon county, a daughter of Abraham Light. The following family was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sherk: Mary A., born in 1860, married John Wenger, and has one child, Elizabeth; John L., born October 6, 1862, married Naomi Fry, and has one child, Earl; Jacob E., born March 28, 1865, married Emma Fritz, and had four children, Charlie, John, Ralph and Jay, the last two deceased. Mr. Sherk has served as auditor of North Annville township, and is a man most highly esteemed for his many excellent qualities, nobility of character and honesty of purpose. In religious matters he is a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, and is an earnest Christian and conscientious man.

LUCIAN E. WEIMER, treasurer and general manager of the Weimer Machine Works Company, and one of the most prominent citizens of Lebanon, Pa., was born in Reading, Pa., July 26, 1839, a son of William and Catherine (Lotz) Weimer.

The Weimers came originally from Germany. Catherine (Lotz) Weimer, the mother of our subject, was the daughter of Col. John Lotz, a son of Nicholas Lotz, of the Revolutionary army. The Lotz family settled in Reading, Pa., at an early date. William Weimer was born in Reading, Pa., and on January 1, 1856, established what is now the Weimer Machine Works Company, on Seventh street, in company with his eldest son, F. L. Weimer, and Lucian E. Weimer. At this time the business was small, including foundry and machine work, but the same year they broke ground for the erection of a new plant facing the station of the P. & R. Railroad, east of Eighth street, and, when suitable buildings were erected, moved the plant, and began business at the new stand, January 1, 1857, where they have continued, although with greatly enlarged and extended facilities. In 1860 William Weimer retired from active business, turning the same over to his sons, P. L., John A. and Lucian E., and they continued the business under the firm name of P. L. Weimer & Bros. In 1879 the firm name was changed to that of Weimer Brothers, the members being the same. In September, 1879, John A. Weimer



*L. E. Keimer*

died, and in 1880, the company was incorporated as The Weimer Machine Works Company, with P. L. Weimer as president and chief engineer, and L. E. Weimer as treasurer and general manager. In September, 1892, P. L. Weimer died, and John A. Weimer, son of L. E. Weimer, was made president, L. E. Weimer treasurer and general manager. The Company does a general machine and foundry business, and manufactures specialties for furnaces the latter being made from patents owned by the company. The works are the oldest in that line in Lebanon county, and have enjoyed uniform success, the company being the pioneer manufacturing plant in the city. For almost three years during the Civil war, the Weimer Works were operated day and night, making gun lathes for the Scott Foundry of Reading, Pa., to manufacture cannon for the government's use on fortifications and vessels. They also manufactured some five hundred wrought iron field pieces.

Lucian E. Weimer was raised in Reading, Pa., receiving an academic education. He began as a clerk in the works of his father and brother in Lebanon, January 1, 1856, and served a full apprenticeship in the foundry machine department, and about ten years on the drawing board. During this time, he was foreman of the works, and his brother, P. L. Weimer, was chief engineer, and from that time to the present, Mr. Weimer has been identified with this great industry. In political circles he has been a very prominent factor, serving as chairman of the Lebanon County Republican Committee, and in 1896 was a delegate from Pennsylvania to the Republican National Convention at St. Louis, when the late President McKinley was first nominated.

Mr. Weimer has always taken a great interest in local enterprises, and particularly in the fire department. For a number of years he was president of the Perseverance Fire Company, in which position he was succeeded by his son, John A. He was also a charter member of the Lebanon Hook and Ladder Company. For forty years he was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is now a member of the different Masonic bodies from the Blue Lodge to the Knights Templar and Mystic Shrine, belonging also to the Elks and the Steitz Club, of Lebanon; the Wymonissing Club of Reading, Pa.; and the Lebanon County Historical Society. He is president of the Lebanon Gas Company. He was also one of the organizers and charter members of the Lebanon Street Railway Company, and of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, of Lebanon, Pa. He was one of the organizers and charter members of the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery Association of Lebanon, Pa., and has been its treasurer since its organization in March, 1870, and was the chairman of the committee which selected the present site for the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery.

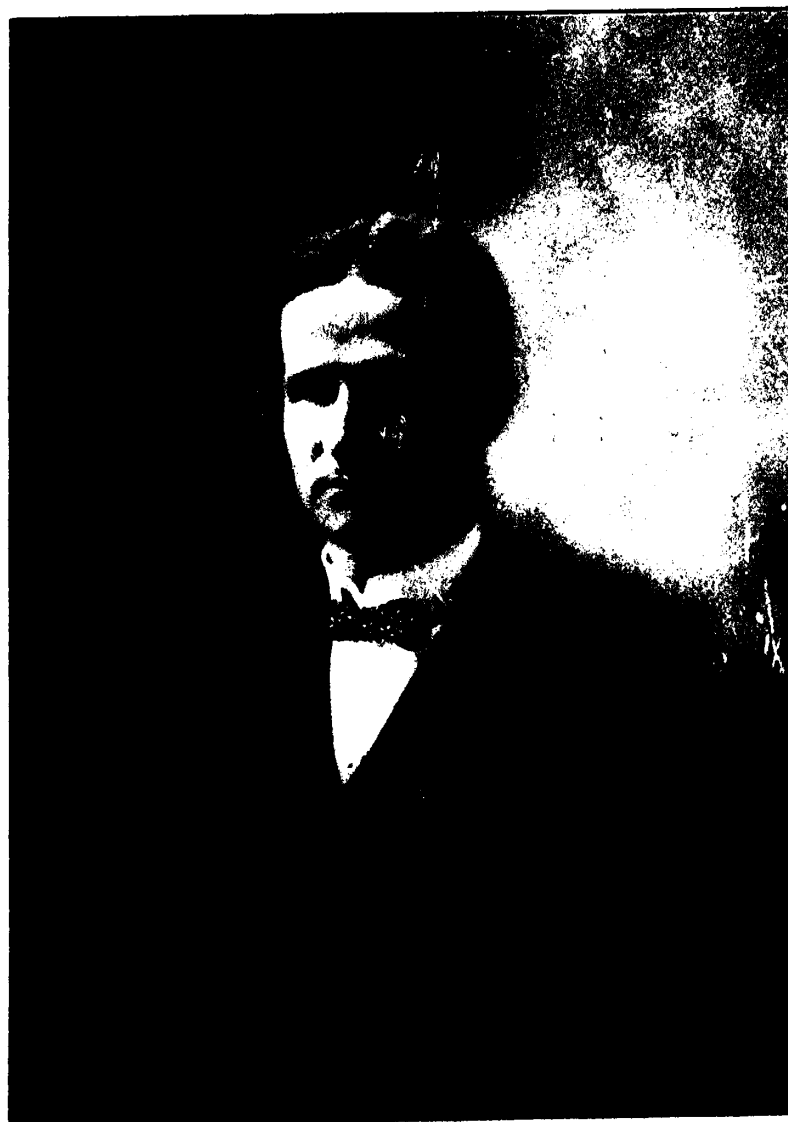
Mr. Weimer holds large real estate interests, and owns some of the best improved property in the city, including many of the leading business blocks. In 1891 he was elected president of the Valley National Bank of Lebanon previously having been a member of the board of directors, and he held that position until 1899. He was chairman of the building committee of that corporation when the present handsome structure was erected. Mr. Weimer married Miss Clara L. Wallis, of Milton, Pennsylvania.

JOHN A. WEIMER, ex-Mayor of Lebanon and President of the Weimer Machine Works Company, is one of Lebanon's most prominent and popular citizens. He is a son of Lucian E. Weimer, and was born in Lebanon, January 26, 1863. He was educated in the public schools of his own city. In the spring of 1879 he entered the office of the Weimer Machine Works Company, and took instructions from his father in financiering and superintending, and from that time to the present he has been connected with the concern. In 1883 he was made superintendent of the Weimer Machine Works Company, and in 1892 was made its president and general superintendent, which position he still holds. For a number of years he has been active in public matters and in politics, serving in common councils as a Republican from the Fourth ward in the years of 1887 and 1888, and in 1896 he was elected mayor, being the fifth one. Mr. Weimer is also president of the Perseverance Steam Fire Engine and Hose Company. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies, a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, a charter member and the first Exalted Ruler of the local Lodge of Elks, No. 631. He was one of the organizers of the Steitz Club and of various other organizations.

On October 24, 1889, John A. Weimer was married to Miss Florence Wiley, of Lancaster, Pa., a daughter of the late Col. William M. Wiley, a prominent and successful railroad contractor.

EDWARD MOORE, now residing on one of his large and attractive farms just south of Millbach, is one of the most prominent agriculturists of Lebanon county, where he owns no less than three fine farms, and is putting into practice, with most excellent results, some of the most progressive methods of agriculture. He was born January 23, 1837, son of Michael B. and Mary (Strickler) Moore.

The family is an old one in this section, and its first American representative was John George Moore, who came from Holland about 1720, and first settled in Schoharie county, N. Y. Later, about 1733, he moved to



*John A. Weimer*

Lebanon county, Pa., settling in the Millbach Valley, where he took out patents of land, granted by John, Thomas and Richard Penn. Here he cleared up a fine farm for himself, and became one of the prominent men of the township. By his marriage there were two sons, John and Michael.

Michael Moore, son of John George, and grandfather of Edward, married and had several children: Michael B., John, Rebecca, Catherine and Mary, all of whom are now deceased, and Margaret, who is still living.

Michael B. Moore, son of Michael, and father of Edward, was born in 1807, and received the usual rearing of a farmer's boy of his period. About 1835 he married Mary Strickler, and they had two sons: Edward, who is mentioned below; and Daniel S., who is deceased; Mrs. Moore is still living, at the advanced age of eighty-seven, residing at the home of her son, Edward. After his marriage Mr. Moore settled upon a farm near Millbach, where he afterward engaged in agriculture. Well laid plans and thorough execution of them crowned his efforts with success, and encouraged him to purchase other farms in the county, where he also carried on his industry with good results for many years. He became in time one of the largest landowners in the township, and as an agriculturist occupied a leading place in the county. He possessed a remarkable constitution, dying in 1899, at the advanced age of ninety-two years, three months and fifteen days. Mr. Moore was a remarkable manager, wherein lay his success as an agriculturist. He lent his influence to all good works and was especially interested in developing the resources of his county. He was one of the substantial members of the German Reformed Church. Politically he affiliated with the Democrats.

Edward Moore has inherited both his father's ability and taste for agriculture. Reared on the home farm in Millcreek township, he was there early initiated into that occupation. In the public schools of his vicinity he received a good common school education, developing habits of industry and trustworthiness which have characterized him through life. Encouraged by his father's successes in agriculture, upon leaving school he determined to make a farmer of himself, and, settling upon a farm in Millcreek township, he there started life for himself. A short test proved he had undertaken the work for which nature had prepared him. Under his management the old farm, which embraces sixty-five well cultivated acres, seemed to renew its life, producing large and valuable crops, and under fresh improvements taking on a new aspect. He has never married, but has for his household companion his aged mother, who is now in her eighty-eighth year. In his agricultural pursuits he has branched out extensively, and besides

the home place has two other large farms in the county, one embracing 207 and the other seventy acres. He has superintended the management of both these farms, in addition to carrying on the home place, and has derived from each a large income. He is now considered one of the wealthiest farmers and largest landowners in the county. As an agriculturist he has taken great pride in his work, and vastly improved the buildings and grounds of each place, making his farms especially attractive. They are well equipped with the latest improved machinery. Besides his real estate, Mr. Moore owns a great deal of personal property, and is the largest tax payer in Millcreek township. He has accumulated part of his property by his own efforts, the rest being inherited from his father. In the management of each, however, he has evinced much economy and shrewd business judgment. Though by no means an aged man, he has now retired from active work, and is availing himself of his well earned leisure.

Mr. Moore has always evinced a keen interest in the public affairs of his section, and in politics he has adhered strictly to the teachings of his forefathers, who since the organization of the party have been stanch Democrats. He is a strong advocate of the principles laid down by Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson. Reared in the German Reformed Church, he is a consistent member of the church of that denomination in Millbach.

The Strickler family of which Mrs. Moore is a member is one of the oldest in Millcreek township, and was a highly influential one. From them the village of Stricklerstown received its name.

**JOSIAH MEILY GETTEL**, organizer of the Lebanon Manufacturing Company, also for many years its efficient superintendent, has been well-known in Lebanon for fully fifty-six years. He started out a plain carpenter, and attained his final influential position mainly through persistent effort, wise economy and squareness in business. Born in Fredericksburg, Lebanon county, April 26, 1829, son of John and Elizabeth (Meily) Gettel, he comes of a highly respected family.

John Gettel was a prominent agriculturist in Lebanon county for many years. During his young manhood he married Elizabeth Meily, who was descended from one of the old and honored Lebanon county families. Of this union there were four children: Mary, married to Jeremiah Heilman, of Jonestown, Pa., and Elizabeth, married to David Bixler, who are now deceased; Anna is the wife of Joseph Smith, of Robinson, Ill.; and Josiah M. is mentioned below.

Josiah M. Gettel started out in life under some rather disadvantageous

circumstances. Bereft of both parents before he reached the age of six years, his educational advantages were few. At the early age of four losing his father, and a year later his mother, he was sent to live with a man named Light. Here he remained until he was fourteen, taking many a hard lesson in the school of self-reliance. For the next two years he lived with his uncle, Henry Meily, of Jonestown, Pa., then, at the age of sixteen, realizing the necessity of fitting himself for some lucrative position in life, he went into a cabinetmaker's shop and set about learning the trade. With a resolute mind he applied himself to his work until he had mastered every detail. Though now, in 1847, a mere youth, he went to Lebanon and followed the trade as a carpenter. A skilled and conscientious workman, with fidelity and constancy as his watchwords, he found no difficulty in securing trade, and continued his business for three successful years. In 1850, when but twenty-one years old, he married Maria A. Shindel, daughter of Judge John Shindel, and a representative of one of the first families of Lebanon. She proved an estimable and most helpful woman throughout her life, being a woman full of good works. She died July 20, 1891. By this marriage there were two daughters: Sarah, widow of the late Rev. J. Klein Fisher, has one son, Arthur G.; and Emma V. Both daughters reside with their father.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Gettel rose from the position of a carpenter to that of a contractor and builder. Giving eminent satisfaction in this line, and realizing large profits, he continued the business in Lebanon for a number of years; and some of the handsomest residences in the city were erected by him during this period. In 1857 he organized the lumber and planing-mill firm of Boas, Gasser & Gettel, and for three years, until 1860, when the buildings were destroyed by fire, he carried on a flourishing business. Then, resuming his recent lucrative occupation as builder and contractor, he went to Schuylkill county, Pa., and superintended the erection of many buildings, among them a large number of both business and private houses in Mahanoy City, which was just opened at that time. At the end of a year he returned to Lebanon, where he carried on the same business until 1863. For the next three years he served as superintendent of the Meily & Weimer Car Shops, handling the business with much ability. In 1866, believing there was capital enough in Lebanon to sustain a large manufacturing establishment, he organized what has since become one of the leading industries in the city, the Lebanon Manufacturing Company. Of this company he was at once made superintendent, and he served as such, with the exception of three years, 1894-1897, until January 1, 1902, when the firm



became consolidated with that of M. H. Treadwell & Co. The success of the enterprise speaks for itself of Mr. Gettel's ability as a superintendent. After his resignation in 1894 he was engaged for three years in the manufacture of implements. He is now a director and a large stockholder of the Lebanon Manufacturing Company.

A man of great force of character, Mr. Gettel has always been extremely temperate in habits, and in politics he is a Prohibitionist. A noble Christian gentleman, he in early life identified himself with the United Brethren Church, of which he is the only surviving charter member, and in 1866 with several others organized the Trinity, United Brethren Church. In this religious body he has long been an active worker, having served as a trustee from the organization until recently, and he gives liberally for its support.

ADAM HAUCK, one of the wealthy and highly respected citizens, residing on his fine farm two miles south of Lebanon city, in North Cornwall township, Lebanon county, was born in that township March 17, 1838, son of Samuel and Lydia Hauck.

Adam Hauck was reared upon his father's farm, receiving a good education at the public schools, and when he was twenty-one years of age, his father placed one of his farms in North Cornwall township in his charge, and the young man successfully operated it for seven years. At that time occurred the death of his father, and Mr. Hauck purchased a fine farm of eighty-two acres, two miles south of Lebanon city, on the Lancaster road, to which he later added until he had a property of 105 acres, where he carried on general farming and was very successful. This farm is now operated by his eldest son, Mr. Hauck in 1894 removing to his present home of forty acres, one of the finest farms in the county, beautifully situated, and provided with a comfortable and modern frame residence, excellent barns and other buildings, and everything kept in good condition. Mr. Hauck is a Republican in politics, and although he has never desired or accepted office, he can always be depended upon to support any measure calculated to prove of benefit to the county or township. Having been quite a traveler and a close observer, Mr. Hauck is a delightful conversationalist, and some of his adventures are worthy of publication.

On September 27, 1860, Mr. Hauck was married to Miss Marian Shenk, daughter of Michael and Sarah (Host) Shenk. Mrs. Hauck was born in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county. Eight children were born to them: Malinda married Jacob Hemperly, of North Lebanon township, and has two children, Adam and Harry; Mary married William Longnecker, of North

Cornwall township, and has two children, Manerva and Mary; Grant, farmer of the homestead, married Kate Bomberger, and has one child, Abel Valentine; John is single and at home; Sarah married Prof. Ammon A. Killian, of North Cornwall township, Lebanon county, and has one child, Lillian Irene; and three died in infancy. The members of the Hauck family are connected with the Lutheran Church, and all are important factors in the social life of their community.

**HENRY LOUSER** (deceased). The history of any locality is an account of its leading citizens, and among those who aided in the development and establishment of the present prosperity of Lebanon, Pa., one deserving of honorable mention, is Henry Louser, deceased, who for many years was one of the well-known merchants of the community, where he and his family were so prominent.

Henry Louser was born in the Second Ward of Lebanon, in October, 1826, and died in the same month, 1896. His father, Jacob Louser, was the son of John Louser, a native of Schæfferstown, Lebanon county. The latter was a locksmith by trade, who located in Lebanon during the last century. John Louser owned the property on the southeast corner of Ninth and Chestnut streets, which is now owned and occupied by J. Louser & Bro. Jacob Louser, the father of Henry, succeeded his father, John, in the locksmith business, and in 1850 also engaged in merchandising, having associated with him his two sons, John and Henry. Jacob's interest was later transferred to three of his younger sons, Jacob, William and George, and the firm name was changed to that of J. Louser & Bros. The first vacancy in this firm was made upon the death of George, and later, in order of mention, died Jacob, Henry, John and William, the latter conducting the business until 1901, when he, too, passed away, and the present proprietors, Jacob and John, sons of Henry, succeeded to it, they having represented part of the interest of their father from the time of his demise until they entered into full possession.

Henry Louser was married, in 1855, to Rebecca M. Embich, daughter of Samuel Embich, who died in 1864, at the age of thirty-six. To Mr. and Mrs. Louser were born the following family: Jacob E.; Samuel A., born in June, 1857; Catherine, born in June, 1859, married J. Harry Brown, of Lebanon; and John. Mrs. Louser was a good and devoted wife and mother, and a consistent member of the Salem Lutheran Church. Mr. Louser was later married again, his second choice being Anna McGowan, who died in 1891, without issue.

**JACOB E. AND JOHN LOUSER**, the senior and junior members of the well-

known firm of J. Louser & Bro., were born in the building which they now use as a place of business, corner of Ninth and Chestnut streets, and were both educated in the public schools of Lebanon. After leaving school they entered the store of J. Louser & Bros., as clerks, and continued in this capacity until 1901, when they became the proprietors. Both are highly esteemed, not only as the representatives of an old and solid business concern, but as honorable men, thoroughly conversant with every detail of their trade. John Louser is a member of Camp No. 65, P. O. S. of A., and is active in the organization. Both Jacob and John are earnest members of the Salem Lutheran Church. Jacob Louser was married, in 1875, to Mary Rosenberger, daughter of William and Rachael Rosenberger, of Lebanon. To this union were born Rebecca M., who married Mason D. Hoke, of Bismarck, Pa.; William H., born June 17, 1877, who married Ella Mountz; and Anna.

**CYRUS REX.** The Rex family was established in Lebanon county by Abraham and Samuel Rex, who came hither from Chestnut Hill, Germantown, and located at Schaefferstown, formerly in Lancaster county, where Samuel became a prominent man, serving as justice of the peace and as a successful merchant, and becoming widely known as a scrivener. His pleasant manner made him many friends, and although he left no issue, in affection he was known as "Uncle" by a great many of the residents.

Abraham Rex, the father of Cyrus Rex, of Rexmont, came to Lebanon county prior to his marriage with Miss Elizabeth Schaeffer, daughter of Henry and Eva Schaeffer, and granddaughter of Alexander Schaeffer, the founder of Schaefferstown. After marriage Mr. Rex embarked in a mercantile business, and for many years was the leading merchant of that place. Here he erected an excellent hotel which he operated for a long time. He became widely known as a business man and public-spirited citizen, and was one of the directors in the Lebanon Bank. His family of seven children all reached maturity, these being: Mary, who became the wife of Peter Zimmerman; Samuel S., a merchant, who married Lucetta Shultz, daughter of Peter Shultz; Franklin, who was killed in a railroad accident when returning from his graduation as a physician; Ann, who married W. M. Weigley of Schaefferstown; Abraham, a merchant at Schaefferstown, who married Amanda Horter, of Germantown; George, born December 3, 1815, who read medicine with Dr. Gloninger, practiced at Jonestown, later at South Bend, Ind., and also at Philadelphia; and Cyrus.

Dr. George Rex, of the above family, was on December 26, 1861, nom-



Cyrus Reed

inated by President Abraham Lincoln, Brigadier Surgeon of Volunteers, and on March 9, 1866, had conferred upon him by President Johnson, the Senate concurring, the rank of Brevet-Colonel, to date from June 1, 1865, for faithful and meritorious service. During the progress of the war Dr. Rex served on the field as well, and was placed in charge of the military hospitals at St. Louis, Mo., Omaha, Neb., Baltimore, Md., and Chester, Pa. This brave officer, skilled surgeon and honorable man died at Cornwall, April 20, 1884, at the age of sixty-nine years. His wife was Henrietta Harper, of Lebanon county.

Cyrus Rex, the only surviving member of the family of Abraham and Elizabeth Rex, and its youngest member, was born August 2, 1822. His education was acquired in the best institutions of learning and by observation and experience in European travel. Upon his return to America he engaged in a brokerage business for several years in Philadelphia, but came to Lebanon in 1857 and accepted a clerkship in the Lebanon Bank. Here he remained nine years, and in 1866 moved to Cornwall, where for seven years he engaged in a mercantile business, removing then to Rexmont, where he has continued in the same line until the present. Mr. Rex has been a very prominent factor in the material development of this part of the county. It was his public spirit that accomplished the platting of the village of Rexmont, one of the most attractive and prosperous communities of South Lebanon township. He also owns a fine farm of ninety-six acres, and is interested as director and stockholder in both the Valley National Bank and the People's Bank of Lebanon. Mr. Rex has never married. He is a man of genial manner, thorough education, and a pleasing personality, which has brought him a large circle of friends. In political sentiment he is a Cleveland Democrat. Fraternally he affiliates with the I. O. O. F., which he joined in 1848, and in religion, like his father before him, he is a Lutheran.

ELMER E. HAUER, cashier of the People's National Bank, of Lebanon, Pa., was born in that city August 9, 1861. His early education was obtained in the common schools of Lebanon, and after completing the course with credit he entered his father's grocery store and assisted in the business until the father sold it, in 1881, a month prior to his death. Elmer E. then embarked in the photographic business, which he learned in the studio of F. W. Quinby, and purchased the establishment of J. H. Keim, and conducted this for several years. In 1888, when the People's National Bank of Lebanon was organized, he was chosen teller of the same, beginning his duties as such the day the bank opened for business. This position

he held until January 12, 1897, when he was promoted to be assistant cashier, and this was followed January 11, 1898, by his election as cashier of the bank, succeeding the late Mr. Woomer. His fraternal connections are with the I. O. O. F., the P. O. S. of A., the Red Men, the Knights of Malta and the Knights of the Mystic Chain.

On June 27, 1888, Mr. Hauer was married to Lizzie M. Kleiser, a native of Lebanon and a daughter of John Kleiser, one of the board of county commissioners of Lebanon county. Two children have blessed their union: Ralph and Julia. Mr. Hauer is one of the substantial men of this city, and is highly esteemed for his integrity of character and many estimable personal characteristics.

JOHN WEIDMAN MISH, one of Lebanon's oldest and best-known citizens, was born April 22, 1822, in what is now the Hartman House, on North Ninth street, Lebanon, son of the late Dr. John Bickel Mish.

John Mish, the great-grandfather of John Weidman Mish, was born September 8, 1729, and died January 20, 1810. He married Margaret Swake, who was born September 28, 1838. Both were buried in Friedler's Kirche (Church) graveyard, near Shiremanstown, Cumberland county, Pa. The great-grandfather on the maternal side was John Bickel, a native of Switzerland, born in 1748, who came with his parents to America when he was a boy, settling in Pennsylvania, prior to the French and Indian war. He was one of the first settlers of what is now Bethel township, Lebanon county, served in the Revolutionary war as a member of Capt. Koppenheffer's company, of Col. Timothy Green's battalion, and subsequently saw service on the frontier. His death occurred in 1840, at Jonestown, Lebanon county. Of his children, John married and reared a large family, dying in advanced age. He was the first postmaster of Jonestown. His daughter, Catharine, married Jacob Mish, of Harrisburg, and they were the grandparents of John Weidman Mish.

Dr. John Bickel Mish, father of Mr. Mish, of Lebanon, was born January 12, 1791, in Harrisburg, Pa., was educated in private schools and studied medicine with Dr. Samuel Agnew, a leading physician of the State at that time. He matriculated, November 14, 1811, in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and attended one course of lectures, but did not graduate, as upon his return he began the practice of medicine, and, as was the general or quite common custom of the day, acquired a large practice and did not get back to the University. He settled in Jonestown, Lebanon county, where he remained until 1821, when he

returned to Lebanon, and in that city practiced his profession with great success until his death on December 15, 1837. In March, 1826, the Alleghany College conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Mish was very prominent both as a physician and as a surgeon as well as a citizen. By appointment of the governor, he served as prothonotary of Lebanon county in 1837, and was at the same time serving as chief burgess of the borough. He was captain of a cavalry company, and was popular in military circles, and was buried with the honors of war. Physically Dr. Mish was a large man, six feet one inch tall, well proportioned, and without superfluous flesh. Gen. Simon Cameron, who was the warm friend and companion of the Doctor when they were young men together in Harrisburg, often was known to remark that "he was the handsomest man in the State."

In 1816 Dr. Mish married Maria Weidman, daughter of Capt. John Weidman, of the Revolutionary war, then residing at and owner of the Union Forge, Lickdale, Lebanon county. Mrs. Mish was born in 1793, and died in 1866. They had four children, three sons and one daughter, as follows: John Weidman; Dr. Physick Bickel, deceased; Catherine Elizabeth, who resides in New Jersey; and Charles Carroll, deceased.

John Weidman Mish was reared in Lebanon and was educated in the old Lebanon Academy. When in his eighteenth year he began teaching school in Union township, Lebanon county, and in 1841 he became principal of the Annville Academy, where he taught one year. He then began reading law with his uncle, Jacob B. Weidman, and in 1845 was admitted to the Bar, practicing his profession for several years, for three years being district attorney, the first man elected to that office under the new constitution. The county was Republican in politics, and he was a Democrat, but his popularity won the office. The legal profession not offering him the opportunities he desired, although fitted by nature to win laurels in it, he retired from it and became interested in buying and selling real estate. Mr. Mish has proven a successful business man, and is secretary and treasurer of the Lebanon Gas Co., holding this position since 1856, the date of its organization. For many years he served as director of the Lebanon National Bank; was president of the Dime Savings Bank of Lebanon for three years; was cashier of the First National Bank of Lebanon for ten years, when he resigned; was treasurer of the borough of Lebanon for some time; and is now and has been for twenty years, president of the Lebanon Cemetery Company. He also served two terms in the city council.

Mr. Mish was made a Mason at Mt. Lebanon Lodge in 1848, and

is the oldest Free-Mason in Lebanon county. He is also a member of Mohegan Lodge, No. 288, I. O. O. F., of which he is a charter member, having formerly belonged to Lebanon Lodge of that order. In religious belief he is attached to the Reformed church.

In 1848, Mr. Mish was married to Amelia Krause, born in 1826, in Baltimore, and died in 1896, leaving five children, as follows: Matilda K., the wife of Charles H Killinger, of Lebanon; Mason P., of Lebanon; William W., residing in South Lebanon township; Robert C., in business in Los Angeles, Cal.; and John, a resident of Lebanon.

GEORGE GASSERT, an honored citizen of Lebanon, Pa., is a contractor and builder, and by trade a carpenter, in that city. He was born in Lebanon May 2, 1831, and is a son of John and Sarah (Schott) Gassert, of Lebanon county.

John Gassert, the father, was a farmer. He was born in Cornwall township in 1797, and died in Lebanon in 1873. His wife, Sarah Schott, was born in South Lebanon township in 1801, and died in 1883. They were the parents of eight children: Sarah; Magdalena; John; George; Elizabeth; Joseph; Samuel, of St. Louis; and William, of Lebanon. Politically the father was a stanch Democrat. John Gassert was a son of John Gassert, a native of Germany, who settled in Lebanon county when it was a part of Lancaster county, and there died in 1850. The maternal grandfather, George Schott, was born in Lancaster, now Lebanon, county, in 1763, and died in 1854.

George Gassert was born and raised on the farm, two miles south of the city of Lebanon, and attended the country schools. At the age of twenty he was put to the trade of carpenter, and he pursued this occupation, with contracting and building until 1883, when he retired from contract work.

On April 10, 1858, Mr. Gassert married Miss Susanna Kauffman, who was a daughter of John Kauffman, of Lebanon county, who was a farmer and potter by trade. Their married life was enhanced by the birth of three children: Sarah, Elizabeth and John (who is a brick layer, of Lebanon). His wife, Susanna, died in 1881. Mr. Gassert is one of the leading Democrats of Lebanon. He was in the employ of the United States government during the war of the Rebellion, as a member of the Construction Corps. He is a member of the Salem Lutheran church, and is one of the oldest members, having joined the church over fifty-two years ago, and has been an elder, deacon and trustee in the church.

As a contractor and builder Mr. Gassert has built many of the principal



business houses and residences in the city of Lebanon, and was the contractor and builder of the Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Berks county, Pa., a Reformed Church institution, which at this time is in a prosperous condition. Quite a number of churches in Lebanon county are the work of his creation, and only lately he superintended the erection of Salem Lutheran chapel, on Eighth street, near Willow, one of the finest buildings in this locality. Mr. Gassert is a self-made man, and only by pluck and industry was he able to reach the point of his ambition. At the time of the introduction of the water supply into the city of Lebanon he was a member of city councils, and he is the owner of considerable real estate in Lebanon city.

GEORGE H. HORST, cashier of the Myerstown National Bank, and one of the highly esteemed and influential citizens of Lebanon county, was born March 16, 1850, only son of Henry and Sarah (Landis) Horst, the former of whom was for many years a leading business man of Dauphin county.

Henry Horst was born in 1823, in South Annville township, Lebanon county, and died in 1891, at Union Deposit, Dauphin county. His parents were Joseph and Barbara Horst, most highly respected farming people, and early settlers in Lebanon county in the locality of what is known as Horst's Mills. The Horst family was founded in America by three brothers of the name who emigrated from Germany prior to the war of the Revolution, settling in Lancaster and Lebanon counties, Pennsylvania, and from these early pioneers the various branches of the family have descended. The only sister of George H. Horst is Emma, the wife of A. L. Landis, who is a prominent man and justice of the peace at Union Deposit, Dauphin county. Henry Horst was widely known. During a long and active life he was an extensive dealer in horses and stock, being a shipper of cattle and horses from western to eastern markets. He was a member of the firm of Balsbaugh, Gingrich, Horst & Co., who put up an iron blast furnace at Union Deposit in 1855, and carried on business there for some years. He was a prosperous business man and made his own success. During his many years at Union Deposit Mr. Horst was a consistent member of the United Brethren Church and a public spirited citizen. His political affiliation was with the Republican party, but he took no active part in politics, though he was a school director.

George H. Horst was born in Annville, Lebanon county, but was taken to Dauphin county at the age of one year, when his father there entered

into active business. His education was liberal, attendance at the common schools of Union Deposit being succeeded by a period at the Millersville State Normal School, in Lancaster county. He left school at the age of eighteen in order to make a trip and see something of the great West, and during an absence of four years visited Indiana, Kansas and Colorado, but decided to locate permanently in the East. With this intention he came to Myerstown, where he organized a State Bank, this being, in 1873, the same safe financial institution which, in 1900, became the Myerstown National Bank, with a capital of \$50,000. Upon its organization Mr. Horst became its cashier, remaining as such until its change into a national bank, in 1900, since when he has continued in the same position in the new organization. Mr. Horst drew the first charter for the first (State) bank, and this was granted by a special act of the Legislature. The bank continued to do business under that charter and the renewal of it, in 1892, until it was changed into a national bank, in 1900. For the past thirty years Mr. Horst has been established as a leading factor in the life of Myerstown, and has taken an active part in all its interests. For many years he has been president of the board of trustees of the Reformed Church, of which he is a consistent member. He is the treasurer of the Tulpehocken Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and also treasurer of the Goodwill Fire and Hose Company, of Myerstown. His interest in educational matters has been shown by his long and disinterested service on the school board, and his connection with the Palatinate College. He was for a long time treasurer of the Association of that college, from its organization, in about 1894, to the time of its sale to the Evangelical Church, which now owns it. Mr. Horst was one of seven members who organized the Myerstown Water Company, and has been a member of the board of directors and secretary since its organization. However, with all a public spirited citizen's interest in the place of his residence, he will not enter public life, his other duties making that impossible. Mr. Horst has been a lifelong Republican from principle, but he has held no public office except that of school director.

In 1881 Mr. Horst was united in marriage with Miss Annie R. See, a daughter of Richard J. and Mary Elizabeth (Liesse) See, of Myerstown, and one daughter, Mary E., was born to this union; the mother died in 1884. Miss Horst is one of the most accomplished and attractive young ladies of the town, a graduate of Albright College, and is a student at Bryn Mawr College, where she is taking a post-graduate course. In 1891 Mr. Horst was married (second) to Lottie Bahney, the only daughter of Adam Bahney, a capitalist and prominent resident of Myerstown.

JOHN L. ZUG, one of the old and honored citizens of North Lebanon township, residing upon his fine farm midway between Lebanon and Myers-town, descends from one of the early settlers of this part of Pennsylvania. His ancestry emigrated to America from Switzerland, to escape religious persecution. Ulrich Zug, a man of intelligence and thrift, was the great-great-grandfather of John L. Zug, of North Lebanon township. He was a member of the Dunkard faith, and belonged to that body of early Christians, who, although stern in belief, were ever righteous in their dealings. This faith was handed down to his descendants, and Abraham Zug, the grandfather, was a minister in that church, and his son, Rev. John Zug, preached the doctrines of this religion for thirty years.

Abraham Zug was born and reared in Lancaster county, moving with his family about 1816 to Lebanon county, where he died at the age of sixty-nine years. His father, Rev. Hannes Zug, had preached the faith for fifty years, and lived to be almost ninety years of age, in 1821, having been a preacher since 1772. His home and ministry were at White Oak, Lancaster county, where his father, Ulrich, had settled in 1727. His baptism was in 1742. His life and work did much to establish the church in Lancaster county, and he is recalled in the church history with great honor. His family consisted of six sons and two daughters.

John Zug, father of John L. Zug, was born May 14, 1797, in Rapho township, Lancaster county, and died July 19, 1873, in Lebanon county. For more than half a century he was a consistent member of the Dunkard church and during thirty years its faithful minister, one of the zealous workers for the welfare of the Tulpehocken church, where his father had also labored. Mr. Zug was ever ready to minister in all kindness to every one, and his influence is felt to this day. He was united in marriage with Margaret Lane, born in 1795, in Jackson township, daughter of Joseph and Margaretta (Rumler) Lane, and eight children were born to them, as follows: Abraham and Mary, both deceased; Rebecca, deceased wife of Henry Ballinger; Israel, who died in Illinois; John L.; Nathan, who died in Illinois; Katie, deceased wife of David Yingst; and Reuben, residing in South Lebanon township. The father engaged in farming in Heidelberg township, where is situated the family homestead.

John L. Zug was born December 9, 1829, in the old Heidelberg township home, and was there reared and received such schooling as the time and locality afforded. Mr. Zug remained at home assisting his father until he was thirty-three years old, and then secured a small tract of land, which he cultivated for five years, buying then a farm of thirty-seven acres located

near Prescott, in South Lebanon township, where he continued for twenty years, removing then to his present home in North Lebanon township, where he owns seventy-eight acres of the finest land in the township. Mr. Zug owns other property in South Lebanon township, and is regarded as one of the substantial, as well as upright and reliable, citizens of this locality. His friends are many and sincere, his just character and kind disposition gaining him esteem and friendship.

On May 14, 1863, Mr. Zug married Eliza Fox, born September 15, 1836, in Berks county, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Gansert) Fox, her death occurring March 22, 1902. The five children born to this happy union were: Ephraim, a farmer on the homestead, and the owner of the Prescott warehouse, coal yard and creamery, and of a branch creamery at Stouchsburg, married Barbara Longenecker, and has three children, Nora, Mary and Naomi; Benjamin F., who attends to his brother Ephraim's business at Prescott, whither he moved September 8, 1903, married Ella Fry; Lizzie is at home; and Sarah and an infant daughter, deceased. With his whole family, Mr. Zug belongs to the Dunkard church, and they are justly regarded among Lebanon county's worthy and estimable citizens.

**JOSIAH FUNCK.** This highly respected and prominent member of the Lebanon County Bar, and one of the most distinguished citizens who has ever been connected with the public life of the city, died July 17, 1896. The death of Hon. Josiah Funck was looked upon by all citizens as a distinct public calamity, and he was followed to his last resting place by a very large concourse of sorrowing friends and fellow-citizens. As a lawyer, Mr. Funck had reached the top of the profession in eastern Pennsylvania, and was regarded as one of the most profound jurists who have ever practiced in the Lebanon courts. He had a keen appreciation of the high character of his profession, believing implicitly that the law was the conservator of justice, that justice should ever be blind, and that the duty of the practitioner was to interpret rightly the principles of jurisprudence regardless of individual advantage. His influence was powerful in the Bar of Lebanon County, of which he was dean at the date of his death, and by which he was greatly revered.

Hon. Josiah Funck was a native of Lebanon county, born on the old Funck homestead, near the city of Lebanon, December 26, 1825, a son of Jacob and Sarah (Bowman) Funck. His grandfather was named Martin, as was also his great-grandfather, the latter being one of the earliest settlers of Lebanon county, he having come to the county before it had been erected from old Lancaster county. The education of Josiah Funck was secured in the



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common schools, and in Lebanon Academy, then under one of its noted early instructors, Prof. Kluge. After graduating from this school he taught school in East Hanover township during the years 1848-49. Deciding at this time upon the law as a profession, he began its reading in the office of the Hon. Levi Kline, then one of the leading lawyers of Lebanon. April 7, 1851, marks the date of his admission to the Bar, and for nearly a half century he practiced his profession with the greatest success. During this time he was frequently honored by responsible public positions, all of which he administered with rare fidelity. His first public office was that of District Attorney of Lebanon county, to which he was elected in 1854. In this office he served with distinction for one full term, and then retired to private practice, which was not interrupted until 1872, save for a few months during the Civil war, when he became captain of Company H, of the Emergency troops. As a lawyer he was profoundly versed in legal jurisprudence. In 1873 he had attained such high standing in the legal circles of the State that he was selected to represent Lebanon county in the Constitutional Convention of Pennsylvania, and he became one of the most useful members of that august body—a body composed of men, who, regardless of personal gain or party politics, were “actuated by a desire to frame a fundamental law that would help to preserve the rights and privileges of the people of this free Commonwealth, and also to promote its strength, to preserve order and obedience to its ordinances.” In the year 1875 Mr. Funck became connected with one of the most noted law cases that has come up in the courts in the distribution of the large fortune of the noted James Lick, the founder of the great Lick Observatory, his client being John H. Lick, a son of the gentleman named. He spent considerable time in California, and was successful after a hard legal fight in securing the rights of his client to a very large share of his father’s estate.

Mr. Funck married Miss Bella I. Marshall, daughter of the late Dr. Jacob Marshall, of Reading, Pa. Dr. Marshall was formerly of Annville, Lebanon county, whence he removed to Reading. His mother was a Gloninger, of the old family of that name of Lebanon county, and whose members were distinguished pioneers. To Josiah Funck and his wife were born the following children: Mary L., deceased; Jacob Marshall, a leading member of the Lebanon County Bar; Edwin B., deceased; Helen I., who married Major Lincoln Karmany, of the Marine Corps of the United States Navy, now in the Philippine Islands; Sarah B.; Alfred Coit, an attorney in the United States Patent Office in Washington.

Besides having attained distinction at the Bar, Mr. Funck was a successful financier, and held large and important interests in Lebanon. In later

life his shrewd business foresight had brought him a competence, but he could not bring himself to leave the forum where the field for activity was so great. It held for him a fascination which clung to him through life. He loved his profession, and honored it by an eminence attained by few of its devotees. At the time of his death he was dean of the Lebanon County Bar, and the following resolutions on his life and character were adopted by his fellow practitioners, at a meeting held July 20, 1896:

*Resolved*, That in the death of Hon. Josiah Funck the Bar of Lebanon County has lost one of its most prominent members since the erection of the county.

That his course at the Bar was an example to all practitioners as indicative of the necessity for and the good results flowing from hard and incessant labor;

That the Bar concedes to him fidelity to his client, a determination to win for his client by all fair and honorable means, and a persistency and pertinacity which more than once snatched victory from the jaws of defeat;

That his death has deprived the community at large of a useful and public-spirited citizen;

That we extend our sympathies to the bereaved family in their great sorrow.

We respectfully request the Court to enter these proceedings upon its record.

In Church and religious matters Mr. Funck was much interested and gave liberally of his means to the support of his own denomination and that of many others in the community. He was also exceedingly charitable, giving largely to organized charities and also in a private way. He was long connected with St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church of Lebanon, and was one of the oldest members in point of service in that church in the city, having been a charter member in Christ's church, corporated January 6, 1859, this name being afterward changed to St. Luke's. During his long service he frequently served as senior warden, and was also treasurer for many years. Mr. Funck was for a long term of years a member of the board of directors and treasurer of the Church Home for Children, the following minute being spread on the record of the Board at the meeting following his death:

Since our last meeting, the Church Home for Children has suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. Josiah Funck, a member of the Board from its formation, and who served most acceptably as the treasurer of the Home for many years. He was a steadfast friend of the institution from its inception, always present if possible at the meetings of the Board and ready to do whatever lay in his power for the interests of the Home by valuable advice and liberal contributions. It is not for us to speak of the rare gifts and qualities which made him a man of mark in the various relations which he sustained. We would only speak of him as a fellow member of the Board, whose pleasant and cordial manner made it a pleasure to meet with him. We would place on record this expression of our esteem and regard for a departed friend and fellow member, our sense of the value of his services to the institution which we represent, and express to his family our sincere sympathy in their loss.

Mr. Funck was a worthy and prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, for which organization he had great regard. Sedgwick Post, No. 42, the local organization, passed the following resolutions relative to his death:

Again we have been called to part with a comrade who has answered the last roll call. In the death of Comrade Josiah Funck the Post mourns the loss of a valued member, his family a fond and affectionate parent; and the community, the Church and the Bar, in all of which he was a shining example, feel with us the great loss which we have sustained. Tendering our sincere sympathy to the afflicted family we bow with meek submission to Him who doeth all things well.

As a token of respect for our departed Comrade, the charter of this Post shall be draped in his memory for the usual length of time. This Memorial shall be spread on the records, and a copy thereof, properly engrossed, shall be presented to the family of the deceased.

REV. DAVID WESTENBERGER, bishop of the Lebanon County District of the Mennonite Church, was born January 31, 1857, on the old Westenberger homestead, in South Annville township, Lebanon county, one mile from Annville, a son of David and Sarah (Gosser) Westenberger. The father was born at Wegley's Mills, near Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, November 16, 1822, and is still living, residing on the old farm.

Henry Westenberger, the grandfather, purchased the homestead where the succeeding generations of the family have been born, and here Henry died, about 1866. In religion he was a devout Mennonite, and his son, David, father of Bishop Westenberger, is one of the deacons of the church. Sarah (Gosser) Westenberger died in August, 1863, the mother of five children: Levi, a farmer of Dauphin county, Pa., married Fanny, daughter of Jacob Ebersole; Henry, a farmer of Lancaster county, married Maria Lehman; Mary married Christian Stern, of Lancaster county; Sarah married Abraham Ebersole; and Rev. David.

David Westenberger was reared upon the farm, and attended the common schools of his neighborhood, following the calling of a farmer all his life, and now owns the old farm of seventy-three acres, which he has improved, and which is now regarded as one of the best farms in the township. All his life he has taken an active interest in the work of the Mennonite Church. In 1888 he was ordained as a preacher of his faith, since which time he has had charge of Gingrich church. On January 10, 1893, he was ordained bishop by Bishop Jacob Brubacher, of Lancaster county, and he is now in charge of four churches, which comprise the Lebanon county district. Bishop Westenberger is a very eloquent preacher, and has gained the affection of his people by his kindly manner, devout life and blameless character. All



his teachings are carried out in his life, and he is recognized as a thoroughly good man, as well as faithful clergyman.

In 1880 Bishop Westenberger was married to Martha Ebersole, born in Lancaster county, in 1856, a daughter of Jacob Ebersole, formerly of Lancaster county, but now of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania.

HENRY E. ESHELMAN, cashier of the Jonestown Bank, and one of the leading men of this vicinity, was born in Jonestown, February 15, 1849, a son of Christian and Sarah R. (Heilman) Eshelman. The father was born in Fredericksburg, Lebanon county, Pa., and died June 12, 1873, and the mother was born in Jonestown, November 5, 1818, and still survives.

Christian Eshelman, the paternal grandfather, was a man well and favorably known, and Henry Heilman, the maternal grandfather, was a highly respected man. Christian Eshelman (2), the father of Henry E. Eshelman, came to Jonestown at a very early day, and learned the saddler's trade. Later he was in the employ of Henry Meily, a coal and lumber dealer, and subsequently entered into a mercantile life. After passing through a series of co-partnerships, he finally took his son into partnership with him under the style of C. Eshelman & Son, dealers in coal and lumber. Altogether, he was in business for over thirty years, meeting with success. When he came to Jonestown he was a poor boy with nothing but the clothes on his back, but he died possessed of a modest fortune. He was one of the charter members of the Jonestown Bank when it was started in 1873, and also served on the school board and as a councilman of Jonestown. In his death Jonestown lost one of its best and most representative men, while in his family his demise was deeply felt, as he was a man to command not only affection, but respect and confidence.

Henry E. Eshelman was reared in Jonestown, receiving an excellent education in the public schools and at the business college at Norristown, Pa. At the age of eighteen he began work for his father, and so continued until 1871, when he was admitted as a partner in the business. When the Jonestown Bank was organized he was made acting teller, and was appointed notary public for the bank. After years of faithful service, in 1893, he was made cashier, which position he still holds. For six years he has served as county auditor, and he is thoroughly conversant with all matters pertaining to the management of financial institutions. In addition to his other interests, he is a director of the Lebanon Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and has settled up a large number of estates, involving vast interests. His keen insight and calm, level judgment make him eminently fitted for the positions.

of trust he holds, and influence others to depend upon his decision in matters of importance.

Mr. Eshelman was married to Mary Alice Buck, born in Lebanon, daughter of Robert and Mary Buck. Two children have been born to this union: Sallie B. and Raymond B., the latter deceased.

HON. CYRUS E. HOFFMAN. Of the earnest, public-spirited men who early settled Richland, Mr. Hoffman is one of the few surviving first residents of that place. Since 1858 he has been almost continuously identified with the public interests of Richland—as station agent, postmaster and recorder of wills, and, evincing marked fidelity in the performance of every duty, he has been of invaluable service to the community. Now, in his seventy-fourth year, he has retired from active work, and is availing himself of the peace of his pleasant Richland home.

Mr. Hoffman is of German extraction. His father, Sebastian Hoffman, a well-known drover of Schaefferstown for many years, was born at Ichenstruth, on the Rhine, in Germany, November 4, 1781, and there he passed many years of his life. Prospects of bettering his fortunes induced him during his young manhood to come to America. Settling in Schaefferstown, he there engaged in buying and selling live stock, and meeting with great success, he continued the business for many years. During his early manhood he married, in the old country, Margaret Uhr, who died before his departure for America, leaving two sons, Christian and Frederick, who came to America with him. In 1827, after settling in Pennsylvania, he married Catherine Iba, of one of the pioneer families of Heidelberg township. To this marriage there were born four children: Henry; Cyrus E., who is mentioned below; William, a resident of Kleinfeltersville, Lebanon county; and Daniel, of Winchester, Ind. The father of this family died in Schaefferstown, August 25, 1849, and his wife died October 6, 1856. Both were influential citizens of Schaefferstown; and as a Whig he was prominent in local politics. He was a consistent Christian, and a leading member of the Reformed church.

Cyrus E. Hoffman early gave evidence of a decidedly marked intellectual bent. Born in Schaefferstown, February 12, 1830, he there, in a well ordered home, grew to manhood. In the public schools of his native town he procured his early education, and later attended the Myerstown and Annville academies, further cultivating his literary studies. Inherent ability and thorough equipment for the work decided him upon leaving school to engage in teaching, and securing a position in Schaefferstown,

he there took up his profession. A strong disciplinarian, and an expert at imparting knowledge, he met with marked success, and continued in this work for many years. Good business openings in the little settlement of Richland induced him, in 1858, to move there, and he at once secured a position as station agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. Practical business knowledge and thoroughness of work won him the confidence of both the officials and the general public, and he continued there for the most part throughout the rest of his business life. About 1893 he retired, having filled the position with marked satisfaction for fully thirty-five years. Shortly after taking up the duties of this office he was appointed postmaster of Richland, and, performing his work with marked ability and fidelity, he continued as such for twenty-seven years.

On December 8, 1850, Mr. Hoffman married Elvira Bair, of Schaefferstown, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Bricker) Bair, natives of Schaefferstown. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman has been born one child, Dora, who is now a highly accomplished young woman, exceedingly active in church circles.

Mr. Hoffman's scholarly attainments and his business ability have brought him to the front in the public affairs of his section. While in Schaefferstown he very ably officiated as justice of the peace for many years, and in 1856 through the merited esteem of his fellow citizens he was elected to the State Legislature, where he represented his district with marked efficiency for one term, and an extra session. In 1896 he was elected register of wills for Lebanon county, in the performance of his duties acquitting himself with his usual ability. Since the organization of the party, in 1856, he has been a stanch Republican. He is an active member of the Schaefferstown Lutheran church, and has served both as superintendent of the Richland Sunday-school, which he organized some thirty years ago, and as class-leader. He possesses great strength of character, is independent in his views, and thoroughly well-informed upon all questions of the day.

THOMAS SYDENHAM STEIN, an educator of Lebanon county, and a citizen of Annville, was born April 7, 1848, in North Annville, a son of Dr. Henry and Matilda R. (Seltzer) Stein.

Dr. Henry Stein was born in Annville, October 22, 1807, a son of Philip and Mary Ann (Stoeber) Stein, who were born in Annville, where the former followed the trade of hatter for many years, becoming prominent in the locality, and serving as justice of the peace. Dr. Henry Stein was educated in his native place, and read medicine with Dr. David Marshall, attending medical lec-

tures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, subsequently taking a course at Baltimore. For about thirty years he practiced his profession in Annville, and he died May 16, 1861. His wife, Matilda R. (Seltzer) Stein, whom he married October 13, 1840, was born April 12, 1818, in Jonestown, Pa., and died May 28, 1899, a daughter of John George and Elizabeth (Zimmerman) Seltzer, the latter of whom was born May 27, 1782, and died December 19, 1859.

John George Seltzer was born October 16, 1782, in Jonestown, Lebanon county, and died February 19, 1840, having been a prominent merchant and a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature. To John George and Elizabeth (Zimmerman) Seltzer, were born children as follows: Samuel, born August 31, 1801, became a physician, practiced in Columbus, Ohio, and died there in 1852; Sarah, born April 6, 1804, married John Capp, died November 17, 1863; Mary, born May 30, 1806, died unmarried, January 26, 1881, on the old homestead; Elizabeth, born December 3, 1808, married John Diller, and died September 8, 1849; George, born October 12, 1810, died June 13, 1830; Priscilla, born February 13, 1813, died July 20, 1831; John C., born October 12, 1815, served in the Pennsylvania Legislature, and died in 1891; Matilda R., born April 12, 1818, married Dr. Henry Stein, and died May 28, 1899; Sabina, born December 17, 1820, married Rev. Hoffmeier, of Manchester, Md., and died May 2, 1882; and Thomas, born April 26, 1824, died January 3, 1882.

Dr. Henry and Matilda R. (Seltzer) Stein became the parents of children as follows: (1) Ann Eliza, born April 8, 1841, died February 18, 1843. (2) George Seltzer, born September 9, 1842, was educated in the public schools and Annville Academy, and read medicine with Dr. Schneck, of Lebanon. He then took a course of lectures in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and was soon after appointed assistant surgeon of the War Hospital at Philadelphia. In 1867 he went to Columbus, Ohio, and has since practiced there, with marked success. (3) Ann Mary, born December 14, 1844, died November 26, 1869. (4) Emma Clarissa, born February 10, 1847, died August 8, 1847. (5) Thomas Sydenham is mentioned below. (6) Ellen Jane, born August 24, 1850, died December 15, 1850. (7) Philip Titus, born November 1, 1851, died July 4, 1853. (8) Philip Calvin, born April 16, 1854, died February 20, 1856. (9) Henry Augustus, born March 27, 1857, was educated in Annville, and became a teacher of music, but died May 22, 1886. The Stein family has long been associated with the Reformed church, as were the Seltzers with the Lutheran church.

Prof. Thomas S. Stein received his education in the public schools, Annville Academy, and the Lebanon Valley College, attending the latter up to the junior year, finishing his studies at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating there in 1874. He adopted teaching as his profession, and after leaving college continued teaching, for twenty-five years, in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Maryland. For several years he had charge as teacher and principal of the Schuylkill Seminary, at Fredericksburg, Pa., and was connected with that school for thirteen years, having been with it when it was located at Reading, and going with it upon its removal to Fredericksburg in 1886. From 1894 to 1895, and from 1897 to 1898, he was an instructor of Latin, Greek and German at Albright College, at Myerstown, Pa., but in 1898 he returned to his old home in Annville. At present (1903) he is teaching German in Lebanon Valley College.

On June 22, 1888, Prof. Stein was united in marriage with Sadie E. M. Campbell, who was born at Linden Hall, Center county, Pa., a daughter of George W. and Eliza M. Campbell, both of whom were born in Center county, the former February 4, 1820 (died November 15, 1896), and the latter January 15, 1828. The children of these parents were as follows: Elizabeth is deceased; David M., born January 18, 1849, resides in Linden Hall; John Elmer, born August 14, 1850, is also at home; Sarah Margaret, born October 26, 1852, is the wife of Prof. Stein; Jane Ella, born March 13, 1856, died August 27, 1865; Mary W., born in 1858, died in infancy; Mary W. (2), born May 26, 1860, died Jan. 15, 1865; Nannie, born April 18, 1862, married James C. Gilliland, in 1894, and resides at Oak Hall, Center county; and George W., born May 3, 1871, died August 17, 1876.

HENRY SHENK, a retired merchant, now living at his elegant home on Cumberland street, Lebanon, Pa., has been widely known in his vicinity for many years. He was born in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, August 5, 1828, and comes of one of the oldest families of his section.

John Shenk, great-grandfather of Henry Shenk, was one of the first pioneers of Lebanon county, and settled before the Revolution at the old homestead, which is still in existence, a place called Buffalo Springs, and situated in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, being seven miles southeast of the city of Lebanon.

Joseph Shenk, son of John and grandfather of Henry Shenk, was one of the early Lebanon county farmers. He was born October 12, 1779, and was married October 17, 1802, to Fannie Ober, of Mastersonville, Lancaster county. They had eighteen children, namely: John, Barbara, Jacob (father



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of Henry), Elizabeth, Henry, Mary, Fannie, Joseph, Mary, Molly, Catherine, Annie, Rebecca, John, Sarah, Lydia, Susanna, and one unnamed. Mrs. Fannie (Ober) Shenk died April 23, 1856. At her death there were living eighty grandchildren and thirty-two great-grandchildren.

Jacob Shenk, father of Henry, was born in 1806, and resided in Lebanon County throughout his life. Reared to farm work, upon reaching manhood he continued that occupation, and became one of the most progressive and successful agriculturists of his section. In early manhood he married Magdalena Miller, and they had eight children: Henry is mentioned below; Joseph and Fannie are now deceased; John lives retired in Illinois; Christian is a resident of Lebanon; Catherine married Abraham Oberholtzer, of Lebanon; Jacob M. is living in retirement in Lebanon; and Michael, the youngest, is also a resident of Lebanon. Jacob Shenk, the father, was a man of ability, and a thorough Christian gentleman. In religious sentiment he belonged to the Reformed church, and in politics he affiliated with the Republicans. He died in 1874.

Henry Shenk remained on the home farm until he was eighteen, receiving his education in the public schools of his neighborhood, and his physical training through vigorous farm labor. Upon leaving home he went to Berks county, and secured a position as clerk in a general store. Here he remained for a number of years, acquiring an experience, which he afterward turned to good account. Possessed of a superior amount of prudence and keen business insight, he was enabled during this period, though receiving by no means a munificent salary, to lay aside the neat little sum of three hundred dollars, with which to start in business by himself. With this small sum, in 1851, he courageously opened a store of his own at Hamlin, Lebanon county. This he conducted with much success for six years, when he sold out and engaged as clerk in the George & Pile establishment in Lebanon. After two years, however, seeing a good opening for a clothing store, he purchased a stock of Reizenstein & Bro., and again went into business by himself. Three years later he closed out his supply of clothing, which he replaced by a large stock of dry goods. After a prosperous period he disposed of his Lebanon business entirely, and, moving to Philadelphia, became a salesman for Hood, Bonbright & Co., and so remunerative was this business that he continued it for ten years. Having by this time amassed considerable wealth, he now, in company with a Mr. Hall, under the firm name of Hall, Shenk & Co., opened a large wholesale dry goods house in Philadelphia, which he continued with his usual success, for eight years. After a few more years in Philadelphia he returned to his old home in Lebanon, where he has since remained.

About the time of starting into business by himself, in January, 1851, Mr. Shenk married Elizabeth Groh, of Lebanon county, who was born in 1830, daughter of Henry Groh, a resident of the county. She was a faithful helpmate for many years, and died in 1896. By her, Mr. Shenk had four children, three of whom grew to maturity, but Mary and Catherine are now deceased; and Harry J., who is engaged in the dry goods business with C. & H. J. Shenk, of Lebanon, married Elizabeth Sarah Beaumont Hempstead, of Philadelphia, and they have two children, Henry DeLos Shenk and Beatrice Elizabeth Shenk.

Mr. Shenk is an exceptionally well-preserved man for one of his years, and possesses a remarkable memory. In manner, he is affable and kind, and he wins the friendship of all who know him. Though he has centered his forces upon business, he has always manifested a keen interest in politics, and he votes the Republican ticket. Religiously he belongs to the Old Lutheran Church of Lebanon; and fraternally affiliates with the I. O. O. F. Strict attention to business, an unlimited capacity for work, frugality, and temperate habits have been promoters of his success.

WILLIAM AULT, during his active life an honored resident of Lebanon county, was born in North Annville township, in 1827, and died in 1872. His ancestors, more thoroughly German in their personal characteristics, spelled their name Auldt, and lived and flourished in the State of Maryland, longer ago than authentic records extend. The fertile acres upon which they gathered their crops and fed their kine constituted what is now the immediate vicinity of the capital of the United States, although later members of the family entered the ranks of commerce and trade, as indicated by William Ault, the father of the above mentioned William, who was a tanner by trade, as well as a farmer. The father married Elizabeth Black, who, like himself, was a native of the State of Maryland, and who bore him several children.

As was natural under the circumstances, William Ault, the younger, grew up in the shadow of the tannery, and while still young had a fair understanding of the business. Although so many years have passed since he passed from the familiar haunts of Lebanon county, he is recalled as possessing good business ability, and traits of character which won him a high place in the community. Of him it may be said that his marriage was the turning point in his career, for thereby he received an added inspiration to well doing. His wife and helpmate was formerly Mary A. Reisner, of Lebanon county, a daughter of John Reisner, who came from Germany to



America when sixteen years of age. The marriage, consummated in 1855, resulted in the birth of seven children, five of whom grew to maturity: Albert C., a resident of Illinois; William, deceased; Emma L., also living in Lebanon; Clara C., of Sacramento, Cal.; and Minnie E., the wife of William Karch, and the mother of three children, Ralph, Catherine and Ruth. Mr. Karch is one of the promising and very enterprising young business men of Lebanon, a stanch Republican, and an active member of the Evangelical church.

Special mention is due Mrs. William Ault, who, after her husband's death, came to Lebanon with her children to support, and with but a hundred dollars to her name. Like the Spartan mothers of old her sole thought was for the education and training of those entrusted to her care, and in the light of so urgent a responsibility opportunities seemed to unfold for her development and utility. With her little hoard she opened a shop on Cumberland street, Lebanon, and here, for thirty years, conducted a millinery establishment, which grew in proportions as her reputation for skill and reliability became known. She was thus enabled not only to fulfill her expectations in regard to her children, but managed to save considerable money over and above expenses, which was invested in valuable property at Nos. 708, 710 and 712 East Cumberland street. She possessed truly remarkable financial ability, and by her tact and genial personality won and kept the trade of the best and most exacting people for miles around. She was more than a business woman, for her strong character penetrated many avenues of usefulness, and she was equally at home in society and church. An active and enthusiastic member of the Evangelical church, she was a teacher in the Sunday-school for many years, a regular attendant at prayer meeting and general services, and a promoter of all lines of church work. She was also a stanch promoter of temperance, and one of the hardest workers in the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Pennsylvania. A truly fine and noble woman, she inspired the love and esteem of all with whom she was associated, and her death caused a void possible only through the loss of one gifted with such largeness of heart, great moral and intellectual strength, and many sided usefulness.

CYRUS HITZ, one of the well-known farmers of South Annville township, Lebanon county, Pa., whose long agricultural experience enables him to operate successfully one of the finest farms of his section, was born in Cornwall township, Lebanon county, October 10, 1831, a son of Lantz Hitz, who was born in Germany.

Lantz Hitz started for America when still a lad, but the parents and all but two of the children died on board ship without ever seeing the land of their hopes. The brother and sister who survived were cared for and bound out to service to different parties, Lantz falling into the hands of a very hard master, who resided near Philadelphia. The child endured unkind treatment for three years, and then ran away, finally reaching Cornwall township. Here he found work and friends, and later married Mary Fees, a daughter of Samuel Fees, and in the course of time moved to South Annville township, where he was employed on the Gingrich farm. His industry brought him success, and when he died he owned a farm of his own, located on the Horseshoe turnpike road, near Fontana. To him and his wife were born children as follows: John, who resides in Kansas; George, residing at South Bend, Ind.; Maria, who married Joseph Dessinger, and is deceased; Mollie, deceased; Joseph, deceased; Cyrus, mentioned below; Sally, deceased; Lantz, who resides at Annville; Katie, who married Samuel Kellar, of Campbelltown; Henry and Adam, twins, the former a resident of Mount Pleasant, and the latter of Hummelstown; David, deceased, who resided near Elizabethtown; and Samuel, deceased.

In 1861 Cyrus Hitz began farming for himself on the Behm farm, near Annville, where he remained several years, moving then to a farm on the Reading turnpike road, where he spent two years. Later he carried on a farm on the Reading turnpike, at another location, for two more years. Mr. Hitz then took charge of the old Bachman farm at Fontana, where he engaged in farming for eight years, in 1876 purchasing the John A. Heisey farm, comprising ninety-four acres, located on the Horseshoe turnpike road, where he has since resided, gradually adding improvements, building his commodious barn in 1885, and making an addition to his residence in 1895, both being comfortable and well suited to the wants of the family.

The marriage of Mr. Hitz was to Elizabeth Hoffer, who was born on the Horseshoe pike, August 7, 1839, daughter of George and Anna (Gingrich) Hoffer, and granddaughter of Christian Gingrich. Her death occurred May 26, 1902. To Mr. Hitz and wife were born the following named children: Anna, born May 13, 1860, married Albert Ressor, and they have four children, Harry, Ellen, Anna and Hoffer. Lizzie Agnes, born September 9, 1863, married William Bachman, who is teller in the Lebanon County Trust Company, and resides at Annville; their children are Clarence, Lizzie and Walter. Ida F., born October 26, 1865, died March 31, 1870. Emma R., born October 13, 1868, married Joseph Westenberger, of South Annville township,

and has a family, and Valeria E., born January 26, 1875, is at home. Mr. Hitz and his family belong to the United Christian church, in which they are highly esteemed. In political sympathy he is a Democrat.

HENRY BUCHER, a retired farmer of Jackson township, of good citizenship and large means, was born October 6, 1835, in South Lebanon township, near Cornwall, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Schoak) Bucher.

The Bucher family originated in Switzerland, from which country came three brothers to America, all locating in the State of Pennsylvania, one in Lancaster county, another in Lebanon county, while the third settled in Cumberland county. Dr. Benedict Bucher, the grandfather of Henry Bucher, sprang from the brother who settled in Lebanon county, and was born in South Lebanon township, where he married and reared these children: Jacob, Henry, John, Christian, Benedict, Susan and Mary.

Henry Bucher, the son of Dr. Benedict, and the father of Henry, was born February 6, 1798, and died in 1872, having been one of the thrifty, honest and respected farmers of South Lebanon township. His five children bore these names: Mary, the wife of Dr. Smith, of Bismarck, Lebanon county; Catherine, the widow of Joseph Horst, of Horst Mills, Lebanon county; Dr. B. D., a physician of Lebanon; and Miss Lavina, who resides with her brother Henry.

Henry Bucher was the youngest of his parents' children, and was reared on the farm, and was given the best education the local schools afforded, early becoming interested in farming, which he has followed all his life with eminent success. Although manhood found him without much capital, he possessed good habits and was industrious and economical. In the evening of life he is able to enjoy the fruits of his labors, owning one of the best farms of his township, comprising 109 acres, and having here a comfortable residence and a fine brick barn, which is both handsome and substantial. In addition to this fine property Mr. Bucher owns a nice home in Myers-town. Mr. Bucher has been a practical farmer, and his careful methods have resulted in a productive and valuable farm.

In 1864 Mr. Bucher married Miss Catherine Dohner, daughter of Jacob Dohner, of South Lebanon township, and seven children were born to this union, namely: Monroe, of Myerstown; Henry J., a bookkeeper, of Wilmington, N. C.; Miss Ada M. and Solomon, at home; Rosa, the wife of Martin Hertzler, of Richland; Calvin, of Bridgeport, Pa.; and one child that is deceased. The religious membership of the family is in the Myerstown Reformed church. In politics Mr. Bucher has been actively

identified with the Democratic party, and has frequently been called upon to accept office, and has served very satisfactorily as school director, judge of elections, and as one of the most competent auditors the township ever had. All his life he has taken a deep interest in public affairs, and has been liberal in contributing to worthy enterprises, and in every way is a most estimable and worthy citizen of Jackson township.

**KREIDER.** One of the earliest settlers of North Lebanon township, Lebanon county, was John Kreider, the great-grandfather of Jacob K. Kreider, of Cornwall township. The old home has sheltered four generations of Kreiders, but has now passed into the possession of Henry L. Long and his son, John, of Fairland and Cleona. This old farm, beautifully located just north of the village, was long considered one of the most valuable in this part of the county.

Michael Kreider, son of John, was born on this old homestead, and spent his whole life here, engaging in agricultural pursuits and becoming a man of means and influence. By marriage he became connected with the Staver family, and five children were born to him, three sons and two daughters, namely: John, who was a farmer of North Annville township; Tobias, the father of Jacob K.; Christian, a farmer of Cornwall township; one daughter, who became the wife of John Bachman, of South Annville township; and the other, the wife of Benjamin Moyer, of North Annville township.

Tobias Kreider was also born on the old homestead, and lived there through life, becoming a wealthy and leading farmer of the township. He accumulated much property, owning three fine farms and a mill, and in addition did distilling. For many years both he and wife were consistent and active members of the United Brethren church, in which he was a class leader. Tobias Kreider was twice married, first to Catherine Kreider, who became the mother of four children, two of whom died in infancy: John died unmarried; and Mary married Christian Bomberger. The second marriage of Mr. Kreider was to Maria Kreider, a sister of his first wife, and seven children were born to this union: Michael, deceased, who was a farmer on the old homestead in North Lebanon township; Josiah, deceased, who was a farmer in South Annville township; Jacob K.; Tobias, who is a farmer of North Cornwall township; Eliza, deceased wife of John H. Yingst, Sr., of Lebanon; Sarah, the wife of Peter Shenk, of South Annville township; and Leah, who is the wife of Abraham Meyer, of North Annville township.

BISHOP JACOB K. KREIDER was born July 24, 1838, on the old family homestead, and he was educated in the common schools, occupying himself with farm work. When about twenty-three years old he was married, and then located on a farm of 116 acres, located about one mile west of Lebanon, in North Cornwall township, and here he successfully engaged in farming for twelve years, retiring then from activity. Mr. Kreider at that time erected one of the finest brick residences in this part of the county, at Fairland, on the Reading and Harrisburg Pike road, in the northwestern corner of North Cornwall township, surrounded with beautiful grounds some thirteen acres in extent. Mr. Kreider owns another property in the same locality. For a long period he has been one of the substantial men of the county and prominent in its affairs, a man of excellent business judgment and unimpeachable integrity.

On November 22, 1860, Mr. Kreider was married to Elizabeth Myer, daughter of John and Mary (Royer) Myer, born May 9, 1843, in North Annville township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kreider are valued members of the River Brethren church, in which he has been active since young manhood. In 1871 he was ordained a minister in the church and in 1887 was made a bishop, the only one in Lebanon county raised to that high ecclesiastical office. His bishopric covers Lebanon and a part of Dauphin county, and few men of his religious faith in this part of the State can show more satisfactory results of work done in this line. The church at Fairland was erected under his supervision, as were also the church at Harrisburg, and the one at Hummelstown. His ministrations have been wonderfully blessed, and he is much respected and beloved among the people who have known him from childhood.

REUBEN A. SHAAK, one of the well known and highly respected citizens of South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, was born on the old homestead in that township June 18, 1836, a son of John and Eva (Six) Shaak, and a grandson of Philip and Magdalena (Andreas) Shaak.

Philip Shaak was born March 28, 1765, and died December 1, 1855. He was a son of Michael Shaak, the founder of the family in America, who came hither from his native Switzerland between 1750 and 1755, as records of the latter date show him to have at that time been a resident of what was then Lebanon township, Lancaster county, but is now Lebanon county and South Lebanon township. Philip Shaak was a farmer of means and prominence, was a man of the highest personal character, and for years was an elder in the Reformed church. His life covered over ninety years, and he died one of the most substantial as well as most respected men of

the township. His children numbered seven, as follows: John; Philip, a farmer and horse dealer; Jacob, who left no family; Rudolph, a farmer; Catherine, who died unmarried; Elizabeth, who married Henry Bucher; and Anna, who married Benjamin Zeller.

John Shaak, the eldest member of the family, was born February 24, 1795, on the old homestead in South Lebanon township, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, becoming one of the most successful farmers of his vicinity, owning several of the most valuable farms. Mr. Shaak was prominent in all progressive movements, served as director of the poor, and could always be depended upon to assist in all benevolent and charitable enterprises. For many years he was active in the work of the Reformed church, belonging to its official board and contributing to the continuance of its missionary and other work. His death occurred June 16, 1881. He married Eva Six, who was born January 24, 1799, in Lebanon county, and died July 31, 1856, at the age of fifty-seven years. They had a family of eleven children, namely: Louisa (deceased), wife of John Arndt, of Jonestown, Lebanon county; Elizabeth (deceased), wife of Jacob Eby, of South Lebanon township; Henry (deceased), a farmer of South Lebanon township; John (deceased), also a farmer of South Lebanon township; Catherine (deceased), wife of John Troxel, of Jonestown; Matilda, the widow of Jacob T. Werner, of Prescott, Lebanon county; Abel, a farmer of South Lebanon township; Reuben A.; Ann Maria, wife of Uriah Light, of Lebanon county; Rebecca, wife of J. Adam Becker, of South Lebanon township; and Philip, who died in early manhood, and was followed by his widow.

Reuben A. Shaak was reared on the homestead, and was educated in the public schools. Until his marriage, November 21, 1865, he remained at home with his parents, assisting on the farm. At that time he began farming on his own account, being given a part of the old homestead, and on that farm Mr. Shaak continued, with the exception of one year, until he was prepared to retire from active labor. Having one of the finest modern homes of his locality, Mr. Shaak retired from the cares of business in 1897. He is one of the most substantial as well as one of the most highly respected citizens of the township. He was very successful in his farming operations, and was one of the most enterprising and progressive among the agriculturists, keeping posted on all matters relating to his line of work. He and his family rank among the intelligent and cultured people of the locality, and their home is not only one of thrift and comfort, but of refinement as well. At one time Mr. Shaak owned two farms, and still retains seventy-five acres where he has lived so long, the other land having been distributed

to his family. Mr. Shaak has served very acceptably on the school board, his interest in educational advancement having been sincere and constant.

In 1865 Mr. Shaak was married to Christiann Heilman, who was born May 23, 1839, daughter of John and Susannah (Urich) Heilman, of Heilmandale. Four children were born to this union, as follows: Sallie, the wife of Samuel Sprecher, a cattle dealer of Cornwall township; Minnie E., the wife of Miles H. Shaak, a farmer of South Lebanon township; John H., a farmer of South Lebanon township, who married Amy L. Royer; and Adam J., a farmer on the old homestead, who married Mary E. Ruhl.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Heilman have passed away, the father's death occurring in 1874. He was a son of Philip Heilman, whose wife's maiden name was Beard. The mother of Mrs. Shaak died at the home of her daughter, June 11, 1889, aged seventy-three years. They were the parents of four children, namely: Christiann; John Adam, who died in 1860, unmarried; Sarah, who was the wife of Frank Heilman, and died in 1864; and Eliza, who died unmarried in 1868. They belonged to the Reformed church.

Both Mr. Shaak and his wife are consistent members of the Reformed church, and for some time he has been one of its elders. They are very much respected in South Lebanon township, and belong to the very best people of their neighborhood.

ISAAC V. MILLER. Among the successful and highly respected farmers of Jackson township, Lebanon county, is Isaac V. Miller, who, through his own industry and foresight, has attained his present gratifying position. He was born in Jackson township, November 2, 1836, a son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Haak) Miller, now deceased, who were natives of Lebanon county.

Jonathan Miller was a son of Valentine Miller, whose father, first name unknown came from Germany long before the Revolutionary war, and founded the family in this country. Valentine Miller lived to be ninety-four years of age, and was the father of three children: Jonathan, Leonard and Cyrus, all now deceased. Jonathan Miller was a farmer by occupation, and a hard-working, industrious man. Seven children were born to himself and wife: Isaac V.; Cyrus, of Myerstown; Jonathan, of Myerstown; Rebecca, married to Curtis Hibshman; Katherine, deceased; Elizabeth, widow of Hiram Seibert; and Lucetta, unmarried. In politics Jonathan Miller was a staunch Republican, and took an active part in local affairs, although he never desired office. His religious connections were with the Myerstown Reformed

church, in which he served for many years as deacon and elder. At his demise the community lost an honorable, upright, Christian man and good citizen.

Isaac V. Miller was reared upon his father's farm and learned thoroughly the business of conducting a farm, afterwards adopting an agricultural life, which he has followed most successfully. His education was obtained in the common schools and at the old Academy, and was supplemented by close observation and reading. His present fine property, which was the old Miller homestead, is one of the best in the county, and joins the village of Myerstown. Recently he disposed of one acre for \$400, and five acres more at \$250 per acre, to be used for factory purposes, so that this holding of his is very valuable. Modern methods are pursued upon the farm, and the results are exceedingly gratifying.

On November 25, 1866, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Zinn, of Jackson township, a daughter of John Zinn, a farmer of the same township. Mrs. Miller was a member of the following family: Moses, deceased; Abraham, deceased; John, of Annville, Pa.; William, of Indiana; Henry, of Myerstown; Katherine, widow of John Meily, deceased; Mary, deceased; Eliza, wife of David Tice, of Myerstown; and Sarah A., Mrs. Miller. Like his father before him, Mr. Miller is a staunch Republican although he has not desired political preferment, but is public-spirited and anxious to promote the best interests of the community. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the United Brethren church, in which for thirty-six years he has been elder and trustee, while he is now treasurer of the Sunday school. The Miller household is a pleasant one, and a favorite gathering place for their many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two most charming and intelligent daughters, Mary, who lately wedded Ralph J. Coover, a rising young man of Myerstown; and Miss Elizabeth. All are important factors in the social life of the community, and have many friends among all who know them.

THOMAS T. ZERBE, M. D. One of the leading citizens of Lebanon county, and one of her prominent and successful physicians, is Dr. Thomas T. Zerbe, who was born October 24, 1846, in Schaefferstown, Pa. His father was the late Dr. Jonathan Zerbe, long prominent in medical circles and in public life. Dr. Jonathan Zerbe was born in historic Tulpehocken, Berks county, Pa., in 1811, and died in Schaefferstown in 1877.

Michael Zerbe, the grandfather of Dr. Thomas, was also born in Berks county, and came from one of the very old Pennsylvania families. His



grandfather came to America from one of the French cantons of Switzerland in the days of Queen Anne. Subsequently he secured a grant of land in what is now Berks county, and permanently settled there in 1723. Michael Zerbe was the father of a numerous family, which he reared in Berks county. His son, Jonathan, grew to manhood on the old home farm, but, at maturity, started out to see something of the world. He spent some time in the State of Virginia, where he attended school and acquired that degree of proficiency and fluency in the English language which he knew was necessary to success in an English-speaking country. On his return to Pennsylvania he settled in Schaefferstown, in 1837, where he entered upon the study of medicine in the office of Dr. John Schertzer, then one of the leading physicians of Lebanon county. After attending courses of lectures at Jefferson Medical College, and obtaining his degree in medicine, he located at Schaefferstown, succeeding to the practice of his old preceptor. There he practiced for many years, and became eminent in his chosen profession. Dr. Jonathan Zerbe was an ardent Republican in politics, and was elected to the General Assembly by his party in 1870-71. He aided in the organization of the Republican party in Lebanon county, and took an active and aggressive part in the Fremont campaign of 1856. He took a deep interest in religious matters, and was an active member of the Lutheran Church.

In October, 1840, Dr. Zerbe married Martha A. Meyer, a daughter of Christopher Meyer, an extensive land owner and farmer, and Catharine (Krumm) Meyer. Five children were born to this union: Charles M., a lawyer, engaged in the practice of his profession at Lebanon, Pa.; Agnes E., the deceased wife of Dr. George Mays, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Thomas T., the subject of this sketch; Jennie M., the wife of Jacob F. Hickernell, of Schaefferstown; Dr. B. Frank, a prominent citizen of Schaefferstown, who is not now actively engaged in the practice of his profession, devoting most of his time to the cigar manufacturing industry, in which he and Dr. Thomas are partners.

On the maternal side the Zerbe family of Schaefferstown is related to the Schaeffer family, whose ancestor in this country, Alexander Schaeffer, founded Schaefferstown (then known as Heidelberg) in 1743. Alexander Schaeffer was a native of the University town of Heidelberg, in Germany.

Dr. Thomas T. Zerbe was educated in the public schools and Academy at Schaefferstown, and then entered Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa. He read medicine with his father, later graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, in the spring of 1869, and ever since has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Schaefferstown.

He is a man of great intelligence, public spirit and general popularity. A staunch Republican, he has ably represented his party and Lebanon county in the General Assembly, in 1899, and again in 1903. His influence is felt in local matters also, and he is a valuable member of the school board. Fraternally he is a Mason.

In 1878 the Doctor married Miss Emma E. Taylor, of Charming Forge, Berks county, a daughter of William and Maria (Reed) Taylor, deceased. Four children have been born of this union: Florence T., Mabel Reed, William T., and Marie Marguerite.

HARRISON KALBACH, one of the old and well-known citizens of Lebanon, is a native of North Heidelberg, Berks county, born April 3, 1832.

Adam Kalbach, his father, was born in Penn township, Berks county, and was a son of Adam, who was also born in Pennsylvania. Adam Kalbach married Catherine Aldhouse, who was born near Reading, Berks county. The Kalbachs and the Aldhouses are old and substantial families of that county. To this marriage six sons and three daughters were born, as follows: Sarah, deceased; Harrison; Isaac and Catherine, deceased; Levi; William; Amelia, deceased; James; and Amanlon, deceased.

Mr. Kalbach worked on the farm until he was about twenty-two years of age, when he was married, and then went to work in the Penn Mills, owned by his father-in-law, John Staudt, which were located in Penn township. Here he continued for eight years, during a part of the time being part owner of the mills. During this time he also owned a patent right on a water wheel, which was manufactured at Bernville, Berks county, and a part of Mr. Kalbach's time was spent at that manufacturing. He also built canal boats and other small craft while engaged at Penn Mills, and later engaged in the lumber business, buying standing timber and cutting and hauling the same to Penn Mills, where it was manufactured. Mr. Kalbach has been engaged in the lumber business extensively and exclusively for a number of years, and now is one of the largest operators in this section of the State. Besides the Penn Mills, he owns and operates seven portable saw mills, in Dauphin, Franklin, Cumberland and Fulton counties, in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. At the present time, in company with his son, Aleson Z., and son-in-law, M. J. Fox, Mr. Kalbach is engaged in cutting timber on a 4,800-acre tract in Fulton county. They are building a 3-foot gauge railroad from Richmond to a saw mill (three and a half miles) and through the timber, in all about ten miles. They run two mills along this track. Mr. Kalbach is also installing electric power at Penn Mills, and

is running wires to Bernville for lighting the stores, hotels and churches, as well as the town. He also intends to furnish power to run motors, and will use the water power to run the dynamos. In 1885 Mr. Kalbach removed to Lebanon, but soon afterward returned to Berks county. In 1887, however, he located in Lebanon, permanently, and erected his handsome residence on the corner of Cumberland and Third streets. Mr. Kalbach is the holder of valuable improved property in Lebanon, owning a number of fine brick residences on the principal streets of the city.

On October 26, 1854, Mr. Kalbach married Catherine Staudt, who was born in Penn township, Berks county, Pa., April 13, 1836, daughter of John Staudt. She died September 9, 1899. To this union children were born as follows: Morgan Davius, born April 13, 1856, in Penn township; Levi Harrison, born September 29, 1857, in Penn township; Milton Clement, born May 12, 1859, in Penn township, died October 12, 1859; Mary Catherine, born February 7, 1861, in Penn township, married M. J. Fox, of Schaefferstown, Pa., and they now live in Carlisle, Pa.; Adam Calvin, born July 26, 1863, in Penn township, met death by being run over by the cars at East St. Louis, Ill., in September, 1900; William, born January 8, 1866, in Penn township; Emma Jane, born November 28, 1869, in North Heidelberg, married Harry Gountey, of Allentown, Pa.; Aleson Z., born September 18, 1873, in North Heidelberg; Sallie Agnes, born April 5, 1876, in Penn township, married Irvin Eashman, of Lebanon; and Minnie Laura, born August 10, 1879, in Penn township. Mr. Kalbach is a member of the Reformed church, and liberally supports the same. In politics he belongs to the Republican party.

**THOMAS LEVAN BECKER**, president of the Lebanon National Bank, and a well-known surveyor and conveyancer, has for about twenty years been a leading business man of Millbach. He is a lineal descendant of Jacob Becker, the first American representative of the family, who came from Germany some time prior to 1734, and settled in what is now Lebanon county, where, in the year 1741, he received from John, Thomas and Richard Penn a large land grant. By his marriage there were two sons: John, who is mentioned below; and George.

John Becker, son of the emigrant, was a prosperous farmer and influential citizen of Millcreek township. He married and had seven children: Michael; John Adam, who is mentioned below; Cathryn Hoffman; Elizabeth Strickler; Barbara Moore; Ann Amelia; and Margaret, who died single.

John Adam Becker, grandfather of Thomas L., was born on the Mill.

creek homestead, and there grew to manhood. Reared to farm work, upon reaching manhood he followed that occupation for his life work, and settled on the old Becker homestead in Millcreek township. Prospering in his business he made a good home for himself and family, and was one of the leading men of the township. By his marriage there were four children: John, who is mentioned below; Michael; Sarah, who married Capt. Tice, a prominent officer of the Civil war; and Elizabeth, who was married to George Moyer.

John Becker, father of Thomas L., also a thrifty farmer of Millcreek township, was born in 1813, and in a comfortable home grew to manhood. Reared to a life of strong activity, upon reaching manhood he was well prepared to shoulder the responsibilities of life, and deciding to follow agriculture, he settled upon the old homestead farm in Millcreek township. This he improved, cultivated extensively, and made into one of the most attractive pieces of property in the vicinity. Wise management brought in good money returns for his labor, and he prospered from the start. He spent the strength of the greater part of his manhood on this farm, and near here in 1884 he died. About 1833 he married Caroline Stump, daughter of Leonard Stump, of one of the old families of Millcreek township, and of this union there were nine children: Willoughby, now deceased, who was a prominent agriculturist of Millcreek township; John Adam, of South Lebanon township; Mary, who married J. Henry Bennetch; Elizabeth, who married J. M. Zimmerman, a farmer of Millcreek; Emma, who married Aaron Bollinger, of Richland, both now deceased; Agnes J., who married Levi R. Bollinger; Amanda, widow of George U. Seibert, now residing in Richland; Thomas Levan, mentioned below; and Ida, who died in childhood. The mother of this family died on the old homestead in 1882. John Becker, the father of this family, was a strong energetic farmer, and a leading man in the public affairs of the township. Marked business and executive ability won him the confidence of the community, and he very ably served at different times in various local offices. In politics he was a strong Democrat; and in religious views he was liberal. As a large stockholder in the Lebanon National Bank he acted as director for twenty-five years, until the time of his death.

Thomas Levan Becker is about forty-eight years old, and a strong man physically and intellectually. He is the product of careful schooling, good healthful farm life, and practical business training. On the old Becker homestead, in Millcreek township, he grew to manhood, and in the district schools of his neighborhood procured his early education. Like the average farm boy of his time he was assigned to home tasks; and in the performance of them, as well as in the mastery of his studies in school, evinced marked originality and

above ordinary ability. At an early age he entered the Palatinate College, of Myerstown, and later the Millersville State Normal School, where he cultivated his literary and scientific studies. A good mathematician, also possessed of considerable legal knowledge, upon leaving school he opened an office in Millbach, and engaged in surveying and conveyancing. A master of each work he secured at once plenty of business, which has steadily increased from year to year. Deriving from it a large income he has continued to follow it steadily, and is still engaged in the business. He has made a special success of conveyancing, and has served as administrator and executor for many important estates, including the one connected with the celebrated Texter will case. In 1885 he succeeded his father as director of the Lebanon National Bank, and upon the death of Grant Weidman he was made president, a position which he is still filling with marked ability. He is also a director in The Sinking Spring Fire Insurance Company of Reading, Pa. Besides his many other ventures Mr. Becker has throughout his career given considerable attention to agriculture, and he now possesses a splendid, well-improved 300 acres of farm land.

In 1882 Mr. Becker married Maria Stewart, of Millcreek, only daughter of Uriah B. Stewart, a prominent surveyor and conveyancer, of Millcreek township, who married Maria Kahl. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Becker, only one of whom is now living: Clarence D. Mr. Becker has always been a man of many interests, and possessed of marked executive ability, and he has managed his various affairs with thoroughness and fidelity. In politics a staunch Republican he has been active in local affairs, and has served his township very efficiently as notary public for seventeen years. Socially few if any stand higher in the community.

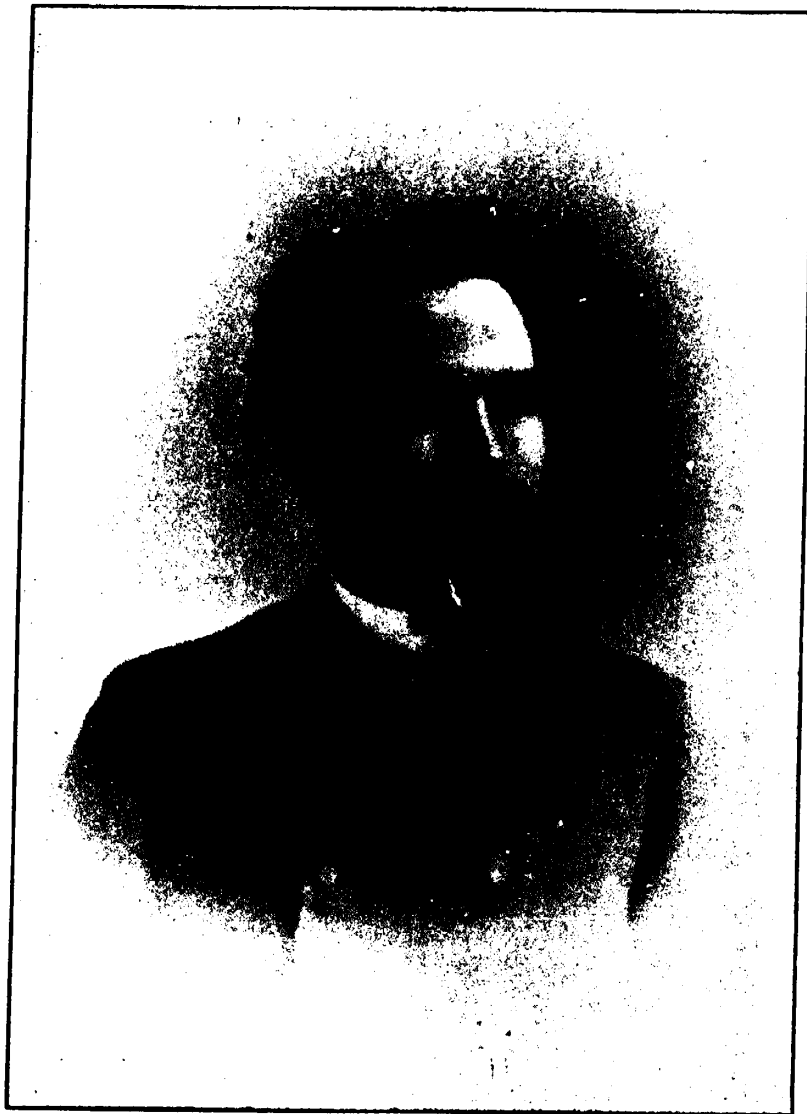
**WILLIAM PATSCHKE**, a citizen of Lebanon who has overcome many difficulties while forging his way to the front as an extensive brick manufacturer, is a typical German American, and worthy of all honor as an industrious and helpful member of society. He was born in Baden, Germany, October 20, 1838, a son of George and Mary (Shillinger) Patschke, who died after emigrating to America. The parents had a large family of children, as follows: William; Charles; Louise; Fredericka, who died on the ocean while on the way to America; Julius, who died in infancy; and George. By a second wife George Patschke had the following children: John F.; Julius; Edward; Levi; Amelia, the wife of A. C. Crawford, a merchant of Lebanon; Earhart; Benjamin F.; Wesley; Sarah; Annie; and Luther. George Patschke was born in Baden, Germany, about 1815, and died in Lebanon in 1890. He was for many

years a well known and useful citizen in Lebanon, to which city he emigrated with his family in 1852.

William Patschke came to America five years after the rest of his family, and at the time he was nineteen years of age. He soon after took up his residence in Lebanon, and at the time he had not a dollar to his name, and was absolutely without influence of any kind. He found work as a day laborer in a stone quarry, and was later employed in a brick yard, where he became interested in the work to which his mature years were devoted. He subsequently worked on the old Union canal, and at the breaking out of the Civil war went to Peru, Ind., and found employment in a brewery. About 1864 he returned to Lebanon and obtained a temporary position with the government at Union Deposit, and later worked in a Lebanon brewery. His interest in his adopted country resulted in his enlistment, February 21, 1865, in the Thirteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, as a volunteer, and he was sent to North Carolina and Virginia, where he rendered service under General Sherman. After his honorable discharge in August, 1865, he returned to Lebanon and worked in the brewery of Henry Hartman, afterward embarking in the brick manufacturing business in partnership with Jacob Moeckel, an arrangement amicably and satisfactorily continued for about twenty-two years. During this time Mr. Patschke accumulated a competence, and he now owns considerable valuable property in the city.

Through his marriage with Mrs. Lydia Billman, nee Brandt, Mr. Patschke is the father of two children, Edwin W., and Lydia L. In politics he has always been a Republican, but has taken advance ground of his party on the temperance question. Himself and family are associated with the Seventh Street Lutheran Church of Lebanon, of which he has been treasurer and trustee, and he is one of the leading supporters of the church. As one of the foremost citizens of the Lebanon Independent District he has served as school director and tax collector, and has been closely allied with events of importance to the advancement of the locality. He is public spirited and enterprising, and endowed with high moral sense, tact and kindness.

JACOB M. SHENK, prominent citizen and capitalist of Lebanon, Pa., was born on the old Shenk homestead in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, Pa., January 31, 1847, son of Jacob and Magdalene (Miller) Shenk, the former of whom was a native of Heidelberg township, and the latter of Schaefferstown, Lebanon county. The paternal grandfather was Joseph Shenk (then spelled Schenck), also born in Heidelberg township, and his father was a native of Holland, who emigrated to the United States during



*J. M. Sherk*

the seventeenth century, and founded the Shenk homestead in Heidelberg township, now owned by Samuel Brubaker. The old Shenk mansion still stands, and is one of the finest residences in the valley.

Jacob M. Shenk was reared on the old home farm until he attained his majority, receiving a good English education. In 1868 he left the farm to come to Lebanon to accept a position in the store of his brother. One year later he went West, and at Sterling, Ill., he became a member of the firm of Edson, Shenk & Martin, dry-goods merchants. In December, 1873, however, Mr. Shenk sold his interest in the above firm, and, returning East, engaged in the dry-goods, carpets and queensware business with his brother, Christian. Ten years later he disposed of his interest in the dry-goods department of this establishment, continuing, however, in the queensware and carpet departments until 1892. Mr. Shenk has been prominently identified with many of the principal industries and enterprises of Lebanon, a number of which he has assisted in organizing. In 1887 he built the Lebanon Electric Light Plant, was made president of the corporation, and continued as such until its consolidation in 1900. In 1891-92, he built the Lebanon & Annville Electric Street Railway, of which he became president and general manager, filling these important offices until the sale of the property to the United Power & Transportation Company in 1898. In 1891-92, he built the Eighth Street Market House, Lebanon (one of the finest buildings in the city), and was made president of the Market House Company, holding that position at the present time. In 1896 he purchased an interest in the Lebanon Iron Company, was elected president of the same, and held that office until the corporation was merged into the American Iron & Steel Company. He was president of the Lake Conewago Ice Company, until its absorption by the United Ice & Coal Company, of Harrisburg, of which company he is a director. Mr. Shenk was vice-president of the Lebanon Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for eleven years, director twenty-five years, and was elected president upon the death of John Meily, in April, 1902. He was a director of the Lebanon Trust & Safety Deposit Company, and after the collapse of the same was made assignee.

On May 1, 1873, Mr. Shenk married Lydia, daughter of Daniel Stichter, one of the leading citizens of Lebanon, born in 1847, on the site of the present dry-goods store of C. & H. J. Shenk, on Cumberland street. Mrs. Shenk died June 10, 1883, leaving one daughter, Katherine Veronica, who died at Colorado Springs, Colo., August 8, 1901. She was educated in the Lebanon high school, finishing at Miss Cooper's School in New York City. Mr. Shenk was a thirty-second degree Mason, and a Mystic Shriner; also a member of the Royal Arcanum. Being a very prominent Republican, he has served his party



upon numerous occasions, and has served in the city council as well as delegate to many County and State Conventions. He is treasurer and a trustee of the Wernersville Insane Asylum, appointed first by Gov. Hastings, and re-appointed by Gov. Stone. He is also a director of Good Samaritan Hospital, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Widows' Home, Lebanon. In every relation of life Mr. Shenk has demonstrated his ability to regulate vast affairs, and to lead to successful fruition mammoth financial enterprises, while as a public official, his record has been unblemished.

JOSEPH LONG KREIDER, a well-known retired farmer of Lebanon county, residing on the line separating South and North Annville townships, was born on his father's farm (now owned by Andrew Kreider) December 20, 1834, a son of Jacob and Mary (Long) Kreider. The father was born in South Lebanon township in 1812, and died in 1874. He married Mary Long, who was born on the old Long homestead in South Annville township (now owned by Mr. Kreider) in 1819, daughter of Joseph Long, and died in 1889. Joseph Long, the maternal grandfather, was a son of Christian (3), grandson of Christian (2), and great-grandson of Christian (1), who took up 400 acres of land from the Penns, which was then included in Lancaster county, later in Dauphin, and is now in South Annville township, Lebanon county, lying along the Berks and Dauphin turnpike.

The paternal grandparents of Joseph Kreider were Henry and Christiana (Wittmeyer) Kreider, the former of whom was born on the old Kreider homestead, located on Snitz Creek, now in North Cornwall township, Lebanon county, September 25, 1774, and died April 9, 1835. His wife was born August 3, 1807, daughter of Ludwig Wittmeyer, and died August 3, 1864. The great-grandfather Kreider was named Jacob, was born in Lancaster county, and was a descendant of four brothers of that name who emigrated from Europe (either Germany or Switzerland). He married and began housekeeping on Snitz creek, in North Cornwall, about three miles from the city of Lebanon, where he lived out his long life and reared a large family.

The children of Jacob Kreider and his wife Mary Long were as follows: Joseph L.; William L., of Palmyra, Lebanon county; Henry L., of Cleona, Lebanon county; Abraham L., of the State of Washington; Benjamin L., of Cleona, Lebanon county; and Sarah, who married Adam Moyer, of Palmyra.

Joseph Long Kreider was reared upon his father's farm, and received a good common-school education, remaining at home until his marriage, when he began farming for himself on a farm on the Berks and Dauphin turnpike. In 1870 he removed to his present farm (the old Long homestead), which he

continues to operate, although he does not make his home upon it, having erected a handsome home on the pike in 1893. His farm now comprises 110 acres, he having sold a portion of his property, on which part of Fairland now stands. Mr. Kreider has served most acceptably as school director of South Annville township. His religious connection is with the River Brethren Church.

On October 19, 1857, Mr. Kreider was married to Leah Moyer, born in North Annville township, Lebanon county, April 18, 1837, a daughter of John Moyer, also a native of North Annville township, Lebanon county, born in 1810, who died in 1867. He married Mary Royer, who was born near Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Pa., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Royer) Royer. Children were born to John and Mary Moyer as follows: Leah, who is Mrs. Kreider; Susan, married to Levi Hershey; Elizabeth, married to Jacob K. Kreider; Abraham; Israel; Samuel, deceased; Harvey M. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Kreider is as follows: Annie Mary, born July 3, 1859, married Milton Light, of Swatara township, Lebanon county, and has four children—Alice, Kate, Harvey and Joseph; Amanda, born September 4, 1861, married Frank Bachman, of Cleona, Lebanon county, and has one child, Leah; Lydia, born October 17, 1862, married Daniel Bomberger, now of Kansas, and has four children, Mary, Alice, Ida and Maud; Elizabeth, born February 11, 1864, married Penrose Hoffer, and has had six children, Annie, Harry, Sallie, Violet, George (deceased) and Christopher; Ellen, born September 17, 1866, married Reuben Bachman, of North Cornwall township, Lebanon county, and their only child, Homer, born March 3, 1899, died September 15, 1899; Emma, born January 8, 1871, married Martin Gingrich, and died without issue, May 22, 1899; Joseph, born January 9, 1878, married Fanny Weiss, of South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, and has two children, Rosa and Weiss.

**SAMUEL RICKER**, of Fredericksburg, is one of the most prominent men of Lebanon county, and probably the oldest justice of the county, having filled that position since 1880. As an educator, surveyor and conveyancer, he has long stood guard of the different interests of his section. He was born in Cumberland county, Pa., on the Walnut Bottom road, between Carlisle and Shippensburg, January 29, 1835, son of John Jacob and Susanna (Shaeffer) Ricker.

Mr. Ricker is of German extraction. On August 25, 1742, Johan Friedrich Ricker landed at Philadelphia, having crossed the Atlantic from Rotterdam (last touching at Cowes) on the brigantine "Mary," of which John

Mason was master. From the best obtainable information, it is learned that he settled at what is now Hockersville, several miles south of Derry station, and twelve miles east of Harrisburg.

In the old Lutheran Church burying ground, at Hummelstown, Dauphin county, Pa., are the graves of Jacob Ricker (son of Johan Friedrich) and his wife Christina. The record on the tombstone says Jacob died March 19, 1802, aged eighty-two years, and that his wife, Christina, born in October, 1729, died October 13, 1794, aged sixty-five years. Jacob and Christina Ricker had two sons, John and Frederick, of whom the latter lived to a ripe old age, and died leaving no children, and was buried in the same burial grounds at Hummelstown.

John Ricker, son of Jacob, owned a farm several miles southwest of Hummelstown, on the Swatara creek, but did not make that section his permanent home. He sold this farm and purchased 420 acres of land three miles west of Hummelstown, where he passed the remainder of his life. In 1815, after the Harrisburg turnpike was completed, he erected a large, commodious brick house, intended for a public house, which became a noted hostelry. As an innkeeper he won a State-wide reputation, and his hotel was noted for being supplied with the purest spring water in that section of the country, gushing delightfully from a three-inch spout. In farming he branched out extensively, and prospering in all his ventures, he amassed considerable wealth. In 1804 he helped to re-organize the Lutheran Church at Hummelstown, and continued an active and interested member until his death, June 20, 1849, aged ninety-three years. His remains rest in the same Lutheran cemetery mentioned above. His wife died twelve years previously and was laid to rest in the same cemetery. In her maidenhood she was Mary Magdalena Fishburn, daughter of Philip C. Fishburn, and by her marriage with Mr. Ricker, became the mother of nine children, as follows: (1) Mary married Nicholas Plouse, and had two sons, David and John; (2) John Jacob is mentioned below; (3) John married Hannah Orth, and had six children, Elizabeth, Catharine, Hannah, Maggie, Lavina and Sarah; (4) Frederick married Catharine Backenstose, and had eleven children, Levi B., David, Alfred, Elizabeth, Catherine, Louisa M., Frederick A., Margaret H., Sarah Ann, Mary Jane and George T.; (5) Hannah married John Baughman, and had no children; (6) David married Hannah Abrims, and had two children, Samuel A. and John E.; (7) Catharine married Christian Hartzler, and had one son, Reuben T.; (8) Daniel married Mary Grate, and had one daughter, Mary Magdalena; and (9) Christina married Henry Geistwite, and had eight children: John, William, Joseph, Michael, Mary, Kate, Sallie and Hannah.

John Jacob Ricker was born on his father's farm near Hummelstown, June 9, 1797. He was given careful training and assisted his father in the management of his farms and hotel, and gradually became familiar with both lines, which he later followed for himself. He became the lessee of a farm and hotel on the Walnut Bottom road between Carlisle and Shippensburg, but later removed to St. Thomas, Franklin county, ten miles west of Chambersburg, where for nine years he operated a farm and tavern at the Pittsburg turnpike. During much of this time this turnpike was lined with teams hauling merchandise from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, and the tavern-keeper was a busy and prosperous member of the community. Mr. Ricker later returned to Dauphin county, but after fourteen years removed to Cumberland county, where he died in 1860. During his young manhood he married Susanna Shaeffer, who bore him fourteen children, seven of whom grew to maturity: John S., a tanner, who married a widow, Mrs. Dumy, and is deceased; Daniel, a farmer, now deceased, who married Martha Carbaugh; Richard, a farmer, also deceased, who married Mary Brindle; Jacob, a hotel keeper, now deceased, who wedded Elizabeth Palmer; William H., a miller in Huntingdon county, who married Mary Imboden; Mary A., who became the wife of Jeremiah Hocker, and is deceased; and Samuel. Mr. Ricker was a progressive and well informed man, a man of influence in the several communities in which he made his abode. In business he was successful, and his word carried weight in public affairs.

Samuel Ricker was in his infancy when his parents moved from Cumberland county to Franklin county, and but nine years old when they located in Dauphin county, where he grew to manhood. In the public schools of the various counties in which he lived he procured a good solid education, developing habits of order and correctness as well as thoroughness and investigation. His fund of knowledge and a taste for imparting it decided him to engage in teaching, and, settling in Fredericksburg, he there began his labors. From the start he won the confidence of both patrons and school boards, and he continued to follow this profession for about twenty years. He was alert, progressive, and did much to build up the schools with which he was connected. Throughout this period he was always a thorough student, and by 1870 he had acquired sufficient knowledge of surveying and conveyancing to warrant him in opening an office and engaging in these lines. His accuracy and prompt attention to his duties won him patrons, and he gradually worked up a large business in both lines. As a surveyor he has done much to develop the resources of Lebanon county. As a con-

veyancer he has been entrusted with many important estates, acting as administrator, trustee and executor.

In 1857 Mr. Ricker married Malinda Weller, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Pettley) Weller, who are now deceased. By this union there have been three children: Allen Ira, who died in childhood; Mary Susan, a graduate of Schuylkill Seminary; and Anna Rachel, at home.

Mr. Ricker is eminently a student gifted in various lines, and of considerable experience in a legal direction. In 1880 he was chosen justice of the peace, and through the merited esteem of the public he has continued in the office ever since. While serving the public in this capacity he has pursued a commendable course, making every possible effort to reconcile parties at variance, to save needless waste of time and money at law, to prevent the ill-will, enmity, hatred and bitter feelings which are so often the results of law suits. In connection with this office he does not neglect his surveying and conveyancing. In 1887 he was elected county surveyor of Lebanon county, in which capacity he served the public three years. He and his family are members of the United Evangelical Church. Sunday school work has for many years been his delight, and he is a supporter and advocate of the foreign mission cause, having a number of times in recent years headed the list and collected funds for the famine-stricken, starving and perishing of foreign lands. He advocates the temperance cause, and believes the most successful way to stem the tide of intemperance is for parents to instill the principles of temperance in the hearts and minds of their children, and picture to them the evils and harm of intemperance and the disgrace and suffering of inebriates. His first presidential vote was cast in 1856 for John C. Fremont, and he has since advocated and supported the principles of the Republican party. He was a charter member of Cedar Hill Cemetery Association, organized and incorporated in 1870, and has served as secretary at and since its organization. In 1870 he received the appointment of census enumerator of Bethel and North Lebanon townships, Lebanon county. The duties of this appointment he promptly and efficiently discharged. He has always had the public welfare thoroughly at heart, and during Lee's invasion of the State, in the Civil war, enlisted June 18, 1863, in Company K, Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, and was honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of service. Possessed of the highest ideals, and the force of character which is ever striving to attain them, he is a source of inspiration to those who know him, and a great factor for good in his community.

M. K. FRANTZ, son of Henry and Catharine (Kline) Frantz, was born in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Pa., August 2, 1837, on the farm on which his father Henry, his grandfather Mathew, his great-grandfather Christian, and his great-great-grandfather, Christian, Sr., lived and farmed. The deed for this tract of land was secured by Christian, Sr., in the year 1760, it being a patent deed granted by Thomas and John Penn, son and grandson of William Penn, the founder of the province of Pennsylvania. The deed has been handed from one generation to another, and is now in the possession of M. K. Frantz, the present owner of the land. About 1775, some fifteen years after the first title was obtained, Christian Frantz, Sr., devised the farm to his son, Christian, who about fifteen years later moved to Virginia.

Mathew Frantz, the grandfather of M. K. Frantz, was born on the old farm, and learned the potter's trade. Besides the attention he gave to the operation of his farm he found time to manufacture crocks, which he sold not only to the people in Berks county but across the Blue mountains to the people in Schuylkill county. The clay from which they were manufactured is still found in abundance along Beaver Creek, which runs through the farm.

Henry Frantz, father of M. K. Frantz, was born in 1803, and lived until 1890, being over eighty-seven years old. He was born on the original tract of land, and there lived all his life, respected by all with whom he came in contact.

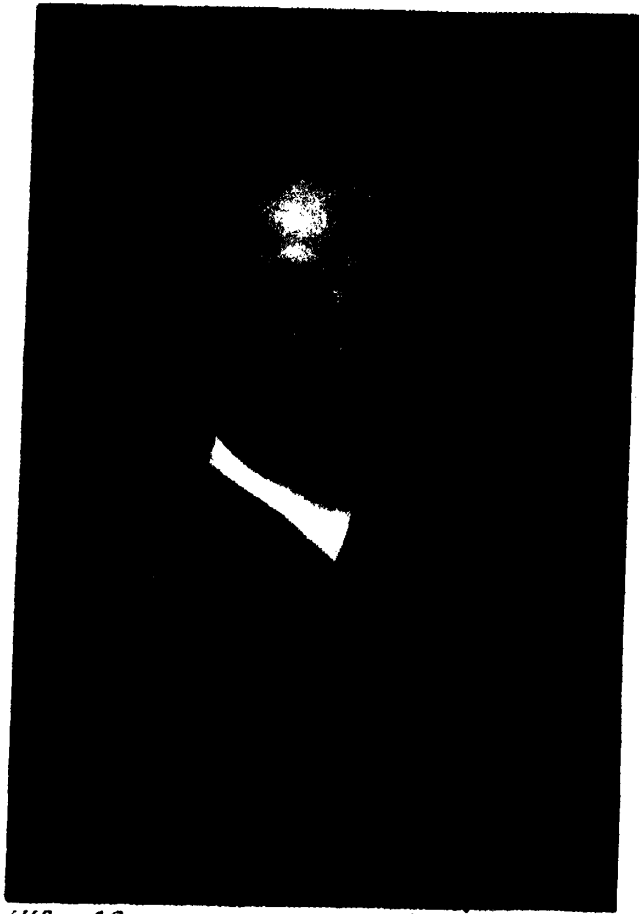
M. K. Frantz assisted his parents on the farm. In the early days of the common school system, the three or four months the school was kept open afforded only a limited amount of education to the farmer boys. In Mr. Frantz's case this was supplemented by a term of twelve weeks at the Myers-town Academy, conducted by Peter B. Witmer, after which at the age of seventeen years he commenced teaching in the common schools, and for seven successive seasons he was teaching in Berks and Lebanon counties. In the year 1860 he ventured in the produce business, buying country produce and shipping it to Philadelphia and New York. In January, 1865, he also embarked in the mercantile business, and was continually in the produce and mercantile business until the year 1897, when his sons acquired the business that he for a period of thirty-seven years conducted successfully. His entire attention was then directed toward his farms and farming, until the spring of 1899, when he rented the farm and again went into the produce commission business, with headquarters at the Reading Terminal Market, Philadelphia. He is enjoying a prosperous business, having shippers from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware, who consign various kinds of country produce to be sold on commission.

On January 3, 1857, Mr. Frantz was married to Isabella Walborn, daughter of Peter D. and Lydia Walborn. Ten children were born to them, of whom two died in infancy, and Stanton H., at the age of twenty-seven years. Of the others, Permilla married H. S. Gockley; Miss Emma is at home; Agnes married F. P. Miller, a prosperous baker and business man of Myerstown; Mary married Oliver K. Albright, of Reading, who is in the shoe business; Rebecca married Rev. A. F. Mace, a Reformed minister, now located at McClairsville, Bedford Co., Pa.; and Charles P. and Tilden H. are conducting the general merchandise and produce business at Myerstown, and a general produce and commission business in Philadelphia. The entire family are industrious, active and successful. All of them had educational advantages, and all were students at Palatinate College (now Albright Collegiate Institute), at Myerstown.

HARRY H. LIGHT, one of the leading citizens and financiers of Lebanon, was born in 1862, in that city, a son of Samuel L. and Maria E. (Henry) Light, who are mentioned elsewhere.

After completing the common school course and graduating from the Lebanon high school with credit, in 1881, he entered the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and took a complete commercial course. This he put to practical advantage as a clerk in the grocery store of J. D. Kerr & Co., of Lebanon, with whom he remained from the latter part of 1882 until 1885. Later he embarked in a retail coal business with a partner under the firm name of Scarlett & Light, and continued until 1887. He then became a member of the firm of Light Bros. & Co., in the coal, brick, ice and real estate business, remaining so connected until 1891. In that year he became one of the promoters of the East Lebanon Iron Company, of which he was made president and general manager, and remained in that dual capacity until the sale of the concern, on September 1, 1899, to the American Steel & Iron Manufacturing Company, of which he was made purchasing agent, a position he held with ability until he resigned in June, 1900. He was also promoter and manager of the East Lebanon Land Company, by which 200 acres of land were laid out in building lots between Lebanon and Avon. He is a member of the board of directors of the American Steel & Iron Manufacturing Company.

In 1890 Mr. Light was one of the original incorporators of the Lebanon and Annville Trolley Company; was a director in the Lebanon Electric Light Company, from 1891 to 1897; and was one of the organizers and charter members of the Farmers National Bank, afterward resigning, and two years



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later becoming a director in the Lebanon Valley National Bank, of Lebanon. In company with Simon P. Light, he bought a controlling interest in the People's Telephone & Telegraph Company, which in 1901 they sold to the United Telephone & Telegraph Company, of which company he is also a director. Mr. Light was also a promoter of the United Power & Transportation Company, of Philadelphia, in January, 1899; is the owner of the Heights Company, a large real estate concern; and is a member of the board of managers of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, at Mt. Gretna.

Mr. Light is a member of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and is also connected with the higher branches of Masonic circles, including the Commandery and Shrine. His religious membership is with Zion Lutheran Church. In politics he takes an independent stand.

In 1887 Mr. Light married Miss Emma L. Light, daughter of Daniel and Barbara (Sholley) Light, and they have five daughters: Vara K., B. Joyce, F. Marie, Pauline E., and Eloise H.

JOHN KREIDER BOMBERGER, one of the representative citizens of North Cornwall township, is a worthy member of one of the old and honored families of Lebanon county, the Bomberger family locating in Penn township, Lancaster county, as early as 1722.

Christian Bomberger, the founder of the family in Pennsylvania, with his wife, Maria, came from Eschelbrun, the lower Rhine district of the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, accompanied by their two sons, John and Christian. The latter was a minister, and was the ancestor of the branch of the family from which came John K. Bomberger of West Cornwall township.

John Bomberger, son of Christian, was the father of these children: Christian, John, Jacob, Abraham, Joseph, Daniel and Peter.

Abraham Bomberger, son of John, was the grandfather of John K. Bomberger of Cornwall, and he, with his brother Christian, was the first of the family to locate in Lebanon county, settling about two miles south of the city of Lebanon, in North Cornwall township. Christian married Barbara Reist, but had no issue, and he died at the age of fifty-five years, leaving a large estate. Abraham farmed for some years in North Cornwall, but later moved to North Lebanon township, where he died. His marriage was to Annie Kreider, and one child was born to this union, Christian, the father of John K. Bomberger.

Christian Bomberger was born December 8, 1813, in what is now North Cornwall township, and was reared on the farm and educated in the local schools. He became one of the leading men and successful farmers of his

locality, served acceptably on the school board and in other offices, and was a strong supporter of the Whig party in politics. He began farming on the land which his uncle Christian had formerly owned, and which had come into his possession, and here he lived until his accidental death, in 1858, in a stone quarry on his own land. His farming operations had been very successful, and he was widely known for his excellent methods and their satisfactory results. Christian Bomberger was a man of integrity and business honor, and was one of the organizers of the Lebanon Valley Bank, now known as the Valley National Bank, and was one of its first directors, being a member of its board at the time of his death. He was married, September 26, 1839, to Mary Kreider, born in North Lebanon township, in 1818, daughter of Tobias and Catherine Kreider, who died July 11, 1863, the mother of eight children, as follows: John K.; Abraham, who died in Jackson township, Lebanon county, in 1900; Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of Josiah Kreider; Christian, who lives in Portland, Oregon; Mary, who is the wife of John S. Snavely, of Lebanon; Anna, who is the wife of Levi Kreider, of Dickinson county, Kans.; and Tobias, and Daniel, who live in Annville.

John K. Bomberger was born November 11, 1840, the eldest son in his parents' family, and secured a good common school education. Mr. Bomberger was but eighteen years of age when accident deprived him of his father, and caused him to assume heavy responsibilities. He took charge of the farm for his mother, and at her death he assumed full control, retaining the same until he moved to his own place in the spring of 1869. Here Mr. Bomberger has a most productive farm of ninety acres, located three and one-half miles from Lebanon, West Cornwall township, where he has carried on general farming, and some stock and cattle raising. Mr. Bomberger has been a very active worker in the Prohibition party, for twelve years being chairman of Lebanon county, and for years a delegate to State conventions, becoming well and favorably known in the great cause all over the country. Mr. Bomberger is a man of original and intelligent ideas, and in every way has shown his sincere interest in all measures and movements promising to benefit his community.

On March 8, 1864, Mr. Bomberger was married to Miss Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Horst) Smith, who was born February 18, 1843, and died June 25, 1877. A family of seven children was born to this union, as follows: John S., a farmer of South Lebanon township, married Selena Wilhelm and has one child, Verona; Elizabeth married Samuel S. Bowman, and has one child, Miles; Mary married William S. Reist, of South Lebanon township, and has three children, John, Robert and Isaac; Sarah mar-

ried Josiah M. Brandt, of South Annville township, and has one son, John; Christian S., a student at the State Agricultural College, in Center county, class of 1904, married Ella Stauffer; Peter S. married Maggie Hoke and has one son, John; Adam S. is unmarried.

In addition to being a first-class citizen in every respect, Mr. Bomberger has also an honorable war record. On August 13, 1862, he was mustered into Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. L. L. Greenawalt, and took part in the terrible battle of Chancellorsville, and other engagements, and was mustered out of the service May 29, 1863.

CAPT. M. J. FITZGERALD is a retired army captain of the United States Army, now residing in Lebanon, Pa. He was born in Ireland September 24, 1837, in County Westmeath, son of John FitzGerald, and left his father's home when only nine years old, coming to Baltimore, Md., to visit a relative who promised to continue his education. He had gone to school for a time in Ireland, and attended also in Baltimore. But he had not been in this country long before he was apprenticed to learn the brick-mason's trade. At the age of eighteen, in 1855, he enlisted in Company E, First United States Artillery, and remained in the service for five years, serving at Fortress Monroe, Va., Fort Dallas, Fort Miami, Fort Capron, Fla., and Fort Moultrie, S. C. He was in the Ordnance Corps on Sullivan Island, at the United States Arsenal at Charleston, S. C., and was taken prisoner December 31, 1860, by the State of South Carolina. From there he was sent to the United States Arsenal at Augusta, Ga., and again taken prisoner, later being released. He was ordered to Washington, D. C., and discharged at his own request. He then re-enlisted in the First Artillery, March 14, 1861. Owing to the fact that he had given all his spare time while serving in the South to the study of pharmacy and materia medica, he received appointment as hospital steward at Fort McHenry, Md. After eight months of service he was moved to Frederick, Md., as chief steward of the general hospital at that place, where he was taken prisoner. After the battle of Antietam he had some 4,500 sick and wounded under his charge, as steward. In May, 1863, he was relieved from duty at Frederick, Md., to take charge, as chief steward, of the Naval Academy at that time converted into a hospital. On June 1, 1863, he was appointed second lieutenant of the Ninth United States Infantry, and received orders to report at Presidio, Cal. From there he went to join Company C, at San Juan Island, in Puget Sound, Washington Territory. There he served in a joint mili-

tary occupation with the British troops until September, 1865, during which time he performed the duties of acting assistant quartermaster, acting assistant commissary of subsistence and post adjutant. He was then ordered back to the Presidio of San Francisco, Cal. In the meantime he received his promotion to first lieutenant, and served as acting adjutant, quartermaster and commissary during his stay at the Presidio. From there he was ordered to Surprise Valley, Cal., where he built Fort Bidwell, and was commander there for two years. Then he was transferred to the command of Fort Crook, Cal., remaining there ten months, at the end of that time being returned to Fort Bidwell and appointed quartermaster and commissary. There he remained until November, 1868, when he was relieved and ordered East, on general recruiting service in New York City. As soon as he arrived in New York he received orders to proceed to Cincinnati, Ohio. Here he threw up his detail and rejoined his regiment, at Omaha, Neb. After remaining there a short time he was transferred to Company F and ordered to take command of it and Fort Sidney, Neb. He served there eighteen months, was relieved, with his company, and ordered to Fort Russell, Wyoming Territory. After serving there he was ordered to the Omaha Barracks, where, in 1873, he received promotion as captain of Company D, Ninth United States Infantry, and was ordered to Fort Sidney, Neb. After a short stay there he went back to Omaha, where he received orders to go to Fort Russell, thence to the Red Cloud Indian Agency, in the Sioux Nation, to duty at Fort Robinson, where he was wounded. Later he proceeded to Fort McKinney, in the Big Horn mountains, remaining there until his retirement, in 1879. During all those years he was engaged in scout duty and fighting Indians all over Florida, the Pacific coast and the plains, and received his retirement from the government for wounds and injuries received while in line of duty. He was for a time assistant adjutant general of Colorado. He came to Lebanon in 1889.

Capt. FitzGerald is a member of the Society of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the Society of the Army of the Potomac and the G. A. R. He is a Mason of high rank in Lebanon City. He organized Company H, of the Fourth National Guard, of Lebanon, and at the beginning of the Spanish-American war tendered his and his company's services to the United States. He is a staunch Republican, and one of the honored citizens of Lebanon.

The Captain has three children: Mrs. Alice Cavanaugh; Gerald, of Washington, D. C., who is a machinist in the United States Navy yards; and John, of Philadelphia, who is also a machinist. Capt. FitzGerald is a

man well-learned, of keen mind and splendid character, and a true patriotic citizen. A man with a big heart, and kind toward all, he is noted for his hospitality. He served his adopted country like a true American, and spent all the better part of his life in hard service for that country, proving himself a man who never flinched from duty as a citizen or a soldier.

THOMAS S. JOHNSTON, D. D. In his day Thomas S. Johnston was one of the most widely known ministers in the Reformed Church in the State of Pennsylvania. Gifted with absolute sincerity of purpose, and possessing an overwhelming desire to better the conditions and lives of those who composed his environment, he was never weary of well doing, and considered no task too arduous for the service of his Master. In his character he embodied the high moral sense and conservative reliability of his Scottish ancestors, adapted to the exigencies of times a little earlier and less liberal than those of the present. He was born in the city of Philadelphia, August 4, 1818, and his death occurred June 11, 1887.

Thomas Johnston, the father of Thomas S., was born in Scotland, and upon emigrating to America many years ago settled in Philadelphia. He had formerly been a shoe merchant in Edinburgh, and he undertook his former occupation in the city of his adoption. Five children were born to himself and wife, namely: John, Samuel, Thomas, Jemima and Helen, all of whom are deceased.

Rev. Dr. Johnston was reared and educated in Philadelphia, and was prepared for the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church at the seminary conducted by the church. For a number of years he preached in Philadelphia, beginning at the age of twenty-one, but eventually came to Lebanon and assumed charge of the Second Reformed Church, with which he was connected for so many years, resigning at the close of his twentieth year. He filled many positions aside from that directly connected with his charge, one of the most important being that of secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Reformed Church of the United States. He was a forceful and convincing speaker, and found no difficulty in conveying to large audiences his own optimistic and happy thoughts of life. He judged leniently the frailties of human nature, yet in his own existence stood for the sentinel which suggested better things, and was ever ready with advice, counsel and help.

About 1843 Dr. Johnston was united in marriage with Hannah Frailey, daughter of Leonard Frailey, a cutlery merchant of Philadelphia, and who had two other children, John and Susan, now deceased. Mrs. Johnston,

who is still living in her commodious home on Eighth street, Lebanon, is remarkably active for her advanced years, and is a delight to the many friends who draw inspiration and help from her noble character. Like her husband, her life has been of great help to those around her, and she ever worked hand in hand with the man whose life work represented her own idea of exalted existence. Six children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Johnston, viz.: Thomas, a practicing physician of Duncannon; James, a medical practitioner of Denver, Colo.; Mary, deceased; Susan, the wife of Samuel Raber, of Denver, Colo.; Jennie, the wife of Harris Tabor, of New Jersey; and Elizabeth, the wife of Robert Marshall, of Lebanon.

ANDREW TICE, late one of the highly respected and eminently successful farmers of Jackson township, resided on a well cultivated farm, two miles northeast of Myerstown, and was born April 7, 1822, at the time of his death being one of the oldest citizens of this locality. He was the son of John and Catherine (Line) Tice, of Jackson township, now deceased.

It is supposed that one John Tice, who came from Germany in the early history of the country, was the great-grandfather of Andrew Tice. One of the sons of John, Philip, became the father of two children: John and Henry, and the former was the father of Andrew, of Jackson township. John Tice was born in 1799, and lived to be an old man. In 1820, he married Catherine Line, and they had five children: Andrew; Eliza, widow of Henry Kreitzer; David, deceased; Rebecca, deceased, who married William Peiffer; and Catherine, who married Lamiel Groh. John Tice was an old-time Democrat, and was a staunch supporter of Andrew Jackson. For many years he was a member of the Reformed Church of Tulpehocken, lived an honorable life, and died firm in the faith of his creed and at peace with all men.

Andrew Tice was reared upon his father's farm, receiving his education at the old-fashioned schools. After attaining his majority, he adopted the calling of a farmer, and by hard, unremitting work accumulated a fine property of eighty-seven and one-half acres, all in a fine state of cultivation, and supplied with comfortable buildings. On August 10, 1845, he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Shirk, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Noeker) Shirk, farmers of Jackson township, and a member of a family of seven children: Cyrus, of Lebanon county; William, of Iowa; John; Henry; Catherine, deceased; Catherine, who married Jacob Edris, of Missouri; and Mrs. Tice. Mrs. Tice was born August 27, 1827, and has lived a long and useful life. The grandfather of Mrs. Tice, Abram Shirk, was among the very early settlers of Lebanon county. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs.

Tice, Mary A., widow of George W. Uhrich, deceased, of Myerstown, Pa., who is the mother of ten children: George, of Myerstown; Catherine; Annie, deceased; Ida; John; Mary; Harry; Valentine, of Lebanon county; Andrew, deceased; and Ira, of Myerstown. In addition to rearing their one child, Mr. and Mrs. Tice brought up several orphan children to be a credit to themselves and the community: Dr. Milton Batdorf, a practicing physician of Myerstown; Caroline Seibert, who married Henry Tice, of Lebanon county; Levi Wolf, of Iowa; Henry Wolf, of Ohio. In politics Mr. Tice was always a staunch Democrat, but never aspired to political preferment, having sufficient to occupy him in his farm duties, and in his Christian work of caring for the fatherless and homeless. In his life both he and his good wife lived up to the teachings of the Myerstown Reformed Church, of which they were active members for many years. Few people were more worthy the respect and esteem of their fellow citizens than was Mr. Tice, who with his wife passed his declining years in peace and happiness which comes of a well spent life and good deeds done without hope of reward but simply for the sake of Him whom they followed. Mr. Tice entered into rest July 26, 1903.

**MICHAEL SPANGLER.** The Spangler family is one of the old established ones of Lebanon county, Michael Spangler, its founder, coming to the locality from his German home, as early as 1732, purchasing at that time a tract of land near Myerstown. Here he reared a family of ten sons and two daughters, one of the former, George Spangler, becoming the grandfather of Michael Spangler of West Cornwall township. George Spangler was born near Myerstown in 1782, and was the youngest of his father's numerous sons. He owned a small property and supported his family by his own industry, rearing them to respectable maturity and in the religious faith of the Reformed Church. His wife was Catherine Dandies, and their children were: Jacob; John; George; William; Catherine, who married John Lowinell; and Sarah, who married John Beckley, a prominent farmer.

Jacob Spangler, father of Michael, was born in 1806, in Prescott, Lebanon county, and died in 1877. His trade was that of shoemaker, which he followed through life, in Lebanon township, this county. His father had taken part in the war of 1812, and he was captain of the Light Horse Guards, a company of militia.

Michael Spangler was born in 1830, in South Lebanon township, a son of Jacob and Maria (Beckley) Spangler, the latter of whom died in 1851, at the age of forty-two years, having been the devoted mother of twelve

children, ten of whom grew to maturity, namely: Michael; Jonathan, deceased; Samuel, a resident of Lebanon; David, a resident of Ohio; Maria, who died unmarried; Isaac and Israel, both residents of Illinois; Joseph, of Myerstown; Catherine, the wife of Daniel Stover, of Prescott; and Rudolph, deceased.

Michael Spangler was reared in South Lebanon township, and under his father's instruction became a first-class shoemaker, engaging in this business for a period of twenty-three years. Then Mr. Spangler decided to try farming, and accordingly purchased a tract of fifty acres in 1865, and moved upon it in the following year. Until 1901 when he retired from activity, Mr. Spangler operated his farm with great success, selling the property then to his son Abel, but he still makes it his home.

In 1859 Mr. Spangler married Barbara Witmer, born in 1830, in Cornwall township, a daughter of Peter Witmer, of Lebanon county, and a family of five children was born to them, namely: Solomon, who married Elizabeth Mellinger, of Ephrata, Lancaster county, lives at Bismarck, and they have one son, Michael H.; Oliver, who married Catherine Mellinger, lives near Lebanon, and they have two children, Catherine and Willie; Abel, who is the farmer on the home place, married Sarah Greiner, of Lancaster county, and they have one son, Harvey; Amanda resides at home; and Daniel, who married Elizabeth Steckbesk, resides in Lebanon and they have four children: Henry, Herman, Daniel and Leroy.

Mr. Spangler is a man who is very highly esteemed in his community, his estimable life and character making him one of the most respected men in West Cornwall township. For fifty-four years he has been one of the leading members of the Reformed Church, and has been entrusted with the duties of the highest positions on its official board. For twenty years he has been treasurer of St. Paul's Reformed Church at Bismarck, for six years the leader of the prayer meeting, for three years deacon, and for six years has been one of the elders. Few men in this locality have a larger circle of warm friends.

HON. CONRAD G. GERHART, mayor of the city of Lebanon, and one of its substantial and influential citizens, was born there, September 16, 1841, son of William and Elizabeth (Uhler) Gerhart.

Conrad Gerhart, his grandfather, was a native of Germany, who emigrated to America and settled in Lebanon at an early day, where he followed a tailoring business.

William Gerhart, son of Conrad and father of Hon. Conrad, was born in





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Lebanon, and followed a butchering business for a number of years. His death occurred in June, 1890, in the eighty-ninth year of his age. His widow, Elizabeth Uhler, daughter of Michael Uhler, a native of Germany, was also born in Lebanon county, June 6, 1806, and is nearing her end of a century, remarkably preserved, and most highly esteemed. Ten children were born to William and Elizabeth Gerhart, as follows: Maria, who died in 1850, at the age of twenty-five years; Elizabeth, who married John Mills (a member of the gallant Ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and killed at the battle of Fredericksburg), and died in 1888; Catherine, who married Cyrus Bemenderfer; John; Mary, who married William Synder; William, who enlisted in the Ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, served three years, was orderly sergeant and had been commissioned second lieutenant, but who fell a martyr to his country on the second day of the battle of the Wilderness; Conrad G.; Sarah, who married Samuel Shank; George B., and Caroline, who married George R. Rise.

The early life of Hon. Conrad G. Gerhart was probably not very different from thousands of other healthy, happy schoolboys of his time, except that as early as ten years he was taught that industry is indispensable to success in any vocation, and that a trade was a stepping-stone to higher things. For some years he worked on the Union canal in the summer and went to school in the winter. He entered later a cigarmaking establishment, and also assisted his father in the butcher shop, and was thus engaged at the outbreak of the Civil war. Loyal to the core, in September, 1861, he enlisted as a musician in the Ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and was discharged in 1862. In 1863 he re-enlisted in the Twenty-sixth Emergency Regiment and participated in the battle of Gettysburg, and was discharged with his comrades when the emergency was over. After his return from the army, Mr. Gerhart resumed work at the butcher business, and in 1872 embarked in that line on his own account. To do this he borrowed \$300, Adolphus Reinoehl signing the note with him as security. Mr. Gerhart paid the note in full, when due, and now has it framed and hanging in his library. He continued until the spring of 1888, when he made a specialty of the manufacture of sausages on an extensive scale, and still continues interested in this business. He was one of the organizers of the Central Market House, on Ninth street, and is one of its directors.

From his youth Mayor Gerhart has taken an intelligent interest in public affairs, and since his majority has been actively identified with the Republican party. In 1896 he served as select councilman from the Third ward, and in 1899 he was honored by his fellow-citizens with the election to the

mayoralty. During his administration municipal reforms have been many, and many important improvements have been made and enterprises promoted. One of the most important of these was the improvement and enlarging of the city water plant. Mr. Gerhart is a man of large means, and was one of the original nine that organized the Farmers National Bank in 1892, was then elected a director, serving as such officer to date, and for five years has been president. He is a man of public-spirit, of unswerving integrity and enjoys the esteem of his fellow-citizens. His fraternal connection is with the Sedgwick Post, No. 42, G. A. R.

In 1864 occurred the marriage of Mayor Gerhart to Catherine F. Ritter, who was born in Franklin county, Pa., daughter of Jacob and Sarah Ritter. She passed out of life in 1890. The children to this marriage were: William, who died in 1881, at the age of seventeen years; Dora M., who married George W. Kochenour, of Lebanon; Minnie M., who married George A. Maulfair, of Lebanon; and Anna M., at home with her father.

CHARLES B. WAGNER, D. D. S., who bears the proud distinction of being the pioneer dentist of Lebanon, was born in Haines township, Center county, Pa., February 4, 1832. He is a son of Rev. Philip and Catherine (Bordner) Wagner, of Millheim, Center county, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Philip Wagner was born near Carlisle, Pa., November 28, 1800, and died February 15, 1870. He became a minister of the Evangelical Association at New Berlin, Union county, Pa., in 1822, and was elected presiding elder in 1833, in which capacity he acceptably served for almost a quarter of a century. He was also the president of the conference a number of sessions, and a member of ten General Conferences. He was a clergyman of marked ability and splendid oratorical powers, speaking both English and German fluently, and during the years of his faithful ministry he was considered one of the leading men of the church, and as a man was greatly beloved for his nobility of character. His wife, Catherine (Bordner) Wagner, was born April 9, 1799; she died September 8, 1870, and her remains repose beside those of her husband in the cemetery at Lewisburg, Pa. Rev. Philip and Catherine (Bordner) Wagner were the parents of six children: David, a miller by trade; and Benjamin, Elizabeth, Eliza, William B. and Charles B., all of whom have been gathered by the silent reaper except the two last named, William B. being a prominent minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Seneca Falls, N. Y.; and Charles B., our subject.

Charles B. Wagner was reared in the country, and his boyhood days were passed at Millheim. When quite young he worked at haymaking and

harvesting for a "fip" ( $6\frac{1}{4}$  cents) a day, and in later years in the summer season he was hired out by the month to a farmer for a small salary (\$2.00 per month). During the winter he was at home and attended school, but school-going in those days did not amount to much, as the boys were obliged to help the farmers thrash their grain. His schooling, in consequence, was somewhat limited, but by close application, after he entered the professional world, he became a proficient scholar.

Dr. Wagner was but a youth when he first became interested in dentistry. His father wore a small gold plate, which his son had an occasional opportunity to examine. The mechanism of the little skeleton of a plate was somewhat of a curiosity to him, and he determined then that he would like to be a dentist. Years passed and it was not until 1852, that an opportunity presented itself to study the profession of his choice. At Millheim he placed himself under the instruction of a practicing dentist, with whom he remained two years. At that time there were few dental colleges, and it was not deemed necessary by most preceptors, outside of the cities, to advise students to attend college. It was the custom of the preceptors usually to take large fees, and at the end of the student's term to induce him to purchase some of his stock, such as instruments and office fixtures that might be needed, at prices almost equal to those of new and improved appliances. These instruments, were, no doubt, received by them in a similar manner. "Well do I remember," remarked the Doctor, "that I had such an experience at the end of my term. Some of the instruments purchased, appeared to me, after I became wiser in dentistry, as though they had been used by the man who made the Golden Calf for Aaron in the wilderness."

We are permitted to quote Dr. Wagner's own words, which prove quite interesting: "My greatest worry when I started out in my profession was the lack of means, as I had but fifty cents of my own. For the balance of the money needed, I was obliged to depend upon good friends, who took my honesty as a guarantee for future reimbursement.

"In 1856 I was married to Miss Elizabeth Stine, of Millheim, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Stine, natives of East Hanover, Lebanon county, who moved to Center county, Pa., when their daughter was quite young. In October, 1856, we left Millheim in private conveyance for Lebanon, Pa., where we rented a frame house on East Cumberland street, then the property of David Hallman. Here we used a wooden box as a table, on which we served our first meal—the first provided for ourselves. We commenced housekeeping with about \$60. We were entire strangers in Lebanon and in the county, but when Sunday came we attended Emanuel Evangelical Church,

and after service we made ourselves known to the pastor, Rev. C. Haman, now an ex-bishop residing at Reading, Pa., who became our first guest after we had been fixed for housekeeping. He made it pleasant for us, encouraged me in my business, and received us as members of his church by certificate from our former pastor, Rev. D. Kramer, at Millheim, of the same denomination. I had been converted between Christmas and New Year in 1854, in the old church at Millheim, since destroyed.

"In 1862-63 I was superintendent of the Sunday School in our church, and have served as superintendent and assistant at different times. On Sunday, April 14, 1861, I organized the Infant Sunday School in our Chestnut Street Church, which bears the honor of being one of the oldest in the entire church. While residing at Lewisburg, Pa., between 1868 and 1872, under the administration of Rev. Mr. Bowersox, in the Evangelical Church, I was the first layman elected Sunday School superintendent in that Church before the minister, and always had the school in charge. I likewise organized the first Infant Sunday School of the Lewisburg church, which received, I am sure, appreciative approval. In January, 1883, I was chosen trustee of the Emanuel Evangelical Church, Lebanon.

"In October, 1889, after the decision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, as to the Esherites and Dubbsites, I was elected a lay delegate from the Evangelical Church, Chestnut street, Lebanon, Pa., to meet with the ministers of the East Pennsylvania Conference, which convened at Reading, October 10, 1894. Unexpectedly I was made vice-president of the convention, and was elected one of the lay delegates to the General Conference which met in Grace Church, Naperville, Ill., November 29, 1894. I served the General Conference on the committee on Sunday-school Organization, and was made a member of the committee to aid in organizing a charitable society for disabled ministers and their wives, and the children, widows and orphans of the United Evangelical Church. I served in the home church in other offices, such as superintendent and trustee, class leader, steward and treasurer of the Sunday School for a number of years; and treasurer of the church in general before the trustees held that office. In 1897 I withdrew my membership from the First United Evangelical Church, and joined with St. Paul's, on North Eighth street, of the same denomination. When the new church was built in 1899-1900, I was elected a member of the Committee on Finance, and acted as secretary.

"In Lebanon, in 1856, I cast my first vote for president, John C. Fremont being the man of my choice, for which I have never had occasion to be sorry. In the year 1865, I was elected a member of the school board from

the East ward, and was made president of that body—an honor that will ever be held in dear remembrance. In February, 1891, I was elected a member of the common council from the First ward, and used my best endeavors to render a faithful performance of duty in behalf of the best interests of the city of Lebanon.

“In 1875 I was appointed a member of the board of health from the First district of the Borough. The high testimonial accorded the board by a grateful community for the fine sanitary condition of the Borough proved an appreciative endorsement that the onerous duties of the board were well performed.

“In September, 1862, when the government called for the militia of Pennsylvania to defend the State against invasion, I enlisted as a private in Company A, Eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment, the first of the 25,000 Pennsylvania defenders to cross the border and aid in saving McClellan’s base of supplies at Hagerstown, just previous to one of the bloodiest battles of the war at Antietam—a never-to-be-forgotten event in my life that will ever remain green on memory’s tablet.

“In 1857 I built a house on East Cumberland street, adjoining Hersberger’s furniture warerooms, where I resided until 1868. In the spring of that year I removed from Lebanon to Lewisburg, Pa., where I had purchased a fine property, which I sold in 1872, and returned to Lebanon. In 1876 I built a house at No. 728 Chestnut street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, my present home.”

Dr. Wagner was not content with the education received in his student days, but as prosperity came to him continued to study and to keep abreast of the rapid progress of his profession. He attended the Philadelphia Dental College, from which he graduated in 1875. He made the first set of teeth on vulcanized rubber in Lebanon county.

In early life he connected himself with a dental society, becoming a member of the Susquehanna Dentist Association. He was one of the organizers of a society called the Central Pennsylvania Dental Association, which in later years became the Lebanon Valley Dental Society, of which he has been an active member ever since, frequently contributing papers of interest at its meetings, and which he has served as treasurer for a number of years. For many years he has been an active member of the Pennsylvania State Dental Society. At the session held in Wilkesbarre, Pa., he was nominated for president but declined to be a candidate.

On the evening of May 20, 1902, the members of the Lebanon Valley Dental Association tendered Dr. Wagner a banquet at the “Eagle Hotel”

that proved to be a brilliant success, the members taking this method of showing their high esteem for him. Many of the members were accompanied by their wives, and daughters. The tables in the spacious dining hall were arranged in the form of a "Y", and with their spotless linen, silverware, dainty candelabra, and red carnations, produced an effect delightful to the artistic eye. Sociability reigned supreme, and formality was an unbidden guest. Dr. Wagner and his estimable wife occupied the post of honor at the extreme end of the table, and as the elegantly attired ladies and gentlemen gathered around the festive board, formality was laid aside, and good fellowship ruled the feast. The menu comprised the very best the market afforded, and no description could do it justice.

Dr. Wagner is a member of Lebanon Lodge No. 121, I. O. O. F., and other minor organizations. Both he and his wife are greatly interested in the Home for Widows and Single Women, at Lebanon, Mrs. Wagner being a member of the board of managers, and the Doctor giving efficient service on the advisory board. Today he is not only one of the foremost of the highly esteemed citizens of the city of Lebanon, but a grand old man, filled with noble lofty deeds, enjoying the sincere respect of the church he loves so well, and the entire community in which he has lived so long. The classic lines of the gifted Longfellow are indeed a fitting close to this biography:

Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time.

CHRISTIAN BUCHER, Bishop of the German Baptist Brethren Church at Schaefferstown, was born November 4, 1833, on the old Bucher homestead in South Lebanon township, a son of Jacob and Veronica (Brubaker) Bucher, the former of whom was a farmer on the old Templeman farm, near Rexamont.

The grandfather of Bishop Bucher was Dr. Benedict Bucher (2), who died May 1, 1830, and he was a son of Dr. Benedict Bucher, who was born in Switzerland, Europe, in 1717, and died in 1787. The first Dr. Benedict Bucher settled on the present site of Denver Station, in Lancaster county, about 1759. Dr. Benedict Bucher (2) was the father of eleven children, seven of whom grew to maturity. Jacob Bucher, the father of Bishop Bucher, was born in 1807, married Veronica Brubaker in 1830, and died in 1871. Their eight children were: Lydia, Christian, Anna, Jacob, Susanna, Veronica, George and Elizabeth.

Bishop Christian Bucher was reared on a farm, and obtained his education in the public schools. In 1858 he married Eliza Dohner, daughter of John and Katherine (Smith) Dohner, of South Lebanon township, and seven children have been born to this union, namely: Mohler and Alice, twins, the former a resident of Heidelberg township, and the latter the wife of Jonas Brubaker, of South Lebanon township; Allen, a minister in the German Baptist Brethren Church, in South Annville township; Esther, the wife of Isaac Heagy, of Penryn, Lancaster county; Clara, at home; Ada and Amy, twins, the former of whom married Monroe Keller, of Lime Rock Station, Lancaster county, and the latter at home.

Bishop Bucher's youth and young manhood were spent in farming and school teaching, the latter from the fall of 1853 to the spring of 1861. Later he did surveying and conveyancing. When he came to Heidelberg township he bought a farm of ninety acres of the executors of John Funk, deceased, and operated it for a few years, and then removed to Schaefferstown, where for several years he conducted a mercantile business. After this he went back to the farm in Heidelberg township for a few years, and in 1887 he retired from farming activities. In 1861 he was ordained a minister in the German Baptist Brethren Church, and in 1875 was chosen elder of Lebanon county, and served as the only one until 1897. Few men have shown more devotion in their calling than has Bishop Bucher. For more than forty years he has labored early and late, and he has his reward in the many accessions he has made to the church, in the good feeling he has everywhere cemented among the brethren, in the churches he has helped to organize and build, and in the honor, love and esteem in which he is universally held.

EDMUND ROBERTS UMBERGER, M. D. (deceased). One of the well known physicians and surgeons of Lebanon two decades ago, was the gentleman whose name appears above, and whose family is represented at the present day by Henry G. Umberger, head bookkeeper at the Lebanon Furnaces of the Pennsylvania Steel Company.

Dr. Edmund Roberts Umberger was a native of Lebanon county, born at Jonestown, June 16, 1837. His father, Dr. David Umberger, was a leading physician of Dauphin and Lebanon counties. He first practiced in Harrisburg, and then removed to a farm at Jonestown, where he intermingled farming with the practice of a physician. Later in life he removed to Linglestown, and died at Dauphin, Dauphin county. He married Juliet Roberts, a member of a prominent family of that name in Pittsburg, many members of which were noted physicians.



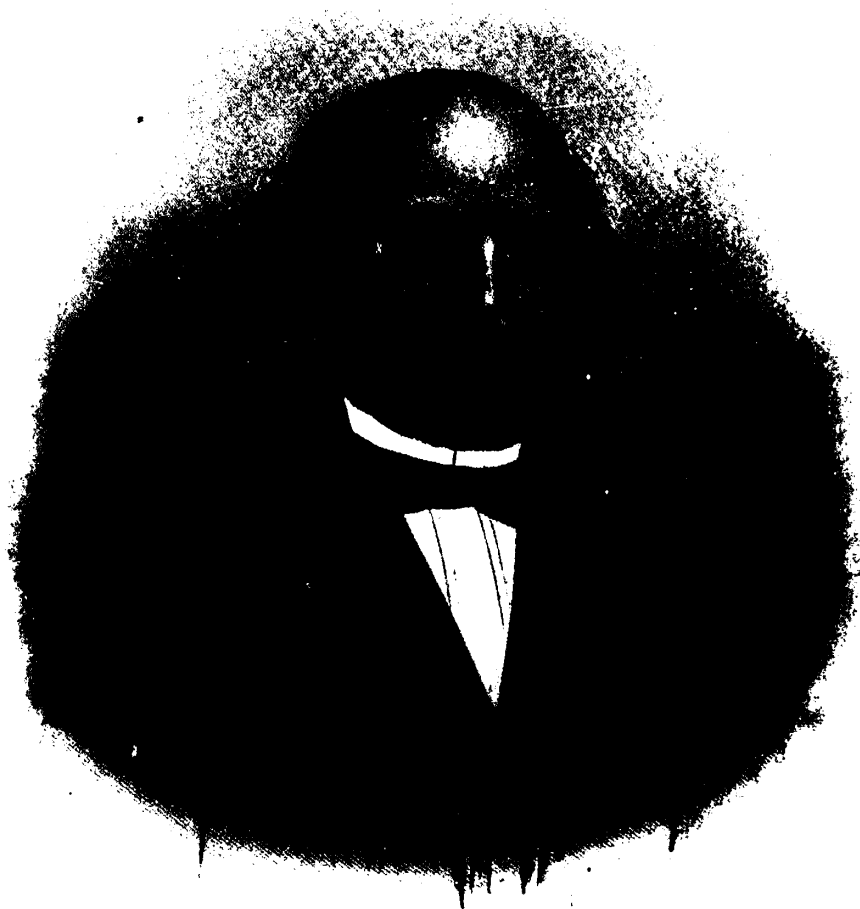
Dr. Edmund R. Umberger was educated in the public schools, taught school for several years, studied medicine with his father and afterwards entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated in 1861. The following year he enlisted in the army as assistant surgeon of the Ninety-third Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, which was made up chiefly of companies from Dauphin and Lebanon counties. On October 14, 1863, he was promoted to the full surgery with the rank of Major, in which capacity he served until the end of the war. Returning home he immediately entered upon the practice of his profession at Lebanon, meeting with great success, and building up a large practice, which extended beyond the boundaries of his home county. His death occurred December 10, 1882.

Dr. Umberger was married February 15, 1876, to Ellen Good, who was born in Lebanon, the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Good. The father was a native of Rehrersburg, Pa., and the mother of Fredericksburg. To Dr. Umberger were born the following children: Edmund Roberts, born in 1876, deceased in 1877; Henry Good, born June 6, 1878; and John Roberts, born August 8, 1882, is an electrician. The different members of the family are honored representatives of Lebanon society, and as such receive the kindly wishes of a large circle of acquaintances:

HENRY GOOD UMBERGER graduated from the Lebanon high school in 1894. After spending several months clerking in a store, he entered the office of the East Lebanon Iron Company, H. H. Light, president, as office boy and worked his way up to the position of bookkeeper. In 1900 he entered the offices of the Lebanon Furnaces, where he is at present head bookkeeper. He is an active worker in the St. John's Reformed Church, of Lebanon, in which he is serving as deacon.

TITUS T. WORTH (deceased). One of the most prominent and distinguished of Lebanon county's citizens was the late Titus T. Worth, a descendant of one of Pennsylvania's oldest families. He was born at Unionville, Chester county, July 13, 1823, a son of Benjamin and Phoebe (Taylor) Worth, the former of whom was born in Chester county, August 5, 1789, and died June 17, 1831. Mr. Worth was a grandson of John and Mary (Bentley) Worth, the former of whom was born in Chester county, October 10, 1745, and died October 17, 1790.

In 1838 Titus T. Worth became a resident of the town of Westchester, where he attended the school of Anthony Bolman for two years, and then began an apprenticeship at the printer's trade in the same town in the office



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of the *Register and Examiner*, of which Joseph Painter was the proprietor. In this office Bayard Taylor, ex-Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, Paxson, and ex-Judge William Butler, of Westchester, were also serving apprenticeships. All of this coterie became distinguished men, and the friendships then formed lasted through life. In 1844 Mr. Worth removed to Lebanon, and, in partnership with Hiram Brower, purchased the *Lebanon Courier*. Two years later Mr. Brower sold his interest to John W. Killinger, and this firm, under the name of T. T. Worth & Co., conducted the *Courier* until April 1, 1855. Then Tobias Reinoehl, one of Lebanon's oldest and most highly honored citizens of to-day, succeeded to Mr. Killinger's interest in the paper, the firm name becoming Worth & Reinoehl, and the business continuing thus until April 1, 1889, when the paper was sold to the present owners, Messrs. Rodearmel & Atkins.

Mr. Worth was prominent in social and business affairs in Lebanon city and county; was one of the organizers of the Valley National Bank of Lebanon, and was its first vice-president, and later its president; was president of the Lebanon Gas Company; president of the West End Chain Works; and a director and stockholder in many other enterprises. In politics he was an original Republican, and ever a power in Lebanon county, although, like his old friend, Bayard Taylor, he believed that the editor of a great newspaper should not accept public office, and repeatedly declined offers of high positions from his party. Had he consented he might have been a member of either the House or Senate at Washington. Upon pressure he did, however, accept the office of State printer of Pennsylvania, a position which he filled with credit, but which he soon resigned, as it was not congenial to him. When his friend, Secretary of War Simon Cameron, proffered Mr. Worth the position of paymaster, with the rank of major, in the United States army, it was accepted, and his commission sent him, but his second thought induced him to decline it. A man of rare executive ability he was naturally a leader of men, and an editorial writer of exceptional ability. His Quaker ancestry was ever prominent in his strict honesty and unswerving integrity. He died March 13, 1892, at his home in Lebanon, after a short illness.

As stated, his friendship with his companions of the printing office continued through life. An incident may be related that throws a humorous light on the distinguished Mr. Taylor, and shows that in boyhood he was quite as full of pranks as others of his age, who never attained fame. Even in his youth Mr. Worth was a fluent writer, and, like other youths, was prone to fall into verse. A love sonnet, which he had every reason to expect

would meet with general approbation, was set up and was on the galley, ready for the press, but he had not counted on the mischief of his fellow printer's composition. When the gem appeared it had been changed by the versatile Taylor into a very humorous garble by the substitution of original ending lines. It was not until years after, upon a re-uniting of the old friends, that Mr. Worth discovered who had changed his verse.

On October 11, 1850, at Harrisburg, Pa., Mr. Worth was married to Mary Ellen Wiestling, daughter of Dr. Joshua M. Wiestling.

**REV. CYRUS S. BOMBERGER.** Rev. Cyrus S. Bomberger, the able and faithful minister of the German Baptist Church in Cornwall township, Lebanon county, is a most excellent farmer, and a citizen of the highest personal character.

Rev. Bomberger was born August 25, 1839, on the family farm located in South Lebanon township, on the Schaefferstown road, some two miles from the city of Lebanon, a son of Joseph J. S. and Hannah (Kreider) Bomberger, and a grandson of Joseph Bomberger, whose wife was a Smith. Grandfather Bomberger was a successful farmer in South Lebanon township, and died when his grandson was a small child, leaving five children, as follows: Joseph; Henry, who married Fannie Bachman; Elizabeth, who married Philip Farmsler; Catherine, who married Joseph Light; and Polly, who married Abraham Riest.

Joseph Bomberger, the father of Rev. Cyrus, was born and reared in this county, engaging all his life in agricultural pursuits. He was a man whose influence was always directed in support of morality and temperance, and both he and wife were leading members of the United Brethren Church. Seven of their children grew to maturity, namely: Christian K., who is a retired farmer in Lebanon; Rev. Cyrus S., of Cornwall township; Aaron K., who resides in Lebanon; Joseph K., who resides in Harrisburg; Levi K., who is a farmer of North Cornwall township; Mary, who is the wife of Michael Hostetter, of North Cornwall township; and William, who died at the age of fourteen years.

Rev. Cyrus S. Bomberger grew up on the home farm, and obtained his education in the common schools and at Millersville Normal School, and located on his present farm in 1867, following his marriage. This farm comprises ninety acres of fine land, and is favorably situated three miles southwest of Lebanon, in North Cornwall township. Mr. Bomberger operated this farm in addition to attending to a wide ministerial field, until 1892, since which time it has been in the very capable hands of his son.

In September, 1866, Mr. Bomberger was married to Miss Annie Yorty, daughter of Jacob Yorty, and she was born and reared on the farm which has always been her home. Two children were born to this union, Yorty and Cyrus J., the former of whom is the farmer on the home place. He married Miss Anna Brubaker, and they have two children, Howard and Mable. Cyrus J. resides in Harrisburg, and holds a position of fireman on the Pennsylvania R. R., and is unmarried.

Since 1875 Mr. Bomberger has been a worthy member of the German Baptist Brethren Church, and since 1878, a minister in the same. His earnest and faithful work has produced gratifying and encouraging returns, and he has been advanced to the second degree in the church ministerial polity, a much deserved recognition of his usefulness. Mr. Bomberger covers a wide field in his ministerial and pastoral work, officiating at South Annville, Palmyra and Spring Creek, at Belle Grove and Conewago Meeting Houses, and besides these regular points answers demands from any other community where he is called. Mr. Bomberger is a convincing speaker, fully able to expound religious truth, while as a kind, sympathetic adviser and pastor, he holds a warm place in the hearts of his people.

**WILLIAM H. HIBSHMAN.** Jackson township, Lebanon county, is the home of many excellent farmers and highly esteemed citizens, and one of these is William H. Hibshman, now retired from active labor. Mr. Hibshman was born September 10, 1832, in Jackson township, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Leshner) Hibshman, the former of whom was a native of Lebanon county, and the latter of Lancaster county.

The founder of the family in America was Johann (or John) Gebhart Hibshman, a native of Switzerland who came to America in 1732, at the age of nineteen. Five years afterward he returned to his native land for his wife, returning with her to America September 24, 1737, in the ship "St. Andrew", which sailed on that date from Rotterdam, Holland, for New York. Upon landing in the New World, he located in Lancaster county, Pa., and purchased a tract of land four miles north of the borough of Ephrata. He and his wife had four children: Wendel, born in 1740, married Hannah Hefley, and settled at Ephrata; Henry settled in Lebanon county; Catherine married an Albrecht, and lived in Selinsgrove, Pa., and Elizabeth married Conrad Mentzer.

Henry Hibshman, the grandfather of William H., was the first of the family to locate in Lebanon county. He married Catharine Leisey and became the father of three sons and five daughters: Henry, who had two sons,

Samuel (who married Mattie Gible, and had three sons and two daughters), and Daniel, and one daughter, Mary; Wendel, who had two sons and one daughter, Frank (married to Sarah Reiter), John (married to Sarah Bomberger) and Lucetta (married to John Philip); Jacob, mentioned below; Maria, who married Adam Bassler; Elizabeth, who married John Lehman; Christina, who married Henry Creek; Eva, who married Daniel Weist; and Hannah, wife of Jacob Gockley. Henry Hibshman and wife are buried in the old Schaefferstown cemetery.

Jacob Hibshman of the above family was born as early as 1790, and he died in 1838. In 1812 he was married to Elizabeth Leshner, and they became the parents of nine children: (1) Catherine married Henry Mace, and had three children, living: John H., who married Amanda Yingst, and had ten children; Sarah, who married John Smaltz, and had two daughters and one son; and Amanda, who married William H. Hunsicker, and had no children. (2) Curtis married Rebecca Miller, and had no children. (3) Elizabeth died unmarried. (4) Henry married Elizabeth Spayd, and died May 16, 1880; she died in October, 1882. They had ten children: Henry W., of Tremont, Schuylkill county; Jacob, of Strausstown; Samuel, of Philadelphia; Anna, of Jackson township, Lebanon county; Rachel, of Shillington, Berks county; Lizzie, of Philadelphia; Catherine, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-seven; George and Sarah, who both died in infancy; and Christina, who died at the age of twenty-four. (5) Sarah married Christian Hostetter, and had two sons, one of whom died unmarried, and the other married but died without issue. (6) Mary (Polly) died unmarried. (7) Jacob married Henrietta Swope, and had seven children: William and John of Lebanon county; Frank and Augustus of Philadelphia; Amanda, who married and died in 1899; and Sarah and Elizabeth. (8) Lydia married Moses Becker, and had two children, a son and a daughter. (9) William H. is the only one of the family now living. Jacob Hibshman and his wife Elizabeth sleep their last sleep in the old cemetery at Schaefferstown.

William H. Hibshman was reared in Jackson township on his father's farm, now owned by John H. Krall, and in boyhood attended the public schools of the township and the Myerstown Academy, securing an education which gave him a certificate to teach school. This profession he followed for four years, and then began to farm. In 1848 he was united in marriage to Miss Sariah Loose, daughter of William and Leah (Bicknel) Loose, of Berks county, and one child was born to this union, Harrison W., who was married to Agnes Zinn, of Jackson township, lately deceased. The children:

born to this union were: Lillie, Mary, William H., Henry Z., Catherine, Howard, Clinton, Mabel, Bertha and Walter.

Mr. Hibshman during his early life found it necessary to practice economy and to be industrious, and he has had the natural reward, owning now a fine farm along the Lebanon and Dauphin pike road, between Lebanon and Myerstown, on the line of the Lebanon & Myerstown Street Railway, whither he came in 1873. This is one of the very productive farms of the locality, and on account of its location is very valuable. When a boy of seventeen he learned the milling business with Peter Reist, of Annville, and followed it for some time, residing in Berks county from 1863 to 1873.

In politics Mr. Hibshman is a zealous and interested Republican, and he has most efficiently served his township in the office of tax collector. His connection with the Reformed Church has covered many years, and he has been deacon, trustee and elder. Although Mr. Hibshman is approaching the age when both mental and physical powers usually show signs of failure, such is not the fact in his case. His memory is excellent, and his reminiscences of old days in this section of the State are very interesting.

Mr. Hibshman has many friends, his exemplary life and high moral character giving him the respect and esteem of all who know him.

ABRAHAM S. HORST, one of the representative men and well known citizens of South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, was born in Heidelberg township January 2, 1840, a son of Peter and Anna (Schaeffer) Horst, prominent people of this locality.

Abraham S. Horst was reared upon the homestead farm in South Lebanon township, and educated in the common schools of the neighborhood. When twenty-eight years of age he married and located in Center county, Pa., where for seven years he was engaged in farming. He then returned to the old homestead and has since been actively engaged in farming, his portion of the property consisting of eighty acres. The house standing upon his property was erected by his grandfather, Peter Horst, and in spite of its age is one of the most comfortable and substantial residences of the township. It was built in 1837, but it is in excellent condition and affords a pleasant home for the family. The barns and fences, as well as the general appearance of the property, denote the industry and thrift of the owner, while the fields of grain and healthy orchard add to the pleasant surroundings. Mr. Horst has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and has served as school director and assistant assessor of the township.

On March 26, 1868, Mr. Horst was married to Lavina Groh, who was

born in South Lebanon township, August 16, 1847, daughter of Henry and Mary (Mayer) Groh. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Horst: Frank G., a carpenter at Cleona, married Miss Katie Phillips, and has two children, Allen and Sadie; Henry G., a farmer in South Lebanon township, married Sally Stahler, and they have one child, Oscar; Abraham G. is a farmer at home; and Allen G. is a student at the State Normal. Mr. Horst is a member of the Mennonite church, while his wife is connected with the Lutheran church. They both have many friends, to whom they dispense a most delightful hospitality, and they are numbered among the substantial and prosperous farming people of Lebanon county.

**IMBODEN.** The Imboden family is one of the oldest and most prominent in South Annville township, Lebanon county, a leading one in intelligence, wealth and business progressiveness.

The first settler of the Imboden name, known in this part of the Keystone State, was Philip, the grandfather of Samuel K. Imboden, who was one of a family of seven sons and two daughters born to the first generation of the family in what is now Lebanon, then Lancaster, and later, Dauphin county. These children bore the names of: Philip, Jacob, Solomon, William, Samuel, John, George, Elizabeth and Louisa. One of these sons located in the Shenandoah Valley and became the father of General Imboden, an officer of the Confederate army, who participated in the raid into Pennsylvania in 1863, when Chambersburg was burned, and was, also, in command of a brigade at the battle of Gettysburg. The children of Philip Imboden were as follows: Solomon, issue, ten children; Philip, issue, one child; Daniel, issue, three children; Jacob, twice married, no issue; Samuel, twice married, issue, first wife, four children and one living, second wife, six children, two living; George, issue, seven children; and John, issue, three children.

Samuel Imboden, the father of Samuel K. Imboden, was born July 4, 1811, on the farm now owned by Jacob Behm, on the road from Annville to Campbelltown, in South Annville township, Lebanon county. In his young manhood he learned the trade of blacksmith, and worked at the same for five years, and then began farming on land a half mile east of Campbelltown. In 1865 he removed to Campbelltown and resided there until his death. He married (first) Nancy Kreider, daughter of Joseph Kreider, and an aunt of Andrew, David, Henry H. and Joseph Kreider, of Annville. To this union these children were born: Mary, who is the widow of Calvin Clendennin, of Bismarck, Lebanon county; Elizabeth, deceased, wife of John Risser, of Palmyra; Samuel, who died in infancy; and Nancy, deceased



wife of Henry Fegan, of Campbelltown. The second marriage of Samuel Imboden was to Lydia Kreider, a sister-in-law, and the children of this union were: Moses K., deceased; Samuel K.; and Henry, Lydia and Lovina, all deceased; and Susan, the wife of Michael Moyer, of Campbelltown. The father of this family belonged to the Lutheran Church, while the mother was a Mennonite.

SAMUEL K. IMBODEN was born June 18, 1843, on the old homestead farm, near Campbelltown, and grew up there, receiving his education in the common schools. In 1865 he began to operate on his own account, and continued to farm near Campbelltown until 1881, when he purchased the Hilig Hotel, at what is called Sporting Hill, east of Annville. This hostelry is situated on the Berks and Dauphin turnpike road, and during the succeeding ten years, weary travelers were sure of good entertainment at this hospitable inn. In 1889 Mr. Imboden retired from the active operation of this hotel, renting it to his son Albert. In 1891 he built a handsome residence just across the street, where the family resides. Mr. Imboden is now engaged in the lime business, quarrying it on his own land. Albert Imboden managed the hotel for three years and then was succeeded by John Arndt, but Mr. Imboden still owns the property.

For six years Mr. Imboden served as school director of South Annville township. In 1881 he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners for three years, serving with fidelity to the public in this important capacity. Following this he engaged for some three years in the cattle business.

In 1864 Mr. Imboden was married to Julia, daughter of Daniel Heilman, born October 18, 1844, in Londonderry township, and the issue of this union is as follows: Albert, Samuel H., Raymond D., Cora, and Ellen and Morris, deceased. The religious connection of the family is with the Lutheran Church. Fraternally Mr. Imboden belongs to the I. O. O. F. He is a man much respected in his locality, not only for his honorable business methods, but also for his neighborliness and kind and friendly attitude to all, justly being regarded as a representative and prominent citizen.

SIMON P. SMITH. The retirement of Simon P. Smith and his faithful wife to their pleasant home in Lebanon, in 1901, followed over forty years of unceasing activity on their finely developed farm near this town. They are still the possessors of the land which has witnessed their rise from comparative poverty and obscurity, and are able to enjoy in peace and quiet the affluence wrought by their labor and wise planning.

Simon P. Smith was born June 11, 1839, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Harst) Smith, now deceased. The family owes its origin in this country to an ancestor who found his opportunities in Germany too limited, and who arrived in Lebanon county during Colonial days. Peter Smith, the grandfather of Simon P., was a farmer in this county, and his children were called John, Henry, Joseph, Peter, Isaac, Jacob, Catherine and Maria. His son Peter was a farmer in this county during the whole of his active life and to himself and wife were born eight children: Adam; Cyrus; Monroe, of South Lebanon township; Simon P., of the city of Lebanon; Joseph, of Virginia; and Benjamin, Elizabeth and Maria, of Lebanon county, all deceased. All of the children lived on farms, either their own or their husbands', and all were fairly successful and prosperous. Peter Smith was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Mennonite Church.

Simon P. Smith married, in South Lebanon township, November 26, 1863, Maria, daughter of Rudolph and Elizabeth Kreider, members of old families of the county. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of whom Harvey is a minister in the United Evangelical Church, of Mohrsville, Berks county, Pa.; and Cora is the wife of Milton Urich. Mr. Smith was reared to farming, and he always considered that he was better fitted for that kind of occupation than any other. His success is proof of the correctness of his surmise, and he has dignified the most useful and necessary calling to which the energies of man are directed. He is an enthusiastic Prohibitionist, and has done much to further the cause of temperance among his friends and fellow townsmen. The United Brethren Church has no more active worker, and he has faithfully served its interests as deacon, steward and trustee. He enjoys not only the respect, but the appreciation and good will of all who know him.

MAJOR H. P. MOYER, cashier of the Farmers National Bank, of Lebanon, is one of the city's prominent citizens, and one who has been identified with much of its growth and present prosperity. The birth of Mr. Moyer took place at Sinking Spring, Berks County, Pa., August 28, 1844, and he is a son of Rev. David and Mary (Peffley) Moyer, both natives of Berks county.

Rev. David Moyer was born at Reading, Pa., in 1825, and died in 1868, a son of David Moyer, a native also of Berks county, of German ancestry, his father being a native of Germany. Rev. David Moyer was a prominent clergyman of the United Brethren Church, and served successfully charges at Myers-town, Schaefferstown, Jonestown, Annville and Heilmandale, in Lebanon



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county, and Millersburg, Uniontown, Linglestown and Harrisburg, in Dauphin county. His wife, Mary (Peffley), survives, and resides at No. 813 Walnut street, Lebanon, and is most highly esteemed by all who know her. The eight children born to Rev. Moyer and wife were: Major Harry P.; John P., who was prominently identified with the public school work in the State of Louisiana, where he died at the age of thirty years; Martin P., who is a prominent citizen of Fort White, Florida, engaged in fruit-growing and cattle-raising; Nelson P., who resides at Washington, D. C., where he is employed in the Government Bureau of Printing; Mary E., wife of R. R. Eschleman, of Reading; Kate, who married A. P. Swope, of Lebanon; Emma, who married S. S. Bomberger, of Lebanon; and David, of Philadelphia.

Major Harry P. Moyer was ten years of age when the family came to Lebanon county and located at Myerstown, and he there attended the public schools and later the Myerstown Academy, and was still a student at the outbreak of the Civil war. In August, 1862, he enlisted for a service of nine months, in Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, but preferring to enter the cavalry service, he severed his connection with the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Regiment, and on September 1, 1862, re-enlisted, entering Company E, Seventeenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, for three years, in which he gallantly served his country until the close of the war. In many ways Mr. Moyer has a very remarkable record. His service from September 1, 1862, to June 16, 1865, included 1,015 days, during which time he was never absent from his command and bravely bore his part in every engagement in which his company took part, a long and thrilling list: Chancellorsville, Beverly Ford, Aldie, Upperville, Gettysburg, Williamsport, Beaver Creek, Boonsboro, Falling Waters, Brandy Station, Raccoon's Ford, Barnett's Ford, Martin's Ford, Stephensburg, Rappahannock Station, Oak Hill, Thoroughfare Gap, Bealton's Station, Mine Run, Kilpatrick's Raid, to Richmond, Todd's Tavern, Yellow Tavern, Meadow Bridge, Hanover Farm, Old Church, Cold Harbor, Trevillian Station, White House, White Post, Cedarville, Berryville, Kearneysville, Leetown, Smithfield, Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, Luray, Gordonville, Sheridan's Raid to the James River, Stony Creek, Dinwiddie Court House, Five Forks, Scott's Cross Roads, Drummon's Mill, Sailor's Creek, Appomattox Station, Appomattox Court House, and many other skirmishes in which comrades fell. While serving in the Shenandoah Valley Mr. Moyer was captured by the Confederate Guerrilla Mosby, but was re-captured by the Union forces on the same day. Among the souvenirs which grace the walls of Major Moyer's library in his home is an official record of the Seventeenth

Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, giving names and dates of ninety-two engagements in which the regiment participated. This record he prizes very highly. A brave soldier, he has retained a taste for military affairs, and on July 25, 1885, became a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, and was appointed sergeant major of the Third Brigade, National Guard of Pennsylvania, and on June 28, 1887, was appointed quartermaster of the Third Brigade, with the rank of major, by commanding officer Gen. J. P. S. Gobin, being re-appointed June 26, 1890, and again re-appointed June 26, 1895. Major Moyer was with the brigade when it was called upon to suppress the Homestead riots, and also at the time its services were required in the coal regions of Hazleton. The post of duty has always been the place of his choice, and he is highly appreciated by his comrades, both in war and peace.

After his return from the Civil war Mr. Moyer entered Lebanon Valley College, and graduated from that institution in 1868. This was followed by several years of successful teaching in the public schools. In 1869 he was united in marriage with Sarah A. Baumgardner, of Dauphin county, daughter of John Baumgardner, and removed to Lebanon county in 1870, entering the employ of John H. Shugar, wholesale and retail grocer. For five years Mr. Moyer continued with Mr. Shugar, and then accepted a position as chief clerk in the United Brethren Mutual Aid Society of Pennsylvania, a prominent life insurance company located at Lebanon. In 1890 he was elected a director in the institution, and served in the capacity of superintendent of agents, and also as treasurer of the company until 1894, when he resigned. In 1892 Major Moyer became the prime factor and promoter in the organization of the Farmers National Bank of Lebanon, and was elected cashier, a position he has acceptably filled ever since. His unusual business ability has also been recognized by other business organizations, and he is a director and the treasurer of the Lebanon Valley Savings and Loan Association of Lebanon; treasurer and director of the Safety Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Lebanon; treasurer and director of the Central Market House Company; director in the West End Rolling Mill; and president of the Lebanon Board of Trade.

Major Moyer has been active in politics, and served the city of Lebanon as clerk for five years, and for the same number of years as city treasurer. For four years he served in the Select Council, and was on the school board for three years, in all these offices giving close and careful attention to the various demands of each, having an unusual capacity for work. Aside from business he has found time actively to support the United Brethren church,

and serve as Sunday school superintendent, and also to look into charitable and benevolent enterprises. His social faculties also have not been neglected, his membership with Sedgwick Post, No. 42, Grand Army of the Republic, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and other fraternal associations, giving him a large circle of congenial associates. His two accomplished daughters are M. Ella and Sidnie M., and his family home in Lebanon is an abode of frequent hospitality, comfort and culture. His interests are so large and his connections so numerous that few citizens of Lebanon are unacquainted with him; they respect and honor him not only as an energetic, public spirited and successful business man, a brave and fearless soldier, but also as an estimable and representative private citizen.

SAMUEL FELTEROLF, a prominent farmer and well-known citizen of North Londonderry township, was born August 6, 1839, in Upper Macungie township, Lehigh county, about eight miles distant from Allentown. His parents were Samuel and Julia (Grammes) Felterolf, the former of whom was born in 1808, in Albany township, Berks county, and died in 1884, and the latter of whom was born in 1807 in Lehigh county, and died in Lebanon county in 1891. The paternal grandfather was Adam Felterolf, a native of Berks county, who married Susan Sheiben, and later removed to Columbia county, Pa., where both died. Their children have all also passed away, their names being as follows: Peter, Gideon, Samuel, Rachel, Daniel, Michael and Adam.

In 1851 Samuel Felterolf and his wife moved to Lebanon county, in the spring of that year settling in Hanover township, where they resided until 1866, when they removed to the farm on which their son Samuel now resides, and there their last days were passed. By trade the father was a mason, and he followed same for some thirty years in Lehigh county. Both parents were consistent members of the Lutheran church. Their children besides Samuel were: Maria, wife of Cornelius Fox, of East Hanover township, now deceased; Tilman, a resident of Licking county, Ohio; Eliza, wife of Henry Ricker, of North Londonderry township; Susan, wife of Harrison Shiffler, of Missouri; Rebecca, wife of Elias Hartz, of Palmyra; and Peter, a resident of Columbia county.

Samuel Felterolf was but twelve years of age when he came with his parents to Lebanon county. He secured a good common-school education. At the age of thirty years he married, and left the parental roof one year after (having in the meantime operated the home farm), locating in East

Hanover township, Dauphin county, where he remained for eight years, farming for his father-in-law. Then he came back to the old farm, as his father was growing somewhat feeble, and he managed the place until his parents' death, after which he purchased it. It comprises 124 acres of fine land, and is situated two miles north of Palmyra. Mr. Felterolf is a progressive and enterprising farmer, thoroughly understanding his business, and is classed with the excellent agriculturists of the township.

In 1871 Mr. Felterolf was married to Mary Reigert, who was born on the old Reigert farm in Dauphin county, a daughter of John and Barbara (Behm) Reigert, the latter an aunt of Rudolph Behm, of Palmyra. The children of this marriage are: Annie, Emma, Mary, Ella, Susan, Clara (the wife of Rudolph Ensminger of North Londonderry township), Harry (farmer on the home farm), and Kate. The religious connection of the family is with the Lutheran Church. In politics Mr. Felterolf is identified with the Republican party.

EDWARD SCHMALTZ, whose attractive, well improved farm stands in one of the pleasant suburbs of Richland, is a man of great energy and marked business ability. Starting life with nothing but his own brains and muscles to depend upon, he has in the steady pursuit of one main industry—farming—amassed considerable property and won a leading place among agriculturists of his section. He was born in Bern township, Berks county, March 18, 1836, son of John and Rebecca (Spatz) Schmaltz.

Samuel Schmaltz, grandfather of Edward, came from Germany to the Colonies some time prior to 1775. As a loyal, patriotic American, when the Revolutionary war broke out he enlisted, and as a man of marked military ability served as captain under George Washington. By his marriage there were two sons: Benjamin and John, the latter mentioned below.

John Schmaltz, father of Edward, was one of the prominent agriculturist of Millcreek township. In a well-ordered home he received careful rearing, and at an early age was given practical experience in farm management. Both environment and education decided him upon reaching manhood to devote his attention to agriculture, and becoming successful he continued it for the most part throughout his business life. During his young manhood Mr. Schmaltz married Rebecca Spatz, who was a faithful helpmeet for many years. She is now deceased. By this union there were eight children, three of whom married as follows: Annie E., to Ludwig Fisher, of Berks county (she died in 1901); Elmyra, to Israel Shirk, a farmer of Berks county; and Ella to Peter Steiner, of Pottstown; Edward is

mentioned below; John is a farmer of Berks county; Franklin is a resident of Jackson township, this county; and James, of Myerstown; Rebecca married B. W. Bennage, of Jackson township. The father of these children settled upon a farm in Millcreek township about 1849, and there passed the rest of his life, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He improved the property, kept the place thoroughly intact, and was considered one of the prosperous, progressive farmers of the county. He died at the age of sixty-seven years.

Mr. Schmaltz was energetic, thrifty and capable, and won the respect not only of agriculturists, but of the business and professional men in his community. He took an active part in the public affairs of his township, and in politics affiliated with the Republicans. He was a man of marked integrity of character, and the Reformed Church counted him among its most consistent members.

Edward Schmaltz was about fourteen years old when his parents settled upon the Millcreek farm. He received the ordinary rearing of a farmer's boy of his day—plenty of practical discipline in the everyday work of the homestead, and in the free schools of his neighborhood thorough training in the rudiments of knowledge, and in self-control and attention. A wholesome regard for agriculture decided him upon reaching manhood to engage in that pursuit, and having natural ability and practical knowledge of the work his efforts were crowned with success. When twenty-four years old, September 13, 1860, Mr. Schmaltz married Mariah Halstein, of Millbach, who was born in 1841, daughter of John and Mary (Moyer) Halstein, who are mentioned below. To Mr. and Mrs. Schmaltz have been born nine children: Mary, who married George Peiffer, of Berks county; Calvin, a resident of Richland, who married Mary Brown; John, who assists his father on the home place, and who married Noma Light; Henry, a resident of Richland; Adam, who is living at home, and who married Clara Grenawalt; Emma, who married William Rauch, of Richland; Edward, a resident of Palmyra, Pa.; Penrose, who is living at home; and Monroe, who is also at home.

After his marriage Mr. Schmaltz settled upon a seventy-acre farm within a quarter of a mile of Richland, and there he has since resided. He has improved the property, kept the buildings in good condition, and has carried on a very successful business. Wise in his management, his well cultivated fields have produced abundant harvests, and, always finding a ready market for his products, he has not had the misfortune of seeing things go to waste. His farm is now one of the most attractive and valuable pieces of property for its size in the township, and there he is still enjoying the results of his years of hard labor.



Mr. Schmaltz's well directed efforts, and his keen intelligence, have brought him to the front in the public affairs of the community, and for many years he has acted as school director, filling the position with marked ability. In religious circles he is highly esteemed, and is now deacon and trustee of the Tulpehocken Reformed Church, of Richland. He is strictly honest, square in all his dealings with his fellow men, and entirely worthy of the trust imposed in him. Politically he affiliates with the Democrats.

The Halstein family, of which Mrs. Schmaltz is a member, were among the pioneers of Millcreek township. Her father, John Halstein, married Mary Moyer, and they had five children: Mariah (Mrs. Schmaltz), who, has been mentioned; John, a resident of Millbach; Retisa, who married John Bomberger, of South Lebanon township; Emma, the wife of John Reist, of Heidelberg township; and Hiram, a resident of Lebanon.

JOSEPH G. HIBSHMAN, late one of the prosperous and enterprising citizens of Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, was born July 8, 1837, a son of Samuel and Martha (Gibble) Hibshman, of whom the former is deceased, but the latter is still living, making her home in Jackson township.

Samuel Hibshman was a son of John Hibshman, an old settler of Lebanon county, whose father is supposed to have emigrated from Germany at a very early date. John Hibshman's wife, Elizabeth, bore him a son, Samuel (who in time became the father of Joseph G.), and other children, as follows: John, of Lancaster county; Samuel, of Ohio; Joseph G.; Katherine, who married Simon Dohner, of Jackson township; Mary, who married Martin C. Hacker, of Millcreek township. Samuel Hibshman, the father, was an industrious man, and successfully followed his trade, that of a shoemaker. In religious matters he was a member of the German Baptist church.

Joseph G. Hibshman was reared on his father's farm, receiving a common school education. After attaining his majority, he hired himself out as a laborer and worked energetically to accumulate sufficient money to establish himself in business. For a number of years he was a dealer in junk and scrap iron, and built up a good trade in that line, and owned a comfortable home, all of his success being due to his unaided efforts and thrift.

On November 15, 1879, Mr. Hibshman was united in marriage with Miss Anna Bollinger, of Millcreek township, a daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Royer) Bollinger, deceased. Three children were born to this marriage: Paul; Samuel and Verda, at home. Mrs. Hibshman is one of a family of five children born to her parents: Aaron, deceased; Levi S., a

prominent farmer and deacon in the German Baptist Church; Amanda, married to H. M. Muth, of Myerstown, Pa.; Mariah, wife of Israel Wenger; and Mrs. Hibshman. Mr. Hibshman was one of the highly esteemed people of Heidelberg township, and had many friends throughout the county, where his excellent qualities were known and appreciated, and his death, which occurred August 10, 1903, was sincerely mourned. Mrs. Hibshman was a devoted companion of her husband, and is greatly beloved for her many womanly qualities.

JAMES KALBACH, a prominent citizen of Myerstown, of ample means and large business interests, is well known through the State of Pennsylvania in connection with his milling and lumbering enterprises. For the past thirty-five years he has been actively engaged in these industries, and is one of the largest lumber dealers in his part of the State.

Mr. Kalbach is of German extraction, the founders of his family here having come from Germany in 1775. Mr. Kalbach was born June 13, 1841, in Heidelberg township, Berks county, a son of Adam and Katherine (Aulthouse) Kalbach, the former of whom was born in 1809 in Berks county, was a prominent farmer in that county, and died in 1880. He was a son of Adam Kalbach, who came from Germany with his father when but six years of age, married, and became the father of the following children: Isaac, Adam, John, William, Jacob and Joseph. Of this family, Isaac was a drover, Jacob and William were distillers, and Joseph and Adam were farmers—all industrious men of business ability.

In 1890 Adam Kalbach married Katherine Aulthouse, and their children were: Sarah, deceased; Harrison, of Lebanon; Isaac, deceased; Katherine, the wife of Jared Prossman, deceased; Levi, of Bernville, Berks county; James; William of Robesonia, Berks county; Amelia, the wife of H. Filbert, deceased; and Mandon, deceased. It is a rather remarkable fact that all of these sons engaged in the lumber business. Adam Kalbach was one of the leading and wealthy residents of Berks county for his day, and was a large land owner, possessing at one time 600 acres of land. After the Mexican war he was captain of a company of Home Guards. His political adherence was given to the Democratic party.

James Kalbach was reared to young manhood on the farm, and was educated in the district schools. For nine years he followed farming, but gradually drifted into the more congenial life of a lumberman, and his great success in that line testifies to his fitness for it. For twenty years he was connected with the lumber firm of Harrison & Kalbach & Bros., of Lebanon.

In 1884 he located in Myerstown, at which time he purchased the handsome brick residence on South Railroad street which has since been the family home. Mr. Kalbach thoroughly understands the lumbering business in all its practical details, and for the past thirty-five years has devoted his attention closely to it, a statement which may well be credited when it is stated that in some years he has spent 265 days in the timber at work.

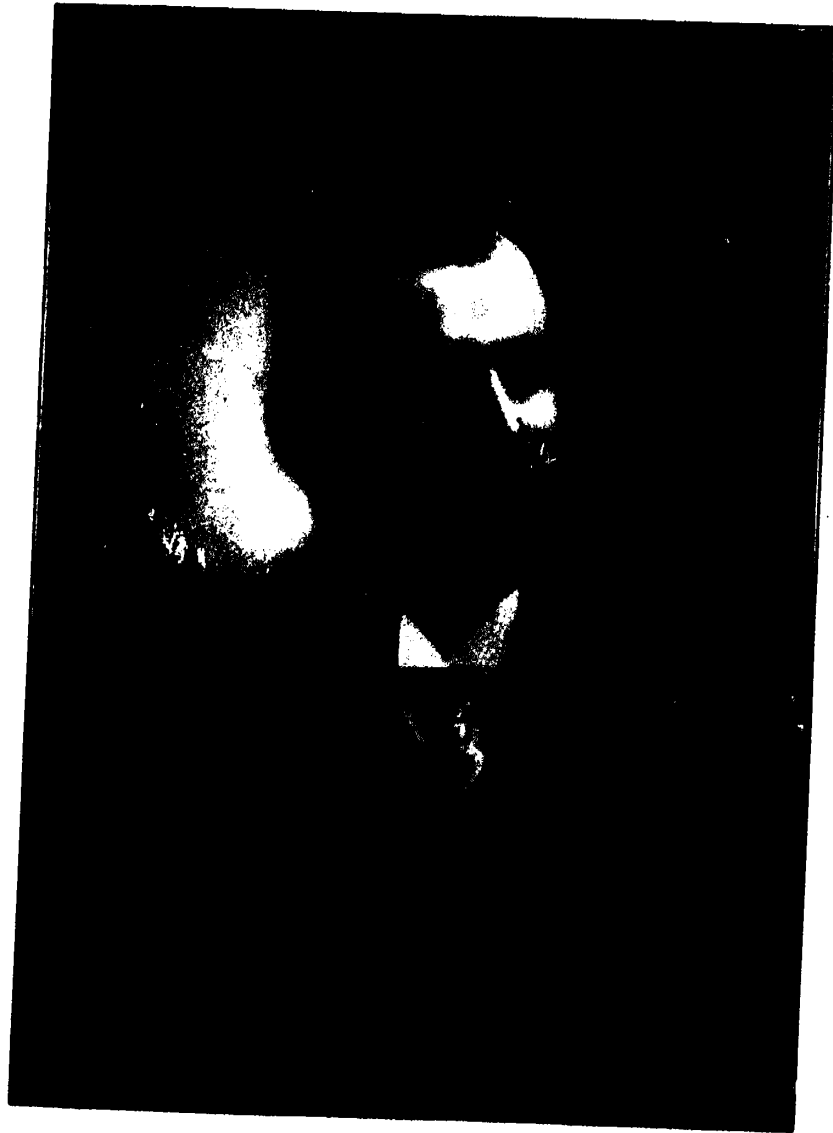
In 1861 Mr. Kalbach was married to Miss Sarah Derr, who was one of a family of seven children born to John and Mary (Kline) Derr, of Berks county, their surviving children being: John Derr, of Bernville; William, of Berks county; Adam, of Schaefferstown; Isaac, of the same place; Levi, deceased; Mrs. Kalbach, and Mrs. Kaufman, deceased. This is one of the old German families of Berks county.

A family of nine children was born to Mr. Kalbach and his wife, eight of these growing to maturity, as follows: D. C., of the firm of James Kalbach & Sons; Morgan, a merchant of North Heidelberg township, Berks county; James A., who is a practicing dentist at No. 2053 North 7th St., Philadelphia; Edward, formerly a brilliant young attorney with George W. Wagner, of Reading, now deceased; Elmer, representative at Norristown of the firm of James Kalbach & Sons; Emma, wife of Charles O. Mennick, a teacher and farmer of North Heidelberg township; Sarah Jane, wife of Dr. J. M. Collins, a veterinary surgeon of Myerstown; and Miss Cora, at home. Mary died in childhood.

Mr. Kalbach is a man of business, well equipped with energy, health and ability, and has taken a leading position in his line of activity in the State. He is a staunch Democrat, but he has never sought or been willing to accept political office. For many years he has been a consistent member of the Reformed Church, serving as deacon and elder. In North Heidelberg township he was one of the school directors for a period, and has always given his influence to the advancement of educational opportunities. He is a man devoted to his home and family, and in every respect a first-class, representative citizen.

JOHN WALTER, M. D., who is one of the leading physicians of Lebanon, Pa., widely known through the county, and prominent in city affairs, was born near Lickdale, Union township, Lebanon county, August 9, 1858.

Several generations of the Walter family have been born in Lebanon county, John Walter, the great-grandfather of Dr. Walter, being a resident of North Lebanon township, where his son, John (2), was born. Daniel



J. Walter, M.D.

Walter, son of John (2), and father of Dr. Walter, was born in 1824, in Union township, followed farming and milling through life, and died in 1880. He married Elizabeth Good, who was born in Reading, Pa., in 1819, daughter of Peter Good, of Berks county, and died in 1899. The children born to Daniel and Elizabeth Walter were: Henry G., a citizen of Lebanon; Dr. William G., deceased; Adam, a citizen of Lebanon; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; and John.

Like many another professional man, Dr. John Walter was born and reared on a farm, learning in early life many practical lessons which have always been of benefit. His parents believed in education, and he was sent to the public schools until he was prepared to teach. He taught school in the winters, and attended in the spring until 1885, when he entered the Cumberland Valley State Normal School, at Shippensburg, where he graduated in 1886. Had he chosen teaching as his life work, he would doubtless have been one of the leading educators of the county. His inclinations, however, led him in the direction of medicine, and in the office of the late Dr. V. H. Allwine, of Lebanon, which he entered in 1886, he prepared for entrance into Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he graduated in the class of 1889. Very soon after he began a practice which has been actively pursued for fifteen years, becoming each year more absorbing and more satisfactory.

In 1890 Dr. Walter received an appointment as a member of the board of health, serving in the same position, with great efficiency, for a period of nine years, during the last five of which he was president of the board. In 1893 he was appointed a member of the United States Pension Board, and he has served in the position of president of it ever since. Dr. Walter is a devoted member of his profession, and a representative member of the Lebanon County Medical Society and of the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, being chairman of the latter. He has taken a deep interest in the Lebanon Nursing School, and is one of the attending physicians at the Good Samaritan Hospital of Lebanon. Aside from his medical connections, which are all of the most honorable character, he is also a member of the Rescue Hose Company, and has been president of this fire department company for seven years. His fraternal associations are with the I. O. O. F., the P. O. S. of A., the A. O. U. W., the Knights of Malta, and the Brotherhood.

In 1891 Dr. Walter was married to Nellie A. Waller, of Smethport, Pa., daughter of Edwin F. Waller, and two sons have been born of this

union: John Allen, born February 27, 1894; and Daniel E., born August 29, 1896.

Politically the Doctor comes of good old Lebanon county Democratic stock, and as a pastime and recreation from his medical duties, he figures quite prominently in politics, and has become one of the leaders of his party, at present serving his fourth term as chairman of the Democratic county committee, to which he was elected April 2, 1900. His word is as good as his bond, and his faithfulness to a pledge once given is never deviated from; knowing this, his party stands by him with a fealty that cannot be questioned. It is an easy matter to lead in a majority county, but to steadfastly put up a bold front and "hold the fort" for a minority, requires matchless skill, keen discernment, and the faculty of sizing men up at their true worth. He has shown consummate ability as a leader, as has been fully attested on many a stubbornly contested battlefield with his opponents. The Doctor is genial in his social walks, is a man of warm impulses, and his friendship is something worth possessing. As a public spirited citizen, he stands the peer of any man, ever ready to respond to any call calculated to advance materially the interests of the city.

GEORGE WILSON ELLIS, one of the most prominent citizens of Jonestown, and a man known all over Lebanon county, was born in Jonestown April 11, 1850, son of Henry M. and Eliza (Horn) Ellis. The father was born in Pottstown, Pa., in 1819, and died in October, 1898. The mother was born in Womelsdorf, Berks county, Pa., in 1824, and died in July, 1900.

The paternal grandfather Ellis, a native of England, emigrated to America at an early date, and settled in the neighborhood of Trenton, N. J., removing thence to Pottstown, where he worked at his trade of shoemaker. His children were: Henry M., father of George Wilson; Nathaniel, chief burgess of Phoenixville, Pa., who also held the office of United States marshal under Cleveland's administration; and Daniel, who lost his life during the Civil war, while a private in a Pennsylvania regiment.

The maternal grandfather of Mr. Ellis was John Horn, a native of New Jersey, and his father was a native of Ireland, who emigrated and settled in New Jersey prior to the Revolution. Great-grandfather Horn married a Hayne, whose two brothers, Frederick and Isaac Hayne, served as soldiers in the Revolutionary war. They later owned the large double farm whereon now stands the Chronic Insane Hospital at Wernersville, Pa., and conducted a blacksmith shop, distillery and wheelwright shop. Washington Horn, son of John, and uncle of George W. Ellis, served in Company A,

Ninety-third P. V. I., was promoted from the ranks to captain of Company A, and died soon after the close of the war from wounds and exposure during his service.

Henry M. Ellis, the father of our subject, learned the carpenter's trade from a man named Coonley, in Union township, Lebanon county, he having come to Lebanon county from Montgomery county, Pa., when a young man. He helped to lay the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad from Reading to Philadelphia, and worked at his trade in Jonestown for over fifty years. In 1873 he was elected county commissioner, and he held various offices in the borough of Jonestown. His sympathies were with the Republican party. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, for many years being treasurer, and held that office when the present church building was erected in Jonestown. He held a commission in the Pennsylvania National Guard under Gov. Schultze. He was a rugged man physically and mentally, and impressed his individuality upon the community. The children born to Henry M. Ellis and wife were as follows: Mary died in 1867, aged twenty-four years; Rebecca married Samuel Trafford, and died in 1896, aged forty-eight years; George W. is mentioned below; Victoria married W. H. Bomgardner, of Reading, Pa.; Lizzie M. married Capt. Jerome W. Henry, a captain of the 127th P. V. I., who later re-enlisted, and was wounded on the battlefield of Fredericksburg, from which wound he later died; Laura married Harvey Hoverter; Henry died in 1888, aged twenty-one years.

George Wilson Ellis was reared in Jonestown, attending the common schools and the Swatara Institute (later Heilman's Hall, now the Orphans' Home), of Jonestown. When in his seventeenth year he began to learn the trade of blacksmith with Isaac Miller, with whom he spent over two years. He next worked for Light Bros., at their forge in North Annville township (Newmarket Forge), as blacksmith and carpenter, for two years. He then worked in Light's rolling-mill, Lebanon, where he had charge of a sheet mill for five years, spending altogether seven years with Light Bros. In 1877 he returned to Jonestown and engaged in blacksmithing for himself, at which he has since continued. For five years he was in partnership with Mr. Miller, with whom he learned the trade.

Mr. Ellis was married to Annie Mary Light, sister to the father of Samuel E. Light, of Lebanon. She was born at Newmarket Forge in 1855, daughter of Jacob Light, who was a pioneer ironmaster of Lebanon county, and the first owner of Newmarket Forge. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are: Warren, born December 27, 1874, who studied at Muhlenberg

College, took a four-years course at Mt. Airy Seminary in theology, was ordained a Lutheran minister, established the Broad Street (Philadelphia) Mission, where he preached two years, and is at present taking a philosophic course at the University of Pennsylvania; Charles, a jeweler by trade, who died October 19, 1901, aged twenty-four years; Ray G., who was educated at the common and normal schools and is a teacher at the present time; Herbert, a student in Fredericksburg; Fred R.; Miriam; and Anna.

Mr. Ellis has been prominent in public matters and politics for many years. For thirteen years he served as a councilman of Jonestown borough, and in 1895 served as chief burgess. In the same year he was elected to represent Lebanon county in the Pennsylvania Legislature, receiving the largest vote cast at that election, and leading the Republican ticket. In 1897 he was re-elected to the same office, again leading his ticket, with an increase in majority over that which he received in 1895.

Fraternally Mr. Ellis has been a member of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, F. & A. M., since 1880, and of the Commandery since 1885. Religiously he is a member of the Lutheran Church, and has served as superintendent of the Sunday school for the past fifteen years.

WILLIAM VAN DE SANDE was born in Germany, near Frankfurt-am-Main, May 2, 1827. His father, Dr. D. F. G. Van de Sande, was born in Cape Town, South Africa, and came to the United States in 1838, locating at Fort Plain, N. Y. Later he went to Boston, where he continued to follow his profession, that of doctor of medicine. He died in that city. He was the father of twelve children, all of whom grew to maturity, William being the eldest, and of the others are named Elizabeth; Daniel, a celebrated musician of Chicago, Ill.; Lewis, of Boston, Mass.; John (deceased), who was a major in the war of the Rebellion; George (deceased), who was a graduate of West Point, served in the Rebellion, and was captain of Lincoln's guard; Mimmie, widow of Homer Locke; Mary, who is unmarried; and Louisa, wife of Benjamin Mann, of Washington, D. C.

William van de Sande was educated in Germany and at Fort Plain (N. Y.) College. At the age of sixteen he went to New York and secured a position in the custom house. Later he learned the watchmaker's trade. In 1849 he went to Philadelphia, where he was employed by James E. Caldwell & Co., and where he remained three years. Returning to New York City in 1852, he went into business, entering the co-partnership of a large importing house, which imported watches, diamonds and jewelry. He continued in that firm until 1861, during which time he did all the traveling.



spending all the winter seasons in the Southern States, South America, Cuba, Mexico and California. In 1861 he separated from the firm, and returned to his native land, where he was employed as a civil engineer until 1865, when he returned to America. Soon after his return to this country he located in Lebanon, Lebanon county, Pa., and bought an interest in a forge of the firm of Mitchell & Weiley. Three years later he bought out Mitchell, and changed the plant from a forge to a rolling-mill; again he converted it into a puddling plant, which he conducted with marked success. In 1884 he sold out his entire interest to Jacob Capp, and has since lived in retirement, having amassed a small fortune in the iron business.

Mr. van de Sande was married to Miss Sarah M. Dunot, of Philadelphia, Pa., a daughter of Miller Dunot, of Wilmington, Del. This marriage has been blessed with children as follows: Elizabeth, Mimmie and William, all residing with their parents in Lebanon. Mr. van de Sande is an independent politician, and in religion is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In fact, he was educated for the ministry, but never followed it up. He is now seventy-six years of age, possesses a sound mind and a retentive memory, and is a man well-read, and with considerable literary ability and taste. He has written several stories and some poetry. He has never cared for politics, and has always desired to live a quiet, modest life. Mr. Van de Sande is to-day one of the most honored citizens of Lebanon, a man with a clear head, a lucid mind, and a generous heart for all. He is well liked by all who know him, and is now living retired, having spent his active days in a manner worthy of his ancestry. He attributes his success to honesty and close attention to business, and all agree, who are acquainted with him, that he is one of Lebanon's most successful business men.

GEORGE M. STRACK, one of the honorable citizens and substantial retired farmers of Jackson township, is a native of that township, born October 31, 1829, near Strack's Dam, son of Christian and Catherine (Moyer) Strack, natives of Heidelberg township, the latter a daughter of Michael Moyer.

Christian Strack was born in 1792 and died at the age of ninety-one years, in 1884, and was a son of Henry Strack, a farmer in Heidelberg township, who was born in Switzerland. Henry was one of the early settlers of Lebanon county, and at one time owned the land upon which now stands the village of Reistville; he married twice, and was the father of eighteen children.

Christian Strack was a leading member of the Tulpehocken church;

indeed, he took a prominent place in almost every circle, being one of the best farmers of the county, and for many years a Justice of the Peace. As a scrivener, surveyor and conveyancer his services were constantly in demand, and his writing appeared in the recorder's office on many of the legal papers during many years of his useful life. As an administrator of estates, his integrity was such that no single act of his was ever disputed. Like a good citizen, he took an intelligent interest at all times in public affairs, and always supported the Republican party. Mr. Strack was the father of eight children, as follows: Louise, Michael, Christian, Jacob, George M., Rebecca, John and Henry, all now deceased except George M.

George M. Strack grew up on the farm and attended the subscription schools, educational opportunities being meager at that time in his locality. Public education, with all its privileges, was not then dreamed of. His time was employed in farm work, and at the age of twenty-two years he married Miss Sarah Anna Diehl, born April 27, 1831, in Jackson township, daughter of Philip and Eva Diehl, farming people of that township. Two children were born of this union: J. A. D., born June 4, 1863, married Sarah A. Krick, and died June 4, 1902, leaving seven children, Franklin, Edwin, Albert, Harry, Annie, James and Sarah; and Sarah Anna, married John H. Hibshman, and they reside on the old farm with Mr. Strack. The mother died February 22, 1893, a consistent member of the Zion Lutheran Church, and a woman of many amiable traits of character.

Mr. Strack, who has reached the advanced age of seventy-four years, and is in perfect health, is spending the evening of life in his comfortable home in a residence erected in 1783, at peace with the world, and honored and respected by all who know him. His large farm is situated about four miles northwest of Myerstown, this property containing sixty-two acres, while he owns four more farms, aggregating 516 acres of the valuable land of Lebanon county. He has always been one of the liberal-minded men of the community, and of such unquestioned integrity that he has been called upon to fill many responsible positions. For the past forty years he has been one of the active Republicans of this section, was director of the poor from 1877 to 1880, and has been urged for other offices by his party on many occasions, and has been the efficient township auditor several terms. Since 1866 he has been a director of the Annville Mutual Fire Insurance Company. His connection with Kimmerling church began in 1855, and for thirty-eight years he has served as secretary, and has been elder and deacon, and since 1870 one of the trustees.

Christian Strack is still remembered on account of his estimable char-

acter, and his son, George M., worthily fills his place. He is becoming one of the venerable citizens of Jackson township, and counts his friends by the hundred, a testimonial to an exemplary life and a genial, kind, neighborly disposition. Many of the large estates of this locality have passed through his hands as administrator, his duties being performed with fidelity and scrupulous honesty.

JOHN W. FEGAN. The fine farm which was the pleasant home of John W. Fegan, one of the leading and highly respected citizens of Lebanon county, now living retired in Annville, is one which was among the first cultivated tracts in North Lebanon township, its settlement being at a time when the young city of Lancaster was the nearest market place, and wheat growers were obliged to carry their bags of grain thither on horseback, disposing of the cereal for sixty-two cents a bushel.

John W. Fegan was born March 31, 1829, at Annville, Lebanon county, son of Daniel and Magdalena (Killinger) Fegan, the former of whom was born in England, and came as a boy, with his parents, to America. They located in Franklin county, Pa., and there Daniel grew to maturity, coming then to Lebanon county. He served in the war of 1812. At Annville he married Magdalena Killinger, daughter of John Killinger, and settled in that place, becoming a prominent man in the county. While filling the office of sheriff of the county, he resided at Lebanon. He was a hatter by trade, and followed this business at Annville for ten years, engaging then in farming and continuing to rent land for this purpose until within ten years of his death. His prudence and industry resulted in the accumulation of a competency. In political life he was prominent, and capably served in local offices, was assessor of his township, and was elected by the Republican party three years sheriff of the county. His reputation was that of being one of the honorable and progressive citizens of his time and locality. Both he and wife were consistent members of the Reformed Church. They had thirteen children born to them, eleven of these growing to maturity, as follows: Eliza, deceased, wife of Samuel Benson; Susannah, deceased, wife of Moses Gruber; Fannie, deceased, wife of John Nowlen; Rosannah, deceased, wife of Ephraim Bergner; Polly, deceased, wife of Elias Yorty; George, a carpenter and mechanic, who died in Iowa; John W.; Peter, who died unmarried at the home of John W.; Daniel, a retired carpenter and farmer at Annville; and Henry H. and Joseph K., twins, the former a farmer of Campbelltown, Londonderry township, and the latter a carpenter at South Annville.

John W. Fegan was reared at Annville and received the best education

afforded at the time in the public schools. At the age of twenty years he selected blacksmithing as his choice of a trade, and became an apprentice under Isaac Shiffler at Mt. Pleasant, South Annville township, and after becoming a skilled workman, followed the business for seven years for himself at Annville. Then he purchased a small tract of eighteen acres of land in South Annville township, two years later selling it and purchasing 100 acres in the same township, where he operated for four years, and then sold that and bought his present farm. Here Mr. Fegan has 120 acres of the finest kind of land, which owes its development and improvement to him. His long years of industry have proved very fruitful, and he is now known among the substantial men of his township, and one who has been a very important factor in its agricultural development. He has retired from active work, and resides in a comfortable home in Annville. Mr. Fegan is highly esteemed in financial as well as other circles, and is one of the stockholders in the Farmers' National Bank of Lebanon.

In 1855 Mr. Fegan was married to Miss Lucetta Shiffler, born January 28, 1832, daughter of George and Catherine (Sherk) Shiffler, a native of Lancaster county, near Ephrata, the family moving to near Palmyra, Dauphin county, when she was about sixteen years of age. Mr. Fegan and his estimable wife had a family of eleven children born to them, as follows: John, a farmer, is one of the school directors of North Lebanon township; Mary, who is the widow of Amos Boltz, resides in Annville, and has one son, Walter F.; Frank, a carpenter, married Leah Poorman and they have one son, Lloyd, and reside at Cleona; Simon, who is a farmer on his father's ninety-acre farm, married Tacie Marks, and they have two children, Mark and Mary; and Harry, who is a teacher in the public schools, resides at home. Six children died in early childhood. This worthy and prominent family belongs to the Reformed Church at Annville.

I. REILY BUCHER, M. D., an old and well-known physician of Lebanon county, who has been located in the city of Lebanon since 1876, becoming one of her most esteemed citizens, was born August 22, 1832, in Schaeffers-town, this county, a descendant of a long line of eminent physicians.

Dr. Benedict Bucher, the great-grandfather of Dr. Bucher, of Lebanon, with his brother, Hannes Bucher, came to America about 1750, from the Canton of Bern, Switzerland, and with many others of their countrymen, settled in Cocalico township, Lancaster county, Pa. Dr. Benedict Bucher, the grandfather of Dr. I. Reily, perpetuated his father's name and fame, and was born August 7, 1759, in Cocalico township, Lancaster county, and studied



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his profession under his father. About 1780 he located in Lebanon township, Lancaster county, which is now Cornwall township, Lebanon county, and there practiced his profession, became prominent in local affairs, and on account of eminent ability and superior education, was called upon to fill many public offices. His death occurred May 1, 1830; his wife, Susanna Mohler, born January 29, 1764, died September 1, 1827.

Dr. Christian Bucher, son of Dr. Benedict (2), was born in Cornwall township, Lebanon county, April 16, 1796, and died December 22, 1860. His marriage was to Mary Valentine, and they reared these children: Dr. Samuel, who located at Cedarville, Ill., where he died; Susan, who married Henry Houck, of Lebanon; Dr. Alfred; Mary Ann, who married Frank H. Goshert, of Lebanon; and Dr. Isaac Reily, of Lebanon.

Dr. Bucher was educated in the common schools of Schaefferstown, and during the winter of 1850-51 he attended the Strasburg Academy in Lancaster county. In 1852 he made a trip to Minnesota, which was then a Territory, but soon after went to his brother Samuel, who had removed to Cedarville, Ill., and was there engaged in the practice of medicine. Accepting a position as clerk in a store at Buena Vista, Ill., a village near Cedarville, he remained for a short time, but evidently inherited instincts and tastes urged him to enter the professional world, and he became a student of medicine under his brother, Dr. Bucher, at Cedarville. During the summer of 1853 he engaged in clerking in a wholesale and retail store at Peru, Ill., but in the following winter resumed his studies at Cedarville. In the spring of 1854 he took a walking trip through the State of Iowa, working his way by the performance of small jobs as he went along, and in the fall of the same year returned to his birthplace, and continued his medical studies under his eminent father. The winters of 1856 and 1857 were spent in attendance upon lectures at the Pennsylvania Medical College, and he was there graduated in the latter year. Upon his return home he took charge of his father's practice, and continued to reside at Schaefferstown until 1876, when he removed to Lebanon, where he has ever since remained, becoming both professionally and personally a most valued citizen.

On October 2, 1860, Dr. Bucher was married to Mary E. Heister, who was born May 2, 1835, in the residence now occupied by Dr. Bucher, and died in 1897. To this union eight children were born, the survivors being: Dr. John C., of Lebanon; Dr. Heister, of Reading, who married Vara Kalbach, and has one daughter, Mary Elizabeth; and May and Paul, twins, born in 1876. In his sons he sees his name and profession honorably perpetuated.

Dr. Bucher has, in every sense of the word, been a successful physician,

being a man of large sympathy, calm discrimination and much tact and personal magnetism, and this, combined with the experience of many years and devotion to his profession, has enabled him to not only amass worldly possessions, but also to gain his fellow-citizens' confidence and esteem. Admirably fitted to represent his profession, he has been highly honored by the various bodies, and in 1897 was called upon to become the president of the Lehigh Valley Medical Society. Much credit is due his efforts in the organization of the Lebanon County Medical Society, one of the representative bodies of the State. Since 1884 he has been a member of the American Medical Association, and with ability and dignity he has represented the same at the conventions held in Cincinnati, Ohio; Nashville, Tenn.; Denver, Colo.; Nebraska; Baltimore, Md.; Washington, D. C.; and Atlantic City, N. J. His fraternal association is with the Masons, Mt. Lebanon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and the Chapter and Commandery, of which latter he was treasurer. The Doctor's political connection is with the Democratic party. He has served as a member of the Lebanon city school board, and also on the board of health.

HENRY HOUCK, one of the most honored citizens of Lebanon, was born March 6, 1836, in Palmyra, Lebanon county, Pa., son of Samuel and Rosanna (Jontz) Houck, the former of whom was born in 1808, and died in 1875.

The early education of Henry Houck was obtained in the common schools and at the Annville Academy, and he also attended one term at Arcadia Institute at Orwigsburg, and later, while engaged in teaching, took lessons in Greek and Latin from tutors. Franklin and Marshall College gave him the degree of A. M., and Pennsylvania College that of Litt. D. At the age of sixteen he began teaching, and has been identified with educational work ever since, being at present deputy superintendent of education for the State of Pennsylvania, to which honorable position he was appointed in 1869. Mr. Houck has served as county superintendent of Lebanon county, as recording clerk of the school department of the State, and has been deeply interested in every educational movement.

On April 10, 1856, Henry Houck was married to Susan Margaret Bucher, daughter of Dr. Christian Bucher, and the following named children were born to this union: Harvey Bucher, Mary Valentine, Rosa Jontz, Elizabeth Heister, Paul Winters, Alfred Rhodes and Susan Margaret.

ALFRED R. HOUCK, postmaster of Lebanon, and a prominent and representative citizen of that place, was born January 29, 1868, in the brick resi-

dence on the corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets, Lebanon, where his father still resides. He received his education in the public schools and the high school of Lebanon, and also took a special course at the Annville Normal school. In 1884 he entered the Weimer Machine shops, in Lebanon, and served an apprenticeship of three years, following this with a three years' course in the draft room and mechanical engineering department of the same establishment. For the succeeding six years he worked in the mechanical engineering department of the same shops, and in 1897 took a position as mechanical engineer in the Lackawanna Iron & Steel Works, at Scranton, Pa. In 1898 Mr. Houck entered the United States Revenue Service as chief stamp deputy, or cashier, in the department at Lancaster, and filled the position for two years and nine months, resigning to accept the position of postmaster, to which he had been appointed February 1, 1901. Socially Mr. Houck is a member of the Elks.

JOHN KLEISER, one of the well-known citizens of Lebanon, and member of the board of county commissioners, was born May 30, 1837, on the corner of Tenth and Chestnut streets, in that city.

Ignatius Kleiser, his grandfather, was born in Germany, and came to Lebanon at a very early day. He carried on a meat business in a building on the corner of Tenth and Cumberland streets, for many years, and owned the hotel located on the corner of Tenth and Cumberland streets, which, in its time, was one of the popular public houses of Lebanon. His son Joseph, the father of John, was born in Lebanon, and was a prosperous butcher there. He married Rosanna Zimmerman, who was also born in Lebanon, daughter of John and Elizabeth Zimmerman. Joseph Kleiser died in 1866, his wife surviving until 1899, to her eighty-fourth year. Four children were born to them: Cyrus, who is the proprietor of the "American House," in Lebanon; Ignatius and Jeremiah, deceased; and John.

John Kleiser was reared in Lebanon and attended the common schools of that city. Later he served an apprenticeship at the shoemaker's trade, and for a number of years worked as a journeyman for the late Joseph Bowman, making the greater number of the fine shoes which were a feature of that merchant's trade. In 1861 Mr. Kleiser enlisted for Civil war service, entering Company E, 127th Regiment, P. V. I., under Capt. Greenawalt, and served through his term of nine months. After the close of the war he engaged in railroading, and for sixteen years was employed on the old Cornwall railroad, beginning as front brakeman and working his way up to the position of conductor, in which capacity he served eight of the sixteen years.



In 1880 Mr. Kleiser embarked in the boot, shoe, trunk and satchel business, opening a store at No. 28 South Ninth street, in Lebanon, and has continued to prosper in that line ever since. He is a business man of integrity and has a large patronage.

In 1860 Mr. Kleiser was married to Julia A. Albright, the only child of Louis Albright, an early and well-known citizen of Lebanon, and to this union the following children have been born: Annie M., who married J. Shindel Krause, of Lebanon; Grant E., of Lebanon; Elizabeth M., who married Elmer E. Hauer, of Lebanon; and Joseph A., of Lebanon.

Mr. Kleiser has been a prominent citizen of Lebanon county for many years, and has a wide circle of acquaintances and a host of warm friends. He has been a lifelong member of the Republican party, and in 1899 was honored by his party and fellow citizens by election to the important and responsible position of member of the board of county commissioners for Lebanon county, for a term of three years, which position he is now filling with credit to himself and satisfaction to the county. Mr. Kleiser is a member of Sedgwick Post, G. A. R., and of Mohegan Lodge, No. 288, I. O. O. F. His religious connection is with the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church.

DANIEL S. MOORE, who died on his well-improved farm April 19, 1901, was one of the largest land owners and most prominent agriculturists in Millcreek township, and his loss was felt in many circles.

Mr. Moore was a member of one of the pioneer families of Lebanon county, and was of good Dutch extraction, John George Moore, the first American representative of the line, coming from Holland about 1720. After a short residence in Schoharie county, N. Y., he located in Lebanon county, Pa., where about 1730 he took out a patent of land in Millcreek township. This he cleared and improved, making a good farm for himself.

John Moore, son of John George, and grandfather of Daniel S., was reared in Millcreek township, and there upon reaching manhood engaged in agriculture. He was a man of thrift and energy, and thoroughly prosperous. In the public affairs of the day he took an ardent interest, and in politics he was a strong Jefferson Democrat.

Michael Moore, son of John, and father of Daniel S., devoted his long and active life to the steady, conscientious pursuit of agriculture. Upon his father's farm he received thorough preparation for his life work. About 1835 Mr. Moore married Mary Strickler, and they had two children: Edward S. and Daniel S. After his marriage Mr. Moore settled upon a farm

about half a mile southeast of Millbach, where he engaged in agriculture very successfully for many years. He improved the place, put the buildings in good condition, and in other respects added to the value of the property. Making an unqualified success of his work here, he purchased other farms in the vicinity, which he also managed with good results. In all his ventures he prospered, and in time became one of the largest land owners in Millcreek township. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years, and his wife, who is still living, is now eighty-seven. Mr. Moore possesses a large capacity for directing affairs, wherein lay his success as an agriculturist. In many walks of life he was influential, and the Reformed Church counted him among its most substantial members. Politically he was a strong Democrat.

Daniel S. Moore was decidedly a product of good wholesome farm life. Born on the old Moore homestead, just out of Millbach, April 26, 1843, he there early shouldered life's responsibilities, receiving careful training in habits of industry and self-reliance. In the public schools of his vicinity he gained a practical rudimentary education, displaying much natural ability at grasping information. Both inclination and environment, however, decided him upon reaching manhood to engage in agriculture, and securing a farm in Millcreek township he there followed his pursuit for many years. A good practical manager, not afraid of work, he had large and profitable crops from the start, and encouraged by his success he later purchased other farms in the township, which he managed with equal profit. He greatly improved all his property, and was long known as one of the wealthy farmers and large land-owners of the township. At the time of his death he owned there three well-improved farms to divide among his heirs.

On May 18, 1897, Mr. Moore married Lizzie Sanders, of Schaeffers-town, who now resides upon one of the attractive Moore farms in Millcreek township, which she is managing with much success. By this marriage there was one daughter, Frances May, who was born April 22, 1900.

Mr. Moore as one of the most capable men in his locality. To each task he gave the full strength of his manhood, making a thorough success of each undertaking. He kept himself well informed upon the latest movements in agriculture and evinced rare judgment in detecting those of practical value. Like his predecessors, he was a strong Democrat in politics. Both he and his wife belonged to the Reformed Church of Millbach, and he served as deacon there for many years.

SAMUEL SANDERS, father of Mrs. Moore, comes of one of the old and highly respected families of Lebanon county, his grandfather Sanders having come hither from Germany in the early days. John Jacob Sanders, father

of Samuel, was born in Lebanon county, Pa., and there passed many years of his active and useful life. Samuel Sanders married Susannah Layser, and they had six children: John S., now a resident of Schaefferstown; James, who lives in Sterling, Ill.; Lizzie (Mrs. Moore), who is mentioned above; Sallie, who married Aaron Bowman, of Millcreek township; Mary, now deceased; and Malinda, who has never married. Mr. Sanders, the father, now in his seventy-first year, is living in retirement in North Lebanon.

JACOB WESTENBERGER, one of the representative and progressive farmers of Cornwall township, Lebanon county, was born March 9, 1852, in Cornwall township, a son of Joseph and Veronica (Hostetter) Westenberger, who removed to South Annville township when he was a child but one year of age.

Mr. Westenberger grew to maturity in South Annville township, and attended the local schools, acquiring a good education. At the age of twenty-two years he began to farm for himself, locating on a tract of seventy-three acres, near by, where he remained for eight years, removing then to a larger farm, containing 123 acres, in the same township, where he also remained eight years. Then he removed to the farm which he now occupies, purchasing the same, which contains almost ninety acres of some of the finest land in this part of Lebanon county. It is particularly well located also, within three miles of the southern limits of the city of Lebanon. Thus he and his family enjoy all the benefits and privileges of both country and city life. Mr. Westenberger carries on a general line of farming, employing modern methods and improved machinery, being a man of practical ideas and progressive and intelligent activity.

While not an active politician, Mr. Westenberger affiliates with the Republican party, and is ready to put his shoulder to the wheel to assist all enterprises which his judgment convinces him will benefit his community. The township has had no more careful judge of elections, nor more capable member of its school board.

In 1873 Mr. Westenberger was married to Mary A. Black, born in North Lebanon township, a daughter of Hugh and Leah (Boyer) Black, and their two sons, John H. and Albert, both remain in the pleasant old home, the latter having married Miss Gertie Treist, of Cornwall township. Since 1893 Mr. Westenberger has been a zealous member of the United Brethren Church, and in 1895 he was licensed to preach, officiating as minister at various stations both in Lancaster and Lebanon counties. He is the

class leader of the Rockerty Church, and has done much to assist in the upbuilding of this congregation. Both he and his wife are esteemed and beloved by all who know them, and are true Christian people.

ISRAEL W. GROH, who entered into rest December 20, 1895, was born June 19, 1834, in Heidelberg township, near Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, Pa., a son of Michael and Susanna (Moyer) Groh.

Michael Groh was the father of five children as follows: John M., who married Lizzie Macilli, and settled in Breathedsville, Md.; Sarah M., who married John M. Hill, and located at Sheridan, Pa.; Israel W.; Susanna H., who married Frank Iba, and settled in Schaefferstown; and Michael, who died in infancy. The father belonged to the German Reformed Church at Schaefferstown, which he served as a deacon, and in which he otherwise took an active and leading part.

Israel W. Groh was brought up on a farm, receiving his preliminary education in the winter terms of the country schools, such as they were. His summers were spent at work upon the home farm. His thirst for knowledge was not satisfied with the little that home schools offered him, and at sixteen he went to Maryland to learn English. Having overcome this greatest obstacle to his rapid advancement he returned to Pennsylvania and entered Mt. Joy Academy, later attending the State Normal school at Millersville (at that time a subscription school). At each place he distinguished himself for his scholarship, and when he left the school room as a pupil it was only to re-enter it as a teacher. He also served successfully as a leader of singing classes. After his marriage, in 1861, he returned to the farm. In 1875 he purchased the David Zug mill, and in the following year took possession of it, and from that time until his death conducted it with unvarying success. At his death he left considerable property, which descended to his son, Calvin E., who manages it with the same care and ability evinced by his father.

In 1861 Mr. Groh was married to Sabina E. Eberly, and two sons were born of this union: Calvin E., born August 30, 1862; and Harvey, born October 26, 1867, died in infancy. The widowed mother lives at the mill with her son.

In politics Mr. Groh was a staunch Republican. In his religious faith he was a Spiritualist, but believed implicitly in the wisdom and love of the Creator, but he denied the divinity of Christ. He was a man of much intellectual vigor, and of great force and simplicity of character. In his convictions he was firm, but ever tolerant of the opinions of others. In every

relation of life he practiced the strictest integrity; and his direct and even judgment made his counsel much sought by his associates. He enjoyed a very extensive acquaintance, and had the universal confidence and esteem of all who knew him.

**THOMAS EVANS.** Among the prominent citizens of Lebanon, Pa., is Thomas Evans, who for twenty years has been closely identified with the iron interests of the Lebanon Valley, and who, though now retired from active business, continues his identification with the manufacture of iron as a director in the American Iron and Steel Company.

John B. Evans, his father, was a native of England, and emigrated to America in about 1842. After two years of residence in New York City, he went, about 1844, as far west as Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was joined by his family in the following year. Mr. Evans was a worker in iron. The wife and mother died when our subject was but a boy.

Thomas Evans went to school and passed his boyhood days in Cincinnati. About 1850 he worked in a rolling mill in St. Louis, Mo., and, after two years there, went on a visit to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he learned the trade of roll turner in a rolling mill, remaining for some time in that city. Returning to Cincinnati in April, 1858, he remained there working at his trade until 1859, when he went to Shelby, Ala., there building the first rolling mill ever erected in that State, which mill was put in operation in May, 1860. Mr. Evans operated the plant until the John Brown raid, at that time finding it expedient to return North. In the fall of 1860 he again went South, this time to Ettawa, Ga., where, as superintendent, he took charge of the Ettawa Iron Works, and remained there until May 15, 1861, and again the war sent him North. In the following August, Mr. Evans went to Newport, Ky., to the Swift Iron & Steel Works, where he got up rolls and machinery especially constructed for the manufacture of iron for the protection of the Mississippi river gun boats, being built for the Federal government. During that winter he took charge as manager of the entire plant of the Swift Iron & Steel Works, and manufactured iron for the United States monitors, built at Cincinnati. In July, 1862, he enlisted in the Federal army, and was made captain of Company C, Forty-first Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and served as such for three months. He then returned to the management of the Swift mill, where he continued until 1868, in which year he returned to Cincinnati. In that city he organized a company which was known as the Evans, Clifton Company, and built the Vulcan Rolling Mill and Tube Works, which he operated until December, 1878, and he then again took charge of the Swift



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Works in Newport, Ky. He remained there until 1880, when he came to Pennsylvania, and took charge of the E. & G. Brooks Iron Company, at Birdsborough. In August, 1882, he broke ground in Lebanon for the erection of the works of the Lebanon Iron Company, and in May, of the following year, began the manufacture of iron as the general manager of the above company, in which he was a large owner, and he so continued until the company was merged into the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company, in February, 1901, becoming a director in the latter organization.

Mr. Evans has been active in the manufacture of iron since his location in Lebanon, and he was president of the Lebanon Chain Works, which enterprise, by his genius and knowledge of iron and steel, was made a most successful venture. He was a director in the Lebanon Electric Street Railway, a director in the Electric Light Company, and is at present a director in the American Ice and Coal Company, of Harrisburg.

Mr. Evans is a member of Robert Burns Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Newport, Ky.; Olive Branch Chapter, of the same; and is a member of Reading Commandery, K. T., and of Reading Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

In December, 1872, Mr. Evans was married to Fannie R. Robson, a member of one of the prominent old Kentucky families, whose father was for many years a leading business man of Cincinnati.

**MICHAEL M. MOORE**, of Millbach, a retired agriculturist and dealer in cattle, horses and mules, carried on his industries in that place for about fifty years. His keen business judgment and his integrity of character have won him the confidence of the community, and he has been influential in the public affairs of Lebanon county.

Mr. Moore was born December 18, 1832, on the old family homestead near Millbach, and comes of a fine old Pennsylvania-Dutch family. His great-grandfather, John George Moore, the first representative of the family in America, came from Holland some time between 1720 and 1730, and first settled in Schoharie county, N. Y. Prior to 1730 he moved to Millcreek township, Lebanon Co., Pa., and there secured from John, Thomas and Richard Penn a tract of wild land. He cleared it, erected good buildings, and improved it in other respects, making in time a good home for himself, where he passed many fruitful years of his life. He was the father of four children: John (who is mentioned below), Elizabeth, Catherine and Rebecca. Mr. Moore was a strong, energetic man, and as a pioneer of Lebanon county was influential in establishing a good government, and in developing the resources of the section.

John Moore, son of John George, and grandfather of Michael M., was a resident of Millcreek township for many years, and was there reared to farm work. Upon reaching manhood he married Elizabeth Moyer, and their nine children were: John, Monroe, Michael, George, Jonathan (who is mentioned below), Henry, Philip, Mary and Eve. The father of these children engaged in agricultural work in Millcreek township, and carried on a successful industry for many years, as a wise business manager receiving good financial returns for his labor. He took an intelligent interest in the public affairs of his day, and in politics was a strong Jeffersonian Democrat.

Jonathan Moore, father of Michael M., was, like his predecessors, a prosperous agriculturist of Millbach. In a well regulated home he received careful rearing, and in the public schools of his neighborhood a good practical education. Both environment and inclination led him upon reaching manhood to engage in agriculture, and he early purchased an attractive farm within a quarter of a mile of Millbach, where he settled and continued his pursuit. About 1830 he erected on this place some fine new buildings, which are now in the possession of his son, John M. Other improvements followed, and he in time had one of the most valuable farms in the county. Meeting with success, he continued in that line for the most part throughout his business life. He was practical, progressive and thorough in his work, and stood high among the agriculturists of his section, where he was quite influential. About 1820 Mr. Moore married Katherine Miller, and of this union there were three children: John M., a retired farmer and watchmaker of Millbach; Michael M., who is mentioned below; and Elizabeth, who died in childhood.

Mr. Moore possessed all those sterling traits of character that go into the making of a strong, vigorous man—a large capacity for work, high ideals, and the energy that goes out to attain them. In public affairs he always evinced a keen interest, and in politics affiliated with the Democrats. He was a man of strong religious convictions, and a substantial member of the Reformed Church.

Michael M. Moore passed his early life in a comfortable, well-ordered home in Millcreek township, and in the steady performance of rural pursuits received thorough training for life's activities. In the public schools of his vicinity he gained a good rudimentary education, and there developed habits of industry and alertness of much value to him in later life. On December 7, 1851, Mr. Moore married Henrietta Weigley, who was born in April, 1828, in Jackson township, daughter of Jacob and Katherine (Miller) Weigley, pioneer settlers of that township, who had a family of ten children,



all now deceased. Mrs. Moore, who was a devoted wife and mother, died April 21, 1902. To Mr. and Mrs. Moore were born three children: Miller Adam, a blacksmith of Millbach; Jonathan W., who is a dealer in coal at Sheridan; and Andrew P., a cigar manufacturer of Richland. Of these, Jonathan W. and Andrew P. are mentioned below. Miller A. Moore was born October 21, 1852, and married Emma C. Smith, daughter of Dr. Seth K. Smith, of Newmanstown, Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania.

After his marriage Mr. Moore settled in Millbach and engaged in farming. Wise management and patient industry crowned his efforts with success, and he continued in that line for many years. About 1855, in addition to his other business, he began to speculate in cattle, horses and mules, giving the latter his chief attention. A perfect knowledge of thoroughbreds enabled him to detect at a glance a good animal, and he seldom made a mistake in a purchase. Perfectly fair in his dealings with others, he soon worked up a large trade, which steadily increased from year to year, and, deriving a good income from the business, he continued it for over forty years, over all the eastern part of Pennsylvania, closing out in 1896, when he retired from active work. He has prospered in all his undertakings in life, and now, in his seventy-first year, is availing himself of well-earned leisure.

Mr. Moore is a man of marked integrity, and possesses a quiet dignity that commands the respect of even casual observers. He is absolutely honest, abstemious in his habits, generous in business, and sympathetic toward the unfortunate. The Reformed Church of Millbach counts him among its influential members, and for over forty years he has faithfully served as treasurer. His wife was also an esteemed member of that church for many years. Throughout his long life he has always evinced an ardent interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community. Politically he is a strong Democrat.

JONATHAN W. MOORE, dealer in coal at Sheridan, Lebanon county, is one of the leading business men of Millcreek township. He was born March 15, 1855, at Millbach, that township, and remained there until the age of sixteen years, during which time he had gained an excellent common-school education under Hiram L. Illig. Then he entered Albright College, at Myerstown, where he remained for two years, and then began as a clerk in the store of Allen Weigley, at Myerstown. Here Mr. Moore remained about twelve months, and then took a short trip to Virginia, after which he returned to his home and resumed clerking, this time in the store

of J. A. Weigley, at Richland, remaining in this capacity for eighteen months. In June, 1873, he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, as assistant agent at Sheridan, Pa., and filled the duties of that position for five years, during which period he was appointed agent pro tem. at Sheridan, serving three months. He was next appointed station and express agent and telegraph operator at Sellersville, Bucks county, continuing there two years. He was then transferred to Wernersville, Berks county, as station agent and telegraph operator, and Atlantic steamship line agent, filling this position for two years. Mr. Moore then returned to Sheridan, and became station and express agent and telegraph operator, a position he most efficiently filled for eleven years. One year, from July 13, 1888, to July 13, 1889, in connection with the Philadelphia & Reading agency, Mr. Moore was bonded for \$20,000 by the City Trust Safe Deposit & Surety Company, of Philadelphia, in a pig iron transaction between his employers and William M. Kaufman & Co. This position he filled with credit. In 1892, after twenty years of service with the company, he resigned and embarked in a coal business at Sheridan, where he has been successfully engaged ever since.

Since May 1, 1903, Mr. Moore, besides attending to his coal business, has been connected with the Pennsylvania Furnace Company, of Sheridan, Pa., and has full charge of all their properties, viz.: two blast furnaces, twenty-five tenement houses and a farm.

In 1882 Mr. Moore was married by Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, to Mary R. Kaufman, daughter of Z. M. Kaufman, who was at one time one of the leading men in Lebanon county, manager of the Sheridan Furnace, and member of the firm of William Kaufman & Co., manufacturers of pig iron. This company, through its industries, built up the village of Sheridan, and owned almost all of the property. The Kaufmans were long regarded among the important manufacturers of the State. Two children, Elsi K., and Lulu, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moore, the last named dying in childhood. Mrs. Moore belonged to a family of five children, the other members being: John K., of Reading; Sallie, wife of Henry Mellen, a hotel-keeper of Sheridan; Katherine, the postmistress of Sheridan; and Clara, deceased.

In politics Mr. Moore is identified with the Republican party, but he has never accepted public office. In November, 1895, he served six weeks as juryman in the United States Courts (Eastern district), Philadelphia, Pa. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, belonging to Chandler Lodge, No. 227, of Reading, Chapter No. 152, De Molay Commandery, No. 9.

Knights Templar. He is a member of the Tulpehocken Reformed Church (of which Rev. Charles H. Leinbach is pastor), and is one of the honorable, reliable and much respected citizens of his locality.

ANDREW P. MOORE, a well known cigar manufacturer at Richland Station, whose handsome residence stands at the corner of Railroad and Main streets, has been engaged in his line for seventeen years, and is now considered one of the solid business men of the place. Dealing in only first-grade articles, his establishment is considered thoroughly reliable, and does the largest business of any similar factory in its section of the country.

Mr. Moore was born at Millbach, August 30, 1858. Reared in Millbach, he there early entered the public schools, where his alertness of intellect and studious habits at once manifested themselves. Ambitious for a higher education, he later attended the Palatinate College, now known as Albright College, at Myerstown, finishing his work there about 1880, and also attending the Millersville State Normal School. Thus it may be seen that he spared himself neither time, hard work nor money in preparing for life's activities. Facing the stern problems of life, he decided to engage in business, and going to Richland, Pa., he entered the establishment of Klopp & Kegerreis, and began learning the business of cigarmaking. Strict attention to business and a well trained intellect enabled him in a short time to master the details of his work, and he afterward continued there for several years. Then, in 1886, he opened a cigar factory of his own in Richland. Thorough knowledge of the work, and sound business judgment, enabled him to make a success of the industry from the start. Manufacturing good articles, he had little if any difficulty in securing a place for them on the market, and he soon worked up a large trade. From year to year he has enlarged the business, and he is now employing thirty hands in his factory. His cigars are of the best five and ten cent brands, and win a reputation for excellence wherever they are sold. The industry has long yielded a large income, and Mr. Moore is now considered one of the solid business men of Richland. Besides the factory he owns one of the finest residences in the city.

Mr. Moore is one of the most intelligent and progressive men of Richland. He has traveled extensively, across the country and through many of the States of the Union. With the topics of the day he is thoroughly conversant, and as a stanch Republican he takes an active interest in politics. Reared in the faith of the Reformed Church, he is now a leading member of same at Millbach. He is a man of abstemious habits, and possesses to a marked degree the other family traits—energy, honesty and sound judgment.

In 1879 Mr. Moore married Fannie Frank, and they have one child, Gertrude F. William Frank, Sr., father of Mrs. Moore, comes of an old and honorable family of North Annville township, and he is still a resident of Richland. He had a family of five children: Adaline, now a resident of Myerstown; D. R., who resides in Richland; Fannie, Mrs. Moore; William; and Lizzie.

DANIEL WEAVER, a successful business man of Avondale, Lebanon county, and a member of one of the well known families of that locality, was born at Millbach, Millcreek township, this county, May 30, 1861, son of John and Susannah (Shower) Weaver, who were born and reared in Lebanon and Berks counties, respectively.

By calling the father was a farmer, and he became one of the successful men of his township. The following children were born to himself and wife: John, a farmer of Lebanon county; Henry, a mechanic, of Reading, Pa.; Samuel, an engineer at Avondale; Sarah, unmarried; Elizabeth, who married Eli Furistim; Mary, deceased, who married Samuel Gible; and Daniel. John Weaver, the father, was a son of John Weaver, a blacksmith, located between Myerstown and Richland.

Daniel Weaver was the eldest son in the above family, and was reared in Millcreek township. At the age of twenty-four years he began farming on seventy acres of land in Lancaster county, where he remained eight years. At the expiration of this time he went to Millbach and rented a farm, but later removed to South Annville township and farmed in that locality for two years. His next home was West Myerstown, where he remained three years, engaged in conducting a butcher shop and market, and at the end of that time began the manufacture of the famous bologna sausage. His efforts in this direction were commenced on a small scale, by the purchase of about 200 pounds of beef, which he smoked in the garret with the fire contained in an iron kettle. From this primitive beginning has grown a business of great magnitude, the plant now comprising twenty-six large smokehouses and a large drying house, its capacity being fifty tons. In conjunction with this plant there is a large icehouse and cold storage equipment, and the factory has a fifty-horse-power boiler, two steam engines and a gasoline engine; a dynamo for making the electric light used in the establishment and for pumping power; a steam stuffer of 100 pounds force, and a No. 66 grinder. The daily product of the factory averages about six tons, and employment is given to fifteen people outside of the family. This establishment has been built up through the efforts of Mr. Weaver since 1897.

In addition to this plant proper Mr. Weaver has erected six good frame houses, and has a little village of his own about him, which is known as Avondale. He also owns a farm of thirty-five acres, surrounding the plant; a farm of 170 acres in Dauphin county, Pa., which is well improved; a small property of fifteen acres at West Myerstown; a farm of eighty-three acres east of Avondale, in North Lebanon township; and a small property near his plant. In 1900 he established a branch plant at Rochester, N. Y., for the purpose of manufacturing bologna sausage. In addition to these many interests, Mr. Weaver owns a steam crusher, with which he crushes stone for the city of Lebanon. Although he started out in life a poor man, through good management, industry and thrift he has accumulated a handsome fortune, and is one of the substantial men of Lebanon county. The inside business of the establishment is attended to by his son, John S. Weaver. Our subject is treasurer of the Weaverstown Water Company, which was organized January 29, 1903, with a capital of \$10,000, to furnish water from a spring on Mr. Weaver's farm, having a capacity of 138 gallons per minute, to Avon, Hebron and East Lebanon. Mr. Weaver has been the main factor in the organization of this company.

On March 24, 1881, Mr. Weaver was married to Sarah Smith, who was born near Iona, in South Lebanon township, October 23, 1862. They have had children as follows: John S., Jacob, Henry, Caroline, Leslie, Paul, Mary, Nathan, Martin, Sarah, Daniel (deceased) and Emma. The parents are members of the German Baptist Brethren Church, in which they take an active part. Mr. Weaver is a Republican in politics. He possesses wonderful executive ability, and his success has been accomplished through legitimate means, and his trade is built upon the sound foundation of merit and integrity.

DAVID F. RANK, farmer of Union township, Lebanon county, was born in Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa., November 7, 1844, a son of David and Mary M. (Seltzer) Rank.

The earliest record of the Rank family shows that John Rank married a Mrs. Furnesler, and their children were: Thomas, Elizabeth, Maria, David, Amos and John.

David Rank, father of David F., was born in Jonestown, where he grew to manhood, and first engaged in the mercantile business. He subsequently became a lumber and coal merchant, and so continued until his retirement in 1861 or 1862, after which he gave his attention to his banking interests until his death, which took place July 20, 1875. He was a director in the Lebanon

National Bank. David Rank married Miss Mary M. Seltzer, a native of Jonestown, and the daughter of Michael and Sarah (Schaeffer) Seltzer. To this union three children were born: Emily, Michael and David F.

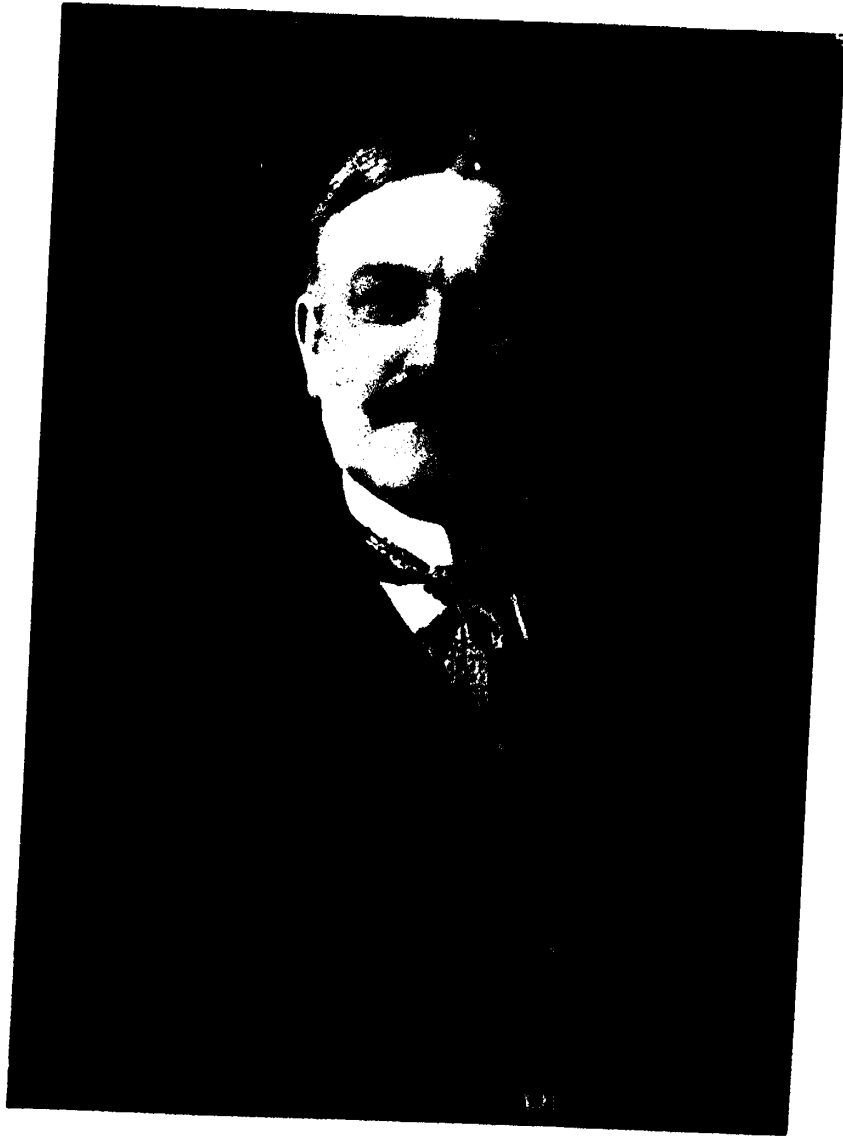
David F. Rank was reared in Jonestown, where he attended the public schools, and he later went to Nazareth Hall, in Northampton county, where he remained for three years. The succeeding eighteen months he spent at Gettysburg preparatory school, and in 1863 he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-sixth P. V. I., and participated in the battle of Gettysburg. After his discharge he entered Union College, at Schenectady, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1867. Following this Mr. Rank entered the law office of John Linn, of New York City, was admitted to the Bar of New York in 1869, and continued in active practice until 1890. In that year he located in Jonestown, but for the past thirteen years he has made his home upon his farm, one and one-half miles north of the village. In politics Mr. Rank has always been a Democrat, but not an office seeker, although in the fall of 1902 he was elected county commissioner for Lebanon county by a flattering majority of 3,200, and has very acceptably served in that capacity.

Mr. Rank was married to Miss May Groat, a daughter of Frederick J. and Mary Groat, of New York City, on April 6, 1875. Seven children have been born to this union: David A., who is deceased; Frederick; Mary Juanita, deceased; Thomas J.; Alma C.; Natalie P.; and Michael Seltzer. Mr. Rank is one of the representative men of his township, a power in local politics, and very progressive, thoroughly alive to the best interests of the community, and a general favorite.

DANIEL P. GERBERICH, M. D., a well known and successful physician of Lebanon county, was born October 1, 1855, in East Hanover township, Lebanon county, son of Daniel U. and Catherine (Boeshore) Gerberich.

The Gerberich family is of German extraction, Andrew Gerberich, the great-great-grandfather of Dr. Gerberich, having been a native of Western Germany. From there he came to the United States in 1727, and located in Lancaster county, Pa. Henry Gerberich, son of Andrew, was also a farmer in Pennsylvania, and lived to the age of eighty-three. The family has for generations shown remarkable vigor, the great-grandfather living to the age of ninety-two, while a number of the other members of the family have long survived the Psalmist's limit.

Daniel U. Gerberich, father of Dr. Gerberich, was born in East Hanover township, Lebanon county, and passed his life there engaged in agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in 1898, at the age of sixty-eight years. The



*D. P. Gerberich*

mother of Dr. Gerberich was born in Union township, Lebanon county, daughter of Thomas Boeshore, who was a direct descendant of an old Huguenot family, which was driven at the time of the edict from France into Germany, and later found a quiet home in America. Mrs. Gerberich died in 1896, at the age of sixty-four years. A family of twelve children came to Daniel U. Gerberich and his wife, of whom seven survive: Alfred, who graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, was a successful teacher and a physician of standing in Annville, Lebanon county, at the time of his death, when he was twenty-three years of age. Daniel Philip is the subject of this biography. Morris B. graduated from the Lockhaven Normal School, and later from Hahnemann Medical College, in Philadelphia, is now a physician and public official of Lebanon, serving his second term as president of the city council. Grant was principal of the high school at South Annville, and is now superintendent of the public schools of Johnsonburg, Pa. Edward and Francis are both farmers in Union township. Harvey, who was a clerk in Lebanon, is taking a course in medicine in the Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia. Kate married Harvey Loser, a merchant in Annville.

Daniel Philip Gerberich belongs to a family which is noted for its educational attainments. His early schooling was obtained in his own neighborhood, and when but sixteen years old he became a teacher, following the profession for eight years, all in Lebanon county but one year, when he was engaged in Schuylkill county. He spent eighteen weeks at Palatinate College, Myerstown, and supplemented every educational advantage with private study, gaining in this way a permanent State certificate. Dr. Gerberich spent his younger years, when not engaged in teaching, at farm work. Under the late Dr. William Grumbine, of Annville, he read medicine, and took one course in old school practice, later entering Hahnemann Medical College, in Philadelphia, graduating March 12, 1881. After three years in practice at Myerstown, Dr. Gerberich moved to Lebanon, since which time his energies have been fully employed in caring for a large and constantly increasing practice.

Dr. Gerberich is well known as an instructor, and has served as medical preceptor for eighteen students, his preparation being so thorough and careful that the standing of his pupils at College has reflected great credit upon him. For three years he served the county as coroner's physician, and he is valued as a consulting physician for a number of institutions. Dr. Gerberich belongs to the State Homeopathic Medical Society. Fraternaly he



belongs to the Masonic Blue Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Mystic Shrine, and is a past officer in the various bodies.

On April 6, 1882, Dr. Gerberich was united in marriage with Miss Susan L. Hinterleiter, a native of Berks county, Pa., and one son has come to this union, Guy Asher, born May 25, 1883, who is a graduate of the Lebanon high school, and has entered Hahnemann Medical College, at Philadelphia, preparing for the medical profession. Dr. Gerberich and family are members of the Salem Lutheran church. He is a Republican, but no politician, though he has been twice elected delegate to State conventions. The Doctor has been quite an extensive traveler, having visited every State and Territory in the Union, but three, besides Cuba, the Bermuda Islands, Mexico and Canada.

**HENRY L. GEBHARD** is a resident and thrifty merchant of Lebanon, Pa., where he was born March 3, 1850, a son of Edward and Mary (Louser) Gebhard, deceased.

Edward Gebhard was born in 1815, a son of George Gebhard, a farmer and one of the old settlers of Lebanon county, and he died April 12, 1899. His trade was that of a hatter, but he also was one of the leading butchers of Lebanon for thirty-five years. To Edward and Mary (Louser) Gebhard were born eleven children: Miss Maria, of Lebanon; Susan, the wife of John Embrick, of Lebanon; Sarah, the wife of Solomon Stine, of Lebanon; Eliza, the wife of Otimus Wilhelm, of Wilmington, Del.; Edward G., a butcher, who died at Cornwall, Pa., November 6, 1901; Henry L.; Emma, who became the wife of Henry Fortner of Lebanon; Katherine, the wife of William Swape, of Lebanon; the other children died when young. Edward Gebhard started out in life a poor boy but he became one of the leading citizens of Lebanon, and when he died he owned about thirty houses and lots in that city. He was a staunch Republican, and a true Christian citizen.

Henry L. Gebhard was reared in Lebanon and received his education in the city schools. As a boy he learned the butcher's business in his father's shop. On December 17, 1875, he was married to Miss Katherine D. Lindermuth, of Lebanon county, who was born in 1855, a daughter of Samuel and Katherine Lindermuth. This marriage has been blessed with eleven children, seven of whom are living: William L., who now works with his father in the shop; Charles E., a teller in the Lebanon National Bank; Harry G., a butcher working with his father; Lillian T.; Catherine M.; Maria B.; and J. Allen, who is the youngest; the rest died in infancy. Mrs. Gebhard was the second in her father's family of children. Her brothers and sisters

were: Agnes, the wife of Edward Garrett, of Richmond, Pa.; Rosa, the wife of Harvey Berger, of Lebanon; and John, also of Lebanon. Mr. Gebhard is a Republican, and he and his family are members of the Salem Lutheran Church of Lebanon. He has been a member of the city council from the First ward, and was county recorder from 1896 to 1900. He has always taken an active part in politics. He is a member of the K. of P. No. 427, and has passed all the chairs. He is one of the successful business men of his city and owns several good houses and lots in Lebanon. He has just erected a three story building at No. 710 Chestnut street, where he conducts a first-class butcher business, the first floor being a store room, and the other two floors being divided into smaller rooms. He and his family are among the honored and esteemed residents of Lebanon.

JOHN HENRY THOMAS, one of the well-known citizens of Annville, Lebanon county, secretary of the Annville Fire Insurance Company, was born April 24, 1847, in North Annville, son of Adam and Catherine (Shenk) Thomas, the former of whom is a son of Jacob and Christiana (Ensminger) Thomas, the former a well known tailor of Lebanon, Pa., and subsequently a farmer of South Annville township. Adam Thomas was born in Lebanon, Pa., November 23, 1815, and died in Annville, May 19, 1857. The mother of John H. Thomas was born October 4, 1826, and died in Annville January 8, 1901, a daughter of Christian and Anna (Longenecker) Shenk, and a granddaughter of Jacob and Barbara (Brandt) Longenecker. Christian Shenk was a tanner and farmer of North Annville. The children born to Adam Thomas and wife were as follows: John Henry; Jacob, born October 17, 1848, a resident of Hummelstown, Dauphin county; Adam, born May 5, 1850, a resident of Harrisburg; Annie Mary, who died in infancy; Rosa Anna, born June 3, 1854, died November 13, 1882; and Christian, born May 26, 1857, died September 12, 1898. The parents had allied themselves with the Reformed Church. Mr. Thomas was engaged in the butchering business in Annville, where he was known and much respected, and where he fraternized with the order of Odd Fellows.

John Henry Thomas was reared in Annville, and after the death of his father, spent three summers working on a farm, attending school during the winters, and then spent seventeen months as a clerk for C. H. Steinmetz, of Annville, but his guardian then desired him to become a student at the Annville Academy. Completing his academic course, Mr. Thomas supplemented it with a commercial course, and then learned the trade of house painting, which occupation he followed for five years. It was at this date that Mr. Thomas

began serious preparation for a profession in which he later became so eminently successful. Attending night schools, he taught during the daytime and during vacations attended the Normal classes, so fitting himself as an educator that his services were retained continuously in South Annville township for seventeen years, two years in the country and the remainder in town. In 1884 he was elected clerk of the Orphans' Court of Lebanon county, for a term of three years, on the Republican ticket, and later accepted the position of secretary of the Annville Mutual Fire Insurance Company, with which prosperous organization he is yet connected. Mr. Thomas is also a notary public.

On February 15, 1902, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage with Miss Clara S. Stroh, who was born in South Annville, daughter of Michael and Sybilla (Spang) Stroh, of Annville. Fraternaly he is connected with Washington Camp, No. 87, P. O. S. A.; and with Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, F. & A. M. In Annville and vicinity where his life has been passed, Mr. Thomas enjoys universal esteem, being known for his admirable qualities of head and heart. A success as a teacher, he has also capably filled the various other positions with which he has been connected.

JOHN D. CHRISTIAN, who died October 13, 1875, was for many years an honored citizen of Lebanon. He was born July 19, 1820, a son of John and Margaret Christian of Reading, Pa., who were the parents of three children: Henry, deceased, who lived in Philadelphia, and was one of the leading and well known railroad men of his day; Edward, deceased, who was a farmer living near Reading, Pa.; and John D.

John D. Christian was reared on the farm near Reading, Pa., and received his education in the public schools. He was married December 24, 1848, to Miss Mary Ann Goodhart, who was born September 7, 1829, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Newkirk) Goodhart, of Exeter township, Berks Co., Pa. They had the following named children: William G., of Lebanon, who married Adda E. Christ; Amanda P., who is the wife of Samuel Shirk, of Lebanon; and Emma H., the wife of Luther F. Hanck, an attorney of Lebanon. Mrs. Christian was one of a family of ten children, named as follows: Mary Ann, widow of our subject; John N., of Berks county; Reuben, deceased; Henrietta, of Reading; Amelia, deceased; Lovesia, deceased; Catherine, the widow of Isaac Boyer, of Reading; Louisa, the wife of Daniel Heehn, of Mt. Penn; Elizabeth, the widow of Josiah Ruth; and William F., of Exeter, Berks Co., Pa. John D. Christian was a Protestant, and was very liberal in his religious views. He was a stanch

Democrat of the old school, and took an active part in politics. He was a Mason of good standing, and was also a member of the I. O. O. F. He started out in life a very poor boy, received his schooling in the local schools, and worked himself up to be the general supervisor of the Reading Road, which position he held for many years before his death, and at the time of his death had been with the company for forty years. He was a man with natural business qualities, a sound mind, and one that stood high in the esteem of his fellow men. He gave employment to many hundreds of men, and was well liked by all. He was kind-hearted and in sympathy with the poor, and was a kind husband, and much devoted to his children.

JEROME KLOPP, member of the well known grain, coal and lumber firm of A. C. Klopp's Sons, and one of the substantial business men of Sheridan, was born Dec. 20, 1843, on a farm in Marion township, Berks county, son of A. C. and Sarah (Loose) Klopp, deceased, natives of Berks county, Pa., where the father was born January 27, 1820, and his wife in 1823, in Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., while his death occurred February 10, 1901.

A. C. Klopp was the son of John Adam Klopp, a native of Berks county, a farmer and the son of German parents, who were among the early settlers of that county. John Adam Klopp was the father of the following children: Samuel, Benneville, Adam C., Eli, Jonathan, Benjamin, John, Sarah and Eliza. Sarah married John Conrad, and Eliza married John Sheetz, and all are now deceased. The father of our subject was a farmer in early life, but later became a lumber and coal dealer at Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa., and Sheridan, Lebanon county. Politically he was a staunch Republican, and a leading member of the Reformed Church, serving as elder, deacon and trustee of the latter. He married Miss Sarah Loose, of Lebanon county, in 1842, a daughter of John and Magdalena (Fisher) Loose, also of Lebanon county, old and highly respected residents of that locality. Five children were born to these parents, three of whom grew to maturity: Jerome; A. C., of the firm of A. C. Klopp's Sons; and Rebecca P. Mr. Klopp was one of the leading business men of Berks and Lebanon counties, and a man widely known throughout the State.

Jerome Klopp was reared in Lebanon county, on his father's farm in Jackson township, and attended the public schools of his neighborhood, and later had the advantage of a course at the Stouchsburg and Myerstown academies. After completing his education he taught school for three years, and then settled on a farm where he remained eight years. At this time a partnership with his father and brother was offered him, and he entered the

firm of A. C. Klopp & Sons at Stouchsburg, in 1876, and later made his home at Sheridan, where a branch was established. Upon the death of the father, the style was changed to A. C. Klopp's Sons, which firm is one of the leaders in the grain, coal and lumber line in Lebanon county. Fraternally Mr. Klopp is a member of the K. of P. lodge of Myerstown, in which he is very popular, and also of the Golden Rule lodge of Good Fellows of Stouchsburg.

Mr. Klopp was married December 25, 1866, to Eliza Katharine Groh, daughter of Josiah and Mary (Loose) Groh, of Berks county, prominent people of that locality. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Groh: Katie, who married our subject; Samuel H., who married Susan Huyert, of Marion township, Berks Co., Pa.; Amelia, married to Adam Huyert of Host, Berks Co., Pa.; and Alice, who married George Hain, of Jackson township, a farmer. The following family was born to Mr. and Mrs. Klopp: Henry I., of West Borough, Mass., a physician of the State Hospital, who married Bessie L. Stump; Charles G., a clerk of Philadelphia, who married Mary A. Smith; Minnie O., at home, a graduate of Albright, class of 1899, a talented young lady; and Anna M., the youngest, deceased. Mr. Klopp is a staunch Republican, although not an office seeker, while taking a very active interest in local affairs. For a number of years he has been a leading member of the Reformed Church, in which he has been deacon and secretary. Mr. Klopp and his family have long been important factors in the social life of Sheridan, as he is in commercial circles, and all are highly esteemed by all who know them.

**MAURICE F. HIGH.** There are few men in Pennsylvania who possess a more thorough knowledge of the nut and bolt manufacturing business than Maurice F. High, assistant superintendent of the American Iron & Steel Company, formerly the Pennsylvania Bolt & Nut Company. For thirty years he has been gathering information regarding his chosen line of activity, having started from the bottom, and worked his way through every department of the works. He is a Pennsylvanian by birth, and was born in Berks county, December 10, 1853, in which county his great-grandfather settled in the very early days, after emigrating from Switzerland. His parents were Jeremiah and Henrietta (Bartlett) High, and his grandfather was Jacob High, a well known farmer of Berks county. Jeremiah High became the father of nine children, among whom were: Mary, the widow of William Ganster, of Berks county; John, of Reading; Catherine, wife of James Parker, of Reading; Maurice F.; Elmira; Sarah; Rebecka; and Calvin.

When two years of age Maurice F. High was taken by his parents to Reading, Pa., where he was educated in the public schools. The family resources seem not to have been sufficient for the maintenance of all the children, and the youthful Maurice began to be self-supporting when eleven years of age. For about two years he filled the position of office boy for Dr. Brown, a dentist of Reading, after which he entered the employ of J. H. Sternberg, a nut and bolt manufacturer. His first work in trying to learn the business was as a nut burrer, and he remained with the concern for about ten years, making steady progress in the various departments, and at the end became a nut and bolt maker. He was fortunate in being selected by the firm to go to San Francisco with three nut machines built by the Sternberg firm, and on the Pacific slope he was employed for six years by the Pacific Rolling Mill Company. Upon returning to Lebanon in 1882, he became identified with the Pennsylvania Nut & Bolt Company, as foreman, and was thus employed until the company became known as the American Iron & Steel Company, when he became assistant superintendent. His position is a responsible one, and represents years of application, and an honest endeavor to place himself at the head of the captains of this particularly useful industry.

In 1883 Mr. High was united in marriage to his first wife, Alice Moore, sister of Charles A. Moore, a fruit and fish merchant of Lebanon, and daughter of William and Elizabeth Moore, of Lebanon. Mrs. High, who died in 1891, was the mother of three living children, Elizabeth, Frederick S. and Elmira. On October 10, 1900, Mr. High married Minnie G. Thomas, of Lebanon county, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Yingst) Thomas, also of Lebanon county. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were: Mary, Alice, Cora, Sallie, Adancia, and Minnie L. Mr. High is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 121, and the Order of Elks, No. 631, of Lebanon. Himself and wife are well and favorably known in Lebanon, where they have many friends, and enjoy an enviable popularity.

CLAYTON P. SAYLOR, a prominent citizen and carriage manufacturer of Annville, proprietor of the extensive carriage works of J. L. Saylor & Son, and a director in the Lebanon County Trust Company, of Lebanon, was born in Annville, August 2, 1860. Peter Saylor, the great-grandfather, who was an early settler of Swatara township, Lebanon county, married Elizabeth Miller, and they had issue as follows: John, David, Jacob,

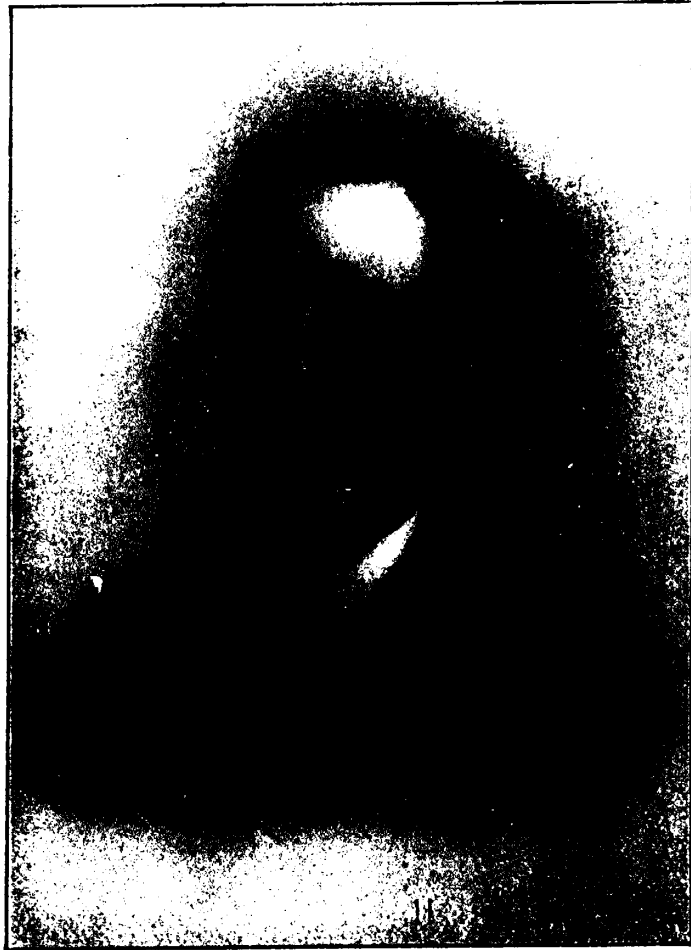
Samuel and four daughters. Of these children, John Saylor, the grandfather, was born March 22, 1804, in Swatara township. He married Sarah Lerch, who was born in 1807, and they had children as follows: John L., Daniel, Elizabeth, Adam, David L., Elias and William.

John L. Saylor, the father, was born February 7, 1834, in Swatara township, and attended the public schools. He learned carriage-making, engaging in the business in Annville, in 1866, which he conducted on a large scale—by himself, until 1882, when he admitted as a partner his son, C. P. Saylor. In 1897 he retired from active life, the business of J. L. Saylor & Son passing to the son. On August 25, 1857, John L. Saylor married Ellen J. Freylinghausen, of Jonestown, Pa., and to them were born children as follows: Laura E., Clayton P., George Mc., Anna M., Olivia G., Ellen J., Sally, Mabel W., Bryon C., Clyde J. and Roger E.

Clayton P. Saylor was reared in Annville, and attended the public schools, later spending two years at the Lebanon Valley College. At the age of twenty-one years he entered his father's carriage works, and became a partner in 1882, and, as noted above, succeeded in 1897 to the business, which he has successfully carried on to the present time. Mr. Saylor manufactures "anything on springs," and also does general repairing, his trade coming from Lebanon, Harrisburg and other neighboring cities, as well as the vicinity. Mr. Saylor was one of the organizers of the Bedford Ice Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer and was also one of the organizers of the Lebanon County Trust Company, of which he is a director. Fraternally he is associated with the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities.

THEODORE P. FRANTZ is an honored representative of one of Lebanon county's oldest and most honored families, and he established the furniture business now carried on by his son in the city of Lebanon during the 'forties.

The family of which Mr. Frantz is a member was first represented in Lebanon in the person of Daniel Frantz, who was a native of Berks county, Pa., born August 18, 1792, and died in Lebanon December 12, 1839. He was a son of Daniel and Maria Frantz, and the family were residing at Reading at the time of his death. Daniel Frantz was but a young man when he came to Lebanon, and he engaged in the mercantile business, in which he was for many years a familiar figure in the city. He married November 8, 1821, Elizabeth Greenawalt, who was born in Lebanon in 1795, and whose death occurred August 4, 1856. She was the daughter of Capt. John Philip Greenawalt, who was born in Lebanon county, then a part of Lancaster,



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was one of the leading farmers of his section throughout his lifetime, and a man whom tradition records as being possessed of many noble attributes. His title of captain was received from his having been the leader of a company during the war for Independence. His father was Philip Lawrence Greenawalt, a native of Germany, who came to this country early in the eighteenth century, and settled in Lancaster county, Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life. He also was a prominent figure in the Revolutionary struggle, having held the rank of colonel in the American army, his commission bearing date of July 1, 1776, issued by the authority of the "Supreme Executive Council of the Commonalty of Pennsylvania." He was colonel of the First Battalion of militia of Lancaster county. He was, as will be supposed, a very loyal supporter of the cause, and besides giving his own services to the government, expended a large sum of money in providing for the troops. This sum, which at that time represented many times its present value, exceeded \$35,000, which he expended for clothing and food for his men and horses. Congress reimbursed him for this expenditure, but in the worthless currency of the time, which was never redeemed. Thus the colonel lost the full amount. The records of such deeds should receive careful attention from the hands of the historian, as the inside history of the great struggle for independence proves without a doubt that the cause would have been lost had it not been for such self-sacrificing patriots. Such men as Robert Morris and Col. Greenawalt not only made it possible to carry on the fight at the critical time when fighting was necessary, but by their uncomplaining and generous conduct after the war made it possible for the government to struggle along through the dark period immediately subsequent. Had those who advanced funds been so disposed they could have so harassed the government that the fruits of victory might have been swallowed up in financial ruin. A copy of the document which constituted the commission of Col. Greenawalt, together with some of the Continental money, is in the possession of Theodore P. Frantz, of Lebanon, who prizes it as a sacred reminder that his ancestor was not found wanting in patriotic spirit in the "days that tried men's souls." The home of Col. Greenawalt was within the city limits of what is now Lebanon, but which during his time was in Lancaster county.

Capt. John Philip Greenawalt married Catherine Shaffner, who was born in Lebanon, daughter of the keeper of the "Buck House," which was for many years a landmark in Lebanon. It stood opposite the court house, now the "Central Hotel," on the corner of Eighth and Cumberland streets, and at its old watering trough a very pretty little scene occurred, in which the great Washington and Catherine Shaffner were the chief actors. It showed the

kindness of heart of the maiden and the gracious magnanimity of the grizzled man of war. It was in the fall of the year, when Washington was on his way to Valley Forge, his route being through Lebanon. Tired and thirsty he drew rein at the trough, and sat in deep meditation while the horse was drinking. Suddenly the stillness was broken by a soft voice at his elbow, and turning, he met the courtesy of little Catherine Shaffner, who held up to him a sparkling glass of wine. Bowing graciously, the General quaffed it off, and then removing one of the cockades from his hat, handed it to her with warm words of thanks for her kindness. This memento of the occasion remained in the possession of the family for many years, but was finally mislaid and lost.

To Daniel and Elizabeth (Greenawalt) Frantz came the following named children: Uriah (deceased), Catherine Elizabeth (deceased), Theodore Philip, Lydia G., Daniel, Edmond and Charles S., all of whom were born in Lebanon. In 1862 Charles S. enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Greenawalt, and saw service at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and in other engagements.

Theodore P. Frantz, born February 25, 1828, was reared in Lebanon, where he received a good common school education. As he approached manhood he was apprenticed to the cabinetmaker's trade in Philadelphia, in 1844, and in 1847 set up a shop for himself in Lebanon. From this time on until 1878 he was engaged continuously at the furniture business, retiring then in favor of his son, Daniel A., who had assumed control. During the war Mr. Frantz served in the construction corps of the Union army for fifteen months, building bridges in Virginia, Tennessee and other Southern States. Later he served as a member of Capt. Ulrich's company of emergency troops. He has always been notably public-spirited, and has been especially interested in the fire department of his native place, being now the oldest active fireman in the State of Pennsylvania. The Perseverance Fire Company of Lebanon, to which he belongs, was organized in 1848, and he is the last survivor of those who took part in its organization. He was the company's first treasurer, was chief for one year, has been president and is now vice-president, and he has often gone as delegate to the firemen's State conventions. Though seventy-five years of age Mr. Frantz is always among the first to rally at the tap of the bell.

Socially Mr. Frantz has been quite prominent in the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter, council, commandery and Mystic Shrine, and he has been active in all these bodies. For twenty-three years he served as tyler in the various lodges, and he has attended several State conclaves,

and the national conclaves held at Baltimore, Washington, Denver and Boston. He also affiliates with the Sons of America. Mr. Frantz is a Democrat in political sentiment, but he takes no active interest in party affairs.

On October 10, 1848, Theodore P. Frantz was married to Susan C. Gutelius, who was born in Lebanon November 4, 1828, daughter of John P. Gutelius, a native of Lancaster county. Mr. Gutelius was a hatter, and followed his trade for a number of years in Lebanon, then removing to Bluffton, Ind., where he died. He married Mariah Arndt, a native of Lebanon, where she died before his removal to the west, the mother of two daughters, Susan C. and Margaret. To Theodore P. Frantz and his wife were born the following children: Catherine E., deceased; John G., deceased; Gertrude; Maria; Daniel A., who is mentioned elsewhere; Lily, deceased; William T., in the furnishing business in Lebanon; Jacob Arndt, a salesman in Lebanon; Charles, who is in the men's furnishing business in Lebanon; and Edwin, a salesman. Mr. and Mrs. Frantz are members of St. John's Reformed church, of which he was treasurer for ten years, and has been a trustee for fifteen years.

REV. ISAAC H. ALBRIGHT, PH. D., was born in Cumberland county, Pa., April 9, 1853. His parents were Michael and Fannie (Huntsberger) Albright, who were of German descent. They had three sons and one daughter, Isaac H. being the eldest child. Until nineteen years old the subject of this sketch worked on the farm, studying at the public and preparatory schools and teaching school for one term before he entered college. In 1872 he matriculated at the Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa., and graduated at the head of his class in 1876, receiving the degree of A. B. He continued his studies under private instructors for several years, devoting much time to the German and Hebrew languages and completed his master course in 1879, receiving at that time the degree of A. M. He entered college with the intention of subsequently pursuing a medical course, but becoming a Christian early in his college course he changed his plans and entered the ministry of the United Brethren in Christ, in 1876. In his young manhood he married Miss Kate Uhler, of Derry Church, Pa., a daughter of George and Mary Uhler. They have five children: John W., Mary Bertha, George H., William O. and Isaac H.

Rev. Albright's first charge was Manheim, Pa., where he remained three years. His next appointment was Florin, Pa., where he also preached for three years. He then was assigned to Mt. Wolf, Pa., in which place he resided three years. From there he went to the First Church of York, Pa.

He carried on a most successful pastorate in that place for five years, during which time he built the Third Church, which church Jacob Allison paid for. He also erected the Fourth Church in the eastern part of the same city. These are now flourishing congregations.

At the annual conference held in 1890, in Chambersburg, Pa., he was elected presiding elder and assigned to the Baltimore District. He served in this capacity for a period of four years. He was next assigned to Dalls-town, Pa., where he remained five years and enjoyed phenomenal success. He then accepted a call to serve the Church in Shamokin, Pa., at which place the property was very heavily involved in debt, but through his determined efforts this debt was greatly reduced during his three years' pastorate. Last October he was sent to the Salem Church in Lebanon, Pa., which is the mother of all the United Brethren Churches in this section of the country. While serving as presiding elder he received the degree of Ph. D. in course from his Alma Mater. He was twice elected a delegate to the General Conference, the highest legislative body of the church, and was a member of the General Missionary Board for four years. He edited a monthly paper for seven years, entitled *The True Believer*. He served as a trustee of the Lebanon College for many years, and was a member of its executive committee. The Doctor has had some heavy and difficult charges, but by his indefatigableness has closed a good work on every appointment.

**SALEM UNITED BROTHERS CHURCH.** United Brethrenism had its beginning in Lebanon, Pa., more than a century ago. The first historical reference to the origin of the church in this place is found in the journal of Rev. Christian Newcomer, who afterward became a bishop. He says: "May 27, 1797—This day a sacramental meeting is to commence at Martin Kreider's, near Lebanon. Brother Crum delivered the first discourse." Under date of October 7, 1797, he says: "This forenoon we had a blessed meeting at Brother Martin Kreider's; in the afternoon we preached at Lebanon." Martin Kreider's place was located about a mile southwest of Lebanon. His grave is found in a private burial ground on the old home place. He was born February 14, 1740, and died November 14, 1827.

The early preachers preached at Martin Kreider's, at Abraham Draksel's near Ebenezer, in the First Reformed Church, and in other private houses, until "Light's Meeting House" was built, which took place in 1820. This meeting house was built by the Mennonites, and was deeded by Abraham Light, the grandfather of Solomon Light, of Annville, Pa., May 26, 1817, to Felix Light, Abraham Light, Jr., and Martin Light, trustees for the "Mennonite Society and Community." The consideration for the lot,

located near the corner of Lehman and Seventh streets, was five shillings' lawful money of Pennsylvania, which is equal to sixty-two and a half cents of our money. This church was frequently used as a place of worship by preachers and people of a number of denominations other than the Mennonites. In it some very stirring evangelistic meetings were held, and many persons were won to Christ. Among those who were saved, or led into a deeper spiritual life at these early meetings, were Casper Sherk, a Mennonite preacher, and Felix Light, the former's son-in-law. They soon found a want of congeniality among the Mennonites because of an empty formality which prevailed among them, and began to associate themselves with other converted, spiritual co-laborers, such as Henry Landis, Martin Kreider, and others, who called themselves the unsectarian (unparteuschen) Mennonites. Felix Light became a minister of great usefulness, and when his sons, John and Casper, started out in the ministry, they were classed among the "algemeinen brueder," or "Lichtes Leut," who later mostly merged formally into the United Brethren in Christ. The meeting house became the property of our Church some time in its early history, but when, we have not been able to learn. Our preachers commenced to use it regularly in 1825, and continued to do so as long as it remained standing. The annual conference sessions of 1836 and 1839 were held in it, Bishop Samuel Heistand and Bishop Jacob Erb, presiding, respectively. The church was about 40 by 60 feet in size, and was built of brick. Rev. C. S. Crider, grandson of Rev. Martin Kreider, became the pastor of Lebanon station in 1845, and with the following members of the trustee board, Casper Light, William Light and Abraham Sherk, determined to build a new church. They bought two lots, numbering 275 and 276, on the corner of Ninth and Church streets, of Michael and Elizabeth Haag for \$200, and built on the corner lot a substantial two-storied limestone church. This was named the "Salem Church." The date of the deed is September 17, 1845, and the new building was begun during the same year. When the old meeting house was torn down much of the material was used in the building of a parsonage, No. 242 North Ninth street, which was afterward sold. The present parsonage was built in 1873, and enlarged in 1903. The corner stone of the old Salem church was laid by Rev. Simon Dreisbach, assisted by the pastor, Rev. C. S. Crider. The building was dedicated October 18, 1846, by Bishop J. Russel, assisted by Rev. G. Miller and the pastor. The cost of the building was \$4,000. Many precious seasons of grace were held in this church, and the congregation in due time became too large to be accommodated within its walls, and in 1890 arrangements were made to tear it down and build a larger structure. At this time the board of

trustees was composed of the following brethren: Abraham Miller, Gideon Light and Abraham Herr. Rev. H. S. Gabel was the energetic pastor. Under the supervision of these strong men, backed by a loyal membership, the present commodious and beautiful church was erected. The corner stone was laid July 6, 1890, by Presiding Elder James Shoop, assisted by Revs. H. S. Gabel and S. Etter. On December 21, 1890, the first story was formally opened for divine services by Rev. C. J. Kephart, assisted by the pastor. On Sunday, May 15, 1892, it was dedicated with imposing ceremonies by Bishop E. B. Kephart, D. D., LL. D., assisted by the pastor, Rev. H. S. Gabel, Rev. J. G. Fritz and Rev. James Shoop. The clergymen of the various churches in the city were also in attendance, as well as a number of our own pastors from surrounding charges. Over \$8,000 in cash and subscriptions were secured on this occasion, covering the entire balance necessary to pay the total cost of the church, which was \$18,700. The total estimated value of the church property, including the parsonage, three houses and several vacant lots, is estimated at \$33,000. This does not include Ebenezer Cemetery, which is also owned by the church.

The following is a list of the preachers and pastors who preached in Lebanon since 1797: Christian Newcomer, Henry Crum, George A. Geeting, Joseph Hoffman, Abraham Draxsel, Martin Kreider, Felix Light, Henry Heistand and John Neidig. In 1825 *Lancaster Circuit* was formed, and Lebanon was constituted a part of it. Jacob Erb served it in 1825-26; Gideon Smith, 1827; Simeon Dreisbach, 1828-29-30; Gideon Smith, 1831; David Runx, 1832; Jacob Roop and John Snyder, 1833; Daniel Funkhouser, 1834; John Snyder, 1835; Christian Hershey, 1836; John Eckstein, 1837; Daniel Funkhouser, 1838-39. In 1840 *Lebanon Circuit* was formed with Lebanon as a part, and Jacob Roop served it in 1840; Christian Peffley and Philip Fry, 1841; John Light, 1842-43-44; Christian S. Crider, 1845-46-47, under whom Lebanon became a station and was afterward served as follows: John A. Sand, 1848-49-50; Henry Shropp, 1851-52-53; George W. Hoffman, 1854-55-56; David Hoffman, 1857-58-59; John Stamm and D. Strickler, 1860; A. Steigerwalt and C. J. Burket, 1861-62; J. B. Dougherty, 1863-64-65; Jacob H. Mark, 1866-67-68; Henry Gelbach, 1869-70-71; Jacob Runk, 1872-73; James Shoop, 1874-75-76; E. Light, 1877-78; J. P. Smith, 1879-80-81-82; U. Gambler, 1883-84-85; D. S. Longenecker, 1886-87-88-89; H. S. Gabel, 1890-91-92-93-94; J. H. Von Nieda, 1895-96; J. P. Smith, 1897-98-99; J. Runk and I. E. Runk, 1900; J. Runk and R. R. Butterwick, 1901; and I. H. Albright, 1901-02. The present membership of the church is 597.

**GEORGE BACHMAN.** The Bachman family has long been one of the most prominent and wealthy agricultural ones of Lebanon county, owning many of the finest farms and most comfortable homes, and contributing also some of the county's best citizens. In George Bachman is found a worthy representative, and he was born April 9, 1840, a grandson of John Bachman of South Annville township, and a son of Christian and Sarah (Zinn) Bachman.

Christian Bachman, the father, was born January 17, 1812, and died January 2, 1900. His birth occurred on his father's farm in South Annville township, and there he remained until manhood, making trips during his school vacations to Manheim in Lancaster county, Lancaster City and Carlisle, Dauphin county, where he was engaged in clerking. When but nineteen years of age he embarked in a mercantile business at Fontana, Lebanon county, where he continued for seven years, and then went to farming in Cornwall township, on the land adjacent to the farm now owned by his son George. Mr. Bachman successfully operated this farm for some thirty-five years, and finally divided its 315 acres into two farms. In addition to this valuable property, he owned another farm of 162 acres, this being now occupied by his son John. Mr. Bachman was one of the heaviest landholders in the county, and one of the leading and progressive farmers. Through his whole life he continued his industry, taking a constant pleasure in seeing the great yields of his fields and the increase of his stock. Mr. Bachman was a man of many excellent traits of character which were generally recognized and which resulted in his having many friends. He was a member of the Republican party, but it was from principle and not with any desire for office. For many years he was an elder in the Reformed Church, a man whose example and precept thoroughly agreed. He was a widower for many years, his wife dying December 31, 1870, at the age of fifty-nine years, two months and twenty days. They had a family of twelve children born to them, namely: one that died in infancy; Malinda, who is the widow of Cyrus Ginrich, resides in Dauphin county; Annie, who is the wife of Christian Smith, of North Cornwall township; George, of Cornwall; Catherine, who died in childhood; John, who is a farmer of Cornwall township; Fannie, who is the wife of Henry Kreider, of South Annville township; Miss Sarah, who resides in Annville; Rosanna, who died in childhood; Christian, who was a farmer of Cornwall township, died at the age of thirty-five years, leaving a widow and five children; Miss Emma, who resides in Annville; and Mary, who is the wife of Joseph Reist, of Annville.

George Bachman was reared on the farm and attended the local schools,

remaining at home with his father, until the age of twenty-five years, at which time he married and then settled on a farm adjoining the one he now occupies. It contained 169 acres, and Mr. Bachman successfully managed that large property for a period of twenty years, locating then on his present farm of 166 acres. Here he owns one of the very finest farms of this great agricultural county, and operates it according to the best known methods, Mr. Bachman being an intelligent and progressive man. In politics he is a Republican, and like other men of reliability has found himself called upon to accept some public office, and is serving now as township auditor.

On March 9, 1865, Mr. Bachman was married to Mary A. Bowman, daughter of George and Fannie (Horst) Bowman, born Feb. 14, 1844. They have a family of seven children, namely: Fannie, born December 25, 1865, is the wife of Monroe Y. Croll, of South Lebanon township, and they have children, Abraham, George and Ethan; Christian Harvey, born November 5, 1867, a farmer on his father's farm, married Fannie Yordie, and they have children, Aaron, Ada, Edna, Christian and Mary; Stephen, born August 22, 1870, a farmer of South Lebanon township, married Lizzie Brubaker, and they have children, Isaac, Lizzie and George; George, born January 28, 1874, died in December, 1878; Mary Ellen, born September 14, 1880, is at home; Oscar H., born August 27, 1882, a resident of Cleona, married Anna Hoffer, and has one child, Esther; and Sarah Z., born August 17, 1887, is at home. Mr. Bachman, his wife and children belong to the Reformed Church of Bismarck. The family is most highly esteemed in Cornwall township. Mr. Bachman is a man who is much respected both personally and in business, and is regarded as one of the representative, public-spirited men of this locality.

**JOHN B. OBERHOLTZER.** This representative citizen of Lebanon, and popular ex-sheriff of the county, is at present the genial host of the "Colonial Hotel," and a gentleman upon whom the god of hospitality and good cheer has set his seal of approval; not to know our subject is to argue oneself a stranger in this section of the Keystone State. He was born at Campbelltown, Lebanon county, July 27, 1859.

John Oberholtzer, his grandfather, was the first of the name of whom we have accurate knowledge, he having been for long years an acceptable minister of the Mennonite Church in Lebanon county. His son, Christian, born in Campbelltown in 1822, married Elizabeth Beamsderfer. This lady was born March 2, 1837, and is still living, the object of the devoted attention of her large family. She was a daughter of Joseph, and he the son of Michael





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Beamsderfer, the former a native of Schaefferstown. Michael lived to the advanced age of ninety-six years, and died in 1876. Christian Oberholtzer, the honored father of our subject, died April 26, 1876. He was a farmer by occupation, and in mental equipment above the average of his class. Gifted with an observant mind and being a great reader he became a well-informed man. He was equally proficient in English and German, and was one of the best Biblical scholars in this section of the State. He was thrice married, the first wife bearing him a son, Harry C. Oberholtzer. His second wife died without issue. The children of the lady who now survives him are: Elizabeth, deceased; John B.; Fannie, deceased; Leah, Mrs. Isaac J. Tschudy; Emma, Mrs. William Wealand; Christian, clerk in the "Colonial Hotel;" Ella, Mrs. Charles Lenig; and Joseph P.

John B. Oberholtzer was well grounded in the elementary studies in the district school. Owing to the death of his father, he remained on the farm until three years past his majority. In the winter months he had picked up a good knowledge of carpentering, tin-smithing and mason work, and was able thus to turn many a dollar to the support of his mother's family. In 1883, however, he began life for himself, engaging with John F. Hain, the bottler of Lebanon, and with whom he spent the following three years. Six years were then passed in the hotel business, he having the advantage of training under such experienced hosts as William H. Killinger and John R. Forney, who at different times were proprietors of the "Union Hotel." This experience was sufficient to qualify him to become "mine host" on his own account, and renting the "Farmers' Hotel" he dispensed hospitality for the following three years. Mr. Oberholtzer has always been a stanch Republican, and his faithful work in the ranks of that party, and the fact of his great popularity with the voters, made him an easy winner, when, in the primaries of 1897, he submitted his name for nomination for sheriff. The same elements combined to give him victory at the polls, and for a term of three years the courts of Lebanon had an able and impartial officer to execute their decrees. At the end of his term of office, he again resumed the hotel business, this time taking charge of the "Colonial Hotel," on South Eighth street, which he is rapidly bringing to the front as one of the best hostelries of the county.

On August 26, 1882, Mr. Oberholtzer was married to Kate Eldora Graul, a native of Reading, Pa., who died in 1887. To this marriage was born a son, who died in infancy. On Thanksgiving Day, 1900, Mr. Oberholtzer was happily joined in marriage to Emma Fisher, a lady of many

graces of character, and a daughter of John Fisher, a prominent citizen of the county. She was born in Derry Church, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania.

Fraternally Mr. Oberholtzer affiliates with the Odd Fellows, among whom, and all over the county, he is held in the highest esteem.

J. H. HORNE, M. D. In Dr. J. H. Horne, Millcreek township has not only a leading physician, but also one of the most honorable citizens of Lebanon county. Dr. Horne was born January 3, 1865, in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., a son of Charles and Sarah (Heister) Horne, the former of whom was born in 1831, and the latter in 1832.

The great-grandfather of Dr. Horne was named Peter Horne, an English Quaker, and one of the earliest settlers of Berks county. His son, also Peter, the grandfather of Dr. Horne, was a well-known farmer and upright citizen. His family numbered eight children, namely: John, deceased; Jeremiah, of Robeson, Pa.; Elias, of Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., Iowa; Charles, father of Dr. Horne; Mary, wife of Reuben Fields, of Berks county; Malinda, wife of Isaac Graeff, of Robeson; Amanda, wife of Alvin Lamm, of Lower Heidelberg, Berks county, and Amelia, wife of David Ringler, of Womelsdorf, Berks county. The father of Dr. Horne was a very sincere supporter of the Democratic party. He was always prominent in the Reformed Church, serving as elder and on the board of trustees. In 1852 Mr. Horne married Sarah Heister, a daughter of Isaac Heister, of Berks county, and a family of seven children was born to this union, as follows: Violanda, wife of Levi Gruber, of Brownsville, Berks county; Peter, of Sinking Springs, Berks county; Isaac, a farmer of North Heidelberg township, Berks county; Adam, of Brownsville; Dr. J. H., of Newmanstown; Sallie, wife of Harvey Wentz, of Chester Springs, Chester county; and Lizzie, wife of James Fitler, a box manufacturer of Robeson, Berks county.

The boyhood of Dr. Horne was spent on his father's farm and he attended the public schools in his locality. At the age of eighteen years he went to Aba, Hardin Co., Ohio, and there enjoyed Normal School advantages for three years, returning then to his home in Berks county. After three years spent in teaching, he began the study of medicine under Dr. D. H. Hain, of Mt. Pleasant, Berks county, with whom he remained three and one half years, in the meantime attending lectures at Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, where he graduated in 1891. He began the practice of his profession at Womelsdorf, where he remained two years and then, in 1893, settled at Newmanstown. Here he has built up a large and lucrative practice. His close attention to the demands of his profession, his genial manner

and agreeable personality, in combination with marked ability, have gained him the confidence of the whole community.

In 1892 Dr. Horne was united in marriage with Miss Sallie A. Knöll, daughter of John and Amanda (Wenrich) Knoll, of Berks county, and one son, J. Ellwood, has been born to this union.

Dr. Horne is a member of the order of K. of P., No. 169, of Newmans-town, and the Jefferson Medical College Alumni Association. He is examiner for six life insurance companies. Professionally he belongs to the Lebanon County Medical Society. He is a member and elder of the Reformed Church at Newmanstown. Dr. Horne is one of the very highly esteemed residents of this community, both personally and professionally.

GABLE. The Gable family, which is worthily represented in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, by John Wendel Gable and his son, John Franklin, was founded in America by John Gable (2), who was born February 11, 1756, near Zeifenbeck, Principality of Waldeck, a son of John Gable (1). With other young men he was sold by the government to King George III, of England, and with his regiment was taken to Baton Rouge, La., thence to Vera Cruz, and finally to Havana, at which latter place he remained in bondage two years and seven months. He afterward came to Philadelphia, from which city he came to Heidelberg, Lebanon county, where he found employment with Hones Shenk, and later with Mr. Krall. In 1788 he went to Warwick, Lancaster county, where he worked for Joseph Gingrich. On August 23, 1789, he was married to Elizabeth Marzall, daughter of John Wendel Marzall, the latter a native of the Pfalz, Germany, who emigrated to America in 1762, purchased land near Lime Rock in 1764, and there lived until his death in 1804. John Gable and his young wife set up their household in Mt. Joy in 1790, and in 1795 moved to Sporting Hill, Lancaster county, where he worked at the weaver's trade. In 1803 Mr. Gable moved to Warwick township, settling on a small farm of about twenty acres, which he received from his father-in-law, and which is now the site of Lime Rock Station, on the Reading and Columbia railroad. In connection with the cultivation of his land he also worked as a weaver. His death occurred in 1852. To John Gable and wife were born four children, as follows: Maria, born August 17, 1790, married Rev. H. Scriba, a Lutheran minister at Manheim, Pa.; John (3), born November 8, 1795; Christian, born April 28, 1803; and Catherine, born December 13, 1804.

John Gable (3) was married December 1, 1818, to Ann Maria Lutz, daughter of John Lutz, who was born in 1754, at Hanau, Germany, and

came to America in 1775 or 1776. To John Gable (3) and his wife were born seven children as follows: Jonathan Monroe, born January 4, 1820; Mary Caroline, born July 16, 1821; Solomon Augustus, born January 30, 1825; John Wendel, born March 20, 1826; Davis Emanuel, born June 24, 1829; William Henry, born August 31, 1836; and Jacob Benton, born June 4, 1839.

JOHN WENDEL GABLE was born near Lime Rock. On October 31, 1848, he was united in marriage with Magdalene Diehm, who was born October 31, 1824, daughter of Isaac Diehm, and to this union came three sons, John Franklin, born April 28, 1850; Isaac Addison, born December 16, 1851, died May 22, 1863; and Levi D., born July 29, 1859, died May 4, 1863. Mrs. Magdalene (Diehm) Gable was a noble Christian woman, devoted to her home and family, and living a life that showered richest blessings on those around her. She entered into rest eternal July 31, 1895, aged seventy years and nine months.

John Wendel Gable was a miller at the Speedwell Mills. In April, 1851, he moved into his own house near Pennville, Lancaster county, but in the spring of 1860 he moved with his family to Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, locating on a farm of 100 acres which he had purchased the previous year. He began farming, and being a man of broad understanding and practical common sense, he did not follow the old beaten track in the methods employed, but cleared and prepared his land on scientific principles, until in a short time the appearance of his farm underwent a wonderful change, and in place of bush and brier grew waving fields of grain and tobacco. The old brown sandstone house, which had been erected in 1749 by John George Smith, was completely renovated and repaired, until it bids fair to make a comfortable home for generations yet unborn.

Mr. Gable took a great interest in education, and has ever been the warm friend and supporter of the schools, giving his time and means freely to advance its cause and encourage others to do the same. He is an active worker in the Lutheran Church, and has always been devoted to the interests of the Sunday School, acting as superintendent for more than thirty years. For many years he has served in its council, and has done much to make his chosen faith an influence for good in the community.

JOHN FRANKLIN GABLE, the only surviving child of his father, was educated in the district schools and at Palatinate College. In 1867 he began teaching in the public schools, and continued this work with much success for twenty-two terms, working during the summers on his father's farm. The management of the farm has gradually fallen upon his shoulders,

and he now takes entire charge of it, besides operating, with great success, the Locust Grove Flour and Grist Mill. Like his father he is a practical workman, and sees at once the correct solution of whatever problem life presents to him. This, coupled with the executive ability that accomplishes what it undertakes, has brought much prosperity to him. In 1866 he united with the Lutheran Church, and has so ordered his life in harmony with the faith he professes, as to merit the high esteem of the community in which his life has been passed.

On November 24, 1870, John Franklin Gable was wedded to Clara Bennetch, who was born November 30, 1851, fifth child of Bennevil and Sarah (Witters) Bennetch, the former born July 17, 1817, died June 4, 1899, and the latter born January 6, 1822, died July 5, 1878. To John F. Gable and wife have been born children as follows: (1) Flora, born July 8, 1871, became an instrumental music teacher. On May 19, 1894, she married Ira J. Light, a graduate of the Millersville State Normal School, now teaching in the high school at Schaefferstown, Pa., and they have had five children, namely: Myra, born March 22, 1895; Adin Gable, January 24, 1896; Alin Caleb, March 2, 1898; Warren Eugene, March 23, 1900; and John George, October 24, 1902, died April 3, 1903. (2) Charlotte, born March 5, 1881, was graduated June 26, 1902, at the Millersville State Normal School, and is now teaching the Waldeck school in Heidelberg township. (3) Mollie, born August 5, 1883, is a student in the Millersville State Normal School. (4) Emma, born June 12, 1889, is at home.

PETER HAUER. The ranks of the "Boys in Blue" are fast being depleted by the great enemy of life, but while they are here it behooves the present generation to give them their full meed of praise for the glorious work they have accomplished in saving the Union. There are a number of these old veterans in Lebanon county, among whom is the gentleman whose name forms the caption of this paragraph, and who has for a long lifetime lived an honorable and upright life within the county. He is at the present engaged in the real estate and general insurance business, and has in the past been connected with many of the leading enterprises of the city of Lebanon.

Peter Hauer is a native of the county, born August 27, 1838, a son of Henry Hauer, a native of Dauphin county, Pa., and his wife, Catherine Grumbine, of Lebanon county. Henry Hauer was a leading farmer of the county during his lifetime, his decease occurring in 1868, when he was aged seventy-one years, and that of his wife two years previous, at the age of sixty-eight years. They were the parents of nine children, of whom the eldest was

Levi, a farmer, now deceased; Jacob, deceased, who was engaged in the tobacco business for years in Lebanon; Catherine, who married Michael Kleinfelter, and is now deceased; George, a retired farmer of Bethel township, Lebanon county; Elizabeth, widow of Isaac Wagner, of Lebanon; Samuel, now deceased, for years engaged in the tobacco business in Lebanon, as a member of the firm of Hauer Bros.; Sallie, who became the wife of William Belleman, and now resides in Missouri; John, deceased; and Peter, the subject of this sketch. The parents of this family were worthy and highly respected residents of their community, and were always found ready to engage in any movement that meant the uplifting of humanity. They were devout members of the Lutheran Church.

Peter Hauer was brought up to the labor of farm life, where he developed a sturdiness of character and strong physical health which has followed him through life. He received a fair education in what was called at that time the "paying school," at Fredericksburg. At sixteen he became apprenticed to the miller's trade at the Grove Flouring Mill, near Fredericksburg, serving one year as an apprentice, the following two years as a journeyman. He then changed his location to East Hanover township, Lebanon county, where he rented the old Maulfair Mill and went into business for himself. He, however, operated this mill but the short period of a year, when he went back to Fredericksburg and engaged in the produce business. After two years here he sold out, and in 1857 removed to Lebanon, and where he has since resided. He first engaged with the old Peter Strickler mill on North Ninth street, and after a number of years with them became connected with the North Lebanon Mill.

While engaged in the North Lebanon mill, the storm which had been gathering over the nation for so many years broke in all its destructive fury. Mr. Hauer had watched the progress of events with great solicitude, and was one of the first to offer his services for the suppression of rebellion against the recognized authority of the United States. On September 9, 1861, his name was enrolled as Corporal of Company A, Ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, at Camp Coleman, Lebanon, Pa. This Regiment went to the front in November, 1861, camping at Fort Good Hope, near Washington City, and later taking position at Tennallytown, near Georgetown. Here the regiment participated in severe daily drill until March, 1862, when it became part of the troops who participated in that fatal first fight, the battle of Bull Run. After this battle the regiment returned to Camp Tennally, where some time later it embarked with McClellan's troops and went to Fortress Monroe, at Newport News, where it disembarked and engaged in the Peninsular Campaign. Mr.

Hauer was with his regiment in all the service here, which has become a matter of history; he was at Warwick Court House, at Yorktown, and on May 5, 1862, engaged in the bloody battle of Williamsburg. Following this he was at Fair Oaks, Seven Pines, and engaged in the various parts of the Seven Days fight, which ended in the great battle at Malvern Hill, the end of this series of engagements finding the regiment at Harrison's Landing. Thence the regiment again embarked and returned to Alexandria, where it remained until it joined the army that was gathered to prevent Lee's first invasion of the North. The regiment reached the field in time to participate in the battle of Antietam. The exposure consequent upon the severe service here brought on our subject a spell of sickness and he was forced to pass a considerable period of time in the Broad and Cherry Street Hospital, Philadelphia. This sickness left him in such a weakened condition that he was unfit for active service, and in August, 1863, he was given an honorable discharge for disability. He returned to his home with the consciousness of having done what he could to save the honor of the flag.

After a convalescent period, and when he had partially regained his health, Mr. Hauer resumed work at his trade in the Walter Mill at Jonestown, and it was there that in October, 1863, he suffered the accident which caused him to lose his right arm, it having to be amputated at the shoulder. It seemed somewhat singular that a soldier who had passed through a number of the hottest battles of the war should return from the service unharmed and in less than a six-month suffer so terrible an accident, which incapacitated him for active service at his trade, making it necessary to adopt other means of livelihood. He returned to Lebanon, where he secured the appointment of collector of taxes for Lebanon county and the borough of Lebanon, together with that of court crier. In the fall of 1869 he became a candidate on the Republican ticket for the office of register of wills of Lebanon county, and was elected, in which office he served with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents for the three years' term of office. His next venture was in the grocery business, which he conducted for three years and then sold out, having been appointed again as tax collector of Lebanon county. This office he administered with fidelity for the following ten years, having also been commissioned as a notary public. The commission of Mr. Hauer as notary public has been renewed six different times, covering a period of twenty-four years, and he is holding said appointment at the present time. In the year 1887 he became engaged in the general insurance business, which he is still conducting, being also interested in real estate. Another business connection has been that of collector for the Lebanon Gas Company for over thirty-five years. Mr.



Hauer also served a period of three years as treasurer of the County Alms House. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Firemen's Aid Association, and is of course an honored member of that grand organization, the Grand Army of the Republic. In religious matters he is a leading member of Zion's Lutheran Church.

Mr. Hauer has been twice married. On June 17, 1859, by Rev. J. H. Rohmig, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Clarissa, daughter of Peter Meyers, who was born in Fredericksburg, Lebanon county, May 19, 1841, and died February 27, 1885. She was the mother of the following children: Miss Annie L., of Philadelphia; Katie E., of Lebanon, married to W. G. Hain; Grant L., Lincoln M. and William H., all three deceased; George I., married and living in Pittsburg, Pa.; Lottie C., of Lebanon, married to Geo. W. Daugerty; Charles P., married and living in Philadelphia; Warren M., married and living in Reading, Pa.; Raymond M., deceased; and Miss Mabel C., of Lebanon. Mr. Hauer's second marriage occurred December 20, 1887, the lady's name being Mrs. Mary A. Fisher, a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and a daughter of Jacob Pfeffer, now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Hauer are worthy and respected citizens of Lebanon, where the high integrity and many noble qualities of citizenship of this old veteran endear him to a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

**MILLER.** For ninety-three years Henry Miller went in and out among the good people of Lebanon county. What an immeasurable span, taken in the light of development which had taken place in all departments of civilized life! When a mere lad he opened his eyes in wonder at the first steamboats that plied the rivers; when a young man he looked incredulously at the then crude locomotive; in the prime of life he stood aghast to find men communicating with each other, as it were, by flashes of lightning; he had passed his sixty mark ere the telephone became a slave of commerce; he was an old man when rapid transit began to revolutionize cities. From the day of small things, when hand labor accomplished everything, he saw gigantic and intricate machinery doing the work of hundreds of hands, and doing it infinitely better.

At the time of his death, April 25, 1903, four generations—Henry Miller, David W. Miller, Charles L. Miller, and his son, Charles David Miller, were living in the city of Lebanon, where each of them in turn was born. This is a record which but few families in the country can equal. The earlier members of the family were in their day prominent and useful citizens, who bore their share of the heat and burden of the day and left unstained records to posterity.



*Henry Miller*

John Miller, the first of the family in this country, came from the Palatinate, Germany, on the Rhine, making the voyage to America in the ship "Mortonhouse," James Coultas, master, which sailed from Rotterdam, and touched last at Deal, England, according to the clearance, dated June 21, 1729. There were 180 persons on board. They arrived at Philadelphia in August, 1729, and on the 19th of that month signed a declaration of their allegiance of King George II. They located some seventy-five miles west of Philadelphia, in the wilderness among the Indians, in that section now embracing Lebanon, Lancaster and Dauphin counties.

Daniel Miller, the next in the line of whom we have record, was a native of West Hanover township, Dauphin county, where his birth occurred May 19, 1781, his death June 23, 1859. He married Catherine Ensminger, who was born September 22, 1786, and died September 7, 1861, and they reared children as follows: John, born June 8, 1807; died November 5, 1901; Daniel, born October 13, 1808, died February 9, 1896; Henry, born March 31, 1810, is mentioned below; Elizabeth, born December 6, 1811, died in 1827; Catherine, born February 2, 1813, died July 25, 1896; Peter, born June 2, 1814, died August 16, 1887; Mary, born October 25, 1815, is the widow of David Spang; Adam, born March 8, 1819, died in 1825; Susan, born January 25, 1822, died August 3, 1893; Christian, born April 3, 1824, died May 12, 1887; David E., born December 9, 1827, is still living. Four of the sons were six feet and one inch in height, and the daughters were all tall women. As may be seen, this family is also remarkable for longevity.

HENRY MILLER, born March 31, 1810, was married April 4, 1833, to Sabina Tittle, who was born September 14, 1812, and died May 3, 1883. They became the parents of the following children: John Henry, born March 3, 1834; Catherine Anna, September 14, 1835 (a widow); Mary Anna, December 29, 1837 (a widow); David W., December 16, 1839 (mentioned below); boy twins, June 25, 1841 (one died when one day old, the other, Jacob, surviving until June 18, 1844); Daniel, September 19, 1843; Sabina, May 15, 1845 (died February 12, 1869); Emma Lydia, May 20, 1847; Jeremiah, December 22, 1849, died May 19, 1903; John Adam, March 24, 1851; Jennie Frances, May 13, 1854 (a widow). As will be seen, all but four of the large family survive. On April 4, 1883, Mr. and Mrs. Miller celebrated their Golden Wedding. Mrs. Miller passed away a month later, and Mr. Miller survived her twenty years, living in the old home with his two daughters, Emma and Mrs. Jennie F. Shaak. Mr. Miller early learned the trade of millwright, but subsequently turned to farming in order to secure work for his children.

Mr. Miller was originally a Whig in political sentiment, in time becoming a Republican. His first vote was cast for Henry Clay, in 1832. In 1840 he supported Gen. William H. Harrison, and in 1888 voted for his grandson, Benjamin Harrison. In 1860 he voted for Abraham Lincoln, and he cast his ballot for every Republican candidate since, including William McKinley, in 1900. In 1885, when seventy-five years old, he was elected director of the poor of Lebanon county.

DAVID W. MILLER was born December 16, 1839. He remained on the home farm until his sixteenth year, receiving a fair education in the schools of his district, and applying himself to such purpose outside of school that he had become qualified at that age to teach. For seventeen consecutive terms he then wielded the ferule in the county, working on the farm in vacations. He looks upon this period of his life with great pleasure, having had many prominent men, now high in business circles, under his instruction.

When the tocsin of war was sounded, in the 'sixties, Mr. Miller left the peaceful humdrum of the schoolroom for the more active forum of the field, enlisting in August, 1862, and becoming a private in Company E., One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, Capt. L. L. Greenwalt commanding the company, and Col. W. W. Jennings the regiment. He took part in the engagements at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. At Fredericksburg, when volunteers were called for to man a battery which had lost all its men the day before, he was the first to offer his services, others following. He remained there two weeks, seeing much hard fighting. After the nine months of his enlistment had expired he returned home, and re-enlisted in Company E, Forty-eighth Regiment, Emergency Troops, of which he was second lieutenant.

After the war was over Mr. Miller resumed teaching, and continued in that calling until 1872, at which time he entered upon the business which has since assumed such large proportions, as a member of the Lebanon Lumber Company. Later the firm name was changed to D. W. Miller & Co. Under the skillful management of Mr. Miller the business assumed increasingly large proportions, a condition which has continued since he turned it over to his sons, in 1897. Mr. Miller has always been active in the business life of the city. He is president of the Fidelity Building & Loan Association, and is a director of the North Lebanon Shoe Company. He is president of the Indian River Manufacturing Company, which owns 16,000 acres of land on the Indian river, in Florida, which they are developing.

In local municipal affairs Mr. Miller has been quite active, but he has contented himself with doing his part in seeing that good men were

elected to the different offices. In school affairs he has gone a little farther. His early experience in the school room was taken advantage of by his fellow townsmen, and he is now serving on the board of school controllers. He is a prominent and forceful worker in the ranks of the Republican party, which he represented in the Electoral College of 1896 from the Fourteenth Congressional District, and had the pleasure of casting his vote for that peerless American, the late William McKinley.

In social life Mr. Miller gives most of his attention to that grand organization which is the wonder and credit of the age, the Grand Army of the Republic. He is one of the leading members of the local post, Sedgwick, No. 42, of which he was commander in 1873, and which he has represented in the Department Encampment for a number of years. He was the department's representative in the National Encampment at Providence, Indianapolis, Louisville, St. Paul, Pittsburg, Philadelphia and Buffalo. He served as aide-de camp on the staffs of both Gens. Clarkson and Gobin when they were grand commanders. Since he was twenty-one years of age Mr. Miller has been a member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 121, I. O. O. F., and has filled all chairs (being a past grand) and represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge twice. For fifteen years he was secretary of his lodge, and during that time missed only two meetings. He also belongs to the I. O. R. M. and the A. O. U. W., in which latter he held the office of treasurer for a number of years.

On October 8, 1863, Mr. Miller married Mary Ann Louser, daughter of Michael Louser and Mary Brandt. She was born in the city of Lebanon October 4, 1839, and died May 14, 1903, mourned by a large circle of friends. To this union two sons were born, Charles Lincoln and Henry Michael. Mrs. Miller was a member of Zion Lutheran church, to which Mr. Miller also belongs, and in the work of which both bore a very active part; he was a member of the board of trustees for fifteen years.

CHARLES LINCOLN MILLER, M. D., the eldest son of David W., and the senior member of the lumber firm of Miller Bros., which has its yards on the corner of Sixth and Willow streets, Lebanon, was born in that city August 20, 1865. He was thoroughly grounded in the elementary branches in the excellent public schools of the city, and in his later teens taught school for three years. While engaged in teaching school he began his study of medicine with Dr. Samuel Weiss, and in 1886 matriculated in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. There he took a full three years' course, and practiced medicine the following four years in the city of Philadelphia, two years of that period being chief of the Skin Clinic at

the Polyclinic Hospital, and for two years more was chief of the Medical Clinic at the same hospital. In the latter part of 1893 he gave up his practice and returned to Lebanon, where he succeeded to his father's lumber business, the latter's health having failed temporarily. The firm was then Miller, Cilley & Co., becoming subsequently Miller, Louser & Co., the last named firm consisting of C. L. Miller, Samuel Louser and Henry M. Miller, the latter a younger brother. In the year 1899 this firm was changed to Miller Bros., upon the retirement of Mr. Louser. The business of this firm consists of the manufacture of all kinds of lumber and mill work, they having the most extensive plant of the kind in Lebanon. It covers between five and six acres, on Willow street, extending from Fifth to Seventh streets.

After his return from Philadelphia Dr. Miller became ambulance surgeon to the Good Samaritan Hospital of the city, serving as such during the balance of 1893 and 1894. In 1894 he was appointed a member of the United States Board of Examining Physicians of Pensions, of which he was chosen secretary, holding that position until last year, when he became president. Although entirely out of the practice of medicine at the present time, Dr. Miller retains his interest in the profession, and keeps himself in touch with and abreast of the progress in the field of medicine. He is still a member of the Lebanon County Medical Association, of which he was secretary for five years, and is at present treasurer. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society. Further, he is a member of the General Alumni Association of the University, and is vice-president of the Lebanon County Alumni Association of the University. He is prominent in other societies of the city, taking a deep interest in the work of the Lebanon County Historical Society, of which he is a member. In the fraternities he keeps in touch with the best, being a member of the Odd Fellows, the Elks, and the Red Men, in all of which he is helpful in maintaining the principles for which they stand.

On February 18, 1893, Dr. Miller was joined in marriage to Mary Jeanette Scott, of Winchester, Va., daughter of Charles Scott. This union has been blessed with one son, Charles David Miller, born September 27, 1894.

HARRY MICHAEL MILLER, youngest son of David W. Miller, and junior member of the firm of Miller Bros., was born in Lebanon August 13, 1869. He, too, received a good preliminary education in the public schools, which was supplemented by a course in architecture in a Philadelphia school. Upon his return he became a member of the lumber firm, as noted in the sketch of his brother. He is a wide-awake, earnest business man, and in his personality combines qualities which make him exceedingly popular in Lebanon circles. He takes an active part in the social life of the city, being a member



J. Henry Miller

of the Elks, of which he is past exalted ruler, and giving his active aid to all movements looking to the betterment of society in his native city. He was married December 10, 1891, to Miss Minnie Jones, daughter of Richard Jones, of Lebanon, Pa., formerly of Philadelphia.

It is not fulsome praise to say that no single family is held in greater esteem than that of the one whose history we have just recorded. The older members are men of character, and the younger men are rapidly forging to the front as leading business men of their native city. They deserve and receive the popular esteem in which they are held.

J. HENRY MILLER. Connected for long years with the business interests of Lebanon, and one of the authorities in the matter of fire insurance in the city, is the gentleman whose name is here given. He has been connected with the promotion and organization of a large number of the leading financial, industrial and social institutions of the city, and is a man whose life has been helpful along very many lines.

The birth of Mr. Miller occurred on the old Daniel Miller farm about two miles south of the town of Annville, this county, March 3, 1834. He is the son of Henry Miller, one of Lebanon county's most respected citizens, whose life of probity and uprightness was such as to continue his existence to the remarkable age of ninety-three years. He died at Lebanon, April 25, 1903.

J. Henry Miller passed the period of his boyhood aiding in the cultivation of farms in North and South Annville and East Hanover townships. In these places he attended the district school, and later was given a course at the Annville Academy. His attention to his books had been of such a nature as to qualify him for teaching, and at the age of eighteen he taught his first school in Union district. This was followed by terms in North Annville, East Hanover and North Cornwall townships. In 1858 he came to Lebanon, and in 1861 and 1862 he taught two sessions in the city schools there. Late in 1860 he began his connection with the general insurance business, with which he has continued to the present time. In 1860 he became secretary of the Washington Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he was one of the organizers that year, and has been its secretary continuously and also treasurer since January 1, 1899. He was also one of the organizers of the Lebanon County Mutual Live Stock Insurance Company, in 1869, and has served continuously as its secretary and treasurer. He assisted in organizing the Lebanon Steam Company in 1888, and has been its treasurer continuously since its organization, and also its secretary since 1893. He was instru-



mental in organizing the Lebanon Market House Company in 1890, of which he has since been secretary and treasurer. The Lebanon Cemetery Association was one of the earliest institutions to claim his attention, and he assisted in its organization in 1859, has been a director and since 1896 has served as its secretary. In the year 1894 he became one of the organizers of the North Lebanon Shoe factory, one of Lebanon's successful industries, and has been its president from the beginning. The Lebanon County Trust Company is one of the latest of his successful efforts at organization, it having been organized in 1902, and he is chairman of its finance committee. In fire insurance our subject represents a large number of companies as agent, the following being some of the leading ones: Insurance Company of North America, American Fire Insurance Company, Franklin Fire Insurance Company, the Pennsylvania, the Girard, the Spring Garden (all of Philadelphia), the Hanover, the Hartford, the New Hampshire, the Orient, Phoenix, Liverpool, London & Globe, the Royal, Commercial Union, Connecticut, Fidelity & Casualty and Fidelity & Deposit.

During the Civil war Mr. Miller served as a corporal of Company A. Eleventh Pennsylvania Militia. He served in the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1877 and in 1878, was in the Lebanon Council for two terms when the borough government existed, and was president of the last council before the form of government was changed to that of the city, he being largely instrumental in bringing about that change. Our subject has also shown a deep and helpful interest in educational matters, having been a member of the school board for a number of years. In religious affiliations he was an active member of Zion's Lutheran Church, covering a period of forty-three years, and was treasurer of the congregation for twenty-seven years of that time. He also served a long period as superintendent of the Sunday School. Our subject now worships in Old Salem Lutheran Church, where he has charge of the home department and visitors' class in the Sunday School. Fraternally he affiliates with the A. O. U. W. In his political sentiments he is a Republican.

Mr. Miller was married, August 17, 1855, to Rosanna, daughter of George and Catherine Early. This lady is a native of East Hanover, Dauphin Co., Pa., where she was born March 17, 1834. She has borne her husband the following children: Luther Henry, deceased in 1900, at the age of thirty-two years; Mary Alice, at home; Charles Augustus, who died when thirteen months old; Emma Elizabeth, married to John K. Royal, city treasurer of Harrisburg, Pa., who has two children, John D. and Elizabeth; Lincoln

Early, a dentist at Wrightsville, Pa., who married Lulu Slike, and has one daughter, Margaret; and Rosa Jane, who became Mrs. W. H. Clark, of Lebanon, Pa., and has one daughter, Kathryn.

ELIAS H. HARTZ, one of the well-known citizens of Palmyra, was born August 6, 1843, on a farm in South Annville township, Lebanon county, son of John and Catherine (Hershey) Hartz. The father was born in 1800, in Hanover township, and died in 1882, a son of John Hartz, an old resident of Dauphin county. The mother was also born in Dauphin county, a daughter of John Hershey, and both parents lie at rest in the cemetery at Gravel Hill. The children born to John Hartz and wife were these: Levi, born July 2, 1826, died August 6, 1903; Jeremiah, born September 20, 1831, lives in North Annville township; Mary, born August 25, 1833, married Peter Keath, of Manheim, Pa.; Josiah, born October 9, 1835, resides in North Londonderry township; John, born November 1, 1837, resides in Annville; Samuel, born September 19, 1839, died about ten years ago; Elias H.; Cyrus, born September 20, 1844, resides in Palmyra; Catherine, born October 29, 1845, married Adam Detweiler, of North Londonderry township; and Lydia, born December 28, 1847, resides at Palmyra.

John Hartz, father of Elias H., removed from Dauphin county to South Annville, Lebanon county, and later to Gravel Hill, near Palmyra, where the mother died. Mr. Hartz was a farmer all his life, and he was one of the earnest and active members of the United Brethren Church. In politics he was identified with the Republican party.

Elias H. Hartz was reared on the farm in South Annville township, and obtained his education in the public schools. He followed the profession of teaching for a period of fourteen years in Annville and Londonderry townships, and about 1868 or 1870 came to Londonderry township. In 1874 he began farming on Gravel Hill, but two years later removed to Dauphin county, where he followed farming five years. Mr. Hartz afterwards bought sixteen acres of well improved land at Gravel Hill, where he followed general farming for one year. In 1883 he bought his present farm in Palmyra, consisting of forty-seven acres, which was formerly the property of Samuel Brehm.

In January, 1874, Mr. Hartz was married to Sallie Rebecca, daughter of Samuel and Julia (Grannas) Felterolf, both of whom were natives of the Lehigh Valley, and to whom were born the following children: Maria, who married Cornelius Fox, of East Hanover; Tillman, who lives in Ohio; Samuel, who lives on the old homestead; Eliza B., who married Henry Ricker, of Gravel Hill; Susanna Ann, who married Harrison Shiffler, of Missouri; Sallie

Rebecca, who became Mrs. Hartz; and Peter A., who resides in Columbia county, Pennsylvania.

A family of five children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hartz, namely: Minnie N., born October 28, 1874, married Dr. U. G. Risser, of Campbelltown; Irena May died at the age of six years; Harvey E., born January 6, 1879, graduated from the Cumberland Valley Normal School, from Franklin and Marshall College, in June, 1901, taught in the Lebanon High School one term, and is now engaged in the study of law at the Michigan University, at Ann Arbor; Sannie A., born December 24, 1881, is a teacher; and Roger B. was born September 27, 1888. The religious connection of this family is with the United Brethren Church. Mr. Hartz is a prominent member of the Republican party in his community, and belongs to the county central committee. The family is one of the most highly cultured in Palmyra, and is prominent in both social and religious circles.

WEIDMAN. For over a century the individual members of this family have gone in and out before the people of Lebanon county, the early members, as well as those of later date, having been men of probity, who lived upright lives in the community. Beginning with Capt. John Weidman, of Revolutionary fame, it has furnished Lebanon county not a few of her leading citizens, in both commercial and professional walks of life.

Probably the first of the family to come to America was Christopher Weidman, who was a native of Switzerland. He settled in Warwick township, Lancaster county, Pa. The Capt. John referred to above was one of his sons, born in the aforesaid township, June 4, 1756. He received a good education, and was brought up to commercial pursuits in Philadelphia. At the outbreak of the war for Independence he became an officer in one of the associated battalions, and when Congress directed the organization of the German regiment he was commissioned an ensign, July 12, 1776. His promotion to first lieutenant bears date of May 14, 1777. His war record includes active service at the battle of Long Island, White Plains, Trenton, Princeton, Germantown, Monmouth and Newtown. He was with Gen. Sullivan on the memorable campaign which that noted Indian fighter made against the Indians in New York in 1779, during which year he was adjutant of the regiment. His retirement from the service bears date of January 1, 1781. He was an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati. A brave and gallant officer, he was among the distinguished men of the German regiment who not only acquitted themselves nobly upon the battlefield, but who bore the fatigue and privations of the terrible winter of 1778 at Valley Forge. At the close

of the war Capt. Weidman resumed commercial life in Philadelphia, but later returned to the neighborhood of his birthplace and kept a store. Having been well educated he also did surveying in the neighborhood. The year 1800 marks his coming to Lebanon county, where he purchased the Union Forge estate, and conducted the same successfully for many years. He was a man of fine judgment, his gifts being utilized as one of the Associate Judges of that day, he serving from 1821 to 1830. After a long and highly honorable career he passed to rest in Lebanon, June 6, 1830. Capt. John Weidman married Catherine Mason, of Philadelphia, May 1, 1786. Catherine was born February 16, 1763, and died in Lebanon, October 8, 1794. She became the mother of Elizabeth, Jacob Barge, John and Maria.

Jacob Barge Weidman was born in the city of Philadelphia May 12, 1789. He was reared in a home where love of country was taught both by precept and example, these virtues being instilled into his young mind as he listened to the stories of daring and adventure participated in by his noble father during the Revolutionary days. He was given a splendid education for those days, first at the Latin school of James Rose, in Harrisburg, and then at Dickinson College, from which institution he graduated with honor. He took up the study of law with Samuel Laird, of Harrisburg, a noted lawyer of that city, and was admitted to the Dauphin county Bar in August, 1813. He at once settled in Lebanon, where the Bar of the county had just been organized, its roll containing names which have since attained world-wide fame—James Hopkins, Thomas Elder, George Fisher, George H. Porter and James Buchanan being among the number. Jacob B. Weidman immediately took front rank in this galaxy of legal lights, and for forty years was regarded as one of the best lawyers in eastern Pennsylvania. He followed his profession almost slavishly, stepping aside but seldom to participate in the activities of political life, though well qualified for any position to which he might have aspired. The single exception was in 1837, when he was prevailed upon to accept a seat in the Pennsylvania State Constitutional Convention, and where the high character of his services contributed much toward the splendid result of the sittings of that notable body. He died at a ripe age, in the zenith of an honorable career, March 5, 1857. Jacob B. Weidman married (first) Mary Murray, of Harrisburg, daughter of William Murray; (second) Mary Eliza Morris, of Philadelphia; and lastly Elizabeth C. Murray, of Harrisburg. There were two children born to the first marriage, John and Sarah.

John Weidman, eldest son of Jacob B. and Mary (Murray) Weidman, was born August 25, 1815, at Lebanon. He was educated at the Lebanon

Academy, and at Dickinson and Princeton Colleges, studied medicine with Dr. John B. Mish, and graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. However, he concluded to study law, which he pursued under the direction of his father, was admitted to the Lebanon county Bar in 1842, and practiced his profession in Lebanon. He was elected district attorney of Lebanon county in 1859, serving one term. In ante-war times he was a brigadier general of the militia, and when the Civil war came he entered the army as captain of Company F, Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry, serving until his impaired health compelled him to resign. He returned home, but never recovered, and died April 23, 1863. He married, in 1838, Emma Roberts Grant, of Melrose, N. J., and they had the following children: Grant, John, Martha, Jacob Barge, Sarah Ann, Emma R., Mary Virginia, James B., and Elizabeth Cook.

GRANT WEIDMAN, eldest son of John and Emma R. (Grant) Weidman, was born at Melrose, near Trenton, N. J., September 8, 1839. His early years were spent at his father's home in Lebanon, Pa., and when quite young he entered a boarding school. From a preparatory school in Lintz, Pa., and schools in Bristol and Lawrenceville, N. J., he passed with a high degree of scholarship into Princeton University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1859. He inherited the love of study which had characterized his father's and grandfather's careers, and with natural industry had applied himself assiduously during his entire school life. Electing to enter the legal profession, he entered his father's office as a student, and there, under that able jurist's wise guidance, prepared for admission to the Bar, and, on August 23, 1861, became a fully licensed member of the Lebanon county Bar. Unlike many young lawyers, he did not seek a home among strangers to begin his practice, but remained in Lebanon, and ever made it his home. His legal work covered all branches, and he was equally at home, as well as equally busy, in all courts. However, he avoided criminal cases whenever he could, having a dislike for that class of work. His studies did not end with his first brief, but he kept continually at his books, and, though a wide general reader, he usually chose those works that bore upon his beloved profession, and that would widen his already erudite knowledge of the law. His reputation for integrity among his fellow practitioners was of the highest, and he was held in great respect for his marvelous ability to see at once the true facts in a case, and to have at his fingers' ends the exact references that best applied. This saved many a tiresome and long-drawn out case, and often won for him the gratitude of both sides.

When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in the State militia, and was



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second lieutenant of Company A, Eleventh Regiment, in 1862. He afterward served as major of the One Hundred and Seventy-third Pennsylvania Volunteers. In his political faith Mr. Weidman was a Democrat, and was always active in the work of his party.

He was a member of the National Convention, 1880, that nominated Winfield S. Hancock for President. He filled the office of district attorney, and gave efficient service as a member of the school board; and he was once the nominee of his party for Congress, but as he was a Democrat, in an overwhelming Republican district, he met with defeat.

Fraternally Mr. Weidman was a Mason, belonging to all the bodies of that order, from the Blue Lodge through and including the Knights Templar and the Mystic Shrine, and he had held all the offices. In 1874 he held the office of Grand Commander of the Knights Templars of Pennsylvania. He was a member of the State Society of the Cincinnati, and was its treasurer; and he also belonged to the Loyal Legion.

In spite of the engrossing nature of his profession and his devotion to it, Mr. Weidman found time to take an active interest in the financial and manufacturing world, and at the time of his death was president of the Lebanon National Bank, the largest institution of its kind in the county. He was a director in a number of manufacturing and industrial corporations, and was a manager of the Good Samaritan Hospital.

On September 7, 1864, at Harrisburg, Pa., Grant Weidman was united in marriage with M. Elizabeth Henry. This union was blessed with children as follows: John, deceased; Grant; Mary Henry, who married Thomas T. Lineaweaver, of Lebanon; Ethel Roberts; Sarah Elizabeth and Edward Ingleton and Christian Henry, both deceased. Like his father and grandfather Mr. Weidman was a Lutheran, and was always interested in the church and its work, and was a trustee for many years. He was a man of kind and genial disposition, who made and retained many friends, and he delighted to welcome them into his own home. In society he was very popular, his bright, sprightly conversation gathering around him, wherever he went, a group of admiring listeners, and when thoroughly aroused by a discussion his eloquence and his wit held his hearers' rapt attention. The mere mention that Mr. Weidman would address the jury would fill the court room, not only with those interested in the trial in question, but with those who enjoyed his unusual forensic ability. As a reasoner he was always logical, and his command of English made him a clear and decisive speaker, who never failed to express his full and exact meaning. His kindly nature made him generous to a fault, and he

gave freely of his services to those in need, and was charitable of his means to the unfortunate. In his home he found his rest and happiness, and was devoted to his family. His death occurred November 11, 1895.

JOHN H. BROWN, one of the representative farmers of Jackson township, occupying a fine farm which has been in the family for a number of years, conveniently situated between Lebanon and Myerstown, belongs to a family established in this part of Lebanon county in 1840.

John H. Brown was born November 20, 1853, on this old family homestead, a son of Aaron and Elmira (Shott) Brown, the former of whom was born about 1831, near Womelsdorf, Berks county, and died at the age of sixty-five years. His father was Samuel Brown, who was the son of John Brown, the latter being one of the early settlers of Berks county. The family has always been identified with agricultural interests, and is not as numerous as many in this locality, two children only being born to Samuel Brown, the grandfather of John H., namely: Lavina and Aaron.

Aaron Brown married Elmira Shott, of Cornwall township. In 1840 he came to Jackson township and purchased the farm now occupied by his son, which is located near the line of Heidelberg and South Lebanon townships, three miles southwest of Myerstown, and five miles from Lebanon, thus insuring fine markets. Here his three children were born, viz.: John H.; Frank T., a farmer in Jackson township; and Annie, the wife of Joseph Dohner, a South Lebanon township farmer. Although a consistent member of the Republican party, Mr. Brown never antagonized members of the opposite belief, and he held many of the local offices to the satisfaction of all concerned. For a number of years he was a leading member of the Reformed Church, and worthily held the position of elder and deacon. His wife passed away at the age of sixty years. They were among the most respected residents of the township.

John H. Brown was reared on the farm in Jackson township, and attended first the public schools and later the Palatinate (now Albright) College, at Myerstown. After two years spent in teaching school he settled down to farming, the fertile acres of the old homestead offering great inducements and encouragement, although since then Mr. Brown has added much to the productiveness and value of the place. It contains sixty-five acres, and is known as one of the best farms of the locality.

Soon after locating on the farm, on May 18, 1878, Mr. Brown married Miss Catherine Binner, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Iceman) Binner, of South Lebanon township, both deceased. The five children born to this



marriage are: Miles N., Paul A., Nora K., Raymond H. and Arthur A., all bright, intelligent, wide-awake, well-informed young Americans. In politics Mr. Brown is identified with the Republican party, but he has no political ambition. He is known throughout the township as one of the reliable citizens, a man of moral character and sterling integrity.

JOHN S. RISSER, a prominent farmer of South Londonderry township, Lebanon county, residing at Lawn, is a representative member of one of the oldest families in that part of Pennsylvania.

The first of the Risser family to leave Germany and sail for the United States were Ulrich and Jacob Risser, brothers, who came over in the ship "Adventurer," John Doris, master, from Rotterdam. They landed at Philadelphia and qualified October 2, 1727. Other members of the family followed. Johannes (John) came over in the ship "Queen Elizabeth," Alexander Hope, master, from Rotterdam, and qualified September 16, 1738. Peter, another brother, came in the ship "Robert and Alice," Walter Goodman, master, and qualified September 3, 1739, and still another brother, Philip, came in the ship "Loyal Judith," Edward Pointer, master, from Rotterdam, last from Deal, and he qualified September 3, 1739.

Johannes Risser was the progenitor of the Rissers of South Londonderry township, Lebanon county. He settled in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, and was the great-great-grandfather of John S. Risser, of Lawn, who is of the fifth generation.

Peter Risser, son of Johannes, was born in Mt. Joy township, November 5, 1750, and married Hannah Snyder, who was born January 17, 1754. He moved into what is now South Londonderry township, Lebanon county, and established the Risser homestead, which is situated about two miles south from Lawn, about in the corner where Lebanon, Lancaster and Dauphin counties meet. The children of Peter and Hannah Risser were: Christian, born December 11, 1776; Peter, August 29, 1779; Feronica, July 25, 1791; John, March 5, 1782.

Peter Risser (2), son of Peter, and the grandfather of John S. and Samuel S. Risser, was born on the old homestead, and married a member of the Witmer family. They had the following children: John was born January 27, 1809; Annie, born July 2, 1810, married John L. Gish, of Donegal township, Lancaster county (both are deceased); Christian was born March 20, 1812; Abraham, born September 19, 1814, married a Nissley (both are deceased); Elizabeth, born February 10, 1816, married Joseph Shenk, and both are deceased; Peter, born May 3, 1818, married (first) a Shenk (who died in

the first year of married life), and (second) a Horst; Joseph, born March 22, 1820, married Fanny Nissley; Samuel, born April 15, 1823, married Fanny Stauffer; Feronica (Fanny), born August 29, 1826, married John Oberholtzer, and they live in South Londonderry township; Mary, born September 29, 1828, married Capt. Coble, a soldier of the Civil war.

John Risser, the father of John S., was born on the old homestead farm. He married Mary Shenk, who was born November 13, 1815, in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, daughter of Joseph Shenk, whose wife was an Ober. To this marriage came children as follows: Frances (Fanny), born August 6, 1835, married John H. Risser, who is deceased; Joseph, born December 28, 1836, married Annie Garber, and lives in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county; Abraham, born October 20, 1838, married Annie Ebersole, and died December 25, 1876; John S. was born May 24, 1842; Samuel S., born March 1, 1849, married Mary Kuhns, and resides one mile south of Lawn. The father of this family lived on his farm in South Londonderry township, two miles southwest from Lawn station, where he died December 9, 1869, his widow surviving until August 11, 1892. They were most worthy members of the Mennonite Church.

John S. Risser was born on his father's farm, and there grew to manhood. His education was obtained in the common schools and at the old Palmyra Academy, when it was conducted by Peter Witmer. Mr. Risser taught school one term in his own neighborhood, but has given his attention almost entirely to agriculture, ever since his twenty-first year. On attaining his majority he entered into a satisfactory arrangement with his father, to work the farm on shares, and two years later bought his present farm from his father. The property is located at Lawn, and he continued there until the spring of 1901, when he retired from activity and removed to the village. It originally was owned by Clinton Kelley, and is regarded as one of the fine farms of the section. Mr. Risser has been interested for some time in a number of enterprises, and has held some of the local political offices. At one time he engaged in merchandising at Lawn; with his son, Harvey S., and his brother, Samuel S., he owns and operates the Lawn Creamery; for the past ten years he has been a director in the Elizabethtown National Bank, and he has very frequently been called upon to settle up estates. For fourteen years Mr. Risser served faithfully on the school board, and he has been assistant assessor and is now serving as registrar assessor of the township.

In 1864 Mr. Risser was married to Mary Ann Shenk, born April 12, 1843, at Deodate, Dauphin county, a daughter of John M. and Mary (Gingrich) Shenk, the former of whom was born November 15, 1814, at Deodate, a son of

Christian Shenk, of Dauphin county, and died February 26, 1902. The mother of Mrs. Risser was born in Derry township, Dauphin county, a daughter of John Gingrich. They had the following children: Cyrus, born May 21, 1839, died March 22, 1903; he married Anna Herr, who lives at Deodate, Dauphin county. Diana, born April 24, 1841, is the widow of Samuel Hoover, and lives in Derry township, Dauphin county. Mary Ann is Mrs. Risser. Christian M., born January 14, 1845, is unmarried. Elizabeth, born in January, 1847, married (first) Abraham Herr, and (second) Henry Sommer, of Kansas, where she now resides, a widow.

Mr. and Mrs. Risser had children as follows: Clara, born February 1, 1868, died September 1, 1868. Harvey S., born November 14, 1869, married Sebilla N. Greiner, of Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, April 23, 1895. Ida, born July 18, 1871, died August 17, 1871. Ezra S., born February 1, 1873, married Fanny Brubaker, of Rapho township, Lancaster county, February 14, 1901. Alice, born October 28, 1874, married Irwin Killian, of Cornwall township, Lebanon county, February 4, 1902. Noah W. was born October 6, 1877. John W. was born November 16, 1879. Anna Mary, born December 11, 1881, married Clarence Mease, of Onset, Lebanon county, July 4, 1903. This family is no more widely known than it is generally esteemed, many of its members representing the best citizens of this locality.

GEORGE ZINN. One of the live business men, successful agriculturists and representative citizens of Cornwall township, is George Zinn, the well-known owner and operator of a first-class grist and flour mill at Bismarck, Lebanon county.

The Zinn family is an old one in this county, having been founded here by George Zinn, the great-grandfather of the present George Zinn. His son, also George, was born in Lebanon county, where his life was passed in farming and milling, residing at Bismarck until advanced age. His children were: John; Mary, the wife of John Zimmerman, of Lebanon county; Rose, the wife of Seth Royer, of Lebanon county; Sarah, the wife of Christian Bachman, of Lebanon county; Catherine, the wife of J. M. Mark, of Lebanon county; and Veronica, the wife of Joseph Urich, of Lebanon county.

John Zinn, the father of George, was reared in the old Zinn homestead, and became one of the extensive farmers of the county. He married Miss Sarah Shimp, daughter of John and Eliza (Stewart) Shimp, and they became the parents of six children, as follows: George; Catherine, the wife of Aaron Vogt, of Jackson township; Mary Ann, the widow of Henry Klick, of Bethel township; John, a farmer of Cornwall township, who married Hannah Hoke;

Cyrus, who died at the age of twelve years; and Elias, a farmer of Cornwall township, who married Clara Messner. The mother lived to the age of seventy-six years, the father dying eighteen years earlier.

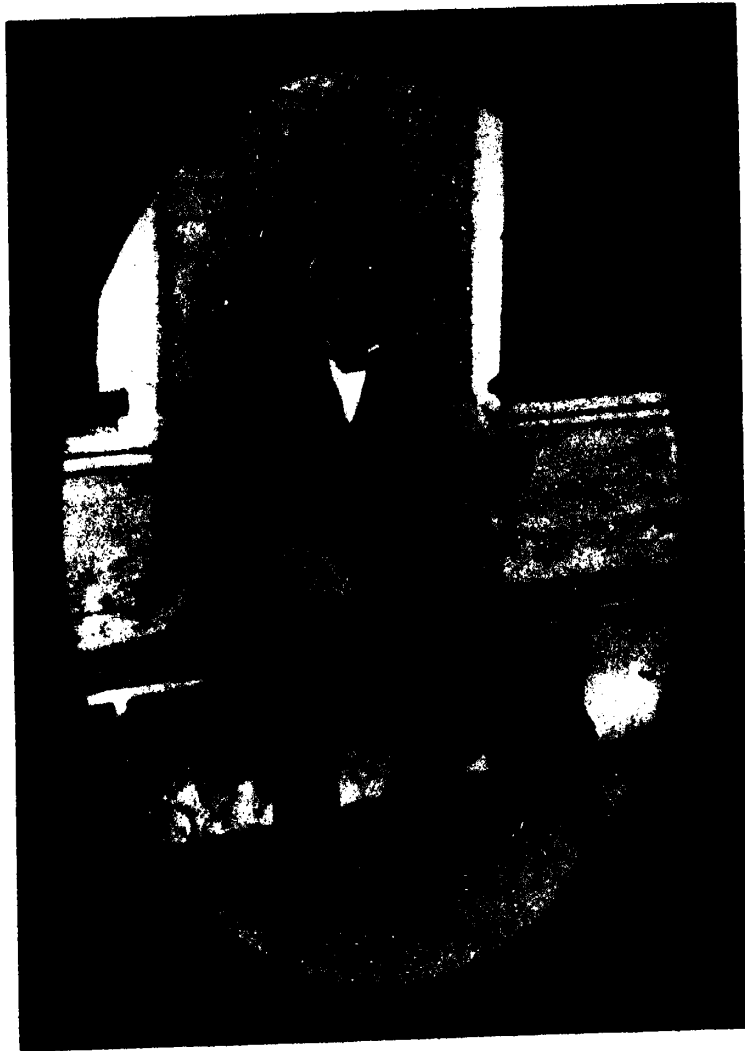
George Zinn, of Bismarck, was born November 14, 1847, at the old homestead, and was reared to farm life. His education was secured in the public schools, and after its completion he learned the trade of milling, in the mill which he now owns. Here he was employed until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he took entire charge and has operated it with eminent success ever since. Mr. Zinn is a practical miller and has introduced methods and machinery which enable him to compete with any other flour making concern in his locality. This is both a grist and flour mill, and is regarded as one of the best in the county, the trade being in both custom and commercial work. In addition to the milling business, Mr. Zinn operates a small farm, and proves himself as excellent a farmer as he is a miller. He is one of the township's progressive, public-spirited men and occupies a position of prominence.

In 1872 Mr. Zinn was married to Miss Mary E. Bowman, daughter of Oliver and Maria (Light) Bowman, and their one estimable daughter, Sallie, is now the wife of M. L. Bachman, the leading implement dealer of Bismarck. They have one son named after the grandfather, George Zinn. The religious connection of the family is with the Reformed Church of Lebanon, and it occupies a high social position in this vicinity.

PETER ZIMMERMAN (deceased) was for many years a most highly respected farmer of Lebanon county, Pa., and he left many friends in Schaefferstown to mourn his loss, when death came in 1887. He was born in 1802, in Jackson township, and was a son of Henry Zimmerman, who was a son of George Zimmerman, a native of Germany, and supposed to have been the founder of the family in Berks county. Henry Zimmerman had a family of ten children, and of these the late Peter Zimmerman was the youngest.

Peter Zimmerman married Mary Rex, who was born in 1802, in Schoeneck, Lancaster county, and died in 1880. She was a sister of Cyrus Rex, of Rexmont. Six children were born to Peter Zimmerman and his wife, and of this family five reached years of maturity, viz: Edmond died in Kansas; Mary Ann (now deceased) married Jacob Rhoads, of Lancaster county; Susan Amanda married Dr. Alfred Bucher (now deceased), of Rexmont; Ann Matilda is residing at the old homestead; and Rebecca is the wife of E. R. Illig, of Millbach.

Peter Zimmerman located in Schaefferstown about 1834, and lived in this place for more than half a century. He was a stanch Democrat, but



*Peter Zimmerman*

never sought political office. For many years he was a member of the Lutheran Church, and was deacon, elder and trustee. Few men were more highly esteemed than was Peter Zimmerman. He was honest and upright, and during his eighty-five years of life, set an example of industrious activity and of kindness to his neighbors and care for his family, which deserves remembrance and emulation.

Miss Ann Matilda Zimmerman, who still resides at the old home of her parents, occupies one of the historic old residences of the city. It was erected by a maternal ancestor, more than 150 years ago, and is a place of a great deal of interest. Miss Zimmerman possesses and highly prizes the old Rex family Bible, which was brought from Germany to America some 200 years ago, in which the German characters show that it must be at least 300 years old. The only survivor of the Rex family is Cyrus Rex, of Rexmont, as mentioned above.

DAVID SPANGLER RANK, native and "to the manner born," a soldier going forth in the wake of the old flag at fifteen, a successful preceptor of youth, an honored and worthy representative of the "embattled farmer" class, a popular attache of the department of law enforcement and a leading spirit in the business world—this is the record in epitome of the gentleman whose name forms a caption for this article.

David S. Rank, treasurer of the Lebanon Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was born in East Hanover township, March 2, 1848, the son of David M. and Lucetta (Spangler) Rank. The first of the family of whom record is made is Grandfather George Rank, a native of Lancaster county, Pa., who removed with his family to East Hanover township in 1803. Here he passed a worthy existence, and lies buried beneath the greensward of his adopted county. His son, David M., the father of our honored subject, was born in the township mentioned in 1809, and for eight and a half decades lived a singularly upright and busy life among Lebanon citizens, a member of that worthy class, the tillers of the soil, and whom one of our worthy sages has well denominated the "salt of the earth." The Spanglers are Myerstown people from time immemorial. Mrs. Rank, who survives her husband at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, was born in the county in 1814, the daughter of Christian Spangler. The Spanglers have also been agriculturists. Mrs. Rank is the mother of five children, namely: George, Aaron, David S., Lucinda and Emma.

There was little of moment in the life of David S. Rank during the period of adolescence. He found plenty to do on the farm of that kind of labor

which developed a sturdy constitution, for he was a vigorous lad, and whenever he dodged the plow handles through a stumpy field, or engaged in breaking a team of young oxen or a favorite colt, it was done with the snap which has been characteristic of his later career. To his primary education in the common schools of his district was added supplementary literary training at academies in Palmyra and Annville. He was destined for more work of this kind, but the inherent patriotism which burned within him as he listened to the stories of returned soldiers from the field of fratricidal strife, made the lad a man in thought, and he resolved to become one in deed. But the government enrolling officers had been exceedingly strict so far, and our subject's tender age and size had precluded possibility of entering the army. Like a great many boys of that day he grew mightily in his fifteenth year—was it because they thought great thoughts?—and the government officers having become less vigorous in discipline, David was enabled to gratify the desire of his heart, in February, 1864, to don the uniform of a "boy in blue." He enlisted as a private soldier in Company B, of the Twentieth Pennsylvania Cavalry, in which organization he saw much active service until his muster out at Philadelphia in July, 1865. The first part of his service was under Gen. Hunter, and it is but necessary to add the name of Gen. Phil Sheridan as one of his commanders to convince an intelligent reader that the war record of Mr. Rank was full of interest and glory. He was with the latter commander in his memorable raid of the Shenandoah Valley, as far as White House Landing, and is a living witness of the fact tersely stated by Gen. Sherman, that "war is hell." He was mustered out at Cloud's Mill, Va., July 16, 1865, and received his honorable discharge at Philadelphia soon after.

Re-entering school upon his return home, Mr. Rank finished his education and then entered a mercantile establishment in East Hanover township. From 1869 to 1873 our subject taught school successfully in the county, but owing to his father's advanced age and failing health dutifully returned home and took upon himself the management of the farm. His father's death occurred in 1895, and in the fall of that year Mr. Rank came to Lebanon, where he has since resided. He served under Sheriff Stein as a deputy for three years, and in 1898 was chosen to his present position as treasurer of the Lebanon Fire Insurance Company. Since 1894 he has also been a director and secretary of the Jonestown Bank, one of the prosperous financial institutions of the county. Mr. Rank is also actively identified with the ice business of Lebanon, having been superintendent of the Lebanon Ice Company for the past five years. He is also again in the Sheriff's office, having been appointed a deputy in 1901 by Sheriff Copenhauer.

Mr. Rank celebrated marriage with Miss Kate Reeme in 1871, a lady who was a native of Linglestown, Dauphin county, Pa., born in 1851. Her death, which occurred in 1885, left Mr. Rank with three children, namely: Lena, wife of W. J. Schools, an attorney of Lebanon; Clara, wife of Harvey B. Stein, a clerk for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company; and Edward, born November 18, 1878. Mr. Rank again married, the lady's maiden name having been Jennie Gerbrich. Mrs. Rank is a native of East Hanover township, and is the daughter of George Gerbrich, a worthy farmer of that section of the county. Socially Mr. Rank and his family are highly esteemed in Lebanon. They are active members of the Lutheran Church, and are found identified with every good work for the advancement of society in their community.

JOSEPH R. BECKLEY, M. D., a leading member of the medical profession of Lebanon, Pa., was born three miles southeast of the city, September 20, 1859.

Joseph Beckley, the father of Dr. Beckley, was a son of Michael Beckley, of Lebanon county, and was born in 1815, and died in 1898. The mother of Dr. Beckley was Mary Ann Eckert, who was born at Reistville, Lebanon county, in 1820, and died in 1883.

Dr. Beckley was reared on a farm, and after finishing the common school course, attended the Millersville State Normal School, and the Lebanon Valley College, at Annville. Beginning in the fall of 1877, he taught school for four consecutive terms, following which he took another course of one year at the Lebanon Valley College. He then began the study of medicine with Dr. Samuel Weiss, of Lebanon, and in the fall of 1882, he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated in the class of 1885. Immediately thereafter he opened an office in Lebanon, and began the practice of his profession, at which he has since continued.

Dr. Beckley has served as a member of the Lebanon board of health, as coroner's physician for nine years, as prison physician for nine years, and is at the present time the president of the Lebanon Board of Water and Lighting Commissioners. He is a member of the Lebanon County Medical Society, of which he has served as president, secretary and treasurer. Dr. Beckley is also a member of the Pennsylvania Medical Society.

In 1888 Dr. Beckley was married to Minerva S. Hoffer, daughter of George Hoffer, now of Annville, Lebanon county, and to them two daughters have been born, Carrie M. and Mabel L. The Doctor and family are members of the First United Evangelical Church. When the present church edifice was



erected he was chairman of the building committee, and has been a member of the board of trustees for a number of years, being its secretary. In 1888 he was made assistant Sunday School superintendent, and in 1893 he was made superintendent, a responsible position he still holds. The Doctor is a member of the Mystic Friends and the Knights of Malta. In business connection he is a member of the board of directors of the Farmers' National Bank of Lebanon, and is president of the Safety Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he has been a director since its organization. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Keystone Match and Machine Company, which company now manufactures bicycles; and he is secretary and treasurer of the Peerless Brick Manufacturing Company.

CYRUS F. ZIMMERMAN, postmaster of Palmyra, and one of the leading men of the city, was born at Union Deposit, Dauphin county, October 22, 1859, a son of Daniel and Sarah (Dietrich) Zimmerman.

The boyhood days of Cyrus F. Zimmerman were spent in Union Deposit, where he attended the public schools, and he later spent one term at Lebanon Valley College, and still later attended Allentown Business College. After completing his common school course, Mr. Zimmerman taught school for three terms, and then clerked for two years more in the store of O. P. Grove, Harrisburg, Pa., and then resumed his studies, graduating from business college in 1883. The following year he engaged in general merchandising at Palmyra, in the storeroom now occupied by H. S. Gible, there continuing for nine years. His next business venture was as a clerk in a grocery store in Philadelphia for a year, where he learned many new ideas, and returning to Palmyra, he kept the books of the J. Landis & Sons Shoe Manufacturing Company, subsequently going on the road as one of the company's salesmen, and January 1, 1903, was admitted to partnership. Mr. Zimmerman has always been a staunch Republican, and his effective work for the party was rewarded September 1, 1897, by his appointment as postmaster at Palmyra, and after filling that office for one year and four months under fourth class, he was re-appointed by President McKinley on January 1, 1899, under the third class; reappointed by President Roosevelt on March 1, 1903, for second term. Fraternally Mr. Zimmerman is a member of Camp 192, P. O. S. of A., in which order he is very popular.

Mr. Zimmerman was married to Miss Lizzie K. Landis, daughter of Jacob Landis, senior member of the J. Landis Sons Shoe Manufacturing Company, of Palmyra, and the following children have been born to them: J. Landis, Paul F., Lomie E. and Marlin U. Mr. Zimmerman is one of the

most enterprising of the city's young business men, and the success which has crowned his efforts is but the just reward of industry, integrity and natural ability.

GEORGE U. SEIBERT. Though it was several years ago, October 29, 1890, that Mr. Seibert died, there are people in the county that still honor his memory. As an able agriculturist he assisted materially in developing the resources of Millcreek township, and in the public affairs of the community his word carried weight. He was born near Richland, in Millcreek township, November 6, 1837, son of Michael and Sara (Unger) Seibert.

The family is one of the oldest in this section and George U. was directly descended from John Jacob Seibert, who came in 1738 from Germany, and settled in Pennsylvania. Michael Seibert, the great grandfather of George, is the next of whom we have definite record. His parents are supposed to have come from Germany, and were among the pioneers of Berks and Lebanon counties. This same Michael had a son named John, who is mentioned below.

John Seibert, grandfather of George U., was one of the prominent agriculturists of the section. He married and had five children, all of whom are now deceased: Michael, Jacob, Katherine, Elizabeth and John.

Michael Seibert, father of George U., was a man of ability and great force of character. As an agriculturist he made a thorough success of life, and was a power in stamping upon the community in which he lived the principles of good government, and giving to the institutions a high moral tone. Reared to farm work, upon reaching manhood he naturally turned to that occupation for his livelihood, and settling upon a farm in Millcreek township, he there pursued the industry. During his young manhood he married Sara Unger, of Linglestown, Dauphin county, and they became the parents of five children: John U., deceased, who married Mary A. Bennetch, of Millbach; George U.; Maria, married to Chambers Bobb, of Schaefferstown; Rebecca, who married William Leshner; and Sara, who became the wife of Frank Kilmer. After his marriage Mr. Seibert continued his industry upon the farm in Millcreek township. Applying practical and advanced methods to his work, his place yielded large and profitable crops, enabling him to branch out extensively. He improved the property and in time had an attractive and comfortable home for himself and family. He possessed those sterling traits of character that win success for a man at every step in life. He was capable, energetic and thrifty, and performed his work both easily and well. His well-directed efforts and his high moral character won the respect of all who knew him, and he made many friends in his life time. As a strong Democrat he

exerted an influence upon local affairs. In religion he was a member of the Reformed Church in Tulpehocken.

George U. Seibert was reared in an atmosphere of good, wholesome farm work. His earliest years were passed on the homestead near the Jackson and Millcreek town line, and here he grew to manhood. In the public schools of his section he procured his education, evincing a ready power of grasping information, which characterized him through life. A practical knowledge of agriculture decided him upon reaching manhood to engage in that occupation, and a little experience soon proved he had not made a mistake in his calling.

On August 17, 1867, Mr. Seibert married Amanda Becker, of Millcreek township, daughter of John and Caroline Stump Becker. Mrs. Seibert is still living, residing with her daughter in Richland. This daughter, Mary Agnes, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Seibert, married Milton J. Klopp, a traveling salesman for the Klopp Cigar Manufacturing Company, of Richland. They have six children—Sallie S., Howard G. S., Edith A., Lillian A., Louis M. and Curtin L.

After his marriage Mr. Seibert settled upon a promising ninety-acre farm in Millcreek township, where he followed agriculture. He improved the place, opened up new areas to cultivation, kept the buildings in excellent repair and there carried on a flourishing industry. He was both progressive and practical in his methods, and his well-laid plans resulted in abundant early harvests, which commanded the best prices in the markets.

Mr. Seibert was energetic, wise and persevering in business, and took few, if any, backward steps in life. He achieved success by centering his energies upon one main industry, seeking in every way to perfect it. His high moral character and intellectual attainments, as well as his winning social attributes, won him the esteem of all who knew him. As a Democrat he was influential in local affairs, and the Reformed Church counted him among its most substantial members.

Mrs. Seibert comes of one of the old pioneer families of the township. Jacob Becker, the first American representative of the family, came from Germany prior to 1734, and settled in Lebanon county. That same year he received from John, Thomas and Richard Penn a tract of land in Millcreek township. By his marriage there were two sons—John and George.

John Becker was a prosperous farmer and influential citizen of Millcreek township. He had eight children—Michael, John Adam, Catherine, Elizabeth, Barbara, Anna, Amelia and Margaret.

John Adam Becker, grandfather of Mrs. Seibert, was born and reared

in Millcreek township. Accustomed from his earliest years to farm work, upon reaching manhood he settled upon a farm in Millcreek township and engaged in that occupation. He was thoroughly successful in his work and made a good home for himself and family, and was one of the most highly respected citizens of the township. By his marriage there were three children—John, Michael and Sarah, who married Captain Tice, a prominent officer in the Civil War.

John Becker, father of Mrs. Seibert, was another thrifty agriculturist of Millcreek township. Born in 1813, in a good home, he grew to manhood, receiving careful training in habits of industry and self-reliance. Upon reaching manhood he settled upon a farm in Millcreek township, and engaged in agriculture. He cultivated the place extensively, improved it in many respects, and made an excellent home for himself and family, possessing in time one of the most prosperous and attractive farms in the township. He passed the greater part of his active life upon this farm, and there, in 1884, died.

About 1833 Mr. Becker married Caroline Stump, daughter of Leonard Stump, and a descendant of one of the pioneer families of the township. To Mr. and Mrs. Becker were born ten children: Mary, deceased, was the wife of J. Henry Bennetch; Amanda is Mrs. Seibert; Willoughby, deceased, was a prominent farmer of Millcreek township; John Adam, married to Rebecca Shaak, was a prominent farmer of South Jackson township; Lizzie married Monroe Zimmerman, of Millcreek township; Emma married Aaron Bollinger, and both are deceased; Agnes J. married Levi Bollinger; Thomas L. is a prominent citizen of Millcreek township; Ida died in childhood; and Monroe is deceased. The father of this family was a leader in the public affairs of the township and at different times held various local offices. In politics he affiliated with the Democrats, and in religious views he was independent. As a large stockholder in the Lebanon National Bank, he acted as director for twenty-five years, or until the time of his death.

WILLIAM S. RISE is one of the successful and honored business men of the city of Lebanon. He was born in Lebanon, Pa., September 30, 1859, a son of John and Barbara Rise.

John Rise was a tinsmith, and the son of Adam Rise, a hatter by trade, who was one of the old settlers of Lebanon. John Rise was the father of nine children, three of whom are now living, Charles, William S., and Anna, all residing in Lebanon. John Rise was a gallant soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and belonged to the Ninety-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volun-

teer Infantry, which served during the entire war, and rendered distinguished services in behalf of the Union.

Mrs. William S. Rise was the only child of Henry Gingrich, who was born October 7, 1833, and died July 27, 1897. Henry Gingrich was a son of Lewis and Margaret Gingrich, who were old settlers of Lebanon county. On May 26, 1859, Henry Gingrich married Miss Catherine Bordner who was born June 21, 1835, a daughter of Daniel and Maria (Tobias) Bordner. These families were among the old settlers of Lebanon county.

William S. Rise has been the father of four children: Catherine, Margaret, William and Henry, the last named having joined the silent majority.

Mr. Rise is a self made man. He was educated in the public schools of Lebanon, and started out in life without a dollar, but by hard work and good management he has accumulated a small fortune. He is at present one of the leading tanners and contractors in the city of Lebanon, conducting his business at No. 105 South Ninth street. In politics he votes the Republican ticket, and in 1894 was honored with a seat in select council of the city.

Mr. Rise is a Protestant in religious belief. He belongs to the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 280; and is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America Camp No. 254; and likewise of the Improved Order of Red Men, all of Lebanon. He is one of the progressive and substantial citizens of Lebanon, and in his domestic life is honored as a kind and loving father.

HON. E. BENJAMIN BIERMAN, ex-president of the Lebanon Valley College, and member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, from Lebanon county, was born December 1, 1839, near the city of Reading, Berks county, Pa. He is the eldest son of Benjamin and Anna Bertram Bierman, the latter of whom was a daughter of Capt. William Bertram. His ancestors on both sides came from Westphalia, Prussia, emigrating to America soon after the Revolutionary war, the Biermans locating near the birthplace of the subject of this sketch, in Berks county, and the Bertrams in northern Lancaster county. The paternal ancestors were noted for mechanical ingenuity, while on the maternal side there is a long line of teachers.

Benjamin Bierman, the father, was born in Rockland township, Berks county, April 2, 1819, son of John Bierman, who was born in Friedensburg, same county, in 1782, a son of Jacob Bierman, who came from Prussia and settled down to farming in that county. John Bierman, the grandfather of E. Benjamin Bierman, married Rebecca Weil, a native of Bucks county, Pa. Benjamin Bierman, son of John and the father of E. Benjamin, was a cabinet maker and wood turner, and successfully carried on business for many years



*E. Benj. Bierman*

near Hamburg. He died December 27, 1894, and is buried with his wife in St. Michael's Church cemetery, four miles west of the above named town. He was a man well informed on general topics, and a warm friend of education. During his early life he was active in public affairs, frequently representing the Republican party in conventions, and on several occasions was honored with a place on its ticket. In his church relations he was constant and faithful. His wife, Anna Bertram, was born in Bern township, Berks county, February 1, 1815, and died February 6, 1893. Her father, Capt. William Bertram, was born January 29, 1791, in Lancaster county, son of Peter Caspar Bertram, a native of Prussia, who emigrated to America and landed at Philadelphia October 3, 1790, and was the first of the Bertrams in the New World. From Philadelphia he went to Warwick township, Lancaster county, now Brickerville, where he took charge of the parochial schools of the Lutheran Church, being teacher, organist and assistant to the minister, who, at that time, was the father of John Andrew Schultz, later Governor of Pennsylvania. After serving in the capacity mentioned for several years Mr. Bertram took charge of a church in Berks county known as the Dunkel's Church, and there he died in 1842. He was a man of fine education, and an excellent penman, and a well preserved diary which he kept for many years is now in the possession of the subject of this sketch.

The Bertrams in Prussia were generally teachers, the line being easily traced back to 1640. Capt. William Bertram taught school for many years during the winter seasons, following carpentering and contracting during the summers in Berks county, where his death occurred August 23, 1864. The mother of E. Benjamin Bierman was trained under her father's watchful care, and her literary ability was encouraged. Her knowledge of the literature of her time was very extensive, and she was especially well versed in the Bible. Her memory was remarkable, and she could quote religious hymns learned in early life, and the Scriptures, with perfect accuracy, in advanced years. The four children born to Benjamin and Anna Bertram Bierman were: E. Benjamin; William H., deceased; George F., a minister in the United Brethren Church; and Kate A., married to James M. Boyer, of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania.

When E. Benjamin Bierman was ten years old he was enrolled as a pupil in a subscription school in charge of John R. Wagner, near St. Michael's Lutheran and Reformed Union Church, in Upper Bern township, Berks county, near which place his parents were then living. He entered upon school work earnestly, and at the end of four months had won a place in the highest class in the school. During the summer months of 1850 he pursued

his studies privately, and in the following winter returned to the school room, and for the succeeding four months easily held his position in the class, although many of his fellow students were twice his age. During the summers of 1851 and 1852, he assisted in farm work and also applied himself to study, and during the succeeding winter, under the instruction of John S. Guldin, an experienced teacher, stood at the head of every class of which he was a member, and, although young, was frequently called to assist his teacher in school work. During the summer of 1853 he was employed as clerk and bookkeeper in a store at Shartlesville, owned by his former teacher, John R. Wagner, and near the close of the year he attended a school near his home for one month. After some private instruction in Latin, natural philosophy and astronomy, taken while clerking in a store, at Hamburg, Berks county, during the winter months of 1854, he entered the Lehigh County High School, at Emaus, on December 6, 1855, and there pursued his studies with so much interest, enthusiasm and success that he was soon promoted to be assistant teacher; and when, in the following spring, his principal accepted a similar place in the Juniata County Normal school, Mr. Bierman was offered and accepted the position of assistant, and thus spent the spring, summer and fall of that year. In the fall of 1856 he returned to his home in Berks county, and, at the solicitation of the board of directors, took charge as teacher of one of the public schools near his old home, which he taught during the winter months of 1856-57-58-59 and 1860-61, continuing in the profession for thirty years. In the spring of 1857 he entered the Reading (Pa.) Classical Academy, a school of high grade and excellent repute, where under the tuition of Prof. James S. Lee, A. M., and Rev. William A. Good, A. M., he spent the greater part of four years teaching during the winter months, and studying the rest of the year in preparation for the junior year in college, studying the ancient and modern languages, including Latin, Greek, French and German; the literature of these languages; also higher mathematics, general history and physics. The last two years of his connection with this school he was an assistant teacher.

After his marriage in 1862, Mr. Bierman took charge of a school in Tremont, Schuylkill county, but after two years' successful work there he was by unanimous vote called to the principalship of the Hamburg public high school, in his native county, which position he filled for three successive years to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

In 1867 Prof. Bierman assisted in the organization of the Lebanon Valley College, located at Annville, was elected professor of mathematics and astronomy, and was closely identified with its general management for many



years, from 1890 until 1897 being its honored president. In 1867 he received the degree of A. M., from Lafayette College, and in 1892 that of Ph. D., from Ursinus College. As a teacher he ranks high. In 1858 he was awarded the Teacher's County Professional Certificate, and in 1868 the State Teacher's diploma. While active in the profession he was prominent in County and State Teachers' Associations, and in the College Association of the Middle States and Maryland; from 1878 until 1880, he was secretary of the Department of Higher Instruction of the National Teachers' Association. He is an active member of the Pennsylvania German Society; the Lebanon County Historical Society; the Pennsylvania Historical Society; the various Masonic bodies; and the Patriotic Order Sons of America. He has been a member of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ since 1868, and has for years been prominent in her church councils, annual conferences and general Sunday School and educational work.

In the fall of 1882 Prof. Bierman moved to Philadelphia where he remained eight years, during which time he industriously availed himself of many of that noted city's educational advantages, and from 1883 to 1887, was teacher of languages and general literature in the North Broad Street Seminary.

In politics he has always been a staunch Republican, and was active in the campaigns of 1860, 1872 and 1880, and the latter year he was a delegate from Lebanon county to the Republican State Convention, and during the same year a member of the State Central committee. After an interesting and exciting campaign in 1900, he was nominated and elected a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, and in 1902 was re-elected by a largely increased majority, to the same honorable position, in which he has distinguished himself and reflected great credit upon his county. Among his associates in the legislature he is known as a working member, and ranks as a most careful and conscientious legislator.

On August 23, 1862, Prof. Bierman was married to Miss Anna M. Isett, a daughter of Dr. Benjamin F. Isett, who was born February 1, 1842, in Berks county, Pa., where for many years her father was a practicing physician. Dr. Isett was born January 29, 1807, in Montgomery county, Pa., and died in October, 1869. During the thirties he attended lectures in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Isett married Lavinia Christman, who was born in Berks county, Pa. The ancestors of Mrs. Bierman were Jacob and Frederick Isett, who came from Rotterdam, Holland, to America, landing at Philadelphia September 11, 1732, and settling near that city, Frederick becoming the great-grandfather of Mrs. Bier-

man. They left Rotterdam with their parents, but the father died on board the ship during the voyage, and his body lies buried at sea.

Mrs. Bierman was educated at the Pennsylvania Female College, at Colledgeville, now a part of the Ursinus College, and taught school during her younger days. She is now prominent in United Brethren Church and missionary work, and is also active in several charitable societies. The high esteem in which this family is justly held is because of intrinsic worth, and it represents the best and highest type of citizenship, exerting an influence which educates and refines the circles with which it comes in touch. The beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. Bierman, in Annville, is one of genial hospitality, exemplifying the ideal of American social life.

JOHN L. BALSBAUGH was born in Derry township, Dauphin county, Pa., October 30, 1846. His ancestry originated in Germany, their home having been in the beautiful valley of the Palatinate, along the brook Pfahls, hence the name Balsbaugh, originally Pfahlsbach. His father, John Balsbaugh, was born on the old homestead near Swatara Station, Derry township, in 1808. He had two brothers, Abraham and George, and one sister, Elizabeth, wife of Rev. George Landis. John Balsbaugh married Catharine Landis, who was born in 1810, daughter of Christian and Catharine (Bowers) Landis. To this union were born these children: Mary, Abraham and Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Sarah, who died at the age of eight; Susanna, who was blind, and who died at the age of forty-four; Christian, who married Caroline Bright-hill, and resides at Hummelstown; Jeremiah, who married Sarah Hocker, and resides at Hummelstown; John L., who married Catharine Berst; Caroline, wife of ex-County Treasurer George H. Grove, of Hummelstown; and Uriah, a banker at Hummelstown.

John Balsbaugh, the father, was a man of prominence in business, as well as active in farming interests in his native community. He, with two other men, founded the Union Deposit Furnaces. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and in religious affairs a loyal adherent of the United Brethren in Christ.

John L. Balsbaugh, the subject of this sketch, spent his boyhood days on his father's farm in Derry township, Dauphin county, attending the public schools during the winter months and working on the farm during the summer. On October 1, 1867, he was united in marriage with Catharine, daughter of David and Susan (Landis) Berst. In 1868 he located in South Annville township, Lebanon county, and seven years later he purchased the farm of 173 acres, on which he resided, it being the central farm of the township.

In 1887 he purchased the Hartz farm, which originally was a part of the farm, making his holdings 216 acres. In 1894 he removed to the Hartz farm, on which he had erected a fine, substantial country home—the barn built in 1888 and the house in 1893. In addition to his farming interests he is a director of the Mt. Joy Mutual Fire Insurance Company, as also of the Annville National Bank. He served several terms as school director and assisted in the erection of three school houses—Garfield, Mt. Pleasant and Detweiler's—in 1880. The homestead place is noted as being the birthplace of Col. John Motter, late of Harrisburg, who was quite conspicuous among cavalry men during the Civil War.

Rev. Jonathan Heister performed the ceremony uniting in wedlock John L. Balsbaugh and Catharine Berst, to which union were born seven children—Clara, born September 12, 1868, is at home; Lizzie, born October 17, 1870, married Simon K. Behm, a farmer of the same township; Landis B., born April 17, 1871, who resides on the homestead farm, married Cora Risser and has four children—Ada, Iva, Edith and Homer; Katie died May 13, 1875, aged one year, one month and ten days; Susan J., born June 4, 1876, is at home; Mary L., born January 8, 1883, is at home; and Carrie M. died February 13, 1888, aged three years, five months and twenty-six days.

Catharine (Berst) Balsbaugh was also of German parentage. Peter Berst (originally Byrsch) was born in Germany in 1716, and on coming to America he settled in Dauphin county, Pa., on what is known as the old Berst farm of 300 acres, on which the noted Hummelstown brownstone quarries are now located.

John Berst, son of Peter, born in 1762, died February 11, 1832, was a minister of the gospel in the German Baptist church. He had two sons, one of whom went to Darke county, Ohio, and located there; and John, Jr.

John Berst, Jr., son of John, was born in 1792 and died May 26, 1832. He remained on the homestead farm. On November 30, 1818, he married Catharine Longenecker, and had one son, David, born in 1822.

David Berst, son of John, Jr., died October 18, 1895. He was married to Susan Landis, of Derry township, born August 8, 1821, and died June 7, 1871. They had issue as follows: (1) Catharine, born August 15, 1847, married John L. Balsbaugh. (2) Mary, born September 25, 1849, married Abraham Hollinger, and they now reside in Wayne county, Ill. They have three children—Lizzie, who married Rev. Christian Gruber; David, and John. (3) John L. was born October 22, 1851. (4) Lizzie died at the age of two years. (5) Lovina died January 1, 1870, aged seven years. The other three children died in infancy. For his second wife David Berst married, January

1. 1874, Caroline Biever, born September 2, 1841, and died October 15, 1879. To this second marriage was born one daughter, Susan Ellen, December 16, 1874, who at the age of fourteen went to Illinois, and subsequently married Levi Gruber, and she died February 19, 1902, leaving twin sons, Ray and Carl, both now deceased. After his second marriage David Berst resided on the Dr. Coover farm, beyond Harrisburg, but later relinquished house-keeping to make his home with his children, and while on a visit to his daughters in Illinois he took sick and died. His remains are buried near Fairfield, Wayne county, Illinois.

HIRAM L. ERB (deceased), for many years a leading merchant of Clay township, Lancaster county, and one of the public-spirited and progressive citizens of the town, was a member of a family long prominent in the annals of Lancaster county.

Jacob Erb, the great-great-grandfather of Hiram L., was brought from Switzerland to America by his parents in 1728. He was but four years of age at that time, so that practically his entire life was passed in the New World. They located near Hammer Creek, in Warwick township. About 1782 Jacob removed to Clay township, where he purchased several hundred acres of land, with mill privileges, and he made his home there for the remainder of his life. Besides a mill at Clay village, he operated another farther up Middle Creek, and he also cleared and improved large portions of his extensive estate. Until the outbreak of the war of the Revolution he was a believer in the Mennonite faith, but the principle of non-resistance taught by that society was in too great opposition to his patriotic spirit, and he withdrew his membership to support the provisional government. He became a man of prominence in public affairs, and represented his district in the State Legislature. He died in 1810, when he was past eighty years of age. His wife was a Miss Johns, and their family consisted of two sons and several daughters. Of the sons, John is mentioned below; and Christian lived on the homestead in Warwick, where some of his descendants are still to be found.

John Erb, son of Jacob, was for three years in the service of his country during the Revolution, acting as teamster. He was but sixteen at the time he entered the service, and after the close of the war he resided at Clay, where he operated both the mills belonging to his father, and also looked after the cultivation of the home farm. He was prominent in all public affairs, was the founder of the school at Clay, and took an active interest in religious affairs. John Erb married Judith Hull, and their children were: Jacob; John; David; Isaac; Samuel; Joseph; Molly, who married Abraham Erb and

moved to Canada; Elizabeth, who married Michael Shepler; Nancy, who married Abraham Bear; and Catharine, who married Joseph Weidman.

John Erb, son of John, was born November 3, 1786, and passed his life in Clay, engaged in farming and milling, and in keeping a public house. He belonged to the Old Line Whig party, and at one time served as county commissioner. He married Barbara Bergelbach, and his children were: Hiram; John B.; Henry B.; and Priscilla Cecilia, who married George W. Steinmetz. John Erb died in 1862, in the seventy-sixth year of his age.

Hiram Erb, son of John and father of Hiram L., was born at the upper mill in Clay township April 11, 1810. The common schools afforded him his educational advantages, and at the age of nineteen he succeeded to the milling business established by his great-grandfather, for forty years successfully following that line. Some 150 acres of the old home tract belonged to him, and he met with abundant success in farming it. In 1869, in partnership with his son, Hiram L., he established a general store at Richland, Lebanon county, but in 1875 the business was removed to Clay, where prosperity awaited the enterprising proprietors. President Taylor appointed Mr. Erb postmaster, and he efficiently discharged the duties of that office for four years. He was originally a Republican, and an intimate acquaintance of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, one of the party's founders, but in 1872 his admiration for Horace Greeley carried him into the Democratic ranks, after which he voted independent of party affiliations. Mr. Erb served as school director for three years, and always supported educational and religious movements. On May 16, 1839, he married Catharine Lane, widow of John S. Bear. One child, Hiram L., blessed this union. Catharine Lane Erb died in 1886, at the age of seventy-six years. Hiram Erb died in 1892, aged eighty-two years.

Hiram L. Erb was born November 24, 1840, and he entered into rest January 27, 1900. Like his father before him, he was trained to farming and milling, but on account of ill health entered the mercantile world, in partnership with his father, in 1869, under the firm name of Hiram Erb & Son. His political faith was like that of his father, and he served the Democratic party as a member of the county committee. He also served on the school board. In his religious connection he was a member of the United Brethren Church. Kind hearted and liberal, his charity was often the means of helping a weary fellow traveler to rest and comfort. He was a man of many friends, and his genial social nature made his home a favorite meeting place.

On November 24, 1863, Hiram L. Erb was married to Celinda Becker, a daughter of William and Lucy (Spayd) Becker, of Mill Creek township. Three children blessed this union, two of whom reached maturity: Laura,

widow of Rev. C. J. F. Miller, a prominent minister of the United Brethren Church, who was born in 1860, and who died November 7, 1899, leaving eight children, Edgar L., Clio D., Lois E., Victor H., Earl Raymond, Guy Ralph, Erickson Colon and Vivian E.; Linnie, widow of Rev. A. L. Shannon, a well known minister of the United Brethren Church, who was born in 1864, died December 13, 1900, leaving six children, Helen E., Florence L., Carl E., Paul E., Mary A. and Minerva E.

The Becker and Spayd families, from which Mrs. Hiram L. Erb is descended, were among the early settlers of Lebanon county. John Becker came from Germany to Lebanon county, Pa., about 1735 or 1740, and his son, George, was one of the pioneers of Kleinfeltersville, Lebanon county. William Becker, son of George and father of Mrs. Hiram L. Erb, was born in 1816, became one of the leading farmers of his township, and died October 29, 1879. William Becker married Lucy Spayd, and of the three children born of this union, Mrs. Erb alone lived to mature years.

Mrs. Hiram L. Erb is now making her home in Richland, Lebanon county. She is a kind and Christian woman, whose gentle spirit has endeared her to all who come within the circle of her acquaintance.

CHARLES MICHAËL BOWMAN, editor and founder of the *Lebanon Valley Standard* and the *Lebanon Daily Times*, as well as one of the leading literary lights of this city, was born October 21, 1847, in Lebanon, Pa., descending from one of the oldest and best known families in this section of the State, his ancestors having located there from their native land, Switzerland. The family has followed agricultural pursuits for many generations, and has always been prominent in both business and private life. His father, Joseph Bowman, was a successful shoe merchant and served at one time as sheriff of the county. The grandfather was a large land owner in Lebanon county, and was a man who enjoyed the respect and esteem of the community.

Charles M. Bowman was educated in the public schools of Lebanon, and at the age of sixteen years, he began an apprenticeship at the printer's trade, serving under Col. T. T. Worth, editor of the *Courier*, and became a practical printer, understanding the trade in all its details. In 1871, he established the *Lebanon Valley Standard* (weekly), and in 1876 he founded the *Lebanon Daily Times*, both of which he still controls. These papers have enjoyed from the start a fair measure of prosperity, and have always been alive to the best interests of this section. Under Mr. Bowman's able management and editorial charge, they have wielded and continue to wield an important influence in the community. Besides conducting the business and editorial



*D. M. Bowman*

force of the above mentioned publications, Mr. Bowman has been for many years actively interested in manufacturing enterprises, in the coal trade, and also in various inventions of his own conception. He organized the Electric Light and Power Company; three large manufacturing plants in Lebanon, and in other connections he has displayed extensive executive ability and force of character. As an inventor in various lines he has gained a considerable reputation, his inventions bearing the stamp of genius and skill, and being protected by patents the world over. Mr. Bowman's position as an editor and publisher has precluded his holding public office, although he has often been urged to accept. Through his newspapers, he has rendered important service to the Republican party organization, and has gained a reputation as a brilliant and trustworthy editor. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, of the I. O. O. F., the P. O. S. of A., and the Order of Heptasophs.

On March 26, 1872, Mr. Bowman married Eliza R. Rise, youngest daughter of Adam Rise, president of the Valley National Bank of Lebanon. The children born of this union are: A. Rise, Matilda R. and Roy M.

HENRY HAAK is among the prominent, wealthy and most highly esteemed citizens of Lebanon county, and, for almost a half century, was a very important factor in the business life not only of his own county, but also of other localities. He is a member of one of the old and honorable families of Jackson township. Since April, 1903, he has retired from active business, owing to ill health.

The Haak family is of German extraction, its founder in this part of Pennsylvania, in the person of the great-grandfather of Henry Haak, of Myerstown, having come hither from Germany. His son Jonathan was one of the early settlers of Jackson township, where he engaged extensively in agriculture, and there reared a family of seven children, namely: Henry (the father of the present Henry), Jonathan and Michael, and four daughters.

Henry Haak, the father, was born in 1812, in Jackson township, and married Sarah Bassler, who bore him the following children: Adam, deceased; Jerome; Sarah, a widow; Henry, our subject; Katherine; Maria, widow of Percival Tice; Thomas, deceased; and Aaron, of Missouri. Henry Haak was one of the excellent farmers of Jackson township, and one of the leading and representative citizens. His political convictions made him a zealous Republican, but he was no office seeker. He reared his family to industry and respectability.

Henry Haak, of Myerstown, the proprietor of the well-known Prescott and Stouchsburg creameries, and the manager of a large and important grain



business in Myerstown, was born on a farm in Jackson township, one mile south of Myerstown, May 12, 1836. His schooling was obtained in his locality, and until he was eighteen years of age he assisted on the home farm. Starting out then to make his own way in the world, he began as a day laborer in a sawmill, and a year later went to work on the old Union Canal. As he had been industrious and prudent with his earnings, by the time he was of age he possessed enough money with which to begin a grain business at Myerstown, in association with others, the firm beginning as Bassler, Coover & Co. After three years of great success, a re-adjustment of the business took place, and the firm name was changed to Coover & Haak, and one year later Mr. Haak had become the head of the firm, the title then being Haak & Himmelberger. This firm took up a milling business and a short time after, Mr. Haak engaged under his own name in a grain business in Myerstown. Mr. Haak soon saw the opportunities presented by a wider field of activity and freeing himself of business claims at Myerstown, went to Prescott, Lebanon county, and there, after erecting a large warehouse, went into a general grain and feed business, adding coal and salt, conducting it with such ability that it was prosperous from the very start. In 1884 he established the first creamery in Lebanon county, its success being so assured that in 1892 he established a branch at Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa., both of these enterprises being still conducted with increasing prosperity and still managed with the business foresight and ability which have so characterized Mr. Haak from young manhood. In 1898 he built the Princely & Emperor Shirt Factory in Lebanon, which he still owns, renting it. Mr. Haak owns a valuable ranch in Kansas, one and one-quarter sections of land near Washington, which he purchased in 1877, and conducted a stock farm there for six years. His other possessions are large and valuable, including four fine farms in Lebanon county, properties both at Prescott and Myerstown, and the beautiful and picturesque Lake Tulpehocken, a sheet of water well stocked with game fish, one of the most valuable properties in the county. It is not so remarkable that an honorable, upright, exemplary man should be the fortunate owner of this large wealth, but it presents another aspect when it is remembered that it has been accumulated from the earnings of a lad in the humble position of a sawmill laborer. Any one who has won his way from early limited environment, can well understand the self-denial and the steady perseverance it has required. To-day Mr. Haak is one of the wealthy and influential men of Lebanon county, but he is much more, a first class citizen, a public-spirited and generous lover of his community, and a promoter of all the moral and educational enterprises which his judgment de-

cides will prove beneficial to Jackson township. His political sympathy has identified him with the Republican party.

On February 28, 1865, Mr. Haak was married to Miss Priscilla C. Spangler, daughter of Levi and Leah (Tice) Spangler, who were married December 17, 1840. Levi Spangler was born in 1817, a son of Christian Spangler, a well known farmer of Jackson township and a direct descendant of Michael Spangler, who came to Lebanon county from Germany in 1737, purchasing land in Jackson township among its first settlers. Mrs. Spangler was a daughter of the noted Capt. Tice, of Civil war fame. They had nine children born to them, namely: Priscilla C.; Lucinda, Mrs. Dr. Grim, of Lawrence county, Pa.; Ira, of Iowa; Malinda, widow of Harry James; Jerome and Levi, both of Iowa; Albert, deceased; Monroe, of Iowa; and Emma, of Myerstown. One son, H. S., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Haak in 1867.

Mr. Haak is liberal in his religious views, supporting all moral measures, as noted above, and contributing to the spread of religious truth, irrespective of creed. His wife is a member of the Reformed Church, and they are most highly esteemed in Myerstown for their many most estimable characteristics.

**SAMUEL RIEGEL**, teacher. The people of Lebanon county have always been interested in their school system, and have demanded a high standard of excellence in their teachers. The result is that many schools are served by men who have been retained for years in the same position. The gentleman named above has been a teacher in Lebanon for four decades, with the exception of four years passed in the schools of the county. He has been principal of Fairview school since the adoption of the present school law. While Mr. Riegel is widely known in educational circles, he is equally well known in the field of vocal music, having been conductor of music classes throughout the counties of Lebanon, Berks, Lancaster and Dauphin almost continuously since his young manhood.

Prof. Riegel was born in the city of Lebanon in the old McConnell homestead, at No. 119 South Ninth street, September 4, 1845, son of Abraham and Mary (McConnell) Riegel. On the paternal side he is in the fifth generation from Adam Riegel, who landed in America August 13, 1750, and through his paternal grandmother is in the sixth generation in descent from Johannes Light (originally Licht), the first settler of the Light family in Lebanon county. Johannes Light immigrated to this country in 1719. Samuel Riegel's mother was a native of Palmyra, where her birth occurred

June 17, 1825. She was the daughter of Jacob McConnell, born in Lebanon, opposite the McConnell homestead, January 17, 1790, and died November 24, 1868. Through her Prof. Riegel is a descendant of Casper Snavely (originally Schnebeli), who emigrated to America from Canton Zurich, Switzerland, in 1736.

Prof. Samuel Riegel was nurtured in a refined home, and passed the period of his youth and young manhood in the pleasures and duties which come to the average village boy. His preliminary training was gained in the public schools, and was supplemented by more advanced work in the Lebanon Normal classes, he having decided to make teaching his lifework. He received his first certificate to teach August 16, 1862. His first work was in the primary school in Frederickburg. After a term the following year in Cornwall township he had attained such proficiency as to attract the attention of the school committee of Lebanon, and was invited to join their teaching force. He subsequently taught two terms in the country, but has been identified with the schools of Lebanon for practically forty years. When Prof. Riegel entered the Lebanon school it was ungraded, and he has seen its development to its present efficient status, coming up through the grades by promotion until he reached the principalship. He was one of the first principals appointed under the school law of 1893, being given the principalship of Fairview. Prof. Riegel is an all-round school man, and deserves the popularity with which he is regarded in Lebanon.

The school duties of Prof. Riegel have only absorbed a part of his attention. Possessed of a fine voice, and early developing a love for music, he began to be a most popular leader as the years went by, and was in demand constantly in Lebanon and adjoining counties. As an incident showing this popularity it is related that the community of Richland waited three years for him rather than lose the opportunity of securing his services, and for eighteen years following he taught music in that locality. Prof. Riegel organized his first class in 1862, and taught music continuously thereafter until 1895. On June 6, 1885, there was held a rather extraordinary gathering which amounted to an outpouring, in the Tulpehocken Reformed Church, two miles east of Myerstown, consisting of those who had come under the instruction of Prof. Riegel during the past years. Six hundred badged members formed the chorus, led by our subject, and the audience of three thousand people was also largely made up of his former pupils.

Prof. Riegel still retains his interest in the subject of music, but is not so active, as was his wont in years gone by. He assisted in the organization of the Lebanon Choral Society, in which he retains his membership. He

served as choirmaster of the First Reformed Church for a period of fifteen years. A deservedly popular member of society, he is a citizen highly esteemed by all.

WILLIAM T. ATKINS, one of the editors and proprietors of the *Lebanon Courier*, was born in Lebanon, Pa., September 23, 1865, son of the late William and Frances (Hean) Atkins. After attending the public schools of Lebanon until he was thirteen years of age, Mr. Atkins began and served an apprenticeship of four years, after which he secured a position in the office of the State printer at Harrisburg, where he remained during one session of the State Legislature (1886), and then returned to the *Courier* office at Lebanon. In 1889, in company with Messrs. Light & Rodearmel, he purchased the *Courier* from Messrs. Worth & Reinoehl. In 1898 Mr. Atkins and Mr. Rodearmel purchased the interest of Mr. Light, and they now run the leading weekly paper of Lebanon county. Mr. Atkins is a member of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, F. & A. M., and of the Chapter, Commandery, Consistory and Mystic Shrine.

JOHN REINOEHL RODEARMEL, one of the editors and proprietors of the *Lebanon Courier*, was born in Lebanon, September 1, 1862, son of the late John and Mary (Reinoehl) Rodearmel. The father was born in Palmyra, Lebanon county, and was for twenty-five years a bookkeeper for the lumber firm of Reinoehl & Meily, later the Reinoehl Lumber Company. In his early days he was a school teacher, and for years was a clerk in the Quartermaster's Department at Philadelphia.

John R. Rodearmel graduated from the Lebanon public schools in June, 1879, and the same summer began apprenticeship to the printer's trade, in the office of the *Lebanon Courier*, and in 1889 became a member of the firm, becoming a co-partner, in 1898, with William T. Atkins. Mr. Rodearmel is a member of all the Masonic bodies. Both the partners are men of extensive reading and wide experience.

HENRY J. SHOLLY, ex-county commissioner of Lebanon county and one of its leading and representative citizens, comes from one of the old agricultural families of this portion of old Lebanon, which his own public spirit and practical ideas have assisted to make prominent.

Henry J. Sholly was born August 22, 1840, in North Lebanon township, a son of Balser and Mary (Henning) Sholly, the former of whom was born in Swatara township and the latter in North Annville township. Balser Sholly was one of the good and upright citizens of the county; he fol-

lowed an agricultural life in North Lebanon township, and died at the age of fifty-two years, his widow surviving him a long period, dying at the age of seventy-two. They were consistent members of Kimberling's Reformed Church. Eleven children were born to them, and nine of these attained maturity, those beside Henry J. being: John, now deceased, was a general utility man and lived in Swatara township; Catherine died the wife of Levi Eichenberger; Elizabeth died the wife of Joseph Briger; Peter, deceased, was a farmer and also a cigar-maker; Barbara died the wife of Daniel Light; Susan died the wife of William Eberhart; Sarah died unmarried; and Balsler, a farmer, was accidentally killed by a freight train while crossing the tracks, in South Bend, Indiana.

Henry J. Sholly was reared on the farm in North Lebanon township, and secured his education in the public schools. At the age of twenty-two years he started out to battle with life on his own responsibility, engaging in farming, as that was the vocation for which he had been trained. For twenty-three years he cultivated a rented farm in North Lebanon township, and then purchased his present most desirable farm, comprising 110 acres, delightfully located two miles northeast of the city of Lebanon. Mr. Sholly has taken a deep interest in agricultural matters and has developed his farm to an unusual state of productiveness. His commodious buildings are all of substantial structure, while his residence is one of comfort and convenience.

Henry J. Sholly is one of the practical, self-made men of the township, broad-gauged and progressive, and is one who stands ever ready to advocate measures that will benefit the community. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party, and he has filled a number of the local offices in its gift, with credit to himself and his constituents. His interest in the public schools has been shown by nine years of service as school director, and he was elected assessor for three terms, in a Republican township. In 1893 he was elected a county commissioner, and ably served during a period when it was necessary to make many improvements and also to reduce the public debt. There is probably no local office that Henry J. Sholly could not secure if he so desired; so great is his personal popularity. He has shown that he has held the public welfare on a par with his own, and is known as an honorable and trustworthy man. Fraternally he is connected with the P. O. S. of A., No. 65, Golden Eagle, No. 314, Valley Commandery No. 5, and Kittating, No. 85.

On September 5, 1862, Henry J. Sholly was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Kreider, born in Cornwall township, daughter of Abraham

and Mary (Riddle) Kreider, and a family of eight children was born to this union, namely: Alice is the wife of Dawson L. Light, of North Lebanon township; Emma married Thomas Bamberger, and she and her son were killed by the electric car in Independent District, Lebanon; Ida is the wife of Frank Blauch, of North Lebanon township; Elmer E. married Sallie Thomas, and they reside in North Lebanon township, he assisting his father on the farm; Miss Clare L.; Henry Jennings is deceased; Katie is the wife of Harry W. Geesey, of Lebanon; and one died unnamed. The religious connection of the family is with Kimmerling's Reformed Church. The family is prominent socially in the township.

MILTON B. FRETZ, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Palmyra, Lebanon Co., Pa., and a man widely known for his great ability and deep erudition, was born September 28, 1855, in Bucks county, Pa., a son of Jonathan and Mary (Bleim) Fretz. The father was born in Bucks county and the mother in Northampton county, Pa., and the former died in August, 1901, aged eighty-seven years, while his wife passed away in November, 1898, aged sixty-five years. The grandfather was John Fretz, a native of Berks county, Pa. The maternal grandfather was Rev. Christian Bleim, a Mennonite preacher.

Dr. Fretz was reared upon his father's farm until he was fourteen years of age. His early education was obtained in the various institutions of Bucks county, and in his eighteenth year he entered the Millersville State Normal School, and after finishing his course there taught three terms. Having always had an ambition to become a physician, he began the study of medicine with Dr. John A. Laros, of Coopersburg, Lehigh Co., Pa., and graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1873. Following this he began the practice of his profession in Montgomery county. In 1884 he took a post-graduate course in the Philadelphia Polyclinic. In 1885 he located in Palmyra, where he has since remained, building up a large and lucrative practice which is constantly increasing. Dr. Fretz is a man of wide experience, and a physician of keen insight and unusual ability. Keeping thoroughly abreast of the times, he is well fitted to cope with disease, and is one of the most successful physicians in the treatment of his cases in the county. In 1886 Dr. Fretz opened a drug store at Palmyra, which he still conducts in connection with his practice, and is very successful with it, as he is in his profession. The children of Dr. Fretz are as follows: Dr. Howard G., who, having read medicine with his father, graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania,

1900, is now resident surgeon of Girard College, Philadelphia; Carrie, who graduated in literature and music from Irvin College, Mechanicsburg, Pa., in 1899, and from the Musical Conservatory of the Philadelphia Musical Academy, in Philadelphia, May 13, 1903, is now a teacher of music, and a most accomplished young lady.

SAMUEL SHENK HORST (deceased), for many years a respected and useful citizen of Lebanon, was for over twenty years a prominent business man of that city. First as a merchant, later as a manufacturer, he assisted materially in the upbuilding of the industries of the place, and his usefulness and success were entirely the result of his own thrift and energy.

Mr. Horst was born in South Annville township, Lebanon county, March 5, 1845, and came of an agricultural people of this section. Both his grandfather, Peter Horst, and his father, Joseph Horst, were prominent farmers of Lebanon county. Joseph Horst married Barbara Shenk, and the subject of this sketch was the youngest of ten children.

Samuel S. Horst spent the first ten years of his life on the home farm, thence moving to Lebanon, where he soon met with a severe loss in the death of his father. Being quite young, however, he was sent to the public schools, afterward to the Millersville Normal School, and gained a thorough and practical education. Early shouldering the active responsibilities of life, he taught school in the country districts for a number of years, and then entered a store as a clerk, where he discharged his duties with faithfulness and ability. On May 24, 1877, he married Clara L. Light, and by this union there has been one son, Andrew L., who is a graduate of Harvard College, and is now a resident of Chicago.

Samuel S. Horst, in partnership with his father-in-law, Andrew Light, conducted a general store in Lebanon, and during six years carried on a highly prosperous business. Later he began the manufacture of lime. Succeeding in producing a fine article, he was enabled to find ready sale for it, and from year to year added to his business. For fully fifteen years he was engaged in this line, in 1892 selling out to J. B. Millard, after which he lived a retired life, until his death on May 10, 1903. He was mourned as a good citizen, and as a man whose example was well worthy of emulation.

Mr. Horst always evinced a keen interest in the public affairs of his city. As a Republican he exerted an influence in politics. In religious sentiment his views were those of the United Brethren. His interest in religious education was shown by his support of a native scholar in the African mission of the United Brethren Church.



*Samuel S Horst*



SAMUEL PHILIP HEILMAN, Heilman Dale, Lebanon county, Pa., son of John and Catharine (Heilman) Heilman, cousins, grandson of John Henry Heilman, was born December 4, 1842, at Heilman Dale. Veit, the ancestor of the family, lived in 1305, during an era when men had but a single name and were often distinguished from each other by the name of their occupation attached to their single name. Thus Veit was a distinguished physician, and was styled 'Veit, the Heilman,' and through usage the definitive word became the family or surname. Veit, the Heilman, and many of his descendants, were members of the German order of nobles, had their family coat of arms, and occupied many places of trust and honor as generals, feudal lords, and church dignitaries. Their home and achievements were in the Rhine country. One of the descendants was a partner of Gutenberg, the inventor of printing, while another, Ludwig Heilman, in 1512, wrote a celebrated hymn in triumph of the Reformation.

In Grimm's monumental *Deutsches Woerterbuch* *heilman* is given as a synonym for *Arzt*. Ger. *Medicus*. Lat. *Doctor* Eng. The interesting facts shown in the foregoing clause are that there is a family history of nearly six hundred years, and that Dr. Heilman is a member of the same honored profession as his ancestor in times past was, whose eminence was such as to bring to him the distinctive appellation *the heilman* (cure-man).

Samuel Philip Heilman obtained an elementary education at Annville (Pa.) Academy, and Heilman Dale High School, received the degree of A. B., from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., in 1862, and A. M., in 1865; began to read medicine in 1864, at Lebanon, Pa., under the preceptorship of C. D. Gloninger, M. D.; took two winter and one summer courses of lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, Department of Medicine, and received the degree of M. D., therefrom, March 14, 1867.

I. MEDICAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES.—Dr. Heilman has practiced medicine at Heilman Dale since June following his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania, March 14, 1867. He is a member of the Lebanon County Medical Society; was its president in 1891; and again in 1898; its secretary 1893 and 1894; on its Board of Censors for three years from 1892; its treasurer 1889 and 1890; and is now the Medical and Surgical Reporter of said society; is a member of the State Medical Society of Pennsylvania, was vice-president of same 1902-03, and is now a member of a standing committee on Food Adulteration appointed one year ago by said society. Was dispensary physician to the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, Lebanon, Pa., 1892; is now, and for eight years has been medical inspector for the county of Lebanon to the State Board of Health and also

is now quarantine officer for said county to said State Board. Is a member of the American Medical Association, to the annual meetings of which he has often been sent as the delegate of his county medical society.

II. RELIGIOUS RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES.—He is a member of the Reformed congregation of the Hill Church, Lebanon county, a place of public worship established as early as 1740, one hundred and sixty-three years ago, by the large assistance of his great-great-grandfather, John Adam Heilman, which place of worship was preceded by only one in what is now Lebanon county, and that only by a few years. Of this congregation Dr. Heilman has been the organist for thirty-five years, as he is that now; was its trustee and treasurer for six years prior to 1887; a teacher in its Sunday School since 1867; and a member of its Home and Missionary Society. Is Secretary of the Committee on Sunday Schools of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; chairman of the Committee on Sunday School work of Lebanon Classis of said Synod; vice-president and secretary of the Board of Trustees of said Classis; delegate of said Classis to the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church, Shamokin, Pa., 1895, and delegate of said Classis to the General Synod of said church, Dayton, Ohio, 1896, and for three years prior to 1902 member of the executive committee of the Lebanon County Sabbath School Association.

III. AGRICULTURAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES.—He was the secretary of the Mt. Gretna Agricultural, Mechanical and Industrial Exposition Association for twelve years prior to 1903; secretary of the Heilman Dale Creamery Association for eighteen years; a member of the Lebanon County Agricultural and Horticultural Association, of which association he is also the secretary; delegate member of the State Board of Agriculture; lecturer at many county and local farmers' institutes; delegate by appointment of the Governor of the State to the Farmers' National Congress, Parkersburg, W. Va., 1894, Atlanta, Ga., 1895, St. Paul, Minn., 1897, Boston, Mass., 1899, Macon, Ga., 1902, and Niagara Falls, N. Y., 1903.

IV. EDUCATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES.—He was a director of public schools in North Lebanon township, Lebanon county, 1879-82; is now, as he has been since 1895, a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., his Alma Mater; a graduate member of the Goethean Literary Society of that college; a member of the General Alumni Association of said college and vice-president of same, 1900-01; a member of the Eastern Alumni Association of said college, and vice-president of same, 1902-03.

V. HISTORICAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES.—He is a charter mem-

ber of the Pennsylvania German Society, founded 1890; a charter member of the Lebanon County Historical Society, founded 1898, of which society he has continuously been the secretary, and had a leading part in its establishment; corresponding member of the Dauphin County Historical Society; a member of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution by virtue of the services of his great-grandfather, John Adam Heilman (2), as first lieutenant in the army of the war of the Revolution, who as such had participated in the battles of Princeton and Trenton; a member of the Pennsylvania Ethnographical Survey Corps, the purpose of which survey is to collect data showing what each nationality brought hither, and to illustrate the distribution of the various race elements in our population, the interaction of these different nationalities and thereby to arrive at accurate conclusions as to the forces which have developed our American civilization.

VI. OTHER RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES.—He was for many years a member of the Traveling Men's Club, a delegate to the National Pure Food and Drug Congress, Washington, D. C., March 7, 1900, and at many and various times delegate to county and State political conventions, and to State and national medical meetings. He is the postmaster at Heilman Dale, as he has been since March 1, 1886.

In these positions, and in his relation to these various bodies, Dr. Heilman has contributed to the same many papers on topics medical, religious, agricultural, educational, historical, sanitary, social and miscellaneous.

VII. LOCALITY AND HABITAT.—Heilman Dale, four and one-half miles northwest of the county seat, Lebanon, is not a city, town or village, but the general name of a country settlement or rural territory, some miles in length and breadth, thickly populated, with a railroad station and postoffice as the center of its communal life and activity. Amongst the earliest settlers in the section designated Heilman Dale were John Peter Heilman, from Württemberg, Germany, in 1732, and John Adam Heilman, from Zuzenhausen, Baden, Germany, in 1738. Both were tillers of the soil, as all, or nearly all, of their descendants have been, and are now. Dr. Heilman was born, reared, and lives as he has lived all his life-time, on a farm the land of which was acquired by his great-great-grandfather, the said above named John Adam Heilman, immigrant of 1738, being in the fifth generation from said immigrant ancestor. The 366 acres of land originally warranted to John Adam Heilman are still in the possession of, and occupied by, some of his descendants.

On the farm owned and occupied by Dr. Heilman stands a building now used as a dwelling house, erected in 1793 by his great-grandfather, John

Adam Heilman (2d), for a paper mill, known as the Heilman paper mill, in which was carried on the manufacture of paper from that year until 1835. Through the same farm extends the channel of the now abandoned Union canal (abandoned in 1884), the first canal built in this country, the construction of which was entered upon as early as 1795, although not completed until the year 1827. It was in that day considered a marvelous work of engineering, attracting the attention of master engineers far and wide, and of public men, amongst the latter Gen. Washington, who visited and inspected the canal twice during the last years of his life. It extended from Reading, Pa., on the Schuylkill river, up and through the Lebanon valley, on to near Harrisburg, Pa., on the Susquehanna river, opening up navigation between these two large rivers, was seventy-seven miles in length and contained twenty-five locks and one tunnel 600 feet in length, the first tunnel constructed in the United States, and a remarkable piece of work in that early day.

Dr. Heilman married September 30, 1885, Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Daniel H. Beaver, of Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa., and has three children: Anna Barbara, 1886; Catharine Ruth, 1888; and John Beaver, 1896.

**LIGHT.** The value of genealogy is now widely recognized and many important historical facts have been discovered by genealogical research. Family history is peculiarly interesting, and it is especially so when it involves so much of historical interest as does the history of the Light family, which has produced men of prominence in all generations since its establishment in America. Of this notable family Samuel L. Light, manufacturer of Lebanon, is a most worthy representative.

The first of the name of whom we have authentic record is John Peter Light, who came from the Palatinate in Germany, and located in what is now Lebanon county, then Lancaster, where stands the old Light fort on the old Union canal, just west of Eleventh street, in the city of Lebanon. This was between 1715 and 1720, during the reign of Queen Anne. He purchased a large tract of land embracing in its boundaries most of the site of what is now the city of Lebanon, and erected the usual log house, a structure which was later replaced by a substantial stone one. This gentleman was the maternal ancestor of our honored subject, though of the same name.

Only the names of his sons are of record, John, Jacob, Martin and Henry. Following the line of succession, Jacob's son John (commonly known as Honesley) became the father of John; Jacob; Joseph; Barbara, who mar-

ried Jacob Light; Elizabeth, spinster; and Mary, Mrs. Casper Light. The children of the second son, Jacob, were: John; Phronicia, Mrs. Felix Light; Felix; Sarah, the mother of our worthy subject; Mary, who became Mrs. Abraham Shirk; Barbara, who married E. K. Kimmell; and Gideon, who married Nancy Witmeyer.

The father of our subject was John Light, born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1809, the son of Samuel Light and his wife, Mary. This lady was the daughter of Henry Light, the youngest son of John Peter Light. Passing again to the paternal side of the family, Grandfather Samuel Light was the son of John, who is first heard of in 1756, near the present site of Pittsburg, where he located some years before the French and Indian war. Here he and his family came very near suffering martyrdom from the Indians who infested that region. The family took refuge in Fort Duquesne, and later came back to the line of civilization in Montgomery county. He resided here for a few years, and after the death of his wife, whom he buried in old Coventry Meeting House cemetery, he again crossed the mountains, this time floating down the Ohio to where Cincinnati had been founded a short time before. At this point he remained until his decease, which occurred very near the hundred mark.

Grandfather Samuel Light went along to Ohio, but when he was about eight years old he and his brother Jacob returned to Lancaster, Pa., with their uncle Martin Light, with whom they lived, never returning to Ohio. It is recorded that he removed from Lancaster to Lebanon county in 1813, where he purchased a farm of 274 acres on the Berks and Dauphin turnpike, and upon which the village of Sunnyside now stands. Grandfather Light was a man of fine influence in his day, and very liberal towards educational institutions. He was instrumental in having the Berks and Dauphin turnpike built, and the old Lebanon Academy on Tenth street was the recipient of his bounty. He was the owner of New Market Forge which remained in the family for a period of 100 years, also of a woolen mill which burned to the ground soon after his death. He died in 1834, leaving children as follows: (1) Elizabeth married Andrew Robb, a jeweler. For this elder daughter Mr. Light built in 1820, for a residence, the building now being occupied as a store by Mr. Hottenstein, on Cumberland street, near Tenth. (2) Jacob, the eldest son, married Mary Longenecker and lived at New Market Forge. (3) Mary (Polly) became Mrs. Levi Uhler. Old settlers will remember that the husband had a store on the corner of Cumberland and Ninth streets, the present site of the Lebanon National Bank. (4) Henry died at the age of thirty years, single. (5) Catherine married Jesse Rein-

hold, of Lancaster county. (6) Sally was the second wife of Jesse Reinhold. (7) John is mentioned below. (8) Ann, the youngest of the family, married Samuel Rea, of Chester county, Pa., their eldest son, James, now lives in Washington, D. C., and their second son, John, was elected National Commander of the G. A. R. in 1887.

John Light, father of our worthy subject, married, in 1834, Sarah Light, who was born February 27, 1813, and died in 1879. She was a descendant of John Peter Light. They were the parents of the following children: Ephraim, of Reading, Pa.; Mary, married to W. M. Goodman, an attorney of Reading, Pa.; Samuel L., of this review; Jacob, who died at the age of ten years; several who died in infancy. John Light was a merchant in early life, as a member of the firm of Shirk & Light. They owned and operated many boats on the old Union canal, and owned warehouses and handled grain. They also operated a freighting line overland from Cornwall to Lebanon, prior to the building of the Cornwall railroad. The firm dissolved in 1858, after which Mr. Light partially retired from business. During his lifetime he was a dealer in country real estate, buying and improving many farms in the county. He was one of the organizers of the old Valley Bank, of which he was a director as long as he lived. He was elected county commissioner at an early date on the free school issue, after a hard fight. He died in 1884, after a long and useful life, having merited the esteem of all with whom he had been associated.

SAMUEL L. LIGHT, the immediate subject of this review, was born April 30, 1842, in the old Light residence (a log house, since torn away), near the present Widows' Home, on North Tenth street, Lebanon. He secured a good common school education in the schools of his native village, and at Otterbein University, Ohio. At the age of twenty he was married to Maria E. Henry, a native of Lebanon county, Pa., born in October, 1843, daughter of John Henry, a native of Dauphin county, who removed thence to Franklin county, and in 1845 settled in Lebanon county. Mrs. Light died April 25, 1893. She was a woman possessed of many noble qualities and endeared herself to a large circle of acquaintances. Her children were: Harry H., an iron manufacturer; John, a real estate dealer; J. Warren, a merchant; J. Ray, a druggist; and Florence Augusta, wife of William S. Davis, of Lebanon.

Mr. Light began life as an agriculturist in North Lebanon township, where he remained for three years. He then engaged for a time in the cattle business. Of late years his field of activity has been exceedingly wide. He has been the promoter and organizer of a large number of successful

enterprises, and is looked upon as one of the shrewdest financiers of the county. It will not be out of place to mention some of the enterprises which he has been instrumental in organizing, and with many of which he is still connected: Gideon Light & Company, brick and coal dealers; S. L. Light & Co., ice; proprietor of the Lebanon Rolling Mills from 1876 to 1879; secretary and treasurer of the Lebanon Stove Works; J. D. Kerr & Co., grocers; Light & Co., wholesale shoes; S. L. Light & Son, wholesale grocers; stockholder in the East Lebanon Rolling Mills, and now in the trust, H. L. Light, his son, being a director; director in the Lebanon County Trust Company; director in the Lebanon Central Market House; director in the City Mutual Fire Insurance Company; director in the Lebanon Valley Iron Company; president of the Lebanon Textile Company and S. L. Light Brick Plant. Mr. Light also built and started the "St. George Hotel" of Lebanon.

Possessed of indefatigable purpose and wide experience in the manipulation of business forces, Mr. Light has been a power for good in the community of Lebanon, where he is universally regarded as a man of the strictest probity of character. He is forceful but fair, and many a young man has had cause to thank him for kindly advice and financial assistance in his early business struggles. The lives of such men are a continual source of inspiration to a community, and Lebanon citizens are a unit in their appreciation of the career of this native son.

GEORGE W. UHRICH (deceased), who passed out of life at his comfortable home on Main street, Myerstown, February 26, 1900, was one of the leading citizens and honorable men of Jackson township. For fifty-five years he had lived an estimable life, giving an influence in favor of temperance and morality, supporting the Lutheran Church, extending kindness to his neighbors, helping those in need or discouragement, and at the same time industriously providing for the welfare of his family. What better summing can there be at the end of a life?

The birth of the late George W. Uhrich took place June 24, 1845, in Jackson township. He was a son of Valentine and Katherine (Mace) Uhrich, the former of whom for fifty years was a leading farmer of the township, dying at the age of seventy-five years. The name of the grandfather was Valentine also, and he is supposed to have come from Germany early in the settlement of Lebanon county, with his father, also Valentine, who established the family 160 years ago. The children of Grandfather Valentine were: Michael; Valentine, John, Elizabeth, Katherine and Malinda. Valentine (3) was born in 1812 on the old homestead in Jackson township, and died in

1887. In 1839 he married Katherine Mace, of Heidelberg township, and their four children who grew to maturity were: John, a retired farmer of Myerstown; George W., deceased; Amanda, the wife of Dr. Willoughby Kline, of Myerstown; and Valentine, a retired farmer of Myerstown. Like all his family, Valentine Urich was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. In politics he was a Democrat.

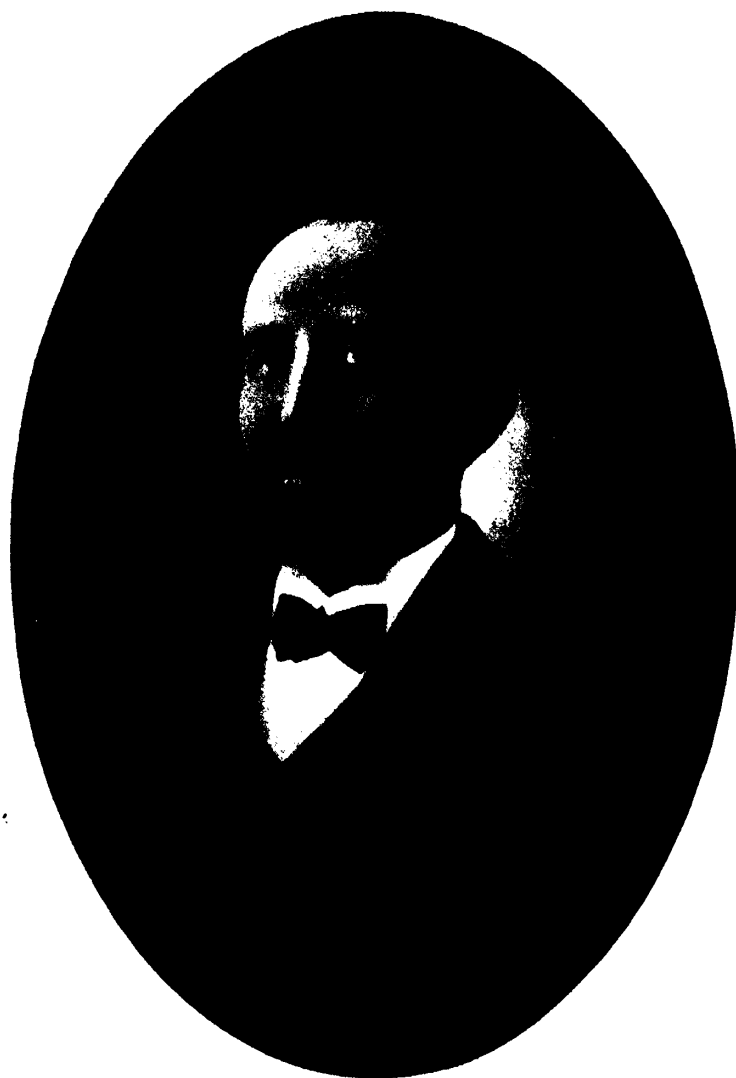
The late George W. Urich was reared on the farm, and attended the district schools and later the Myerstown Academy. His life was given to farming, and until within seven years of his death he continued to engage actively in farm work. Then he purchased a nice home in Myerstown to which he removed, and there he died, surrounded by all the comforts of life. In November, 1864, he married Mary Tice, who was born July 6, 1846, daughter of Andrew and Eliza (Shirk) Tice, of Jackson township, who still reside on their old home. Ten children were born of this marriage, as follows: Katherine, deceased, wife of Jacob Bomberger; Annie, who died at the age of fourteen; Valentine, who died young; George, a clerk in the firm of Stambaugh & Hoak, in Lebanon; Ira, a farmer on the old home in North Jackson township; John, of New York; Mary, wife of Harry Gernert, a farmer of Jackson township; Harry, of Lebanon; Ida, wife of William Nolb, of Myerstown; and Wallace, at home.

Mr. Urich was a life-long Democrat but never cared for office. In the Lutheran Church he was a leading member, deacon, elder and trustee. In addition to his fine farm of 130 acres, he owned the comfortable home in Myerstown and a house in Lebanon, and was regarded as one of the substantial men of the township. Mr. Urich was a kind husband and father, and the whole community mourned him sincerely, every one being his friend. His family is held in high esteem.

JOHN HUNSICKER, a prominent citizen and manufacturer of Lebanon, and president of the select council of the city government, is a native of Lebanon county, having been born in Union township, August 10, 1840, a son of Jacob Hunsicker.

Jacob Hunsicker, the father, was a son of Christian Hunsicker, who was a native of Bethel township, Lebanon county, born near Fredericksburg; it is thought he served in the Revolutionary war. The ancestry of the family is Swiss. Jacob Hunsicker was born in 1804, and died in 1864. He was a farmer. His wife, Catherine (Groh), born in 1808, in Fredericksburg, died in 1881; she was a daughter of John Groh, a native of Bethel township. They had children as follows: Joshua, deceased; John, of Lebanon; Annie,





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who married David Light, of Lebanon; Elizabeth, who married Edward J. Bomberger, of Union township, Lebanon county; and Sarah, who married John B. Rauch, of Lebanon.

John Hunsicker was reared on a farm and attended the public schools, finishing his education at the Millersville State Normal School. In 1860 he began teaching school, and taught one term very successfully. In 1862 he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, a fine regiment, attached to the Second Brigade, Second Division, Second Army Corps. For the time it was out this regiment saw much service, and Mr. Hunsicker was a faithful soldier, until June, 1863, when his term of enlistment expired. He was in the battle of Fredericksburg, in December, 1862, and at Chancellorsville, in May, 1863. Upon his return home Mr. Hunsicker resumed school teaching, but the death of his father, in 1864, recalled him to the home farm. He took charge of the property, but in 1865 came to Lebanon and continued to teach until 1868.

In the above year Mr. Hunsicker went to Middletown, Pa., and accepted a position as bookkeeper at a furnace, continuing in that position for three years. Coming back to Lebanon at the expiration of that period, he, in 1871, entered the store of John B. Rauch, in Lebanon, and remained there until the following May, when he became timekeeper for the Lebanon Manufacturing Company. In 1878 he was made treasurer of that company, and retains this responsible position, also attending to the bookkeeping. His responsibilities were further increased and the confidence of the company shown, in 1894, by his selection as secretary of the company also. When the plant of the Lebanon Manufacturing Company was leased for a period of ten years by the M. H. Treadwell Company, in 1892, Mr. Hunsicker became treasurer, and in 1897 he was made treasurer of the Union Boiler Company; in 1896 he became president of the Lebanon Steam Company. Mr. Hunsicker is a director in all of these companies, and is connected in the same way with the Lebanon Market House Company and the Washington Fire Insurance Company. His prominence and influence in the city were recognized by his election, in 1886, as a member of the select council of Lebanon, from the Fourth ward, and with the exception of one year he has filled the office continuously up to the present time. In 1892 his efficiency resulted in his election to the presidency of this body, and he was again chosen to that incumbency in 1903.

In 1873 Mr. Hunsicker was united in marriage to Annie E. Shirk, who was born on a farm near Fredericksburg, daughter of John Shirk. They

have two children, John and Thomas J., survivors of a family of six, the deceased members being, Paul S., William J., Bessie and Annie.

Mr. Hunsicker is a member of Sedgwick Post No. 42, G. A. R. The religious membership of the family is with Trinity United Brethren Church, of which our subject is a trustee. Not only is Mr. Hunsicker known as a fine financier and excellent business man, but his good judgment and progressive ideas have rendered him one of Lebanon's most useful public citizens.

**KILLINGER.** The Killinger family is one of the oldest and most prominent in Lebanon county. So far as known at present, the founder of the family in Pennsylvania was Michael Killinger.

Michael Killinger was born May 15, 1731, and died July 11, 1815, and was buried at the old historic Hill Church, in North Lebanon township, Lebanon county. He received a patent from the Penns, proprietors of Pennsylvania, dated September 9, 1765, for 1,000 acres of land along what is now the Berks and Dauphin pike, in Londonderry township, Dauphin county (now North and South Annville townships, Lebanon county), and he built his home on the banks of the stream called Killinger's Run. These children were the issue of Michael Killinger and wife: Andrew, George, Michael and John.

John Killinger was born on the old homestead September 25, 1765, and died September 11, 1810. He married Susanna Deininger, and their children were: John; Catherine, who married H. Garman; Susan, who married C. Miller; Rosina, who married Peter Bachman; and Magdalena, who married H. Fegan.

John Killinger (2), son of John, was born in February, 1797, on the old homestead, and died September 17, 1860. Mr. Killinger was a prominent and influential man in his community and a leader of his political party in his section, filling many of the local offices and ably representing his district in the Pennsylvania State Senate in 1837, and again in 1838. For many years he was a well-known merchant at Annville, Lebanon county. His marriage was to Fanny Sherzer, and the three children of this union were all sons, viz.: John W., Charles H. and Jacob S. Charles H. Killinger, now deceased, lived at Annville and later removed to Philadelphia, where he married Cornelia Pliess, the one son of this marriage being Paul Killinger, now a resident of Philadelphia. Jacob S., also deceased, resided for a time at Annville, but later removed to Kansas City, Mo. His marriage was to Louisa Henry, and they had issue: Fanny, who married John C. Yocum; and Emma.

John W. Killinger, the eldest of the family of John Killinger (2), was

born September 18, 1824, on the old homestead, and died in 1896. His education was secured in the schools at Annville, at Harrisburg Academy and Marshall (now Franklin and Marshall) College, from which latter he graduated in 1843, receiving his degree of A. M. in 1846. For many years Mr. Killinger was a trustee of the college, having such an association with it at the time of his death. Under the great statesman, Thaddeus Stevens, of Lancaster, he studied law and was admitted to the Bar of Lebanon county in 1846. From that time for a period of over forty years he was in active practice of his profession, becoming widely known for his legal ability and exhaustive knowledge of jurisprudence. In 1848 he was appointed district attorney of Lebanon county, and faithfully served until he was nominated for the Legislature, in which august body he was an able representative during 1850 and 1851, and a member of the Senate from 1854 to 1857. So conspicuous were his services and so general was the appreciation of them, that Mr. Killinger was returned to the House of Representatives of the United States for six terms, 1859-1863, 1871-1875 and 1877-1881. His other public services included two years as assessor of internal revenue, from 1864 to 1866. Mr. Killinger was an enthusiastic supporter of the Republican party and an able expounder of its principles and aims, taking a very active part in every campaign for more than forty years. His counsel was invoked and his judgment consulted by the political leaders of his day, and Pennsylvania has had few more disinterested or honest political organizers.

John W. Killinger was a man of many interests, and was notably identified with the industrial development of the county. His foresight prompted him to be one of the incorporators and a director of the great Lebanon Valley Railroad, with whose fortunes he was associated from the time of construction until its merger with its still greater neighbor, the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, of which he was legal adviser until his death. Mr. Killinger was also an incorporator and a director of the Valley National Bank, of Lebanon. At various times he was engaged in the iron business, his quick comprehension of commercial possibilities enabling him to distinguish between wise and doubtful investments. In local matters and affairs pertaining to the growth and welfare of his city he was ever interested, giving time and means to a number of enterprises which were largely successful on account of his interest. For a time he served as the president of the Union Fire Company, of Lebanon, and later as its treasurer, always showing an active interest in its progress. Mr. Killinger also took an active part in the organization of St. James' Reformed Congregation, of Lebanon. He married

Mary A. Hittell, a native of Hamilton, Ohio, and three children were born to this union, namely: Charles H., John W. and Flora C.

CHARLES H. KILLINGER, one of the most prominent members of the Lebanon Bar, was born in Lebanon and was given superior educational advantages. After an attendance at Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, he entered the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, graduating from that notable institution in the class of 1874. His law reading was done with his distinguished father, and his legal course was completed in the University of Pennsylvania. In 1877 he was admitted to the Bar of Lebanon county, and subsequently to the Supreme and Superior Court Bars. For more than twenty years he has been in active practice and holds a high rank in the profession. Mr. Killinger is president of the Valley National Bank of Lebanon.

Mr. Killinger is associated with the various Masonic bodies of Lebanon, was one of the founders of the Lebanon County Historical Society, and is treasurer of the Union Fire Company. He represents, as local attorney, the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and acts as counsel for a number of other corporations. He was one of the incorporators of the Lebanon Steam Company, and is associated with other local enterprises and corporations. While a Republican in politics, he has never taken any active part therein.

Mr. Killinger was married, in 1879, to Matilda K. Mish, only daughter of John Weidman Mish and his wife, Amelia Krause. Two daughters are the offspring of this marriage, Catherine H. and Dorothea.

REV. FRANKLIN J. F. SCHANTZ, D. D. A very prominent citizen of Myerstown, Pa., who has filled the responsible position of president of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and who for many years has had charge as pastor of the Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church at Myerstown, and the congregation at Mount Aetna, is Rev. Dr. Franklin J. F. Schantz, a distinguished author and lecturer on matters pertaining to the Evangelical Lutheran Church as well as the Pennsylvania-Germans.

Dr. Schantz is of German ancestry, and the founder of his family in this State, in the person of Johan Schantz, arrived in Pennsylvania October 1, 1770, accompanied by his four sons. Jacob, one of these, who became the grandfather of Dr. Schantz, was born in 1761. He was a redemptioner, and had his home with a farmer and miller named Kohler, learning the milling business, in which he engaged throughout life. His home was located in Egypt, Lehigh (then a part of Northampton) Co., Pa. Jacob served as

frontier ranger in the Revolutionary war. Later, in 1788, he married Maria Bortz, and they became the parents of a large family, one of whom, also named Jacob, became the father of Dr. Schantz.

Jacob Schantz (2) was born November 28, 1791, and died in June, 1843. By occupation he also was a miller, and like his father owned and operated the mill at the head of Cedar creek, in Lehigh county. He married Sarah Fogel, born July 25, 1799, who died April 25, 1871, daughter of Hon. John and Catherine (Stettler) Fogel, of Fogelsville, Pa. The Fogel ancestors of Dr. Schantz came to America prior to 1740. The parents of Dr. Schantz had six children, viz.: Hiram J. died in 1893; Dr. Tilghman P. died in 1852; Elemina C., who was the wife of Dr. Thomas B. Cooper, died in 1896; Eliza Amanda, the wife of Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach, D. D., died in 1867; Rev. Franklin J. F., D. D., still resides at Myerstown; Llewellyn R. A. was killed at Allentown, Pa., June 27, 1852.

Rev. Dr. Schantz was born January 8, 1836, at the home of his parents at the head of Cedar creek, in Upper Macungie township, Lehigh Co., Pa., and he was baptized in his infancy by Rev. Daniel Zeller. In youth he was instructed in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Allentown, Pa., where he was confirmed October 26, 1851, by Rev. Joshua Yeager. His early education had been obtained in the public and private schools in the neighborhood, and was supplemented by attendance at Allentown Academy from April, 1848, to 1850, and from the spring of the latter year until the fall of 1853 he was a student in the Allentown Seminary. In the autumn of the latter year he entered the Junior class of Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, and was graduated in 1855, entering that same year the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and completing the required course on September 15, 1857. Thus equipped, the young man was licensed as an Evangelical Lutheran minister at the meeting of the West Pennsylvania Synod at Carlisle, Pa., on September 28, 1857, and ordained at the meeting of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, in St. John's Church, Easton, Pa., on June 3, 1858.

On April 29, 1858, Rev. Dr. Schantz was united in marriage with Miss Cordelia S. Saeger, daughter of Charles and Eliza (Eckert) Saeger, of Allentown, Pa. Of the children born to this union two sons, Jacob S. and Charles H., and one daughter, Agnes E., were buried prior to the death of the mother, which occurred on June 26, 1889, at Myerstown. Three of the children are living: Henry F., M. D., of Reading; Mrs. John P. Spangler, of Myerstown; and Mrs. W. Stanton Haak, of Lebanon.

From October, 1857, to January, 1861, Rev. Dr. Schantz had charge of

Trinity Church, in Reading, and of the Catasauqua parish from 1861 to 1866. On November 5, 1865, he assumed the responsibilities of assistant agent of the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, continuing as assistant agent until September 30, 1866, when he became general agent, until June 30, 1867. In July of the latter year he became pastor of the Myerstown Church, and still continues in that relation, also looking after the spiritual wants of the congregation at Mount Aetna, Pa. From July, 1867, to December, 1881, he was pastor of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa., and from 1876 to 1879 supplied Emanuel Lutheran Church, at Brickerville, Lancaster Co., Pa. During all these years of unremitting work as pastor in various fields Dr. Schantz has been called upon to occupy many of the most prominent positions in the gift of his religious body. He has been called to the offices of secretary and also president of conferences, member and secretary of the synodical executive committee, secretary of the Ministerium, trustee of the Orphans' Home at Germantown, trustee of Muhlenberg College, visitor of Emaus Orphans' Home and delegate to the General Council, these various honors bringing with them duties and responsibilities not only absorbing much time but requiring wise and judicious deliberation. Dr. Schantz has served on numerous committees of the Ministerium, and is a member of the English Home Mission Board of the General Council. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Augustana College and Theological Seminary, at Rock Island, Ill., in 1894. At a meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, in Allentown, Pa., in May, 1901, Rev. Dr. Schantz was elected president of that great body, and re-elected at its meetings in Easton, Pa., in May, 1902, and in Philadelphia in June, 1903.

From 1899 to 1900 the Doctor was president of the Pennsylvania-German Society, and he has given much attention and study to the history and early settlement of his ancestors in this State. Domestic and agricultural in their tastes, they also possessed homely virtues which formed a foundation upon which a thriving and happy people builded.

It was Rev. Dr. Schantz who, after much patient research, prepared a number of histories of congregations, which were published in pamphlet form and are preserved in safe places among the archives of the several churches. Those most notable were: "The Sesqui-Centennial Discourse, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, near Stouchsburg, Pa., 1893;" "The Sesqui-Centennial Sermon, Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lehigh Co., Pa., 1894;" "The Historical Discourse at the 155th Anniversary of Jerusalem Church, in Sakisbury township, Lehigh Co., Pa., 1896;" "Historical Address at the Centennial of the Third Church Building of Christ German Lutheran

Congregation, Rockland township, Berks Co., Pa., 1898" (first church built in 1743); "History of Brickerville Congregation, Lancaster Co., Pa.," read before Lancaster County Historical Society, 1898.

The following papers prepared by Dr. Schantz have also appeared in print: "Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Historical Origin of Muhlenberg College, on the College Campus, June 23, 1898;" "The Domestic Life and Characteristics of the Pennsylvania-German Pioneer, a Narrative and Critical History, Prepared at the Request of the Pennsylvania-German Society, 1900;" "The County Historical Society" (read at the first stated meeting of the Lebanon County Historical Society, Lebanon, Pa., February, 1898), of which Dr. Schantz was one of the founders. He has frequently lectured, both in English and in the dialect of the Pennsylvania-German. In fact, Dr. Schantz is at home in many kinds of intellectual work and is capable of transacting a vast amount of detail business. At any rate, when many hard workers in the church are beginning to think of rest and relaxation, he is still vigorous and useful. His circle of personal friends embraces the best in church and community, and his power for good in his own denomination cannot be estimated. As a citizen of Myerstown he is venerated and beloved.

WILLIAM E. BRUNNER, president of the Jonestown Bank, and also of the Palmyra Bank, is one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of the Lebanon Valley.

Mr. Brunner was born May 6, 1834, at Jonestown, a son of John and Margaret (Seltzer) Brunner, and on both paternal and maternal sides comes of old and prominent Lebanon county stock. Both parents were likewise born in Jonestown, where their fathers, Henry Brunner and Christian Seltzer, represented wealth and solid worth. Both John Brunner and wife died in 1862, being separated by death only a few months. Mr. Brunner was a man of some note in his day, serving as a justice for many years, and he represented his district in the State Legislature. He was active in politics as a member of the Whig party, and his religious connection was with the Reformed Church.

William E. Brunner was reared in Jonestown, where he attended the public schools, supplementing the education thus obtained with two years' attendance at a private school in Harrisburg, Pa. His father was one of the old merchants of the town, and in his store William received his first business training, remaining there until 1858. Mr. Brunner then embarked in a mercantile business in Campbelltown for himself, continuing same until 1880, during which period he was also indirectly engaged in farming. In 1858



he removed to Campbelltown, where he has since resided. In 1870 he became the president of the Jonestown Bank, and has remained in that position ever since. In 1880 he was one of the organizers of the Palmyra Bank, and was elected its first president; he was instrumental in the organization of the Hummelstown Bank, in 1875, and was a director thereof several years, when he withdrew. Mr. Brunner is the owner of much fine farming land—a tract of 106 acres in South Annville township, Lebanon county; one of 212 acres in South Londonderry township; two of 180 and 140 acres, respectively, in North Londonderry township; and one of 156 acres in Hummelstown borough, Dauphin county.

On November 26, 1857, Mr. Brunner was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Hocker, who was born at Hockersville, Dauphin county, daughter of Benjamin and Fanny (Weidman) Hocker, and the following children have been born to this union: John, who died in childhood; Emma Margaret, who married I. O. Nisley, of Middletown, Dauphin county; Fanny Elizabeth, deceased; Mary L., who lives at home; Anna Weidman, who married G. R. Kreider, of Annville, Pa., and has three children, Gideon R., Anna L. and Paul W.; Fannie S., who married C. G. Campbell, of Middletown, and has one child, William Brunner; Carrie H.; Benjamin H.; Miriam S.; Helen H.; and two children, who died in infancy. In religious faith Mrs. Brunner is a Lutheran, and Mr. Brunner is a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Brunner is a man of activity and energy in his business affairs, and is thoroughly respected because of his uniform adherence to honorable methods. His name is a synonym for integrity, and his financial institutions stand on a solid basis. As an evidence of the confidence in which he is held by his fellow citizens, he was chosen county auditor, and filled that position acceptably for one term. His political faith is that of the Republican party.

JOHN H. BLACK, one of Annville's most prominent and popular citizens, proprietor of the Keystone Marble and Granite Works, was born June 1, 1846, at the old Black homestead on White Oak street, South Annville. His father was David Black, who was born February 8, 1812, at Rocherty, south from Lebanon, and died December 11, 1871, while the grandfather was Peter Black, who was born on a farm between Lebanon and the Rocherty road, near the birthplace of his son, December 15, 1783, and died August 9, 1862. His wife was Elizabeth Zimmerman, who was born October 9, 1789, in Lebanon, and died November 23, 1851. The great-grandfather of John H. Black was Michael Black, who was born in Ireland and came to America about 1778, and here married a German lady by the name of



Geo. H. Black

White, afterward settling in Jackson township, north from Myerstown, Lebanon county, where he followed farming.

Grandfather Peter Black was a shoemaker by trade, and in 1818 he located in Annville, and for many years was high constable of South Annville township. David Black, the father, learned the stonemason trade, and in about 1835 established himself in the marble and tombstone business, on the corner now occupied by the residence of his son. His were the first marble works in Annville. David Black married Lucy A. Ault, who was born on West Main street, Annville, September 2, 1816, and died December 18, 1893. She was a daughter of David and Elizabeth Ault, both of whom were born in Annville. The children of this marriage were: Rosanna, born in 1836, married Alfred Corl, and died in 1897; Elizabeth married J. W. Eberly, and resides in Annville; Sarah married Ezra Rohland, of Lebanon; Dorothy died in infancy; Louisa married Allen Cleland, and is deceased; Maria died at the age of seven years; John H.; Emma married Jacob Imboden, of Lebanon; Aaron died aged but a few years; and David died between five and six years; Samuel P. is a resident of Columbia, Lancaster county.

John H. Black was reared in Annville. He attended the public schools, and the old Annville Academy where so many of the residents of Annville climbed up the hill of learning, at this time the teacher being Daniel Balsbach. Upon leaving school he went to work with his father at the marble trade, at which he continued until 1867, when he took a course at the United States Commercial College at New Haven, Conn., and in 1868 he was taken into partnership by his father and upon the latter's death, succeeded to the business. In 1894, in association with C. S. Maulfair, he leased the Keystone Marble Quarries, which are situated one mile from Derry Church, in Dauphin county. It is somewhat remarkable that this is the only place in Pennsylvania where genuine marble is quarried, this fact making the product of great value. The stone is susceptible to a high polish and is very well adapted for use in monuments and grave-stones, and particularly is it suited for ornamental building purposes. In 1891 the quarry was assigned to Mr. Black, who subsequently formed the Keystone Marble Company, which is incorporated at \$200,000 capital, having associated with him in the enterprise George B. Uhrich, with himself as president, Mr. Uhrich as secretary and treasurer, and J. B. Millard as vice-president—a very efficient set of officers. This stone was used in the building of the Annville National Bank, St. Paul's Evangelical Church in Lebanon, the Washington Public School in Lebanon, the United Brethren Church at Palmyra, at least fifteen different buildings in Harrisburg, and many residences in different places.

In 1871 Mr. Black was married to Miss Anna M. Beaver, who was born in Annville, a daughter of Samuel Beaver, and to this union four children were born, namely: Two died in infancy; Florence E., died at the age of ten years, ten months and ten days; Ella N., an accomplished lady, is a graduate of the Lebanon Valley College.

Mr. Black is a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Annville, and takes an active interest in church work, having been twice a delegate to the General Synod of the Lutheran Church. He also gives a great deal of attention to the Sunday School, of which he has served as superintendent since 1882, having commenced to teach in the Sunday School at the early age of fifteen years. For five years he was president of the Lebanon Valley Sunday School Association, and for three years was county president of the State Association.

In the commonest and broadest acceptation of the term Mr. Black is a self-made man. His standing in Lebanon county is high, and he is regarded as one of the substantial and representative men of Annville. He has been one of the school directors of South Annville for six years, and is deeply interested in educational work, having for nine years been a member of the board of management of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua at Mt. Gretna. Mr. Black has always been a Republican, and has always taken a somewhat active part in politics. Fraternally he belongs to the I. O. O. F. and K. of P.

JUDGE A. W. EHRGOOD, one of the most prominent members of the Lebanon County Bar, a man widely renowned for his just rulings and impartial administration of justice, was born October 2, 1851, at Monroe Forge, Bethel township, Lebanon county, a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Walborn) Ehrgood.

Jacob Ehrgood was a native of Berks county, and died at Union Forge, now known as Lickdale, in 1854, at the age of thirty-three years. By occupation he was an iron worker. The mother was a native of Lebanon county, and died in 1899, at the age of seventy-four years. The founder of the Ehrgood family in the New World was Christian Ehrgood (or Ehrgott, as the name was then spelled), who came from Germany in the early history of the country, settling in Berks county, Pa., and from him have descended the numerous representatives of this name throughout Pennsylvania and other States.

Judge Ehrgood attended the district schools, and at the age of thirteen was apprenticed to the trade of shoemaker with William B. Uhrich, in Swatara township, Lebanon county. For two and one-half years he remained

with Mr. Uhrich, and during that time went to school one month. In 1867, after serving his apprenticeship, he was again permitted to attend the public school of Swatara township, where he gained a substantial knowledge of the English branches, which he supplemented by a course at the Millersville State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1876. He had taught six terms before and while attending the Normal School, and taught two terms following his graduation. The schools in which he served as instructor were located in the townships of Union, Swatara and South Annville. During these years of study and hard work, Judge Ehrgood cherished an ambition which grew stronger with succeeding years, and finally he was enabled to gratify it by entering the office of William G. Lehman, Esq., of Lebanon, and commencing the study of law. On January 16, 1880, he was admitted to the Bar, and in May, 1882, to the Supreme Court. Immediately upon his admission to the Bar, he began the practice of his profession in Lebanon. In 1886 he was elected district attorney of Lebanon County, assuming the duties of that office January 1, 1887, for a term of three years. In 1895 he was elected judge of the Fifty-second Judicial District of Pennsylvania, composed of Lebanon County, for a term of ten years. Having fitted himself for his chosen profession by careful and conscientious study, Judge Ehrgood entered upon his life work fully equipped, and since then has distinguished himself by his masterful conduct of the numerous cases confided to him. During the time he filled the office of district attorney he was untiring in his efforts to uphold the majesty of the law and to protect the rights of the people of his district. Since succeeding to the Bench he has added to his reputation as an able and experienced exponent of the legal profession, while he is recognized as one of the most successful jurists in the State.

Judge Ehrgood was married to Anna Mary Schantz, a native of Lebanon county, daughter of Joseph Schantz. To this union children were born as follows: Dora Mabel and Allen Henry. Judge Ehrgood has served as chairman of the Republican County Committee, and has always taken an active and prominent part in politics and all public matters. Fraternally, since 1871, he has been a member of the P. O. S. of A., and also belongs to the Junior O. U. A. M., the Royal Arcanum and the Masons.

DANIEL A. FRANTZ, who has for the past quarter of a century conducted the furniture business in the city of Lebanon, is a man whose keen commercial instinct has carried him from a very modest beginning to a position in the business world enjoyed by few. He is a man of the strictest integrity, and is esteemed for his solid and substantial qualities of citizenship.

Mr. Frantz was born February 13, 1856, in Lebanon, where he has passed his entire life, and is a son of Theodore P. Frantz, who receives extensive mention elsewhere. He was given a good common school education and passed his vacations and leisure hours with his father in the furniture store, where he early learned the rudiments of the business in which he has been so successful. In 1878, a year prior to attaining his majority, he practically succeeded his father in the business, although that gentleman remained in the store until 1887. At that time the business was quite primitive in extent, carried on in one room, 20 x 16 feet in dimensions, on Cumberland street, the site he now occupies. As year succeeded year his trade increased and he gradually enlarged his establishment to its present proportions, the successive steps being taken as follows: In 1877 he increased his floor space to 16 x 50; in 1882 added one story of 87 feet; in 1884 added another story of 45 feet; in 1885 added the remaining story of 43 feet; in 1893 built the addition on the extreme end of his lot, thereby adding 68 feet; in 1894 put in a basement of 204 feet under the entire building, pinning up the brick walls while the work was being accomplished. Mr. Frantz next purchased the adjoining store, which he subsequently sold to the Miller Organ Company, and from whom he now rents the third floor and basement. This gives him a total floor space of 30,000 square feet, which is said to be the most extensive of any furniture business between Philadelphia and Chicago. In connection with the furniture business he conducts an extensive undertaking establishment, which is furnished with all the appliances now known to that trade for embalming and caring for the dead.

In social life Mr. Frantz takes a helpful interest, being a member of Camp No. 65, P. O. S. of A., and of which organization he is a trustee. He is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the I. O. O. F. He was married in January, 1887, to Miss Grace Eliza Strassner, who was born in Orrville, Ohio, daughter of Rev. Frederick and Mary Strassner. Rev. Mr. Strassner is a prominent and leading divine of the Reformed Church in the Buckeye State, where his close acquaintance with the family of the late lamented President McKinley made him an official at the funerals of both mother and son. Children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Frantz as follows: Edith, December, 1888; Frederick, April, 1893; Susan, March 13, 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. Frantz are leading members of St. John's Reformed Church, in which organization Mr. Frantz is particularly active and helpful. She takes great interest in the children of the church, being at the present time president of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society and a teacher in

the Sunday School. She also is a member of the choir, in which her superior musical talent is greatly appreciated. In the social life of the city Mr. and Mrs. Frantz are most popular, and are greatly esteemed for the graciousness of their bearing and their kindly hospitality.

**JONAS L. KNOLL.** Of the many names written on the scroll of the industrial world of Lebanon county, some few stand prominently in view, and of these, there is none higher than that of the late Jonas L. Knoll, patentee and manufacturer of the Knoll Washing Machine and Spring Frame Bicycle. Mr. Knoll was born March 22, 1847, in North Annville township, Lebanon county, a son of Christian and Fannie (Landis) Knoll; and him, their youngest son, unlike all the others; nature richly endowed with wonderful mechanical skill, for during his long and useful career, his ingenuity proved of great benefit and profit, not only to himself but to countless others.

Christian Knoll, his father, was a worthy representative of an old and highly esteemed family of Lebanon county. His entire life was passed in agricultural pursuits, and was blessed with the abundant prosperity that is the reward of persistent industry and unquestioned integrity. He was a Dunkard in religion, while his political faith was that of the Republican party, and his fidelity to its principles was the outcome of earnest and patient study of the great questions of the day. By his marriage with Fannie Landis, he became the father of the following children: Isaac, of Annville; John, of Annville; Catherine, deceased; Fannie, widow of Samuel Shanaman, of Annville; Christian, deceased; Anna, wife of Joseph Bender, of Lebanon county; Elizabeth, deceased; and Jonas L.

The early days of Jonas L. Knoll were passed upon his father's farm, and in the neighboring schools he obtained his preliminary education, supplementing the knowledge there acquired by attendance at Annville College. After leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until his marriage; after which, until 1880, he lived on a small farm near Annville. In the latter year, he located in Lebanon, where he was first employed in the Miller Organ Factory, and later in the Lebanon Machine shops. His next venture was a family grocery, but this not proving congenial, he disposed of it, and became a tree agent. As a salesman he proved a distinct success, his genial disposition winning him many friends all over his territory. For about five years he was agent for a washing machine, and from a study of this machine, committed to him for sale, was evolved the Knoll Washing Machine, that has met with so great favor. His first patent was taken out July 16, 1889, and a second patent obtained December 4, 1894. From a small be-

ginning, the business increased so rapidly that Mr. Knoll was obliged to increase his facilities for their manufacture. Accordingly he erected a large factory in Lebanon, and in an incredibly short time this machine was being sold all over the United States and Canada. In 1893, at the World's Fair in Chicago, was awarded the first premium to Mr. Knoll for this machine; this proving it to be the best and most widely known throughout the continent. On January 3, 1899, he took out letters patent on a Spring Frame Bicycle, and subsequently established for its manufacture, also a large bicycle factory at Lebanon. His inventive genius did not stop here, but continued and found expression in a number of other ingenious devices, for which he secured patents. Unlike many inventors, he did not prove a failure in the business world, but, on the other hand, so conducted his affairs that he became possessed of considerable property through wise purchases of real estate, and at the time of his death, besides his comfortable home, owned a number of other houses. Truthfully has it been said of him that he never made a failure of anything he undertook.

Outside of his manufacturing business, Mr. Knoll was interested in other affairs, especially those of his church. As a local minister of the Salem United Brethren Church of Lebanon, he was one of the pillars of that denomination, having faithfully served for many years as a member of its official board, and a teacher in the German department of the Sunday School. Above and beyond this it may be said, he was ever active in word and deed in the support of all religious work.

On June 20, 1869, Mr. Knoll was united in marriage with Mary Boltz, who was born October 18, 1849, a daughter of Simon and Rebecca (Poorman) Boltz, of North Annville township. Five children came to brighten their home, but of these, only two, a son and a daughter, have lived to maturity: Raymond, though quite young, is a member of the American Eagle Fife and Drum Corps, and is fast winning his way into the hearts of the young people everywhere. Gertrude, an accomplished young lady, is a graduate of the Lebanon High School, and had the honor of being valedictorian of the class of 1902 of that institution; almost immediately upon the death of her father she entered Lebanon Business College, for the purpose of acquiring there a more thorough business education, which she felt she mostly needed, and after completing the commercial course of the college, she assumed a share of the responsibility of the work left by her father, and has since then been bookkeeper and typewriter for her mother who now conducts the business. Miss Gertrude is also possessed of rare musical talent and has been



organist of Salem United Brethren Church, of Lebanon, for six successive years.

On January 11, 1902, Mr. Knoll, a kind husband and loving father, entered into rest eternal, sincerely mourned, not only by his own family, but by his friends and fellow townsmen, who had learned to love and esteem him for his kindly ways and his honest upright life. He himself was a strictly self-made man, and the struggles of his own youth and early manhood were not forgotten in the prosperity of his later years, and many a poor struggler on fortune's ladder found in him a steadfast friend and wise counselor. His habits were temperate, and foreseeing the injurious effects of the liquor traffic on the coming generations, he threw the might of his political influence with the Prohibition party, and steadfastly labored for its success. His charity was broad and his impulses generous, and in his death the community lost a citizen loyal and true in every relation of life.

A. F. KLETT is a member of the firm of Fox & Klett, which was established at Rexmont, Lebanon county in 1889, and is a leading mercantile house in South Lebanon township, its proprietors, S. E. Fox and A. F. Klett, being recognized men of ability and progressive spirit. The senior partner resides in Lebanon, and the business is under the direct management of Mr. Klett.

Mr. Klett was born April 12, 1864, in Fredericksburg, Lebanon county, a son of Charles and Caroline (Feidler) Klett, the former of whom was born in Hessen-Darmstadt and the latter in Wurtemberg, Germany. These parents came to America prior to marriage, living until then and some time after, in Berks county, whence they moved to Fredericksburg, where the mother died in 1882, at the age of fifty-two years. The father, at the age of seventy-seven years, makes his home with one of his daughters, at Rexmont. Until he retired from activity, he followed the trade of wheelwright. Politically he has always been in sympathy with the Democratic party. Religiously both he and wife belonged from youth to the Lutheran Church. The four children born to these worthy parents were: Amelia, deceased, wife of Samuel Lemberger; Aaron F., of South Lebanon township; Irvin H., a clerk in his brother's establishment, who married Kate Souliard, and has one child, Guy; and Satilla, who married Pierce Kennedy, of Rexmont, and has one child, Myrtle.

Aaron F. Klett was reared in Fredericksburg and attended the public schools and then learned the trade of cigar-making, following the same for three years. He then accepted a position with S. E. Fox, at Cornwall, as

general assistant in his store and as a reliable deliverer of goods. His excellent record in this line, gained the attention and confidence of Mr. Fox to such an extent that he was gradually promoted until he was made head clerk and then it was but a step to a partnership. At this time the present business was established at Rexmont, and since then Mr. Klett has had its management, a position which the results have proven him to be eminently qualified for. In every department he exercises the same care and with the assistance of three employees, offers to the residents of Rexmont a choice selection of first-class goods at the latest market figures. Mr. Fox was the first post-master of this place, and was succeeded by Mr. Klett who held the office until 1901. His interest in all that concerns the community is sincere, and he has served very acceptably on the school board and has favored improvements and reforms wherever need became apparent. He has other business interests, having, in the fall of 1902, with his brother, purchased the mercantile establishment of Martin Gephardt, of Campbelltown, which is under the supervision of Irvin Klett and conducted under the firm name of Klett Bros. At present they are closing out this business for the purpose of locating and opening a general store and hardware store in the new Greiner Building at Palmyra.

Mr. Klett is a member of the Knights of the Mystic Chain, K. of M., Cornwall Beneficial, and A. F. & A. M., No. 226. On March 4, 1889, he was married to Miss Minnie Hartman, daughter of Samuel Hartman, of Cornwall, a lady of most estimable characteristics and a consistent member of the Methodist Church. One child has been born to this union, Charles Roy. Mr. Klett belongs to the Lutheran Church. He has, by his ability and strict integrity, gained the respect and esteem of all who know him.

MONROE J. STRICKLER, senior member of the firm of E. Strickler's Sons, millers, resides in Lebanon, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania.

ABRAHAM H. MILLER was born February 6, 1845, in North Annville township, Lebanon county, Pa. His father, Abraham Miller, was a son of John Miller, and was born and lived all his life on a farm at Heilmandale, North Annville township.

John Muller, the founder of the family in America, emigrated from Hamburg, Germany, in 1752, and settled in Lebanon (then Lancaster) county.

Abraham H. Miller was but an infant when his father died, and he was left entirely to the care of his mother Magdalene (Heisey) Miller, who was born in South Annville township, near the Horseshoe pike, in 1810, a daugh-



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ter of Henry Heisey, one of the prominent old families of that part of the country. The mother died in 1886. Mr. Miller was reared on a small farm adjoining the old homestead, where he and his mother lived alone until his two older brothers became old enough to farm the old place. At this time the whole family moved on the farm, and lived there for several years, but upon the marriage of the older brothers he and his mother again moved back to the small farm, where he remained until he became of age. On February 10, 1866, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Annie S. Kreider, a daughter of Edward Kreider, then steward of the Lebanon County Almshouse. The four children of this union now living (1903) are: Grant L., who has charge of the Miller Organ Company's music store in Lebanon; Henry Raymond, who is a member of the firm of Powers & Miller, shoe dealers of Lebanon; Ida N., wife of John C. Borgner; and Renie A., a young lady, at home with her parents. Two other children, Abner A. and William, died, both aged about three years. After marriage Mr. Miller and his wife set up house-keeping in an old one-story spring house on the homestead farm, where they resided several years, in 1869, removing to Lebanon, where they have since resided.

During nine years Mr. Miller was employed as teacher in various public schools in the winters, and in the summers he worked on the farm. In 1872 he resigned as teacher of one of the schools of Lebanon, and entered the hardware store of Philip Greenwalt, where he served one and one-half years, at the end of that time associating himself with Adam B. Miller, and forming the Miller Organ Company. During the first years of this partnership he worked in the factory wherever he was needed, and doing whatever he was able to perform—often turning the scroll-saw by hand, treading the turning-lathe, varnishing and furnishing organ cases, selling organs and doing office work. In a short time he became quite proficient in tuning, and for many years he personally tuned every organ manufactured, only relinquishing this part of work when the office demanded his entire attention.

Mr. Miller has taken an active interest in church and other religious work. He has been superintendent of St. Mark's Reformed Sunday School since its organization in 1885. He has also served as a director in the local Y. M. C. A., since its organization in Lebanon. For several years he has been a director of the People's National Bank of Lebanon, Pa., and in January, 1903, was elected president of that institution. The rest of Mr. Miller's history is bound up in the Miller Organ Company, to which he has thus far given thirty of the best years of his life. In politics he is a Republican.

ADAM B. MILLER was born January 10, 1848, in North Lebanon township, Lebanon county, Pa., a son of Rudolph Miller, and a grandson of Daniel Miller, both of Lebanon county. The origin of the family was in Germany. Mr. Miller was raised on a farm a short distance north of the city of Lebanon, and acquired his education in the common schools in the vicinity. In connection with farming his father engaged in carpenter work, and this gave young Adam early access to, and familiarity with tools, thus fostering a natural talent and mechanical bent which afterward brought about great results. On Nov. 14, 1868, he was united in marriage with Sarah Yeakley, a daughter of Joseph Yeakley, who lived near Jonestown, this county. Four children were born to this union, namely: Ella, who died aged three years; Harry, who died aged one and one-half years; Mary E., who is the wife of Howard Strickler, of Lebanon; and Miss Emma L. The religious connection of the family is with St. Mark's Reformed Church.

After his marriage Mr. Miller commenced life by farming the old homestead place, but his career as a farmer, was of short duration, as his mechanical turn of mind found no congeniality in following the plow. Before he commenced farming he had constructed many of his implements himself. He made harrows, plows, sleighs and even the harness for the horses himself, and it was during his first year's farming that he commenced and finished his first organ, building it at odd moments, mornings and evenings, as well as on days too inclement for working on the farm. His agricultural career was terminated in January, 1872, when he moved to town. There he worked for a short time at carpentering, but receiving several orders for organs he soon concluded to devote all his time to that work. Realizing, however, that he was handicapped by not having a thorough knowledge of the various processes necessary to the successful manufacture of such instruments, he made a visit to New York, with the intention of entering a factory and serving an apprenticeship. He made application at a large factory, stating that he wished to learn how to build organs. The foreman, upon looking him over, seemed inclined, probably from his rustic appearance, to take it as a good joke. He told him it would take him twenty years to learn to make an organ in all its parts, and refused to give him employment. With a heavy heart Mr. Miller retreated, but next day succeeded in purchasing from the concern the necessary material for several organs, and he returned home determined to go ahead and succeed anyhow. The balance of that year and the next were years of intense application and experiment, with many discouragements and difficulties all the way. However, during these eighteen months, the second shop was erected, and a few crude machines, such as a turning lathe, a small



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saw and a mortising machine, all worked by foot and hand power, were introduced and a number of instruments were finished and sold. Some of the difficulties refused, however, to be solved. One of the chief of these was the necessity of steam power and machinery adapted to the work. During the summer and fall he induced his future partner to join hands with him, and thenceforth there were two heads to plan and study, and two pairs of hands to work. The rest of Mr. Miller's history is bound up in the history of the Miller Organ Co., for it has been his life work, and all his energies were bent toward the success of the enterprise which he had the honor to originate. In politics he is a Democrat.

THE MILLER ORGAN COMPANY, well-known in this and many foreign countries, was founded and is owned by Adam B. and Abraham H. Miller, both natives of Lebanon county, where they have lived all their lives.

The story of the growth and development of the enterprise is both interesting and instructive. Its founders were men of no early technical training, no business prestige and hardly any financial backing. Their friends looked upon the venture as foolish, and some were outspoken in predicting its early failure; none of them would give the founders much encouragement. In 1870 Adam B. Miller, who was then farming the old homestead, conceived the idea of building an organ for his own use. He was led to this resolve for several reasons. First, he had somehow set his heart on being the possessor of such an instrument; and second, his father was firmly opposed and absolutely refused to give his consent to the purchase of one. His first step was to draw a rough sketch of the organ that was to be, on a box lid. This was comparatively an easy matter, but the inside construction of an organ he had never seen, and none of his friends or acquaintances had as yet possessed such instruments. Here was a dilemma. After some time he made the acquaintance of his future partner, who owned one that had become deranged. That was his opportunity. He offered to repair the instrument free of charge, and the offer was gladly accepted, thus giving Mr. Miller the opportunity he longed for. He forthwith made the plans for his organ, and when his day's work on the farm was accomplished, and on rainy days, he applied himself to the completion of his cherished task, and after three or four months had the satisfaction of seeing his work completed. This organ, though crude and simple, when compared with the elegant product emanating from the factory in after years, was nevertheless an object of satisfaction and pride to its owner. It is still in Mr. Miller's home, where it is destined to remain an heirloom of the family. When this instrument was seen by a relative of Mr. Miller, he was induced to build a similar one, for use in the relative's family,

and when this second instrument was finished he received another order. It was while this third instrument was building that he first thought of the possibility of his making the building of organs a business. Next spring there was a farmstock for sale, and Mr. Miller moved to town. He built a small shop on his lot, 10x12 feet, one story high, and in this made a number of organs. Orders now came in too fast for one man alone to build, and he hired a man to help him. The little shop soon was too small and a larger one was erected. This shop was built and laid out as a dwelling house, for the venture was as yet by no means sure, and should it fail the building could be used as a residence. At this juncture, October, 1873, the present partnership was formed. In 1874 the two-story dwelling-house was enlarged to three stories, and an addition of 40 feet, also three stories high, was built, and steam and modern machinery were introduced for the first time. With most encouraging success the business grew, and in 1878 an extension of 50 feet westward was made. In 1880 it was found necessary to add 50 feet eastward, and in 1883 the fourth-story part of the factory was built. In 1886, still expanding, an annex, or pipe organ shop, was erected, on the west side of Eighth street, three stories in height, which is now used for storage purposes, as the building of pipe organs was abandoned on account of the fact that the reed organ trade demanded all the resources of the firm.

This business is not of mushroom growth, its progress being regular from year to year, as the excellence of the product became known. In 1901 the factory employed sixty skilled laborers and manufactured over 1,600 organs. The trade extends all over the United States, and at least one-third of the output goes to foreign ports, the company having large sales in England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Holland, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, etc. The firm has also a fine retail store at No. 738 Cumberland street, Lebanon, where a large line of the most prominent makes of pianos is housed, and a large wholesale and retail piano business is transacted. This building is 200 feet deep, and was especially built by the firm and arranged for this purpose.

The proprietors of this industry are both men of mechanical ability, as well as of business acumen. They embarked in the enterprise under the greatest difficulties, with practically no capital and no demand, entering a field seemingly already full, and with no trade connections or business reputations in their proposed line. Sales were hard to make and frequently during the first year, after a ten-hour day of hard manual labor, the two proprietors would take a team and drive about the country half the night, negotiating



sales. The business is managed from the home office entirely, no traveling agents being employed. Indomitable energy, and faith in themselves and their enterprise, carried them through, and success finally came to them. Both partners are men of the most unquestioned integrity, and their personal standing is with the most prominent citizens of Lebanon.

GRANT L. MILLER, one of the enterprising young business men of Lebanon, at the present time the popular manager of the Miller Organ Company's music store, is a son of A. H. Miller, a member of the above company, and was born in Lebanon November 5, 1868. He was educated in the schools of his native city, from which he graduated in 1886, and at once entered upon a business life, becoming an attache of the Miller Organ Company, in their factory, where he remained until 1892. By that time he had secured such a knowledge of the business, and had shown to his superiors such good executive ability, that he was given the managership of their large music store, one of the most extensive in that line in the State. In this he has not disappointed his employers, and is conducting the store with the greatest success, his genial personality being a large factor in his popularity.

Mr. Miller is a leading figure in the social and religious life of the city, and is found in every movement which has for its object the betterment of society. He is a member of that popular organization for men, the Steitz Club, and of the St. Mark's Reformed Church.

Mr. Miller was happily married April 25, 1899, to Miss C. A. Baker, one of Lebanon's most accomplished young ladies, the daughter of Adolphus Baker, deceased, for long years a prominent citizen of the city. The union has been blessed with a sturdy little son, Grant L., Jr., born February 27, 1902.

AARON H. STEINER. Perhaps few residents of North Jackson township, Lebanon county, are better known in his locality than is Aaron H. Steiner, who conducts a fine farm three miles north of Myerstown, and operates the old Steiner mill, which was established by his father for the accommodation of the countryside, and which is still a recognized necessity.

Mr. Steiner was born December 31, 1853, in North Jackson township, a son of Moses and Lucy (Sparnuth) Steiner, the former of whom was long a farmer and miller in North Jackson township. He was born in 1829, a son of John Steiner (2), grandson of John, and great-grandson of Christian, the ancestry leading back to Germany. Christian Steiner came to Penn-

sylvania prior to the Revolutionary war, and founded a sturdy, honest, reliable and industrious family which has been honorably continued ever since. The children of John Steiner (2) were three in number, namely: Rebecca, who married John Miller; Franklin, long deceased; and Moses, who became the father of Aaron H.

About 1849 Moses Steiner married Lucy Spannuth, and five children were born to this union, as follows: Rebecca, the wife of Aaron Spittler, of Bethel township, who has conducted a general mercantile business at Greenville, Pa., for about thirty years; Aaron H.; Albert, a farmer of North Jackson township; Elizabeth, the wife of P. P. Batdorf, of Myerstown; and Susan, the wife of Franklin Albert, of Myerstown. The parents of this family were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. The father died in 1896. When only eighteen years of age, before the public schools were organized, he opened a subscription school in a building which still stands, near Aaron Steiner's residence. After the public schools were organized he was a teacher in same successfully for a number of years.

Aaron H. Steiner was reared on the home farm, which he now owns and occupies, and obtained his education in the country schools. With his father he learned the principles of both farming and milling, and has put them both to such practical use that he is now one of the substantial as well as prominent men of his locality. His well cultivated farm of forty acres, with its excellent improvements, testifies to his excellence in agriculture, while the old mill, built fifty years ago, under his capable operation gives most excellent satisfaction to its numerous patrons. The politics of the Steiner family have always been Democratic in tenor, and Mr. Steiner is a leading worker in his vicinity and has held a number of the local offices. For three years he was the efficient township auditor, has been judge of elections, and is now a useful member of the school board. For many years he has been deacon and elder in the Lutheran Church at Myerstown, and is a man whose integrity is above reproach.

On January 4, 1873, Mr. Steiner was married to Miss Amanda Brown, daughter of William and Priscilla (Price) Brown, who are deceased, and a member of an old and honored family of Bethel township. Mrs. Steiner is one of a family of six children, namely: John, of Spring City, Montgomery Co., Pa.; Amanda, Mrs. Steiner; Emma, the wife of William Edris, of Reading; Morris, of Reading; Susan, wife of John Heninger, of Berks county; and Elizabeth, wife of Harry Miller, of Reading. The Brown family is a very highly estimated one in Lebanon county.

A family of five children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Steiner, as follows: Harvey, who is clerk in a store at Lebanon, was married in 1899 to Miss Emma Walborn, daughter of Noah Walborn, of North Jackson; Jennie, Annie (who is a school teacher in Jackson township), Miles (who is a school teacher in Jackson township), and Wayne are all at home. Mr. Steiner has given his children educational advantages, and they and the parents are among the most esteemed residents of the neighborhood.

DAVID REBSTOCK, senior member of the firm of Rebstock & Benjamin, proprietors of the Lebanon Steam Laundry, was born March 23, 1858, in the Fourth ward, Lebanon, a son of Francis and Catherine (Walters) Rebstock, the former of whom was born in Germany, and the latter in Lebanon county.

Francis Rebstock, the father, was born in 1830, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to the United States in 1851. After spending some time in New York City and State he came to Lebanon, and died here in 1870. His marriage was to Catherine Walters, who was born at Jonestown, Lebanon county, a daughter of Andrew Walters, a native of the United States, of German ancestry. Two children were born to these parents, David and Elizabeth. The latter, born in Lebanon, was educated in the public schools, graduated from the high school, and is engaged in teaching in Lebanon. During the years from 1861 to 1865 the family resided in Buffalo, New York.

David Rebstock attended the public schools of Lebanon and entered the high school, but the death of his father threw responsibilities upon him which made it necessary for him to leave his books and assist in the maintenance of the family. When but twelve years of age he became an employe of the "Eagle Hotel," in Lebanon, and continued his service there for three years, beginning then an apprenticeship to the plumbing business. One year later the firm with which he was connected failed, and thus disarranged his plans. Mr. Rebstock then took charge of the "Eagle" restaurant, in the basement of the "Eagle Hotel," and managed that enterprise for six years. His next business venture was in the transportation line; buying out an old business he engaged in the transfer of passengers and baggage, and successfully continued same for nineteen years, selling in 1900.

In 1889, in partnership with G. S. Bowman, Mr. Rebstock established the Lebanon Steam Laundry, but this business association lasted only three months. Mr. Bowman was succeeded by C. E. Rauch, and six years later Mr. Rebstock bought the latter's interest and took his foreman, Frederick G. Haddon, into partnership. On January 7, 1902, Mr. Haddon sold his

interest to D. H. Benjamin, and the firm style now is Rebstock & Benjamin. They do general laundry work, and make a specialty of shirt work for New York shirt manufacturers. During the winter months 170 people are employed, and in the summers 218 are needed, and on account of expanding business and better accommodations the number may be increased to 300. This one of the largest stock laundries in the country, the work being of the best kind, and every modern device being employed for the satisfaction of patrons.

Mr. Rebstock was one of the organizers of the North Lebanon Shoe Factory and is a director in that concern, and is also vice-president of the Shamokin & Mt. Carmel Street Railway Company, in the coal regions near Sunbury, Pa. Mr. Rebstock is a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, in which he is much interested, and belongs to the Royal Arcanum, P. O. S. of A. and A. O. U. W. His political affiliation is with the Democratic party, and he is serving his third term as a member of the select council of Lebanon, representing the Third ward.

In 1889 Mr. Rebstock was married to Emma C. Dietzler, daughter of Rev. J. M. Dietzler, of Annville, Pa., pastor of the New Lutheran Church of that place. Mrs. Rebstock was born at Bernville, Berks Co., Pa., March 17, 1858, and is a lady of education and pleasing presence. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rebstock: Allen E., Charles A., David, Beatrice and Adelaide, twins, James E. and Catherine.

Mr. Rebstock is a member of the Moravian Church of Lebanon, of which he has been a trustee for eighteen years, and has been the efficient superintendent of the Sunday-school for fourteen years.

**LIGHT.** For a number of years the name of Light has represented in Lebanon county a high standard of citizenship, its representatives taking a conspicuous position in the political, business and religious affairs of South Lebanon township.

Nimrod Light, the present popular postmaster at Avon, Lebanon county, and also a prominent dealer in grain, coal and feed, a member of the well-known firm of Light Brothers, was born March 5, 1851, in Avon, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Horst) Light. Joseph Light was a son of Joseph and Catherine (Light) Light, old residents, and was born in 1824 in South Lebanon township. He died in 1879, one of the most prominent men of his locality. He was reared on the farm, and educated in the schools of his vicinity, and early developed a fine business instinct which led him into mercantile pursuits. In association with his brother-in-law, Henry Horst, he

embarked in a mercantile business at Avon, which he later removed to Annville and carried on there until 1855. Mr. Light was appointed postmaster when the office was established at Avon, and then embarked in a grain and coal business, taking as partners David Werner and Henry Smith Weiss. A few years later these partners retired, and after a time alone Mr. Light admitted to partnership John Swope. This connection continued until 1873, when these partners were bought out by their sons, Nimrod Light and John A. Swope. Mr. Light then gave his whole attention to his official duties as postmaster and associate judge, filling both those honorable offices until his death. He was one of the active and influential Republicans of his district and little was done in his county without his knowledge and approval. For years he was one of the magistrates of North Lebanon township; was treasurer of the Almshouse; was one of the most useful and intelligent members of the Board of Education; and as agent attended to the railroad business at Avon, from the establishment of the station there. No less active was Mr. Light in advancing the interests of his religious body, the United Brethren Church being indebted to him for much of its financial prosperity, his long service as one of its trustees being most effective. Mr. Light was a man universally respected. To his marriage with Sarah Horst came eleven children, namely: Joseph H., deceased, formerly the editor of the *Daily News*; Nimrod; Miss Amelia; Noah, of the firm of Light Brothers; Barbara, the wife of Rev. S. S. Daugherty, of Lititz; Stephen A.; Miss Sadie; Mary Ellen and Lizzie, both deceased; Annie, the wife of Daniel Weidman, of Lititz; and Asaph, deceased. The mother survived the father twenty-one years, dying in 1900, at the age of seventy-two.

NIMROD LIGHT, who is so well and favorably known to the citizens of Avon, was educated in the public schools, and as noted, in 1874, in association with John A. Swope, succeeded to the prosperous grain, coal and feed business managed by their fathers, the new firm being Light & Swope, which continued until 1889, when occurred the death of Mr. Swope. Mr. Light then admitted to partnership his brother Noah, and the firm style became Light Brothers. The attention of the members of this firm is given to this business and also to the cultivation of a fine tract of eighteen acres. Mr. Light is a Republican, and he succeeded to the office of postmaster at the time of his father's decease, filling the same to the complete satisfaction of all concerned. Mr. Light has taken a deep interest in educational matters, and has given useful service as school director.

In 1873 Mr. Light was married to Miss Melissa Light, born in 1853, in

South Lebanon township, a daughter of Felix H. and Sarah (Henry) Light. A family of seven children has been born to Nimrod Light and wife, as follows: Charles H., who follows the trade of miller, married Kate Gass; Minnie married William Saltzer, of Lebanon, and they have two children, Miriam and Bessie; Herbert is deceased; Bennett, Bessie, Nancy and Horace are all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Light are very prominent members of the United Brethren Church, Mr. Light being one of the trustees and a frequent delegate to the church conventions. Like his father, he has devoted time and means to the furthering of the work of the Avon church, and not only in it, but in the community, is most highly regarded. He shows his interest in his community by his ready and liberal assistance in all the movements which his judgment assures him will benefit the town, and by his exemplary life sets an example of a high standard of citizenship.

STEPHEN A. LIGHT, another member of the Light family who is most favorably known in Lebanon county, was born in 1861, in North Lebanon township, the sixth child of Joseph and Sarah (Horst) Light. He completed the common school course, and then entered the Lebanon Valley College, leaving there to engage in teaching. After four terms of teaching he became associated with his brothers in the grain and feed business, this connection dating from 1890. Since 1895, however, he has added other interests, starting in a small way his textile works under the name of the Avon Knitting Mills, an industry which has through his energy and ability, been developed into a thriving and expanding business. In 1897 he found it advisable to admit a partner, T. G. Spangler becoming a member of the firm, and at the same time a slight change was made in the firm business style, which is now the Avon Knitting Company. In 1900 it was incorporated with the following officers: Samuel L. Light, president; T. G. Spangler, secretary; Stephen A. Light, treasurer; and Prof. E. Benjamin Bierman, vice-president. After the incorporation the plant was enlarged, and now gives employment to 100 persons, although the business was started with less than twenty-five. The output, mainly skirts and underwear, is of such uniform excellence that a ready market is already found in almost every State in the Union. The energy of Mr. Light keeps everything moving, and his influence is felt in every department of the great business.

In 1900 Mr. Light was united in marriage with Miss Ella Krall, and they have one daughter, Helen. In politics Mr. Light is a staunch Republican. Like his father and older brothers, he is active in the United Brethren Church. His business and personal standing is high, and he worthily represents an honorable Lebanon county name.

JOSEPH ASBURY SOWERS, president of The Report Publishing Company, of Lebanon, Pa., owning and conducting *The Evening Report* newspaper, daily except Sunday, and *The Semi-Weekly Report*, both influential and prosperous journals of the famed Lebanon Valley, and one of the largest and most progressive job, book and general printing establishments in interior Pennsylvania, was born March 3, 1858, in Lebanon, his parents being John and Catharine (Uhler) Sowers.

He received a good rudimentary education, and learned the printer's trade in his native town, working at the same in Philadelphia and later in the middle West. In 1877 he located in Hamburg, Iowa, and, two years later, married Miss Mary E. Alberson of that place. In 1879, with M. J. Stauffer, he founded the Sidney (Iowa) *Democrat*. He was also associated at one time with the Shenandoah (Iowa) *Reporter*, as business manager. In 1882 he returned to Lebanon, where, with his brother, Edwin U. Sowers, he founded the business which has in the past twenty-one years developed into the large interests of The Report Publishing Company.

The history of this enterprise is unique. In 1882 the Sowers brothers established a job printing office on the third floor of the Raber building, the first floor being occupied by Levi Laudermilch, dry-goods merchant. The job printing firm was known under the style of Sowers & Bro. until 1890, at which time The Report Publishing Company (limited) was formed, and *The Report* newspaper established. In 1900 the above partnership was discontinued and the company was incorporated with J. A. Sowers as president; E. U. Sowers, secretary and treasurer, and the following directors: J. P. S. Gobin, James Lord, J. L. Lemberger and Ira M. Rutter. This same board of officers and directors continues, with the addition to the directors of Silas S. Herr. The growth of the concern, beginning with the establishment of the small jobbing plant in the room on the third floor of a building on Cumberland street, to its present large and commodious buildings, fronting on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, between Ninth and Tenth streets, has been marvelous. Before the erection of the present buildings, a handsome stone front structure was erected on North Ninth street, near Cumberland, but this soon proved inadequate. Then followed the present three-story brick building, 40 x 120 feet, to which an addition was made subsequently, of 50 x 80 feet, with a frontage of one-half a block. The plant consists of five cylinder presses, three jobbers, five linotype machines, with a complete pamphlet bindery, three folding machines, two wire stitchers, power paper cutter, all of which is in addition to the other accessories of a complete job and newspaper plant. All machinery is driven by electricity, each machine

having its own separate power. The company make a specialty of church and Sunday School work, and are handling over twenty regular publications for Philadelphia and New York concerns, besides numerous periodicals and pamphlets.

Mr. Sowers has an interesting family of three sons and two daughters. He is a leading member and officer of Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a man of deep political convictions, but independent in thought and action. His influence is always felt for good men in public office and for measures regarded economically sound as gauged by the scientific trend of the age, regardless of partisan traditions and sentiments. He is a thorough business man, his personal and practical knowledge of details being considered remarkable. It is a noted fact in the Report establishment, that he can, upon an instant's notice, take the place, in the company's plant, of any employe, however high or however low his position, and whether in the mechanical or other departments. A strict disciplinarian and a man of iron will, his personality is yet modified by a warm heart and a generous nature, endearing him to all who come in contact with him, yet abating in no degree the uniform respect accorded him. Like more notable figures in the history of American publication interests and journalism, Mr. Sowers, in the way of recreation, takes deep interest in out-door, horticultural and agricultural pursuits, both theoretically and practically, his pleasant suburban home to the east of Lebanon affording him opportunities in this direction.

EDWIN UHLER SOWERS, secretary and treasurer of The Report Publishing Company, Lebanon, Pa., of which extended mention is made in the foregoing, was born in Lebanon, September 1, 1864. His father, John Sowers, a native of Franklin county, Pa., was born in 1795, and married Catharine Uhler, of Lebanon county, Pennsylvania.

Edwin U. Sowers was reared in Lebanon, receiving his education in the public schools. After finishing his scholastic course he learned the printer's trade in the office of the *Pennsylvanier*, a newspaper owned by John Young, and the English and general job printing department of which was in charge of Joseph H. Light, well known in publication circles. The apprenticeship of the subject of this sketch was interrupted by ill health, but he finally completed his novitiate in the office of the *Lebanon Advertiser*, a widely known journal of its day, and, at the time referred to, owned by William M. Breslin. Subsequently, Mr. Sowers was engaged in the notion and men's furnishing store of Simon G. Boltz, and in 1882 embarked with his brother,



Joseph A. Sowers, in the printing business, since developed into the concerns of The Report Publishing Company.

In 1885 Mr. Sowers married Martha E. Herr, the accomplished daughter of Christian Herr, deceased, of Lancaster county, Pa. They have two bright sons, one of whom is nearly grown. Their delightful home is located in Berwyn Park, one of the fashionable residential sections of Lebanon, in which city Mr. and Mrs. Sowers are important social and religious factors.

Mr. Sowers is a member of Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church and is superintendent of the Sunday School, one of the largest and most active in Lebanon.

In politics Mr. Sowers is in no sense a partisan. He is a supporter of high ideals in public life, wherever found, and a worker for good government irrespective of party lines. He stands for sound business methods in local governmental matters, uninfluenced by economic dogmas affecting national concerns. He has a capacity for affairs, and a pleasant personality which adds to his effectiveness as a business man, coming in contact with others. He has artistic and literary tastes which make themselves felt in various departments of the newspapers owned by his company. He has the love of exactness which characterizes the successful business man, but this does not dull his personal generosity. He is devoted to his calling, his home, his church and his native city of Lebanon.

JOHN J. WEIGLEY, whose attractive farm stands in the suburbs of Richmond, just north of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, is one of the successful agriculturists of his township. He has made his money in the continuous pursuit of one main industry, and besides his fine farm, now owns valuable property in the village. He was born February 12, 1842, a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Zeller) Weigley.

Mr. Weigley's family is of English extraction, and his great-grandfather Weigley came from England, and was among the early settlers of Millcreek township, where for years he was an influential citizen. Jacob Weigley, grandfather of John J., received the ordinary rearing of pioneer boys of his day. Upon reaching manhood he settled upon a farm in Millcreek township, and engaged in agriculture. He was thrifty and industrious, and made a good home for himself and family. By his marriage there were ten children: Mary, Isaac, Charles, William, Allen, Oliver, John, Lucy, Caroline and Henrietta, all deceased except Caroline. The father of this family was a strong, capable pioneer, and assisted materially in developing the resources of his section. He was public spirited and influential in local affairs.

Isaac Weigley, father of John J., won a good place for himself in life as an agriculturist and an artisan. Born in Millcreek township, in 1813, he there received careful training in habits of industry and self reliance. By assisting his father on the farm he early became familiar with practical methods of agriculture; and as a further equipment for life he learned pump-making. Upon reaching manhood he married Elizabeth Zeller, who was born in Millcreek township, and was a descendant of an old family, who settled in the same township, between 1704 and 1715. By this union there were seven children: Melinda; Cathryn; Francis, who enlisted in the Civil war, and died in the service; John J., who is mentioned below; and Wayne, Jacob and William. After his marriage Mr. Weigley settled upon a farm in Millcreek township, and there engaged very successfully in agriculture. Hard work and wise management transformed the wild tracts into well-cultivated fields, yielding abundant harvests, and continuing to prosper he made a comfortable home for himself and family. In addition to his farming he worked at his trade as a pump-maker, and being proficient in his line, secured all the work he could possibly attend to, thus materially increasing his income. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-five, and died in 1898. Mr. Weigley was a wise business manager, and a thorough, conscientious workman. His well-directed efforts and his high moral character won him the respect of the community. As a Democrat in politics his word carried weight in local affairs. He was a consistent member of the Reformed Church.

John J. Weigley inherited his father's taste for rural pursuits, and his skill in managing affairs. On the home farm in Millcreek township he received the ordinary rearing of boys of his locality, early evincing traits of self-reliance and competency. He procured his education in the public schools of his vicinity, receiving thorough drill in the rudiments, which he has later supplemented by extensive reading and contact with the world. Both environment and education decided him upon reaching manhood to make farming the business of his life. About 1868 Mr. Weigley married Maria Kilmer, of Marion township, Berks county, who was born in 1851, daughter of Israel and Lavina (Botdorff) Kilmer. To Mr. and Mrs. Weigley have been born seven children: Ira F., a cigar manufacturer, of Richland; Mary L., who married Eugene Eck, of Shamrock, Berks county, and resides in Richland; Harry, a carpenter and machinist of Richland; Dawson K., a clerk with the Geib Mercantile Co., of Richland; Robert I., a teacher in Millcreek township, who resides at home; Ray W.; and Kathryn E., who is living at home.

After his marriage Mr. Weigley settled upon a neat little forty-acre farm in the suburbs of Richland, where he now resides. Giving his time largely to

the cultivation of this place, he has thoroughly developed its resources. He has put the buildings in excellent condition, equipped the place with all necessary machinery, and now has a most attractive and productive farm. He has made well out of his industry, and owns a fine residence and four acres of valuable land in the village of Richland. Mr. Weigley has achieved his success by directing his forces in one main line, preferring to perfect one thing rather than to half do many. He is honest in business, temperate in habits, and kind in his family. The Reformed Church of Tulpehocken counts him among its most worthy members. As a strong Democrat he has always evinced a keen interest in public affairs.

Israel Kilmer, father of Mrs. Weigley, is a descendant of an old family of Berks county. He married Lavina Botdorff, who also comes of a pioneer family of Berks county. To Mr. and Mrs. Kilmer were born six children: Emma, Maria, Levi, Rebecca, Martha and Isaac.

HARRY DIETZ, superintendent of the Tulpehocken Stone Quarries, of South Jackson township, in the little village of Millardsville, and an honored and respected citizen of Myerstown, was born January 16, 1849, in York county, Pa., a son of Eli and Susan (Hale) Dietz.

Eli Dietz was a son of Henry Dietz, also a native of York county, and was of German extraction. Henry Dietz was the father of a numerous family, their names being thus recorded: Samuel, Emanuel, Philip, Eli, Elizabeth, Sarah, Susan, Mary and Elinor. All of them have passed away except Philip and Susan.

Eli Dietz, the father of Harry, was born January 4, 1823, in York county, and died in 1896. In 1845 he married Susan Hale, who was born in 1818, and died in 1882. They were the parents of a large family, the six who grew to maturity being: Katherine, deceased; Harry; John, a farmer in Cumberland county; Ellen, deceased, who was the wife of William Bricker; Miss Mary, with her brother in Cumberland county; and Samuel, a farmer of the same county. The earlier members of the family were farmers, but Eli Dietz was a carpenter by trade, and an honest, industrious, self-respecting man, devoted to his family and the support of the Mennonite Church. In politics he was a Democrat.

Harry Dietz, the well-known citizen of Myerstown, removed with his parents to Cumberland county when a child of four years, and was reared and educated there. In young manhood he was occupied with various enterprises, after marriage beginning to farm in York county, but within two years he had established an excellent blacksmithing business in the same

locality, and conducted same for twelve years. In 1890 he came to Lebanon county and embarked in stone quarrying with Jacob B. Millard, at the Tulpehocken Quarries, where he has been the very efficient manager and superintendent ever since. Mr. Dietz and his son John L. have since engaged in the quarry business under the name of Harry Dietz & Son, having dissolved the connection with the before mentioned Jacob B. Millard, with whom they started in the business. The quarries are very valuable, and the work under Mr. Dietz's superintendence has resulted in the placing on the market of some of the finest stone found in the county. In manner pleasant yet firm, Mr. Dietz is on very amicable relations with his employes, and has no difficulty in adjusting little differences such as always will occur where a large body of men are at work, to the satisfaction of all without loss to the business.

Prior to his marriage Mr. Dietz was engaged at work in Harrisburg for a time, but, as noted, for a number of years he has resided in Lebanon county and Jackson township. On August 10, 1876, he was married to Rachel E. Millard, daughter of Jacob and Anna Millard, of York county. She was the youngest of a family of four surviving children, the others being: Andrew B., of Cumberland county; Webster, of York county; Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Millard, of York Haven, Pa.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dietz: J. Eby, deceased; J. Lerue, engaged with his father at Millardsville; W. G., a machinist of Myers-town; and Anna M., who died in childhood.

In politics Mr. Dietz, like his father, has always zealously supported the Democratic party. Since 1897 he has been a very useful member of the school board and an interested, public-spirited citizen. His religious connection is with the Winebrennerian Church. Mr. Dietz started out in life much handicapped by limited means, but he has always been active and industrious, and now has the satisfaction of occupying a responsible position in business and of enjoying the esteem and respect of his fellow-citizens.

ADAM GRITTINGER, late one of Lebanon county's most prominent men, having been active in the affairs of the county for upwards of half a century, was a native of the county, born in Londonderry township, January 1, 1800, a son of John Grittinger and his wife Jean Nichols, the former of German descent, and the latter of Irish. His educational advantages were limited, consisting only of a few years in the common schools of the county, which at that early period were poor, indeed. While a lad he was apprenticed to a carpenter, but his ambition to secure knowledge and advance himself in life, prompted him to continue his studies at every opportunity, and it was in



Adam Gittinger

reading all books which came within reach that his leisure hours were spent. As he grew up, he became a school teacher, and as such was employed in Hummelstown.

On July 12, 1829, Mr. Grittinger was married to Elizabeth Snively, eldest daughter of John and Catharine Snively of Shady Grove, Franklin county, Pa. Of the large family of children born to them, there survive but two, Catharine J. (wife of John K. Funck) and HENRY C., both residing in Lebanon. The wife and mother died March 19, 1857.

Mr. Grittinger located in Lebanon about 1830 and for the following two years was engaged in mercantile business, after which he returned to teaching. During the year 1836-37 he was employed as an assistant engineer in the location and construction of the State canal intended to connect the headwaters of the Allegheny and Susquehanna rivers. Subsequently he became a conveyancer and surveyor, and so continued until his death, securing a large business and gaining a very high reputation in his profession, and was considered to have had few equals in that line. In about 1838 he was elected clerk of the Orphan's Court of Lebanon county, and in 1847-48, he represented the county in the State Legislature. He held the position of county surveyor several terms, was chief burgess of the borough of Lebanon in 1863-64, and was prominently identified with the public schools of the town. His death occurred September 16, 1874. Mr. Grittinger was a man of high integrity, sterling qualities of head and heart, and was greatly respected by the entire community.

JOHN B. STOHLER, of Heidelberg township, blacksmith and manufacturer of edge tools, with business located about two miles southwest of Schaefferstown, was born July 15, 1841, near Elizabeth Furnace, Clay township, Lancaster county, a son of John and Sarah (Beamesderfer) Stohler.

The Stohler family probably came from the Palatinate, Germany, to America prior to the time of the Revolution. John Stohler, the grandfather, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was a native of Lancaster county. He was the father of sons and daughters, namely, by his first wife: John, Henry, George, Polly and Catherine; and by his second wife, Lydia, Susan and William. Catherine died unmarried, but Polly became the wife of Isaac Good.

John Stohler (2), father of John B., was born October 13, 1814, in Lebanon county, and died January 6, 1894, aged seventy-nine years. His marriage to Sarah Beamesderfer resulted in the birth of four children, namely: Sarah, Mary, John B. and Andrew, all of whom have passed away

except John B. By trade Mr. Stohler was a blacksmith. In politics he was a Republican. In religion he was a member of the Lutheran Church. He was well known in his locality for his industrious habits, and the business he established in 1842, coming from Elizabeth Furnace, is still carried on by his son at the same place

John B. Stohler was two years of age when his parents settled in Heidelberg township, and he grew up in the knowledge of his trade under his father's instruction. He attended the local schools and received a common education. He began working in the blacksmith shop at the age of ten, operating the bellows, and he had a box placed in front of the anvil on which he stood, with sledge in hand, to help his father forge the iron as it was brought from the fire. The first horse that he shod was brought to the shop by J. H. Wise, now judge of the courts of Dauphin county, Pa. In 1861 he went to Stephenson county, Ill., and in 1862 left and accompanied Frank Tarbox, a freighter, as one of his teamsters. He drove a team of mules from Freeport, Ill., to Boulder City and Denver, Colo., loaded with agricultural implements. It took fifty-two days to make this trip. He stayed at Boulder City and Denver during the summer, working at blacksmithing and in November returned to Freeport, Ill., working for some time in a reaper factory. In 1863 he left for Rockford, Ill., and entered Mannes' Machine shop. From Rockford, Ill., he went to Indianapolis, Ind., and worked in Sinker's machine shop, and then worked his way around to his old home. Mr. Stohler is known as a skilled workman and his neighbors have reason to feel gratified that after trying other localities, he finally chose his old home as his permanent place of residence.

Mr. Stohler is especially skilled in the art of making edge tools by hand, and while he makes all kinds, his specialty is the "Home-made Stohler axe," for which the demand has ever been greater than the supply, regardless of the fact the cost is more than double that of factory made axes. The wood cutters, carpenters and farmers for miles around use these tools, all of which are made and tempered in charcoal fire, Mr. Stohler burning his own charcoal. He is gifted in being able to detect any possible flaw in the steel, and has an instinctive knowledge of tempering that as yet has never failed him. People frequently come some distance to see him, and have him fashion tools of their own designing. Nor is his skill wholly confined to tool making, as he is an able blacksmith, and a mason—doing most of the mason work in building his shop, barn and houses—and besides is something of a carpenter and plasterer, to the extent of doing his own work. He has even made some of his furniture. He has been in business for thirty-seven years, has built

up a very prosperous trade, has accumulated property, and is looked upon as one of the substantial men of the township as well as one of the most highly esteemed.

In 1869 Mr. Stohler married Amanda Werner, daughter of Beneville and Laura (Beekey) Werner, and three children were born to this union, as follows: John N., a graduate of the Millersville State Normal School, is a teacher in Heidelberg township; Estella M. is the wife of Evan Kurtz, of Heidelberg township; and Sallie L. is the wife of Lucian L. Zimmerman, a farmer of Millcreek township. In politics Mr. Stohler has been a life-long Republican. In religious connection he is a Lutheran and has been deacon and trustee in the Schaefferstown Church. Mrs. Stohler belongs to an old county family, and was born July 28, 1841, the other members of the family being: Malinda; Emanuel; Sarah; Isaac, of Myerstown; and Catherine, wife of Reuben Miller, of Cornwall township.

EDMUND DISSINGER, a prominent citizen and representative business man of Bismarck, Lebanon county, who has been identified with the interests of this town since 1881, was born September 25, 1856, in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, a son of Jacob and Mary (Newman) Dissinger.

Jacob Dissinger and his wife were both born in Millcreek township. The former learned the blacksmith trade and followed it through life with success, working first at the "Halfway House" in North Lebanon township, and later at Reistville, where he died at the age of seventy-nine years. Mr. Dissinger was one of the most respected men of his community, and for many years was a deacon in the Lutheran Church. He was well known as a skilled workman, and this reputation his son, Edmund, has sustained. A family of ten children was born to Jacob Dissinger and his wife, as follows: Jacob and Jonathan both died in childhood; Emma, a twin of Jacob, married James Steinmetz, and resides at Schaefferstown; Amelia married Frank Ice-man, of Iowa; Mary Ann married F. P. Lauser, of Palmyra; Edmund and Isabel, twins, the latter the wife of Alfred Witmer, of Reistville; Thomas H., a wheelwright, of Reistville; and George and David, twins, the former of these being a blacksmith at Reistville, and the latter a merchant at Sporting Hill, Lancaster county.

Edmund Dissinger attended the public schools and as a boy played around his father's forge, and when old enough learned the business, and worked for his father for eight years. Locating then at West Myerstown, he worked there for one year, and then, on March 17, 1881, established himself at Bismarck, where he has continued ever since. There is very little



about a general blacksmith business that Mr. Dissinger does not understand, and his trade is large, the community relying on his skill, for he is an excellent mechanic. Through his industry Mr. Dissinger has accumulated a competency, and owns his shop and two dwellings, both valuable properties. Mr. Dissinger is a man of public spirit and intelligence, and he served very acceptably on the school board for three years.

In 1879 Edmund Dissinger was married to Miss Malinda A. Witmer, born July 21, 1856, at Bismarck, daughter of Henry and Ann (Feese) Witmer, and a family of six children was born to this union, namely: Sadie is at home; David, who is engaged in business with his father, married Vergie Lehman; Katie Ann is deceased; and Clara, Ada and Edmund. For a considerable period Mr. Dissinger has been an active member of the Reformed Church. He is one of the town's reliable men. His paternal grandfather, George Dissinger, was a noted veterinary surgeon in Heidelberg township, and the maternal grandfather, David Newman, of Millcreek township, was one of the best carpet weavers of that vicinity.

JACOB B. KARCH. In the death of this man, November 20, 1897, the city of Lebanon lost one of its most substantial citizens, and the Valley National Bank one of the most efficient men who ever filled the position of cashier. He was reared to a business life, as his father, Joseph Karch, had been for years a prominent Lebanon banker. The elder Mr. Karch made Lebanon his home for a long period. During the early part of his career he engaged in the mercantile business, but later he became cashier of the Valley National Bank, which position he filled with much credit to himself. Mr. Karch married Amelia Heichold, and they had two children: Jacob B., who is mentioned below; and Maria, who married Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, of the Reformed Church.

Jacob B. Karch was born in the city of Lebanon, February 2, 1851, and there grew to manhood, receiving his early education in the schools of that place. Intellectually ambitious, he was later sent to Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa., and finally, as a preparation for his future career, he attended the Eastman Business College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., graduating with honor. Clearly competent to fill a responsible position, he now entered the Valley National Bank, of which his father was then cashier, and began work as a bookkeeper and assistant cashier. This place he filled very acceptably for ten years. On September 17, 1872, Mr. Karch married Mary A. Plummer, of Chesapeake City, Md., a most admirable woman, who has won for herself hosts of friends in Lebanon. Since

her husband's death she has lived in retirement at her new and pleasant residence on Cumberland street. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Karch: Joseph P., an engineer at Pittsburg, Pa., who married May Wales, of Hornerstown, N. J.; Mary C., who died young; and Martha T., who married John J. Mack, a wholesale grocer of Lebanon, and has one child, Josephine E.

Mr. Karch, upon the death of his father, became cashier of the Valley National Bank, and, winning the entire confidence of stockholders and depositors, retained this position throughout the rest of his life, altogether thirty years. Mr. Karch's business dealings were always marked by clear-headedness and the strictest honesty. Possessed of many winning traits, he always gained the good-will and respect of clerks and assistants. Fraternally he stood high, and affiliated with the F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F.

JACOB FORNEY, one of the leading and prominent farmers of Cornwall township, Lebanon county, was born on the farm where he is still living, April 14, 1850, a son of John and Sallie (Bachman) Forney.

John Forney was born on the homestead farm, where he resided during his life, which terminated in 1854, while he was still a young man. His widow was left with one child, Jacob. John Forney was a farmer by occupation, and a son of John Forney, Sr. Sallie Forney married again, her second husband being Henry Gingrich, now also deceased, by whom she had four children. Mrs. Gingrich is still living at the age of seventy-eight years, a most remarkable lady, deeply beloved by her children and all who know her.

Jacob Forney was reared upon the home farm and in South Annville township, being educated in the public schools. After his marriage, he began farming on the old homestead, which he owns, consisting of 140 acres of rich, well improved land, on which he carries on general farming. This property is very valuable, and has been in the possession of the family for nearly one hundred years.

On November 23, 1871, Mr. Forney married Miss Mary Shenk, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Henry) Shenk, born in Dauphin county, near Palmyra, Lebanon county, April 2, 1853, and two children have been born to this union: John B. and Harry S., both at home. Mr. Forney is one of the public-spirited men of the county. In political matters, he is a staunch Republican, and has served most acceptably on the school board. During the many years he has been connected with the best interests of this county, Mr. Forney has proven himself a worthy, honorable, upright man, and has always kept

himself well posted on current affairs, so that he can converse intelligently and agreeably upon many matters.

AUGUSTUS STONER SMITH, M. D., one of the well known physicians of Lebanon county, Pa., and prothonotary of Lebanon county, was born in Bethel township, Berks county, adjoining Bethel township, Lebanon county, February 28, 1840, a son of Martin Smith.

Martin Smith was born in Dauphin county, now Lebanon County, Pa., in 1794, and died in Millersburg, Pa., in 1855, aged sixty-one years and two months. The mother of Dr. Smith was Elizabeth Stoner, who was born in East Hanover, Lebanon Co., Pa., in 1806, and died in 1886, aged eighty years and one day. The paternal grandfather was Peter Smith, born in Dauphin county, Pa., now Lebanon, and his wife was Barbara Moyer. The maternal grandfather was Jacob Stoner, a native of West Hanover township, Dauphin county, and his wife was Elizabeth. The father of Dr. Smith learned the trade of shoemaking, and followed it for a number of years, but later in life was a farmer.

Dr. Smith was born and reared on the farm until he was between five and six years of age, when he was taken by his parents to Millersburg, and there attended the common schools. Later he took a course at Myerstown Academy, in Lebanon county, and still later had the advantage of several terms at Freeland Seminary, now Ursinus College. After graduation, Dr. Smith began to earn his own living as a clerk in the general store of Fredrick Harner, at Millersburg, and subsequently began the study of medicine in that village with the late Dr. Daniel L. Batdorf.

In 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company F, One Hundred and Sixty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, being mustered into service, November 12, 1862, and was honorably discharged with the regiment, August 12, 1863. He was transferred from the ranks to the position of hospital steward, which he held at the time of his discharge. The One Hundred and Sixty-seventh regiment was composed of Berks county men, with the following officers: Charles A. Knoder, colonel; Joseph DePuy Davis, lieutenant; Gustavus A. Worth, major. Soon after organization, the regiment was ordered to Suffolk, Va., to the Department of the James, under General Dix. Later it was attached to the Army of the Potomac, First Brigade, First Division, First Corps, and with this army participated in the pursuit of Lee to beyond the Rappahannock, where, its term of service being about to expire, it was relieved at the front and ordered to Reading, Pa., and on August 12, 1863, it was mustered out. After the war Dr. Smith located at

Fredericksburg, Lebanon county, and was engaged in a general practice until 1892, when he came to Lebanon, and continued at his profession, since which time he has built up a very satisfactory practice, which is constantly increasing. In 1900 Dr. Smith was elected to the office of prothonotary of Lebanon county, on the Republican ticket, for the term of three years, taking that office in January, 1901.

Dr. Smith was married, in 1876, to Mary Jane Walker of Jonestown, Lebanon county, Pa., and to their marriage two children have been born: Martin Walker, assistant prothonotary; and Elizabeth May. Socially, Dr. Smith is a member of the G. A. R. and the P. O. S. of A. His religious connections are with St. Mark's Reformed Church, of which he is a generous supporter and active member. Dr. Smith stands high in the confidence of the general public, as well as with his brother physicians, and is a public-spirited man, taking a deep interest in local affairs, and lending his influence toward the betterment of existing conditions. Both he and his family are popular socially, and are justly regarded as among the leading people of Lebanon.

PETER B. MOCK, one of the enterprising and public-spirited farmers of Schaefferstown, Pa., was born in that city, March 22, 1849, a son of John and Sarah Mock, deceased. John Mock was a carpenter by trade and followed the same for a number of years in Schaefferstown. His birth occurred about 1815, and he died in 1898, being a son of Philip Mock, an old settler and merchant of the same city. The father of Philip was John Mock, who is supposed to have come from Germany to Pennsylvania before the Revolutionary war.

Philip Mock was the father of children as follows: John, William, George and Rebecca. John Mock, father of our subject, had three children: Rebecca married John Kroll, of Schaefferstown; Catherine married John Bender, also of Schaefferstown, and Peter B. John Mock was a staunch Democrat for many years, and was a hardworking man, a good citizen and was highly respected by all who knew him. In religious belief, he was a consistent member of the Schaefferstown Lutheran Church.

Peter B. Mock was reared in Schaefferstown and educated in its public schools. After growing to manhood's estate, Mr. Mock was engaged in several lines of business, but is now farming his property of forty acres of finely cultivated land, which he owns as well as a comfortable home in Schaefferstown. On November 24, 1877, Mr. Mock was married to Miss Mary Ream, daughter of William and Eliza (Miller) Ream of Schaefferstown.

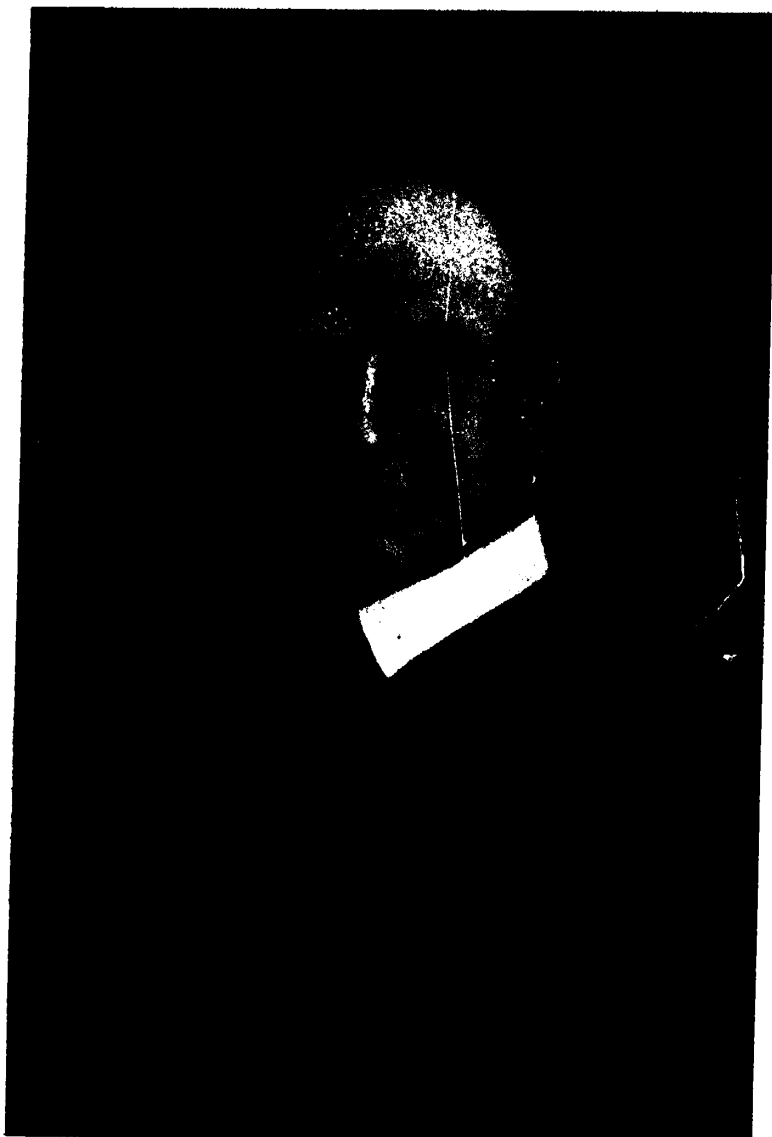
Mr. and Mrs. Mock have one daughter, Beulah Elizabeth. Mrs. Mock is the only daughter of her parents to attain to maturity. Her grandfather, Martin Ream, was a farmer who resided near Schaefferstown, while her father, William Ream, was a wagon maker by trade and lived to be eighty-two years old. In politics, he was a staunch Republican, in religious connection was for many years an elder in the Lutheran Church of Schaefferstown, and one of its active members. The grandfather, Joseph Miller, was a farmer by occupation, and met his death by violence by an unknown party who took his life for his money, near his farm, in 1877. This person has thus far escaped detection.

Mr. Mock is a Democrat, and takes an active interest in local affairs, although he has never desired office. For a number of years he has been a member of the Lutheran Church, and is one of its most liberal supporters. Both he and his family are important factors in the social life of Schaefferstown, where the names of Mock and Ream are held in high esteem, and their representatives are among the leading people of the community.

JOHN H. KILLINGER, president of M. H. Treadwell & Co., of Pennsylvania, successors to the Lebanon Manufacturing Company, and one of the most prominent business men of Lebanon, Pa., was born in Monroe Valley, Lebanon Co., Pa., August 29, 1859, son of Philip W. and Mary Elizabeth (Halter) Killinger.

Philip W. Killinger, son of Michael Killinger, was born near Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa., in 1826. His wife was born in 1828, in Washington City, daughter of Nicholas Halter, a native of Switzerland, who for many years was employed in the dead letter office of the post office department at Washington. For many years Philip W. Killinger was in the iron business, operating what was known in those days as a bloomery (manufacturing charcoal blooms) in the Monroe Valley. Later in life he managed a furnace at Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa., where his death occurred in 1882, he then being one of the leading iron manufacturers of this part of Pennsylvania. The death of his wife was prior to his, it taking place in 1877.

John H. Killinger attended the public schools of Lebanon, in 1876 graduating from the high school of the city, following which he took a course in telegraphy at Cornwall, and also acted as office boy. Later he became time-keeper for the Lebanon Manufacturing Company, in Lebanon, and six months from the time he became an employe of this concern, he entered the drawing room, going through a course of mechanical drawing. From the drawing room, he went into the machine shop and served a two years' apprenticeship



John H Killinger

learning the trade of a machinist. Mr. Killinger worked six months as a journeyman, and then for two years was in charge of the drawing room. His next promotion was to the position of assistant superintendent, and in 1894 he was made superintendent.

Mr. Killinger was a man who was able to look ahead and see possibilities in his work, and July 1, 1896, he resigned his position as superintendent and entered the foundry business at Myerstown, Lebanon county, with Mr. M. H. Treadwell, of New York City, which concern was incorporated in 1901, with Mr. Killinger as president. At this time he gave up the active management of the Myerstown company and returned to his position as superintendent of the Lebanon Manufacturing Company. On January 1, 1902, M. H. Treadwell & Co., applied for a charter and leased the Lebanon Manufacturing Company for a period of ten years, making Mr. Killinger president of this company also, he still retaining the presidency of the Myerstown company. In addition, he is president of the M. H. Treadwell Co., of New York City, to which chair he was elected in 1898. M. H. Treadwell & Co. is one of the largest and most important concerns of Lebanon, and much of its present success is due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Killinger and his thorough mastery of all the details of the business.

In 1887, Mr. Killinger was married to Miss Laura Strickler, daughter of the late Abraham Strickler, one of the old and prominent citizens of Lebanon, who bore a worthy part in the upbuilding of the city where he was so honored. Mrs. Killinger died during the first year of her married life, and in 1892, Mr. Killinger married Miss Kate Funck, daughter of Jacob Funck, of Lebanon. One daughter, Louise, born in 1892, has come to brighten their home. In his church connections Mr. Killinger is a member of St. John's Reformed Church. Socially by nature, he has associated himself with Mt. Lebanon Lodge, F. & A. M., and is a man who enjoys the highest respect and esteem of the entire community.

**CHRISTIAN H. LIGHT.** The Light family is one of the old and prominent ones in Lebanon county, and has many representatives, a leading one being Christian H. Light, who resides on one of the fine farms which make so beautiful a setting for the city of Lebanon.

Peter Light, the grandfather, was born in Swatara township, became wealthy and prominent, married a Miss Beam, and reared a large family. David Light, son of Peter, and father of Christian H., died in 1888, at the age of eighty-six years, his widow, Molly (Hunsicker) Light, surviving until 1899, and dying at the age of eighty-seven. David Light spent his life in

Swatara township, and was one of the extensive farmers of his section, owning two large estates. He held a number of the local offices. Both he and his wife were active members of the United Brethren Church, in which he held official position. The six children born to David Light and wife were as follows: Ezra, of North Lebanon township; Peter, of the far West; Adam, of Swatara township; Christian H.; David, of North Lebanon township; and Emma, Mrs. Dohner, of South Lebanon township.

Christian H. Light was born March 2, 1842, in Swatara township, and was reared on his father's farm. His education was secured in the common schools of his locality. Mr. Light has from his earliest youth been interested in farming, and at the age of twenty-two began operating on his own responsibility, on one of his father's farms. He continued thus for over twenty-one years, three years in Swatara township and nineteen in North Lebanon, buying then the farm of seventy-four acres which he still occupies. Mr. Light has always followed farming, but has also been interested in real-estate and owns valuable property in Lebanon, and for five years he conducted a dairy business, having a milk route in Lebanon. Few men stand better before the township as reliable, public-spirited and liberal, and he has a wide circle of public and private friends. In politics a Republican, he has served as auditor, and also as school director.

In 1866 Mr. Light married Priscilla, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Weller) Light, of Swatara township, and they had four children born to them: Melissa, wife of Horace Blouch, has one son, Levi; Pamilla, wife of William Tittle of North Lebanon, has children,—Mabel, Edna and Elmer; Richard, a painter, is at home; Miss Gertie is at home. The family belongs to and generously supports the Ebenezer United Brethren Church, in which Mr. Light has served on the official board. They rank among the most highly regarded residents of North Lebanon township.

JOHN A. DONGES. Among the older residents of the pleasant old town of Myerstown, Pa., none are more highly esteemed by all classes than is John A. Donges, one of its pioneer merchants, who was born here, July 12, 1829, a son of George W. and Henrietta (Stoner) Donges.

George W. Donges, who for many years was one of the leading business men of Myerstown, was born in Lebanon county in 1804, and died in Myerstown in 1886. In 1835 he established himself in the tailoring and mercantile business, in that place, continuing the same through a long and honorable career. His political connection was with the Democratic party. For years he was a leading member of the Lutheran Church. The children born to



George W. and Henrietta Donges were the following: John A., of Myerstown; Sarah, the wife of Daniel Warrick, of Illinois; Mary E., of Myerstown; Ellen, the wife of Joseph S. Coover, of Myerstown; Amelia; Susan; and George W., who died March 19, 1902.

John A. Donges was reared in Myerstown, and attended the public schools and also the Myerstown Academy, beginning at the age of eighteen years to assist in his father's store, the site of which was the same now occupied by Donges Brothers. Until 1860 he continued as assistant, and then a reorganization of the business was effected, and it was continued under the firm name of Donges & Stoner, but for the past thirty years the firm style has been Donges Brothers, representing one of the largest business houses in this place. This firm carries a large and varied stock, and its trade is constantly expanding, the honorable methods of the house continuing the same as at its establishment so many years ago.

Mr. Donges has been a very successful man in his business enterprises and occupies a prominent position in financial and commercial circles in Lebanon county. He is a member of the board of directors and is also the vice-president of the Myerstown National Bank; treasurer of different manufacturing companies; a director in the Lebanon Manufacturing Company, of Lebanon; director in the Annville Fire Insurance Company; and trustee and treasurer of the Mount Hope cemetery. His interest in educational matters has been shown by a long service as school director, and he has taken an active part in the growth and development of many enterprises beneficial to this community. For fifty years he has been a leading figure in the business world in Myerstown, and he is the oldest active merchant in Jackson township. For many years he has been fraternally connected with both the Masonic and Odd Fellow orders. In politics he is affiliated with the Democratic party.

In 1862 Mr. Donges was married to Miss Rebecca L. Bassler, a daughter of Henry and Barbara (Unger) Bassler. There are no surviving children to this union. The Bassler family is one of the old and honored ones of this county and extended mention of the same will be found elsewhere. The four surviving children of Henry and Barbara Bassler are: William D., of Philadelphia; Capt. John H., of Myerstown; Mrs. Donges; and Mrs. Annie M. Hyde. Mr. Donges is approaching the evening of life, and a retrospect shows good reason why he should possess the esteem and respect of those who have known him best through the whole period. His career has been marked by business integrity, and he justly represents a most honorable Lebanon county name.

BENJAMIN F. GARRETT (deceased), one of the respected citizens of Lebanon, Pa., was born in Myerstown, Pa., January 10, 1836, and died in 1896. His first wife was Miss Fritz, a daughter of Henry Fritz, of Lebanon. They had four children: William, who is a baker in Lebanon; Ida; Charles; and Edward, of Lebanon. He married for his second wife, in 1889, Miss Maria Weiss, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Smith) Weiss, of Lebanon. They had no children. Mrs. Maria (Weiss) Garrett was one of a family of five children: Henry, deceased; Maria, the widow of Benjamin F. Garrett; Solomon, out West; Oliver, of Lebanon; and Samuel, a physician of the State of Pennsylvania. Sarah (Smith) Weiss was a daughter of Henry Smith, of Cornwall, Pa., in which town she was brought up. Samuel Weiss was reared in Schaefferstown, Pa., and was a farmer all his life. He came from one of the old settled families of Lebanon county.

Mr. Garrett was brought up on the farm, and received his education in the common schools of Lebanon. He learned the trade of coachmaking while a boy, and followed this occupation the greater part of his life, and at the time of his death owned a valuable piece of property. Politically he was a stanch Republican. In his religious life he was a leading member of the Evangelical Church, holding office in same. He was an esteemed citizen, honest and true to his convictions, a kind husband and a good man to his family.

His widow is a noble Christian woman, and is now spending her old age in retired life. She is a member of the Evangelical Church, and is highly respected by all who are acquainted with her.

JOHN P. MILLER, long engaged in a blacksmith business in the pleasant and prosperous town of Myerstown, is one of the respected and useful citizens of this community. Mr. Miller was born October 4, 1839, at Sinking Springs, Berks county, a son of Michael and Julia Ann (Palm) Miller, the former of whom was a well-known carpenter in his locality, and a man of exemplary life and character. The family is of German extraction, the great-grandfather of John P. having come from Germany and settled in Berks county at an early day, and there John Miller was born, and there he married and reared four sons and one daughter, namely: Michael, David, John, Isaac and Mary.

Michael Miller was born in 1805, in Berks county, and died in 1887. His wife was Julia Ann Palm, whose father was a physician of high standing, also of German extraction. This marriage resulted in the birth of a family of twelve children, as follows: Lucien, of Jackson township; Har-

ri-son, of Washington, D. C.; John P., of Myerstown; George L., of Berks county; Charles T., of Reading; and Catherine, the wife of Roscoe Edgareley, of Philadelphia, the others dying in childhood.

John P. Miller was born in a village in Berks county, and accompanied his parents to Myerstown when he was nine years of age. His education after this time was very meager, as he was but twelve years old when he became a driver on the old Union canal, his attention to duty and un- failing industry soon contributing to his promotion and before he was eighteen years of age he was made a captain. He was, however, a very sensible young man, and at this time decided to learn a good, self-supporting trade, and in 1858 began an apprenticeship in the blacksmith business with Joseph Carl, of Myerstown, following the same until 1861. Mr. Miller enlisted, in 1862, for service in the Civil war in the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. John H. Bassler, this regiment making a record for itself as the second Bucktail. Mr. Miller's excellence as a mechanic was made use of during his long and loyal service of three years, being honorably discharged in 1865. After the ending of the war, Mr. Miller returned to Myerstown, and entered the Sheridan Iron Furnace of Lebanon county, where he followed his trade and later went to Clearfield county, where for some years he engaged in rafting. In 1868 he returned to Myerstown and opened up a general blacksmith shop, and, in 1883, a first-class bakery. He continued in business until 1894, when he sold his business to his sons and retired from active labor.

On July 29, 1860, Mr. Miller was married to Tillie C. Woomer, who was born January 2, 1838, and died in June, 1897. Seven children were born to this union, namely: Franklin P. and John H., who are the very capable proprietors of the Myerstown Bakery; Ida M., who married George Eberly; Delilah M., who married Abner High, of Schuylkill county; Martha, who married Edmund Fisher, of Myerstown; and William Eugene, of Lebanon. One died in childhood.

Mr. Miller has always affiliated with the old Democratic party. His fraternal relations are with the I. O. O. F. and the K. of P., he being an active member of both orders. For many years he has been a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and one of its liberal supporters. Mr. Miller is a self-made man, and although he began at the bottom of the ladder, he feels well repaid for his years of toil and perseverance. With a well-established family and an ample income from valuable property, and surrounded with all the comforts of life for his declining years, he also enjoys the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens for his integrity of character. Although

denied many school advantages in his youth, Mr. Miller is a very well-informed man, and keeps thoroughly posted on the current events of the day.

WILLOUGHBY BECKER, a retired agriculturist residing on his well-improved farm one-half mile north of Millbach, on the Richland road, has for the past thirty-six years been one of the most prominent men in his special field of labor in the township. In addition to the former Holstein farms, he now owns one of the oldest farms in the county—the Zeller homestead with its old stone house erected as a fort as early as 1745. He has also other valuable property in the vicinity, yielding a large income, and now in his sixty-eighth year he is availing himself of his well earned leisure.

Mr. Becker comes of a family of successful agriculturists, his ancestors having been pioneer farmers of the township. Jacob Becker, the first American representative of the family, came from Germany some time prior to 1734, and settled in Lebanon county, where, in the above mentioned year, he received from John, Thomas and Richard Penn, a grant of land. The parchment of conveyance is still in the possession of the family. By his marriage Jacob Becker had sons: John, who is mentioned below; George; and others.

John Becker, the next in the line of descent, was a prosperous farmer and influential citizen of Millcreek township. He married and had seven children: Michael; John Adam, who is mentioned below; Catherine; Elizabeth; Barbara; Anna Amelia; and Margaret.

John Adam Becker, grandfather of Willoughby, was born and reared in Millcreek township. Accustomed from his earliest years to farm work, upon reaching manhood he engaged in that occupation, settling upon a farm in Millcreek township. He prospered in his work and made a good home for himself and family, and was an influential citizen of the township. By his marriage there were four children: John, mentioned below; Michael; Sarah, who married Capt. Tice, a prominent officer in the Civil war, and Elizabeth, married to George Moyer.

John Becker, father of Willoughby, was, like his predecessors, a thrifty agriculturist of Millcreek township. Born in 1813, he was reared in a good home, and early trained to habits of industry and self-reliance. Upon reaching manhood he took up life as an agriculturist, and settled upon a farm in Millcreek township. He improved this place, transformed the wild sections into cultivated fields, and gave the whole an air of prosperity and attractiveness. In the cultivation of this farm he spent the strength of his manhood; and near there, in 1884, he died. About 1833 Mr. Becker married Caroline

Stump, a daughter of Leonard Stump, and a descendant of one of the pioneer families of the township. Of this union there were the following children: Willoughby, our subject; John Adam, of South Lebanon township; Mary (now deceased), who married Henry J. Bennetch, a prominent farmer of Millcreek township; Elizabeth, wife of J. M. Zimmerman, a prominent farmer of Millcreek township; Emma, married to Aaron Bollinger (both are deceased); Amanda, the widow of George U. Seibert, a resident of Richland; Agnes J., who married Levi Bollinger, of Richland; Thomas L., a prominent citizen of Millbach; and Ida, now deceased.

The father of this family was a strong, energetic farmer, and a leading man in the public affairs of the township, holding at different times various town offices. In politics he affiliated with the Democrats; and in his religious views he was independent. He accumulated considerable property in his life time, and was a large stockholder in the Lebanon National Bank, of which he acted as director for twenty-five years.

Willoughby Becker fell heir to a good heritage of energy, and the brain power to direct it aright. Born on the old homestead in Millcreek township, March 10, 1836, he there received the ordinary rearing of well-to-do farmers' boys of his day. In the public schools of his vicinity he procured thorough drill in the common branches, which he has since supplemented by extensive reading and contact with the world. Both inclination and environment decided him upon reaching manhood to engage in agriculture, and this he followed for a while upon the home farm. In 1860, when about twenty-four years old, Mr. Becker married Sarah Kehl, of Berks county, who died about 1878, and he afterwards married Anna Eliza Miller, daughter of John Miller, of Berks county. By the first union there were six children: Monroe K., an agriculturist of Berks county; John D.; Henry S.; George K., now deceased; Mary C., and Sallie A.

In 1863 Mr. Becker settled in Berks county, where he engaged in farming for about twenty-four years. Prospering in his work, in 1887 he returned to Millcreek township, and purchased for about twenty-five thousand dollars, the well-improved Holstein farm, containing 195 acres, valued at \$130 an acre. Possessed of a large capacity for directing affairs, he has thoroughly developed the resources of this extensive farm, and has made it pay in every respect. After getting well started here, he also purchased the old Zeller farm, containing 152 acres, and located at Newmanstown. This place he has likewise managed with most excellent results. Though both farms were in good condition when he purchased them, he has measurably improved them, and in other respects added to their values. He has evinced

marked ability in applying practical and progressive methods in his industry, and has won the confidence of farmers far and near in his section. Knowing thoroughly how to make land pay, he has invested in it extensively, and besides his large farms, now owns considerable valuable timber land in Mill-creek and Heidelberg townships.

Mr. Becker is a shrewd financier and a most remarkable manager, and would undoubtedly have made a success of work in almost any walk in life. He is independent and progressive in both thought and action. In politics he reserves the right of voting for the best man, esteeming principle more than party. He is a man of marked integrity, and has served as deacon of the Saint Daniel's Lutheran Church, of Robesonia, Berks county, of which his family are also members.

WILLIAM M. DERR. When a great man dies in any community a loss is incurred that can never be wholly made good. Others may step into the vacant place, but their powers are not his powers, and somewhere the void is felt. Though it was six years ago, May 31, 1897, that William M. Derr, a time honored and prominent Lebanon lawyer, passed away, there are poor farmers with difficulties to solve that still think of him with regret; business men, who wish they might view their own cases in the light of his superior legal acumen; aspiring young lawyers, who would turn to him for advice; and scarcely an assemblage of eminent citizens occurs that some one does not miss the flow of his eloquence, his flashes of wit, or his brilliant repartee. Especially is this true of meetings of the Lebanon Bar Association, of which he was long a member and for some time president.

His road to success in life was by no means strewn with roses. He came of good parentage, to be sure, but he had opposition to contend with. Born in Reading, Pa., he was the son of George Derr, of that place, who moved with his family to Lebanon county when William was but three months old. Here the son grew to manhood, and in the public schools of the city of Lebanon procured his early education. Gifted with quick perception, a large capacity for work, and a taste for good literature, he here further developed those powers, which pre-eminently characterized him in later years. Being clear-headed, he perceived at an early age what nature had designed him for, and after leaving the Lebanon schools, he began the study of law. Soon, however, paternal objections turned him aside from his chosen career, and he was sent to the Pennsylvania Medical College at Philadelphia to study medicine. Later he traveled for a couple of years through the Western States, greatly enlarging his knowledge of the world and of people. Fully convinced by this time of



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his right to choose his own career in life, he returned to Lebanon and again set about studying law. A little practice proved he had ability, and he continued the profession throughout the rest of his life. He was an untiring student, and whatever cause he espoused he worked at it through all its intricate details. Sparing no effort to increase his stock of knowledge, he won clients and friends, and soon had a reputation for legal lore extending beyond his county. In arguing a case "his legal discrimination was acute and his analysis of law and fact clear, strong and convincing," and he always secured a strong hold upon the confidence of the court and jury. For forty years he practiced his profession, and during that time was looked upon as a leader, though the Lebanon Bar comprised men of most excellent repute. Only once was his work interrupted. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company A, Ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, becoming captain of his company, and served in the Virginia campaign.

On April 3, 1846, Mr. Derr married Caroline Hildebrand, who was born March 22, 1826, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Brubaker) Hildebrand, of Lancaster county. Two children were born of this union: Francis, who died young; and Cyrus G., a prominent lawyer of Reading, Pa., who married Virginia Weidman, of Lebanon, and has one daughter, Caroline R., now the wife of John M. Archer, of Reading, Pennsylvania.

At the time of his death Mr. Derr was the oldest member of the Lebanon Bar, being about seventy. He was, however, well preserved, having been a strong man both physically and intellectually all his life. A man of the highest integrity, he looked upon his profession as a means of doing good. It has been said of him: "Humane and sincere, he always leaned to the side of the weak and friendless. He always espoused the cause of the masses, and labored faithfully and earnestly for everything that tended to elevate the character and better the conditions of his fellow men." During his career he was solicited to become judge, but declined the honor. He was a Christian, and a member of the St. John's Reformed church, and he was a liberal contributor to the Widow's Home, and all charitable institutions. As a Republican he wielded a strong influence in politics, but for himself was never ambitious for public positions.

**SAMUEL E. LIGHT.** The metamorphosis of the country during the past half century due to the rapid development of the iron industry has been most marked in Lebanon county. Prior to the great Civil War the county was dotted over with small rural communities, whose sleepy contentment was but the reflection of their individual members. The wand of the iron magician



has changed all this. He fitted the ploughshare of the farmer with a subsoiler that ran deep into the bowels of the earth, and threw to the surface the material of which not only it was made, but thousands of other useful articles, which, in the making, have transformed these rural communities into busy municipalities. In all this development, the family which is represented by the gentleman here mentioned has taken an exceedingly active and prominent part. A number of its different members have been leading figures in the development of the iron industry in Lebanon county, but none possibly have been more active than Samuel E. Light. Mr. Light is at the present time president of the Lebanon Iron & Steel Company. He was born at New Market Forge between Annville and Palmyra, Lebanon county, August 31, 1854. With his parents he removed, in 1867, to the village of Lebanon, where he continued his attendance at the public schools. At the age of fifteen he left school and entered the office of the Lebanon Rolling Mills, which at that time were owned by his father, in the capacity of an errand boy. He applied himself closely to his duties, and was promoted from one branch of the service to another, until, in 1874, he became head bookkeeper of the mills, and two years later was promoted from that position to the night superintendent's place. From 1876 to 1879 he acted in the capacity of chief clerk, and in the latter year became sole owner of the mill. He conducted these mills until 1888, when he sold out his interest to the Lebanon Rolling Mill Company, which took out articles of incorporation, and he became its president. This institution in 1902 was absorbed by the Lebanon Iron & Steel Company, of which Mr. Light was chosen president.

The public life of Mr. Light has been helpful to the community in which he has lived. In 1880 he was elected a member of the borough council of Lebanon from the Third ward, and served in that body with acceptance for the two following years. He has always been staunchly Republican, and has been a tower of strength in the local contests, and very helpful in the larger State and national contests. In 1900 he represented his congressional district at the National Republican Convention at Philadelphia, and had the pleasure of assisting in the nomination of Mr. McKinley for President and Mr. Roosevelt for Vice-President. During the same year he was appointed commissioner from Pennsylvania to the Paris Exposition, a position in which his fine judgment and executive ability were exceedingly helpful.

Mr. Light is a worthy member of the Mount Lebanon Lodge, F. & A. M., also the Knights Templar Commandery and the Elks. Marriage was entered into by Mr. Light in 1880, he having been joined in that year to Miss

Laura, daughter of the late William Bresslin, editor of the *Lebanon Advertiser*.

Touching somewhat upon family history, the father of Mr. Light, Henry Light, was born on a farm in North Annville township, Lebanon county, October 10, 1831. At the age of eighteen years he went to New Market Forge, Lebanon county, a point situated five miles from Annville, and three from Palmyra, and which was owned by his father, Jacob Light. This gentleman was born in Lebanon county in 1800, and died in 1868. Samuel Light, the great-grandfather, was a native of Lancaster county. He came to Lebanon county at a very early date, and bought what is now the Henry Heilman farm at the tollgate, just west from Lebanon. When a young man, Henry Light, together with his brothers, Cyrus and John, rented from their father the New Market Forge, which they operated for a number of years, buying the property from the estate after their father's death. In 1867 Mr. Light came to Lebanon, but retained his interest in New Market Forge until 1870, when the furnace passed out of the family. When Mr. Light came to Lebanon in 1867, he established the Lebanon Rolling Mills, his brothers being interested with him. He retained his interest in the enterprise until his death in 1892. In 1853 he married Louisa C. Early, who was born March 25, 1834, at Palmyra, this county, the daughter of John and Mary M. (Snively) Early. John Early was born near Palmyra, this county, in 1806, and was a merchant and iron maker, but in later life a farmer; he died in 1899. His father was William Early, a native of Pennsylvania, born between Palmyra and Campbelltown. Mary M. Snively was born near Shady Grove, Franklin county, Pa., in 1812, and died in 1879. To Henry Light and wife children were born as follows: Samuel E.; Louis S., a resident of Florida; Mary, who married William Bresslin, of Lebanon, and died in 1891, leaving a son and daughter; Lizzie A., married to John Roberts, of Lebanon; Abraham, an iron maker of Lebanon; Leander, a machinist of Lebanon; William Light, a machinist of Lebanon; and Lillian, a graduated nurse.

ALFRED G. REAM takes a prominent place among the leading farmers and substantial and representative citizens of Jackson township, where he owns a fine, well-improved farm, within one and one-half miles of Myers-town.

Mr. Ream was born July 30, 1850, at Schaefferstown, a son of Peter and Rebecca (Garrad) Ream, the former of whom was an honest, industrious citizen, a wagonmaker by trade, who resided and carried on his business at Schaefferstown. His family consisted of twelve children, the seven sur-

vivors being: Sophia; Katherine; Martha, widow of Henry Missimer, of Lebanon; Jeremiah, a wagonmaker of Schaefferstown; Peter, a shoemaker of Schaefferstown; William, of Sacramento, Cal.; and Alfred G. Mr. Ream was a Republican in politics. In religion he belonged to the Schaefferstown Lutheran Church.

Alfred G. Ream was reared and educated in Schaefferstown, and in young manhood learned the tinsmith's trade under Harry Artz, of Myerstown, following the same for some years. About 1874 he began farming on the property he now owns and occupies, this being a part of the old Haak homestead. In the same year he was married to Miss Mary Haak, daughter of Michael and Mary (Noecker) Haak, who had a family of five children, viz.: Isaac B., of Myerstown; Samuel, also of Myerstown; Jonathan, a farmer on the old homestead; Sallie, the wife of A. B. Landis, now deceased; and Mary, Mrs. Ream. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ream: Jennie M., who is the wife of Harry Dundore, of Lebanon; and Sarah S., who is the wife of Harry Zinn, of Myerstown. Both of these daughters were educated in the Palatinate College, and are intelligent and accomplished ladies, and both were successful teachers before marriage.

Mr. Ream is a zealous Republican, but has never accepted any office except that of director of the poor for the county. He has been one of the industrious and upright men of his locality, one whose support could always be counted upon for any needed reforms or improvements or for any charitable or benevolent enterprises. His home is the abode of genial hospitality. Mr. Ream is a consistent member of the United Brethren Church. In his neighborhood he has many friends, and his business affairs have always been adjusted without any recourse to law. He is one of Jackson township's best citizens.

ABRAHAM KREIDER, one of the directors of the Lebanon National Bank, and a prosperous retired farmer of Lebanon, was born in Cornwall (then South Lebanon) township, Lebanon Co., Pa., April 30, 1834, son of Moses and Katherine (Kreider) Kreider.

The Kreider family originated in Germany, whence representatives came to this country and settled in Pennsylvania, in what was then Lancaster county, but is now Lebanon county. All of the various members of this large and representative family were farmers. The parents of Abraham Kreider were second cousins, and his father, Moses Kreider, was born in 1805, upon a farm near Snitz Creek, being the son of John Kreider, who was also born on the home farm. His mother, Katherine Kreider, was born in 1811, on the

home farm, daughter of Abraham Kreider, a son of Martin Kreider, a Mennonite minister. To Moses Kreider and his wife eight children were born, five sons and three daughters, of whom four sons and one daughter survive.

Abraham Kreider was reared upon his father's farm, receiving his education in the public schools of his district, and remained at home until 1875, when he removed to a farm he had purchased, on the Colebrook road, about one mile south from Lebanon, and there continued to pursue agricultural pursuits until 1886, when he located in Lebanon. There he has since lived, residing at No. 223 South Ninth street, in the Second ward, his pleasant home belonging to him. In addition to this valuable piece of property Mr. Kreider owns a fine farm which is located in North and South Lebanon townships, and upon which his wife was born. In 1875 he became a stockholder in the Lebanon National Bank, and ten years later was elected to the board of directors of that institution, and he also owns bonds of the Cornwall & Lebanon Railway Company.

Mr. Kreider was married in 1858 to Elizabeth Hoffman, who was born in 1840, daughter of Michael Hoffman; she died April 14, 1888, aged forty-seven years. On June 5, 1890, he was married to Lydia Hoffman, her sister. In political matters Mr. Kreider is a Republican, and he gives his support to all measures he deems best for the welfare of the community. In his religious affiliations he is a member of the First Reformed Church, while Mrs. Kreider is a member of the Salem Lutheran Church.

JACOB W. GROVE (deceased). The late Jacob W. Grove was one of the prosperous business men of Fredericksburg, Pa., who was born in Bethel township, one half-mile south of Fredericksburg, on a farm, in April, 1817, and died at his fine home in Fredericksburg, April 27, 1886, being a son of John and Elizabeth (Wenner) Grove, of Bethel township, now deceased.

The Grove family was established in Lancaster county in 1824, the emigrant ancestor being a native of Zurich, Switzerland, who came to America in 1724. His son, Peter Grove, was born June 13, 1724, just prior to the emigration of the family, and he died in 1803. His wife, Veronica (Groh) Grove, died January 25, 1773, and they had these children: Maria, born December 14, 1756, died August 27, 1824; Veronica, born July 5, 1759, died August 27, 1824; Anna Barbara, born September 14, 1860, died July 30, 1836; Jacob, born October 9, 1761, died May 17, 1842; Peter, born May 5, 1764, died April 1, 1847; and John, born April 22, 1768, died May 26, 1835, while his wife, Elizabeth (Wenner) Grove, was born February 14, 1785, and

died January 2, 1847. They had these children: John Peter, born June 27, 1814, died June 8, 1864; John born August 29, 1815, died January 6, 1876; Jacob W.; Anna Barbara, born January 10, 1819, died December 24, 1897; M. J., born May 20, 1821, died November 9, 1877; Elizabeth, born March 23, 1823, died September 4, 1882; and Elias, born February 3, 1825, died February 5, 1890.

Jacob W. Grove was reared on the old homestead in Bethel township, and received his education in the public schools of his neighborhood, and in Washington City. Finishing his school course, he returned to the old home and took up farming and milling with his brother Elias, and they met with marked success. At the time of his death he was one of the wealthy men of his locality, owning four fine farms, and valuable mill property and considerable real estate in Fredericksburg. While a life-long Republican, he never aspired to public office. In religion he was a Mennonite, and lived out his faith in honest dealing with all mankind, and never willingly wronged a single person. Such a man could not help but gain not only esteem, but also affection, and at his death the community lost one of its best citizens.

On May 5, 1861, Jacob W. Grove was united in marriage to Miss Pauline Hautz, of Bethel township, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Strow) Hautz, of the same locality, now deceased, prominent farmers, and the parents of five children: Catherine, who married Michael Grove, deceased, of Fredericksburg; Elizabeth, who married Martin Pudy; Mary, who married John Faber, deceased; Sabine; and Mrs. Grove. Jacob Hautz was the son of John Hautz, a leading farmer of Bethel township. Mrs. Grove was born in 1838, and is a lady of great strength of character and many virtues. She is now living in her beautiful home in Fredericksburg, surrounded by the comforts and luxuries of life, she having built this home soon after the death of her husband, and it is considered one of the finest in this locality. Mrs. Grove is an active member of the Church of God, of Fredericksburg, and she is never so happy as when attending to some of the duties connected with her religious life. Her charities are numerous, although many know nothing of them, for she does good not to be seen of men, and her name is held in loving reverence by a large circle of friends.

A. H. BOWER, one of the leading and honored citizens of Lebanon, is a slater and contractor of that city, born in the city of Elberfeld, on the Rhine, Prussia, July 31, 1839, a son of William L. and Susan J. Bower, who lived in Elberfeld for many years. Both William L. and his father were also slaters by trade. William L. Bower was the father of seven chil-

dren: William H., of New Jersey; Julia, deceased; Amelia, deceased; Berthe, deceased; Augustine, deceased; Richard O., who lives in Wilmington, Del.; and A. H., of Lebanon.

A. H. Bower came to America when only thirteen years old. He received his education in the Lutheran schools of his native land, and came to this country with his father and brothers and sisters, his mother having died in the old country when he was seven years old. His father continued his trade of slating in this country until he died in Philadelphia. His son, A. H., followed his trade of slating in different parts of Pennsylvania. On August 26, 1859, he was married to Sarah Schott, who was born in 1840, a daughter of Peter and Magdalena (Moore) Schott. They had the following named children: Benjamin F., who died at the age of thirty-five; Clara, who is at home, and is the widow of Charles Fisher; Emma M., deceased; Grant E., deceased; A. R., of Lebanon, who is assisting his father in the slate business, and who married Miss Catherine Snyder, of Lebanon; and one child that died in infancy.

Mr. Bower came to Lebanon in 1856. He was the first man to introduce slating for roofing in Lebanon. At that time there were no railroads in this part of the country. He has contracted for and roofed many of the best houses in this section of the State. He put the roof on the State capitol of Pennsylvania, and many of the finest and best buildings of Lebanon city. He started out in life a poor boy and has made a great deal of money, but has also suffered many losses. He is one of the honorable and free-hearted citizens of Lebanon, a man good and kind to all. He is a staunch Republican, and is at present a member of the city council of the First ward. He is one of the leading members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Lebanon, in which he has served as deacon and elder. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 288; the B. U. (H. F.) C. of A., Circle No. 25, of Lebanon city; and also a member of the Union fire company of that city, and one of the pioneers of the Fire Department and Aid Society. He is a director for the Commercial Fire Insurance Company, of Lebanon; and is president of the Lebanon Live Stock Insurance Company. He is a man known for his honesty and integrity and sincerity, and is true to his convictions. His daughter, Clara J. Fisher, and granddaughter, Martha May Fisher, reside with him at his home at No. 123 South Fifth street, Lebanon.

CHRISTIAN GROH, deceased, one of the highly respected and honorable citizens of North Lebanon township, Lebanon county, was a son of Abraham Groh, and he was born in 1814. Being reared to farm life and edu-

cated in the neighborhood schools, he finally became the owner of a fine farm of 100 acres, and later, about 1860-61, purchased another farm of fifty-five acres situated in Jackson township, Lebanon county, where he lived the remainder of his life, and died, when seventy-nine years of age. He was regarded as one of the substantial men of the community. His wife was Rebecca Immel, daughter of Leonard Immel, and was born in Jackson township. Christian Groh and wife had six children: John H.; Mary A., deceased, married William B. Light; Rebecca married U. R. Reinhold, of Canton, Ohio; William L., of Lancaster county, is manager for the Freeman estate in Lancaster county; George A. lives in Jackson township, Lebanon county; Emma J. married John S. Kreider, of Lebanon. Mr. and Mrs. Groh were consistent members of the United Brethren Church.

JOHN H. GROH was born February 22, 1837, and he remained upon his father's farm, receiving an excellent education in the public schools. About the age of twenty years, he removed to the Halfway House, between Myerstown and Lebanon, where he conducted a general store, and operated for ten years. His next venture was in a farming line for two years, when he located in Avon, entering the employ of William B. Light in the lumber business. After two and one-half years in this line, Mr. Groh entered the employ of Werner & Weiss, grain, coal and lumber merchants. He continued in this connection until the death of Mr. Werner, when he was taken into the firm, and the style became Weiss, Groh & Co. This was continued until the death of Mr. Weiss, when Charles Z. Weiss and Mr. Groh formed the partnership of Weiss & Groh, which still exists. The success of the house is largely due to the efforts of Mr. Groh, who has given to it his entire time and attention, and has himself become one of the substantial men of the county. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and he and his entire family stand very high among the leading people of Lebanon county, where they have been known for so many generations.

JOHN C. DEPPEN, one of the prominent men of Myerstown, after a life of hard work is now enjoying in retirement from the cares of active business the fruits of industry. He was born in Bethel township, Berks county, January 8, 1840, a son of Gabriel B. and Katherine (Killmer) Deppen, both natives of Berks county.

The great-great-grandfather was of French birth, who came to America at a very early day in the settlement of the country, but nothing further is known of him than that he was a most excellent man. One of his grandsons, Henry Deppen, grandfather of John C., was a farmer of Berks county,

and the youngest son of a large family of children. Gabriel B. was his only son. In 1837, he was married to Katherine Killmer, a daughter of Jonathan Killmer, and to this union three children were born: John C.; Miss A. Elizabeth, of Myerstown; and Caroline C., wife of William A. Fisher, of Myerstown. Gabriel B. Deppen was born in Berks county in 1816, and died in Lebanon county in 1889; his wife was born in Berks county, in 1814, and died in 1891. He moved to Lebanon county in 1842, and lived to become one of its leading and representative citizens. For thirty-four years he was station agent at Myerstown, and at one time Associate Judge of Lebanon county for five years. In politics, he was a strong Republican, and took an active interest in local matters. In his religious opinions, Mr. Deppen was independent, and lived a life which showed forth the gentle, noble qualities of the man, and his Christian charity for all. His family loved him, while among his many friends, he was held in highest esteem.

John C. Deppen was reared in Myerstown, and educated in the Myerstown Academy, Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., and had a short term in the State Normal School, Millersville, Pa. Leaving school he learned telegraphing and became employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company as clerk and operator, serving seven years as telegraph operator at Harrisburg, Pa., and seven years as clerk and operator at Myerstown, and twenty-two years as station agent at Sheridan and Myerstown, Pa., resigning on account of ill health after being in the service of that railroad company for thirty-six years. In accepting his resignation the superintendent in a letter expressed his appreciation of a long and faithful service to the company.

Mr. Deppen was married to Miss Elmira Hoffman, of Lebanon, Pa., a daughter of David Hoffman. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Deppen, four of whom lived to maturity: May C.; Edith R.; Ella S.; and A. Gertrude, who married Charles E. Fisher, and is now deceased. Mr. Deppen is a Republican in politics, but has never aspired to public office. Like his father, he is not a member of any church, but adheres to a high moral standard, and assists any movements he believes to be for the best interests of the community. Working his way up from small beginnings, Mr. Deppen may well feel gratified with the results accomplished. No man stands better in the community, and his wife and children are very important factors in the social life of Myerstown. The success which has attended the efforts of all is merited. Fraternally, Mr. Deppen is a member of the Masonic order, and also of the I. O. O. F., and is very popular in both organizations.



JOHN L. WENGER, one of the leading citizens of Swatara township, residing on his homestead adjoining the town of Jonestown, Lebanon county, where for several generations his family have made their home, was born April 8, 1841, a son of Jacob Wenger.

Hans Wenger, the great-great-grandfather, emigrated to America September 16, 1748, from either Switzerland or Germany, in the ship "Paliena," John Brown, master, which sailed from Rotterdam. He brought with him his family, which consisted of five sons, two of whom are known to have been Stephen and Christian. Hans located in Lebanon county and purchased the property now owned by our subject, which had been bought from the Penns by a man named Shirrock, now spelled Shirk, in 1740. and there he passed the remainder of his life. His son, John, succeeded him, and he in turn was succeeded by Jacob, the grandfather of John L., born in 1778, who lived to the age of seventy-nine years, and was a farmer by occupation, but one of the most progressive men of that locality. He served as county commissioner and took an active part in local affairs. The maiden name of his wife was Barbara Wolf, born in 1775. They had a family as follows: Susannah, married to Mr. Zollenberger, of Franklin county, Pa.; John, a minister in River Brethren Church; Barbara; Jacob, father of our subject; Samuel; Elizabeth, married to George Light, a Mennonite minister; Levi; Christian, who became a minister of the River Brethren Church, but later entered the ministry of the United Zion's Children.

Jacob Wenger, the father, was born May 17, 1807, and died April 10, 1881, on the old homestead, where he was born. His father was born in Dauphin county, married in Lancaster county, and died in Lebanon county, and yet never moved from the family estate, the changes having been made in the county lines during his lifetime. Jacob Wenger spent his life upon the home farm, and became one of the successful men of the township. His religious affiliations were with the United Zion's Children Church. He married Mary Light, a daughter of Henry Light, of Lebanon county, and she died at the age of forty-seven years, having had three children, the two besides John L., being: Susan, deceased, married Elias Brandt, and their children were, Lizzie, John, Annie, Daniel, Emma, Eva and Ellen; Miss Catherine, a resident of Jonestown.

John L. Wenger, the youngest of the family, has always lived upon the homestead, and is one of the substantial men of Swatara township. The farm contains 120 acres of finely cultivated land, and it is his pride to keep his premises in excellent condition. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Wenger is director in the Jonestown Bank, and treasurer of the Country-

men's Fire Insurance Company, of Lebanon county. In 1863, he was married to Mary C. Strubhar, who was born September 11, 1845, in Annville township, Lebanon county, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Frank) Strubhar. Mr. and Mrs. Wenger have had three children: Daniel S., a retired farmer who died at the age of thirty-six years, married Miss Clara K. Oberholtzer; Miles J., married to Laura Hinterliter, resides on the home farm; Lizzie S., married and had a son, Herman W. Wolf, and later married Robert J. Bond, of Jonestown, by whom she has two children, Edith Martha and Esther Mary.

ELMER ELLSWORTH McCURDY, one of the prominent and rising young attorneys of Lebanon, is a native of the county, having been born at Fontana, July 3, 1861, a son of Henry S. and Mary Jane (McCullough) McCurdy.

The McCurdy family is of Scotch-Irish descent, although representatives of it have been in this country for many years, great-grandfather McCurdy having removed from Chester county, Pa., to Lebanon county, about the year 1821.

Henry McCurdy, grandfather of Elmer Ellsworth, was a native of Chester county, Pa., but came to Lebanon county in the early part of the last century. From his boyhood he was engaged as a teamster, principally for the family of Colemans, being in their employ for many years.

Henry S. McCurdy, the father, was born at Cornwall, Lebanon county, Pa., July 10, 1832, and his wife was born near Annville, same county, October 23, 1843. At present, he is engaged in farming, but for many years was occupied in making fences. Both he and his wife are living, and they have been the parents of three children, one of whom died in infancy; Elizabeth is now the wife of J. W. Albert, of Lebanon county; and Elmer Ellsworth is our subject.

Like many boys in his locality, Elmer E. McCurdy was reared upon his father's farm, receiving his early education in the common schools. The ambition of the boy, however, sought wider fields, and in 1875, he was given the advantage of a term at a private school at Manheim, Lancaster county, conducted by Prof. Benjamin Danner. After this he spent a year, 1876-77, at Palatinate College, now Albright College, at Myerstown, and then attended the high school at Annville, conducted by Judge Ehrgood. In the spring of 1878, Mr. McCurdy began to make practical use of the knowledge gained, and for five years taught successfully in South Annville township. During the spring of 1882, and the fall of 1883, Mr. McCurdy pursued his

studies at Lebanon Valley College, and after attending Lock Haven Normal College in the spring of 1883 and from January, 1884, until July of the same year, he graduated at the latter institution.

Young as he was, this same year, Mr. McCurdy was elected principal of the Hummelstown Public Schools, Dauphin county, and occupied this chair until 1887, when he entered the Millersville State Normal School and took the scientific course, graduating in it in 1888. At this time, Mr. McCurdy was made scientific orator, and was the first to enjoy that honor at the State Normal. His oration was well prepared and delivered, he having had some experience, having been one of the honor men at Lock Haven. After graduating from this latter place of learning, Mr. McCurdy was elected Supervising Principal of Schools at Everett, Bedford county, and continued there until 1893. In November, 1891, he was highly honored by being selected to succeed Prof. M. G. Brumbaugh in the department of English grammar, literature and rhetoric in Normal College at Huntingdon, Pa. It was a tempting offer, but as the Everett school board insisted upon retaining his services he was obliged to decline the proposal. He located in Lebanon after giving up teaching, and began the study of law under his former professor, Judge Ehrgood, continuing with this learned member of the Bar until March 22, 1895, when he himself was admitted to practice. He located on South Eighth street, and there remained until March, 1897, when he formed a partnership with General J. P. S. Gobin, and continues in this professional relation.

In 1898 Mr. McCurdy was elected upon the Republican ticket, District Attorney of Lebanon county, at the general election, for three years, and during his term of office was an efficient and able representative of the interests of the county and the preservation of the rights of its citizens. In addition to his professional duties, Mr. McCurdy is a director in the City Mutual Fire Insurance Company, a director in the Century Printing Company, and of the Y. M. C. A., of Lebanon. In his fraternal relations, Mr. McCurdy is a member of Washington Camp No. 254, P. O. S. of A. and Lebanon Valley Commandery, No. 5, S. of A. In church circles, he is an earnest member of and worker in Trinity United Brethren Church, and is president of Lebanon County Sunday School Association.

In August, 1884, Mr. McCurdy was married to Miss Alice S. Tittle, who was born near Annville, Lebanon county, daughter of Amos C. Tittle, one of the old citizens of this county, and highly respected by all. One child, Edith, has been born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy.

FRANK R. DISSINGER. The Dissinger family is one of the old established ones of Lebanon county, and was founded in Pennsylvania by John Dissinger, who emigrated from Germany and settled near Schaefferstown just after the close of the Revolutionary War. As he was young at that time it is possible that he was accompanied by his parents, of whom we have no record. John Dissinger married Catherine Naeft, whose parents were also natives of Germany. A son of this marriage was the grandfather of Frank R. Dissinger.

John Dissinger (2) was born in 1798, on a farm near Schaefferstown and followed farming nearly all his life in this locality. After the death of his wife, he removed to the home of his eldest child, Mary, Mrs. Barnhardt Forrest, in Campbelltown, where he died in 1881. The wife of John Dissinger (2) was Catherine Connor, born about 1802, whose parents were natives of Ireland, her death occurring about 1857. Their children were: Mary (Polly), wife of Barnhardt Forrest, who for fifty years carried on a tailoring business at Campbelltown; Rev. Henry, deceased, who married (first) Elizabeth Grumbein, and (second) Catherine Gensinger; John, deceased, who married Mary Books; Lydia, deceased, who married Rev. Samuel Books; Rev. Moses, who married (first) Susan Clark and (second) Amelia Seager; Edward, the father of Frank R.; Frank, who married (first) Susan Yokem and (second) Mary Fink; Cyrus, who married Emma Morvits; Kate, deceased, who married Henry Strohm; Samuel, who died young; and David, deceased, who married Fanny Clement.

Edward Dissinger was born October 16, 1827, and remained on the farm until he was sixteen years of age and then came to Campbelltown to learn the tailoring trade with his brother-in-law. About 1870 he took charge of the Campbelltown Hotel, now the Rising Sun Hotel, and remained in charge several years, selling then to Eby & Saunders, and buying the property owned by Jacob Funk in the west end of Campbelltown, where he engaged in merchandising. A few years later he added a hotel and operated both for several years. When he gave up the latter enterprise he enlarged his store, and continued in the business very actively until 1890, when he was succeeded by his son, Frank R.

In the meantime, in association with his sons, Charles R. and Frank R., Mr. Dissinger purchased the hardware store of Samuel Johnson, and this business they operated in partnership until 1890, during the same period conducting a produce business jointly. As above mentioned Frank R. Dissinger took the general mercantile business in 1890; Charles R., with J. M. Brandt, took the hardware store, while the father confined his energies to

the management of the produce business. The first marriage of Edward Dissinger was to Barbara Harman, and two children were born to that union, namely: Henrietta, born December 7, 1850; and one that died in infancy. His second wife was Eliza Rodearmel, born December 3, 1831, daughter of Peter Rodearmel and wife (nee Hoak) and to this marriage children were born as follows: Ambrose R., born September 23, 1853, died December 18, 1856; Charles R., born August 17, 1855, died August 24, 1891; John R., born August 30, 1857, died December 15, 1860; Frank R., born June 28, 1860; Minnie R., born July 5, 1862; William R., born July 28, 1865, died November 18, 1900, married Gertrude Fosoldt, and left children, Ralph and Ruth; Edward R., born February 3, 1868, married Ida Plouse, and has a daughter, Violet; Nellie R., born September 15, 1870, died November 1, 1888; Morris R., born April 26, 1873, died September 4, 1873; and Emma R., born January 26, 1875, died August 27, 1875.

Frank R. Dissinger, is a product of Campbelltown, being reared there and educated in the public schools, later attending Prof. Peter Witmer's old academy at Palmyra. After two terms of teaching in South Londonderry township; he became a clerk in his father's store, and continued until admitted to a partnership, serving five years as postmaster under President Cleveland's administration.

In 1889 Mr. Dissinger married Villarah Slabach, born in Lancaster county, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Graybill) Slabach, and three children have been born to this union, viz.: Harvey S., Charles S. and Jestina S. Socially the family is prominent, and Mr. Dissinger is one of the energetic and public-spirited young citizens of this locality. In 1898 with John F. Leshner, Mr. Dissinger leased the Chautauqua store and picnic grounds at Mt. Gretna, and they operated them so successfully and satisfactorily that in 1902 they leased, in addition, the store and the boarding house of the Mt. Gretna Camp-meeting Association.

**HERR.** The Herr family of Annville is one of the oldest and most prominent in Lebanon county. The origin of the family was in five brothers who came from Germany to America over a century ago. Three of these settled in Lancaster county, Pa., one in Lebanon county, and one went to Canada. The brother who settled in what is now Lebanon county was Abraham, and he was the progenitor of the Herr family in Annville of the present time. He bought what was known as the old Forge property in Annville, which consisted of a mill and forge, and he carried on milling and farming there for the balance of his life. Abraham Herr became the father of the following

children: Abraham, Henry, Christian, Rudolph, and Nancy, who married Samuel Shenk.

Abraham Herr, son of Abraham, was born August 12, 1794, on the old homestead, and engaged in farming, renting the mill, which he had purchased from his father's estate. His marriage was to Elizabeth Ensminger, daughter of Jonathan Ensminger, who was born June 11, 1776, and died October 22, 1853. Mrs. Herr was born May 28, 1797, in South Annville township, Lebanon county, and died August 1, 1877. To the marriage of Abraham and Elizabeth Herr, were born the following children: Veronica, who married Peter Reist, of Lebanon county and they removed to Dayton, Ohio, where she died in 1897; Jonathan, who married a daughter of Abraham Brightbill, and died in 1898; Rudolph; and Abraham, who married a daughter of Martin Meyer, was born July 10, 1829, and died July 29, 1889; he lost his eyesight at about the age of twenty-one years, through a blasting accident.

RUDOLPH HERR, son of Abraham Herr (2), was born March 13, 1826, in the old Herr home, which still remains and which he owns, and from boyhood until manhood he assisted his father. In 1847 he moved from the old place and engaged for himself in farming and driving cattle. Some time later he became interested in the lumber business with which he was connected for forty-five years, or until 1899, when he sold and retired from the cares of business life. Mr. Herr owned and operated a portable mill, got out hard wood lumber, and kept a large yard in Annville, where he handled large quantities of yellow pine, with other varieties of lumber. During the Civil war he operated extensively. In 1860 he built his present handsome brick residence on Main and Mill streets in Annville, where he resides in the enjoyment of ease and ample means. Mr. Herr is a man of intelligence and travel, having visited Canada and twenty-two States of the Union, sometimes on business, and on other occasions merely for pleasure.

On January 7, 1847, Mr. Herr was married to Sarah Ann Groh, who was born near Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, November 2, 1827, daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Strickler) Groh. She died March 17, 1899. To Rudolph Herr and wife the following children were born: Henry, born April 20, 1850, is farming on the old place; John E., born December 9, 1851, is engaged in the lumber, coal and feed business in Annville; Aaron G., born August 24, 1856, resides in Annville; William O., born September 18, 1857, is bookkeeper in the shoe factory of A. S. Kreider & Co., of Annville; and Albert, born October 6, 1859, is engaged in the bologna sausage business in Annville. The one daughter, Sally, was born June 27, 1861, and married Christian Geyer, a lawyer, who is postmaster at Catawissa, Columbia Co.,

Pa. Mr. Herr and family belong to the United Brethren Church, of which he has been a member for fifty-two years. Mr. Herr has been very generous in his contributions to this church, and has promoted its usefulness in every possible way, serving on its board of trustees and actively assisting in its various most worthy enterprises.

Mr. Herr has always been a public-spirited and liberal-minded man, and he was one of the prime movers in locating the Lebanon Valley College at this point. His time, money and influence were engaged, and he served on the first board of trustees, and later, at different times, has assumed a like responsibility. He is known as one of the most liberal friends of the college, and is held in very high esteem by his fellow-citizens. His interest in other enterprises has resulted in their success, one of these being the Lebanon Manufacturing Company, in which he has been a director since its establishment. While engaged in the lumber business, he also did much contracting and building, and many of the town's best buildings attest his ability.

While the name of Herr bears with it honor and respectability in Lebanon county, it is a matter of remark that the same is the case in Lancaster county, the founders evidently having been men of more than usual stability of character, bringing with them from their German home, those habits of thrift and simple ways of living, which, added to the religious teachings of good parents, proved the best foundation stones on which to erect ample fortunes and to establish most creditable reputations.

CHRISTIAN SHENK, one of the leading citizens and business men of Lebanon, senior member of C. & H. J. Shenk, proprietors of the largest dry goods (department) store between Reading and Harrisburg, was born in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, November 16, 1836.

After attending the common schools of his district, Mr. Shenk entered the Millersville (Pa.) State Normal School, and later he attended school near Hagerstown, Md., for a year. The above schooling was supplemented by a course at the Poughkeepsie (N. Y.) Business College, after which he began active life for himself. In 1864 he became a salesman for Riddle, Gill & Co., Philadelphia, which firm he left to accept a similar position with the house of Hood, Bonwright & Co., Philadelphia. In 1869 he came to Lebanon, and after spending two years as a salesman in the store of his brother, Henry Shenk, one of the old time merchants of Lebanon, he began business for himself in this city, in 1871, conducting a general merchandise store. In 1901 the firm was changed to the present style, by the admission of his nephew, H. J. Shenk, into partnership. The business is now that of a



*Christian Sheehy*



department store, the stock consisting of dry goods, notions, clothing, etc., and is conducted on the latest ideas, and contrasts favorably with those of the larger cities.

Mr. Shenk has been active in business matters outside of the mercantile line, and has been associated in the organization of and made director of some of the leading enterprises of Lebanon county. For some years, he was a director in the Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad; director in the Lebanon Trust and Safe Deposit Bank; a director in the Lebanon Electric Street Railroad Company, and a director in the Lebanon Electric Light Company. For some time, he had been a director in the West End Rolling Mill Company, and is now president of that enterprise. He is a Republican in politics, and for three years served on the school board.

During the Civil war, he served in the Seventeenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and was a patriotic man. He is now a member of Sedgwick Post, G. A. R., Camp No. 381, P. O. S. of A., and the Steitz Club. Religiously he belongs to St. John's Reformed Church, being an elder in the church. Mr. Shenk married Miss Harriet, a daughter of the late Beal Few, deceased.

The father of Mr. Shenk was Jacob Shenk, who was born in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county. Joseph Shenk was the father of Jacob, father of Christian, and was born in the same place, where the great-grandfather, a German by birth, settled some time in the seventeenth century. The maternal grandmother was Fanny Ober, of Mastersonville, Pa., and on both sides of the house, the families are old, prominent and highly esteemed.

AUGUSTUS D. STONER (deceased), who died at his home in Myers-town, Pa., November 27, 1895, after a long and useful life, was one of the most highly esteemed residents of Lebanon county, a devoted husband, loving father and kind and helpful friend.

The birth of Mr. Stoner took place April 21, 1821, at Newmanstown, Millcreek township, and he was a son of Rudolph and Elizabeth Stoner, the former of whom was for a long period a well-known, skilled bricklayer in Newmanstown. The grandfather of Augustus D. Stoner came to Pennsylvania from Germany, and the family was of German extraction throughout, good, solid, reliable people. A family of ten children was born to Rudolph and Elizabeth Stoner, all of them having passed away except Charlotte, the wife of Henry Souders; and Polly, who is Mrs. Dundon.

The late Augustus D. Stoner grew to young manhood in Newmanstown, where he attended school and then perfected himself in his father's business.

While still a young man he came to Myerstown, and here formed a partnership with John A. Donges in a general mercantile line, the business being carried on some years under the firm name of Donges & Stoner. After the dissolving of this partnership, each member began an individual business, Mr. Stoner opening up a general store on Railroad street, on the site of the present store of Corl & Manderbach, where he continued some years, closing out his active interest, however, some twenty years prior to his death. Mr. Stoner was a self-made man, and the ample fortune he secured was through his own efforts. As a citizen of Myerstown for so many years he was well known by every one, and was universally esteemed in every relation of life. He was the soul of integrity and exemplified a true Christian spirit, not only in the Evangelical Church of which he was a class leader, Sunday School superintendent, trustee and elder, but in all those matters which test men's religion in outside life. Mr. Stoner was kind and charitable, and was ever ready to give a kind word, or to do a kind act. In his early life he was a Democrat, but later, having strong feelings on the temperance question, he became a zealous Prohibitionist.

For his wife Augustus D. Stoner selected Miss Susan Myers, a great-granddaughter of the man from whom the name of Myerstown was obtained, and in whose honor it was named. She was a daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Christ) Myers, a family which was held in great respect in this community, and was one of a family of seven children, the four survivors being: Daniel; Isaac, of Myerstown; Mrs. Stoner, and Maria, the widow of George Mark. A family of seven children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stoner, and of these the following named reached maturity: Minerva; Myers R.; James A., who is deceased; John, of Reading; Harry, a cigar-maker in Myerstown; and Miss Sallie, who resides with her mother at the old home on Main street. Both are consistent members of the Evangelical Church, and Miss Sallie is very active in the work of the Sabbath School.

Mr. Stoner was one of the charter members of the order of Odd Fellows in Myerstown, and also took a deep interest in its movements and the work of the order, living closely up to his obligations. In closing this too brief sketch of one of Myerstown's good men it is well to remember that the record of such lives does a world of benefit to a community, showing the value of honesty, integrity and Christian living.

GEORGE H. SPANG (deceased). In the death of George H. Spang, on September 21, 1901, the city of Lebanon lost one of her most substantial, influential and highly valued citizens.

George H. Spang was born January 8, 1844, in North Lebanon township, Lebanon county, son of George A. and Leah (Fisher) Spang, the former of whom was a son of Michael Spang. For many years Michael Spang kept the "Spang Hotel," which still stands on the Berks and Dauphin turnpike road, north of the lane leading to the Lebanon County Almshouse. The mother of Mr. Spang was a daughter of Joseph Fisher, who lived on the farm which is now the site of the Almshouse.

The late George H. Spang acquired his education in the common schools, and then, in 1855, came to Lebanon and learned the carpenter's trade. In the early days of the Civil War, on September 23, 1862, Mr. Spang offered his services to his country, enlisting in a company recruited in Lebanon, under Captain Rank, this being attached to the One Hundred and Fifty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers, and known as the Third Artillery. This battery was stationed at Baltimore until the battle of Gettysburg, in July, 1863, when it was moved to Mount Airy, thence to Gettysburg, where it was heavily engaged on the right wing of the Union forces, the spot now being commemorated by a handsome monument. Mr. Spang served as quartermaster-sergeant of his company, and was mustered out by special order June 16, 1865.

Few artillerymen in the Union army became as expert in range-finding as Mr. Spang, and his remarkable work in this line elicited the commendation of his officers and the admiration of his comrades. At Gettysburg he was in the thickest of the fray, having charge of two field pieces, and it was these guns which did such deadly work, when Pickett made his famous charge, on account of the accuracy with which artilleryman Spang found the range. To recall a bit of that day of carnage, during which Mr. Spang was particularly conspicuous, when Pickett's line approached, the officer who had charge of the artillery had some trouble in getting results from his guns, owing to faulty range, and in this emergency Mr. Spang was called upon to gauge the distance, doing so almost instantly, placing it fully 200 yards nearer than any other estimate, striking the line of the adversary in the middle.

In 1868 Mr. Spang became a partner with John H. Bressler in the hardware business in Lebanon, and proved as successful a merchant as he was faithful as a soldier. All progressive movements in Lebanon received support from Mr. Spang according to their merits. From the beginning he was active in founding and building up the fire department, and in August, 1865, became a member of Union Fire Company, No. 1, and it was through his untiring efforts that the present efficient steam engine was purchased. Mr. Spang was the first chief engineer of the department, being elected as

such at the reorganization of the department in 1873, three delegates from each company joining in convention, he being a delegate from the Union company. His first appointment was for a period of three months, but later he was elected for a term of two years. For over thirty years he acted as president of the Union Fire Company, holding that position at the time of his death.

In political activity Mr. Spang took a keen delight, faithfully serving the Democratic party and staunchly upholding its principles. Influential in its ranks, he was proffered many testimonials of esteem and confidence. In 1876 he was a delegate to the National Democratic convention, and supported Samuel J. Tilden for president. In 1880 he was again a delegate and gave his support to that brave soldier and courtly gentleman, Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock. In local matters he was zealous in support of his party, and was true to his political friends. When Dr. Gloninger was a candidate for Congress, he received the assistance of Mr. Spang, who served as president of the organization known as the "Boys in Blue." In 1883 he was elected county commissioner of Lebanon county, a wise and satisfactory choice which his administration proved, and at the end of his first term, he was re-elected. Many needed reforms were inaugurated and one of the most important improvements in the county was brought about, the remodeling of the county almshouse and the erection of a hospital at that institution. During his term of office the annex to the court house and the new county jail were erected.

In fact, to recount the public services of Mr. Spang is to recall the leading events in the city's career. Although the city was Republican, his personal attributes were so highly esteemed that he was elected city treasurer in 1893. In 1896 his election took place as the first president of the Fireman's Relief Association, for a term of four years, and in 1898 he was deemed the most suitable citizen to become president of the Fireman's committee to make arrangements for the State Firemen's convention, which was held in Lebanon in October of that year. In 1900 he was the unanimous choice of his Democratic friends for the State Senate, and received a very large vote. For years he served as treasurer of the Democratic city committee. Mr. Spang was one of the organizers of the Lebanon Manufacturing Company, of which corporation he was treasurer and a director. Fisher Hall, well known to old residents of Lebanon, was built by Peter Fisher, and Mr. Spang became first its manager and then its owner, and in 1898 he remodeled it and renamed the building the Academy of Music. In fraternal life he was a Knight Templar

Mason, and also belonged to the Odd Fellows, the United Workmen and the Lebanon Club, the latter a purely social organization.

Mr. Spang was married to Miss Emma L. Focht, daughter of William Focht, deceased, and three children were born to this union, namely: George T., Amelia E. and Marguerite L.

GEORGE T. SPANG, son of the late George H. and Emma L. (Focht) Spang, was born January 14, 1874, in Lebanon. Securing a good common school education he then entered Shortridge Medina College and later Muhlenberg College, graduating from the latter institution with the degree of B. A. in the class of 1896. Mr. Spang then began the study of law in the office of Ehrdman & Diefendorfer, of Allentown, Pa., and later entered the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in the class of 1899. For two years Mr. Spang practiced law in the office of Francis G. Lewis, in Allentown, but upon the death of his father he returned to Lebanon to take charge of his estate and is now engaged in the practice of his profession there, also managing the Academy of Music.

On November 14, 1901, Mr. Spang was married to Miss Mamie Ziegenfus, daughter of Charles Ziegenfus, of Allentown. Mr. Spang is a young man of marked ability and is popular in business, professional and social circles. He has membership in the Union Fire Company, and the Lebanon Cycle Club. Fraternally he is a Mason, and also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles (of which he is treasurer), and of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

HARRY L. CORL, member of the well known and successful firm of Corl & Manderbach, general merchants of Myerstown, Pa., and one of the honorable citizens of that locality, was born in Myerstown, March 1, 1845, a son of Joseph and Catherine (Lindermuth) Corl.

Daniel Corl, grandfather of Harry L. Corl, was one of the pioneer blacksmiths of Lebanon City, a man widely esteemed. He was the father of the following children: Lieut. Joseph, John, William, Abraham, Fianna (widow of John Whitmeyer), and Eliza (widow of William Kinter). The Corl family is numbered among the early settlers of Lebanon county, and all of its members are highly respected. Of the above family, Joseph, the father of H. L. Corl, was born in Lancaster City, in 1820, and died in Myerstown in 1897. By trade he was also a blacksmith, and became one of the leading men of Myerstown, wealthy and influential, and for forty years worked at his trade in the city of his adoption. He married Catherine Lindermuth, a native of Berks county, about 1840, and three children were born

of this union: Emma, who married William Seltzer, a miller of Myerstown; Harry L.; Katherine, who married M. H. Manderbach, of the firm of Corl & Manderbach.

Harry L. Corl was a small child when brought by his parents to Myerstown, and received his education in the township schools, and learned the trade of blacksmith, being the third generation of the Corl family in this line of trade, and covering a period of one hundred years, but when he grew to manhood, he did not like the calling, and so accepted a clerkship with Donges & Weirick, general merchants of Myerstown, but later went to Reading, where he filled a clerkship in a store in that city. Returning to Myerstown, he entered the employ of Donges Bros., and in 1879, he and his brother-in-law purchased the business of Augustus Stoner & Son, forming the firm of Corl & Manderbach, general merchants, at the present site, where the establishment has since been conducted. During the twenty-four years they have been in the business, the partners have built up their business to very satisfactory proportions, and now enjoy a most excellent trade among the leading people of the city and surrounding district, and they have the best store and carry the finest line of goods of any concern in Myerstown.

Mr. Corl was married, in 1888, to Miss Celia Kline, of Myerstown, a daughter of Daniel Kline, one of the old settlers of Marion township, Berks county. No children have been born of this marriage. Mrs. Corl is one of a family of four children, now living: John, of Robinson, Pa.; Peter S., a farmer, of Myerstown; William K., and Mrs. Corl. Mr. Corl is a staunch member of the Republican party, although he does not desire office. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, in which they take an active part. Fraternally, he is connected with the I. O. O. F., No. 149, and the P. O. S. of A., Camp No. 64, Myerstown, and is one of the honorable and successful business men of Pennsylvania, whose faithful devotion to his work, and sober, temperate habits have made him what he is.

**HENRY SMITH WEISS** (deceased) was for many years one of the leading business citizens of South Lebanon township. He was born June 20, 1833, in this township, where he later accumulated a competence and bore so honored a part in public affairs, a son of Samuel and Sarah (Smith) Weiss. His education in the common schools was supplemented by a business course at Poughkeepsie, New York.

When about twenty-eight years old Mr. Weiss left the farm, the limited opportunities there not offering sufficient chance for development of his business ability, and, in partnership with Joseph Light and David T. Werner,

embarked in a grain and coal business at Avon, a fine business point, the building of the railroad at this time offering facilities, in addition to those offered by the canal. This firm prospered exceedingly, shipping large quantities of grain. Later this partnership was dissolved, Mr. Light retaining the old stand, and Messrs. Weiss and Werner erecting a new elevator south of the railroad, the same now being operated by the young firm of Weiss & Groh, its members being Charles Z. Weiss and John H. Groh.

The firm of Werner & Weiss continued until 1892, when, on the death of Mr. Werner, the firm of Weiss, Groh & Co., was formed, Henry S. Weiss being the senior partner. In 1888 the old firm had added lumber to its business, which was as successfully handled as the other commodities.

In every sense of the word, Henry Smith Weiss was a good citizen. During the Civil war, although engrossed in business cares, he loyally enlisted on two different occasions, in defense of his country, serving with the rank of sergeant in the Forty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Politically he was identified with the Republican party, although no seeker after office. Although Mr. Weiss never lost his interest in farming, he was essentially a man of business, keen, quick, of good judgment, and capable of exercising that foresight which makes the success of trade. He was one of the directors of the Peoples National Bank, for a time owned and operated the Moyer Mill in North Cornwall township, and was connected with the Orchid Milling Company, of Pottsville. His ownership of real estate was large, and while he was a liberal contributor to public and private charities, he was able to leave a competency to his family. The lamented death of Mr. Weiss took place November 20, 1897.

On June 2, 1866, Mr. Weiss was married to Miss Rosa Royer, born February 29, 1844, daughter of Seth Royer, of Millbach. She died August 8, 1892, preceding by six years the death of her oldest son. George L. Weiss, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weiss, was born in February, 1867, and died in February, 1898. His education had been pursued in the Lebanon High School and the Myerstown College, from which institution he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated and located in practice at Lebanon. His career at college had been so brilliant and his prospects for a useful life were so promising that his early death was the saddest of blows, not only to his family but to the staff of the Lebanon Hospital, of which he was a member. He married Miss Laura Miles, by whom he was survived, with one son, Harry F. The other members of the family were: Jenettie S., a resident of Lebanon; Charles Z., born October 11, 1870; Samuel R., who

is engaged in gold mining in the Klondike; Harry F., who died October 24, 1892, aged seventeen years; Alfred S., a graduate of the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, and now located in practice at Lebanon; and Miss Fannie B., of Lebanon.

CHARLES Z. WEISS was liberally educated like the other members of his father's family, and early became associated with the latter in business. As stated above he is still interested in this line, and he is also a director of the Peoples National Bank of Lebanon. Politically he is one of the very active Republicans of the county, and is the chairman of that very important political body, the County Republican committee, having previously served as its treasurer. Mr. Weiss is a leader in public movements and promotes to the best of his ability those enterprises which promise to benefit his city. His residence is in South Lebanon township on his father's old home, and he also manages his own farm in North Lebanon township.

Mr. Weiss was married on January 1, 1900, to Miss Cora Erb, daughter of Edwin and Annie (Horst) Erb, and three children have been born to this union, namely: Henry S., Pauline E. and Harold E.

MORRIS B. GERBERICH, M. D., a well-known physician and public-spirited citizen of Lebanon, was born in Union township, Lebanon county, during the early days of the Civil war, on July 5, 1861. His parents were Daniel U. and Catherine (Boeshore) Gerberich, both natives of Lebanon county. [Mention of the ancestral family of Dr. Gerberich will be found elsewhere.]

Dr. Gerberich attended the common schools of Lebanon county and then entered Myerstown College, later graduating from the State Normal School at Lockhaven, in 1884. During his attendance at the latter institution he began teaching during the winter seasons, and followed that profession for a period of six years, his proficiency being such that he obtained a permanent State certificate.

When he decided upon a medical career the young man found in his brother, Dr. Daniel P. Gerberich, of Lebanon, a wise assistant and careful instructor, and after proper preparation in his office took a course of lectures in Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, and graduated at that great institution in the class of 1887. Dr. Gerberich began practice at Annville, in Lebanon county, and remained there until his removal to Lebanon, in 1900. Since that date Dr. Gerberich has been numbered among the successful practitioners of the city, and has added medical reputation to a name which already had become most highly esteemed by the profession and public in





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Lebanon through his brother, Dr. Daniel P. He is a member of the Homoeopathic Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, and he has been appointed as medical examiner, of Lebanon, by a number of life insurance companies.

Dr. Gerberich has taken a great interest in public matters since locating in Lebanon, and that his usefulness to the city has been appreciated was demonstrated by his election as a member of the common council, from the Fourth ward, in 1898, and emphasized by his re-election in 1900, and again in 1902. In April, 1902, he was elected president of the council, and re-elected in 1903. While in the city council he was appointed and served on some of the leading standing committees, being two years on the finance committee, and two years on the city property committee, when the present spacious and beautiful city hall was remodeled, and refurnished and fitted out throughout, this work being under the direction and supervision of the city property committee.

On April 2, 1889, Dr. Gerberich was married to Miss Amanda Wolf, daughter of Herman Wolf, of Lebanon county, and three daughters have blessed this union, namely: Pearl S., Grace H. and Mattie C. Dr. Gerberich is a member of the P. O. S. of A. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church. Since his removal to Lebanon he has continuously been assistant teacher of the Bible class of the Sunday School of his church, and in July, 1903, he was elected by the congregation as elder to the church council. As a physician he stands high in the public esteem, while as a citizen he is placed among the most progressive and useful members of the community.

**JOHN H. OLWINE**, one of the thrifty and successful farmers of Jackson township, residing on the line of North Lebanon, Jackson and Bethel townships, was born on the old Samuel Olwine farm in Jackson township, January 7, 1847.

The parents of Mr. Olwine were John and Barbara (Harnish) Olwine, the former of whom was born in 1821, a son of Samuel Olwine, whose father was one of the Hessian prisoners captured by Gen. Washington's army in 1776. Samuel Olwine, the grandfather of John H., was the father of five children, viz: Jonathan, Mary, Elizabeth, Katherine and John.

John Olwine married Barbara Harnish, and died January 15, 1881, the father of five children: Amanda, the wife of John Behney; John H.; Susan, deceased; Sarah, the wife of H. D. Hoffman, of Lebanon; and Daniel, a farmer of Jackson township. In politics Mr. Olwine was actively identified

with the Democratic party. His religious membership was in the Lutheran Church.

John H. Olwine was born and reared and has made his home in Jackson township. His education was obtained in the public schools, and after completing the course and attaining his majority, he started out for himself as a farmer, being entirely without means, possessing, however, good habits, courage and untiring industry. In any case these attributes and possessions contribute to success, and in the case of Mr. Olwine have made him the owner of a fine ninety-eight-acre farm, well improved and under fine cultivation, it being one of the most productive in the neighborhood. In politics he is a Democrat and has served as school director, assistant assessor and inspector of elections. He has always taken an active part in church work, and has served both as deacon and elder in the Reformed Church at Mt. Zion.

In 1869 Mr. Olwine was married to Amelia S. Schaumm, one of a family of four children born to Jacob and Mary (Peifer) Schaumm, one of the prominent old families of the locality, the other children being: Michael; Clara, wife of Nathaniel Allwine, and Miss Rebecca. The seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Olwine are: Lillie M., wife of William Manbeck, a farmer of Jackson township; William M., educated at Palatinate College at Myerstown and Kutztown Normal School in Berks county, now teacher in the Myerstown Secondary School; Clayton E., educated as above, a bookkeeper at Newark, N. J.; John C., a bookkeeper also located at Newark; and Jennie S., Robert J., and Harry Isaac, at home. Mr. Olwine has given his children every educational advantage in his power and has reared children who reflect credit upon their parents and locality. He is most highly respected in every way, a good citizen, friendly neighbor, devoted husband, careful and judicious father.

ANDREW B. GLONINGER, M. D., a physician and surgeon of Lebanon, Pa., was born in Lebanon, June 14, 1861. His father the late Dr. Cyrus Dorsey Gloninger, and Dr. John W. Gloninger, his grandfather, were two of the most prominent physicians who ever practiced in Lebanon. The subject of this sketch graduated from Franklin and Marshall College with the class of 1880, having previously prepared for college in the public schools. He received his medical diploma from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating with the class of 1883.

Dr. Cyrus Dorsey Gloninger, father of Dr. A. B. Gloninger, was born in Lebanon, Pa., March 13, 1824, the eldest son of Dr. John W. Gloninger and

Mary Ann Hassinger. He attended the Lebanon Academy and graduated from Marshall College, then at Mercersburg, in 1843. He studied medicine with his father, and graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1846. The two following years he pursued his medical studies in the medical universities and hospitals of Europe. Returning home, he entered upon the general practice and soon acquired a marked reputation for ability and skill in every department of his profession, especially in the treatment of the eye. Aside from the science of medicine his literary studies were extensive. He was especially well-informed in all that relates to the collateral sciences, and his knowledge of sacred and profane history, strengthened by travel and observation, made him an agreeable and entertaining companion. He was a frequent and valuable contributor to various journals and periodicals. As a public man he was very prominent and was twice, 1866 and 1870, the Democratic candidate for Congress, but was defeated. He was one of the founders of the Lebanon Manufacturing Company, and was president of the Lebanon National Bank. He was an active and zealous member of the St. John's Reformed Church, for which he did much work and gave valuable support. He was charitable, and his private charities were numerous.

Dr. Gloninger married Julia A. Beaumont, who was born in Wilkesbarre, Luzerne Co., Pa., daughter of the late Hon. Andrew Beaumont, a native of Connecticut, where his ancestors settled in 1635, who migrated to Luzerne county, Pa., when he was seventeen years of age, and became a brilliant lawyer, served in both branches of the State Legislature and was twice elected for Congress; he married Julia Colt.

Dr. John W. Gloninger, the grandfather of Dr. A. B. Gloninger, was born in Lebanon, Pa., September 23, 1798, son of John Gloninger and Catharine Orth. His early educational training was under a famous pedagogue, one Mr. McMullen. Afterward he was sent to a select school at Harrisburg, and then to Baltimore, where he completed his academic education. In 1815 he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. King. Early in the year of 1817 he went to Philadelphia, and became a private pupil of Prof. Dorsey, and at the same time attended lectures at the University of Pennsylvania and Blockley hospital. In 1818 he went to New York City, entered the office of Prof. Hosack as a student, and attended lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, graduating in April, 1819. He remained in New York pursuing his studies in the hospitals until the following year, when he returned to Lebanon, and began the practice of his profession. For thirty years he maintained the position of leading physician. In 1817 he was elected a member of

the Philadelphia Medical Society, in 1823 a member of the Pittsburg Medical Society, and in 1826 was elected a Fellow of the University of New York. In 1828 the Jefferson Medical College conferred upon him the degree of M. D. In 1838 he was elected honorary member of the New York State Medical Society. In 1841 the University of Maryland conferred upon him the honorary degree of M. D., the University of Pennsylvania granting him the same honor in 1848. He was trustee of Marshall College, and was one of the founders and a trustee of Lebanon Academy. He took a deep interest in the Reformed Church, and gave freely and liberally to all church enterprises. In 1841 he was elected president of the Lebanon Bank, which position he held until 1867, when he declined a re-election. He was married twice, first to Mary Ann Hassinger in 1820, and second to Catherine Arndt, in 1847. Dr. Gloninger died March 10, 1874.

The great-grandfather of Dr. A. B. Gloninger was Col. John Gloninger, who was born in Lebanon township, then in Lancaster county, September 19, 1758, son of Philip and Ann Barbara Gloninger. His ancestors were of German origin, and settled first along the Chickies creek in Lancaster county, and then removed to Lebanon township, and were among the earliest settlers in that locality. He received most of his educational instruction from the pastor of the Reformed Church. He served in the Revolutionary war, first as a subaltern and then in the command of the Second Battalion of Militia of Lancaster county as Lieutenant Colonel. He served as a representative in the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1790, resigning as such to accept a seat in the State Senate, from which he also later resigned. He was appointed by Governor Mifflin, a warm personal friend, an associate judge of Dauphin county, but subsequently resigned from this position. Upon the erection of Lebanon county in 1813, he was commissioned as associate justice of that county, and filled that position for many years. He married Catharine Orth, daughter of Adam and Catharine (Kaucher) Orth. His death occurred January 22, 1836.

**FREDERICK CARPENTER**, the genial host of the "Franklin Hotel" at Schaefferstown, was born September 11, 1862, in Cornwall township, Lebanon county, a son of Reuben and Catherine (Bostwick) Carpenter.

Reuben Carpenter was by occupation a furnaceman and farmer, and he was a son of Reuben Carpenter. He was born in Lancaster county about 1815, and died in 1897. By his marriage with Catherine Bostwick, who was born in Lancaster county in 1819, and died in 1900, he became the father of these children: Harry, of Bismarck, Lebanon county; Mary,

wife of Frederick Lininger, of Cornwall township; John, deceased; Simon of Bismarck; Rebecca, wife of Isaac Zellers, of Rexmont; Daniel, a resident of Harrisburg; Emma, wife of Charles McMinn, of Bismarck; Reuben, of Rexmont; William, deceased; and Frederick. Mr. Carpenter was a very zealous Republican, and it was a proud day for him when, accompanied by his seven sons, he cast his vote for that great statesman, James G. Blaine, for president. Mr. Carpenter was a man of remarkable physical endurance, and has been known frequently to work for eighteen hours a day at the old charcoal furnace in Cornwall township. In religious belief, he believed in the faith of the Reformed Church.

Frederick Carpenter was reared in Cornwall township, and spent his youth on the farm and in attendance at the common schools. In young manhood he accepted a clerkship in the general store of C. Rex & Co., at Rexmont, where he remained for two years, and then worked as a florist with Mrs. Sarah Coleman, of Cornwall, and later was employed by Burkey & Co., for some three years, and then went to Rexmont, where he built the "Rexmont Hotel" and conducted a hostelry here for seven years, when sold out. He then spent two years with his old firm of C. Rex & Co., and then came to Schaefferstown. The property of the "Franklin House" had been bought by him four years previously, and since 1897 he has conducted here a first-class, modern, up-to-date hotel. His patronage is large and is continually increasing, the "Franklin House" having gained a reputation for its comforts and good cuisine.

On November 27, 1884, Mr. Carpenter married Miss Sallie Dissinger, of Cornwall, daughter of Franklin and Elizabeth (Fink) Dissinger, an old family of Cornwall township, Lebanon county. The children born to this union are: Bessie, George, Pierce, Edna, Catherine, Earl, Lillie and Frank. In politics Mr. Carpenter is a staunch Republican and is his party's candidate for sheriff in 1903. Fraternally he belongs to Masonic Lodge No. 307, of Womelsdorf, of Berks county; No. 121, of Lebanon, I. O. O. F.; P. O. S. of A., No. 289, of Rexmont; and Knights of the Mystic Chain, of Cornwall. Mr. Carpenter is a man held in much esteem; he is self-made, honest, reliable and a good citizen.

Mrs. Carpenter was born November 15, 1866, and her father still resides at Rexmont. The others of the family were: Catherine, Mrs. Jacob Hoke, of Cornwall; Franklin, of Elizabethtown, Lancaster county; Lillie, Mrs. Frank Shaw, of Elizabethtown; Solomon, a minister of the Evangelical Church; Philip, of Cornwall; Edward, of the United States army; and Robert, of Lancaster county.

JOHN A. BECKLEY, one of the most highly esteemed, reliable and representative citizens of Prescott, South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, a prominent politician, justice of the peace and man of substance, belongs to one of the old and honorable families of this section of the State. Mr. Beckley was born July 19, 1849, on the old Beckley farm in Jackson township, which his forefathers settled upon about 1750. His parents were John and Sarah (Spangler) Beckley, of South Lebanon township.

The grandparents of John A. Beckley were Frederick and Margaret (Strock) Beckley, the latter of whom was a native of Berks county. The former was a son of Uhrich Beckley, who came from Ireland to Lancaster county when a boy of eighteen years, in the early days of its settlement, and in 1767 he bought the farm in South Jackson township from one John Brant, who obtained the property from John and Richard Penn in 1745. The family tradition tells that the price paid was to be one red rose, to be picked on the 24th of June each year forever. Uhrich Beckley married a French lady who came to America from Alsace Lorraine, and they had sons, John, Jonathan and Frederick, the latter being the father of John, who was the father of John A. Beckley, of Prescott.

John Beckley was born in the old home in 1811, was a farmer of excellent repute, as his father before him had been, and died in 1889. His wife, Sarah, was a daughter of George Spangler, of South Lebanon township, and their children were: John Adam, of Prescott; F. P., of Prescott; George, who was killed by a horse at the age of thirty-one years; and Salla C., who died at the age of eighteen. John Beckley was a Democrat in his political belief. Religiously he was a member of the Lutheran Church.

John Adam Beckley was reared on a farm but was given most excellent educational opportunities, after completing the public school course attending Palatinate, now Albright, College, and the Lebanon Valley College, of Annville. For the three succeeding years he followed the profession of teaching, and then engaged in farming on his well-improved estate of fifty acres, giving up activity there in 1901. For the past twenty-one years he has dispensed impartial justice as a magistrate in Prescott, has been tax collector and a director of the poor in Lebanon county, and has also been one of the standard bearers of Democracy. In 1900 he was the candidate of his party for the State Legislature, and his popularity was shown by his receipt of the full party vote. His time is much occupied with settling up estates and he is the guardian of a number of wards, his known integrity and high character making him very frequently the chosen officer in such cases.

On November 14, 1872, Mr. Beckley was united in marriage with Miss

Katherine Leahman, born November 14, 1848, the youngest daughter of Joseph and Mary Leahman, of Lebanon. This family came from the State of New York to Pennsylvania, and they had a family of five children namely, exclusive of Mrs. Beckley; Elizabeth, the wife of Amos Wheeler, of Hummelstown; Mary, the wife of David Law, of Philadelphia; Henry, of Lebanon City; and Joseph, of Palmyra. Mr. and Mrs. Beckley have no children. The aged mother of the former lives with them, tenderly cared for, in her eightieth year. Mr. Beckley is a man of social instincts and enjoys membership with a number of fraternal orders, among these being: Knights of Malta, No. 117, Lebanon; I. O. O. F., No. 121, Lebanon; Golden Eagle, No. 167, and Garfield Commandery, No. 50. Both Mr. and Mrs. Beckley are consistent members of the Salem Lutheran Church of Lebanon. They are among the most highly esteemed residents of this locality, and a visit to their hospitable home is something to be long remembered.

ADAM H. LIGHT, one of the leading citizens of Swatara township, residing on his pleasant farm near Banker Hill, was born in that vicinity, April 22, 1840, a son of David and Mollie (Hunsicker) Light.

David Light was born in Swatara township, and died in 1888, at the age of eighty-seven years. His wife was born in Union township, Lebanon county, and died in 1898. David was a son of Peter Light, who married a Miss Beam, was a farmer of Swatara township, and one of a large family of children born to his father, Henry Light, great-grandfather of our subject. Peter Light was born on the old homestead near Tenth street, where he was reared, but after his marriage he located in Swatara township, and spent the remainder of his life. His children were: Jacob; David; Peter, who died in Buffalo, N. Y.; and Elizabeth, who married Rev. Christian Peffley. David Light spent his life in Swatara township as a farmer, owning three farms, one of 140 acres, one of 122 acres, and one of eighty-five acres, the last named being in North Lebanon township. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the United Brethren Church. They had these children: Peter, who went West prior to the Civil war, served three years in that struggle, then went to Missouri, and for years nothing has been heard of him; Adam H.; Christian H., a farmer and dairyman of North Lebanon township; David, a resident of Heilmandale, a farmer; and Emma B., married to Noah Dahner, of Iona, Lebanon county.

Adam H. Light was reared and educated in Swatara township, attending the common schools, and at the age of twenty-two years he started out in life for himself as a farmer on his present property. Mr. Light has always been



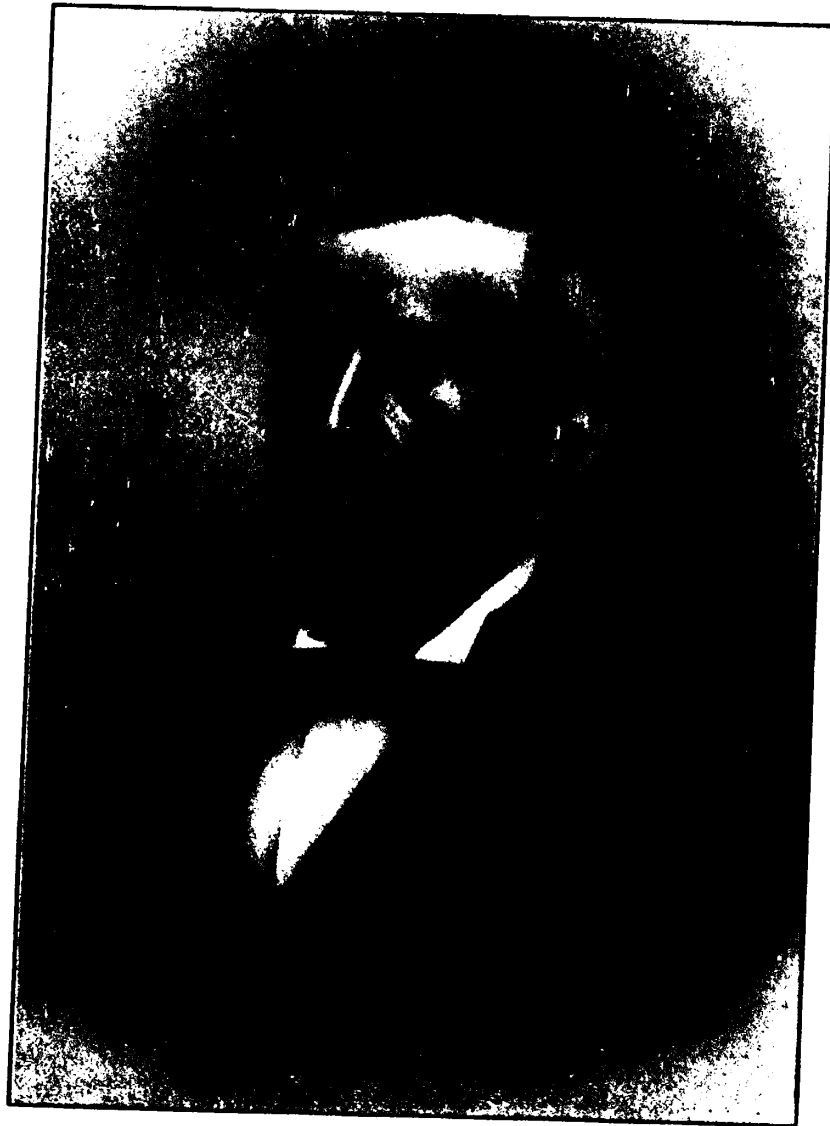
one of the public-spirited citizens of the township, and has twice served most acceptably as school director, and as assistant assessor and treasurer, as well as Judge of election. In addition to his other interests, he is a stockholder of the Farmers National Bank of Lebanon. He owns another farm of 128 acres, in North Lebanon township, which like his home place, is in an excellent condition.

In 1861, Mr. Light was married to Sarah Good, a daughter of Christian and Catherine (Noll) Good, born in Dauphin county, Pa. The following family has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Light: Christian David, unmarried, at the home place; Mary Jane, married to John M. Miley, a farmer of North Lebanon township; Katie, unmarried; Grant, unmarried, at home; Andrew, who died in 1893, aged twenty-three years; Irvin, unmarried, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Light are members of the United Brethren Church of Mountville, of which he has been trustee for a number of years, and they are most highly esteemed throughout the entire neighborhood.

JOHN MEILY (deceased), for many years one of the leading manufacturers of Lebanon, one of the proprietors of the Lebanon Valley Furnace at that place, and a man well known and highly esteemed in commercial circles throughout the State, was born at Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., September 9, 1826, a son of Martin and Magdelene (Groh) Meily.

John Meily, the grandfather of John, was born in 1776, and died in 1844, while his wife, a member of the old Lebanon family of Overholzer, was born in 1776, and died in 1854. The father, named Martin, was born in 1801, and was an excellent example of a self-reliant, self-made man, never having had the advantage of attending school. During his boyhood he was reared upon a farm, and learned the trade of a potter. After attaining to manhood's estate his sterling worth was recognized, and for ten years he served as justice of the peace, and for three years as notary public. Although denied the advantages of an education, he was a man who knew how to make the most of every opportunity, and studied law as related to titles, becoming so expert upon this subject that he was elected surveyor of Lebanon county and held that office most acceptably for a number of terms. Prior to the birth of his son, John, Martin Meily removed to Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., from Bethel township, Dauphin (now Lebanon) Co., Pa. In 1823 Martin Meily married Magdelene Groh, born in 1798, daughter of John Groh, of Bethel township, Dauphin (now Lebanon) Co., Pa., and three sons were born of this union, Benjamin, John and Jacob.

John Meily was reared in Mechanicsburg, attending the common



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schools. After leaving school he was employed as a clerk for a short time, but eventually returned to the old Meily home in Lebanon county, and embarked in the transportation business on the old Union canal at Jonestown, with offices at that point and at Middletown, Pa. Later he was connected with a mercantile concern in Philadelphia, and resided in that city. In about 1860, he engaged in the iron business with which he was familiar, in partnership with Henry Meily, at Middletown, Pa. In 1867, in partnership with Richard Meily, his late partner, and Lyman Nutting (now deceased), he built the Lebanon Valley Furnace, which in partnership with Richard Meily he continued to operate until his death. The success which attended his business career was largely due to his thorough attention to detail, intimate knowledge of his undertaking, and his high sense of honor, which gave absolutely fair treatment to customers and employes alike.

All his life, Mr. Meily was closely identified with the interests and principles of the Whig, and later the Republican party, although he never desired office. Notwithstanding his preference for a private life, while living at Jonestown he was induced to accept nomination on the Whig ticket, to the Pennsylvania Legislature, and was elected by a large majority, but from that time he declined to accept office.

Mr. Meily was twice married, his first wife having been Helen Halter, of Washington, D. C., who was connected with leading Lebanon families. To this union six children were born, the survivors being: James, of Philadelphia; John, Jr., of Lebanon; Mary, of Lebanon; and Helen, wife of Edward M. Taylor, of Wilmington, Del., who has three children, John Meily, William and Helen. Mrs. Meily died February 25, 1873, and Mr. Meily was married to Miss Katherine DeHuff, a member of the old Lebanon family of that name which is so well known in this portion of the State.

Few men in Lebanon enjoyed in higher degree the respect and esteem of their fellow citizens than did Mr. Meily, and his death, which occurred April 3, 1902, was sincerely mourned. In addition to his iron interests he was president of the Lebanon County Insurance Company. For many years he was a consistent member of St. John's Reformed Church of Lebanon, in which congregation he was a prominent figure.

**HENRY S. KREIDER**, one of the substantial and representative farmers of South Annville township, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, who resides upon his well improved and valuable farm located three miles south of the village of Annville, was born December 31, 1842, near Lebanon, in North Cornwall township.

The parents of Mr. Kreider were Jonas and Barbara (Schaffer) Kreider, the former of whom was born in North Cornwall township, about two miles from Lebanon, on Snitz Creek, December 27, 1810, a son of Henry Kreider, and the latter in North Lebanon township, in August, 1817, a daughter of John Schaffer. Jonas Kreider died in 1887, and his widow in 1889. They had a family of seven children born to them, as follows: John, a farmer of North Cornwall township; Christiana, the wife of Christian Kroll, of South Lebanon township; Henry S.; Catherine, the wife of Christian Yardy, of North Cornwall township; Barbara, the wife of Rudolph Behm, of Palmyra; Mary, the widow of Christian Bachman; and Levi, a resident of Dickinson county, Kansas. The father owned the old Kreider farm at Snitz Creek, North Cornwall, comprising one hundred acres, which came to him from his grandfather, who took up the land all along that creek. The original house is still standing, built in 1767, and is now owned by John Kreider, the brother of Henry S. Kreider.

Henry S. Kreider was reared on the old farm, and attended the common schools. In 1869 he married, and the next year located on the old farm which he operated for a year, and then moved upon the old Urich farm, on the Horseshoe turnpike road, and which belonged to his father, and here he was engaged in farming for fourteen years. Mr. Kreider then removed to West Cornwall township, and took charge of the Christian Bachman farm until 1895, when he purchased his present most desirable estate, this formerly having belonged to Jacob Graybill, and later to Christian Ressor. This farm comprises over 122 acres, and with his other farm in West Cornwall township, makes him a large landowner in this part of Lebanon county. The large and substantial stone residence was erected in 1812, a brick addition of modern architecture being added in 1848, making it a most comfortable home. In 1812 the large stone barn was built, and since that time it has been added to and remodelled to suit the growing needs of this large estate.

On December 9, 1869, Mr. Kreider was married to Fanny Bachman, born on the old Bachman farm, in North Cornwall township, July 4, 1845, daughter of Christian Bachman, who was born January 17, 1812, on the old farm, a son of John and Sarah (Zinn) Bachman, the latter of whom was born in October, 1811, at Zinn's Mill, in Cornwall, now North Cornwall township, and died December 31, 1870. The children of Mr. Kreider were the following: Sallie, born November 26, 1870, in Cornwall township, died March 11, 1871; Christian B., born December 31, 1871, in Cornwall township, was educated in the public schools, graduated from the Millersville State Normal School, took a course in the Lebanon Business College, and taught

school for five years; Jonas B., born April 8, 1874, died October 15, 1894; Henry B., born April 25, 1876; George Z., born August 18, 1877; Edward B., born June 7, 1879; Emma Virgie, born November 9, 1880, died February 13, 1883; Fanny May, born November 18, 1882; and an infant that died unnamed. Mrs. Kreider is a member of the Reformed Church, and the family is one which is held in high esteem in South Annville township.

**THOMAS GEORGE SPANGLER.** One of the leading industries of Lebanon county is that of the manufacture of textile fabrics, and the Lebanon Textile Company, of Avon, of which the gentleman whose name initiates this paragraph is the honored secretary, easily stands first as regards quality of manufactured product. The responsible position of secretary of so important a concern is the culmination of a business career altogether honorable in its gradual ascent from humble beginnings. Mr. Spangler was not exactly a "rail splitter," nor did he tread the towpath in his youth, and yet it can be truly said that he began at the bottom round of the ladder.

Mr. Spangler is indigenious to Lebanon county, born at Prescott, October 22, 1846. The original American ancestor of the family was Peter Spangler, his great-great-grandfather, who settled in Lebanon county in the latter part of the eighteenth century. A son of the same name was followed by grandfather George Spangler, a gallant commissioned officer in the war of 1812, the sword which he carried in that eventful struggle being treasured as a precious relic in the home of his loyal grandson. The early members of the family were representative agriculturists in their day, and men who left well defined traditions of probity of character and uprightness.

George Spangler, son of George and Catharine (Dinges) Spangler, was born in South Lebanon township February 28, 1819. He grew to manhood's estate on the old Spangler homestead, but left the farm for the life of the artisan, being apprenticed to the tailor's trade. He followed that business until toward his prime, when he went back to the peaceful life of his ancestors, and died as a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Lebanon county, December 17, 1891. He was a faithful and consistent member of the United Brethren Church, and a man held in high repute in the county. He married Mary Moury, also a native of this country, born October 15, 1821, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Zortman) Moury, both of whom were early pioneers in this section of the State. Mrs. Spangler was a woman of strong character, and a devout member of the United Brethren Church. Her death occurred September 10, 1901. She was the mother of the following children: Frank, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Elizabeth, widow of Isaac Strohm, of Lebanon;

Thomas G.; Emma, Mrs. S. J. B. Spangler, of North Lebanon township; George, of Philadelphia; and Elmer, Jared and an unnamed infant, deceased.

Thomas G. Spangler was reared amid the rural serenity of farm life. His primary education was supplemented by literary courses at Myerstown Academy, Palatinate College and the Millersville State Normal. At the early age of seventeen he began teaching, his first school being in South Lebanon township. For a period of some twelve years Mr. Spangler continued to wield the ferule successfully at various points in the county, and established an enviable reputation in educational circles. In 1872 he entered the office of the county recorder as deputy. The following year marked his first connection with the United Brethren Mutual Aid Society of Lebanon, as corresponding secretary, in which capacity he remained until within a few years of its close, when he was chosen treasurer. Mr. Spangler turned his attention to the manufacturing line, and in company with Stephen A. Light established the present business, the firm being known at that time as the Avon Knitting Company. In 1901 it was reorganized under its present name—the Lebanon Textile Company. Under the efficient management of our subject and his partner the enterprise is proving singularly successful, and bids fair to attain large proportions.

Fraternally Mr. Spangler affiliates with the I. O. O. F., holding membership in Mohegan Lodge, No. 288, of Lebanon, in which he has filled all the chairs, being past grand, and has represented his lodge at the sessions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He has been very active in this order. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, and takes great interest in the Y. M. C. A., being one of the original directors and serving on the educational committee. At the present time he is serving his third term as vice-president of the Young People's Christian Union of the eastern branch of the United Brethren Church. He was a delegate to the convention at Dayton, Ohio, in 1890, when the original organization was effected; he also served as delegate to the General Biennial Convention in 1904, at Elkhart, Ind. He holds the office of secretary of the Conference Missionary and Church Extension Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. Politically he is a Republican.

In 1877 Mr. Spangler was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Light, daughter of Felix Light, deceased. Mrs. Spangler is a native of South Lebanon township, born March 7, 1851. To this union has come an interesting family of nine children, as follows: Newton L., a druggist in Guthrie, Okla.; Paul M., a student in Lebanon Valley College; Naomi M., a

stenographer with the *Daily Republican*, Lebanon; Ira H., dental student in the Medico-Chirurgical School, Philadelphia; Howard G.; Eva R.; Warren W.; Homer L.; and George E. Mr. and Mrs. Spangler and their family are popular members of Lebanon society, and enter heartily into every good work for its advancement. Mr. Spangler is especially earnest and effective in matters of school jurisprudence, having been secretary of the school board of Lebanon for many years, during part of which time he has also served as director, and her splendid school system is largely due to his intelligent and painstaking efforts.

SAMUEL S. RISSER, a well-known farmer of South Londonderry township, Lebanon county, is one of the leading men of his locality, and was born on the old Risser farm in South Londonderry township, March 1, 1849, and received a most excellent education in the common schools of his district, the old Palmyra Academy and the Normal School at Lebanon. Remaining with his father until fourteen years of age, he then took up his residence with his brother, John S., and lived with the latter until he attained his majority.

Like many ambitious young men, he engaged in school teaching for a number of years, the greater portion of which were spent in Londonderry township, one at Colebrook, and two at the Imboden school. In 1871 he went west to Kansas, where he spent several months, returning that fall and stopping over in different localities. That same year, he began teaching the Risser school at Lawn, where he remained six successive terms, but in 1876 he resumed farming, purchasing the old Robinson farm from Joseph Nissley. This farm is a very excellent one, containing 132 acres of finely cultivated land. The buildings are all modern, and many of them have been erected by him. Among other improvements Mr. Risser brought running water to his farm, which enhances its value considerably. In partnership with his brother John S., he owns the old Peter Risser farm in South Londonderry township. In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Risser is also a partner in the Lawn Creamery, a thriving industry, at Upper or West Lawn, the other partners being his brother, John S., and the latter's son, Harvey S. Mr. Risser is also auditor of South Londonderry.

In 1875, Mr. Risser married Mary A. Kuhns, born in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, June 29, 1856, daughter of Aaron and Anna (Rutt) Kuhns, the former of whom was born in Mt. Joy township, and the latter in West Donegal township, Lancaster county, in 1828 and 1835, respectively. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kuhns were as follows: Mrs. Risser, Mrs.

Amos Risser, Jacob, and Mrs. Gish. The paternal grandfather was John Kuhns, while on the mother's side the grandfather was named Jacob Rutt. Mr. and Mrs. Risser have one son, Alvin K., born August 14, 1877, educated in the common schools, graduated from the Shippensburg Normal School, who taught school one term in North Londonderry township, and one term in Rapho township, Lancaster county, after which he entered The Pennsylvania State College in Center county. After completing the first year of the course he taught a term at Colebrook, when he was appointed Assistant in Agriculture at the Pennsylvania Experiment Station, where he still remains, his career for one so young having been singularly successful, while his future seems very brilliant. Mr. and Mrs. Risser are consistent members of the Mennonite Church, and are honorable, upright, hard-working people, who stand very high in the respect of those who know them.

PETER HORST, one of the well known citizens of South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, and a descendant of one of the old and highly honored families of this section, was born on the farm where he now resides, near Horst's Mill, July 5, 1845, son of Peter and Anna (Shaeffer) Horst, the former of whom died December 28, 1891, aged eighty-one years, five months and three days, and the latter died January 19, 1888, aged seventy-three years, eight months and two days.

Peter Horst, the father, was a son of Peter, who married a Miss Heisey, and by profession was a physician, but devoted his energies to farming and milling, becoming one of the large land owners of the county. His property, consisting of 300 acres of land, was all in one large tract, on which stood his mill which gave to the locality its name of Horst's Mill. During a long and honorable life he amassed a large competency and was known as one of the representative men of Lebanon county. His religious affiliations were with the Mennonite Church. Peter (2), the father, was born on the homestead as was his father before, and his son after, him, and with the exception of eight years spent near Schaefferstown, his life was lived upon his farm. On October 29, 1835, while residing near Schaefferstown, he was married, and after eight years' residence in that locality, he returned to the homestead, and took charge of 155 acres, and also became the owner of other property, being one of the successful men of the township. In height, like his father, he was tall and commanding in appearance. He took a deep interest in local affairs, and served as school director for several terms. In addition to his other interests in Lebanon county, he owned a fine farm of 272 acres in Center county, Pa. He and his wife were devoted members of the Mennonite



Church. The following family was born to them: (1) John, born October 30, 1837, died at the age of fifty-two years, was a farmer in South Lebanon township, on a farm adjoining the homestead; he left a widow, Leah (Funk) Horst, and two children, Irvin, a cigar manufacturer of Schaefferstown; and Laura, who married Aaron Risser, a resident of Bellaire, Pa. (2) Abraham is a farmer of Lebanon township. (3) Jacob is a farmer of South Lebanon township. (4) Peter is mentioned below. (5) Anna married Jacob Brubaker, of South Lebanon township, a retired farmer. (6) Elizabeth died at the age of eleven years. (7) Catherine died at the age of eight years. (8) Joseph died at the age of eight years. (9) Michael died at the age of six months.

Peter Horst (3), our subject, was reared upon the homestead farm, where he has spent his life, and received his education in the public schools of his district. After his marriage, he began farming on his own account, and has continued that calling ever since, now owning 114 acres of the old homestead, where his own birth occurred, as did that of his father, grandfather and possibly great-grandfather.

On December 14, 1878, Mr. Horst was married to Amanda Gingrich, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Westenberger) Gingrich, born in South Annville township, January 27, 1858, and died March 10, 1900. Five children were born to them: Amanda, Annie, Elizabeth, Ammon and Ada, all at home. The name Horst has been long associated with the best interests of Lebanon county, and Mr. Horst has won the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens by his industry, thrift and uprightness of living.

**WILLIAM L. WEAVER.** Among the prosperous and successful farmers of Jackson township, one who deserves special mention is William L. Weaver, residing at "Weaver's Hotel," on the Dauphin and Berks turnpike, Jackson township, near the Berks county line, who was born in Heidelberg township, October 17, 1845, a son of Benjamin and Sarah (Leffler) Weaver, of the above named township.

Benjamin Weaver was the son of John Weaver, whose father came from Germany in the early days of the history of this locality.

John Weaver, grandfather of William L., was a thrifty and prosperous man, for whom the village of Weavertown was named. He was the father of the following family: Daniel, Israel, John, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Sarah, Rebecca and Lucy. A consistent member of the German Baptist Church, he was active in all good work. In political matters, he adhered to the principles of the Republican party.

Benjamin Weaver, the father, born in 1820, and died in 1900, was the father of these children: Leah; William L.; John, of Jackson township; Sara, deceased; Henry, of Lebanon county; Samuel, deceased; Mary, Annie and Jonathan, of Jackson township.

William L. Weaver was reared upon the farm in Jackson township, and received his education in the public schools. Upon attaining to manhood, he decided upon an agricultural life, and by hard work and untiring industry is now the owner of several fine farms, one of eighty acres, one of eighty-six acres, and one of forty acres, all of which are well improved. He is also the proprietor of "Weaver's Hotel."

On December 26, 1869, Mr. Weaver was married to Miss Mary Hostetter, daughter of Samuel Hostetter, of Jackson township, and one of a family of five children: Elizabeth, wife of John Leffler; Lydia, wife of Elias Brubacker; Catharine, widow of Aaron Bollinger; Mary, wife of William L. Weaver; and Samuel, of Richland. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver; Robert; Wallrow; Cora, married to Francis Moyer; Catheryn, married to Reiley Capp; Loudie, Augustus, Mary, William and Fides, the five last named being at home.

During a life of hard work and kindly charity, Mr. Weaver has made many friends and firmly established himself in the confidence of the neighborhood. Both he and his estimable wife come of old and honorable families in this locality, and not only are they themselves a credit to their ancestors, but they have reared a fine family of intelligent and prosperous children to carry on the name of Weaver, as well as to transmit the many virtues of both the Weavers and Hostetters to future generations.

ANDREW KREIDER, one of Annville's most prominent citizens, president of the Annville National Bank, and a man who has been identified with almost all of the leading public enterprises which have made that town and vicinity prosperous, was born on a farm in South Annville township, July 18, 1828, a son of David and Sarah (Henry) Kreider.

The Kreiders are connected by marriage with many of the other old and prominent families of Lebanon and Lancaster counties. Jacob Kreider, the grandfather of Andrew, was born about two miles south of the city of Lebanon, and married Mary Stauffer, daughter of Abraham Stauffer, of a prominent family of Lancaster county. Nine children were born to them as follows: Elizabeth, David, Joseph, Michael, Nancy, Susan, Kate, Mary and Lydia. Jacob Kreider was a son of Henry Kreider, who was born south of Lebanon, where the founder of the family settled on coming to America



John H. Steiner No. 76, Kreider & S. Kreider

Sarah Steiner. Andrew Steiner

from Switzerland. Several brothers of the name came to Pennsylvania together, and one of these settled in Lancaster county, and the others in that part of Lancaster which is now included in Lebanon county.

David Kreider, the father of Andrew, was born about two and one-half miles southwest of the city of Lebanon, October 16, 1803, and died December 14, 1871, while the mother was born January 20, 1808, at Palmyra, Lebanon county, and died November 6, 1852. Their children were as follows: Andrew; David, born in 1832; Henry H., born September 30, 1835; Mary, born in 1838, married Abraham M. Brightbill; and Joseph H., born January 23, 1841. David Kreider was twice married, his second wife being Magdalena Sherk, who was born in Dauphin county, and the children of this union were: Elizabeth, deceased; Daniel; Lydia, the wife of Henry Kettering; Annie; and Aaron S.

Andrew Kreider was reared on the farm, and attended the country schools in his locality, and also the old Annville Academy. In September, 1862, during the Civil war, he became a member of a cavalry company of Pennsylvania Emergency troops, ready for the defense of the State.

In 1867 Mr. Kreider erected his present comfortable home in Annville, and determined to make this pleasant village his place of residence, since which time he has been identified with its prosperity. For several years he engaged in the lumber and real estate business, doing much in this line to bring the town into touch with other parts of the county. In 1873 he was one of the organizers of the Annville Savings Bank, which has grown into the Annville National Bank, of which he served as vice-president until the death of President Judge Kinports, when he became the head of this leading financial institution of Lebanon county. No citizen has been more deeply interested than he, in the growth of the Lebanon Valley College, an institution of learning whose graduates rank with those from much older colleges.

On May 29, 1866, Andrew Kreider was united in marriage with Emma L. Miller, who was born in North Annville, June 12, 1846, a daughter of George A. Miller. The children born to this marriage are the following: Sallie, Raymond, Edwin and Anna E., all of whom have been given fine educational advantages, and all are graduates of the Lebanon Valley College. The United Brethren Church, of which Mr. Kreider is a member, has profited much by his generosity, as have the various charities of the locality, his private benefactions, however, exceeding his public ones. Mr. Kreider has always been public-spirited, and was instrumental in getting Annville's present water supply, contributing both time and money to that much needed

public improvement. In all other public movements he has always been found on the side of progress, and is very justly regarded as the town's leading and most useful citizen.

DAVID KREIDER, one of the most prominent and public-spirited citizens of Annville, Lebanon county, was born on the old Kreider farm in South Annville township, December 11, 1832, a son of David, Sr., and Sarah (Henry) Kreider. David Kreider Sr. was twice married, and became the father of ten children, eight of whom are still living in Annville with their families. The other two are deceased, but are represented in Annville by some of their children.

The boyhood days of David Kreider, our subject, were spent on his father's farm, during which time he attended the common schools of the neighborhood. Later he enjoyed the advantages of a term of six months at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa. In 1855 he married, and for one year worked the homestead, and he was but twenty-three years of age when he located in Annville and engaged in a milling business, along which line he has continued ever since, achieving marked success. The mill he owns is one of the landmarks of Lebanon county, having been built during the latter part of the eighteenth century, in 1793, by Abraham Raiguel, and came into the possession of the father of Mr. Kreider in 1840, and into its present owner's hands in 1856. In addition to his milling interests Mr. Kreider is a director of the Annville National Bank, having held that office since 1894, and is one of the directors of the Annville Water Company, he and his brothers all being interested therein. Mr. Kreider is now, and has been for twelve years, one of the managers of the Berks and Dauphin Turnpike Company. He was a trustee of the Lebanon Valley College from 1867 to 1887. Mr. Kreider was one of five men, the others being John Bachman, Jacob Shertzer, Joseph Bamberger and George Reigler, who bought the Annville Academy, and who later sold same to Annville village, the village donating it to the United Brethren conference; from that beginning has grown the Lebanon Valley College. Few men are more earnest in their church work than is Mr. Kreider, he being connected with the denomination known as the United Brethren in Christ; he is a trustee of the parsonage. Politically he has always been a Republican.

Mr. Kreider was first married to Leah, daughter of Daniel Kreider, and second to Elizabeth, daughter of John B. Graybill. He is the father of the following named children: John G., of Annville; David G., of Annville; Joseph Lehn, a student at Yale University, and Lillian G., at home, a

teacher of music. Among the representative men of Lebanon county Mr. Kreider takes foremost rank, and he and his family are important factors in the social life of Annville.

HENRY H. KREIDER, one of the leading citizens of Annville, vice-president of the Annville National Bank, and head of the firm of Kreider & Company, dealers in lumber, coal and grain, was born September 30, 1835, in the old Kreider homestead in South Annville township, Lebanon county, a son of David and Sarah (Henry) Kreider.

Henry H. Kreider was educated in the public schools of Annville, later attending school at Mechanicsburg, and still later the Annville Academy. From 1855 to 1860 he engaged in teaching school, and from 1860 to 1866 he was in the mercantile business as a member of the firm of Kimports & Kreider, disengaging himself in order to embark in a milling business which he carried on for some four years. Later he added coal, in 1872 becoming interested in coal and grain, and adding lumber in 1891. Mr. Kreider has been a very successful business man, and is well and widely known because of his large interests in Annville and vicinity. For many years he has been one of the most progressive and public spirited of the town's citizens, his interest in the growth and development of her resources being shown in the organization of the Lebanon Valley College, in 1867, of which he has been a trustee ever since, and was also treasurer until 1899. To Mr. Kreider more than to any other man, on account of his efforts during his long incumbency of the office of treasurer of the college, is due its development to its present stage. Mr. Kreider was also one of the organizers of the Annville National Bank, of which he has been a director since its foundation, and since 1893 has been its very efficient vice-president. Another large and important business enterprise which owes much to the energy of Mr. Kreider is the Annville Water Company, of which he is also president, and he was one of the original directors of the electric railroad from Lebanon to Annville, which was subsequently sold to another company, which extended the road to Palmyra. In 1876 he was elected to the office of prothonotary of Lebanon county for a term of three years, and previous to that he was county auditor for a term of three years. Mr. Kreider was originally a Whig, and later a strong Republican in politics, in which he has taken an active part. His first vote was cast for John C. Fremont. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention from his native State in 1884, when James G. Blaine was nominated for president.

On September 6, 1859, Mr. Kreider was married to Mary Hoverter,

daughter of Christian Hoverter, of Annville, and the following named children have been born to this union: Morris David, who is a carpenter by trade; William Henry, who graduated from the Lebanon Valley College in 1894, and from the Law Department of Yale University in 1896, subsequently took a special course in law in 1897, the same year was admitted to practice in all the courts of Connecticut, and in 1898 was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar, and is now in successful law practice in Philadelphia, being a partner of Senator John C. Grady, the leader of the Republican party in the Pennsylvania Legislature; and Mary E., still at home, who took a classical course in Lebanon Valley College, graduating in 1899, graduated after a course in instrumental music in 1896, and in vocal music in 1898, and took a musical course in the London Conservatory of Music in 1898.

JOSEPH H. KREIDER, brother of Andrew, was born January 23, 1841, receiving an excellent education, studying at Mt. Pleasant Union College, in Westmoreland county, Pa., at Lebanon Valley Institution, at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, and at the State Normal Institute, Lancaster. He taught during the intervals of his attendance at these institutions in South Annville, and North Annville two terms, teaching three terms altogether. However, he had taken the responsibilities of life upon his shoulders at a much earlier age, when a mere boy of fourteen or fifteen years, buying and selling stock and grain for his father. He left home when sixteen years old, and from that time was self-supporting. When twenty-three years old, in 1863, he bought what is known as the Clear Spring Mill, to which he gave its present name; he took possession in 1864. During 1864-65 he bought and sold hay to the government in partnership with his brother, Andrew. In 1865 he began milling, and in 1868 reconstructed the mill. He has continued in that line ever since, and for a time had, as a partner, his brother, H. H. Kreider. Buying him out he took his son Gideon into partnership in 1888, and the firm is now known as Joseph H. Kreider & Son. They have another mill at Penrythe, being large manufacturers of flour for shipment. Mr. Kreider was one of the organizers in 1889 of the Millers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Harrisburg, Pa., has been treasurer ever since its organization, and is also a member of the board of directors. He was one of the organizers of the Annville Savings Bank; was one of the original organizers of the Annville Water Works Company, of which he has been a director ever since. Believing that the best interests of the town could be furthered by having a good conservative paper, Mr. Kreider, in conjunction with Rev. J. R. Meredith, started a paper in 1887, which was called the

*Annvile Journal.* At the expiration of two years Mr. Meredith retired, but Mr. Kreider retained its management until recently. From the first this venture was a success, and tended much to the advancement of the town, its voice being always on the side of progress, and its columns open for discussion on all civic matters. Mr. Kreider relinquished its management with reluctance, and only because he felt the time had come for him to lay aside some of his interests in order to take life a little easier. He is one of the managers of the Berks & Dauphin Turnpike Road Co., a position he has filled for twenty-one years. He was for fourteen years engaged in quarrying limestone for the furnaces, beginning in, about 1879-1880. In partnership with his son-in-law, C. M. Coover, he also owns the Lebanon Paper Box Factory, which was started in Annville five years ago. Two years ago they built in Lebanon, and moved the works to that city. Such has been the success of this concern that on December 23, 1903, it was incorporated, with a capital of \$30,000. Thus it will be seen that Mr. Kreider has taken a leading and active part in the development of home industries and numerous enterprises calculated to raise the standard of progress and prosperity in his community, and contributing materially toward its welfare. In religion he is a member of the United Brethren Church.

Mr. Kreider was married February 23, 1864, to Anna Catherine Boller, daughter of William and Emma (Hansell) Boller, of Philadelphia. Four children have blessed this union: (1) Gideon R., born January 6, 1865, is interested in business with his father, and is manager of the People's Ice Company, of Harrisburg, Pa. He married Anna W. Brunner, daughter of William E. Brunner, of Campbelltown. (2) Emma Sara, born January 22, 1868, married C. M. Coover, of Annville, a box manufacturer of Lebanon. (3) D. Albert, born March 23, 1871, received his primary schooling in Annville, graduated from Lebanon Valley College in 1892, in the classical course, and took a post-graduate course in Yale University, which he attended for three years, taking the degree of Ph. D. He was appointed assistant in chemistry before he was graduated, was then elected by the corporation instructor in physics, and in 1902 was elected assistant professor in physics. He married Anna Ruth Forney, a graduate of Lebanon Valley College, class of 1892, classical course. (4) Josephine, born March 16, 1873, married C. V. Henry, the present district attorney of Lebanon county. All of the family have had the advantages of college education.

AARON SHENK KREIDER, proprietor of the A. S. Kreider & Co. shoe factory, Annville, one of the large and important industries of that place,



was born in South Annville township June 26, 1863, a son of David and Magdalena (Shenk) Kreider, the latter a daughter of Christian Shenk. Mrs. Kreider was born in 1818, in Dauphin county, and died in 1887, at the age of sixty-nine years.

Aaron S. Kreider was reared on the farm, and remained there until the death of his father, when he accompanied his mother to Campbelltown, Lebanon county. There he attended the public schools and later Lebanon Valley College, still later studying at the Allentown Business College, from which he graduated in 1880. Going West, he visited friends at Fulton, Mo., and for some time engaged in farm work in that locality, later accepting a clerical position in the town, in the mercantile house of Spicer, Smith & Co., remaining there some three years. In the spring of 1883 he started out to make an overland trip through the western States, to see the country and for recreation, the journey covering Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and the two Dakotas, and ending in Minnesota. Toward the close of the year he returned to Pennsylvania and accepted a position as clerk in the hardware store of E. Dissinger, at Campbelltown, where he remained until the spring of 1885, and then took charge of Mr. Dissinger's store, at Roseland, Lebanon county. In the spring of 1886 he began farming, and at the same time built a warehouse and coal landing on the Cornwall & Lebanon railroad, and brought to bear influence which resulted in the establishment of a postoffice at that point, which he named Lawn. Mr. Kreider is really the founder of the town, as there was nothing there when he secured the side track in 1886. Engaged in his various lines of business, managing his farm and shipping grain and stock extensively, Mr. Kreider was one of the most progressive and successful citizens of the village, where he remained until 1893, when he removed to Palmyra. Here he rented from the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co. coal yards, and from W. L. Kreider a warehouse, and began looking into the prospects for other industrial enterprises. In the spring of 1894 he rented the plant of the Palmyra Boot & Shoe Co., which he operated until the spring of 1895, when he built a factory at Annville. The plant was a small one at the beginning, but has been enlarged from time to time until it is now a commodious four-story brick structure, fronting 130 feet on Railroad street and 187 on Sheridan avenue, with floor space of about 46,000 square feet; employment is given to about five hundred people, who turn out ladies', misses' and children's shoes. Full of energy and business acumen, capable of handling enterprises of magnitude, Mr. Kreider, in 1901, embarked in another industry, which promises to be of vast importance in the industrial world in Lancaster county. This was the formation of the Kreider Shoe Manufacturing Co., of Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, which is a

stock company, and of which he is both president and general manager. This concern turns out boys', youths' and little gents' shoes, and has already gained a prominent position in the trade. The other enterprises with which Mr. Kreider is prominently connected are the Lebanon Valley Savings & Loan Association, of which he is president, with headquarters at Lebanon, and the Washington Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he has long been a director. He has been treasurer of the Pennsylvania Shoe Manufacturers' Association since its organization September 19, 1899, and director and member of the executive committee.

Mr. Kreider has a happy home and is surrounded by a family of intelligent children. On April 26, 1885, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Bucher Horst, who was born June 16, 1864, at what is known as Horst's Mill, half way between Schaefferstown and Cornwall. Mrs. Kreider is the daughter of Henry Horst, who was born at Horst's Mill, which he later owned, the property having been in the possession of his father and grandfather. It is one of the historic old homes of the county, settled very many years ago by German pioneers. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kreider, as follows: Ammon; David Robert; Aaron S., Jr.; Henry H.; Alfred Joseph, who died in 1892, aged two years; Clement; Howard; Nancy; and Elizabeth. Perhaps Mr. Kreider's first interest outside of the welfare of his family and the development of his large business organizations, is in the German Baptist Church, of South Annville, in which he is active, and to which he is a generous contributor. He is also a trustee of Elizabethtown College, an institution controlled by that denomination.

Mr. Kreider's great business success must be regarded as but the just result of clear-headed judgment and business foresight, combined with executive ability of an unusual order. Aside from this Mr. Kreider is an honest, upright man, whose reliability and integrity are far beyond question, and he has not only gained, but has held, the respect and esteem of business associates, employes and personal friends.

REV. JOHN MITCHEL PAGE, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, comes of the Colonial Virginia family of that name, but was born in what is now the borough of Bronx, in the city of New York, son of Roger Jones Page, and a grandson of Rev. Charles Page, of Amherst, Virginia.

Roger Jones Page was born in Louisville, Ky., and was prominent at the Bar of that State. He died in 1889. The mother of the Rev. Mr. Page was Mary Mitchel, daughter of John Mitchel, leader of the Irish-National party

in 1848, and subsequently a journalist in New York City. Mrs. Page makes her home with her son at the Rectory.

The boyhood days of Rev. John Mitchel Page were spent in Kentucky, but he later returned to New York and entered Columbia College, where he was graduated in the class of 1887. For three years he pursued the study of architecture, then his chosen profession, and was for a time on the staff of the Municipal Bureau of Buildings, in New York City. Through his active interest in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, of which he was one of the National Council, Mr. Page was drawn into the work of the Church, and in the autumn of 1891 he laid aside his architectural work in order to prepare for the priesthood. Entering the General Seminary in New York City, he pursued a three years' course, and was made Deacon on Trinity Sunday, 1894, and was ordained to the priesthood on Septuagesima Sunday, 1895. As a Seminarian Rev. Mr. Page was one of the staff of St. Andrew's, Harlem. His first regular charge was the curacy of St. John's, Boston Highlands, from which position he was called to be vicar of the Chapel of the Heavenly Rest, New York City. During the summer of 1896 he acted as rector of St. Paul's Church, at St. Paul, Minn., taking the place of his old friend, Rev. John Wright, during his absence in Europe. It was during his residence in St. Paul that he was called to the temporary charge of St. Luke's at Lebanon. This was in the fall of the above year, and in November following, he was tendered the rectorship of St. Luke's; it was accepted by him on the strength of a petition presented to the vestry, by a large majority of the parishioners. Mr. Page has been conducting the work of the parish, together with its missions at West Lebanon and Colebrook, along the normal lines, and under his administration, the work has continued to increase. The enlarging work of the parish demands more accommodation than can be supplied by the church and Rectory, consequently some members of the parish have erected a Parish House, adjoining the church edifice, and fronting on Sixth street. Rev. Mr. Page serves as Warden of the Church Home at Jonestown, for four years was chairman of the committee of Education of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, and in 1898 he was one of the speakers at the National Church Congress, held at Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

During his rectorship Mr. Page has had many distinguished clergymen of New York and other points to visit St. Luke's. He is a man of scholarly training and dignified bearing, devoted to his calling, and happy in the assurance that his efforts are appreciated by his parishioners and that he enjoys their confidence and support.

CYRUS M. CHRIST, one of the leading and representative business men of Lebanon county, and proprietor of the hotel at Bismarck, known as the "Cornwall House," was born in Lancaster county, on the Elizabeth Farm, September 23, 1855, son of William and Mary (Marks) Christ.

Cyrus M. Christ was only fourteen years of age when the family removed to Coatesville, Chester Co., Pa., and after three years the young fellow started out in life for himself, settling at Cornwall, Lebanon county, where, until 1897, he spent the greater portion of his time working in the ore banks and furnace, with remarkable success. At this time he took charge of the "Cornwall House," at Bismarck, and has since continued in this line with very satisfactory results. Possessing a social and genial manner, Mr. Christ is eminently fitted for his business, and enjoys a large patronage. In politics, he is a staunch Republican, and has acceptably filled the offices of collector and assessor of Cornwall township. Mr. Christ is also a member of Camp 70, P. O. S. A., Bismarck.

In 1875, Mr. Christ was married to Miss Emma Snyder, of Cornwall, daughter of John and Susan (Gushard) Snyder. Six children have been born to them: Sallie, wife of Samuel Menser, a grocer of Lebanon city, and the mother of two children, Dorothy and an infant daughter; Harry, at home, who married Stella Smith, and has one child, Hilda; Charlie, who married Miss Rachael Carpenter, and resides in Bismarck; Mamie; Margie and Frank. Mrs. Christ is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, in which she takes an active part, and the entire family are important factors in the social life of Bismarck.

HENRY WARREN SIEGRIST. One of the prominent young citizens of Lebanon, Pa., is Henry Warren Siegrist, treasurer of the Cornwall and Lebanon Railroad Company, who was born in that city, May 26, 1869.

The great-great-grandfather of Mr. Siegrist was John Lorenzo Siegrist, who was the first American ancestor of the family. He sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, on the ship "Eastern Branch," Capt. James Nevin, in the year 1753, and qualified in Pennsylvania, October 3, 1753. His birth occurred in 1731, and his death in Lebanon county, in 1825. His wife, Magdalena Null, was born in 1751, and died in 1806. Their children were: John, Jacob, Magdalena, Maria, Anna Maria, Christiana, Rebecca and Solomon. John Lorenzo Siegrist settled on a farm in what is now South Annville township, one-half mile from the village of Annville.

Solomon Siegrist was born in Lebanon county, near Annville, in 1771, eldest child of John Lorenzo, and died in 1824. The issue from his marriage

with Christiana Yetter was as follows: Henry, John, William, Daniel, Samuel, Elizabeth, Molly, Catherine, Rebecca and Sallie.

Henry Siegrist, the eldest son of Solomon, was born on the farm in South Annville township, March 16, 1800, and died August 13, 1874. For many years he was a farmer and an extensive dealer in cattle. In later years he removed to Lebanon, and spent many years there as the proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel." Henry Siegrist married Hannah M. Carmany, born November 1, 1801, and died February 6, 1886. Their children were the following: Caroline, who married Isaac Hoffer, the first mayor of Lebanon, and both are now deceased; John H., who married Molly F. Farrow, of St. Louis, Mo., where she resides; David C., who married Lina Bowman, and resides at St. Louis, Mo.; Louisa, who married Henry T. Hoffman, both deceased; Priscilla, who married Henry T. Hoffman, both deceased; Rebecca, Jacob and Barbara, all died unmarried; and Aaron F., the father of Henry Warren.

Aaron F. Siegrist, the youngest son of Henry was born on the old homestead near Annville, January 29, 1845, and died October 26, 1899. He succeeded his father as proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel," and in 1882 became freight and ticket agent for the Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad, at Lebanon, which position he held until the time of his death. Mr. Siegrist became a prominent man in local affairs, served as a member of the borough council, and was also on the school board of the city. Mr. Siegrist was past officer of all the Masonic bodies of Lebanon. In 1868 he married Emma L. Zimmerman, who was born in Lebanon, January 19, 1846, a daughter of Henry Zimmerman, an old and prominent citizen of Lebanon, and a leading contractor and builder of that city for a long period. The only child of Henry and Emma Siegrist was Henry Warren.

Henry Warren Siegrist was reared in Lebanon, and attended the city schools, graduating with credit from the high school in June, 1885. In the following month he entered the general office of the Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad, at Lebanon, as office boy, but was soon promoted, and from March to September, 1886, was occupying a position as clerk in the general office of the road; from September, 1886, to March, 1892, was accounting clerk; from March, 1892, to January, 1897, was chief clerk; and then was made treasurer of the road, a position which he still holds.

Mr. Siegrist is prominent in business, church and social circles in Lebanon; is a past officer of the different Masonic bodies of the city; is treasurer of the Y. M. C. A.; a member of the Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the Revolution; and the Pennsylvania German Society; and is identified

with other social organizations. From 1883 to 1895 he was organist and choirmaster of Salem Lutheran Church, and since 1895, has filled that position at Zion Lutheran Church.

On April 29, 1896, Mr. Siegrist was united in marriage with Margaret Grayson Valentine, daughter of Rev. Milton Valentine, D. D., LL. D., president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, of Gettysburg, Pa., the latter being one of the oldest as well as most distinguished Lutheran ministers and scholars in this country, and who married Margaret Grayson Galt, of an old and prominent Maryland family.

HENRY CLAY DEANER, one of the representative men of Annville, and one who enjoys in highest degree the confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen, was born at Keedysville, Washington Co., Md., November 13, 1854, a son of Jonas S. and Ann Maria (Baker) Deaner. The father was born in the same county, in 1824, and his wife was born in the same locality and year. The paternal grandfather was Samuel Deaner, also a native of Washington county, Md. The maternal grandfather, Jacob Baker, was a native of Germany. The ancestors on both sides were among the early settlers of Maryland.

Jonas S. Deaner served in the war with Mexico, and upon his return he resumed his occupation of school teaching, although later in life he became a farmer. During his lifetime, he served for three or four years as county commissioner of Washington county, Md., and was a worthy and highly esteemed man. The mother still survives, and her mother lived to the advanced age of ninety-eight years, seven months and twenty-nine days, retaining her faculties to the last. The children born to Jonas S. Deaner and his wife were: Arbelin, who died young; Eugenia, married to Daniel M. Neikerk, of Washington county, Md.; Henry Clay; Webster, who died young; Fannie May, married to Daniel D. Keedy, of Rohrsersville, Washington County, Maryland.

Henry Clay Deaner attended the public schools and completed a classical course at the Lebanon Valley College in 1879. During 1879-80, he taught in a select school at Hagerstown, Md., and from 1880 to 1885 was professor of Mathematics and Astronomy at the Lebanon Valley College. and from 1885 to 1897 was professor of Latin and Astronomy. Since that time he has been extensively engaged in the horticultural business, growing peaches, pears and plums in an orchard of 100 acres in the peach belt of Maryland. However, he has always taken a deep interest in educational matters, and is now a school director of South Annville township.

On June 21, 1882, Prof. Deaner married Ella J. Rigler, of Annville, Pa. One child was born to this union, but it died in infancy. Prof. Deaner is a member of the United Brethren Church, and is a pioneer of the Chautauqua movement in Pennsylvania, and has been a member of the board of directors for many years. He has a cottage at the Chautauqua, Mt. Gretna, Pa. Prof. Deaner is a man of high culture, marked ability and extensive reading, a fine conversationalist and a gentleman whose erudition is profound.

GEORGE H. STEINER, a thrifty and successful farmer of Jackson township, residing on a pleasant and finely cultivated farm one and one-half miles northwest of Myerstown, Pa., was born October 26, 1852, a son of Levi and Rebecca (Loose) Steiner. A full account of the Steiner and Loose families will be found elsewhere.

Levi Steiner, the father of George H., is a retired farmer of Myerstown, and one of the esteemed citizens of that community, and during his active life was one of the successful farmers of Jackson township. Levi Steiner is the son of Christian Steiner, also a farmer and native of Jackson township, and probably the son of Michael Steiner, recorded as one of the very early settlers of this locality, who founded the Steiner homestead, still in the family. Christian Steiner became the father of two children: Levi; and Susan, now deceased, who married Adam Loose. Levi Steiner married Rebecca Loose, of Jackson township, and three children were born of this marriage: George H.; Jonathan; and Magdalena married Monroe Haak, of Myerstown. Levi Steiner and his most estimable wife are members of the Lutheran Church of Myerstown, and have many friends in that city.

George H. Steiner was reared upon his father's farm, receiving a most excellent education, first in the common schools, then at the Myerstown Academy, and still later at what is now Albright College of Myerstown. After completing his education, Mr. Steiner decided to follow an agricultural life, and now owns and occupies a finely cultivated farm of eighty-four acres, known as the Uhrich farm, where he and his wife make a pleasant home and extend a warm hospitality to a large circle of friends. On May 11, 1875, he was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Uhrich, the only child of John and Priscilla (Swartz) Uhrich, of Jackson township, and early settlers of Lebanon county, a full sketch of whom appears in the life of Valentine D. Uhrich to be found elsewhere. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Steiner has been blessed with four children: Rebecca P. is unmarried; Caroline M., graduated at Albright College in 1900, and is now the wife of Aug. Grove, of Bluffton, Ind.; Uhrich L. attended Albright College, and January

8, 1903, married Sallie M. Schoener; and Anna Magdalena graduated from Myerstown high school in 1903. Thoroughly believing in giving his children a good education, Mr. Steiner has spared no pains or expense in equipping them for the battle of life. In politics Mr. Steiner is a staunch Republican, and takes an active part in local affairs. For three years he served as school director, and during his occupancy of that office, the Myerstown high school was erected, the success of the undertaking being largely due to his ability and intelligent foresight. The family are all members of the Lutheran Church, in which he has long been an elder and deacon. The Steiner family occupy an important place in the social life of the community, and all enjoy in an unbounded degree the esteem of all who know them.

REV. P. C. CROLL. A man of ripe scholarship and marked executive ability, whose life has been consecrated to the cause of the Master and to the uplifting of men, there is particular propriety in here directing attention to the life history of the pastor of the Lutheran Church of Lebanon. He has devoted himself without ceasing to the interest of humanity, and to the furtherance of all good works. His reputation is not restricted, and his power and influence in his holy office have been exerted in a spirit of deepest human sympathy and tender solicitude. There has not been denied him the full harvest, nor the aftermath whose garnering shall bring him the full reward in the words of commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" His wide acquaintance in the State, and his prominence as an author of religious literature will make his history one of peculiar interest to the readers of this volume.

Rev. Mr. Croll is at the present time pastor of the Seventh Street Lutheran Church, of Lebanon, which in the few years of his pastorate he has made one of the leading church organizations of the city. He was born October 2, 1852, near Kutztown, Pa., and is the sixth son of John and Catherine Croll. He was reared amid the quiet and peaceful scenes of rural life, on a small farm in Lehigh county, and where he was grounded in the elementary branches in the district school. Leaving the farm at sixteen, he matriculated at the Keystone State Normal School, alternating his studies with teaching three winter terms. In 1873 he entered Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, from which he was graduated with honor in 1876. Having felt the promptings of Divine inspiration towards the ministry, he at this time enrolled as a student in the Theological Seminary of the same place, and after a course of three years was ordained to the ministry of the Lutheran Church.

Rev. Mr. Croll's first pastorate was at Womelsdorf, the active work of



which he took up immediately on his graduation. This large country parish he served successfully until December, 1882, when he was called to the pastorate of St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church at Schuylkill Haven. In the following ten years he there established that reputation for indefatigable and tireless work which is his distinguishing characteristic. Under his guiding hand the parish grew to large proportions, erected a beautiful new church edifice, and made many other marked improvements. The field at Lebanon offering a wider scope for his talents, Rev. Mr. Croll on October 1, 1892, accepted a call from the Seventh Street Lutheran Church, and has since that time devoted himself to its service. Here he has met with the most flattering success, and has built up one of the largest church organizations and Sunday Schools in the city. A heavy debt has been liquidated, and many improvements made to the church property. In the ecclesiastical life of his denomination Rev. Mr. Croll is a prominent figure, having been honored with many of the important offices in the Synod. He has thrice represented it in the General Synod, has traveled extensively in his country, and is one of the best known divines of his church.

But it is not alone to his active life in ministerial work that Rev. Mr. Croll owes his prominence. He early became a prolific and facile writer on religious subjects, and is looked upon in this line as a trenchant and powerful exponent of the truth. Besides hundreds of articles in such leading papers as the *Lutheran Observer*, *New York Voice*, *Christian Work*, *New York Independent*, *Homiletical Review*, *Lutheran Quarterly* and *Historical Register*, his honored name will be found appended to the following as author: "Essay on Scott's Marmion," "Jesus and Hillel" (Elevir Library series), "Jewish Artisan Life" (Fatherland Books), three chapters in "Koestlin's Life of Luther" (Translations), "Tributes to Luther" (a quarto centennial volume), "Alli, or Blessed are the Merciful" (Fatherland series), "Ancient and Historical Landmarks in the Lebanon Valley," an illustrated work, and the text of "Lebanon County in Art," a large folio. A beautiful little brochure, called "In Memoriam," in memory of a favorite deceased daughter, is one of the most touching of the products of Rev. Croll's pen. His last work is called "Bible-Quiz," a booklet of practical questions and answers on the sacred book.

In the field of periodical literature Rev. Mr. Croll has been quite active also. He is the founder and editor of the *Pennsylvania German*, a magazine of high rank, and much sought after by the class for whom it is published. He was editor for three years of the *St. Matthew's Lutheran Herald*, a parish paper. Another line of work in which he has taken a helpful interest is the Lebanon County Historical Society, of which he was one of the founders, and

before which he has read several helpful papers and original poems. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania German Society. For six years he was a member of the board of directors of the Loysville Orphans' Home.

Rev. Mr. Croll is a pulpit orator of much power. He is called on frequently to officiate in other pulpits, and in 1900 was honored by being invited to deliver the Alumni address at his Alma Mater, a duty which he performed with much satisfaction to his fellow alumni.

The domestic life of our honored subject has been most felicitous, the lady whom he chose as a life-companion and helpmeet having proved an invaluable aid in his different ministerial fields. Her maiden name was Sallie A. Greiss, daughter of Philip and Catharine Greiss, and their marriage took place in Alburtis, Pa., the place of her residence, March 11, 1880. She has become the mother of a bright and interesting family, whose names are as follows: Edward Everett, born January 15, 1881; Rose Wentworth, born April 28, 1883, now deceased; Herbert Greiss, born February 11, 1886; Philip Raymond, born November 29, 1887, now deceased; Annie Katharine, born April 17, 1889; Paul Revere, born January 1, 1892; Alden Theodore, born January 12, 1894; and Hilda Marion, born August 31, 1895.

JOHN K. FUNCK is a member of one of the oldest families of Lebanon county, and has himself been for the past fifty years prominently identified with the business interests of the city of Lebanon. He is a man who merits the highest respect of his associates, and is most worthy of representation in this volume.

John K. Funck was born in Lebanon county, on his father's farm near the city, September 3, 1836. His great-grandfather was Martin Funck, who settled in Lebanon county, then a part of Lancaster, just west of the city of Lebanon. He died in December, 1796, leaving children as follows: Martin, Jr.; Ann, who married Henry Fox; Barbara, who married Henry Neave; Mary, who became Mrs. George Gloninger; Magdalena, who married Henry Light, Jr.; Christina, Mrs. Christian Oberholtz; and Elizabeth, who married John Hauer.

Martin Funck, Jr., grandfather of John K., was born November 29, 1766. On March 4, 1792, he married Barbara Longenecker, and to them came the following children: Barbara, born in 1795; Martin, 1797; Elizabeth, 1799; Jacob, 1801; Elizabeth (2), 1802; John, 1805; and Maria and Ann, twins, 1811.

Jacob Funck, father of John K., was born April 16, 1801, on the old Funck homestead west of Lebanon. He was a worthy member of the agri-

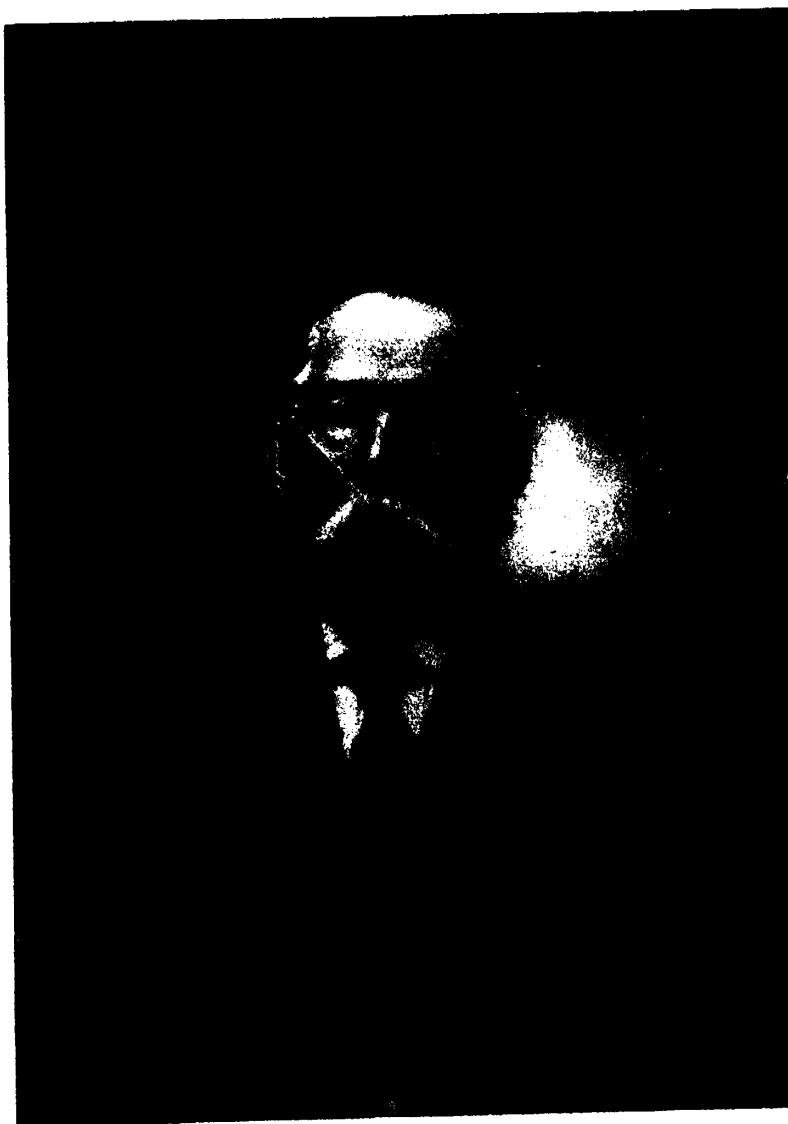
cultural class throughout his lifetime, and died in 1880. He was twice married, the first marriage taking place March 3, 1825, when he was joined to Sallie Bowman. She died in January, 1830, aged twenty-nine years, three months and sixteen days. Her children were: Josiah, born in December, 1825, who died July 17, 1896; and Levi, born in December, 1827, who died January 30, 1838. The second marriage of Mr. Funck took place December 31, 1830, which he married Mary Kreider, who became the mother of Sarah, born November 29, 1831; Jacob, October 14, 1834; John K., September 3, 1836; Mary, May 28, 1838; Barbara, March 28, 1840; Adam, April 29, 1843; and Lydia, April 27, 1847.

John K. Funck was born on the date given above and attended the common schools and later the Lebanon Academy. After leaving school he taught until the close of the school year of 1856, when he engaged in the dry goods business continuing in that line until 1879, when he retired from the business on account of ill health. In 1883 he entered into the millinery business, but retired from that line in 1893 to accept the treasurership of the Lebanon Boiler, Foundry & Machine Company. In 1895 he accepted the superintendency of the American Safety Head Match Company, since which time he has been engaged in settling up estates.

During the Civil war Mr. Funck was a member of the Emergency Troops, serving in the company commanded by his brother, Josiah. In his younger days he served a term as councilman from the Third ward of the city, and in February, 1902, he was again elected to that body from the Second ward, and is now serving in that position with much acceptance. He affiliates with the Grand Army of the Republic, being a member of Sedgwick Post, No. 42. He is also a member of Castle No. 497, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and holds the honorable position of State Representative of that society.

On September 6, 1859, Mr. Funck married Catherine Jane Grittinger, a member of one of the leading old pioneer families of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Funck are worthy members of Zion Lutheran Church, and are ranked among Lebanon's most solid and substantial citizens.

**HENRY L. ARNOLD.** Of the many prominent business men of Lebanon there are few, if any, more widely known or more sincerely respected for square dealings and honesty than Henry L. Arnold. He was born in North Lebanon, Pa., December 5, 1828, and is one of the many hundreds of Arnolds in this country, most of whom have descended from seven brothers, who settled in different parts of the American colonies prior to the Revolution.



*H L Arnold*

Both his grandfather, John Arnold, and his father, John Arnold, Jr., were born and reared in Lebanon county, and both were farmers. His father married Catherine Riddle, and they had eight children: Polly, a resident of Lebanon; John, of Burlington, Iowa; Sarah, of Lebanon; Joseph and Lucetta, now deceased; Henry, mentioned below; George, a retired merchant of Lebanon, who has a sketch elsewhere in this volume; and Edward, who after a service of nearly forty years as railroad freight agent, was killed near his office while crossing the Reading railroad track.

Henry L. Arnold spent his childhood on a farm, and received such education as the common schools could offer, and a naturally keen intellect could master. At the age of nineteen he left his home and learned the blacksmith's trade, at which for several years afterward he worked diligently. For three years he was located at Fredericksburg, and was there married. About 1853 he moved to Lebanon and opened up a shop; while he still continued his blacksmith's work, he also, after about five years, commenced the manufacture of brick, and was thus engaged for some six years. Not content with these demands upon his time, he invested largely in real estate, opened up Lemman street and built houses in that section. He still owns some twenty houses in different parts of the city. Later he secured a position as foreman and master mechanic of the railroad shops owned by the Lebanon & Cornwall Railroad Company. So admirably did he fill this place that he remained here nearly twenty-six years making a record quite phenomenal. Finally, in 1893, he gave up his position with the railroad company, and engaged in the brewing business. With John Hartman as partner, he purchased of S. Seibert & Meiley, assignees, then by sheriff's sale again in 1894 the brewery in North Lebanon, now run under the name of the New Lebanon Brewery Company, in which Mr. Arnold owns a two-thirds interest. This company has become a noted and leading one in Lebanon. By steady application to business throughout his life, and by wise management of his financial affairs, Mr. Arnold has amassed considerable wealth, and he now owns, besides his interest in the brewery, considerable valuable property in Lebanon.

In 1852, when about twenty-four years old, Mr. Arnold married Henrietta Ulrich, of Lebanon county, daughter of Samuel Ulrich, and they have had eight children, five of whom grew to maturity. John Adam is a coal dealer of Lebanon, Pa. Francis is next in the order of birth. The others are married: Alice to Frank Swieser, of Reading, Pa.; Catherine to Pious Arnold, of Lebanon; and Amelia, to Philip Arnold, of that city. Mr. Arnold has always evinced a keen interest in politics and votes the Democratic ticket. He belongs to the Roman Catholic Church. Much of his life has been spent

in directing men working under him, and he has won an excellent reputation for fairness and justice in his dealings. Indeed he is well-liked wherever he is known, and he has many warm friends in his city.

AUGUSTUS MAULFAIR, a leading citizen of North Annville township, was born at Maulfair Store, at the Union Waterworks, North Annville township, Lebanon county, July 15, 1843, a son of Daniel and Sarah N. (Clark) Maulfair.

Daniel Maulfair was born October 29, 1812, on the old family homestead, about a half mile southwest from Belle Grove (which farm is now owned by Joseph Wagner), and died December 30, 1887. He was a son of John Maulfair, who was also born in Lebanon county. The great-grandfather of Augustus Maulfair was born in Germany and came to America with a brother, they being as far as discovered, the only members of the family who ever crossed the ocean. Together they established the old Maulfair homestead. This was in pioneer days and before the country had been settled in their vicinity. The brother was killed by the Indians and his wife was captured, but she escaped from the savages five years later, but never recovered from the hardships she had been forced to endure, and died soon after. As they left no issue, John succeeded to the whole property. He had these children: Michael, who married Christina Ellenberger; John, who married Elizabeth Seltzer; Elizabeth, who married Peter Beck; Jacob, who married Sabina Winters; Henry, who married Elizabeth Walborn, of Berks county; Catherine, who married David Wagner; Polly, who married Abraham Bowman; Daniel; William, who married Eliza Bolton; Sarah, who married George Miller; Joseph, who married Priscilla Staeger; Mary, who married Joseph Earley; and Rebecca, who married Samuel Zimmerman.

Daniel Maulfair, the father of Augustus, married Sarah N. Clark, who was born August 11, 1820, in the neighborhood of Bunker Hill, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Ellenberger) Clark, the former of whom was born in Lebanon county, a son of Jacob Clark, and the latter of whom was a daughter of Jacob Ellenberger. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Clark were: Sarah, the mother of Augustus Maulfair; Mary, the wife of Elijah Weidner; Rebecca, who died at the age of one year; Elizabeth, the wife of John Frank; John, who married Lucilla Bowman; Amanda, the wife of Jacob Mark; and Amos, single.

The children of Daniel and Sarah (Clark) Maulfair were: Augustus; Amos, who married Emma Losh, of Lebanon; Tacy Ann, married Isaac Steiner, of Sparrows Point, Md., and they had children: Warren (born

February 11, 1877), Tacy Ann (born July 3, 1882, died in 1892), and Landrie M. (born November 10, 1888); and Daniel, who married Sarah Lick, resides at Lebanon and has two children, Forest and Tacy. On May 3, 1843, Daniel Maulfair opened a store at the Union Waterworks, and this enterprise has been in the hands of the family ever since. It was here that Augustus Maulfair learned the principles of business. His education was begun in the common schools, and completed by six months at the Annville Academy. In April, 1868, he succeeded to the store, and has conducted it continuously ever since except from April, 1876, until April, 1878, during which time it was rented to Ephraim Borgner. In April, 1878, Augustus Maulfair succeeded to the store, continuing until in February, 1888, when he went to Lincoln, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he spent the year, returning to his store April 1, 1889. During all these years until the canal was abandoned, he had served as weigh-master at the water works, a period from 1868 to 1881, inclusive. Mr. Maulfair has served for twelve years as school director, being appointed in 1886, 1891, 1897, and in 1900. On August 16, 1898, he was appointed postmaster of Alger. He is one of the active Republicans of his district, and has never failed to cast his vote at any election, believing that to be a citizen's duty.

Augustus Maulfair married Catherine Dohner, born January 30, 1846, in North Annville township, west of the present home. She is a daughter of Bishop Jacob and Barbara (Brandt) Dohner, the former of whom was long bishop of the Mennonite Church in Lebanon county. He was born May 1, 1806, in Cornwall township, Lebanon county, and died January 31, 1881. The mother of Mrs. Maulfair was born December 5, 1807, and died November 9, 1893, a daughter of Henry Brandt and his wife Maria Kreider, a daughter of Henry Kreider. Joseph Dohner, the grandfather, was a native of Lebanon county, who married Annie Kreider, sister of Jacob Kreider, who was the grandfather of Andrew, David and Joseph Kreider of Annville. Their children were: Jacob, bishop of the Mennonite Church; John, who married Catharine Long; Joseph, who married Mary Kreider; Christian, who married Catharine Light; Moses, a Mennonite preacher, who married Catharine Huber; Annie, who married Christian Moyer; Mary, who married John Huber; Elizabeth, who married David Dohner; Catharine, who married Christian Burkholder; and Lydia, who married John Rider. The children of Bishop Dohner and wife were: Henry, born February 8, 1832, died unmarried January 16, 1896; Annie married Adam Boger; Mary married Henry Fry; Jacob died at the age of three years; Elizabeth married Henry Miller; Joseph enlisted in the Ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry

in the Civil war, was taken prisoner, and died; Catharine became Mrs. Maulfair; John died in infancy; and Barbara married Michael Urich.

The children born to Augustus Maulfair and wife are: Homer, Albert and Carrie Annie, of whom Albert, born May 13, 1869, died September 13, 1870, Homer was born September 15, 1867, and resides in Lebanon; he married Jennie Boyd, daughter of William and Susan Boyd of Cornwall township, Lebanon county, and their children were: Boyd A. (born January 29, 1892, died October 12, 1893), Susan Catherine (born May 27, 1895), and Lamont (born July 20, 1896, and died August 20, 1896). Carrie Annie was born March 25, 1877, and married Harry W. Light, son of Felix and Catharine Light. A son, Clark Maulfair, was born September 16, 1899, but lived only fifteen days. This family is an old and honorable one, and is connected by marriage with many of the other prominent families of the county.

**C. GROVE BEAVER.** Among the old and prominent families of the State of Pennsylvania, is that of Beaver. It is of German extraction and the founder of the family came to America from Alsace. C. Grove Beaver, of Fredericksburg, is a direct descendant of one of the three brothers who landed from a little sailing vessel "Friendship," John Mason, captain, at Philadelphia, November 2, 1744. The names of these German emigrants were George, John and Dewald Bieber, later softened into Beaver. The sons of these early settlers took part in the War of the Revolution and spent that memorable winter of history, 1777, at Valley Forge. A later descendant of one of these sons, was Dewald Beaver, the grandfather of C. Grove Beaver, who married Elizabeth Hunter. Both were natives of Berks county and in early married life lived on a farm, but their last years were spent at Reading. Their eight children were: Catherine, wife of James Cornett; Dr. D. H.; John; Elizabeth, wife of D. Light; Esther married a Weiser; Susanna married a Grim; Jacob and the other, Samuel, died young.

Dr. D. H. Beaver, the father of C. Grove Beaver, was born May 1, 1819, and died in Fredericksburg, November 9, 1884. Although reared a farm boy, he did not accept farming as a vocation, but studied medicine and graduated in the same at the University of Pennsylvania, and then moved to Lebanon county. For one year he lived at Shirksville and then located at Fredericksburg, where he remained until his death, after long years of faithful attendance upon the sick through Lebanon county. He was well-known and much esteemed in the profession. For many years he was a leading member of the Lutheran Church. Dr. Beaver was a strong supporter of the principles of the Republican party. In 1847 he married Barbara



Grove, daughter of the late John and Elizabeth (Wenner) Grove, of Bethel township, the former of whom was a miller and also owned a farm. His four children were: Annie, wife of Dr. Grumbine, of Mt. Zion, Pa.; Catherine E., wife of M. W. Case, of Philadelphia; C. Grove, of Fredericksburg; and Elizabeth, wife of Dr. S. P. Heilman. Dr. Beaver was also interested in a mercantile business and was a stockholder in the Lebanon Paper Mills.

On the maternal side, C. Grove Beaver also belongs to a very old and prominent county family. It was established in Lancaster county in 1724, by his great-great-grandfather. Peter Grove, great-grandfather, was born June 13, 1724, just prior to the departure of his parents for America, from Zurich, Switzerland. He died in 1803. His wife, Veronica Groh, died January 25, 1773, and they had these children: Maria, born December 14, 1756, died December 11, 1801; Veronica, born July 5, 1759, died August 27, 1824; Anna Barbara, born September 14, 1754, died July 30, 1836; Jacob, born October 9, 1761, died May 17, 1842; Peter, born May 5, 1764, died April 1, 1847; and John, born April 22, 1768.

John Grove, the grandfather, died May 26, 1835, and his wife, Annie Elizabeth Wenner, was born February 14, 1785, and died January 2, 1847. John Grove, son of Peter and the father of Mrs. Beaver, had these children: John Peter, born June 27, 1814, died June 8, 1864; Job, born August 29, 1815, died January 6, 1876; Jacob W., born December 2, 1816, died April 27, 1886; Anna Barbara, born January 10, 1819, died December 24, 1897; M. J. born May 20, 1821, died November 9, 1877; Elizabeth, born March 23, 1823, died September 4, 1882; and Elias, born February 3, 1825, died February 5, 1890.

C. Grove Beaver was born October 31, 1852, in Fredericksburg, where he now lives retired from business activity. He attended the schools of his native place, and then spent three years at the Gettysburg College. Later he took a course at the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and then went into the business establishment of his uncles, Grove Bros., of Danville, Pa., iron manufacturers. He entered the business as bookkeeper and later became superintendent remaining there for ten years. In 1882 he entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, M. W. Kase, at Danville, in a general hardware business and then moved to Jersey Shore to take charge of a branch of the business there. After five years of successful business endeavor, he sold out his interests at that place and returned to his old home at Fredericksburg. He was his father's executor, but with that exception, he has not actively engaged in business since 1887.

On August 1, 1881, Mr. Beaver was married to Miss Catherine Fitz-

gerald of Jersey Shore, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Fitzgerald. Mr. Beaver has always been an adherent of the Republican party. He is widely known and is a worthy representative of two of the oldest and most honorable families of the Keystone State.

P. F. LEININGER, one of the leading business citizens of Myerstown, a prominent dealer in clothing and gentlemen's furnishing goods, was born in Robesonia, Berks county, Pa., January 18, 1854, a son of Peter E. and Katherine (Arnold) Leininger.

Peter E. Leininger was born in 1823, in Berks county, and died in 1890, a son of Frederick Leininger, whose father probably came at an early day and settled with other German emigrants in Lancaster county, as there the family is an old established one. Frederick Leininger was born in Lancaster county, and by a first marriage had four children, Peter E., Fliza, Susan and Hannah; by a second wife, Frederick, William, Martha and Eve; and to his third marriage were born Jacob, Martin, Elizabeth and Katherine.

After Peter Leininger married Katherine Arnold he settled in Berks county, and later in Lebanon, where he died. His children were: John, deceased; George, of Lebanon county; Emma, the wife of William Zebe; Katherine, the wife of Jacob Rutter, of Richland; Peter F., of Myerstown; Alfred, deceased; Aaron and Eli, of Myerstown; and Addie, the wife of John Rupp. For many years prior to death, Mr. Leininger was a highly respected farmer of Millcreek township and was long identified with the Democratic party. In religion he was a member of the Lutheran Church.

When but three years of age, P. F. Leininger came with his parents to Lebanon county, attended the common schools, and remained engaged on the farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he found employment at the ore mines of Jackson and South Lebanon townships. After three years of industry at the mines, he went to Reedsville and embarked in butchering business, which he later removed to Myerstown, where he continued for seventeen years. In 1893 he opened up a first-class clothing and gentlemen's furnishing house in Myerstown, and now commands a large and lucrative trade, his patronage including the best and most desirable in this vicinity. In politics Mr. Leininger has always been a stanch Democrat, and has exerted considerable influence in his party in this community. His fraternal associations include Camp No. 64, P. O. S. of A., Myerstown, in which he is treasurer; the I. O. O. F., of Myerstown; the Jr. O. U. A. M., of Myerstown. For thirty-two years he has been an active member of the first-named order, and is well-known in the fellowship through the State.

In 1877 Mr. Leininger was married to Katherine, the daughter of Henry and Katherine Spangler, of Jackson township, and two daughters were born to this union, viz.: Maggie, the wife of John N. Shirk, of Myerstown; and Jennie, an accomplished stenographer. Mrs. Leininger comes from one of the oldest of the county families, and is one of a family of three children, the others being, Henry P., proprietor of a hotel in Lebanon; and Sarah, the wife of Adam Krisser, a farmer of the county. The Spanglers have lived in Lebanon county for 175 years.

Throughout his active life, Mr. Leininger has been one of the useful and industrious men of his community, and has accumulated by honest endeavor and close application, an independent fortune. His life history is an inspiration to those who are still at the bottom of the ladder, as it gives a striking example of what may be attained by the use of proper methods. Mr. Leininger belongs to the Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Leininger to the Reformed. They are very highly esteemed people and have many friends in and around Myerstown. Mr. Leininger is one of those persons whose quick sympathetic nature inclines him to render assistance to any in need, and he has often been led to help those who failed to appreciate his endeavors, and proved ungrateful for his kindness. His natural generosity, however, is too great to permit him to bear any malice in his heart, and he has only good wishes for each and every one.

**WILLIAM H. H. SMITH.** This gentleman is a prominent and worthy citizen of Annville, Lebanon county, where he is engaged in operating a tin and stove store. He was born in Annville December 24, 1853, and was given a good education in the public schools of his native village, which was further supplemented by attendance at the old Palmyra Academy, and later at the Lebanon Valley College. Upon leaving school he entered his father's tin shop, where he thoroughly learned the tinsmith's trade, which he has followed all his life time with the exception of two years, when he was connected with the Mutual Benefit Association of North America for Unmarried People. He succeeded his father in business in the year 1884. The life of Mr. Smith has been helpful along lines of public utility, he having been always prominent in the affairs of township and village. When but twenty-one years of age he was elected to the responsible position of auditor of the township, which office he held continuously, giving excellent satisfaction, until he was elected school director, an office he still holds. He served as trustee of North Annville village for a number of years. His connection with the school board began in 1895, and he was president of the board for four years. If Mr. Smith has

any particular hobby, it is in his determination to secure superior educational advantages for the children of his district, and he has for years given much time and thought to that subject. To his efforts in a large measure was due the inauguration of the present long school term of eight months, instead of seven as previously held. In the fraternities, Mr. Smith is a leading member and was one of the organizers of the local lodge of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and which he is now serving as treasurer. He is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, and is also treasurer in that organization. He has membership in the P. O. S. of A., and is also a member of the Lebanon Valley Commandery of that same society. The married life of Mr. Smith began in 1875. Mrs. Smith was Miss Maggie Mark, a native of Jonestown, Lebanon county, and a daughter of Moses Mark. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two lovely daughters, their names being Estella and May.

A conscientious, upright and fearless advocate of the truth as he sees it, Mr. Smith stands second to none in the old community of Annville, which has always been noted for the high character of its citizenship.

GEORGE ARNOLD, senior member of the firm of George Arnold & Sons, whose general store now stands on the southeast corner of Sixth and Lehman streets, Lebanon, has been long and honorably known in his vicinity, first as a coachmaker, and later as a merchant and a prominent bank official. Born near Kimmerlings Church in North Lebanon township, October 10, 1830, he is a son of John and Catherine (Riddle) Arnold.

John Arnold, his great-grandfather, came from Europe and settled in Lebanon county, Pa. John Arnold (2), son of John and grandfather of George, married and had four children, all now deceased; Jacob, John, Christina and Mary.

John Arnold (3), son of John (2), father of George, was born in Lebanon county in 1798, and was reared to farming, following that occupation for the most part throughout his mature life. A man of strong constitution he lived to the age of eighty-seven, and died in 1884. During his early manhood, in 1816, he married Catherine Riddle. They had eight children: Miss Mary, of Lebanon, now in her eighty-second year; John, a retired farmer of Burlington, Iowa; Sarah, who married Jacob Seifert, of Lebanon; Joseph, deceased; Lucetta, who married Jonathan Arnold, and is deceased; Henry L., now in business in Lebanon; George, mentioned below; and Edward, who after thirty-five years of service as freight agent, was killed near his office while crossing the Reading railroad track.



*George Arnold*

George Arnold received the ordinary training of a farmer's boy and his education was acquired in the old-time subscription schools. Starting out in life at the age of eighteen he entered a coachmaker's shop at Annville, Pa., where, after completing the trade, he remained some time as an employe. In 1855, prepared to conduct the business by himself, he went to Lebanon, purchased the tract of land where the Methodist Episcopal Church now stands, and erected a coachmaking shop, where in partnership with Peter Arnold, he carried on a prosperous business for some time. In 1860 he sold his shop to his brother, Joseph Arnold, and for the next three years he followed his trade in Annville, later working for John Allwine of Lebanon, and finally as a coachmaker for William Fauber, of the same city. Being possessed of considerable means, he next purchased the valuable property on the northwest corner of Sixth and Lehman streets and opened a general store. In the course of time, enlarging his stock, he received his sons as partners, and moved to the present location. He early established his business upon a very firm foundation, and continued it with rare success for twenty years. Then, retiring, he left his sons, who are excellent business men, in full charge of the establishment. Mr. Arnold has succeeded exceptionally well out of his business ventures, and he is now a stockholder and a director of the Farmers' National Bank. He has erected from time to time some of the handsomest residences in Lebanon.

On November 20, 1855, Mr. Arnold married Agnes Eagle, who was born in 1829, daughter of John and Elizabeth Eagle, of Lancaster county, Pa. Mrs. Arnold was an excellent helpmeet for nearly forty years, and she died December 25, 1892. By her Mr. Arnold had four children: Charles V., a merchant, who married Helen Levengood, and had eleven children, eight of whom are now living; Miss Mary C., at home; Stephen, a member of the firm of George Arnold & Sons, who married Ella Levengood, who died leaving three children; and Annie J., who married Wilson Miller, a clerk in a Philadelphia banking house, and has three children. As a Democrat Mr. Arnold has always manifested a keen interest in politics. He served two terms in the city council, and though nominated for a third refused to run. In religious sentiment he is a Roman Catholic. He is a man of great integrity of character and is highly respected in this city.

CAPT. JOHN H. BASSLER. The Bassler family is one of the oldest as well as one of the most prominent in Lebanon county, and has contributed members who have adorned the business and professional circles of that and other communities. Its founders were men of strong character, who came as

refugees from their native Switzerland to America long prior to the Revolutionary war. These sturdy ancestors handed down many of their sterling qualities, and a most worthy representative of this family is to be found in Capt. John H. Bassler, a resident of Myerstown.

Capt. Bassler was born February 6, 1834, on the farm now owned by Davilla Swope, near Myerstown, a son of Henry and Barbara (Unger) Bassler, the former of whom was born in the old Bassler homestead December 10, 1797, and died in Myerstown, January 16, 1851, after a successful agricultural life. His parents were Simon and Catherine (Houtz) Bassler, of Jackson township, the former of whom was a son of Simon Bassler, who was born in 1734, and died in 1802. This Simon Bassler was a son of Henry Bassler, who was born in Basel, Switzerland, and who was the emigrant to America in 1707, settling in Rhinebeck, N. Y., on the Hudson river, whence he moved into the Schoharie Valley, New York. Later he and his neighbors found that their farms were claimed by the proprietors of large tracts of land known as "Manor Lands," and that it was difficult to secure title to them. They had heard of the liberal terms offered by William Penn to settlers in Pennsylvania, and resolved to brave the dangers and hardships of a long journey through an unexplored country, inhabited only by Indians, for the sake of securing free homes. They crossed the wilderness to the upper waters of the Susquehanna, constructed a raft on which they floated down the river, and after many days reached the mouth of the Swatara. They followed up that creek to the Quittapahilla, and, traveling up that stream, some of the party located on its headwaters, while the rest, including Henry Bassler, crossed the divide and selected homes on the upper course of the Tulpehocken. This was in 1723. He took up a tract of land in the vicinity of Myerstown, and purchased it as soon as it was surveyed, in 1734, the same year of the birth of his son, Simon, who settled on the farm which is still the property of his descendants. Henry Bassler, the father of Capt. John, married Barbara Unger, who was born January 1, 1799, daughter of Valentine and Catherine (Feltz) Unger, of what is now Bethel township, Lebanon county, and they had the following children born to them: Sarah Ann, Maria Elizabeth, Susannah, Anna M., John H., Rebecca L., William D. and Amanda C. The survivors of this family are Anna M., Rebecca L., William D. (of Philadelphia) and John H.

John H. Bassler was reared on the farm on which he was born, and obtained his education in the subscription schools, the Myerstown Academy, and, later, the Millersville State Normal School. At the age of eighteen years he was qualified to teach school, and this profession he followed with

eminent success for seven years, becoming the principal of the Myerstown Academy, in which position he remained three years. Then came the dark days of the Civil war, following the Union reverses near Richmond in the summer of 1862, and, however tender the ties of family, or pleasant and lucrative his profession, he felt that his services were needed at the front. Within eight days he raised a full company of volunteers, incorporated as Company C of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment, which became notably known as the Second Bucktail regiment, his company taking a very prominent part in the later campaigns. Capt. Bassler saw much hard service and was severely wounded at Gettysburg, July 1, 1863, lying within the Confederate lines, and was practically a prisoner until the retreat of the enemy, and was not carried off the field until the evening of July 5th. This wound necessitated an honorable discharge and a long convalescence. As soon as he was again able to take up business he engaged in contracting and car building at Myerstown, but his old feeling of patriotism conquered as soon as he found himself able to return to the service of his country, and on September 28, 1864, he tendered his services to President Lincoln, and was placed in command of Company H, Tenth Regiment, Veteran Reserve Corps, and later, January 19, 1865, was transferred to and appointed Captain of Company B, Twelfth Veteran Reserves. On November 30th, of the same year, his loyalty and services were recognized by the Government by his appointment as assistant superintendent of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, with headquarters at Lumberton, N. C. On February 13, 1866, he was finally mustered out of the service at his own request, and returned to Pennsylvania, locating in Schuylkill county in 1867. There Capt. Bassler was chosen principal of the Pine Grove public schools, which position he resigned one year later in order to accept a position on the Lebanon & Fremont branch of the Lebanon Valley Railroad, as station agent at Tower City, Pa.; five years later he gave this position up in order to embark in a mercantile business at the same place. However, on account of his wife's delicate health, he decided to make a trip to California, locating at Riverside in 1877. His care proved of no avail, as her death occurred there October 31, of that year. Capt. Bassler then went to Oakland, Cal., and engaged in carpenter work on the Central Pacific Railroad. In 1880 he returned to his old home in Myerstown, and here he has remained in familiar localities ever since, interested in local enterprises, notably the creamery business and the Myerstown *Enterprise*, a first-class village newspaper. During the last years he has assumed no new business cares, living somewhat retired. His literary talents were valued during his editorship of the above-



named journal, from 1894 to 1896, the paper being the property of himself and George D. Coover.

On October 2, 1859, Capt. Bassler was married to Miss Sarah Brobst, a daughter of Valentine and Mary (Miller) Brobst, of Berks county, and this marriage was blessed with the following named children: Horace, born March 8, 1861, died in Oakland, Cal., August 12, 1879; Laura, born in Washington, D. C., November 17, 1865, is now a resident of New York City; Robert, born in Tower City in 1873, died in 1874; Ralph, born June 23, 1875, is a resident of Chicago, and connected with the Chicago *American*. The second marriage of Captain Bassler was on December 14, 1880, to Miss Amanda Mosser, of Myerstown, daughter of Daniel and Magdalena (Holstein) Mosser, of an old family of Jackson township. One son, Harvey, came to this union, born April 21, 1883; he is now a student at Albright College, Myerstown.

In politics Capt. Bassler has always been a Republican. Reared a member of the Reformed Church, he later became a convert to the truths of spiritualism. He is one of the valued members of Capt. William Tice Post, No. 471, G. A. R., of Myerstown, belonging to that army of esteemed citizens which is yearly growing less, to whom our fair land owes a deep debt of gratitude. His long service in the army was honorable in the highest degree, and had no call to arms intervened he would probably have been one of the leading educators of his State. In his advancing years he is surrounded by warm and sincere friends, and enjoys the esteem of the whole community. The Captain was never involved in any case at court, not even as a witness, except in 1883, when one night he wounded two burglars, and capturing one of them, had him lodged in the Lebanon jail. As a matter of good citizenship it was necessary to prosecute this criminal, who was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

GEORGE H. REINOEHL. The well-directed career of George H. Reinoehl was interwoven with many of the most stable enterprises of Lebanon, and he represented a type of men who have ever been regarded as the bulwarks of the communities in which they settled. For more than a hundred years different members of the family have been among the foremost promoters of large accomplishments in this county, the first to come from Europe and settle here, the paternal great-grandfather, George, setting an example of industry, frugality and sound business sense, carefully maintained by his descendants. His son, George, the paternal grandfather, was a farmer on a large scale in Lebanon county, as was also Samuel, his son, and the father

of George H. Samuel eventually embarked upon an extensive lumber business, and in this line of activity acquired a reputation as one of the substantial business men of his locality. Through his marriage with Mary Uhler, he raised a large family of children, among whom were: Adolphus, deceased; Tobias; George H., born March 18, 1835; John; Samuel; Michael; Lena; Catherine; Mary; and Rosa.

Educationally, George H. Reinoehl was favored with average training, his foundation at the public schools being supplemented by life-long reading, study and practical observation. For many years he was one of the leading hardware merchants of Lebanon city, and he was also a director and vice-president in the Valley National Bank, the Lebanon Gas Company, and many other enterprises equally important to the growth of the city. His sound business judgment was appreciated in the various avenues in which it was exerted, and he bore an enviable reputation for wise conservatism and far sighted discrimination. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church, of which he was treasurer, trustee and a leader in the Sunday School for about thirty years. Fraternally he was connected with the Odd Fellows. Kind of heart, generous, charitable in his judgment, appreciative of the gifts and goodness in others, he made and retained hosts of friends, to whom his death, March 23, 1898, at the age of sixty-three years, was a sore affliction.

On July 29, 1855, Mr. Reinoehl married Mary A. Krause, a daughter of John and Catherine (Derr) Krause, of Lebanon. Their union was blessed with the following children: Catherine, the wife of Jacob G. Schropp, of the Lebanon *Daily News*; Dr. John K., killed recently by a runaway horse; Frank H., cashier of the Valley National Bank; Helena, the wife of G. Mahlon Pott, and living in Allentown, Pa.; Evelyn M., the wife of Dr. Fred. Gates, of Lebanon; and George S., manager of the Pennsylvania Telephone Company of Lancaster city. Mrs. Reinoehl is spending the evening of her life in her pleasant home on Chestnut street, where gather her many friends and well wishers, by all of whom she is greatly beloved and honored.

JOHN ZINN, one of the leading and prominent men of Cornwall township, Lebanon county, was born December 21, 1854, in the house which is now his home, and where he is so well and favorably known. The boyhood days of Mr. Zinn were spent upon the farm, and he received a good common school education in the neighborhood schools. Remaining at home until the death of his father, he took charge of the homestead of 158 acres, well improved, and furnished with excellent buildings. This property is considered

one of the finest in Lebanon county, and on it he carries on general farming making a complete success of all he undertakes.

In 1896, Mr. Zinn was married to Miss Hannah Hoke, daughter of David Hoke, and one child has been born of this union: George Earl. Mr. and Mrs. Zinn are members of the Reformed Church, in which they take a very active part. Mr. Zinn and his family have always occupied prominent places among the leading men of this portion of the State, and they can always be counted upon to support all measures tending toward the advancement of their community.

JOHN M. ALLWEIN, traveling salesman for the American School Furniture Company, of New York, and a resident of Lebanon, was born in North Lebanon township, December 15, 1850, a son of William and Mary (Mars) Allwein, of German and English descent, respectively. William Allwein was a plasterer by trade, and was born in June, 1813, his death occurring in 1888. His father, Philip, devoted his active life to farming and blacksmithing, and reared a large family of whom Edward, Elijah, Henry, Adam, Sarah, Isabella and Rebecca are living; while John, Samuel, Joseph, William, Elizabeth, Polly, Catherine and Mary are deceased. Philip Allwein was one of the very early settlers of Lebanon county, and his little blacksmith shop was one of the busiest centers for miles around.

William Allwein was a farmer as well as plasterer, and his property was always under a high state of cultivation, and yielded profitable harvests. He was a life-long Democrat, and a member of the Catholic Church. As his name implies, he was of German descent, and inherited the personal characteristics which have enabled Germany to impress itself upon the map of the world. To himself and wife, Mary, were born eleven children, of whom the following attained maturity: Henry, deceased; Maria, also deceased; Frank M., a plasterer of Lebanon; Isaac, a resident of Lebanon and a grocer by occupation; Amelia, living on the home farm in North Lebanon township; Nathaniel, also a plasterer by trade; John M.; Polly, the wife of Aaron Witmer, of Lebanon city; and Aaron, living on the home place. Mrs. Allwein was born in 1814 in the city of Lancaster and died March 4, 1901.

Although a farmer lad, and compelled at times to labor long and faithfully, John M. Allwein managed to secure a fair education, finishing in the State normal schools at Lebanon and Millersville, Pa. For twelve years he was engaged in teaching in the schools of Lebanon county, after which he came to Lebanon city in 1880, and clerked for some time. As a traveling salesman he was first identified with the Keystone Furniture Company, of

Philadelphia, and afterward with the United States School Furniture Company of Chicago. In 1891 he became connected with the American School Furniture Company of New York City, for which he is still traveling. In the meantime he has established a reputation for executive and business ability of a high order, which has been duly recognized by his fellow townsmen on various occasions, and in various ways. His business interests are centered in some of the most important commercial concerns of the town, including the Lebanon County Trust Company, of which he is secretary, and a stock holder; he is a stockholder in both the Lebanon National and the Farmers National banks; a stock holder in the Mutual Benefit Building & Loan Association; and a director in the Mechanics Building & Loan Association. Mr. Allwein is a Democrat in politics, and is a member of the Catholic Church.

On May 13, 1880, Mr. Allwein married Mary A. Steckbeck, born in Lebanon county April 29, 1855, a daughter of David and Mary (Arnold) Steckbeck, parents also of three other children: Priscilla, the wife of Henry Arnold, of Lebanon city; Moses, a resident of Avon; and Aaron, a farmer of North Lebanon township. The father of Mrs. Allwein was one of the best and most prominent farmers of Lebanon county, and came from an old and honored family.

**LUTHER FRANKLIN HOUCK.** Having been for many years engaged in the practice of the law in Lebanon, twelve years of which time was served most acceptably as county solicitor, Luther Franklin Houck is well and favorably known all over the county, and is generally conceded to be one of the best lawyers practicing before the courts of the county.

Luther Franklin Houck is a native of Palmyra, Pa., where he was born January 29, 1844. He received his primary education in the public schools of his native village and Lebanon, which was supplemented by courses at a private academy at Palmyra conducted by that noted educator, Peter B. Wetmor, A. M., and by advanced work in the Lebanon Academy. His first connection with professional life was as a teacher, the schools in the city of Lebanon having been the forum of action for a period of some twelve years. During the latter part of this experience he took up the study of the law under Grant Weidman, now deceased, spending his vacations in his office. He was admitted to the Bar April 14, 1879. In 1875 he had been elected justice of the peace, an office which he held for five and a half years.

In November, 1880, Mr. Houck received the nomination of his party for District Attorney and in the election which followed was chosen to that office. Entering the office in January following, he performed its duties

most capably for three years. His service in this office was so acceptable as to secure him the appointment as county solicitor, and for the next twelve years he looked after the legal interests of the county, in connection with his general practice, having been reappointed different times. He has since been in practice as a private member of the Bar, and has always held a leading position, his knowledge of legal jurisprudence being broad and comprehensive. For several years he was a member of the examining committee of the Lebanon County Bar, in which he succeeded in upholding the high standard always maintained by that body. He is also a member of the Lebanon County Law Library committee.

Fraternally Mr. Houck is a worthy member of the I. O. H., and the A. O. U. W. In religious life he affiliates with the Lutherans, being a member of the Zion's Lutheran Church.

On June 19, 1879, Mr. Houck was married to Emma H. Christian, of Lebanon, who was born in Reading in 1856, daughter of John and Mary A. (Goodheart) Christian, the former of whom is deceased. The parents of Mrs. Houck came originally from Berks county, Pa. This marriage has been blessed by two children: John Christian, born April 28, 1880; and Mary Amelia, October 6, 1882. John C. graduated at Ursinus College, in Montgomery county, and is now studying law in his father's office.

JOHN H. SHUGAR (deceased) was one of the old and well-known citizens, and for many years a leading merchant of Lebanon. He was born in that city, on West Cumberland Street, June 1, 1839, son of Baltzer Shugar, a native of Lancaster county, who died when his son was about nine years old. His wife was Anna Bender, who was born near Jonestown, Lebanon county.

Thrown upon his own resources, John H. Shugar at the age of nine years was obliged to provide for his own support, and his first work was carting on the old canal which was then being constructed. This made it necessary for him to go to Womelsdorf, Berks county. During the Civil war he was employed by the government in buying horses for the United States army. After the close of the war he engaged in the grocery business in Lebanon, his location being on the north side of Cumberland street, near Seventh, and his was the first exclusive grocery business in Lebanon. It expanded and developed, and Mr. Shugar became the first wholesale grocer in the city. He continued to prosper, and at one time owned all the real estate from Cumberland and Seventh streets to the alley on Seventh, including his grocery store No. 625. In 1886 he erected the Shugar building



*John Mc Grayson*

on the corner of Cumberland and Seventh streets, a commodious three-story building in which is included the residence fronting on Seventh street. Mr. Shugar was a most worthy man in every way, and in his death the city lost a citizen of unimpeachable integrity. His provident husbanding of means enabled him to accumulate, and his excellent business sense taught him how to invest. In his church relations he was a Lutheran, and in fraternal life an Odd Fellow.

On August 16, 1863, Mr. Shugar was united in marriage with Catharine Uhrich, daughter of David Uhrich, who was born at what is now Avon, Lebanon county, December 3, 1808, son of Christian Uhrich, also a native of Lebanon county. David Uhrich married Catherine Dubbs, born in Lebanon, May 5, 1814, daughter of John Dubbs, also a native of Lebanon. The death of John H. Shugar occurred October 9, 1898, his wife and eleven children surviving, the latter being as follows: Catharine, wife of Harry Andrews, of Lebanon; John Lincoln, in the grocery business in Lebanon; William Grant, also in the grocery business in that city; Florence A.; Sarah E.; Harry B., a veterinary surgeon in Lebanon; George D.; Helen L.; Franklin U.; Charles L.; and Ruth E. All of this interesting, prominent and highly respected family belong to the Lutheran Church, with the exception of George, who belongs to the Episcopal Church. The name of Mr. Shugar is honorably perpetuated in his estimable family. In politics he was a Republican, but he was no politician, and never sought office.

ADAM G. LERCH, one of the representative citizens of North Lebanon township and a resident of Ebenezer, was born June 24, 1858, in North Annville township, Lebanon county, a son of Adam F. and Christiana (Gingrich) Lerch.

The Lerch family has long been one of substance and influential connections, being connected by marriage with many old pioneer families of this section. Christopher Lerch, the great-grandfather, emigrated from Germany in young manhood, came to Lebanon county, and locating at Bunker Hill, in Swatara township, engaged in farming, and at his death owned a large estate, and left his family well provided for.

John Lerch, the grandfather of Adam G., was born in Swatara township and lived on a small farm, following his trade of carpenter and undertaker. In the latter line he was one of the earliest in this locality. For many years he was prominent in the Reformed Church. John Lerch married Polly Fox, and a brief record of their family of six sons and three daughters is as follows: (1) Adam F. is mentioned below. (2) Benjamin Lerch was a

tailor by trade moved to Jefferson county, served almost three years as a brave soldier during the Civil war and lost his life at the battle of the Wilderness, leaving a widow and two children. (3) Emanuel moved in young manhood to Logansport, Ind., where he followed farming and carpentering, served in the Civil war, married a Miss Saylor and had three children, John, Clinton and Angeline, who all live at Logansport; he died in 1877. (4) William moved West in young manhood. (5) John is a farmer at Earlton, Kans., where he took up a homestead and is very prosperous; he married Elmira Thayer, of Lebanon county, and has two daughters, Izora and Emma. (6) Simon is the father of John H. Lerch, a merchant at West Lebanon. (7) Eve married Henry Bean, and after some years of farming near Earlton, Kans., removed to Parsons; they had children—John, Abraham (deceased), Solomon, Nathaniel (deceased), Emma, Lizzie, Alice and Ellen (deceased). (8) Polly married Adam Bender, of Lebanon, where she died. By her first marriage with a Mr. Baltz, she had two children, Simon and Kate; and by her marriage with Mr. Bender, two daughters, Sarah and Polly. (9) Mary married William Baltz, of Swatara township, and had one child, Maria.

Adam F. Lerch, the father of Adam G., was born and reared in Swatara township, learning the business of his father and with a Mr. School of Jones-town. After marriage he purchased a small place in North Annville township, and lived there until 1877, when he bought a large farm in East Hanover township, during the next seven years permitting his sons to operate the farm while he still continued at his trade. He then sold that property and bought at Ebenezer, in North Lebanon township, and on this farm of sixty acres he spent his last years, dying April 4, 1899, having lived sixty-eight years, six months and twenty-one days. Mr. Lerch was considered one of the leading men of the county, and was widely and favorably known. After settling at Ebenezer, he laid out a number of town lots, building also about half of the houses in the village. Both he and wife were worthy members of the United Brethren Church. His estimable widow still survives, at the age of seventy years, and is a beloved member of the family of her son, Adam G. She is a daughter of John and Barbara (Miller) Gingrich, of North Annville township. The two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lerch were both sons, Adam G. and Jacob G. The latter died in 1891, at the age of twenty-six years, a carpenter by trade, and left a widow and one child, Carrie.

Adam G. Lerch was reared in North Annville township, and was educated in the public schools. He spent one year under his father learning the



carpenter's trade, but his natural inclinations led him to adopt farming, and, since he was nineteen years old, he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Lerch is one of the best farmers in the township and one of the large landholders, and is interested in some of the leading financial institutions of the county, being a stock holder in some of the local banks. Not only is Mr. Lerch one of the men of large means in his locality, but he is public-spirited and enterprising, and is always identified with public movements for the benefit of the neighborhood.

In 1878 Mr. Lerch was married to Miss Mollie G. Shenk, who was born near Grandville, Dauphin county, but was reared near Fredericksburg, Lebanon county, a daughter of Amos and Lydia (Seltzer) Shenk. Two children have been born to this marriage, namely: Nora L., a student at the Lebanon Business College; and Christie, a young lady at home. The family belong to the United Brethren Church of Ebenezer, and are numbered among the best citizens of Lebanon county.

ELIAS B. KREISER. Fully two hundred years ago, Frederick Kreiser, a native of Switzerland, came to America, locating in Union township, Lebanon Co., Pa. He bought 500 acres of land from the government, cleared same, and built necessary structures for his family and stock. Here he made his home until his death. His family consisted of three sons, the eldest of whom was born in Switzerland, Casper by name, and the other two, Michael and Frederick were born in Union township, near Moonshine Church. Frederick married Miss Behney and remained on the home farm until his death, six years after that of his wife. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, and he was a Whig in politics. Their family was as follows: William, Martin, Catherine, Conrad, Frederick, Lucinda, Peter, Henry, Felix, Eve, Mary, Barney, Sophrona, Nancy (who married Jacob Hour) and Jacob (who married Miss Deaven). All grew to maturity, married and had issue except Mary, and all lived to a good old age, one reaching the extreme limit of ninety-four years. All were Whigs in politics, Lutherans in religious belief, and many of the men held township offices.

Of this family Frederick Kreiser, who was born January 3, 1803, married first Mary, daughter of John Phillips. After her death he wedded, about 1831, for his second wife, Catherine Bohr, daughter of Mathias and Fake Bohr, who was born December 24, 1814. By his first wife he had two children: Nancy, and one who died in infancy. The family of the second wife was: Elias B., born November 14, 1833; and Susan, born in 1835, died about 1856, unmarried.

Elias B. Kreiser was born at what was known as Union Forge, and grew to maturity near there, attending the public schools of the neighborhood, which was the first free school in that section. Until he was twenty years of age, he attended school during the winter months, and worked upon the farm in the summer. Reaching his majority, he purchased a boat and engaged in freighting on the Pennsylvania canal from Wilkesbarre to Baltimore, Md., and Delaware City, Del., also on the Chesapeake and Delaware bays. Following this business for sixteen years, he met with average success, but in 1864 he sold his interests and purchased his present farm in Union township. His home farm consists of fifty-one acres, and he owns another of eighty-six acres, in the same township. In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Kreiser is engaged very successfully in the lumber business, he buying timber land and sawing the lumber in his own mill, selling to the Lebanon Car works and the Lebanon Railroad Company. His mill has a capacity of 4,000 feet per day, and is supplied with modern improvements and labor saving devices. In politics he is a Republican, and for five years has served as township collector.

On February 23, 1854, Mr. Kreiser was married to Miss Caroline Mease, a daughter of Philip and Barbara (Walcar) Mease, born in 1830. The children born to them were as follows: Cinderella died at the age of six years; William married Sarah Felby; Jerome married Mary Wolf; Tobias died at the age of four years; Grant married Lizzie Lamb; Elmer married Mary Hetrich; Mahlon; Elias; Alice married C. Rutt. The entire family are connected with the Lutheran Church, where all are active workers and liberal supporters of the good works of that denomination, and they are also important factors in the social life of the community.

HARRY SELTZER MEILY, M. D. Though not having resided long in the community in which he is at present practicing his profession, Dr. Meily is well known all over Lebanon county, of which he is a native, and where his people have for long years been prominently identified with the social, religious and educational life of the county. Dr. Meily settled in Belle Grove in 1900, and in the short period of his residence has ingratiated himself into the good opinions of the best class of citizens in the community. He is rapidly building up a lucrative practice, being regarded as a physician of more than ordinary merit.

Dr. Meily was born at Mount Nebo, west of Jonestown, about two and one-half miles, on December 29, 1856. His father was Capt. Jacob B. Meily, a native of Cumberland county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war,

who commanded a company of infantry during that sanguinary struggle, and who was a citizen of great distinction in the county, having been twice elected to the Pennsylvania Legislature. In his earlier days Capt. Meily taught school at Mount Nebo, in one of the old log school houses. He later abandoned teaching, and succeeded his father in the manufacture of earthenware. He married Maria, daughter of John and Elizabeth Seltzer, and their children were: Ida M., Harry S., John (of Heilmandale), William (of Lebanon), Lily and Paul.

Martin Meily, a brother of the late John Meily, and father of Capt. Meily, was one of Lebanon's foremost citizens. Martin Meily removed to Lebanon county, where he settled, near Jonestown, and was himself a man of much prominence in his day, being a justice of the peace and county surveyor. He is remembered by the older class of citizens as having been extensively engaged in the manufacture of earthenware.

Harry S. Meily passed his boyhood in attendance on the schools of Hanover township, and remained at home until 1877, when he reached his majority. He then spent three and a half years in the West, but at the end of that time returned to Lebanon county resolved to make it his home in the future. He entered the service of his uncle John Meily, an iron manufacturer of Lebanon, where he continued until 1894. From early manhood Dr. Meily had been resolved to follow the medical profession, but deferring to the wishes of his mother had not taken active steps to enter the profession. He had, however, since he was eighteen years of age, given special attention to it in his reading, and was therefore fully prepared when the opportunity came to enter college. In 1894 he took the preliminary examination and entered Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, where he took a thorough four-years course, graduating with honors in 1898. He was licensed to practice his profession, and began active work in Reading in 1899. The following year he located at Belle Grove, as before stated. Dr. Meily is thoroughly prepared for his profession, and is a great student, keeping in close touch with the best medical thought of the day. He is a member of the Homeopathic Medical Association of Reading, and while there was a member of the staff of the Reading Homeopathic Hospital, and a member of the Hahnemann College Alumni Association. The Doctor was married, in 1876, to Sallie Behney, daughter of John and Kathryn Behney, of Ellwood, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and the following children have been born to this union: John B. was a passenger brakeman, and was killed by the cars on the Reading railroad; Charles is a stationary engineer; Lester is about finishing his preparatory course in the Lebanon Valley College.

The careful diagnosis which Dr. Meily makes of his cases, and the deep study which he gives them during the progress of the disease, are showing results in the building up of a solid and substantial practice. He and his wife are popular members of the community of Belle Grove, where the Doctor's genial personality has already made him a popular resident.

HON. HENRY S. GOCKLEY, secretary of the Tulpehocken Mutual Fire Insurance Company, justice of the peace, lawyer and leading citizen of Myerstown, was born January 1, 1854, in Clay township, Lancaster county, a son of John and Susannah (Shirk) Gockley.

John Gockley, the father who died August 5, 1903, was born in Elizabeth township, Lancaster county, in 1822 and was long a prominent farmer in Lebanon county, but lived his last years retired from active labor. He was a son of Henry Gockley, one of the early settlers of Cocalico township, and Elizabeth (Dinger), his wife. A family of eight children was born to John Gockley and wife, namely: Henry Shirk, of Myerstown; Dr. Albert S., a graduate of the University of the City of New York, now of Carroll county, Iowa; John W., a noted musician, who served five years in the United States army as a musician, now of the far West; Lizzie, the wife of William Eckert, of Lebanon; Ellen Susan, who died in 1877; Milton, a machinist in Reading; Martin, a clerk in Reading; and Miss Margaret, who resides with her parents, at Avon, Lebanon county. The family is supposed to be of French-Huguenot extraction.

Henry S. Gockley was reared on the farm in Clay township, Lancaster county, until he was seven years of age, when his parents moved to Myerstown, and he was thus given good school advantages, attending first the common schools, and later, what is now Albright College of Myerstown. For twenty years he engaged in teaching, and became well known over a wide extent for his proficiency and success in that profession. He was not however, satisfied until he had also prepared himself and been admitted to the Bar of Lebanon County, Pa., in 1882, for which profession he has proved himself eminently fitted. It was scarcely possible that so well qualified and popular a citizen should escape political honors, and from 1885 to 1887 Mr. Gockley was a member of the State Legislature, sent there by a large Republican majority, having been identified with this party since early manhood. In 1886 he accepted the responsible position of secretary of the Tulpehocken Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and has devoted much attention to the increasing business of this well-established company. Since May 5, 1901, he has administered justice, having been elected as justice of the peace, and

he has been much commended for his impartial rulings. Fraternally he is a member of the Tulpehocken Council, of the Junior O. U. A. M., No. 941, and was one of its organizers.

In 1885 Mr. Gockley was married to Miss Pamilla L. Frantz, daughter of M. K. and Isabella Frantz, of Myerstown, extended mention of this prominent family being found elsewhere. Three children were born to this union: George G., who died in childhood; and Helen G. and Harry F., both of Myerstown. Mrs. Gockley is one of seven children born to her parents, namely: Pamilla, Mrs. Gockley; Agnes, the wife of F. P. Miller, of Myerstown; Miss Emma, of this place; Mary, the wife of O. K. Allbright, of Reading; Rebecca, the wife of Rev. A. F. Nace of St. Clairsville, Pa.; and Charles P. and Tilden H., both merchants of Myerstown.

Mr. Gockley has long been a prominent and respected citizen of Myerstown, and the training he has enjoyed in public life and the ability he possesses fit him well for his present responsibilities. Few men in the vicinity are better posted in the stirring events of modern life, while few give the great questions more serious consideration. Both he and wife belong to honored old families and are much respected for their personal attributes.

MAURICE EUGENE BRIGHTBILL, a leading citizen of Annville, and the owner of the largest and most valuable stone quarries in Lebanon county, was born in the old Moyer homestead—that of his maternal grandmother—at Clear Springs, Lebanon county, Pa., June 28, 1863, son of the late Samuel Landis Brightbill, who was one of Annville's most prominent citizens.

Samuel L. Brightbill was born June 14, 1840, on a farm within a half mile of Campbelltown, Lebanon county, a son of Abraham Brightbill, who was a son of Abraham, who was born in Germany. This last named Abraham Brightbill was one of three brothers who came to America with their mother, who was a widow, and he settled in Lebanon (then Lancaster) county, but later removed to Westmoreland county, Pa., and from there his son, Abraham, came to Lebanon when a boy of four or five years, making his home with an uncle by the name of Kreider. Here he grew to manhood and married Mary Landis, daughter of Abraham Landis, and to them were born children as follows: Eliza, who married Jonathan Herr, of Annville, is now deceased; Mary, who married John W. Balsbaugh, lives in Hummelstown; Abraham married Mary Kreider, and lives in Fulton, Mo.; Sarah, who married Adam Strickler, lives in Hummelstown; Samuel Landis was the father of Maurice E.; Amanda married John Bomberger, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Landis Brightbill was reared at Campbelltown, and attended the

public schools of his own neighborhood, and then Annville Academy, after which he went to college at Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland county. After leaving college at Mt. Pleasant he married and spent two or three years in farming on the Moyer homestead. For three years he was engaged in the grain business at Swatara, Dauphin county, and came to Annville in 1870. Mr. Brightbill instigated and started, and was really the founder, of the Annville Savings Bank (now the Annville National Bank), of which he was cashier for a period of five years, being also a director. During this time he turned his attention to the lime business, and was the first person in this section of the country to enter that line, becoming a large manufacturer of lime and stone. Upon leaving the bank he continued the lime business, adding to it the quarrying of stone, and continued that business on an extensive scale until within a few years before his death, when he retired. Mr. Brightbill was justly regarded as one of the most enterprising and public-spirited men in Annville. He assisted in building and organizing the street railroad line between Annville and Lebanon, and also the Lebanon & Myerstown line; was one of a company which purchased the old Lebanon county jail property in Lebanon, and converted it into the handsome market house now on South Eighth street; was interested in the Lebanon Valley Hodge Fence Company; the Union Forge Company; was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Palmyra Bank, of which he was one of the directors; and was interested in many other enterprises, including the coal business. Mr. Brightbill served as tax collector and school director of his township, and was all in all one of its most useful citizens. He was always a Republican in politics. His death occurred in September, 1898.

Mr. Brightbill married Elizabeth Heisey, who was born on the old Moyer homestead at Clear Springs, Lebanon county, Pa., April 4, 1841, daughter of Daniel B. and Elizabeth (Moyer) Heisey, the former of whom was born in 1810, near Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa., and died in 1884. The latter was born on the Moyer homestead at Clear Springs, in 1823, and died in 1899. They had children as follows: Anna, who died at the age of seventeen years; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Landis Brightbill; and Benjamin, who died at the age of fourteen years. Two children were born to Samuel Landis Brightbill and his wife, Maurice Eugene and Annie, the latter of whom was born in 1874, married Reno S. Harp, of Frederick, Md., and died in 1896.

Maurice Eugene Brightbill was educated in the public schools and at the Lebanon Valley College, leaving the latter in 1889 and assisting his father for the following five years. In 1894 he became a member of the firm of S. L. Brightbill & Son, and succeeded to the business on the death of his father.

whose reputation as a man of ability and integrity he well sustains. The present generation is also maintaining the reputation of the family for public spirit. The new gymnasium which is being built for the Lebanon Valley College is the gift of the family, and will be known as the Brightbill Gymnasium.

In 1888 Mr. Brightbill was united in marriage with Miss Millie Weidman, daughter of George and Permella (Heilman) Weidman, who was born at Belle Grove, Lebanon county. Two children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Brightbill, namely: Robert Eugene, born November 1, 1889, who died December 10, 1891; and Helen Elizabeth, born November 8, 1894.

JAMES J. NEWHARD, who died at his home in Lebanon, October 6, 1891, was a native of Allentown, born January 6, 1827. He was a jeweler by trade, and while still a boy served an apprenticeship with Mr. Soliday, of Doylestown, Pa. From there he went to Pottsville, and worked with Mr. Kelly; later he was in partnership with Mr. Boas, of Harrisburg, after which he came to Lebanon and entered the employ of James Kelly, whose place of business was in the Eagle Hotel building. Mr. Newhard subsequently opened a jewelry store in the building at the northwest corner of Ninth and Willow streets, and from there removed to Market square, where he was located at the time of his death. In politics he was a Republican, and he took a prominent part in party management. While Lebanon was still a borough, he served in several capacities as borough representative of his party.

Mr. Newhard was married three times, and of the children of the first wife, who was Miss Bidleman, of Baltimore, Md., there survive: Mrs. Randolph Graeff, of Lebanon; Mrs. Thena Knerr, of Chicago; Thadeus M., of Schuylkill county, and Robert M., of Fernwood, Delaware county, a United States postal inspector. The second wife, who was a daughter of the late Jacob Weidle, a very prominent Mason, left children as follows: Mrs. Virginia Albright (now deceased), and May and Nellie Newhard of Lebanon. The third wife was Valeria Schall, of Orwigsburg. Mr. Newhard entered into rest at the age of sixty-four, highly esteemed and sincerely mourned in the community where he was so well known.

Thomas Schall, father of the present Mrs. Newhard, was a soldier in the Civil war, and died during the service. He was interested in the mining of coal, and had large interests in coal lands. His wife, Diana E. Mayer, a daughter of Rev. Philip Mayer, a Reformed minister, who preached for sixty-one years, bore him six children: Esther R. Bickley, Olivia D. C. Anthony and David R., residents of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county; Harry M., a

physician of Rochester, New York; Mamie S. Drumheller, of Adamsdale, Schuylkill county, and Mrs. Valeria S. Newhard, of Lebanon. The mother, now Mrs. George Adams, also resides at Adamsdale, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

CYRUS P. LONG, clerk of the Orphans' Court of Lebanon county, and a well-known citizen of Annville where he is one of the leading business men, proprietor of the Annville Roller Mills, was born June 10, 1850, in Londonderry township, Lebanon county.

The parents of Mr. Long were the estimable Jacob and Elizabeth (Brown) Long, well and favorably known for so many years in South Annville township. Jacob Long was a son of John Long, and was born in 1822, in Derry township, Dauphin county. By trade he was a shoemaker, and was an honest, industrious and respected citizen. He married Elizabeth Brown, born in Derry township, Dauphin county, in 1817, who died in 1887. Her father, Christian Brown, was a clock-maker, who manufactured the wooden clocks which were at that time common enough in Derry township, but which now command large prices and are held by their owners as precious relics. His whole life was passed in Derry township where he was well known in business, social and church gatherings. The children born to Jacob Long and wife were ten in number, as follows: Sarah, wife of William Miller, proprietor of the Washington Hotel at Annville; Catherine, widow of Philip McCurdy, of Annville; Caroline, widow of Uriah Uhler, of Annville; Samuel, a coal dealer in Lebanon; David (twin to Samuel), a farmer in South Annville township; Cyrus P.; Louisa, wife of Henry Durham, of Lebanon; Miss Malinda; Emma, wife of David Beachler, of Lebanon; and Elizabeth, wife of William Boltz, of Annville. The religious connection of the Long family has always been with the Reformed Church.

Cyrus P. Long was one year old when his parents removed to South Annville township, and has resided here all his life, being educated in the common schools. Here he learned the milling trade with David Kreider, serving an apprenticeship of two and one-half years, then going to work in the mill of J. S. Killinger, with whom he was associated for sixteen years. In 1886 he formed a partnership with Frank Himmelberger, renting Mr. Killinger's mill, and this business has been continued ever since under the name of the Annville Roller Mills, one of the leading industries of the section.

In 1873 Mr. Long married Miss Rebecca Sanders, born March 27, 1849, in South Annville, daughter of the late Philip Sanders. To this union five children have been born, namely: Ella M., born in 1874, who married Harry



Wagner, of Annville; Albert, born in 1877, who died in 1894; Carrie E., born December 24, 1879; Susan, born in 1884, who died in 1887; and Nora A., who was born in October, 1892. Mr. Long has been a Republican all his life, and has always taken an active interest, as a good citizen, in public affairs. For six years he served as a member of the school board of South Annville, and in 1899 he was elected on the Republican ticket to the office of clerk of the Orphans' Court of Lebanon county, for a term of three years, an election particularly gratifying to all concerned on account of his known reliability and executive ability. Like other members of his family, Mr. Long belongs to the Reformed Church. Fraternally he is connected with the orders of K. of P.; Lebanon Valley Commandery, P. O. S. of A.; and the I. O. O. F.

JAMES LORD, manager of the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company, at Lebanon, was born in 1844 in Delaware. After receiving his primary education he attended the preparatory school at Andover, Mass., and later St. John's College, at Annapolis, Md. In 1861 he entered the State service in Delaware as lieutenant of infantry, and on the disbanding of the State troops, served as volunteer aid with Gen. H. H. Lockwood, without rank or pay. In 1863 he was mustered into the United States service as second lieutenant of cavalry, Independent Company, Maryland Volunteers, and was afterward promoted to the captaincy of said company. He was honorably discharged from the United States service in August, 1865, and that month was appointed commissioner of freedmen and abandoned lands in Eastern Virginia. He resigned in 1866 to enter business in Delaware.

In 1871 Mr. Lord entered the iron business, in Reading; in 1882 he moved to Lebanon, as manager and treasurer of the Pennsylvania Bolt & Nut Company. On the consolidation, in 1899, of the East Lebanon Iron Company, J. H. Sternbergh & Son, the Pennsylvania Bolt & Nut Company and Lebanon Iron Company, he was retained as manager in the new corporation, the American Iron & Steel Manufacturing Company.

J. HENRY BENNETCH, whose handsome farm residence stands three-quarters of a mile west of Millbach, is one of the most able financiers and wise business managers in his vicinity. Starting in life with nothing but his own brains and muscles to depend upon, he has risen to a foremost place among agriculturists and live stock dealers of his section. As an evidence of his thrift he now owns three of the best improved farms in the county—the old Becker homestead, the Bucher farm, and the Seibert place,

besides his own residence property, and other valuable lands in Lebanon and Lancaster counties. He was born in West Cocalico township, Lancaster county, February 4, 1839, son of John and Leah (Becker) Bennetch.

The family is of German extraction, and an old one in this section of the country. Henry Bennetch, the first to be born and bred in this country, numbered among his children a son named John, who is mentioned below.

John Bennetch, grandfather of J. Henry, was reared in Berks county, and there early received excellent training in agriculture. Upon reaching manhood he settled in Berks county, and there followed farming for his life work. Thrifty and industrious, he made a thorough success of the industry, and assisted materially in the development of the county. He was influential and stood high among both agriculturists and business men of his section. By his marriage there were eight children: Benneville; John, who is mentioned below; Mary, who married a Mr. Kendig; Annie, who married Christian West; Henry; Catherine; Frederick, a resident of Lancaster county; and Elizabeth, of Myerstown.

John Bennetch, father of J. Henry, was an ambitious agriculturist, whose promising career was cut short by an early death. Born in 1818 on his father's farm, he was reared to a life of activity and self-reliance. Well instructed in agriculture, upon reaching manhood he engaged in that occupation, first settling on a farm in Lancaster county. Prospects of a better opening in his line decided him in a short time to move to a farm in Millcreek township, Lebanon county, where he continued his industry for a short time, and then moved to Jackson township, where he died at the age of twenty-six years.

Upon reaching manhood Mr. Bennetch married Leah Becker, and of this union there were three children: J. Henry; Mary, who married John Seibert, and resided in Reading (he is now deceased); and Jacob, who is now a merchant in Iona. Mr. Bennetch was a man of great energy and marked force of character, and by his practical business methods, and well-directed industry won the respect of all who knew him. He was thoroughly honest, possessed a keen sense of justice, and in fact, he was a man of an irreproachable character.

J. Henry Bennetch early felt the necessity of shouldering life's responsibilities. He was but one year old when taken by his parents from Lancaster county to Millcreek township, Lebanon county, and but six when, in Jackson township, he lost his father. Returning with his mother to Millcreek township, he there in the home of Samuel and Michael Becker, cousins of his mother, grew to manhood. In the public schools of his vicinity he

procured a good practical education, displaying an alertness of intellect, and an eagerness to grasp information, which have characterized him through life. By assisting in the work on the Becker farm, he became well trained to agriculture, and upon reaching manhood, decided to follow that occupation for his life-work. On December 27, 1860, when about twenty-one years old, he married Mary Becker, daughter of John and Caroline (Stump) Becker, who are mentioned below. To Mr. and Mrs. Bennetch have been born six children, two of whom have grown to maturity: John, who is now engaged in farming in Millcreek township; Morris, who is living in the West.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Bennetch married her cousin, a daughter of Michael Becker, whose farm of thirty-five acres he purchased and on which he now resides within three-fourths of a mile of Millbach.

Mr. Bennetch has, from time to time, branched out extensively in general agriculture, and has made large land purchases. The old John Becker homestead, settled in 1734, now in his possession, numbers 203 well-improved acres; his productive Bucher farm, 109 acres; the Seibert place, near the village of Sheridan, 153 acres; and the home place thirty-five acres, totaling 500 acres in Millcreek township. He also owns 360 acres of land in Cocalico township, Lancaster county, and additional timber tracts, in Millcreek and Heidelberg townships, making him one of the most extensive land-owners in this vicinity. He has utilized his farms in his stock business to a great extent, and has some most excellent barns for sheltering horses. He has made a specialty of the care of these animals, and for the past ten or fifteen years has wintered hundreds of horses for the Barnum and Bailey shows.

Mr. Bennetch possesses a remarkable capacity for directing affairs, and all his enterprises have been conducted on a large scale. His knowledge of business is profound, and his ability to apply it to the practical work of life rare. His achievements and his force of character have made him a leader in his township, and as a Democrat in politics, his word carries weight in local affairs. He has been a consistent member of the Schaefferstown Lutheran Church for about thirty-three years, and as such, his dealings with his fellowmen have always been directed by strong Christian principles.

John Becker, father of Mrs. Mary Bennetch, was a thrifty agriculturist of Millcreek township for many years. He married Caroline Stump about 1833, and they became the parents of these children: Willoughby, a prominent retired agriculturist of Millcreek township; John Adam, of South Jackson township; Mary, who became Mrs. Bennetch; Elizabeth, who married J. M. Zimmerman, a prominent farmer of Millcreek township; Emma,

who married Aaron Bollinger, both now deceased; Amanda, the widow of George Seibert; Agnes J., who married Levi R. Bollinger, of Richmond; Thomas L., a prominent surveyor and conveyancer, Millbach; and Ida, deceased.

ABNER WILLIAM SHULTZ, M. D., one of the leading representatives of the medical profession of Lebanon county, Pa., and coroner of Lebanon county since January, 1901, was born in Dauphin county, Pa., July 16, 1846, a son of William and Leah (Keller) Shultz, natives of Lebanon and Dauphin counties, respectively. The family of Shultz has long been identified with the best interests of the State, the founder of it in America coming from Germany at an early date, and locating at Newmanstown. The various representatives of this family have engaged in various callings, although there have been more agriculturists and mechanics, and all have been a credit to their name and locality.

The grandfather, William Shultz, a mason by trade, resided in Newmanstown and lived to an advanced age. He married Hannah Heffelfinger.

William Shultz (2), the father of our subject, was also a mason, but died when a young man in Dauphin county, where he had spent his wedded life. After his death, his widow married Jacob Schaeffer, and died at Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa. Dr. Shultz was one of two children born to his parents, the other being Mary, who married Penrose Frank, of Erie, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Abner William Shultz was reared in Dauphin county, and educated in Village Green Seminary, Delaware Co., Pa., and the academy at Palmyra. Later he took a business course at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Having always had an inclination toward the medical profession, he began the study of that science with his uncle, Dr. D. C. Keller, at Union Deposit, Dauphin county. In 1865, he entered Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1869, and he then entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1870. After graduating, he located at Belleview, now Bellegrove, and remained for eighteen months, when he removed to Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa., and for fourteen years was engaged in active practice. His uncle's place becoming vacant, Dr. Shultz returned to Union Deposit and remained until 1894, when he settled in Lebanon city, and was successful there, but in 1901 he retired to his country seat, near Jonestown, which is one of the finest country residences in Lebanon county. This beautiful home, supplied with all modern conveniences and comforts is known as Fairview farm. Dr. Shultz is a director in the Lebanon Stove

Works, and is a successful business man as well as skillful physician. While always taking an active interest in political affairs, he has never consented to hold office with the exception of his present trust. For twenty years he was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Company E, Eighth Regiment, entering as a private, and being commissioned assistant surgeon, and later aid on General Gobin's staff. Dr. Shultz is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, Widell Chapter, No. 157, and Hermit Commandery, No. 24.

On May 12, 1874, Dr. Shultz married Miss Mary Reinoehl, of Lebanon, daughter of Judge Reinoehl. Dr. and Mrs. Shultz have an adopted daughter, Mary K., who resides with them. Both are consistent members of the United Brethren Church, of which they are liberal supporters, and they are very important factors in the social life of their locality.

HENRY B. GINGRICH, one of the leading citizens of South Londonderry township and senior member of the firm of Henry B. Gingrich & Bro., leading cattle dealers of Lebanon county, was born May 8, 1856, on the old Gingrich homestead farm, about one mile north of the village of Lawn, and which is his present home. His father, Christian Gingrich, is one of the prominent citizens of Lebanon county, of whom extended mention will be found elsewhere.

Henry B. Gingrich attended the public schools and the old Palmyra Academy, finishing his schooling at Lititz Academy in Lancaster county. After marriage he engaged in farming on the home farm which he still continues. Since 1892 his main interests have been centered in the great enterprise then established, the Lawn Stock Yards, which, as noted below, have developed into one of the leading industries of the county.

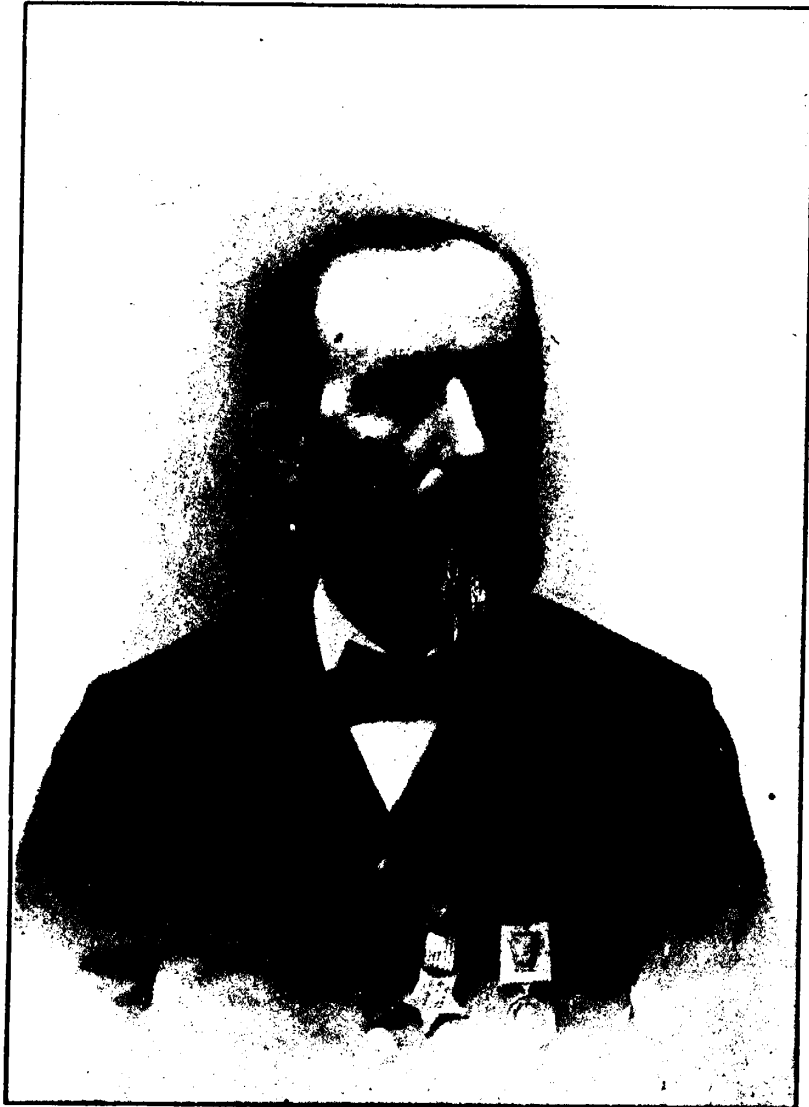
In 1878 Mr. Gingrich was united in marriage with Miss Marion Redsecker, born at Aberdeen, Lancaster county, one of the daughters of George and Anna (Clendennin) Redsecker. The children born to this union were: George R., C. E., Robert C., Rose M., Walter E., Edna G. and Ira James, deceased.

For years Mr. Gingrich has been prominent both in agricultural and public affairs in his township and has served as school director and for the past seven years has been treasurer of the South Londonderry school board. On August 6, 1901, he was appointed postmaster at Lawn. The business career of Mr. Gingrich has been unusually successful, owing to the close attention he gives to his affairs, and his upright methods, the latter winning him the confidence of the public.

**LAWN STOCK YARDS.** The Lawn Stock Yards, situated at Lawn, South Londonderry township, Lebanon county, were established in 1892 by Messrs. Henry B. and Christian C. Gingrich and H. S. Stauffer. This is the largest and most important cattle enterprise in Lebanon county. At the beginning, the yards had a capacity for handling, under sined, six car loads of cattle, per week, and from July to January of the first year, 132 car loads were handled, sales being made to feeders and butchers. On January 1, 1897, the Gingrich brothers purchased Mr. Stauffer's interest, and the firm name was changed from Gingrich & Stauffer to that of H. B. Gingrich & Bro. Since that time the business has been constantly on the increase, improvements have been made and capacity increased until, in 1901, the firm sold from July 1, to Feb. 1, 1902, 161 car loads of feeders' and butchers' cattle, the business having increased from about \$200,000 in 1892 to about \$400,000, in 1902, with every indication of much greater growth in the future. The Lawn Yards have the reputation of handling the finest cattle in Lebanon county and prices are realized in accordance. One shipment to New York City, for which they paid seven and one-half cents, they realized eight and one-half cents in New York. During the blizzard of 1899, the yards shipped cattle by Adams Express Company, on foot to eastern markets, the cattle being gathered in the morning and delivered in Philadelphia the same day. Regular shipments are made to Philadelphia, Jersey City, Pottsville and other cities.

**JOHN H. CILLEY** is one of the well known citizens of Lebanon, Pa., a leading contractor, builder and shoe merchant of that city. He was born in Londonderry township, Lebanon county, Pa., March 10, 1845. He is the son of Nicholas Cilley, who was a native of Dauphin county, Pa., and a son of James Cilley, the latter a native of Scotland, and an early settler of Dauphin county. The mother of our subject was Sarah Nye, who was born in Lebanon county, the daughter of Michael Nye. He also was a native of Pennsylvania; the Nyes were from Germany. The father of our subject died in 1874, in his sixty-second year, and the mother died in 1887, in her eighty-seventh year. She had five children, our subject being the only one now living. Catherine, deceased, became the wife of John Farnwalt; Amanda, deceased, married Jacob Sheetz; John Henry; and two other children who died in infancy. The father returned to Lebanon in 1872, and lived there the remainder of his life.

John H. Cilley was reared near the old Colebrook Furnace, in South Annville township, to which place his parents moved when he was about two



*John H. Lilley*

and a half years old. He attended the public schools during the winters, receiving a common school education. In the spring of 1862 he began an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, but in the following August he entered Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. While with his regiment he saw much service, being in the Second Brigade, Second Division, Second Army Corps. It was his brigade which crossed at Fredericksburg in open boats, December 11, 1862, and drove the Rebel sharpshooters out of Fredericksburg, so that the pontoon bridge could be laid. His regiment in fighting two days lost 272 killed and wounded. Mr. Cilley also was in the Chancellorsville ranks, under General Hooker. The first of his service was in defence of Washington. In May, 1863, he was discharged from the service by reason of the expiration of his term of enlistment, and the following month (June) he reenlisted in Company F, Forty-eighth Regiment Pennsylvania Militia (emergency). He was mustered out of the Forty-eighth Regiment in July, 1863, and in August he took up his work of learning the carpenter's trade. He finished his apprenticeship in 1866, and after working as a juror for seventeen days he began carpentering for himself in South Annville township. He lived there until 1869, during which time he studied geometry, mensuration and trigonometry, being his own teacher, devoting the evenings to study, after he had completed his day's work at his trade, and in this way supplementing the lack in his earlier education. In 1869 he located in Lebanon, and until 1875 he was engaged in geometrical stair building for the firm of Gasset & Light. In 1875 he became a partner of George Gasset, under the firm name of Gasset & Cilley, engaging in the general contracting business, during which period they erected the Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Zion's Lutheran Church at Annville, the M. E. Church at Cornwall, Lebanon Hook and Ladder Company's house, Seltzer's store building on the corner of Ninth and Willow streets, Lantz's building on Eighth street, and William C. Freeman's mansion and fine stable at Cornwall.

In 1883 Mr. Gasset retired from the firm, and Mr. Cilley formed a partnership with D. W. Miller in the lumber, planing mill, and general contracting business under the firm name of Cilley & Miller. In 1889 he withdrew from the firm, and went into the contracting business for himself, erecting the Lebanon high school building, the Independent District School building on the corner of Maple and Seventh streets, and he has continued in the business for himself since that time. In 1892 he was appointed a member of a committee chosen by the Pennsylvania Chautauqua to draw up suitable plans for an auditorium on the grounds at Mt. Gretna, Pa. By the above



committee he was appointed one of a sub-committee of two, the other member an architect, to whom were delegated the perfecting of a plan. And when the two plans were submitted those of Mr. Cilley were adopted. The building, which has a polygon shape, rests on posts which are set in a circle. The first auditorium erected on this plan has a clear space of one hundred feet and has the appearance of a huge umbrella. A severe test of the building was given in 1894. When a heavy snow fell on the roof of the building to a depth of twenty-eight inches, which by actual weight amounted to sixty-seven tons; the roof was not injured in the least, while by the same snow-fall, on neighboring buildings, many were wrecked. This plan of building was original with Mr. Cilley. It attracted great attention and interested architects, engineers and builders. The first building being destroyed by fire, was by him rebuilt, and since then he has erected five of these auditoriums and has a contract for another. The one he erected at Mountain Lake Park in 1900 for the Mountain Chautauqua in Western Maryland, has a seating capacity of 5,000, and its diameter is 172 feet, with a stage capacity of 450 people, and it covers one-half acre of ground.

In 1889 Mr. Cilley engaged in the retail shoe business in Lebanon, under the firm name of Bomgardner & Cilley, at No. 16 North Ninth street. This firm continued until 1901, when Mr. Bomgardner retired and the firm became that of Cilley & Bennetch, the latter becoming the junior member. Mr. Cilley is also interested in the North Lebanon shoe factory, being a director of this firm. He is a member of the board of directors of the Lebanon Market House Company, on Eighth street. He is a member of the Merchants association of Lebanon and represented the local association at the State convention. In 1895 he became associated with the Lebanon Match Company; later they were reorganized and he was made its president. Still later they sold out to the Diamond Match Company for \$125,000. Mr. Cilley served two terms from the Second ward in the Lebanon city council, being elected first in 1896, and re-elected in 1898. He was a member of the common branch of which he was president. He is at present one of the city assessors. He is a Republican in political sentiment. He is a member of Sedgwick Post, G. A. R., No. 42, of which he is past commander. He and his wife are members of the First Reformed Church of which congregation he is a trustee. He is a writer of some note for the local papers.

Mr. Cilley was married September 28, 1866, to Mary Ann McKinney, who was born in Cornwall township, Lebanon county, April 24, 1840, the daughter of Edward and Salome (Greglow) McKinney. Mr. and Mrs.

Cilley have no children of their own, but they have reared one girl, taken when but fifteen months old, and a boy who was eight years old when taken into the family.

JOSEPH M. PAINTER, a highly respected and substantial business man of Myerstown, and member and general manager of the firm of Joseph Painter & Sons, was born in Bernville, Berks county, Pa., Oct. 5, 1856, son of Joseph and Magdalena (Loose) Painter.

The history of the Painter family is traced back to Jacob Painter, who emigrated to America from England and settled near Warrick's Furnace, in Chester county. All of this good man's descendants have followed his trade—that of molder and foundryman—and made the name one of importance in the Keystone State. One of the sons of Jacob, the emigrant, was also Jacob, who was born in Chester county, Pa., became a molder by trade, and was a most excellent man. He was the father of ten children: Joseph, of the firm of Joseph Painter & Sons; Jacob, deceased; Thomas, deceased; Robert, deceased; Valentine, of Leesport, Pa.; Daniel, of Steelton, Pa.; Priscilla; Barbara; Mary, deceased; and Eliza, deceased.

Joseph Painter, father of Joseph M., was born December 4, 1822, and now resides in Myerstown, but his wife is deceased. She was a very excellent lady, and her loss is deeply felt by all who had the privilege of knowing her. He became the father of ten children: John L., of Lebanon; Jacob H., book-keeper of Joseph Painter & Sons; Joseph M., general manager of Joseph Painter & Sons; George W., of Reading; Stephen G., of Beverly, Kans.; Samuel G., out West; Anna C., married to Milton Godey, of Reading; Mary, married to John Spangler, of Norristown, Pa.; Lizzie E. married to George W. Pieffer, of Norristown; and Matilda, married to John Shoemaker, of Kansas City, Mo. Joseph Painter was an iron foundryman and molder, and ran a foundry in Berks county, Pa., but later removed to Myerstown, and has made that city his home for many years. It was about 1848 that he first settled in Lebanon county, where he worked in a foundry, but later returned to Berks county, having originally worked in the county of his birthplace. After his return to Berks county, about 1850, he started a foundry at Bernville, and for some years conducted it, but returned to Myerstown, and established the foundry now conducted under the caption of Joseph Painter & Sons, which is one of the best known in the entire county.

Joseph M. Painter was brought by his parents to Myerstown when a child, and grew to manhood in the city where he has since made his home. His education was received in the public schools of this place, and when thir-

teen years of age he commenced to learn his trade of molder in his father's foundry. All of his active life, some thirty years, has been since spent in the foundry, and his success has been attained by hard work and careful and conscientious attention to business. Every detail of the business is thoroughly understood by him, and he is justly regarded as one of the leading men in his line in the county. Both he and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church. Fraternally he is a member of the A. O. U. W., of Lebanon.

Joseph M. Painter was married to Miss Catherine Dundore of Myerstown, a daughter of A. T. Dundore, of Myerstown. Two children have been born of this union: Matilda J. and Margaret M., both graduates of music in Albright College, and most charming young ladies, important factors in the social life and the work of their church. In politics Mr. Painter has always supported the principles of the Republican party, but his time has been too occupied for him to take an active part in local affairs, although he can always be counted upon to forward any measure calculated to prove beneficial to the general welfare of the city and its people.

The family history of Mrs. Painter is as follows: John Dundore, the first to settle in America, came from the Rhine Province, Germany, although he was of French parentage, emigrating about 1760. His son, John (2), was a farmer and prominent man, who had a son, Samuel. Samuel was a farmer of Berks county, Pa., who married Catherine Tobias, and their son, Aaron T., was the father of Mrs. Painter. Aaron T. was born in Berks county, November 21, 1837, and now resides in Myerstown. He married Matilda Gruber, who died in 1857, and Mrs. Painter is their only child, having been born in Berks county, but reared and educated in Myerstown. Mrs. Painter is a lady highly respected for her charming qualities, and is much beloved in her home circle and among her friends.

ZACHARIAS A. BOWMAN, postmaster of Annville, and also a well-known educator, was born December 22, 1865, about two miles southwest of this place in South Annville township, a grandson of Samuel Bowman and Henry Detweiler, and a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Detweiler) Bowman. Samuel Bowman, the father, was born at Campbelltown, Pa., where he still resides, engaged in farming. The mother was born some two miles from Annville, and died when Zacharias was about ten years of age.

Zacharias A. Bowman was reared in South Annville township, and was educated in the public schools. At the age of eighteen years he began teaching school and followed this profession in his native township for fifteen years, four of these in the country, and eleven in Annville, becoming promi-

ment in the profession and highly valued by the public. During the summer seasons, Mr. Bowman taught in the Annville Normal School. In September, 1900, he was appointed postmaster and took charge of the office September 4th of that year, resigning his position as instructor, in order to give his entire time to the duties of his office. His management of the Annville office has met with general approval.

In 1887 Mr. Bowman was married to Ellen Flickinger, born in South Annville, daughter of Samuel Flickinger, and the children born to this union are: Annie, Harry, Samuel and Elizabeth. The religious connection of the family is with the Reformed Church. Mr. Bowman is fraternally connected with the P. O. S. of A.; Junior O. U. A. M.; and K. of P. Mr. Bowman has the confidence and good will of the community, and he is regarded with the esteem which an exemplary and useful life has justified.

C. N. SEIDLE has, during his thirty-three years of residence in Lebanon, been connected with three of the prominent manufactories,—the Seventh Street Foundry and Machine Shops, the Lebanon Boiler Works and the Standard Boiler Works, of the last of which he has been sole proprietor for the last eighteen years.

Mr. Seidle comes of a family of manufacturers. His grandfather, Nicholas Seidle, was one of the leading iron forge men of the State. He settled in Berks county at an early date, and there engaged in the manufacture of iron goods for many years. By his marriage there were nine children, eight daughters, and one son, Nicholas.

Nicholas Seidle, father of C. N., was also an iron manufacturer, conducting the business with much success during his early manhood. He resided in Berks county, where he was engaged for some time. An energetic man, he made a success of whatever he undertook, but, unfortunately, died in the prime of his manhood. By his marriage there were two children: Henry G., a retired farmer of Berks county; and C. N.

C. N. Seidle was born in Berks county, June 7, 1844, and on a farm there spent the early years of his life. As a boy he attended the common schools, and, evincing a keen interest in his studies, at the age of thirteen he was sent to an academy near home. Later he took a course in the Coatesville Academy of Chester county, Pa., and finally in the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he graduated with much credit. He worked as a book-keeper for a short time with the Blandon Rolling Mills, and then, in 1869, came to Lebanon, and with C. P. Shirk, purchased the old Seventh Street Foundry. So successful were they at this business that in three years they

were enabled to erect new buildings, including both foundry and machine shops. Conducting the industry on a much larger scale than previously, they continued it until 1878, when Mr. Seidle sold out, having other business in view. After a short period as bookkeeper for the Lebanon Manufacturing Company, he purchased an interest in the Lebanon Boiler Works. He carried on a profitable business with this company until 1884. Then, deciding to conduct a similar business by himself, he purchased property at the corner of Twelfth and Buttonwood streets, near the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and opened what has since been known as the Standard Boiler Works. Using his capital judiciously, he soon had his new industry on a firm footing and has conducted it ever since with wisdom and sagacity. He employs a large number of men, pays good wages, and still his business yields him large profits.

In February, 1869, Mr. Seidle married Sarah Jane Mull, of Sinking Springs, Pa., daughter of Aaron Mull, and a member of one of the old and honorable Berks county families. By this union there have been three children: Virginia M., who resides in Lebanon; George Nicholas, builder of special machinery in New York city; and Norman R., who is engaged in business with his father in Lebanon.

Mr. Seidle's inherent business ability has brought him to the front in the public affairs of his city, and he has served with much credit to himself on the water board, and also as a member of the city council. Though a Republican in politics, he often votes for the ablest man regardless of his party. Fraternally he affiliates with the F. & A. M. and the K. of P. With the Reformed Church, of which he is a consistent member, he is highly influential. He is upright, honest, square in all his dealings, and has the good-will and admiration of a host of Lebanon citizens.

RIGLER. For many long years this family has been prominently and helpfully identified with the business interests of Lebanon county. The individual members of the family have been men of high probity of character, who have left their impress upon the educational, religious and industrial institutions of the different communities in which they have lived. The family is at the present time represented by A. C. Rigler, the efficient teller of the Annville National Bank, and one of the leading citizens of his village. He is a son of George Rigler, deceased, who was for many years one of Annville's leading and most successful citizens, and who was born in Philadelphia March 29, 1817, son of John and Margaret (Hornketh) Rigler. The original American ancestor of the family was his grandfather

George Rigler, who was a native of Germany, and who came to America in the latter part of the eighteenth century, settling in Annville. He married, and left the following children: John; George; Samuel; Henry; Jacob; and an unnamed daughter.

John Rigler, of this family, was the next in line. He went to Philadelphia, where he married Margaret, the daughter of Jeremiah Hornketh, who became the mother of John; George; William; Henry; Charles; Peter; Louisa, who married John Lacock; Margaret, who became Mrs. Amos Hiller; Catherine, married to Richard Brocken; and Sarah, who was the youngest of the family.

At the age of eleven years George Rigler, of the above family, went to reside with his uncle, George Rigler, at Annville, where he was reared to farm life and given a good education in the public schools. He subsequently went into business with his uncle. During a long and useful life he was closely identified with many enterprises within the county, and especially at Annville and Lebanon. He was a director in the Annville Bank, and was one of the organizers and original incorporators of the Lebanon Manufacturing Company, of Lebanon, which is remembered as being one of the oldest and largest manufacturing concerns in its day in the county. It has now become known as the M. H. Treadwell & Co. Manufacturing Company, these gentlemen being lessees of the same.

George Rigler married March 8, 1838, Mary Nye, daughter of Frederick, of Annville, and their children were: Mary, George and Margaret, all three deceased; Louisa, married to D. O. Shenk, of Annville, and also deceased; Mary Elizabeth; John, deceased; Albert Charles, who is the subject proper of this review; Sarah M., who married Frank Platt; Emma C., Mrs. Thomas Urich; and Ella Jane, the wife of H. Clay Deaner. The father of this family continued an active business life until the date of his death, March 26, 1889. The mother died in 1888.

ALBERT CHARLES RIGLER was born in Annville October 18, 1849, and he was brought up within the bounds of a refined home, where he was taught the value of honesty and uprightness as component parts of character. He received an excellent education in the public schools, which was supplemented by a course at the Lebanon Valley College, from which he graduated in 1870. He has the distinction of being a member of the first class to graduate from that excellent institution, there being but three members in the class. His degree was that of A. B. Upon leaving college, he entered the office of the Lebanon Manufacturing Company, where he remained for four years, and where he became thoroughly conversant with the handling

of currency. He became such an expert at this business that he was offered the position of teller in the bank at Annville, in January, 1877, which position he has held continuously with the greatest of satisfaction to the directors of the bank. There are few men in the banking business who are more thoroughly conversant with its intricacies than Albert C. Rigler. In the social and religious life of the community, Mr. Rigler takes an active and helpful interest. He is a trustee of the Annville Lutheran Church, of which he and his family are members, and is a leading member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On June 21, 1881, Mary Forney came to preside over Mr. Rigler's home. She was the daughter of John and Susan Forney, and was born in Annville. Mr. and Mrs. Rigler have had the following children: Frederick and George, deceased; Ruth; Paul, deceased; and Margaret. The citizens of Annville and vicinity are unanimous in the expressions of esteem which they utter concerning Mr. and Mrs. Rigler and their family. They are worthy citizens, and are deserving of representation in a volume which is devoted to the leading families of Lebanon county.

W. HARRY DETWEILER, the leading wholesale liquor dealer in Lebanon was born in Philadelphia, August 3, 1854, son of Henry Detweiler, who was born in the lower end of Dauphin county, Pa., in 1827, and was also a son of Henry. The great-great-grandfather of our subject was a native of Austria, came to America, and settled on the Conewago Creek, in what was then Lancaster county, near Dauphin county. His old brick residence (erected by him) is still standing. The great-grandfather was born and reared on the old homestead now known as the Peck farm, on the Pennsylvania railroad between Conewago and Middletown. The grandfather was also born and reared on the homestead, as was also the father.

Henry Detweiler, father of W. Harry, followed stove molding, and worked at Sheppard's Stove Molding Works in Philadelphia for several years. During the small-pox epidemic, in 1854, he returned to the old home, and went to work for the Raymond & Campbell Company, stove molders of Middletown, where he remained until 1863. In that year he began as traveling salesman for the wholesale liquor house of George Winters, of Harrisburg. Two years later the firm of Winters & Detweiler, wholesale liquor dealers, was formed, Mr. Detweiler being the junior member, and it continued until 1871. That year marked Mr. Detweiler's entrance into the business for himself, in Harrisburg, and he continued same until his death, June 23, 1874. He was a Mason of high degree, being a Knight Templar, and his



Mr. Harry Detweiler



father before him was also a member of that fraternity. Henry Detweiler married Mary Catherine Inley, who was born in Dauphin county, Pa. Her parents were natives of England, and emigrated to this country the year before her birth. Her death occurred December 25, 1890, when she was aged fifty-six years. Their children were as follows: George died at the age of eighteen months; Laura, born in 1845, married William H. Houston, of Harrisburg; W. Harry is the subject of this sketch; and Mary became the wife of H. F. Quickel, of Harrisburg.

W. Harry Detweiler was reared in Middletown until his eleventh year, when his parents removed to Harrisburg. There he attended the public schools and in 1869 started to learn the baker's trade. In 1871 he entered the Millersville State Normal School, which he attended for a year, and then spent two years at the Westchester State Normal School. In 1873 he entered the employ of Joel J. Bailey & Co., wholesale notions, of Philadelphia, where he remained until 1876, when he was called to take charge of his father's business in Harrisburg, and he managed the store in that city for his mother (with whom he was a partner) for eleven years. In 1887 he purchased his mother's interest and continued the business until during the summer of 1891, when the estate had to be settled up. He then removed to Norristown and lived retired until 1894, when he came to Lebanon and bought a half-interest in the wholesale liquor business of Hartman & Taylor, successors to John Matthews. A year later he purchased the entire business, and under the firm name of W. H. Detweiler & Co., has continued the business with success. He is a member of the Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Red Men and the Knights of Fidelity. He was married in 1880, to Helen Eugenia Toy, of Philadelphia, and to the union has been born one daughter, Mary Helen.

ISAAC KALBACH URICH, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Annville, Lebanon county, and a man of high standing and repute in his community, was born in Myerstown, Pa., May 3, 1863, a son of Daniel and Mary (Kalbach) Urich. The father was born near Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa., in 1824, and died in October, 1887. He was the son of Peter Urich, a native of Kutztown, near Myerstown, Lebanon county, and died in Berks county. His first wife was a Miss Maye, and the second wife was a Mrs. Spannuth (nee Looser). The following children were born to the grandfather: Elizabeth, who married William Zellers, both deceased; Daniel; Peter, deceased; and William, of Herndon, Fairfax Co., Va., who is the only one living.

Daniel Urich married Mary Kalbach, who was born near Heidelberg,

Berks Co., Pa., in 1823, and died in 1868, the daughter of John Kalbach. The children born to these parents were as follows: Samuel, of West Myerstown, Pa.; Emma, married to John Bucher; Adam, of New York City; Frank and Reuben, twins, of Connersville, Ind.; Thomas, M. D., who died in 1881; Isaac K. and Mary J., twins, the latter of whom married Samuel Ferguson, of Indiana; Martin and Daniel P. died in infancy.

Dr. Urich was educated in the public schools of Myerstown and at Palatinate (now Albright) College, at Myerstown, from which he was graduated in 1879. He began reading medicine the same year with his brother, Dr. Thomas K. Urich, of Annville, and entered Jefferson Medical College in the fall of 1880, from which institution he was graduated March 30, 1882. On April 4th following, he began the practice of medicine in Annville and has continued there. Thoroughly interested in his profession, Dr. Urich has made the practice of it a success, and he is ever alert to grasp new ideas and benefit by them. He keeps well posted on medical topics, and is a very skillful and successful physician.

Dr. Urich and Elizabeth Kreider Mark were united in marriage, and two children were born to them: Harry Mark, born June 1, 1891, died March 8, 1897; and Mary Josephine, born August 5, 1896. Mrs. Urich was born April 4, 1869, in North Annville township, daughter of Henry F. and Mary (Kreider) Mark. Henry F. Mark was born near Palmyra, in 1839, a son of John Mark, who died on the Gravel Hill, near Palmyra. His wife was a daughter of Joseph Kreider, who lived near Campbelltown, a cousin of Andrew Kreider, of Annville. Dr. Urich is an ex-president of the Lebanon County Medical Society, a member of the American Medical Association, and of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society. He is medical examiner for the North Western Life Insurance Company, the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, the Equitable of New York, the Prudential Insurance Company, and the Employes Mutual Benevolent Association of Philadelphia.

JOHN A. YINGST, as one of the proprietors of a large flour mill in Lebanon, for the last ten years, has been successful.

The Yingst family is one of the oldest in Lebanon county, the first American representatives having received patents for their land during the time of George II and William Penn. Lewis Yingst, grandfather of John A., a Lebanon county farmer, married and had three children, two of whom grew to maturity: John H., who is mentioned below; and a daughter, who married Joseph Meyer.

John H. Yingst, father of John A., was endowed with those sterling qualities of character that win success for a man at whatever he undertakes. Whether carrying on a Pennsylvania farm, conducting a Lebanon city hardware store, or running a Kansas ranch, he threw his undivided energies into his tasks, and met with the merited results. Mr. Yingst was born in 1833, and was reared to farm work. As a young man starting out for himself he naturally turned to agriculture, and he continued this occupation for some years. In early manhood, about 1854, he married Eliza Kreider, of North Lebanon, daughter of Tobias Kreider, and they had two children: John A., mentioned below; and Sarah, the oldest, who married A. B. Schropp, of the Lebanon *Daily News*. Mrs. Yingst died in Lebanon in 1868.

In 1867 Mr. Yingst moved with his family to Lebanon, and there opened a hardware store. Working up a large and paying custom he continued this business for a number of years, but desiring to have a hand in the growing industries of the West, in 1876 he disposed of his business and moved to Kansas, where on a large ranch he engaged in the breeding of cattle. Continuing this business for the rest of his life he became one of the well-to-do cattlemen about Ellsworth, his ranch being located in that section. Hard work finally told upon his health, and in 1888, when scarcely past fifty-five, he died at his Kansas home. As a Republican Mr. Yingst always manifested a keen interest in politics. Religiously he belonged to the United Brethren.

John A. Yingst was born November 8, 1859, and spent his early days on a farm, but was educated mainly in Lebanon, moving there with his parents in 1867. Later he accompanied them to their Kansas home, and, being then about eighteen years old, took up the active work of a ranchman. At this he was quite as successful as his father, and continued it for seventeen years. In 1890 he returned to Lebanon, where he next engaged in the electric business for some time. In 1892, in partnership with George Strickler, he engaged in the general grain and flour milling business in Lebanon, which he has since continued with unqualified success.

In 1881 Mr. Yingst married Cora B. Strickler, of Lebanon, daughter of George Strickler, and they have had five children: Nellie G. married Arnold Heilman, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Allen M. is a machinist in Lebanon; Clifford is a blacksmith; and Virginia M. and Ethel are living at home. Mrs. Yingst's people are among the oldest and most highly respected families of Lebanon. As a business man Mr. Yingst has won the entire confidence of the people of his city, and he served one term of three years as county commissioner. As

a keenly interested and active Republican he exerts a large influence in local politics. Fraternally he belongs to the P. O. S. of A.; and the I. O. O. F. of Lebanon. He has served in the National Guard.

JOHN HUBER, one of the successful and progressive farmers of Myerstown, Pa., was born on the old Huber homestead in the same township, April 13, 1851, a son of Henry and Lydia (Smith) Huber, natives of Jackson township. Henry Huber was born in 1822, and died March 28, 1889, a son of Henry Huber, Sr., also a farmer of Jackson township, whose father came from Germany, locating in Jackson township, being among the early settlers of that locality. Henry Huber, Sr., was the father of the following family: Henry, William, Aaron and Elizabeth, all deceased. Henry Huber, Jr., was reared in Jackson township, where he followed farming for many years, becoming one of the thrifty and successful farmers of that community, and a staunch Republican in politics. His religious connections were with the Myerstown Lutheran Church. About 1843 or 1844, he married, and had these children: Susannah, married David Raber; Sarah, deceased; John; David, unmarried, and residing with his brother, John, on the Huber homestead, of which he owns one-half interest; and Levi, deceased.

John Huber was reared upon the farm and received a good common school education. When he attained his majority, he chose the calling of a farmer, and has continued in that line most successfully ever since. He and his brother, David, own the home farm of 124 acres of well cultivated land, and their property is one of the most productive in North Jackson township. It is well supplied with comfortable buildings, while modern methods are pursued in operating it.

John Huber was married to Miss Fitalia Schwartz, of Bethel township, Berks Co., Pa., by the Rev. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz, of Myerstown; she being a daughter of Jonathan Schwartz, a native of Berks county, and the father of the following family: Mrs. Huber; Angeline, who married John Artz, of Avon; Cecilia, who married Samuel C. Bechtold, of Reading, Pa.; John H., of Derry Church, Dauphin county; Lizzie, married to B. C. Lindenmuth, of Harrisburg; Frank, out West; Charles, of Lancaster, Pa.; and Alice, who married Daniel Bender, of New Jersey. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Huber, Henry, now a clerk in the mercantile house of B. C. Lindenmuth, at Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. Huber and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Myerstown Lutheran Church, in which he has served as deacon for a number of years. In political matters he always sup-

ports the principles of the Republican party, and takes an active interest in local affairs, although his own business engrosses him too much to enable him to serve as a public official. Being a man of high moral character, honorable in all his dealings, he has won many friends, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

EPHRAIM BRUBACHER, one of the honored and successful retired farmers of Richland, Millcreek township, was born in South Lebanon township, January 14, 1850, a son of Isaac and Eliza (Bucher) Brubacher, deceased. Isaac Brubacher was reared on the old Brubacher homestead in South Lebanon township, and was a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Eberley) Brubacher, of the same township, members of old pioneer families of Lebanon county. Christian Brubacher was the father of the following family: Jacob, Isaac, Joseph, Samuel, Christian, Mary Fannie, Elizabeth, Susan and Nancy, all deceased except Nancy.

Isaac Brubacher, the father of Ephraim, had these children: Aaron of Cornwall township, a farmer; Cyrus, a South Lebanon township farmer; Jacob, on the old homestead in South Lebanon township; Mary, married to Christian Geib, of Heidelberg township; Ephraim; Sarah, married to Jacob Horst, of South Lebanon; Isaac, a farmer of South Jackson; and Lizzie, wife of Joseph Krall, of Heidelberg township. The father of this family for many years was a clergyman of the German Baptist Brethren, and one of the leading and highly respected men of South Lebanon township, as well as a very successful farmer.

Ephraim Brubacher was reared upon the home farm in South Lebanon township, and received an excellent education in the public schools. Upon attaining to manhood's estate he chose farming, and he now owns the old Henry Bollinger homestead of seventy-six acres, to which he has added eighteen acres, making one of the finest farms in Richland, in Millcreek township. His buildings are in excellent condition, and his farm shows the care and attention he bestows upon it. On December 2, 1871, Mr. Brubacher was married to Miss Mary A. Bollinger, of Millcreek township, a daughter of Henry and Annie (Royer) Bollinger, of Millcreek township, of old and well known families of Lebanon county. Two brothers of Mrs. Brubacher are still living, one, Cyrus Bollinger, of Reading, Pa., and the other, Nathan Bollinger, of Chicago, but her sister, Susan, who married William Leshar, is deceased. Grandfather Jacob Bollinger settled in Lebanon, coming from Lancaster in the early part of the last century. By occupation he was a farmer, and was the father of the following family: Henry;

Allen; Jonathan; and Mary, who married Ephraim Yienst, all now deceased, except Allen, who is a very old man, residing at Richmond, Pa. An extended history of the Bollinger family is to be found elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Brubacher had four children: Cora, who married Jacob M. Gettel, residing on the farm of Mr. Brubacher, and has one son, Ammon, at home; Lizzie, married to Harry H. Hacker; Annie B., also at home; and Henry, who died in childhood. Mr. Brubacher became a member of the German Baptist Brethren Church, about 1866. In 1886 he was chosen deacon, and is now one of the most active members of the church, as well as a liberal supporter of the same. Mr. Brubacher is one of the public-spirited men of his township, and he and his family are important factors in the social life of the community in which they make their home.

JACOB HEAGY, a retired farmer of South Annville township, living at Fairland, on the Reading turnpike road, was born near Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, December 19, 1855, a son of Moses and Louisa (Long) Heagy.

Moses Heagy, the father of Jacob, was born on the Dolner farm in the neighborhood of Cornwall, in Lebanon county, and his wife was born on the Jacob Long farm, in the neighborhood of the Gingrich Mennonite Church, in South Annville township. Both of these worthy people have passed away, the father in the spring of 1888, at the age of sixty-two years and the latter in 1900, in her seventy-fifth year. Four children were born to these parents as follows: Mary Ann; Jacob; David; and Moses, a farmer at Belle Grove. The father removed from the place where he was born to the neighborhood of Mt. Hope, Lancaster county, where he remained until his marriage, moving then to Schaefferstown, later to Belle Grove, where he died. His life was devoted to farming, and through every change of residence, he attended the German Baptist Church, of which he was an active member.

Jacob Heagy was reared at Belle Grove and attended the public schools, remaining on the farm until he was twenty-five years of age, at which time he removed to Heilmandale, Lebanon county, where he farmed for six years. Selling his farm stock, he returned to his old home at Belle Grove, and remained there one year and a half, removing then to what was the old toll gate, west of Annville. In the fall of 1888 he removed to Fairland, and there erected his fine residence, in which he has lived since that time, retired from business activity.

In the fall of 1880, Mr. Heagy was married to Elizabeth Gingrich, daughter of Solomon and Lydia (Dohner) Gingrich, who had two daugh-

ters, Sarah A., who married George Yingst, and Elizabeth, who married Mr. Heagy. Her death occurred in 1886, and that of her babe, twenty-three days after birth. The second marriage of Mr. Heagy was on November 26, 1887, to Elizabeth Behm, daughter of Christian Behm, deceased, and a sister to Rudolph Behm, one of Lebanon county's leading farmers and prominent citizens. To this union, one child was born, now deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Heagy are members of the German Baptist Church, and are most highly esteemed residents of South Annville township, and enjoy a wide circle of friends in Fairland.

J. ALFRED BOWMAN, one of the largest farmers of South Annville township, Lebanon county, was born on the old Orth farm, on the Horseshoe turnpike road, in Cornwall township, Lebanon county, August 21, 1854. His parents were George and Fanny (Horst) Bowman, the former of whom was born about one-quarter of a mile below Bismarck, in Cornwall township, in 1818, son of John A. Bowman, who was also born in Cornwall township, and married Mary Forry. Four sons were born to the grandparents of J. Alfred Bowman, as follows: George, deceased; Oliver, deceased; Cyrus, a resident of Bismarck; and John, a resident of Lebanon.

The children born to George and Fanny Bowman were the following: Mary, the wife of George Bachman, of Cornwall township; Sarah, the wife of Jacob Bowman, of North Londonderry township; Joseph Z., a farmer of South Annville township; J. Alfred; and Oscar H., of South Annville township. The father was a farmer in Cornwall township all his life, owning a tract of eighty acres, and during his early married life kept tavern on the old Orth place on the Horseshoe turnpike. His wife was born in South Annville township, daughter of Joseph Horst.

J. Alfred Bowman was born on the old Orth farm, and attended the common schools of his locality and later the Palmyra Academy, and engaged in teaching one year in South Lebanon township. In 1876 he was united in marriage with Nancy Gingrich, daughter of Henry and sister of John H., extended mention of this prominent family being found elsewhere. After marriage, Mr. Bowman assisted his father-in-law in farming and continued with him eleven years, and then began operating for himself, on his fine farm of 255 acres, which was originally the old Christian Hostetter farm. To this property he has since added eighty-eight acres, making a farm of 343 acres, one of the finest in the Lebanon Valley.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bowman are: Harry, George, Fanny, Sally, Mary and Ammon. Mr. Bowman is a director in the Lebanon

County Trust Company, in the organization of which he was a very prominent factor, as he also was in the founding of the Palmyra Bank. His standing in the county is not only high financially, but personally also, and he is regarded as one of the reliable and useful citizens of this locality, representative of its best interests.

**SAMUEL C. STAMBAUGH.** The death of Samuel C. Stambaugh removed from Lebanon county one of its honorable merchants and most esteemed citizens. His ancestry was German, but for several generations had lived in America. He was descended from one of the oldest families of Lancaster county. The ancestor, Samuel Carpenter, for whom he was named, was one of the first burgesses of Lancaster City.

The late Samuel C. Stambaugh was born July 9, 1847, in Myerstown, where his death occurred September 18, 1902. His parents were Miller and Mary (Daub) Stambaugh, the former of whom was a machinist in Myerstown and later a hotel-keeper, and became the father of three children: Samuel C.; Katherine, the widow of James Piper, of Harrisburg; and William, a butcher in business at Washington, Kansas.

Samuel C. Stambaugh was reared in Myerstown, and was there educated in the public schools and the Myerstown Academy. In early manhood he became a clerk in the store of Donges & Storer where he remained for a time and then embarked in business for himself, first at Palmyra, and later at Mt. Joy. In 1878 he went to Harrisburg and there conducted a general store for a short time, but changed his plans, disposed of his stock and went to Springfield, Ohio, where he again began clerking in a dry goods store. Later he returned to his native town and went into the store of Donges Bros., in the capacity of clerk, and after a time began the manufacture of cigars. Mr. Stambaugh, however, desired to be a merchant, and again embarked in the business at a place called Musser's Corners. Here he remained for four years, and then removed his stock to Lebanon City, where he carried on business until the time of his death, the firm being the well-known one of Stambaugh & Haak. The enterprise of Mr. Stambaugh had built the business up until his was the leading mercantile house in the city. Like many other successful men, Mr. Stambaugh made his money and gained the respect of all who knew him, through an industrious and honorable life. Although not born to poverty, his parents were in such circumstances as not to have been able to equip him with means. These he earned for himself, and, founding his business on the rock of integrity, he prospered in all he undertook. In politics he was identified with the Republican party, and always was zealous





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in promoting its influence. He was very active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having joined the subordinate lodge September 19, 1868. He represented his lodge at the Grand Lodge sessions for twenty years. He was also a member of the Encampment, Patriarchs Militant and the Rebekah lodge. He was a past officer of all its branches, and had conferred upon him the Degree of Chivalry. He was also a member of the Veterans Association. At the time of his death he was captain on Colonel Reil's staff of the first regiment of Patriarchs Militant of Pennsylvania. His religious views made him a Universalist.

In 1873 Mr. Stambaugh was married to Miss Emma E. Zerbe, and four children were born to this union, two of whom grew to maturity: Mary, the wife of George M. Uhrich, of Myerstown; and Miss Maggie. Mrs. Stambaugh was a daughter of Augustus and Elizabeth (Wenrich) Zerbe, and was one of a family of ten children born to her parents, among those who grew to maturity being: Harrison, of Avon; Isaac, of North Annville township; Henrietta, the wife of Henry Peiffer; Rebecca, the wife of John Scheetz of Womelsdorf; and Mrs. Stambaugh, the youngest of the family. She is a lady of excellent business qualifications, and continued the business under the old name until February, 1903. With her younger daughter, Mrs. Stambaugh resides in her elegant home on West Main street, which was completed but a short time prior to Mr. Stambaugh's death. Mr. Stambaugh was a man of great charity, and was kind and sympathetic to all in need. He is greatly missed in the community, and is remembered with the deepest affection by his family.

JOHN WILLIAM TRABERT, M. D., a leading physician and surgeon of Annville, Lebanon county, was born November 23, 1845, at New Holland, Lancaster county, Pa., son of Christopher and Fredericka (Stapff) Trabert, natives of Saxony, Germany.

Dr. Trabert was reared in Lancaster county and attended the public schools, and later the Caernarvon Academy in Churchtown, and the Millersville State Normal School. For five terms he was a very acceptable teacher, and then, in 1867, began to read medicine with Dr. L. Z. Ringwalt, of Churchtown, and under his able tutelage was prepared for entrance to Jefferson Medical College, from which he graduated in the class of 1870. In the same year he began practice at Reamstown, Lancaster county, remaining in that locality until 1882, when he located in Annville, where he has since practiced with unqualified success. Dr. Trabert comes of professional ancestry, his mother's people being distinguished members of the clergy,

and the legal and medical professions. Since 1873 he has been a member of the Lancaster Medical Society, and for a number of years served on the board of censors. Dr. Trabert was one of the organizers of the Lebanon Medical Society, and is also a member of the State and National organizations, and is a valued contributor to medical literature. His interest in public matters since locating here has been sincere and constant. He has served several terms as a member of the school board in North Annville and has advocated many reforms. In politics he is a Democrat, and takes an active and intelligent interest in local affairs.

The first marriage of Dr. Trabert was to Miss Emma Demuth, of Lancaster, who passed away in 1873, leaving no children. She was born May 1, 1839, and died Sept. 11, 1873. The second marriage of Dr. Trabert was to Miss Emma Kafroth, who was born in Talmage, July 14, 1856, and died September 5, 1897, leaving one daughter, Maud S., born August 15, 1879. Dr. Trabert is popular with all classes, a physician of skill and is an upright, useful citizen.

**HEZEKIAH LIGHT.** After many years of incessant labor as a farmer and stock raiser, Hezekiah Light, with his wife, is spending his latter days in his pleasant home in Lebanon, in the full enjoyment of the competence earned by industry and thrift. The early members of the family settled in this county upon land which now constitutes the site of Lebanon City, little dreaming of the commercial center which was to supplant their meadows in a more ambitious future. Mr. Light was born in North Lebanon township, August 6, 1838, a son of Thomas and Annie (Light) Light, and grandson of Jacob Light, and great-grandson of Henry Light, a very early settler of the county. Jacob Light was a brewer by trade, while his son, Thomas, the father of Hezekiah, was a teamster and farmer. Thomas Light was a Republican, and a member of the United Brethren Church, of which he was a trustee. Through his marriage with Annie Light he reared four children: Sarah, deceased; Lydia, the wife of Samuel Myer, of Lebanon county; Hezekiah; and Mary Ann.

After leaving his father's farm, where he acquired a great deal of practical knowledge, supplemented by a fair education in the public schools, Hezekiah Light went into the milling business for a year, and then bought a farm of seventy acres one mile from Lebanon city, upon which he lived and prospered for twenty-five years or more. He is still the possessor of this same property, which, under his capable management, has developed into one of the finest farms in the county.

Through his marriage with Fannie S. Forney, Mr. Light became allied with another old family of the county, and one which bears an honored name in business and farming ranks. Her parents, Moses and Mary Ann Forney, were the parents of six children, of whom three attained maturity: Catherine, now deceased; Fannie S., now Mrs. Light, born February 21, 1846; and Mattie, the wife of Jacob Heagy, of South Annville township. Mr. and Mrs. Light purchased their Lebanon home in 1889, and have since identified their fortunes with the Church and social interests thereof. Mr. Light is honored for his high morality, generosity and general good citizenship.

JACOB PARTHEMORE, though scarcely on the verge of old age, has by hard work and persistent application to business in the past, now attained sufficient means to enable him conscientiously to live a life of leisure, and in the city of Lebanon, where he has passed the greater part of his life he is now residing in retirement. Born in Lebanon county, March 14, 1851, he comes of parents well-known in his vicinity.

George Parthemore, father of Jacob, was for many years a prominent Lebanon county agriculturist. He married Louisa Melinger, and they had eleven children, six of whom are now living: Malinda, Mary, Amanda, Louisa, George and Jacob.

Jacob Parthemore procured his secular education in the public schools of Lebanon, and, being an apt student, completed the rudiments at an early age. Impressed when a mere child with the importance of becoming self supporting, at the age of thirteen he went to work as an errand boy in the Weimer Company's machine shops. Proving both reliable and competent he retained his position for two years. At the end of this time having become thoroughly interested in this business, he set about learning the trade of a machinist. Persistent and eager he early mastered the details of his craft, and afterward followed it with the same company as a regular wage earner. At the end of several years he left this company and accepted a position with the Lebanon Nut and Bolt Works. So satisfactory was his work that after a number of years he was promoted to foreman, and later to master mechanic, which position he held until 1901, when he retired. Altogether he remained with this company for twenty years, and, being an exceptionally skillful workman and able manager, commanded at all times a large salary.

Mr. Parthemore married Louisa Waygoner, of Lebanon, and, after her death, Angeline Fritz, also of that city, September 26, 1879. She was born August 13, 1851. By the first marriage there were two daughters, Carrie and Lottie, who are both married and reside in Lebanon. By the

second marriage there were also two children, H. G., and Reba R. Mr. Parthemore is one of the most trustworthy and honorable citizens of Lebanon. He keeps well informed upon the leading questions of the day, and in politics affiliates with the Republicans. He is a thorough Christian gentleman, and a member of the First Evangelical Church of his city.

The Parthemore family, from which Jacob is descended, is one of the oldest in this country. Its first American representatives were three brothers, who came from Germany and settled in this country in the early Colonial times. From these the various branches have descended.

Henry Fritz, father of the present Mrs. Parthemore, was a man of considerable note, who settled in Lebanon in his early manhood. A coachmaker by trade, he followed that business for some time. Later he engaged in the mercantile business for some time, and after coming to Lebanon opened a shop for the sale of lime. Besides attending to his other business he gave some time to inventions, and put on the market a corn fodder cutter and a feed mill from which he derived considerable profit. Another business of his was the raising of bees, and he at one time owned a large number of hives from which he received a profitable income. In whatever line he ventured he always made money, and in time amassed considerable wealth, and became one of the large real estate owners of Lebanon. Mr. Fritz married Rebecca Geistweit, and they had four children: Emma, who is now deceased; Angeline, who is mentioned above; Ella L., who married Thomas J. Fauber; and a fourth child, who is now deceased. Mr. Fritz was a man who cleared his own path in life; and won for himself a foremost place in his city. As a Republican he was influential in politics; and as a sincere Christian he was one of the leading members of the Evangelical Church.

**DAVILLA SWOPE**, one of the enterprising and public-spirited farmers of Jackson township, residing upon a well cultivated farm of 103 acres, one mile northwest of Myerstown, was born in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, February 21, 1851, a son of Daniel and Catherine (Peiffer) Swope, of the same locality.

Daniel Swope was born in 1825, was a farmer near Millersburg, on the Swatara Creek, and died September 17, 1867. His father, Christian Swope, a native of Lebanon county, was twice married and by his first wife, Elizabeth Gloninger, had five children, all deceased; by his second wife he had two children: John and Katherine. The father of Davilla was a child of the first marriage, and he himself married about 1848, becoming the father of the following children: Jonathan, a merchant of Crosskill Mills, Berks

county; Davilla; Amanda, who married Henry Bensing, of Berks county; Daniel, of Washington; Cathryn, unmarried; Jacob, proprietor of the "Millersburg Hotel"; and Elmira, who married John Frantz, of Berks county. Daniel Swope was a staunch Democrat, a good farmer and a prominent man in his township.

Davilla Swope was reared upon his father's Berks county farm, attended the public schools of the district, and took up the calling of a farmer. Without any outside aid he has gradually accumulated property until he now owns his fine home farm, as well as a half interest in a good farm of 173 acres in Berks county. About 1885 Mr. Swope removed from Berks county to Lebanon, and purchased the Christian Strock homestead, better known as the old Bassler farm, and there he and his family have a very pleasant and comfortable home. On November 12, 1881, he was married to Miss Cathryn Strock, daughter of Christian and Magdalena (Meily) Strock, of Jackson township, who was one of a family of three children: Susan married Jacob Bee, of Annville, Pa.; Mrs. Swope was born November 8, 1855; Mary married Franklin Zellers, of Jackson township. Mrs. Swope is a granddaughter of Christian Strock, whose father was one of the early settlers of Jackson township. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Swope, three now living: Henry D., Rufus A. and Fianna Cathryn, all of whom are very intelligent and promising young people, to whose welfare their parents are devoted.

In politics Mr. Swope is a staunch Democrat, and he is active in party matters, as well as interested in educational affairs, being at present a member of the school board, which office he has held for six years to the benefit of the district as well as the pupils. In religious matters he is a member of the Reformed Church of Tulpehocken in which he is deacon and one of the active workers. In his life, Mr. Swope carries out the Master's teachings, and is one of the honorable, upright, Christian men of the community, a devoted and loving husband and father, and a shining example to the coming generations.

WILLIAM G. TRAUTMAN, a well known cattle dealer of Fredericksburg, and one of the solid business men of that place, established his reputation by his long-continued and successful management of a butcher shop there, being at the same time engaged in the general produce business. He has succeeded in his various enterprises, and is now one of the large property owners of the place. His handsome brick residence, which he has recently completed, is one of the most attractive homes in the place.

The family have long resided in this vicinity. Jacob Trautman, grandfather of William G., made his home for the most part in Berks county, where he was a successful and influential citizen. He married and had four children: John, who is mentioned below; Jonathan, who is now deceased; Lydia, who was married to Emmanuel Spunnuth; and Betsie, to George Spunnuth.

John Trautman, father of William G., a shoemaker and farmer, was a man of ability and great force of character. Born in Jackson township, in January, 1817, in a well-ordered home he grew to manhood, receiving practical training for the business of life. Having, like many a farmer's boy of his day, early learned the shoemaker's trade, upon starting life for himself he followed that occupation for some time, and being an expert workman commanded the best wages. Later he settled upon a farm in Bethel township, and there engaged in agriculture. His well laid plans resulted in abundant crops, which commanded the best market prices. As fast as he made money he expended part of it upon improvements of his farm, repaired the buildings, and equipped the place with all necessary articles for carrying on a thoroughly successful industry. Branching out in his business he later purchased another farm in the vicinity, from which he also derived a large income. His achievements won him the notice of other agriculturists, and he in time became one of the leaders in his field of labor. He lived to the age of fifty-three, dying in 1870. During his early manhood he married Elizabeth Boyer, who was born in 1816. She died in 1876. By this union there were four children: John H., who is now deceased; Sarah, who married John A. Bensing, a farmer of Bethel township; William J., who is mentioned below; and Davilla H., who now resides in Fredericksburg. Mr. Trautman was an energetic farmer, keenly interested in his work, and achieved success through his untiring pursuit of that one main industry. He kept himself informed upon the latest movements in his line, and was both progressive and practical. As a stanch Democrat, well read upon the latest topics of the day he was influential in local politics. He was upright in all his dealings, possessed high moral attributes, and was a consistent member of the St. John's Reformed Church of Fredericksburg.

William G. Trautman was born upon the old Trautman homestead, one and a half miles northwest of Fredericksburg, November 14, 1850, and there grew to manhood. In the public schools of his vicinity, he procured his early education, which he later supplemented by some thorough work in Jonestown Academy. Reared to farm work he was never afraid of manual labor, and at the age of twenty-one came to Fredericksburg and hired out as

a common workman. Close attention to his business and prudent economy enabled him in a short time to open a butcher's shop in the place, and engage in business for himself. His tidy little market attracted public attention from the start, and wise financial management soon placed the business upon a solid foundation. His trade increased steadily, enabling him in time to put in a larger supply of meats, and to likewise improve his accommodations. Making an unqualified success of the industry he continued it steadily for twenty-nine years. During this period, he for some time engaged in the produce business, making a specialty of poultry. From his wise management of this industry he also derived a large income, but in time closed out. In 1901 he disposed of his butcher shop, and since then he has been engaged in cattle speculation. Being an excellent judge of stock, he is enabled to make perfectly reliable deals, and is deriving from this present business a handsome income. As fast as he has made money he has always invested it so as to secure a good interest, and he now owns two splendid farms (one of which was known as the old Kreiser homestead), besides a fine brick residence in Fredericksburg, and other valuable real estate there, including several houses and lots.

On October 18, 1872, Mr. Trautman married Mary Krall, of Fredericksburg, only daughter of John and Lavina (Brown) Krall, both of whom are now deceased. He was a blacksmith in early life, and later engaged in the butcher business, and also cattle dealing. His family was a highly respected one long known in Lebanon county. To Mr. and Mrs. Trautman were born ten children, six of whom grew to maturity: (1) John K., who formerly assisted his father in butchering, but is now engaged in farming, married Emma Soulliard, of Fredericksburg, and they have two children, named, respectively, Edna and Lottie. (2) William K., also a butcher of Fredericksburg, married Mary Desh, of Jonestown, and they have two children,—Pauline and Henry. (3) Edward, also a butcher, who resides in Pine Grove, married Anna Desh, of Jonestown, sister of Mary above named, and they have one son, Charlie. (4) Jennie, (5) Frank and (6) Minnie are now living at home. Irwin, Jacob and Katie Lavina and Sadie Elizabeth (twins) are deceased.

Mr. Trautman has achieved success through sheer pluck and energy. Starting life as a day laborer, he has by hard work, wise management, and a readiness to make the most of every opportunity, won a leading place among the business men of his township. He has always kept abreast of the times, and in local affairs his word carries weight. Politically he affiliates with the Democrats. He is a man of the highest integrity, with a keen sense of honor.



The Reformed Church of Fredericksburg counts him among its most highly esteemed members. He is public spirited, and has always felt and manifested an interest in any enterprise tending to the advancement of the moral or material welfare of the town and county.

RUDOLPH BEHM, one of the well-known citizens of Lebanon county, and a man whose success has been attained by his own unaided efforts, was born on the farm he now owns, in South Annville township, at what was known as Behm's Corners, October 13, 1844, a son of Christian Behm, who was born on the old Behm homestead, just south of the farm of our subject (now owned by Ezra B. Kreider), in 1809, and his death occurred in 1857. Christian Behm was the son of Rudolph Behm, also born on the old homestead, a son of Jacob Behm, the first of the family to settle in this locality. Jacob Behm owned a large amount of land, which included the following farms: The Rudolph Behm farm of 153 acres, the Ezra B. Kreider farm of 175 acres, and the Moses Boeshore farm of 120 acres.

The grandfather, Rudolph Behm, married Annie Hunsecker, born and reared in Union township, Lebanon county, and they had a family of four sons and four daughters: Samuel lived on the homestead farm, and married Mary Stauffer; Rudolph married Barbara Ellenberger; Christian; Jacob married Fanny Forney, and settled in Dauphin county; Magdalena married David Snavely; Barbara married John Reichert; Anna married John Moyer; and Elizabeth died unmarried. All are now deceased.

The father, Christian Behm, married Fanny Gingrich, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Moyer) Gingrich, and they had the following children: Nancy, who died when about three years of age; Rudolph; Fanny, who married Valentine Hetrich, of Belle Grove; Lizzie, married to Jacob Heagy, of South Annville township; and Christian, of Annville. The mother of these children died in 1898, aged eighty-one years.

Rudolph Behm was reared upon the farm, and his father dying when he was thirteen years of age, he remained with his mother until he was twenty-one, when he began farming for her on shares, finally purchasing the place in 1877. He continued its operation with success until 1893, when he retired from active life and took up his residence in Palmyra. Mr. Behm married Barbara Kreider, who was born in North Cornwall township, Lebanon county, November 25, 1846, a daughter of Jonas and Barbara (Schafer) Kreider. Three children have come to this marriage: Simon, who resides on the home farm, married Lizzie Balsbaugh, daughter of John L. Balsbaugh, of South Annville township; Morris, proprietor of a box factory in Palmyra, was

married in September, 1902, to Leona Snyder, daughter of James M. Snyder, of Lebanon City, and they have one child, Katherine. Fanny married Joseph Louck, of the firm of Behm & Louck, and has two children, Esther Barbara and Behm R. In addition to his other interests Mr. Behm is a director of the Valley National Bank of Lebanon; of the Palmyra State Bank; and also of the Lebanon Gas Company. His religious connection is with the German Baptist Church, of which he is a liberal supporter. During a long and honorable life Mr. Behm has filled with credit several relations of life, being a devoted son, husband and father, as well as a kind neighbor and public-spirited citizen, and no man is more highly respected, or has more real friends. He is a staunch Republican, but is not active in party affairs, though he has consented to serve as school director.

JOHN W. HARTMAN, a thrifty citizen of Lebanon, Pa., is part owner of the new Lebanon Brewery. He is the son of the late Henry L. and Pauline E. Loekle Hartman, the latter of whom is living in Lebanon at present. Henry L. Hartman was a son of Christian, and was born in the Province of Wittenberg, Germany, April 3, 1824, and died in Lebanon August 3, 1870. On January 7, 1852, he was married to Pauline E. Loekle, of Ludwigburg, Germany, born November 3, 1826. They were the parents of eight children: Henry, Ernest, Pauline, Gustave, Mary, Ludwig, John W., and Edward O.; all are deceased except John W. and Edward O. Henry L. Hartman came to America while a young man, and in 1856 came to Lebanon, establishing, on the site where the Lebanon brewery now stands, the first brewery in the city.

John W. Hartman was born January 14, 1856, and was reared in Lebanon, receiving his education in the local public schools. After he left school he worked in the planing mills of Lebanon, where by accident he lost his arm. Later he became the proprietor of the "Hartman House," and had charge of it for many years. In 1894 he became a partner in the New Lebanon Brewery with Henry L. Arnold.

Mr. Hartman married Miss Emma C. Ebright, of Lebanon, daughter of John and Caroline (Shenk) Ebright, and member of one of the old families in that locality. John and Caroline Ebright had five children, namely: Emma C. (the wife of Mr. Hartman), Edward C. (deceased), Lillie (the wife of Harry Shay), Grant and Andrew. The parents are living a retired life in Lebanon. To John W. and Mrs. Hartman have come children as follows: Henry L., a soldier now stationed in the Philippine Islands; John E.; Charles E.; George W., of Lebanon; and one daughter, Pauline,

who is deceased. Mr. Hartman is one of the leading politicians of his town and county. He was register of wills for the county for one term; also county chairman for several years; and a delegate to the convention that nominated Benjamin Harrison. He is a well-known business man, a good husband and an affectionate father. Of late he has devoted most of his time to his brewery business, which is one of the largest business enterprises in the city of Lebanon.

SAMUEL O. EBY, one of the old and highly respected citizens of Lebanon county, residing at Bismarck since 1855, was born near Campbelltown, Lebanon county, July 15, 1835, a son of Peter and Polly (Wisler) Eby. The Eby family is one of the best known in the county.

Samuel O. Eby was reared upon his father's farm about a mile from Campbelltown, receiving a good education in the public schools. After reaching manhood, he taught school during the winter months near the place of his birth, and then went to farming, also in his home neighborhood, but after his marriage, in 1855, he located at Bismarck, then designated as Independence, and bought the "Golden Ball Hotel," including hotel and store properties. Mr. Eby entered into partnership with his brother George, under the firm name of Eby Brothers, and they operated the hotel and also conducted a large and flourishing mercantile business. At the expiration of three years, however, Mr. Eby purchased his brother's interests and continued to attend to both until within late years, when his elder son assumed charge of the hotel, and the other now manages the mercantile interests. Mr. Eby has seen the city of Bismarck grow up about him, and has nobly borne his part in its development. The success which has attended him is largely the result of patient endeavor and hard work. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Eby owns a fine farm about a quarter of a mile from Bismarck, six pieces of other property in the city itself; is a stockholder in the Farmers National Bank of Lebanon, and has always been one of the leading and progressive men of the county. In politics, he has always been a Republican, and served most acceptably as auditor and treasurer of the county, also holding a number of the township offices. In all of his public life, he proved himself a worthy official, as well as earnest-hearted man and good husband and father.

On January 26, 1854, Mr. Eby married Miss Leah Deitweiler, daughter of Michael and Barbara (Thomas) Deitweiler, the former of whom was born, reared and spent his life within a radius of three miles, northwest of Annville, Lebanon county. He was a farmer of prominence, owning two

farms, and was an active Republican, being honored with many of the offices of his township. The following family was born to himself and wife: John, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Caroline, wife of Michael Eby, of Campbelltown; Leah, Mrs. Eby; Adam, residing in the West; Jacob, deceased; Christiana, widow of Daniel Bream, residing in Hummelstown; Lavina, married to Samuel Rauch, of Dauphin county, Pa.; Michael, of Mt. Joy, Lancaster county; Molly, married to John Krautz, of Lebanon county. Mr. and Mrs. Eby have two sons: Ambrose M., born June 7, 1855; and John M., born September 16, 1858.

AMBROSE M. EBY, elder son of Samuel O. Eby, the genial proprietor of the "Golden Ball Hotel," at Bismarck, has successfully conducted that hostelry since April, 1887. Having been born and reared in Bismarck, he is well acquainted with its people, as well as the traveling public. His education was obtained in the public schools of his neighborhood, and then for three years he attended the Millersville State Normal. Returning home, he entered his father's store, and spent the succeeding thirteen years in that business, and since his father placed him in charge of the hotel, he has proven his capacity in that direction. A staunch Republican, he takes an active part in all local affairs, and for six years served on the school board, and has several times been a member of the County Central Committee of his party. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers National Bank of Lebanon, and also of the Keystone Bicycle Company, of Lebanon. Fraternally, he is a member of the F. & A. M., Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, Chapter Widet No. 197, K. T., Hermit Commandery, No. 24; and belongs to the P. O. S. of A., Bismarck, of which he is one of the charter members, and has served as treasurer since the organization of the order.

On June 2, 1881, Ambrose M. Eby was married to Miss Mary E. Boyd, daughter of William and Susan Boyd, born at Mt. Hope, Lancaster county, April 30, 1857. Three children were born of this union: Jinnie B., Effie D. and Helen D., all at home. On July 19, 1901, Mr. Eby was appointed postmaster at Bismarck to succeed his father, who had held that position for many years.

JOHN M. EBY, son of Samuel O., was reared and educated in the village of his birth, and also had the advantage of a course at business college, it being the desire of his father that this son be trained to a mercantile life. From early boyhood, the young fellow was taught the various details of the mercantile branch of his father's business, and today conducts it upon broad and progressive methods, and knows thoroughly the working of every part of the establishment. In 1900 new improvements were introduced and it is

now the finest store of its kind in the county, the stock being a general one, and well-selected with reference to the needs of the community and the prevailing modes. In politics he is a very staunch Republican and now holds the office of first assistant postmaster at Bismarck. He has always taken a deep interest in all measures tending toward the public welfare, and is certainly one of the most enterprising young men of Bismarck.

On December 25, 1883, John M. Eby was married to Miss Ida V. Arnold, daughter of Mary and Jacob (Donley) Arnold, of Cornwall township, and two daughters have been born of this union: Maggie V. and Myrl K., both at home. Mr. Eby is a member of P. O. S. of A. Camp, No. 70, Bismarck, and was one of the charter members of that order. For ten years he was the organist in both church and Sunday school services of St. Paul's Reformed Church of Bismarck.

Father and both sons are justly numbered among the leading and progressive men of the county, and the success which has uniformly followed their efforts, is due to their ability and power to grasp opportunities at the right time.

JOHN J. SWONGER, the leading clothing manufacturer of Lebanon county, residing at Myerstown, a man widely known and highly respected, was born in Annville township, Lebanon county, July 17, 1848, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Garman) Swonger, of this county.

John Adam Swonger, grandfather of John J., was a farmer residing near Schaefferstown, Pa. He was of German ancestry, his father having emigrated from Germany and become one of the very early settlers of this section of the country. John Adam Swonger was the father of seven children, as follows: Joseph, Samuel, Cyrus, Peter, Henry, Mary and Elizabeth, of whom Mary and Samuel still survive.

Samuel Swonger, who is a blacksmith by trade, is still living, having attained the advanced age of eighty years. He became the father of the following family: Katherine (deceased), Eva, John J., Louisa, Elizabeth and Annie. The father has been a lifelong Republican, and is a consistent member of the Reformed Church. All his life he has been highly regarded, and is a man of great probity and Christian charity.

John J. Swonger was reared in the place of his birth, receiving a fair education in the schools of South Annville township, and remained upon his father's farm until eighteen years of age, when he commenced to learn the miller's trade with Abraham Blouch, of South Annville township. After one year he went into the mill of Abraham Long, near Annville, Pa., where

he remained for some time, and then removed to Berks county, and for two years worked in the mill of Daniel Windner. From there he went to Montgomery county, Ohio, and for six years was employed in a flour mill. At the expiration of that time he settled in Montgomery county, Pa., and embarked in the manufacture of clothing, but after four years came to Myerstown, in 1884, and established his present flourishing business, utilizing for a portion of his plant the old Myerstown Academy, which was erected over sixty years ago. To this he added other buildings, made extensive improvements, and now gives employment to some 130 operators, and has the largest establishment of its kind in the entire county. The product of his factory meets with a ready sale wherever it has been introduced, and his brand is a guarantee of good workmanship, perfect fit and general excellence.

On May 28, 1870, Mr. Swonger was married to Miss Clara Holtzman, of Millersburg, Berks Co., Pa., a daughter of Daniel and Damina Holtzman, of the same locality. This union has been blessed with four children, only one of whom grew to maturity, E. E. Swonger, who is associated with his father in business; he married Miss Lydia Beamsderfer, of Myerstown. Mr. Swonger is a stanch member of the Republican party. The entire family are connected with the Lutheran Church, in which they are very active. Mr. Swonger is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., of Myerstown, and very popular in that order.

Starting out in life at the early age of eighteen, the success which has attended the efforts of Mr. Swonger is remarkable, all the more so in that it has been attained through his own unaided exertions. During all of his business life he has maintained a high standard, and can point with pride to his record of stainless probity and uprightness in all his dealings.

JOHN H. GINGRICH, one of the highly esteemed and prominent farmers of South Annville township, Lebanon county, who is also a most worthy representative of one of the leading families of this part of the State of Pennsylvania, was born July 15, 1863, on the old Gingrich farm, situated about one quarter mile south of the Horseshoe turnpike and four miles from the village of Annville. His parents were Henry and Sally (Bachman) Gingrich.

Joseph Gingrich, the grandfather of John H., located on the old farm and passed his life there. It was originally the property of the Bachman family, Michael Bachman having entered the same very many years ago. Since passing into the possession of its present owners, the Gingrich family has always occupied it. Grandfather Joseph Gingrich was twice married,

both wives belonging to the Moyer family, and his children were these, by the first marriage: Henry, the father of John H.; Felix; Miss Nancy; Fanny, the wife of Christian Behm; and Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Bowman. The children of the second marriage were these: Christian, a resident of Lawn, Pa.; Joseph, a resident of Moberly, Mo.; and Miss Lydia. The maternal grandfather of John H. Gingrich was John Bachman, born October 12, 1783, who died July 6, 1867, a son of Christian Bachman, born June 18, 1758, who died July 14, 1838, a son of John Bachman, born November 10, 1729, who died February 15, 1807. John Bachman, the great-great-grandfather, married Maria Herr, born December 25, 1730, who died October 28, 1816. Their issue was: John, born December 18, 1768, died November 14, 1794; Catherine; Christian, born June 18, 1758, died July 14, 1838.

Christian Bachman, son of John, married Maria Snyder, born October 1758, and died August 20, 1842, aged eighty-three years, ten months and one day. Their issue was as follows: Barbara, born April 17, 1782; John, born October 12, 1783, died July 6, 1867; Mary, born December 26, 1785, died March 25, 1881, aged ninety-five years, two months and twenty-nine days; Elizabeth, born September 22, 1788, died April 4, 1870, aged eighty-one years, six months and twelve days; Christian, born February 9, 1791, died March 23, 1812, aged twenty-one years, one month and fourteen days; Jacob, born September 25, 1793, died June 20, 1818, aged twenty-four years, eight months and twenty-five days; Peter, born April 24, 1796, died January 17, 1858, aged sixty-one years, eight months and twenty-four days; and Ann, born May 18, 1799, died November 4, 1888, aged eighty-nine years, five months and sixteen days.

John Bachman, son of Christian, married Ann Kreider, born July 13, 1786, who died April 30, 1864, aged seventy-seven years, nine months and seventeen days. Their issue was as follows: Mary, born April 30, 1809, died December 28, 1886, aged seventy-seven years, seven months and twenty-eight days, married Joseph Longenecker; Lydia, born August 9, 1810, died June 11, 1884, aged seventy-three years, ten months and two days, married David Bowman of Lebanon; Christian, born January 17, 1812, died January 2, 1900, aged eighty-seven years, eleven months and fifteen days, married a Miss Zinn; Eliza, born January 9, 1814, died December 24, 1839, aged twenty-five years, eleven months and fifteen days; Annie, born June 6, 1815, died March 4, 1902, aged eighty-six years, eight months and twenty-eight days, married Jacob Graybill, of Palmyra; Rosanna, born November 28, 1816, died March 10, 1821, aged four years, three months and ten days;

Fanny, born January 28, 1819, married Henry Bomberger; Jacob, born December 13, 1820, died June 3, 1886, aged sixty-five years, five months and twenty days, married a Miss Horst (first) and (second) a Miss Gossert; Cyrus, born February 12, 1823, married a Miss Hoffer and resides at Fontana; Sally, born January 18, 1825, married Henry Gingrich, and still survives; Leah, born August 12, 1826, died April 24, 1901, aged seventy-four years, eight months and twelve days, married John Carper; John, born July 24, 1828, died October 19, 1884, aged fifty-six years, two months and twenty-five days, married Elizabeth Snavelly, and was the father of W. A. Bachman of the Lebanon County Trust Company; and Michael, born October 2, 1830, died March 17, 1880, aged forty-nine years, five months and fifteen days, married Sarah Landis.

Henry Gingrich was born on the old Gingrich farm February 19, 1814, and died April 2, 1885. His marriage, on February 21, 1856, was to Sally Bachman, who still survives and makes her home with her son John H., and the children of this union were: Nancy, born July 27, 1857, married J. Alfred Bowman; Lizzie, born June 27, 1859, died September 16, 1861, aged two years, two months and twenty days; John H., born July 15, 1863; Mary, born February 26, 1865, married Allen Bucher; and Sally, born September 9, 1867, married Harry G. Longenecker. Previous to her marriage with Mr. Gingrich, the mother had wedded John Forney, by whom she has one son, Jacob Forney, a retired farmer now residing in North Cornwall township.

Henry Gingrich engaged in farming through life, and was one of the useful and highly esteemed citizens of South Annville township. His home farm comprised 184 acres of choice land, and there he erected the present handsome residence in 1870, having built the commodious stone barn in the previous year. The esteem in which he was held was shown by his election to various township offices, and for a long period he was assessor and school director. In political sentiment he was a Republican.

John H. Gingrich was reared on the home farm and secured his education in the common schools. His father died when he was about twenty-one years old and since that time he has been operating the fine old farm to which he succeeded by his father's will. Mr. Gingrich has been very successful both in farming and also in cattle raising, and owns about 300 acres of farm land and 100 acres of pasturage and mountain land. His father was one of the first directors of the Annville National Bank, and he also belongs to the board. For the past six years he has conscientiously served on the school board, and takes a deep interest in all enterprises which promise educational



or religious advancement in his neighborhood. Mr. Gingrich is a deacon in the German Baptist Church. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.

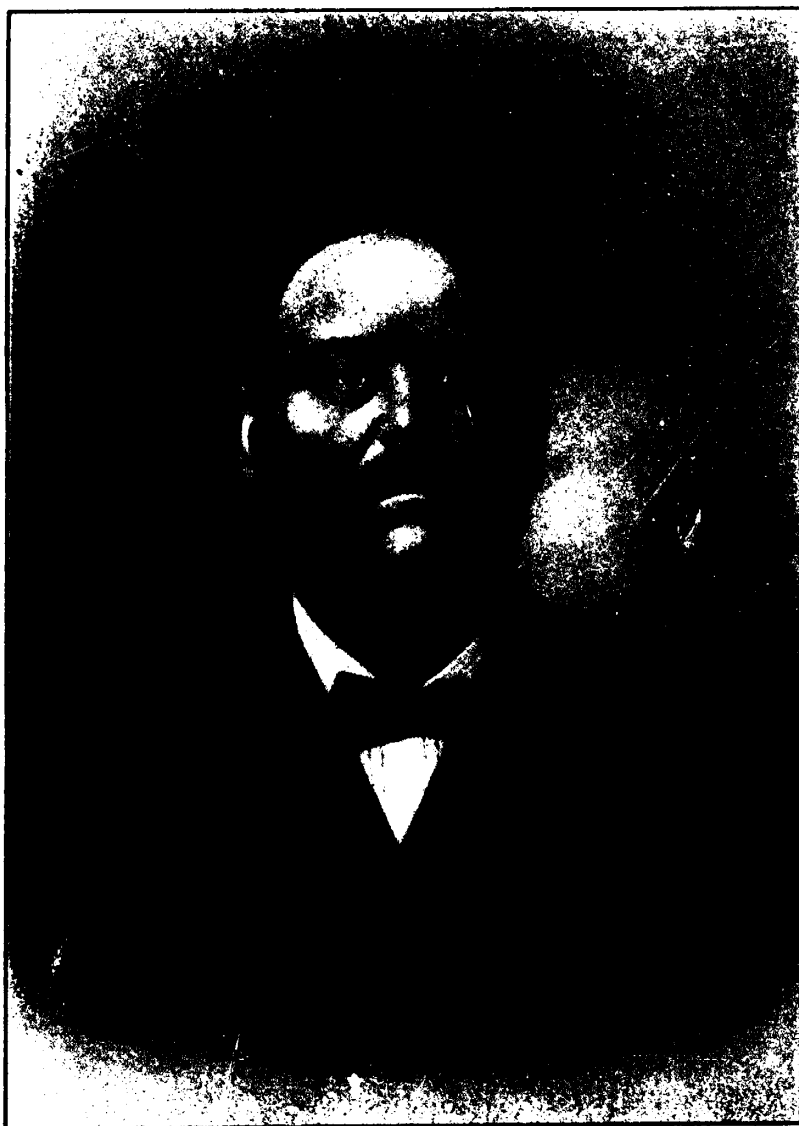
The first marriage of John H. Gingrich was on September 24, 1887, to Mary J. Zug, born in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, December 16, 1866, who died January 11, 1897, aged thirty years and twenty-six days, a daughter of Reuben and Catherine (Jingst) Zug, leaving three children, namely: Minnie, born August 30, 1888; Henry, born November 15, 1889; and Aaron, born April 8, 1892. The second marriage of Mr. Gingrich was on March 12, 1899, to Fanny Gible, born near White Oak, Lancaster county, September 26, 1867, a daughter of Hiram and Anne (Graybill) Gible.

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GEORGE C. J. EHRHORN, who died at his home July 22, 1901, was one of the enterprising citizens of Lebanon. He was born in Germany near the city of Hamburg, January 5, 1848, and was a son of Frederick and Charlotte Ehrhorn, of Germany, where the father was a farmer and blacksmith. Frederick Ehrhorn was the father of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, namely: Lena, Charlotte, Doris, Ida, Emma, Marie, Ferdinand, Heinrich, Bernhardt, Rudolph, August and George C. J., of whom Charlotte, Marie and Lena died young.

George C. J. Ehrhorn came to America in 1874, landing in New York. From there he went to Philadelphia and engaged in the bottling business; later he was a collector for a Philadelphia brewery. In 1883 he came to Lebanon, in which place he established the Lebanon Brewery, in partnership with S. S. Siebert, who was also a native of Germany. He was successful in this business for ten years, and then sold out and organized the Enterprise Shoe Factory. He was in the business but a short time when he sold out to a company, and then established a brewery in York, Pa. This, too, was short lived, as he soon returned to Lebanon and bought what is known as the Iron City Brewery, of Lebanon, and this is now being successfully run by his widow.

Mr. Ehrhorn married November 24, 1882, Miss Anna Schaper, of Philadelphia, who was a daughter of Carl and Johanna Schaper, natives of Germany. Their marriage was blessed with nine children: Carl C. F., born August 31, 1883; Thekla C., born August 24, 1884; Henrietta Ida, born March 2, 1885; Pauline J. D., born July 20, 1886, died August 7th of the next year; Anna B. C., born January 25, 1888; Charles A. G., born November 25, 1889; Hans G. C., born September 6, 1891; Eleonora E. E.,



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born April 5, 1894; and Malva O. L., born March 24, 1901. In politics Mr. Ehrhorn was an independent voter, but favored the Republican party. He was a member of the local Lutheran Church. He belonged to the Red Men and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He was a brave soldier in the Franco-Prussian war between Germany and France.

A self-made man, he was a hard working and leading citizen of Lebanon. He was charitable, had a host of friends, and was very kind to his employes and the poor, and he was a devoted husband and indulgent father. His widow and children live in a beautiful home—one of the best in Lebanon—which he built in North Lebanon in 1887. His wife was one of a family of three children: Karl, of Philadelphia; Augustus, also of Philadelphia; and Anna, the widow of G. C. J. Ehrhorn. She is esteemed and honored in Lebanon, is a thorough business woman, and is a kind and loving mother.

JACOB W. BETZ, one of the well-known citizens of North Londonderry township, living on what was formerly known as the Goodman farm, located two miles north of Palmyra, was born June 30, 1851, in South Annville township, Lebanon county.

The parents of Mr. Betz were Michael and Maria (Urich) Betz, the former of whom was born in 1828, in Newmanstown, Berks county, and died in 1894, and the latter was a native of South Lebanon township, Lebanon county. Michael Betz learned the milling business, and later moved to Annville, where he engaged for some time in a sawmill business, buying standing timber, cutting and sawing the same, and was thus operating when the Civil war broke out, and a call was made for the loyal sons of the Union to come to the help of the country. Mr. Betz enlisted from Annville, in Company E, Seventeenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, for three years, and at the expiration of that time re-enlisted, serving five years in all. After the close of the war he purchased a farm in North Londonderry township, and there he died. His family consisted of two sons and two daughters, Jacob W. being the second of the family, the others being: Amanda, the wife of David Troxal, of Annville; Hannah, the wife of Solomon Walmer, of Annville; and Michael, the farmer on the old homestead.

Jacob W. Betz was reared on the old farm in South Annville township, and attended the public schools, remaining at home until he was prepared to marry, at the age of twenty-five years. Mr. Betz then moved to the Goodman farm owned by the widow of Samuel Goodman. She had no children, and at death willed the farm to Mr. Betz, a tract of forty-three acres, which, with the old Betz farm and a residence in Annville, makes Mr. Betz the pos-

essor of a large amount of valuable real estate in Lebanon county. In connection with farming Mr. Betz is a very successful veterinary practitioner of twenty years' experience.

In 1876, Mr. Betz was married to Leah Gerberich, born August 17, 1855, at Palmyra, daughter of Joseph and Mary Gerberich, the latter of whom died when the daughter was but four weeks old. In politics Mr. Betz is one of the active Republicans of his neighborhood, and has satisfactorily served as justice of the peace in North Londonderry township for the past three and one-half years, his decisions having been impartial and entirely just to all concerned. Both he and his estimable wife are most highly esteemed in their community.

AARON S. FUNK, one of the well-known citizens of North Londonderry township, was born May 20, 1855, in Heilmandale, Lebanon township, son of Martin and Sarah (Smith) Funk, the former of whom was born on the old Funk farm, west from Lebanon City January 13, 1830, and died August 8, 1891, his burial taking place August 12, 1891. His father was John Funk and more extended mention of this honorable and prominent family will be found elsewhere. The widow of Martin Funk was born April 12, 1834 in North Cornwall township and is now one of the esteemed residents of Palmyra.

Aaron S. Funk was reared in South Londonderry township, and secured an excellent education in the common schools, and at the old Palmyra Academy conducted by Peter Witmer, a notable school of that period. Mr. Funk married at the age of twenty-four years, removing then to the Joseph Kittering farm, about one-half mile north on the Horseshoe Turnpike road, where he engaged in farming for two years, moving then for one year, to Palmyra. The next few years were passed either in farming or at work in Palmyra, two years on the John Marks' farm near the Reading Turnpike, and five years on a farm between Annville and Fontana. Mr. Funk then removed to Berkley county, W. Va., and tried farming there for three years, but came back to Lebanon township and resumed farming for two years longer on the Joseph Kittering farm in South Annville, and then rented it for three years longer. In 1902 he purchased the Joseph Gingrich farm in North Londonderry township, consisting of 122 acres, situated within three miles of Palmyra and five of Annville, while Belle Grove is but two and one-half miles distant, giving him thus a choice of markets and pleasant social life within easy reach.

Mr. Funk married Miss Fanny Kittering, daughter of Joseph and Leah

(Sherk) Kittering, and an interesting family of six children has been born to this union, namely: Lizzie, who married Abner Keisey, of South Annville township, on the Horseshoe Turnpike; Ida, who married Jerome Stover of Annville; Abner, Alfred, Mabel and Joseph, all born in Lebanon county, except Mabel, who was born in Virginia. Mr. Funk is one of the wide-awake farmers, and is practical and thorough in his methods. The family is one which is held in much esteem in the community.

G. B. M. DERR is one of the well known citizens of Lebanon. He is a native of Northumberland county, Pa., and is the second oldest of the three children born to John and Caroline (Kerchner) Derr, the other children being C. Ambrose and Elizabeth, the former of Angelica, New York.

John Derr is a respected citizen of Lebanon, where for many years he has been engaged at the carpenter trade. He comes of a family represented in the State at a very early day, and connected in various ways with the trades and agriculture. His son, G. B. M., received an excellent home training, and a fair education in the schools of Northumberland county, supplemented by two years' attendance at the Lebanon high school, from which he graduated at the head of his class in 1880. He was sixteen years of age when he removed with his father to this city, and after completing his education he embarked upon a business career with a telephone company, later being employed by a life insurance company.

On April 1, 1884, he entered the office of the Pennsylvania Bolt & Nut Company as junior clerk. After a number of years faithful service as time-keeper, paymaster, order clerk and assistant book-keeper, he became head book-keeper and remained in that position till September 1, 1899, from which date to the present he has been at the head of the book-keeping department in the general office of the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company in Lebanon.

The wife of Mr. Derr was formerly Amelia Gleim, daughter of Joseph and Rosa (Embich) Gleim and a representative of one of the foremost families of Pennsylvania. Mr. Derr is independent in politics. He and his wife are members of the Zion Lutheran Church, and are promoters of the religious and social life of the Church.

JOHN H. MOCK, one of the prosperous farmers of Millcreek township, Lebanon county, residing about one mile northwest of Millbach, Pa., was born in Heidelberg township, April 12, 1854, a son of Samuel and Martha (Burkey) Mock, deceased, formerly of Heidelberg township.

Samuel Mock was a farmer during his lifetime, and a son of Adam Mock, also a farmer. Adam Mock was the father of a large family of children, one of which was Samuel, who was born about 1807 or 1808, and who died about 1876. His marriage to Martha Burkey occurred about 1830, and they had eleven children: Adam, deceased; Mary, wife of Frederick Iba; Leah, married to Aaron Smith; Malinda, married to John Smith, deceased; Jacob, of Missouri; Margaret, the widow of Henry Crouse; Sarah, unmarried; Henrietta, married to Nathan Yingst; Frank, of North Jackson township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere; John H.; and Amanda, wife of Samuel Uhrich, of Lebanon city. Mr. Mock, father of this family, was a life-long Democrat, and a consistent member of the Lutheran Church of Schaefferstown, in which he was very active and an elder for a number of years. The family name is found in the records of the early history of Lebanon county, and originated in Germany.

John H. Mock was reared upon his father's farm, receiving but limited advantages during the winter term of school, and upon reaching maturity, decided to continue the life of a farmer, and by close attention to his work, industrious and sober habits, he has become one of the leading and prosperous men of his township, and one who stands well in the esteem of all who know him.

In 1880 Mr. Mock was married to Miss Mary Bollinger, a daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Gibble) Bollinger, of Heidelberg township, and ten children have been born to them: Alice H. (a graduate of the Millersville Normal and a teacher in the Newmanstown schools), Ida E., Samuel J., Martha M., (a student at Millersville State Normal), Mary, Robert, Annie, Edna, Luther and James H., all at home. In politics, Mr. Mock is a staunch Democrat, and supports the candidates of his party, and has served most acceptably as school director of Millcreek township. His religious affiliations are with the Lutheran Church, of which he is a trustee. Mrs. Mock is one of four children born to her parents: Nathan, of Heidelberg township; Mary H., wife of Mr. Mock; Martin G., and Elizabeth, wife of G. W. Becker. The Bollinger family is, like the Mock family, a well known and honorable one in this community.

A. L. GREIDER, of Lebanon, is a leading wholesale and retail dealer in bread, cakes and pies. He was born in Hope, Ind., April 16, 1856, a son of Rev. E. P. and Sarah F. (Carpenter) Greider, who were born and reared in Lancaster county, Pa., and he now resides at No. 414 North Tenth street, Lebanon, a retired minister of the Moravian Church. He was born Decem-

ber 2, 1825, in Lancaster county, entered the ministry in 1847, and has preached in Indiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and North Carolina, and for six years he served as missionary in the West India Islands. Rev. E. P. Greider is the father of five children, namely: A. L.; Edwin, a bishop of the Moravian Church, who is in the Island of St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, doing the work of a missionary; Ferdinand, of Lebanon; Paul, a minister of the Moravian Church at Hope, Ind.; and Emma, the wife of E. T. Lehman, a planter, living in Bethania, North Carolina.

A. L. Greider attended Nazareth Hall, and came to Lebanon when thirteen years old. He received a clerkship in J. B. Rauch's dry-goods store, and remained there for three years, when he moved to North Carolina, and was a salesman in that State for nine years. In 1882 he returned to Lebanon. On September 30, 1884, he married Miss Louisa Reinoehl, a daughter of Adolphus and Elizabeth (Parthemore) Reinoehl, of Lebanon City. Mrs. Greider was born December 11, 1861, and was one of a family of six children: Edwin G., Mary A., Samuel P., Adolphus A., Harry A. and Louisa, the wife of A. L. Greider. Mr. Greider and his wife are the parents of five children: Bertha R., Adolphus E., Maud E., Florence M. and Elizabeth M.

Mr. Greider, after his return from the South, went into the general store business, beginning the business in 1885, and continuing up to 1894, in which year he sold out and engaged in the wholesale and retail bread, cake and pie business. In this he has met with much success. Politically he is a Republican, and in his religious faith, is like all his family, a member of the Moravian Church. He is a splendid citizen, a first class business man, a kind husband and is very much devoted to his children. He resides with his family in their pleasant home at No. 426 North Ninth street, and is among the esteemed citizens of the city of Lebanon.

LEVI R. BOLLINGER, a prosperous agriculturist of Millcreek township, was for years one of the prominent business men of his section, having been engaged there in the milling business and in slate roofing. Giving employment to a large number of men, and assisting materially in building up local industries, he has been of invaluable service to the county. Mr. Bollinger was born on a farm, about a mile south of Richland, and comes of a good old Pennsylvania family who settled in Lancaster county about one hundred and fifty years ago, and who have produced a strong race of successful agriculturists. In politics they have usually been either Whigs or Republicans, and in religious beliefs, German Baptists.

Jacob Bollinger, son of Benjamin, and grandfather of Levi R., resided in Lancaster county, and there, upon reaching manhood, engaged in agriculture. His well-laid plans materialized themselves in large and abundant crops, and he won a good place for himself among farming men of his section. He was a thrifty hard-worker, and prospered through life. By his marriage there was a large family of children, among them a son, named Jonas.

Jonas Bollinger, father of Levi R., though cut short in his career by an early death, assisted materially in developing the agricultural resources of the county. Born in Lancaster county, about 1825, he there passed some years, but was later taken by his parents to Lebanon county, where he grew to manhood. In a well regulated home he received careful rearing, and upon his father's farm practical training for his life work. Upon reaching manhood he married Mary Royer, daughter of Samuel Royer, and a descendant of the old Sebastian Royer family that settled in Lancaster county about 1715. Mr. and Mrs. Bollinger had five children: Aaron, who is now deceased; Levi R., who is mentioned below; Amanda, who married J. H. Muth, a boot and shoe merchant of Myerstown, Pa.; Anna, who married Joseph Hebsman, of Reistville; and a fifth child, who is now deceased. After his marriage Mr. Jonas Bollinger settled upon a farm in Lebanon county, where he engaged in agriculture. He improved the place, cultivated it extensively, and there carried on a highly successful industry, winning a good place for himself among agriculturists, when death at the early age of thirty-two, cut short his career. Mr. Bollinger possessed energy, and the ability to apply it wisely to the every day duties of life. He was honest and thrifty, and won the respect of all who knew him.

Levi R. Bollinger inherited both his father's taste for rural pursuits, and his business ability. The first seven years of his life he passed on the farm in Millcreek township, when, upon the death of his father, he moved with his mother to a place near the Rayer meeting house, in Jackson township, where he grew to manhood. In the common schools of his neighborhood he procured a thorough drill in the rudiments, and valuable training in habits of self-reliance and industry. During his vacations and at other spare moments he engaged in farm work, procuring valuable experience in one useful occupation. Naturally upon reaching manhood he first turned to farming for his livelihood. On September 9, 1876, Mr. Bollinger married Agnes J. Becker, of Millcreek township, who was born December 10, 1853, daughter of John and Caroline (Stump) Becker, of Millbach, who are mentioned below. To Mr. and Mrs. Bollinger have been born four children:



Norman B., who married Mima Buch; Annie M.; Millon L.; and Sallie A., who is living at home.

During his young manhood Mr. Bollinger resided in Ephrata, Lancaster county, for some time, where he first engaged in the milling business. This he conducted with much success for about three years. Then, finding a better opening in slate roofing in Richland, he moved there and engaged in that business. Good workmanship and promptness in filling orders won him the confidence of the community from the start, and the incoming of new industries and the building up of new sections furnishing plenty of work, he continued the business for about thirteen years, deriving from it a very good income. Desirous of a change, in 1886 he purchased a neat attractive farm in Richland, where he has since resided, giving his attention to agriculture. He has improved the property, cultivated large areas of it, and in many respects added to its value. Keeping well posted upon the latest movements in agriculture, he has shown marked ability in applying them to the special needs of his place. In all his enterprises he has prospered. Mr. Bollinger has achieved success by centering his energies upon the work in hand, seeking thoroughly to perfect it. He possesses marked persistency, and has never made a change in business without positive assurance of bettering his fortunes. He is honest and fair in his dealings with others, and is a man of great strength and marked integrity of character. For twenty-five years he has been a leading member of the German Baptist Brethren Church, at Richland, and since February, 1886, has served as deacon.

The BECKER Family, of which Mrs. Bollinger is a member, is one of the oldest in the section and of good German extraction. The first American representative was Jacob Becker, who came from Germany at an early date, and first settled in Schoharie county, N. Y., but prior to 1735 came to Lebanon county, Pa., and there received land under the grants of John, Thomas and Richard Penn, in 1735.

John Becker, son of Jacob, settled upon the family homestead in Millcreek township, where he was a prosperous agriculturist for many years, taking an active interest in the development of the county.

John Adam Becker, son of John and grandfather of Mrs. Bollinger, succeeded to the Becker estate in Millcreek township, and there passed his business life, engaged mainly in rural pursuits.

John Becker, son of John Adam and father of Mrs. Bollinger, settled in Millbach, where he became a man of considerable prominence. He married Caroline Stump, and they had children as follows: Willoughby, a prominent agriculturist of Millbach; Mary, who became the wife of J. Henry Ben-

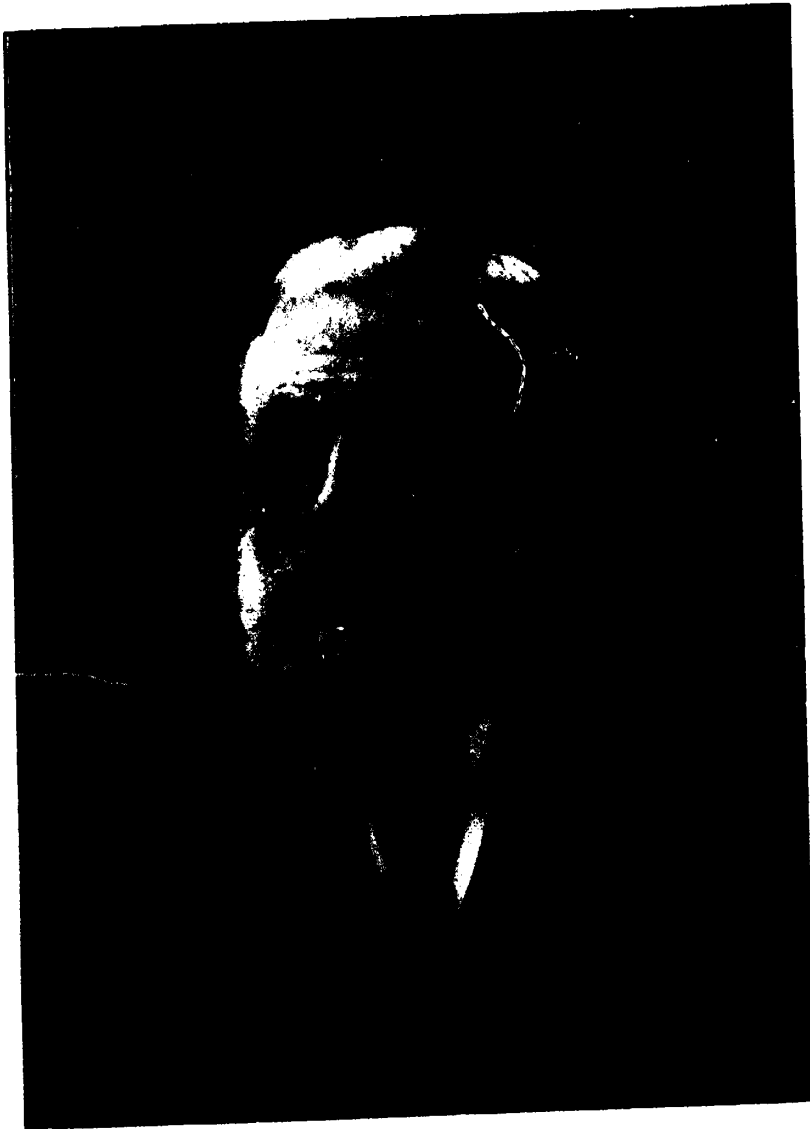
netch; Amanda, widow of George U. Seibert, of Richland; John Adam, a farmer of Avon, Pa.; Elizabeth, who married Monroe Zimmerman, a farmer of Millcreek township; Emma Amelia, who married Aaron Bollinger, both are now deceased; Agnes J., now Mrs. Levi R. Bollinger; Thomas L., a prominent citizen of Millbach; and Ida, who died young. Both Mr. and Mrs. Becker are now deceased.

J. B. HURSH. Probably no other man in Lebanon has had larger or more varied business experience than has J. B. Hursh, a large stockholder in the Union Boiler Works, of which he is now director and secretary. He has shunned no labor, and whether filling the position of common miner, clerk, school teacher, merchant, manufacturer, Texas ranchman, banker, street railway magnate, or mine owner, he has performed his work thoroughly, and he has usually received his merited reward. He was born in York county, Pa., August 10, 1825, and comes of a highly respected and industrious family.

Henry Hursh, grandfather of J. B., was a prominent Pennsylvania farmer for many years. He married, and among his children was a son, named John.

John Hursh, father of J. B., made his home in York county for many years of his mature life. Here he engaged rather extensively in agriculture, managing his farm with science and skill. He married Barbara Brookhart, a noble and refined woman, who is now deceased. By this marriage there were nine children: Henry, Daniel and John, all three deceased: J. B., who is mentioned below; David, a resident of Newville, Cumberland county, Pa.; Susan, Mary and Elizabeth, who are deceased; and Abraham, of Steelton, Pa. Mr. Hursh lived a long and useful life, dying at the advanced age of eighty-two. Like his father he was a firm Whig in politics. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Mennonite Church.

J. B. Hursh lived at the home farm until he was sixteen years old. In the common schools of his neighborhood and in York Academy he procured his education, which was thorough and practical. Ambitious and self reliant, at the early age of sixteen he set about earning his own living by superintending in partnership with his brother John and working in an iron mine in York county near New Cumberland. By saving his earnings he was soon enabled to go to Harrisburg, where his energy and push readily secured him a position as clerk in the store of Daniel Epley. After a short experience here he felt competent to engage in a similar business of his own. Returning to York county, he went to the little village of Hellam, where, in partnership



*John G. Bush*

with his brother John, he opened a small general store, which they managed with success. Hellam was too small for men of their resources to remain in long, and after two years they moved to Manchester, in the same county, and engaged in business. Later our subject withdrew, and began contracting on the railroad. In this he continued until the completion of the Northern Central Railroad from York to Harrisburg. During this period he made the acquaintance of Messrs. Kennett and Stickler, masons, contractors for the grading and excavating for railroads. He became one of their firm, and assisted in the work of the extension of the Baltimore & Ohio road between Cumberland, Md., and Wheeling, W. Va. At the same time he took contracts and built several bridges. Alone, about 1850, he took the sole contract for the ballasting of that part of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, which extended through the town of Fairmont, W. Va. After finishing this work he returned to York county, where with his usual power of making every moment count, he taught school in winter and engaged in the lumber business in summer. He did both equally well and made considerable money. Later, seeing a good opening for a merchant in Manchester, he returned there and engaged in the mercantile business with marked success for some years. His next move was to Newville, Cumberland county, where he resided for some years.

Some years previous to this, in 1850, Mr. Hursh married Henrietta Wogan, daughter of Jacob Wogan, of York county. She was a faithful helpmeet for about thirty-five years, and died in 1885. Later he married Mrs. Light, widow of Dr. S. B. Light, who was a leading physician of Lebanon for many years, and during the Civil war served as United States army surgeon. By the first marriage there are seven children living: John Jacob and George W., M. D., both residents of Newville; Ida G., wife of James W. Sharp, of Newville, Pa.; Bertha I., wife of William Farnham, son of Ex-Gov. Farnham, of Vermont; Henrietta, married to Charles Kessler, of Hallstead, Pa., and Robert and J. E. reside in Newville, Pa.

After coming to Newville, Mr. Hursh, in partnership with his brother John, purchased the warehouse of S. W. Sharp, and engaged in dealing in grain, flour, coal and lumber. This business proved highly remunerative, and they continued it for many years. During this same period Mr. Hursh and brother purchased a mill, which they operated to great advantage with his other business. Later he and his brother John secured a half interest in the Tamaqua Steam Roller and Flour Mill, where they also made considerable money. Encouraged by former successes Mr. Hursh soon branched out still more, and in partnership with John Graham, engaged in the tannery business

in Newville. To further this co-partnership industry they purchased a large ranch in Texas and engaged in the raising of mules and horses. By this time Mr. Hursh had amassed considerable wealth and he now, still in partnership with Mr. Graham, purchased a third interest in the Locust Gap Colliery between Ashland and Shamokin, Pa., where, under the firm name, Groeber, Kemble & Company, they engaged in the mining of coal, at which, as usual, they were successful. At this time the street car lines of Bloomington and Normal, Ill., were run by horses. Believing that they might make money by buying them and converting them into electric lines, Messrs. Hursh and Graham took as a partner Judge Saddler, of Carlisle, Pa., and made the purchase. The changes which they made in the lines greatly improved the western cities, in which they were located, and the company later sold to a considerable advantage to the western bondholders. Up to this time Mr. Hursh had scarcely had a single drawback in his business ventures, except in his last railroad contract. He now, about 1870, sold out all his interests in Newville to his brother John, and, taking as a new partner, Ira Long, engaged exclusively in a general grain and freight business at Shippensburg. At this he was making money, when by some mishap the warehouses were overloaded, and, breaking down, caused considerable damage. Shortly after this he was asked to come to Lebanon and fill the vacancy caused by the death of George W. Mark, secretary of the United Brethren Aid Society of this city. Having previously dissolved his partnership with Mr. Long he accepted the position, and he has since resided in Lebanon. He remained with the society until it was disbanded, and since then has lived a somewhat retired life. As a stockholder of the Union Boiler Works, however, he still acts as director and secretary for that company.

Mr. Hursh has always been interested in every industry for the up-building of the community in which he happened to live, especially the Newville enterprises. While residing there he assisted in the organization of the First National Bank of that place, and acted as its first president, filling the place with marked ability. As a Republican he has always wielded a large influence in politics. He is a consistent Christian, and a member of the United Brethren Church. He has been a strong man physically and intellectually all his life, and though now seventy-eight, his mind is still keen and active. A man of high integrity, he has always been abstemious in his habits. An unlimited capacity for work, a breadth of intellect which has enabled him to handle successfully many lines of business at once, and a masterful courage in entering upon new ventures have been promoters of his remarkable success in life.

JOHN A. BACHMAN, one of the well-known citizens of South Annville township, Lebanon county, was born on the place where he now lives, on the old Bachman Mill farm, near Annville, April 29, 1848. He is the son of John K. Bachman, who was born in South Annville township, on what is the Killinger farm, then the old Peter Bachman farm. He married Polly Uhrich, who was born on the old Uhrich home, in East Hanover township.

The grandfather was Peter W. Bachman, and his father was Christian Bachman, who was a native of Germany and was the first of the family to come to America. The grandfather on the maternal side was Daniel Uhrich, whose wife was a Brightbill.

John K. Bachman, after his marriage, owned and operated a farm and mill near Annville, on Quittapahilla creek. There he died in 1863, his widow surviving him thirty-three years. To these parents were born four daughters and one son, namely: John A., Sallie A. and Rosanna, surviving, Emma and Susan dying in infancy. The parents were members of the Lutheran Church, to which they contributed most liberally.

John A. Bachman was reared on the home farm and attended the common schools and also the Annville Academy for two terms. From the time of his father's death, he remained on the farm with his mother. He has one hundred acres of well improved and highly cultivated land. In 1872 he embarked in a new venture. He converted the mill buildings into a pulverizing plant, and installed a turbine movement for motive power, together with rock crushers necessary to reduce solid rock into an impalpable state of finish. The enterprise was unique, as there is no record of a similar venture in all this section of the country. Close application, constant experimenting and grim determination won for Mr. Bachman great success, in opening new channels for the consumption of lime rock, which he now ships in car load lots over a greater part of the United States, especially along the Gulf of Mexico. It is used by flint glass, soap, and soda water manufacturers, and more recently by cotton oil houses. In connection with the farm and pulverizing plant, Mr. Bachman operates a calcined lime department, having erected a modern kiln of large capacity, and preparing lime chiefly for varnish makers and chemists in New York City, and throughout Long and Staten Islands. He also manufactured harness, but his building proved too small, and the harness machinery has been moved to Lebanon.

In 1871, at the age of twenty-three, Mr. Bachman was married to Madeline Ditzler, who was born in Womelsdorf, Berks county, May 13, 1855, a daughter of Rev. J. M. and Matilda (Porr) Ditzler, the former now a minister of the Lutheran Church at Dover, York county. The children

born to Mr. and Mrs. Bachman were: Martin Luther, who married Sallie Zinn, daughter of George and Maria Zinn, is an agricultural implement and phosphate dealer at Zinn's Mill, North Cornwall township; George Washington, Jacob Cleveland, Rosa Elizabeth, John Valentine, Eugene Clarence, infant unnamed, and Raymond Edward, all died in infancy; Virginia Minerva; Paul Theodore; and Harold Benjamin. Mr. Bachman has 100 acres of land. The farm buildings on it were erected by his grandfather, the original mill buildings by Abraham Raiguel.

A. S. RUMMEL, general manager of the Acme Industrial Works, of Myerstown, Pa., manufacturers of shirts, and one of the leading and influential men of that locality, was born in Jackson township, August 15, 1850, a son of Henry and Sarah (Spayde) Rummel, of Lebanon county.

George Rummel, grandfather of A. S. Rummel, was born in Scotland of Scotch-Irish origin, and came to America about one hundred years ago, settling in Washington county, Md. He was the father of seven children: George, Samuel, Henry, Jacob, Benjamin, Martha and Katherine, all deceased except George and Samuel, now residing at New Hagerstown, Md. Henry Rummel, of the above family, was born about 1827, and died October 12, 1880, and for many years was superintendent of the iron ore mines of Jackson township. His only child was Aaron S. Rummel, of Myerstown. During life he always supported the principles of the Republican party, and was a consistent member of the Reformed Church.

Aaron S. Rummel was reared in Jackson township, and the public schools of his district gave him his early education, which he finished at the Myerstown Academy. About 1869, he was united in marriage with Miss Agnes Yeiser, daughter of Capt. Peter Yeiser, of Newmanstown, Millcreek township, Lebanon county. One son has been born of this marriage, H. P. Rummel, who is engaged with his father in the Acme Industrial Works, and married Sallie E. Maurer, of Myerstown, by whom he has four children: Annie Lavina, Liberati P., Edith V. and May V.

Henry Rummel came to Myerstown in 1870, and was proprietor of the "Swan Hotel" for one year, assisted by his son Aaron S., after which the latter was engaged by Jacob Bahney, as buyer of horses in the West. He then opened a slaughter house, which he operated for a number of years, after which he was engaged as superintendent of the ore mines for the E. & G. Brook Iron Company, of Buckborough. After the operation of the mines ceased, he went to the car shop, where he spent four years, and then was engaged as superintendent of Jacob Bahney's Fluxing Stone Quarries. In

1892, he established a shirt factory in Myerstown, continuing in this line, and enlarging his plant and fields of operation. His factory in Myerstown was burned on March 1, 1902, but he immediately set to work, and by June of the same year, had the plant fully rebuilt, and in better condition than ever. In addition to his factories, Mr. Rummel owns a comfortable and pleasant brick residence, and one tenement building, and has accumulated his wealth through his own exertions and by the practice of economy and good business management. In politics, he is a staunch Republican, and takes an active part in local politics, and has served very acceptably on election boards and as county committeeman. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Church, and is its active supporter. In the order of O. U. A. M. he is deservedly popular. Mrs. Rummel is a member of a family of five children, three of whom are now living: Mrs. Rummel; Cyrus, of New-manstown; and Edward, of the same town. The Yeiser family are all well and favorably known in that locality, its founders being among the early settlers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Rummel, with their son and his family, are among the prominent and solid people of Myerstown, and very important factors in the social life of the place.

**JOSEPH E. LIGHT.** There are a number of members of the Light family in Lebanon, all of more or less close relationship, descended from one of the oldest and most honorable families of the county. The gentleman here referred to is one of the substantial citizens of the Seventh ward of Lebanon, and a man who has done much in his short career to advance the interests of his native city. He was born November 18, 1860, in the old Light home in the Seventh ward, known to all the older residents, a son of Daniel and Barbara (Shalley) Light.

Daniel Light was born in the same house as his son, in 1817, and he died May 10, 1865, after a life of active usefulness in the community. By avocation he was a farmer, but he also did considerable teaming and freighting for the furnaces in the county. Mrs. Barbara (Shalley) Light was born in 1829, and died in 1892.

Joseph E. Light passed the earlier part of his manhood on a farm. In 1878 he, in connection with his brother Daniel, built a coal yard and several brick yards, all of which proved successful and paying ventures. Since that time he has used his capital in the promotion of many of the leading public enterprises of the city, among which may be mentioned the Lebanon Street Railway, the Lebanon Chain Works, the East Lebanon Rolling Mill, and the Lebanon County Water Company. He is at the present time a director in



the Rolling Mill Company and the Chain Works, but has disposed of his interests in the other organizations, and at the present time is not actively employed, living a rather retired life.

Mr. Light has been called upon by his fellow citizens at different times to use his splendid executive ability for the public service, and has taken a more or less active part in the municipal life of the city. In the year in which the form of the municipal government of Lebanon was changed from that of borough to city government, Mr. Light became the candidate of the Democratic party for a seat in the city council. He received a very handsome vote, and served the following two years, but declined to be a candidate for re-election. In 1900 he attended the Democratic National Convention at Kansas City, and witnessed the nomination of that peerless orator, William Jennings Bryan, for the Presidency. Socially Mr. Light is a popular member of the P. O. S. of A., and in matters of religious moment he affiliates with the Reformed Church.

Ella S. Paine, daughter of John Paine, of Lebanon, became the wife of Mr. Light in 1881, and they have had six interesting children born to them, three of whom are now living: Barbara E., Daniel P. and Adelaide L.

**EDWARD Z. WALBORN.** Among the many substantial farmers of Jackson township, Edward Z. Walborn takes a prominent position, both as an agriculturist and as the owner of the Myerstown Roller Mills, and an extensive brick manufacturer, and also as one of the reliable and honorable citizens.

The birth of Mr. Walborn took place November 27, 1845, in Bethel township, Berks county, and he was a son of Peter D. and Lydia (Zeller) Walborn, both of whom were natives of Lebanon county. Peter D. Walborn was born August 26, 1813, in Lebanon county, at the home of his father Leonard Walborn, a farmer of Heidelberg township, and he died at his own farm, March 19, 1886. The founder of the family was the great-grandfather, who came to Pennsylvania prior to the Revolution. The children of Leonard Walborn were: John, Andrew, Leonard, Peter D., Daniel, Esther and Betsey, all of whom have passed away. The mother of Edward Z. Walborn was a native of Bethel township, born December 30, 1812, and died August 20, 1874. The children born to Peter D. and Lydia Walborn were three in number: Isabella, who is the wife of M. K. Frantz, a merchant of Myerstown; Noah P., a prominent farmer living in North Jackson township; and Edward Z. The Zeller family was an old and prominent

one of Berks county. Peter D. Walborn and wife were married January 18, 1835, and spent a long life together, being among the most respected residents of their community, members of high standing in the Lutheran Church. In politics Peter Walborn always supported the Democratic party.

Edward Z. Walborn grew up on his father's farm and obtained his education in the public schools. When he reached manhood he was employed by his father until he was twenty-eight years of age, at that time going into the business of lime manufacturing and stone quarrying. This business Mr. Walborn successfully followed for twenty-five years, later adding to his industries the manufacture of brick, continuing the latter business at Myerstown until the present date. In 1883 Mr. Walborn built the Myerstown Roller Mills, one of the leading industries of the locality. His business tact was shown when he bought a farm which was much run down, and by fertilizing brought it up to being one of the very best farms in the township. Mr. Walborn is a man who is practical and understands how to use his knowledge to good purpose. He has been industrious and honest through his whole business career, and this fact explains much of his success. For a long period he has been ranked with the substantial men of his township, and his possessions have all been fairly earned. In politics Mr. Walborn is identified with the Democratic party, but he has never been willing to accept any of the local offices, finding enough in his various business enterprises to engage all his time.

On September 3, 1893, Mr. Walborn was married to Miss Mary E. Kritzer, daughter of Henry and Eliza (Kurtz) Kritzer, of Myerstown. Mrs. Walborn is a most estimable and amiable lady who has a wide circle of friends. The beautiful family home on East Main street is surrounded with evidences of taste and thrift, and a generous hospitality reigns there. They have had no children. Mr. and Mrs. Walborn are most congenial, and are both respected and beloved in their community. Both are consistent members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Walborn stands as a man of reliability and business enterprise, one of the most honorable citizens of Myerstown.

**JOHN H. BLACK.** One of the substantial farmers and representative citizens who have done so much to make North Lebanon township the well cultivated and valuable farming district that it is, is John H. Black, a member of one of the old settled families of this county.

Mr. Black was born July 7, 1851, in North Lebanon township, a son of Hugh and Leah (Boyer) Black, both of whom are natives of Lebanon

county, the former born in what is now North Cornwall township, in 1824, his death occurring March 4, 1902. His life was spent in Cornwall, South Annyville and North Lebanon townships, his death taking place in the latter township at the home of his son, John H. The mother passed away in 1896, leaving two children: John H. and Mary Ann, the latter the wife of Jacob Westenberger, of Cornwall township.

John H. Black grew to manhood on the farm and attended the common schools of his locality, at the age of seventeen beginning to be instructed in the carpenter's trade by John Westenberger. At the age of twenty-one he had become skilled in the craft, and made a trip to Ohio, where he remained almost two years, working at the same, and then came back, as his father needed his assistance on the farm. On December 31, 1883, he married and began to work again at his trade, which he continued to follow until 1892. In this year he located on his present fine farm. At that time the place needed improving and a great change has been made since Mr. Black took charge of it. Here he owns ninety-four acres, which with its fine improvements is one of the best farms of the township. Thrift and prosperity reign here as Mr. Black is a progressive as well as a practical farmer and understands how to keep all parts of his estate up to its highest pitch of productiveness. He is now (1903) making arrangements to retire in the spring.

In politics Mr. Black belongs to a Democratic family, and is identified with that party. For four years he served with credit on the school board, and he is liberal and public-spirited in the matters of township improvement.

Mr. Black selected as his wife, Miss Kate Bohr, born in East Hanover, Lebanon county, daughter of Elias and Magdalena (Daub) Bohr, and two children were born to this marriage: Matthew B., a student at the Normal School at Westchester; and Hugh E., at home. Both Mr. Black and wife are consistent members of the Lutheran Church. For many years Mr. Black has been justly considered one of his county's solid men, and is a stockholder in the Lebanon National Bank. He is a man of principle, upright and honest, and he enjoys a high measure of public esteem.

**CYRUS F. STRICKLER.** One of the familiar names in the business world of Lebanon for three-quarters of a century has been the one held by the gentleman here mentioned, whose father was for nearly a half century proprietor of a flourmill on the site of the large establishment now operated by his sons under the firm name of A. Strickler's Sons, and of which Cyrus F. is the senior member. He is also interested in the financial institutions of



Cyrus F. Stickler.

the city, being a director and first vice-president of the Lebanon County Trust Company. Mr. Strickler was born in Lebanon, April 18, 1854.

Abraham Strickler, his father, was born in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, October 14, 1827, and the grandfather, Peter, was also a native of the county. The great-grandfather, George Strickler, was the original American ancestor, he having been a native of the little republic of Switzerland, and in young manhood emigrated to the land destined soon to become the largest republic in the world. He located in Heidelberg township, where he became a prominent and useful citizen, and where he now lies buried. The mother of Cyrus F. Strickler was Clementine Graybill Forney. She was born in Neffsville, Lancaster county, December 24, 1831, daughter of William and Catherine (Graybill) Forney. Her grandfather's name was John Forney, a native also of Lancaster county, and where the family of that name have been prominent citizens for generations. The maternal grandmother of Mr. Strickler was Elizabeth Garret, a native of Heidelberg township. The Strickler family have been connected with the milling interests of the county for a period dating back to the time of great-grandfather, George Strickler, who set up a flourmill in Jackson township, Lebanon county, in the first years of the eighteenth century. This mill was an old style water power gristmill, and for many decades met the primitive wants of the inhabitants in that line. The grandfather, Peter, continued the business there until 1835, when he purchased property and built a mill on Quittapahilla creek, on Ninth street. This mill was rebuilt in 1858, and was in operation until the death of Mr. Strickler in 1865. His son Abraham, the father of the members of the present firm, and his brother Edward, were partners with their father Peter until 1865. For the following two years Abraham operated a mill in North Cornwall township, but in 1867 he returned to Lebanon, where he erected the mill on North Seventh street now owned by the sons Cyrus F. and William H. Here he continued in active business until his death, which occurred November 21, 1883. Abraham Strickler was a man of great business activity, possessed of a keen judgment and tireless disposition for work. He was highly respected in the community, and his life was most helpful in its varied activities. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, of which he was a very liberal supporter. His widow survives, being the mother of Cyrus F., Catherine M. (wife of A. B. Carmany of Lebanon), William H., Laura C. (now deceased, who married John H. Killinger, president of the M. H. Treadwell Manufacturing Company, of Lebanon), Serena C. (who became Mrs. Lewis I. Parker, and lives in Baltimore) and Abraham G. (a leading dentist at Paterson, New Jersey).

Cyrus F. Strickler has passed his entire lifetime in his native city. In his youth he was given an excellent education in the public schools of Lebanon, which was further supplemented by a course in the commercial department of the Lebanon Valley College at Annville, and from which institution he graduated with honors before he reached his fifteenth year. While attending school he had taken charge of his father's books at the mill, and now gave his entire time to the position of bookkeeper and manager. This he continued until the year 1882, when, together with his brother William H., he effected a lease of the mill, and forming the firm of A. Strickler's Sons, operated same until 1885. In that year they purchased the property from the other heirs, and have since operated it. These mills are known as the Eureka Flouring Mills, are equipped with splendid steam power, and have a daily capacity of two hundred barrels, easily making them the leading mills in Lebanon county. Mr. Strickler is a well known authority on milling and is now president of the Pennsylvania Millers' State Association.

Mr. Strickler has become one of the solid and substantial moneyed men of the city, and in 1902 became one of a number of gentlemen who organized the Lebanon County Trust Company, a financial institution which bids fair to become a power in the business circles of the city. Of this company he is a director and was elected to the position of first vice-president. Mr. Strickler is a prominent and active worker in the Zion Lutheran Church, and since 1893 has been a member of the board of trustees, of which he was for seven years secretary, and since 1901 has been its honored treasurer. He believes in the principles of fraternal organization, and is a member of the Heptasophs, and of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, F. & A. M.

Marriage was entered into by Mr. Strickler April 20, 1877, Miss Annie M., daughter of Lemuel and Elizabeth (Mellinger) Garber, becoming his wife on that date. Mrs. Strickler is a native of Lancaster county, where she was born September 14, 1854. Two children have been born of this union: Marguerite G., January 17, 1880; and Guy Forney, January 1, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Strickler are popular members of Lebanon society, and are held in the highest esteem in the most exclusive circles.

ALFRED GATES was born in Colebrook, Lebanon county, September 24, 1840, son of John Gates, a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and Mary (Matter) Gates, who was born in Annville, Lebanon county.

The ancestors of Mr. Gates are of English-German descent. The father came to Lebanon county during his young days, and was married at or near Fontana. He was an iron worker and was employed at the fur-

naces. His death occurred in November, 1884, when he was seventy-three years of age. The mother died in 1888, at the age of sixty-nine. There were sixteen children, six of whom are living: John, a blacksmith of Lebanon; Alfred, subject of this sketch; Cyrus, James and George, deceased; William (one of twins); Charles deceased; Mary; Lydia, Katie, Michael, Darius, Jacob and Samuel, all deceased; Franklin, a resident of Dunbar, Pa.; and Elizabeth, wife of John Bayless, of Philadelphia.

Alfred Gates has lived in Lebanon since 1846, his parents removing here that year. His education was received in the common schools of Lebanon, where he attended until he was ten years of age, when he went to work in a brickyard. When fourteen years of age he was given employment in the furnaces, where he stayed until he was nineteen years old, when he went to Daniel Weaver to learn the blacksmith trade. In 1866 he joined his brother John, in blacksmithing in Schuylkill county, but two years later he returned to Lebanon, and opened a shop, where he is at present located. In 1872 he erected the pleasant home where he now resides on the site of the old school-house where he studied and played in his boyhood days.

Mr. Gates has taken a very active part in the public life of his city, and has acquired a reputation in the manipulation of affairs very savory, indeed. He served one term in the select and two in the common council from the Fourth ward, and was president of the council one term during the old regime, when the town was yet under borough government. He was city assessor for a period of three years, and represented the Fourth ward three years on the City Water Board. Mr. Gates has business interests other than his blacksmithing, being a stockholder in the Reading Stove Works.

In the fraternities Mr. Gates stops at Masonry, but has been much interested in that noble order. He has been a member of the order since 1890, when he was made a Blue Lodge Mason, Mt. Lebanon No. 226. He then passed successively into Weidel Chapter, No. 197, R. A. M.; Lebanon Council, No. 27, R. S. E. and S. M. M.; and Hermit Commandery, No. 24.

September 27, 1860, marks the date of the beginning of the family life of Mr. Gates, Ellen Posey on that date joining fortunes with him. Mrs. Gates is a native of Dauphin county, Pa., where she was born October 24, 1842, the daughter of Jesse Posey. Her father was born near Valley Forge, the son of Micaiah Posey, who was also a native of the same vicinity. This member of the family served valiantly during the Revolutionary War as an enlisted soldier. Grandmother Rachael Posey was rather a remarkable character, living to be one hundred and two years and eleven months old. Her father was intimately acquainted with the great Washington, he having fed

the horses and men of the Continental Army while they were passing through that terrible winter at Valley Forge, and for which Washington personally saw to it that he received a just remuneration. She remembered distinctly of helping her mother prepare bread and butter for the soldiers as they passed their house to the battle of Brandywine. She was the mother of ten children, the grandmother of eighty-one, the great-grandmother of one hundred and nineteen, the great-great-grandmother of thirty-three, and five of the next generation.

To Alfred Gates and wife have been born six children, namely: John is a stove plate molder in the Reading Stove Works; William married Ida Shirk, of Cornwall, and is engaged with his father in the shop; Nathan, foreman of the Reading Stove Works, married Susan Pike, of Reading; Alfred, a practicing physician, married Evelyn Reinoehl, of Lebanon; Elizabeth and Mary Ellen, reside at home.

A man of strong character, upright and honest, fighting the battle of life bravely and with vigor, Alfred Gates deserves the esteem in which he is held in Lebanon.

HENRY B. HORST, one of the citizens of South Lebanon township, and the owner and proprietor of Horst Mill, located two miles east of Rexmont, belongs to one of the old families of Lebanon county, and he is the owner of the property which has been in the family for four generations.

Peter Horst, the great-grandfather of Henry B., was the original owner of this land, which then amounted to about 100 acres and contained a mill, which was later destroyed by fire. In 1836, upon the same site, the present mill was erected. Formerly a sawmill was also in operation here.

Samuel Horst, son of Peter, became the owner and operator of the mills on this water power, married a daughter of the Shaeffers and they reared a family of ten children, namely: Joseph, who was a miller on the old homestead and died in middle life; Henry, who became the father of Henry B.; John, who in earlier years was a teacher, served from Lebanon county in the Civil war, and is now an inmate of a soldier's home in California; Samuel, who migrated to the West; Elias, who is a resident of Kingston, Idaho; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Abraham Bitner, of Brunnerville, Lancaster county; Frany, who is the wife of Jacob Bucher, of South Lebanon township; Sarah who is the wife of Michael Kreider, of Lebanon county; Nancy, who married Isaac Brubaker, and both are deceased; and Catherine, who married A. S. Bomberger, of Heidelberg township.

Henry Horst, the father of Henry B. Horst, was born on the old home-



stead in South Lebanon township, February 10, 1835, and died in 1898, aged sixty-three years, seven months and twenty-three days. He inherited the place and carried on its industries, operated the farm and the saw and grist mill for many years, although the latter mill was closed earlier than the former. His marriage was to a daughter of Jacob Bucher, a neighbor in South Lebanon township. She was born October 20, 1835, and died April 27, 1896, at the age of sixty years. These most worthy people reared a family of four children to be respected and useful members of society; Henry B.; Samuel B., a farmer of North Cornwall township; Lizzie B., the wife of A. S. Kreider, a shoe manufacturer of Annville; and Jacob B., a farmer on the old homestead in South Lebanon township. Mr. and Mrs. Horst were good, Christian people, devotedly attached to the Dunkard religion.

Henry B. Horst was born December 14, 1859, and was reared on the old homestead, surrounded with good influences and taught the industrious habits which have contributed to his prosperity through life. His education was secured in the public schools, and he remained under the parental roof until his marriage, taking charge of the mill at that time, and operating it ever since. In connection with this industry, Mr. Horst cultivates seventeen acres of land. His main business, however, is milling, and he handles all kinds of grain and flour and also does a large business in grinding feed.

In 1882 Henry B. Horst was married to Miss Mary S. Long, daughter of Amos Long, of North Cornwall township, and five children have been born to this union, namely: Harry L., Mabel L., Nancy L., Amos L. and Samuel L. Both Mr. and Mrs. Horst belong to the German Baptist Brethren Church.

DOHNER. The name of Dohner, though an old one in the county, is best known through the firm of Dohner & Brother, which, for the past seventeen years, has been established at Iona, in South Lebanon township, and has not only become firmly settled in the confidence of the public, but is also well regarded by the trade. This firm carries a very complete line of merchandise, and the methods of the house have been such as to entitle them to the large patronage they receive. The members of the firm, individually, are N. R. and Cyrus Dohner.

The Dohner family is one of the old representative families of Lebanon county and was founded by the great-grandfather, John Dohner, who became a farmer in South Lebanon township, near Cornwall and at one time possessed two fine properties. His son, also John, was a well-known farmer who lived

into his eighty-fourth year. His wife was a member of the Smith family, and they reared a family of eight sons and two daughters, but three members now surviving: Peter, Jacob, Henry, John, Elias, Simon, Joseph, William, Eliza and Frances.

Joseph Dohner, son of John (2), was born June 25, 1824, in South Lebanon township, and died December 13, 1880. Although reared on the farm, he became a wheelwright and followed that trade mainly through life, although he owned land and operated a small farm. One farm of fifty-two acres in the eastern part of the township, he rented out. Both he and wife were active members of the United Christian Church. Joseph Dohner married Mary Ann Rauch, born April 23, 1829, daughter of Peter Rauch, of South Lebanon township, whose wife was a Brown. She died November 30, 1901, having been the beloved mother of a family of five sons, namely: Alfred, born March 31, 1853, who is a farmer in South Lebanon township; Nimrod R., born May 9, 1855, who is a member of the firm of Dohner & Brother, and postmaster of Iona since 1885; Cyrus, born July 15, 1857, also a member of the mercantile firm of Dohner & Brother; Joseph, born October 14, 1859, a wheelwright on the old homestead; and Ephraim, born October 28, 1864, who is a farmer at Prescott.

NIMROD R. DOHNER, the senior member of the firm of Dohner & Brother, was reared in the place of his birth, and after completing the public school course, attended Lebanon Valley College at Annville. Prior to entering college he had taught one term of school and after finishing his collegiate course, he taught eleven terms, his work all being in Lebanon county. During his last year in the profession, he was also associated in the mercantile business with his brother. Since that time Mr. Dohner has given his attention to the building up of his large business, which has constantly expanded, being now in importance and volume, one of the leading ones in the township. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, is a member of the school board, and for some twenty years has served as township clerk and as a member of the County Democratic committee. As a liberal, public-spirited citizen, he lives up to the demands of the day, and takes an intelligent and sincere interest in enterprises which promise to benefit his community.

In 1895, Mr. Dohner was married to Miss Emma Light, born September 14, 1855, daughter of David and Magdalena (Hunsicker) Light, of Swatara township. One daughter, Ada, has been born to this union. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dohner belong to the United Christian Church.

CYRUS DOHNER, the junior member of the firm of Dohner & Brother, received a public school education, and engaged in farming until he became

associated with his brother in the mercantile business in 1885, since which time he has devoted his energies to its advancement. In politics he is, like his brother, identified with the Democratic party, although he has never desired office. In 1882 he married Miss Martha Krall, born August 9, 1859, in Heidelberg township, daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Snyder) Krall. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Dohner belong to the United Christian Church, in which he is one of the stewards. Mr. Dohner is one of the upright and honorable men of his town, and both he and brother worthily represent an honorable name.

VALENTINE D. UHRICH, one of the wealthy retired farmers of Lebanon county, is a worthy representative of an old and honorable German family which has long been established in this part of the Keystone State. Mr. Uhrich is a native of Jackson township, born here January 23, 1843, a son of Valentine and Catherine (Mase) Uhrich, one of the most prominent farming families of the township.

Mr. Uhrich bears the family name, the founder being also Valentine Uhrich, and he was born in Germany, and after emigrating, located on a farm near Myerstown. The father of Valentine D. Uhrich was a son of Valentine, and was born in 1813, and died in 1889. The family to which he belonged numbered six children, namely: Michael, Valentine, John, Elizabeth, Catherine and Magdalena, all since passed away. About 1839 the parents of Valentine D. were married and from this union came a family of four children, viz.: John, a prominent retired farmer of Myerstown; Valentine, the fourth to bear the family name; George, deceased; and Amanda, wife of Dr. Willoughby C. Kline, a druggist of Myerstown. The father of Valentine D. Uhrich was a life-long Democrat. He was also a leading member of the Myerstown Lutheran Church, a most respected citizen, and one of the township's most successful farmers.

Valentine D. Uhrich was reared on the farm and after attending the local schools, he spent two terms at Mechanicsburg College at which he pursued the higher branches. When it came to selecting a life vocation he chose that of farming, and has never found reason to regret his choice. Mr. Uhrich has, however, been much more than a most excellent farmer, for his ability and education fitted him to hold efficiently many township offices which he has administered with good judgment and integrity. The Uhrich family has always been identified with the Democratic party, and this Valentine D. has actively supported. Mr. Uhrich resides on one of his well-improved farms, located on the Berks and Dauphin Turnpike road and the

Lebanon Valley Street Railway, owning other property, two farms in partnership with his brother John Urich, of Myerstown, one of these being situated in North Lebanon township, Lebanon county, and the other in Berks county, both being well improved and very valuable. For some years Mr. Urich has lived retired from activity, but in no way has he lost his interest in current events, being, in fact, one of the best posted men in his neighborhood.

In 1863 Mr. Urich was united in marriage with Miss Emma E. Walborn, daughter of Elias and Sarah (Peiffer) Walborn, an honorable and substantial family of Bethel township. Two of the seven children born to this union have survived, namely: Sarah, wife of D. M. Balliet, of Lehighon, Carbon county, and Miss Emily, at home.

Mr. Urich well represents a family which for 160 years has been prominent in the county, deserving the esteem of his fellow men.

ABSALOM M. WITMAN, dealer in stoves, tinware, wind pumps, iron pipes, etc., and manufacturer of all kinds of sheet metal goods, of Campbelltown, Lebanon county, and one of the leading men of the city, was born at Swatara Station, Dauphin county, August 21, 1859, son of Peter B. and Amanda (Miller) Witman, both natives of Dauphin county, the father having been born at Deodate and the mother at Derry Church. The father died suddenly of heart failure, April 2, 1896, aged seventy-two years.

During the Civil war Peter B. Witman served as a member of Company I, Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers; and after the close of the war followed the trade of mason, so continuing until 1893, when he was appointed a United States mail carrier from Swatara Station to Hockersville, a position he filled from that time until his death. He had resided in Derry township all his life, and was highly respected by all who knew him. The paternal grandfather, Anthony Witman, born in Lancaster county, married a Miss Barnhardt, and to them were born, besides Peter B.: Henry, deceased; James; Jacob, deceased; and Polly, deceased.

Peter B. Witman was a mason by trade, and a very worthy and industrious man. To himself and wife the following children were born: Henry, of Hummelstown, Pa.; William, deceased; Absalom; Alice, married to William Stroh, of Decatur, Ill.; Emma, married to Harry Painter, of Derry Church, Dauphin Co., Pa.; Peter, deceased; and Clara, unmarried.

Absalom M. Witman was reared at High Spire, Dauphin county, attending the public schools until he was eighteen years of age, when he commenced to learn the trade of a tinner at Hummelstown. After working at

this trade for five years in that town, he went to Harrisburg, and spent the next four years working at his trade in that city. The next change he made was in locating in Campbelltown, Lebanon county, where he worked for Samuel Johnston, and when the latter sold his business to E. Dissinger & Sons, Mr. Witman continued with the new firm for four years, and then embarked in the same line at Hockersville, Dauphin county, where he continued until 1888, when he returned to Campbelltown, and purchased the tinning, plumbing and stove business of his old employers, E. Dissinger & Sons. His establishment is one of the largest of its kind in Lebanon or Dauphin counties, and he carries a full stock of goods in his line, and all of his work is of superior quality. By pursuing a course of fair, honest dealing and catering to the needs of his patrons, Mr. Witman has built up a large and constantly increasing business.

Mr. Witman and Miss Clara Hoke were united in marriage, and one child, James, was born to them, March 20, 1890. Mrs. Witman is a daughter of Christian and Mary (Garman) Hoke, and was born at the town of Dauphin, Dauphin county. Mr. Witman is a member of the Reformed Church, of which he is a deacon, and he contributes liberally towards its support.

FRANKLIN L. McNAIR, who died April 18, 1901, was recognized as one of Lebanon's honorable and esteemed citizens. He was born December 3, 1837, in Lebanon county, a son of Samuel and Anna (Groff) McNair.

Samuel McNair, father of Franklin L., was born October 4, 1800, in Derry township, Mifflin county, Pa. By trade he was a coach maker. He married Anna Groff, who was born December 16, 1804, in Lebanon county, and they became the parents of six children, Caroline, Sarah, Amanda, Malinda, Franklin L. and Milton. Of these Milton, who is now residing at Meadville, Crawford county, Pa., is the only one living; he, too, was a volunteer in the Civil war, and participated in some of the hard battles of the Virginia campaign.

Franklin L. McNair grew up in his native county, attended the city schools, and at the age of fourteen commenced to learn the trade of carpenter. He followed this occupation the greater part of his life. He took an active part in the war of the Rebellion as a member of Company C, One Hundred Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was in some of the hard fought battles of the Virginia campaign. After the war he returned to Lebanon and followed his trade. Later he became a contractor and builder. Having started out in life a poor boy, by hard work

he was, at the time of his death, retired from active work, and was the owner of considerable real estate in the city of Lebanon. Politically he was a Republican, and, although he never aspired to political honors, he was elected to the Lebanon council. In religion he was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he was a man with a clean, moral character, true and sincere to his convictions.

At the age of twenty-seven Franklin L. McNair married Miss Catherine E. Loudon, who was a daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Yeager) Loudon, who came from Perry county, where she was born. Mrs. Franklin L. McNair came from a family of five children: Catherine E., born March 7, 1842; Henry W., a machinist of Lebanon; Peter B., a wholesale dealer of chamois and sponges in Philadelphia; Rebecca, deceased; and Mary E., the wife of Nathaniel Derolf, of Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Franklin L. McNair, the widow of Franklin L., a kind husband and a respected citizen, is now living a retired life at her residence at No. 220 South Sixth street, Lebanon, highly respected by all who know her for her kind heart and Christian spirit.

The remains of those loved departed from their earthly homes, all rest in the beautiful Mt. Lebanon cemetery, where a handsome monument marks their last resting place, erected in their honor by Franklin L. and Catherine E. McNair.

ABRAHAM E. HERR, one of the well-known citizens of North Annville township, residing about one-half mile north of the village, was born in Annville, October 11, 1849, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Brightbill) Herr, the former of whom was born January 18, 1823, in Annville, a son of Abraham Herr, and died January 11, 1898.

There were four brothers of the name of Herr, who came to the United States from Ireland, and came to Pennsylvania, settling in Lancaster county. Later, one went West and has been lost sight of, and one settled in Lebanon county, being the great-grandfather of Abraham E. Herr. The family has always been one of prominence in the State, noted for its thrift and high moral character.

The mother of Abraham E. Herr was born October 27, 1825, on the Horseshoe turnpike road, three miles from Annville, and died February 14, 1893, a daughter of Abraham Brightbill. The parents of Mr. Herr were married January 12, 1843, and were farming people. They had these children: Anna Elizabeth, born January 7, 1845, married William Bordner, of Jonestown, Pa.; John Henry, born June 5, 1847, resides in Annville;

Abraham E., born October 11, 1849; Mary Jane, born January 21, 1852, married Cyrus Hoffer, and died in 1894; Sarah Ann, born June 30, 1854, married Adam Imboden, of Lebanon; Franklin R., born October 5, 1856, died in 1882; Clara Louisa, born January 1, 1859, married Charles Leichter, of Reading, Pa.; Simon, born October 15, 1860, died the same year; Eide H., born January 12, 1862, married Mrs. Van Winkle, of Lebanon; Minnie M., born December 25, 1864, married Frank Klusnitz; and Gilphord Jonathan, born August 26, 1868, died December 5, 1891.

Abraham E. Herr was reared in his native locality and attended the public schools. At the age of seventeen years he learned the machinist trade at Lewisburg, Pa., where the family resided for a time, and worked at it for about one year and then returned to Annville, where he worked at the carpenter trade for some five years, and then began contracting. In 1886 he engaged in the ice business, cutting his own ice and selling the same in Annville, where he has a large trade, carrying this on in connection with the operation of his farm of sixteen acres. His home is on the old homestead about one-half mile from Annville, and his residence is located on a hill overlooking the valley and village, which is one of the most desirable situations in the locality.

On February 13, 1872, Mr. Herr was united in marriage with Clara Ann Imboden, who was born February 11, 1853, on a farm two miles south of Annville, daughter of George and Sarah (Heilig) Imboden, and these children have been born to this union: William Edward, born March 25, 1873, resides in Annville; Oscar, born September 21, 1874, resides on the Berks and Dauphin turnpike, between Annville and Lebanon; Lilly Grace, born June 17, 1876, married George Naas, of Lebanon; Leah, born May 30, 1877, married Albert Miller, of Annville; Cota Louisa, born April 29, 1880, married Henry Horst, and they reside with the parents; and Bessie, born June 16, 1881, died September 21, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Herr are valued members of the Lutheran Church, and are most highly esteemed residents of Annville.

**BOLLMAN FAMILY.** The first of this old Lebanon county family to come to America, was John Bollman, a native of Germany, who, with his wife, set sail in the good ship "Nancy," from Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1738, reaching America in safety and settling in Lebanon county, Pa. In Mill Creek township he took up a tract of land which later became of great value and there he reared his family. One of his sons, John (2), served in the Revolutionary army, with the rank of captain, and he also had a son, whom he named John.

Michael Bollman, son of John Bollman (3), was born in 1823, on the old Bollman estate in Mill Creek township, Lebanon county. His mother, Mary Bennethun, was born in Berks county, a member of a family which has been established in the vicinity of Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., for over a century. Michael Bollman married Lucetta Bubb, born in 1825, in Heidelberg township, a daughter of Daniel and a granddaughter of Daniel Bubb, who was born in Germany. This first Daniel Bubb came to America during the seventeenth century, took up land and settled near Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, and the comfortable old Bubb homestead, of German architecture, built by him near the close of the seventeenth century, is still standing and belongs to his descendants. On the maternal side, Lucetta Bubb was a daughter of Sarah Miller, a daughter of Henry Miller, and granddaughter of Peter Miller, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The Miller family is one of the old and honorable ones of Lancaster county, the early ancestors settling at Ephrata, in that county. The children of Michael and Lucetta Bollman were as follows: Clarissa; Sarah; Mary, who died in childhood; Thomas J.; George, who died after reaching manhood; Elizabeth; John A.; William H.; Catherine; Charles, who died in young manhood; Frederick and Lucetta. Michael Bollman came to Lebanon in 1867 and purchased the "William Penn Hotel," on the corner of Cumberland and Seventh streets. In his earlier life he had conducted a shoemaking establishment and later a hotel, at Womelsdorf, in Berks county. In 1890 Mr. Bollman retired from active business life, although he still owns the hotel property. In politics he is a staunch Republican and in 1895 was elected treasurer of Lebanon county, taking charge of the office January 1, 1896.

THOMAS J. BOLLMAN, eldest son of Michael and Lucetta Bollman, is the well known and popular proprietor of the "Cumberland House" at Lebanon. In the political world, he is active as a worker in the Republican party, and at present is president of the board of commissioners of Lebanon county. He is prominent as a business man, as well, and his upright methods have won him the unbounded confidence of the people. By his wife, Lizzie Fisher, he has two children, Robert J. and Lucetta.

JOHN A. BOLLMAN, proprietor of the "Keystone Hotel," at Lebanon, Pa., was born September 18, 1860, at Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., and is the fourth of his name in direct ancestral line. His education was secured in the public schools, and later he accepted a clerical position in a dry-goods store in Lebanon, where he continued for about thirteen years. In 1889, in partnership with his brother, Thomas J. Bollman, he purchased the "Keystone Hotel," on South Eighth street, near Cumberland, which they conducted together until



1896, when Thomas J. sold his interests, since which time John A. has managed it alone, and with such success that it is regarded as the leading hostelry in the city. His activity has been marked in public enterprises of various kinds; he is a director in the Lebanon County Trust Company, as well as in the Lebanon Valley Fair Association, and has served as chief engineer of the Lebanon fire department, and remains an active member of the Hook and Ladder Company. His fraternal associations are with the order of Red Men and the Elks, he being one of the organizers of the latter order in Lebanon.

John A. Bollman was married in April, 1898, to Emma Haak, daughter of Adam and Rhenhart Haak, the former also a hotel man. Mr. Bollman has no children.

WILLIAM H. BOLLMAN, proprietor of the "William Penn Hotel," and successor to his father, was born September 23, 1862, at Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., and educated in the public schools. In early manhood he learned the blacksmith's trade, and worked at the same for a period of nine years, becoming then an assistant to his father at the "William Penn Hotel," and in 1890 succeeded to the business. This is an old house with a steady patronage and Mr. Bollman understands how to make everything comfortable for those who could feel at home in no other hostelry in the city.

Mr. Bollman has been very prominent in city affairs, and as a Republican has been a member of the city council. Like his brother, John A., he has been long identified with the city's fire department, which is a volunteer one, and is a valued member of the Perseverance Hook and Ladder Company. His social and fraternal connections are with the Keystone Gun Club, of which he is the treasurer, and with the Elks and Red Men.

J. M. STROHM, M. D. Few physicians of Lebanon county have met with more pronounced success than Dr. Strohm, of Fredericksburg. When he came to that place, about twenty-one years ago, there were four other physicians there, but now he is the only one. He is practical, forceful and magnetic—a marvel of strength both physically and intellectually—and his untiring devotion to his patients has won him not only their confidence, but their warmest and most lasting regard. Born at Mt. Etna, Pa., March 2, 1858, he is the son of Dr. Christian B. and Catherine (Krebs) Strohm.

Abraham Strohm, grandfather of Dr. J. M., was born in Fredericksburg, and there, upon reaching manhood, settled upon a farm, and engaged in agriculture. A man of rare practical judgment and great energy, he made an unequalled success of his work, and became one of the recognized leaders among agriculturists. He married, and had one son, Christian B.

Dr. Christian B. Strohm, father of Dr. J. M., a leading physician of his section, was born in Fredericksburg in 1812, and there grew to manhood. In some of the best schools in his vicinity he gained his early education, and, evincing a decided taste for medicine, was later put to the study of that profession. With rare ability he mastered the work, and later took up his practice in Lebanon, Berks and Lancaster counties. During his young manhood he married Catherine Krebs (who is now deceased), and they had five children: Catherine, who married John Conrad, of Schoeneck, Lancaster county (he is now deceased); Clara, deceased; Mary, who married John Meek, a machinist and superintendent of the Carpenter Steel Works, of Reading (they manufactured the projectiles that Dewey shot while at Manila); Permillia; and Dr. J. M., who is mentioned below.

After marriage Dr. Strohm settled at Mt. Etna, Berks county, where he followed his profession with much success. Later he practiced for some years in Myerstown, Lebanon county, and subsequently in Lancaster county. In 1874 he settled at Robesonia, Berks county, where, working up a lucrative practice, he continued for a long time. He was a thoroughly efficient practitioner, and his careful diagnosis of cases as well as conscientious devotion to his patients, won him a leading place among physicians of his vicinity. He lived to the advanced age of seventy-eight, dying in 1890. Dr. Strohm was a man of marked cultivation, and a great student all his life, one who kept thoroughly abreast of the latest discoveries in the medical world. His success was largely due to his amazing power of concentrating his forces upon his one line of work.

Dr. J. M. Strohm started life with an inherited taste for medicine, and an environment favorable to its highest development. In the public schools of Lebanon, Lancaster and Berks counties he procured his early education, and was about sixteen years old when his parents settled in Robesonia. While there he made daily trips to Myerstown, where, in Palatinate College, he cultivated the higher branches. Ambitious to make a way for himself, at an early age he began teaching, and soon winning a reputation for himself, continued in that line for five years, earning the means to further his educational pursuits. In 1879 he entered the Medical Department of the University of New York City, where after three years of close application to his work he graduated, March 8, 1881. Thoroughly equipped for his life work, in 1882 he opened an office in Fredericksburg, and began practice. His unfailing diagnosis of cases, and his ready cures, won him the confidence of the community from the start, and he soon had a large practice. His popularity increased and spread into the surrounding country. In fact, so large has been the demand for his services that he

has continued his labors in the same place uninterruptedly from the start, and now has the entire field to himself, other physicians having found it hardly worth their while to cope with him. He has carried on a large general practice, not specializing, but being equally strong in all lines. In addition to looking after his large patronage, he has found time to keep up his medical studies, and makes a point of being in touch with all the latest movements. He belongs to the Allopathic school. He is remarkably skillful in bringing to bear the latest medical discoveries in his own work, and he is considered a thoroughly progressive physician as well as a hard-working one. A wise business man as well as a successful professional one, he is now one of the solidly prosperous men of the township.

On May 14, 1881, Dr. Strohm married Miss Catherine Yingst, of Richland, and they have had two children: Lloyd E., who is now in his junior year in Franklin and Marshall College, of Lancaster; and Charles L., who is living at home. Dr. Strohm is a genial, social man, whose large-hearted sympathy makes friends for him at every step in life. He is honored by the rich and the poor. In business, professional and political spheres, he is, in fact, a thoroughly good fellow, and one who is most highly respected and esteemed in all walks of life.

Henry Yingst, grandfather of Mrs. Strohm, was a farmer of Jackson township, who married and had two children: Ephraim, who is mentioned below; and Catherine, who married Henry Spangler, of Lebanon county (he is now deceased).

Ephraim Yingst, father of Mrs. Strohm, born in 1835, settled in Richland, Lebanon county, and there became a prominent grain dealer, and successful business man. He married Mary Bollinger, and they had five children: Uriah, now a resident of Myerstown, Pa.; Cyrus and Adeline, who are now deceased; Catherine (Mrs. Strohm), who is mentioned above; and Alice, who married Simon Illig, of Richland, and is now deceased. Mr. Yingst belonged to the German Baptist Church in Richland. He died in 1887, and his wife passed away at the age of forty-nine years.

FRANK B. BOESHORE, the ex-sheriff of Lebanon county, Pa., and a leading farmer of East Hanover township, was born on a farm in East Hanover township, near Grantville, December 4, 1844. He is the son of Jacob and Barbara (Behney) Boeshore, both of whom were born on adjoining farms in Bethel township, Lebanon county. Children born to the parents were as follows: Samuel, who died in the summer of 1892; Sarah, deceased, who married (first) Michael Core and (second) A. Bordelmay; Thomas, deceased;

William; Josiah, a farmer in the Monroe Valley; John, deceased; David, deceased; Benjamin, deceased; Frank B.; Levi, deceased; and Molly, married to Edward Core, of Lebanon. The father of these children was born in 1805, and died in 1881; the mother was born in 1805, and died in 1860, she being just one day older than her husband. Both were members of the Lutheran Church.

Frank B. Boeshore was reared on the home farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he went to live with his brother Thomas, in Union township, where he remained two years. He then went to the farm of Thomas P. Gerberich, in East Hanover township. This was in 1863, during which year he was out with the Home Guards for seven weeks. He continued with Mr. Gerberich for three years as a hired man, after which he went to the farm of his brother-in-law, Michael Core, in Monroe Valley, where he remained one year, returning then to Mr. Gerberich, for whom he put in three years more. The next four years were spent with William Boeshore, and he then began auctioneering, selling at all kinds of sales, continuing in this line to the present day, as well as conducting his farm. About twenty-five years ago he conducted the "Uhrich Hotel" at Harpers, making quite a success of the venture. In 1881 Mr. Boeshore was elected sheriff of Lebanon county, taking that office January 1, 1882, and serving for one full term of three years. Since then he has served as township auditor of East Hanover township, and in both offices he discharged the duties pertaining thereto with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. For twenty years he has made his home with his friend, William Gerberich and family. Mr. Boeshore is one of the substantial citizens of East Hanover township and owns a fine farm of 158 acres. For a number of years he has been a member of the Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM GERBERICH, ex-prothonotary of Lebanon county and a well-known farmer of East Hanover township, was born January 14, 1841, in West Hanover township, Dauphin Co., Pa., a son of Adam and Margaret (Title) Gerberich. The father was born in what is now East Hanover township, Lebanon county, in 1801, and died in 1871. The mother was born in 1806, in Union township, Lebanon county, and also died in 1871. The paternal grandfather was John Adam Gerberich, and the maternal grandfather was Jacob Title. The children born to John Adam Gerberich and wife were: Adam, George, Henry, Catherine, Barbara, William and John. The parents resided all their lives in East Hanover township, where the father followed farming, and also worked at his trade of wheelwright. The children born to Adam and Margaret Gerberich were: an infant that died unnamed; Elias, who died about

1860; David, who died in 1902, aged seventy-three years; John T., who died in 1889; Adam A., who died at the age of sixty-six years; Andrew T., who died in 1901; Sarah, who married George Waldemer, and is deceased; Daniel T., who died in 1898; William, and Elizabeth, who married M. Weltmer.

William Gerberich was reared on the old farm in East Hanover township, and attended the common schools. After two years of work at the carpenter trade he began to farm, and has ever since been engaged in the same occupation. Mr. Gerberich has had other interests, however, and for nine years he was proprietor of the "Uhrich Hotel" at Harpers, which he left in 1890, moving then to his present farm. This is situated on the Swatara river, near Harpers, and was formerly the property of John Henry Uhrich. It contains 125 acres of fine land, on which is situated a large brick residence. In 1888 Mr. Gerberich was made prothonotary of Lebanon county, and performed the duties of that office with the greatest efficiency for a term of three years. He has filled various other county and township offices, has been supervisor, tax-collector and for three years was township auditor.

Mr. Gerberich married Rosanna Gerberich, who was born January 20, 1847, in Union township, Lebanon county, daughter of Henry and Mary (Uhrich) Gerberich, and the children born to this union were: William, who married Jessie Perkie; Sadia A., who married John G. Zeigler; and Miss R. Gertrude. All the members of Mr. Gerberich's family are communicants of the Lutheran Church.

SAMUEL E. FOX (deceased) was for many years known among the successful business men of Lebanon, Pa., and his memory is cherished among many associates as well as warm personal friends. He was born October 21, 1841, on a farm in Londonderry township, Lebanon county, son of Levi and Mary (Epler) Fox.

The family of Fox was founded in America by Balzar Fox, who came from Germany, and his son Adam came to Lebanon county, when Lebanon was then a portion of Lancaster. Levi Fox, son of Adam, was born on the same farm as Samuel E. (which farm is now owned by the latter's widow), and here the latter spent his boyhood days, but later removed to Bismarck, Lebanon county, and took charge of the store of Samuel Eby. After remaining for some time at Bismarck, Mr. Fox located at Hamlin, the same county, and went into business for himself, but soon disposed of this enterprise and entered the store of Levi Landesmilch, in the capacity of manager, where he remained about one year. In 1875 Mr. Fox again embarked in business on his own account, this time locating at Cornwall, Lebanon county, and for many

years he was most successfully engaged. In connection with his business in 1887, Mr. Fox opened a store at North Lebanon, under the firm name of Fox & Blouch, and later, Fox & Smith. Two years afterward he closed out his business interests at Cornwall, and the same year, 1889, opened a store at Rexmont, Lebanon county, under the firm name of Fox & Klett, taking no active part, however, in the management of affairs, either here or at North Lebanon, but retaining his interest in both establishments until his death, which occurred April 12, 1899, in Lebanon.

Mr. Fox was married, in 1868, to Helen I. Gerhardt, daughter of Rev. William Gerhardt, D. D., of the Lutheran Church, now of Martinsburg, W. Va. Mr. Gerhardt was educated at Gettysburg, Pa., and for several years filled pulpits in Lebanon and Lancaster counties. While residing in the latter county, Mrs. Fox was born. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fox was born one child: Ida Milla, who married Harry S. Smith, and has one child, Chester Fox. Mrs. Fox is a member of the Salem Lutheran Church of Lebanon, and is one of the managers of the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Mr. Fox was not only a successful business man, making his enterprises yield him excellent profits, but he knew how to invest his earnings and left a large estate. The beautiful residence on Cumberland street, where his last days were spent, is one of the finest in Lebanon, and here his family now reside. Mr. Fox was a public-spirited man, who conducted his private and business affairs upon a broad and liberal basis, and made many friends. Not only was his name to be found upon all subscription lists for aiding the needy, but many were those who benefited by his generosity of whom the world knew nothing. In his religious inclinations, he was a member of Salem Lutheran Church, and was prominent in its good works. In fraternal matters, Mr. Fox was a member of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, F. & A. M., and also of the Knights Templars. In politics he was a Republican.

**SAMUEL GEIB.** On December 14, 1896, the village of Richland lost by death a man who had probably as much to do in promoting local industries, and in establishing good schools and equitable laws, as any other person who ever made his home in that place. As a merchant, teacher, and a man active in public affairs, Samuel Geib identified himself with the interests of Richland for about twenty-eight years. During this period he kept a vigilant eye out for the public welfare, which his breadth of intellect enabled him readily to discern, and with great force of character he always stood firm by his convictions.

Mr. Geib came of a family of sterling worth, representatives of whom

have resided in Lebanon county since the earliest days. Abraham Geib, father of Samuel, was born in Lebanon county, and there passed many years of his life. Upon reaching manhood he married and had nine children: Samuel, Henry, John, Christian, William, Elias, Daniel, Katherine and Martha. After marriage Mr. Geib took up his residence upon a farm in Lebanon county, and devoted himself to agriculture. With untiring energy he thoroughly cultivated large areas of land, which produced seasonable and abundant crops; he kept his buildings in good repair, and proved himself in every respect a competent and thrifty farmer. Mr. Geib possessed a character worthy of emulation. He was firm, frank, honest and forceful, and a power for good in his community. The German Baptist Church counted him among its most faithful members, and in that faith he reared his children. As a stanch Republican he was influential in local politics.

Samuel Geib reaped some of the fruits of his father's well-directed efforts. Born in Cornwall, Lebanon county, August 10, 1831, he was reared on a well-regulated farm, and attended the district schools. At the age of fourteen he began to learn the tailor's trade, and continued to follow it until he was nineteen, when he entered Myerstown Academy, and there completed his education. A large fund of knowledge and a taste for imparting it to others decided him upon reaching manhood to engage in teaching, and in the Schaefferstown public schools he followed that profession for many years, making a marked success of his work, and proving a source of great inspiration to the youths under his charge. About 1868 he was offered a position in the public schools of Richland, and moving there, he continued his professional work for some time. The evident need of a good general store in the place decided him in 1871, to give up teaching and engage in the mercantile business. His neat little shop with a moderate supply of salable articles at once attracted attention, and he received a steadily increasing patronage. Continuing to prosper, he, from time to time, enlarged his stock of goods, as well as his accommodations, and finally conducted the business on a large scale. His square dealings won him the confidence of the public, and his store was long considered one of the most reliable of its kind in the vicinity. He conducted it up to the time of his death, and the business has since been continued by his son and his widow.

On October 18, 1874, Mr. Geib married Mary Royer, who is still living in Richland, where as a noble Christian woman she has many friends. By this union there were two children: Ida R., who married Isaac King, of Richland, and has one son, Samuel; and Harvey S., a young man of sterling

business qualifications, who is now clerking in the store left by his father.

Mr. Geib was a man both capable and willing to shoulder life's full responsibilities. While in Schaefferstown, in addition to teaching he long acted as justice of the peace, performing his duties with marked fidelity and thoroughness. In the business world the place made vacant by his death has hardly been filled in Richland. In his home he was always kind and considerate, and had the highest welfare of his family thoroughly at heart. His generosity and his many social attributes made him a splendid neighbor and citizen. He was a firm believer in the doctrines of the German Baptist Church, of which his wife has long been an active member. Politically he affiliated with the Democrats.

The American branch of the Royer family, of which Mrs. Geib is a member, springs from Sebastian Royer, who came from either Switzerland or Germany about 1715 or 1718, and settled in Lancaster county, Pa. Jacob Royer (1) a direct descendant of Sebastian, and the grandfather of Mrs. Geib, was born in Lebanon county and there spent many years of his life.

Jacob Royer (2), father of Mrs. Geib, married Pollie Hostetter, and they had ten children, seven of whom grew to maturity, but only three of whom are now living: Mary, Mrs. Geib; Susan, who married Dr. Zimmerman, and resides in the city of Lebanon; and Leah, the wife of John Kurtz, a resident of Illinois.

GEORGE UMBENHEN, of Myerstown, Jackson township, enjoys the distinction of being one of the oldest surviving educators in Lebanon county. He was born June 10, 1833, in Heidelberg township, a son of John and Rebecca (Shark) Umbenhen, both deceased.

Jacob Umbenhen, his grandfather, probably was born in Germany, and settled in Lebanon county on a farm near Schaefferstown in early days. His six children were named: John, Susanna, Sophia, Katherine, Henry and Adam, all deceased. His son John was reared on the farm where he was born in 1786, and died in 1848. About 1815 he was married to Rebecca Shark, and they were the parents of twelve children, namely: John, Jacob, Susanna, Henry, Samuel, Peter, Sophia, George, Katherine, and others who died young. The mother of this family was born in 1796, and died in 1845, a daughter of Jacob Shark, an old and prominent farmer of Heidelberg township. Mr. Umbenhen was an Old Line Whig, and both he and wife were worthy members of the Lutheran Church.

George Umbenhen was born on the old home in Heidelberg township and was reared there until the age of five years when he accompanied his parents



to Jackson township, remaining on the farm until the death of his mother three years later. Then he and father came to Myerstown, where the father died within two years. The youth was but twelve years of age, when thus doubly bereft, and he was adopted into the family of Michael Uhrich, where he was educated, and where he remained until he was twenty-five years of age. With quick intelligence and alert understanding, he combined an ambitious spirit, and when he had finished the common school course he passed through the academic department of the Myerstown Academy and attended at Palmyra, beginning his professional work when twenty-one. This proved most congenial, and through a period of time covering forty-seven years, his faithful services were given to his native county, and with the exception of one year, to Jackson township. He had charge of the Myerstown Grammar School for twenty-eight years. During this long time many pleasant associations were formed and it is with a just measure of pride that Mr. Umbenhen can look out into the busy walks of life, and see his pupils so capably filling high and honorable positions.

On August 18, 1860, Mr. Umbenhen was united in marriage with Sarah Uhrich, daughter of the late Henry Uhrich, and three children were born to this union, namely: John H., a minister of the Lutheran Church of Pottsville, Pa., who married a daughter of George W. Donges, late of Myerstown; Sallie Rebecca, the wife of Samuel Kreitzer, of Lebanon county; and Annie Katherine, still at home. In his younger days he took an active interest in the Republican party to which he has always belonged, but not to the extent of accepting public office. In addition to his literary attainments, Mr. Umbenhen has great musical ability, and officiated as organist of the Reformed Church for eight years, also performing the same office for the Tulpehocken Reformed Church for twenty-one years. He has been a member of the Lutheran Church forty-one years. In fraternal life he joined the order of Odd Fellows many years since. Both he and wife are among the most highly esteemed residents of Myerstown. He is universally known, as there are few families in this locality who have not through some member, come within his teaching, and on whom his upright character has not had an influence.

**JOHN HERR.** Few citizens of South Jackson township, Lebanon county, are more thoroughly or justly esteemed in every relation of life than is John Herr, the well-known elder of the German Baptist Church in Myerstown, and a retired farmer who still occupies his fine large farm, one mile south of Myerstown.

The Herr family of Pennsylvania all originated in Switzerland, located

in Lancaster and Lebanon counties, Pa., at a very early day, and now have representatives all over the Union. Elder Herr was born February 10, 1848, on the farm he now owns, a son of Jacob and Sarah (Pfautz) Herr, the former of whom was born in Lancaster county, November 18, 1819, and died at his home in South Jackson township, March 5, 1896. His wife was born December 21, 1824, and still survives at the age of seventy-eight years. Jacob Herr was a son of the well-known Henry Herr, of Lancaster county. The family has been an agricultural one from its earliest days, and also a deeply religious one. The children born of the marriage of Jacob and Sarah (Pfautz) Herr (which occurred in 1845), were three in number, viz: John; Katherine, the wife of Daniel Geib, of the eastern shore of Maryland; and Elizabeth, the wife of Rev. Alfred Gingrich, of the German Baptist Church, of Lebanon. Jacob Herr came to this farm in young manhood, and through life was one of the honorable and prominent citizens of South Jackson township, serving as school director and in other local offices. In politics he was a Republican and always a supporter of law and order. His excellent life and character exerted a beneficial influence on all about him.

All of the early life of Elder Herr was spent on the farm, and he was afforded good educational opportunities. After completing the public school course he attended the Myerstown Academy and later the Millersville State Normal School. The subsequent five years were spent mainly in teaching school, his fields of activity in this profession being in Jackson township, Lancaster county and in Stephenson county, Ill., while taking a trip through the West. His intelligence thus became quickened and his mind broadened, and to-day he is not only one of the most intelligent leaders in his religious body, but in his township. Upon his return home, Mr. Herr was united in marriage, May 13, 1869, with Miss Annie Zug, the eldest of three children born to Abraham and Lydia (Wolf) Zug, of Millcreek township, the others being, Lydia, the wife of Jacob Brubaker, of South Lebanon township; and Isaac, a prominent horse dealer of Millcreek. This is one of the old established families of the county, also of Swiss origin. The eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Herr are: Henry, born August 5, 1871, resides at home; Ada, born February 18, 1874; is the wife of Prof. Frank L. Reber, of Myerstown; Lizzie, born March 5, 1879, is at home; Jacob, born August 20, 1883, is a clerk in the main office of the Lackawanna Steel and Iron Works, at Lebanon, Pa.; John, born March 2, 1887, is attending the Myerstown High school; and three have passed away.

After marriage Mr. Herr settled on the old home place and engaged in

farming. His religious rearing had been such as to make him deeply interested in the German Baptist Church, and on July 4, 1869, he became a member of the brethren and was chosen as minister May 18, 1871; was advanced to the second degree April 3, 1875, and became a full member of the Eldership of the Church on December 20, 1897. Since that time he has taken all the responsibilities and has enjoyed all the privileges attendant upon this office, becoming well and widely known for his example as well as precept in the Christian ministry. His scholarship and intelligence place him on a high plane among his brethren, while his estimable characteristics and noble attributes have won for him the highest measures of affection and esteem in his community. During his ministry three hundred and twenty-five adults have been baptized in his home church by trine immersion. He has united three hundred and twenty in the holy bonds of matrimony, and has officiated at three hundred and sixty-five funerals. At the present time (1903) he has charge of two church districts—the Tulpehocken, with a membership of about three hundred, and the Maidencreek, (Berks county), with a membership of fifty—and he is chairman of the Home Mission Board of Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and eastern shore of Maryland, comprising forty-one churches. For several years he has been one of the trustees of The Home for the Homeless, at Manheim, Pa. His life is a busy one in the Master's cause, and he spares neither of his time, nor of his means, nor of his strength if he can do good in the work for which he is so eminently fitted.

JACOB KETTERING, one of the well known citizens of Palmyra, Lebanon county, Pa., was born in Londonderry township, July 14, 1837, and reared upon the home farm where he remained, assisting his parents, until he was twenty-three years of age. At this time occurred his marriage, and he then settled upon the farm of his father-in-law, Michael Kreider, on the hill above what was known as the David Kreider mill, and for ten years conducted that property very successfully. About 1869 or 1870 he saw an opportunity for him in Palmyra, in the handling of cattle, and he has met with marked success in that business, in which he has now been engaged for forty years. During that time he has traveled extensively in the West, visiting principally Buffalo, Chicago and Cincinnati. In addition to his other interests he owns three farms: The old Michael Killinger farm in South Annville township, the Michael Killinger farm in North Annville township, and one in Londonderry township; the "American House" hotel property in Palmyra; and other very valuable property in and about

Palmyra. For a number of years Mr. Kettering has been a member of the A. F. & A. M., and takes an active interest in that fraternity.

Mr. Kettering's first wife was Lydia Kreider, born July 14, 1840, daughter of Michael Kreider. She died May 6, 1869, leaving one daughter, Emma K., born September 10, 1864, who married Daniel Light, of Palmyra. The second wife of Mr. Kettering was Kate Gingrich, born September 5, 1844, daughter of Henry Gingrich, and their children are: Fannie Lizzie, born February 11, 1872, who married S. W. Hildman, of North Annville; and Henry K., born January 8, 1874. The very flattering position Mr. Kettering now occupies is the result of his own unaided efforts, directed along correct lines, and intelligence and ability, and he now enjoys in the highest degree the confidence and respect of a large circle of friends.

WILLIAM GASSERT, one of the representative men of Lebanon, who for many years has borne an active part in the promotion of its welfare, was born October 8, 1842, in Cornwall township, Lebanon county, son of John and Sarah (Schott) Gassert.

John Gassert, the father, was born in Cornwall township in 1797, became a respected farmer and stanch Democrat, and died in Lebanon in 1873, while his wife, Sarah Schott, was born in South Lebanon township, in 1801, and died in 1883. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Sarah, Magdalena, John, George, Elizabeth, Joseph, Samuel and William. The father of John Gassert, also named John, was a native of Germany, and settled in Lebanon county when it was a portion of Lancaster county; he died there in 1850. The maternal grandfather, George Schott, was born in Lancaster, now Lebanon county, in 1763, and passed away in 1854.

William Gassert was ten years of age when his parents moved from their farm to the corner of Ninth and Locust streets, Lebanon, Pa., in what is known as the Second ward, just opposite the present home of Mr. Gassert. From his tenth to his sixteenth year he attended school, and then was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for three and a half years. After this he worked at the trade of shoemaker for some time, and then in September, 1862, entered Battery H, Third (Pa.) Heavy Artillery, as a private remaining in the service until June, 1865, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Having given his country three years of his life, Mr. Gassert returned to Lebanon, and for about six years was engaged in buying standing timber, which he cut and marketed, and since then has been successfully engaged in several enterprises, the greater portion of his time now being devoted to



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the buying and improvement of realty, principally residences, which he rents throughout the city and vicinity. He has been a director of the Lebanon Valley Fair association since its organization, having also served a term as its president.

During his life Mr. Gassert has been a Democrat, and is one of the leaders in political matters in Lebanon, rendering not only the party, but also the community, valuable services, because he is not only a politician, but also a public-spirited and broad-gauged man. His ability has been widely recognized, and in 1870 he was elected tax assessor, and for over twenty years has served in the borough and city council. While chairman of the Finance committee he placed the city of Lebanon under lasting obligation for his able management of its affairs. Because of his able conduct of city affairs, as well as his natural tendencies, Mr. Gassert is recognized as one of the leading financiers of the county. Both as a public official and private citizen Mr. Gassert has ever been ready to give freely of his time and ability toward good government. He was elected a member of the State Constitutional Convention called in 1885. Mr. Gassert is a man of decided ideas and is firm in his support of what he deems right. In 1887, while chairman of the Finance committee, he became antagonistic to the policy of the majority, and so bitter did the fight become that Mr. Gassert decided to resign his seat in the Select council, and was only prevented from doing so by a petition presented to him by the best citizens, praying him not to desert his post in such trying times. This petition was signed by many who were opposed to Mr. Gassert politically, but appreciated his ability as a financier and a man, and were anxious to have his wise hand at the tiller in time of storm. In 1892 he retired from the council, but in 1902 he was the unanimous choice of his party for mayor of Lebanon; he was defeated after a bitter fight, leading a forlorn hope against a large Republican majority. Mr. Gassert is an active member of the G. A. R., and in his religious affiliations is a member of Salem Lutheran Church.

On November 11, 1896, Mr. Gassert was married to Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Smith, widow of Samuel P. Smith, and daughter of Frederick and Maria (Noll) Feryman, and on September 18, 1897, one son, William Bryan, was born to this union. Mrs. Gassert was born in Speedwell, Lancaster county, Pa., August 3, 1856. By her first marriage she was the mother of four children: Hammond P., born July 12, 1878; Harry E., April 16, 1880; Charles F., March 14, 1882; Agnes L., January 16, 1890 (died April 20, 1898). Mrs. Gassert is a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, of Lebanon.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SEIBERT, M. D., a well-known citizen and prominent member of the medical profession of Lebanon county, was born May 3, 1855, in West Hanover township, Dauphin county, son of Jacob and Mary Ann (Nonamaker) Seibert, both of whom were born in Dauphin county.

The Seibert family in America originated with two brothers of the name who emigrated from Germany during the seventeenth century. One of the brothers settled in Connecticut, and his descendants drifted into Pennsylvania, still retaining their connection with the Lutheran Church. The other Seibert brother settled in Virginia, where the name eventually was changed into Siffert, and his descendants became converts to the Roman Catholic faith.

John Jacob Seibert, the grandfather of Dr. Seibert, was a citizen of that part of Lebanon county, which, at one time belonged to Lancaster county. Jacob Seibert, the father of Dr. Seibert, was born in 1818, in Dauphin county. His occupation through life was farming, and he lived to a good, old age, dying in 1886. His marriage was to Mary Ann Nonamaker, born in Dauphin county, daughter of John Nonamaker, also of German ancestry. She passed away in 1857, when in her thirty-second year. The surviving children are as follows: John, who resides in Hanoverdale, Dauphin Co., Pa.; David; Miss Annie Mary; Dr. William Henry, who resides in Steelton, Dauphin county; Susan, who married George W. Dress, of Steelton; Savilla; and Dr. George Washington, of this biography.

Dr. George W. Seibert was born and reared on a farm. His early education was acquired in the common schools, and his proficiency in essentials was such that at the age of eighteen years he was given a teacher's certificate, and was numbered among the teachers of Hanover township, his first attempt as a pedagogue being at Shope's School, No. 2. During the following summer he attended Cedar Hill Seminary, at Mt. Joy, and during the following winter he had charge of No. 1 School, in Hanover township. In the succeeding spring he entered the State Normal School at Westchester, and in the following spring began the study of medicine. Under the instruction of his brother, Dr. William Henry, he was prepared for college, and in 1879 graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. That same spring he located for practice at Steelton, where he spent one year, moving then to Wheeling, Mo., where he continued in active practice for six years. Dr. Seibert then returned East, and located in Lebanon, where he has built up one of the most lucrative practices of any physician in the county.

Dr. Seibert has taken an active part in local politics, and since February,

1900, has been a member of the select council of this city, serving as chairman of the committees on Highways, Sanitation and Markets. During the administration of Mayor Hoffer he was a member of the board of health. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order. Dr. Seibert was reared in the Lutheran Church, and is an attendant with his wife, who is a member, on the services of the Seventh Street Lutheran Church, contributing liberally to its support.

On June 5, 1883, Dr. Seibert was married at Chillicothe, Mo., to Miss Jennie A. Davis, a native of Massachusetts. Dr. Seibert is a public-spirited man, fully alive to the demands of modern life, and is popular both professionally and socially.

**JACOB H. LIGHT.** Since 1885 Jacob H. Light has been extensively engaged in the real-estate business in Lebanon, and June 1, 1901, added also a coal business, in which he had been formerly engaged. He is one of the substantial and enterprising men of the town and comes of a fine old family intimately connected with the early agricultural development of this county. A son of Gideon and Nancy (Whitmyer) Light, he was born in Lebanon, September 27, 1857, and was educated in the public schools and at the Lebanon Valley College at Annville, Pennsylvania.

Gideon Light was born January 28, 1831, and died April 18, 1902. He was a farmer in early life, but later entered mercantile ranks as a coal merchant in Lebanon city, where he was well and favorably known for many years. Through his death the United Brethren Church sustained a severe loss, for he was a hard worker therein, and contributed towards its charities and support in no stinting manner. As a Democrat he had opportunity to evince a decided executive ability while serving as county treasurer for a couple of years, and he held other offices of honor within the gift of his fellow townsmen. His marriage to Miss Whitmyer occurred about 1852. Mrs. Light was born November 10, 1832, and she still survives her husband. She is the mother of eleven children, ten of whom are living: Boaz W.; Emma L.; Jacob H.; Elizabeth L. the wife of George B. Triest, of Lebanon; Simon P., an attorney of Lebanon; Clara M., the wife of Clinton E. Boltz, of Lebanon; Gideon F., also of Lebanon; Charles A.; Cora B.; and James O., a teller in the Valley National Bank. Gideon Light was a son of Jacob Light, who in turn was a son of John Light, supposedly the first settler of that name in Lebanon county.

Jacob H. Light engaged in farming for three years after completing his schooling, and thereafter settled in Lebanon, where he engaged in the



coal business with Joseph T. Light. Four years later, in 1885, he began in a small way to deal in real-estate, and soon made his way to the front as a capable manager of real estate transfers. He is now combining real-estate with coal interests, in both of which enterprises he has attained pronounced success. In political affiliations a Democrat, Mr. Light served as a member from the Sixth ward before it was divided, from 1891 to 1894, and he is at the present time a member of the select council of the Seventh ward. He has also been mercantile appraiser for the county. Fraternally he is identified with the A. O. U. W., No. 85, and religiously is an active member and trustee of the Salem United Brethren Church.

On December 18, 1880, Mr. Light married Annie M. Yeagley, of Jonestown, Pa., who was born December 23, 1856, daughter of Rudolph and Mary (Daub) Yeagley. To Mr. and Mrs. Yeagley were born also three other children: Sarah, the wife of Daniel Miller; Adam, a resident of Jonestown, Pa.; and Elizabeth, the wife of Nathaniel Witmeyer, of Lebanon. The Yeagleys have long been connected with Lebanon county, and are among its most enterprising and respected citizens. To Mr. and Mrs. Light have been born three children: Edith Y., who died in childhood; Edna Y.; and Mark Y. Mr. Light is a man of high moral character, good business judgment, liberality and geniality. Himself and family are well known in Lebanon, and constitute a portion of the most desirable element in the town.

FRANK BOWMAN WITMER, M. D., a leading citizen of Bismarck, Lebanon county, and descended from one of the old and honored families, which can date its American birth back to 1727, is a son of Franklin Joseph and Frances (Nissley) Witmer, the latter of whom is still living at the age of seventy years.

Franklin J. Witmer was born in Cornwall township, at Bismarck, in 1832, and his wife was a native of Dauphin county, a daughter of Martin and Barbara (Nissley) Nissley. Franklin J. Witmer spent his life in Cornwall township until within about two months of his death, when he removed to Annville. His life calling was that of a farmer, and he owned and operated 135 acres. In politics he was an active Democrat, and held many of the township offices. For years he was a member of the German Reformed Church, and acted as one of the elders for a long time, and helped to found St. Paul's Church of Bismarck. Franklin J. was the only son of Joseph Witmer, and he himself had nine children: Annie Catherine, who married Christian Krider, of North Lebanon township; Joseph Nissley, of Frankford, Philadelphia, a civil engineer; Martin Henry, of Newville, Cumberland county, a produce dealer;

Emma Rosa, who married George Stein, cashier of the Annville National Bank; Francis, who died in infancy; Alice Virginia, unmarried; Dr. Frank B.; David Hykes, of Philadelphia, civil engineer, with American Pipe Line Manufacturing Company; Lizzie Minerva, married to A. C. E. Heister, proprietor of Snowflake Publishing Company, Annville.

Dr. Frank B. Witmer was born April 9, 1867, and reared upon the farm, receiving his education in the public schools of his neighborhood, the Millersville State Normal and the Lebanon Valley College. After finishing his course he taught school for four years, and then he began the study of medicine with Dr. Samuel Weiss, of Lebanon, and later entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1891, and entered upon a general practice, but later settled at Bismarck, where he has since made his home and followed his profession with marked success. Dr. Witmer is a subscriber to the *Medical Record*, *Therapeutic Gazette* of Philadelphia, *Medical News* of Philadelphia, and the *Medical Times* of Philadelphia. Politically he is a Democrat, and has been the successful candidate of his party on the school board for several terms. He is a member of F. & A. M., No. 226, Mt. Lebanon Lodge, Lebanon Chapter, K. of M. C., Lodge No. 87, and P. O. S. A., Bismarck. In his religious affiliations, Dr. Witmer is a member of the Reformed Church of Annville.

On June 30, 1896, Dr. Witmer was married to Miss E. Jeannetta Colvin, of Monongahela, Washington Co., Pa., daughter of Enoch and Mary Colvin. One child has been born of this union, Franklin Colvin Witmer. Both Doctor and Mrs. Witmer are very popular socially, and stand high among the leading representatives of Lebanon county.

**JOHN H. WITMOYER.** One of the leading citizens of North Lebanon township is John H. Witmoyer, a resident of Sand Hill, Lebanon county, a large land owner and one of the stockholders in the Valley National Bank.

Mr. Witmoyer was born November 8, 1847, in Swatara township, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Bross) Witmoyer, the former of whom was a son of Peter Witmoyer, a farmer of this county. Samuel Witmoyer died at the age of seventy-four years and his wife at the age of seventy-eight. The father belonged to the Reformed Church and the mother to the Lutheran Church, both being good, pious and most worthy people. Their burial was at Kimmerling's burying-ground in North Lebanon township. Their three children were: John H.; Nathaniel, resident of Lebanon, a farmer; and David, deceased. Samuel Witmoyer owned three farms, two in North Leb-

anon township and one in Swatara township. In politics he was a Republican, and was one of the most useful county commissioners ever elected in North Lebanon township. Not only was he a man of integrity but he was of such reliability that he was sought on financial boards and was one of the stockholders of the Valley National Bank.

John H. Witmoyer was reared on the Swatara township farm, and obtained his education in the public schools. About 1874 he began farming for himself on a farm of ninety acres, which he owns, one mile north of Lebanon, and here Mr. Witmoyer has resided for the past twenty-eight years. This property is well-improved and has four dwellings on it, and is conceded to be one of the most valuable farms of the township. Mr. Witmoyer owns also a farm of 148 acres, in Bethel township, and some very valuable timber land on Little Mountain and in North Lebanon township, besides a mill property and twenty-four acres of land in North Annville township. His energies have always been given to agriculture.

On February 17, 1873, Mr. Witmoyer was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Light, born November 11, 1834, in Swatara township, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Urich) Light. A son, Jacob, was born to this union, on June 29, 1874, whose marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wenger has brought a little granddaughter, Annie, into the household. Jacob farms for his father at Sand Hill, and is one of the estimable young men of this locality. Mr. Witmoyer belongs to St. Mark's Reformed Church in Lebanon, while his wife still clings to the Lutheran Church, in which faith she was reared. They are most highly esteemed people, kind, charitable and hospitable, and have a wide circle of friends.

JOHN HENRY WEIRICK, a leading general merchant of Myerstown, Pa., and a pioneer in the mercantile line in Jackson township, a member of an old and honorable Lebanon county family, was born August 22, 1834, in Jackson township, a son of John and Catherine (Bichtel) Weirick, the former of whom, a son of John, was a thrifty farmer as was his father before him. The children of Grandfather John Weirick were: John, George, Catherine and Mary.

John Weirick, the father of John Henry, was born in 1800, and died in 1877, having been the father of six children, namely: William, deceased; Daniel, a retired farmer in Illinois; John Henry, of Myerstown; Maria, the wife of John Klick; Elizabeth; and Catherine, Daniel and John Henry being the only survivors.

John Henry Weirick was reared on the home farm and acquired his

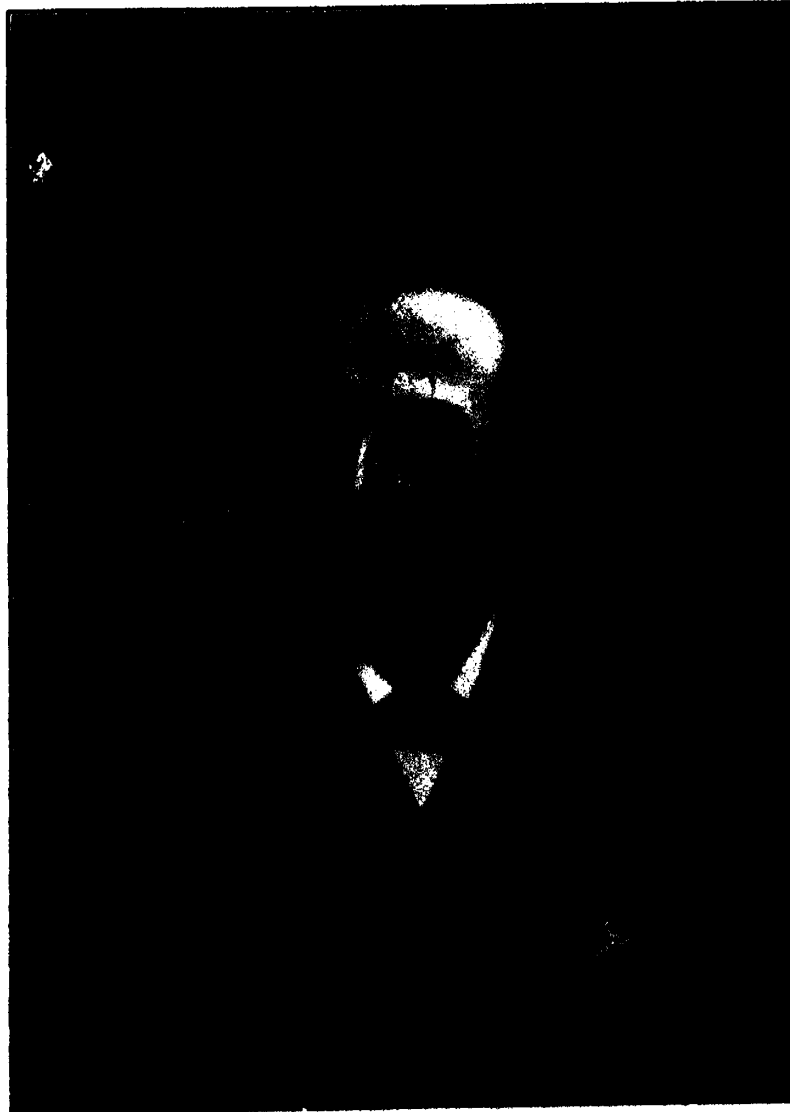
education in the schools of Lebanon county. At the age of eighteen years he came to Myerstown and accepted a clerical position with the firm of Donges & Stoner, remaining until 1857; when he went West and took up land near the town of Sheffield, Ill., where he followed farming for a time. After clerking in a mercantile house, he remained until the outbreak of the Civil war. On October 10, 1861, Mr. Weirick enlisted for service, entering Company H, Fifty-seventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Josiah Robbins, and promotion rapidly followed, as his soldierly efficiency was demonstrated. On December 26, 1861, he was promoted to the rank of third corporal; first sergeant August 3, 1862, these promotions having followed gallant service at Fort Donelson and Pittsburg Landing; first lieutenant, September 29, 1862, and for a time was detailed as acting brigade quartermaster of the Third Brigade, Second Division of the Left Wing of the Sixteenth Army Corps, under Gen. G. M. Dodge. After serving for a time as brigade quartermaster, he was attached to the staff of Gen. John B. McPherson as signal service officer and was with Gen. McPherson when that brave officer was killed in ambush before Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Weirick accompanied Gen. Sherman on his famous March to the Sea, in the signal service department, and saw much exhausting and varied service before his honorable discharge at Savannah, Ga., January 4, 1865, at this time being connected with the Fourth Division, Fifteenth Army Corps. At the close of the war, after an absence of some eight years, he returned to his old home in Myerstown, and decided to locate among old friends and relatives. Soon he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, George W. Donges, under the name of Donges & Weirick, selling out his interest in the same in 1874. to another brother-in-law, John A. Donges. After a period of retirement from business life, Mr. Weirick re-entered the mercantile business, having in 1875 purchased the old Capt. William Tice homestead, in Myerstown, and erected here a modern store building. For the past twenty-seven years he has successfully met the trade of this locality, and has won confidence as a business man with the same upright and honorable methods which gave him prominence during his military life. Mr. Weirick is one of the three survivors of the Military Branch of the Loyal Legion, in Lebanon county.

In 1865 Mr. Weirick was united in marriage with Amelia M., daughter of George and Henrietta (Stoner) Donges, who died in 1866, leaving one son, Charles Donges, now a prominent member of the Lebanon County Bar. The Donges family was of German extraction and is an old one in Lebanon county. The grandfather of the late Mrs. Weirick was the first postmaster of Myerstown. The second marriage of Mr. Weirick was to

Mrs. Naomi C. Miller, a member of the well-known Gockley family, and the widow of Washington Miller, other members of her family still surviving being: Levi M., a leading citizen of Iowa; Fannie, a Mrs. Robbins, in Kansas, and Miss Anna, a resident of Myerstown. One daughter was born to this latter marriage, Luella, who is the wife of Dr. H. D. Miller, a promising physician of Myerstown. In politics Mr. Weirick is a stalwart Republican. His interests are centered in this locality and he is one of the leading and representative citizens, a man of sterling worth and high character.

DAVID F. WISE (deceased) was one of the well known citizens of Lebanon, for many years a prominent manufacturer of shoes at No. 720 Cumberland street. He was born in Jackson township, Lebanon Co., Pa., December 3, 1851, son of John F. and Harriet (Koppenhaver) Wise, the former born in Jackson township, and the latter near Myerstown, Lebanon county, a daughter of Henry Koppenhaver. John F. Wise was a son of Peter Wise, a native of Lancaster county, Pa. Mrs. Peter Wise belonged to the Lincoln family, well known in Lancaster county.

David F. Wise was reared on his father's farm, receiving his education in the common schools. When about twelve years of age he went to Myerstown and there learned the trade of shoemaker under William Lindermuth. Later he removed to Lebanon, and entered into the shop of Philip F. McCauley, then located on the site which afterward became Mr. Wise's place of business. Before he had finished his term of apprenticeship he was made foreman of the shop, and remained in that capacity until 1874, when he left the employ of Mr. McCauley and began business for himself at No. 18 North Seventh street. Mr. Wise was always an energetic and far-seeing man, and when he embarked in business it was with a determination to succeed. Upon the premises he selected he erected a building, put up suitable machinery, and engaged in the manufacture of uppers. Later he fitted up the parlor in his residence as a store. In 1890 he purchased the old shop at Nos. 720-722, and began the manufacture of boots and shoes, also dealing in leather findings, continuing there until his death, which occurred January 6, 1898. As he succeeded and added to his bank account, he invested in real estate, and owned at the time of his demise property on Partridge avenue, Walnut street and Seventh street. His business was carried on by his widow until February, 1900, when she sold it to George F. Werner. Mr. Wise was a member of the I. O. O. F. and P. O. S. of A., Camp No. 65. In religious connection he was a consistent, worthy and liberal member of Salem Lutheran Church in which he served as deacon some time. In politics he was a



*David F. Wise*

stanch Republican, but never aspired to hold office. Few men in his line were rated higher in business. He was respected by all who knew him, and his demise was lamented throughout the community, while his loss was deeply felt by all who had come into business or social relations with him.

On June 22, 1872, Mr. Wise was married to Mary Alice Uhrich, who was born January 18, 1855, on the corner of Seventh and Cumberland streets, Lebanon, daughter of David Uhrich. David Uhrich was born in Lebanon county, December 3, 1808, son of Christian Uhrich, also a native of Lebanon county. The mother of Mrs. Wise was Catherine (Dubbs) Uhrich, and she was born in Lebanon May 5, 1814. Eight children came to Mr. and Mrs. Wise: Carrie, born November 28, 1873 (married Richard J. Boyer); Wilfred U., May 18, 1882; Catherine A., September 24, 1883; Harriet E., January 3, 1886; Florence T., September 28, 1888 (died March 18, 1900); Mary A., April 19, 1890; Helen B., December 11, 1891; and John Luther, November 28, 1893.

JOHN BARTO, a retired merchant of Fredericksburg, has been a manufacturer as well as tradesman, and in both lines was most successful. He began his career as a clerk, continuing as such for years and acquiring a wide range of business experience. The last twenty-six years of his active life he conducted a general store of his own, proving himself an able financier and a most efficient business manager. He is now sixty-two years old, and a man of remarkable force and power.

Mr. Barto was born in Fredericksburg, on a place which he now owns, August 2, 1841, and he was reared in an atmosphere of business, his father Isaac Barto, being a chair-maker by trade. The latter was of French extraction, and was reared in Berks county, and there in Bethel township he resided for many years. Later he moved to Fredericksburg. For the greater part of his active life he followed chair-making, and, being an expert workman procured a large business, from which he derived a good income. In addition to this business he for many years engaged in house-painting, and in Fredericksburg and vicinity fulfilled many large contracts, meeting with excellent results. He lived to the age of sixty-six years, and died in Fredericksburg. During his young manhood Mr. Barto married Elizabeth Eshleman, and they had five sons: Reuben, a resident of Pine Grove; John, who is mentioned below; Penrose, a blacksmith, residing in Tremont; Henry E., who lives near Columbus Grove, Putnam Co., Ohio; and Zachariah T., who for many years clerked for Donges Bros., and resides in Myerstown.

Mr. Barto possessed splendid business qualifications, and achieved success

in all his undertakings. He was a consistent member of the Reformed Church, and a man who always lived his religion in the walks of every day life. Politically he affiliated with the Republicans.

John Barto secured little assistance on the road to success, except that given the average son of an artisan. He attended the public schools of Fredericksburg, and at an early age thoroughly mastered the rudiments. When he was fifteen years old he went into his father's shop and began to learn the painter's trade, which he subsequently followed for five years, often assisting his father with house painting. He then entered a cigar factory in Fredericksburg, where, after learning the trade, he continued for three years. Shifting from one place to another as the outlook offered advancement, from 1861 to 1863 he clerked in a general store in Wintersville, Berks county, next resumed cigar making for a time in Fredericksburg, and then went to Wiconisco, Dauphin county, and clerked in the general store of Mr. Marks. His next move was a return to Fredericksburg, where for five years he clerked steadily in the general store of Levi Schiffler, giving thorough satisfaction. By this time, feeling confident enough to engage in the business by himself, he opened a cigar factory in Fredericksburg, in the efficient management of which he proved he had not over-rated his powers. After a year, however, it seemed advisable to discontinue the business, and entering Levi Scholl's general store he applied himself diligently to business for five more years. Then he purchased the stock of Mr. Scholl on credit, and began business by himself. A thorough understanding of the affairs of the store enabled him not only to retain old customers, but to win new ones. The business prospered beyond his highest expectations, and in a short time he was enabled to pay off his indebtedness and to begin banking money. From year to year trade increased, and he enlarged his stock of goods to meet the growing demands of the public, which he always possessed the happy faculty of pleasing. For twenty-six years he continued the business, winning for himself a solid prosperity. On February 22, 1902, on account of failing eye-sight, he closed out his store, and has since been living in retirement.

In 1864 Mr. Barto married Harriet Miranda Burkholder, of Stouchsburg, Berks county, and they had three children, two of whom have lived to maturity: Minnie E., who married Irwin Hay, a traveling salesman, of Lebanon City; and Margaret Adelia, who married Rev. Elmer S. Noll, a minister of the Reformed Church, residing in Perkasio, Bucks county.

Mr. Barto was a soldier during the Civil war, enlisting July 18, 1864, in Company D, First Battalion Pennsylvania Volunteers, saw service in Maryland and Pennsylvania, and was discharged in November, 1864. He was a



member of the P. O. S. of A. Mr. Barto's large achievements have won him the respect not only of the business world, but of the general public. His integrity and ability are both unquestioned, and his word carries weight in the community. Forcefulness, sound judgment and broad-mindedness are among his dominant traits. As a Republican he is influential in local politics. In religious sentiment he is independent. He possesses a rare gift of winning friends, and few men stand higher socially than he.

Samuel Burkholder, father of Mrs. Barto, was a resident of Berks county, and followed cabinet making, from which he derived a good income. He married Mary Reed, and had eight children: Mary, who married Jeremiah Blecker, of Richland; Elmyra, who is now a widow; Harriet M., Mrs. Barto; Catherine, who married William Reichard, of Berks county; Clara, the wife of Monroe Schaeffer, of Reading; Edward and Samuel, who are now living in Philadelphia; and Emma R., who married Aaron Bucks, and died some twelve years ago.

THOMAS J. FAUBER, a well-known coach painter of Lebanon, comes of a highly respected and influential family of that city. His great-grandfather, Michael Fauber, was a pioneer of Lancaster county, Pa. Peter Fauber, grandfather of Thomas, was also well-known in that vicinity; he married Margaret Reinoehl, and they had a son named William.

William Fauber, father of Thomas, is one of the leading business men of Lebanon, being a man of considerable means, and owning a large coach making establishment in the city. He married Mary Miller and they have had ten children: Thomas J.; Albert S., a coachmaker, married Ida Garrett; Emma, married Nathan A. Miller; Susan married A. F. Lohse; Mary married John Gelbach; Frank resides in Lebanon; Jennie is at home; and William, Eddie, and Simon are deceased.

Thomas J. Fauber was born in Lebanon, November 29, 1859, and there grew to manhood. As a boy he was keenly interested in his father's business, and learned the trade of a coach painter. So proficient did he become in this line of work that upon starting out in life for himself he decided to make it a business. He has followed the trade now for many years in Lebanon, and is one of the most artistic and successful coach painters in the city. By strict attention to business and wise financial management he has made well out of his work, and is considered one of the prosperous citizens of his place.

On September 29, 1881, Mr. Fauber married Ella L. Fritz, of Lebanon, and they have had one son, Wilmer H., who was born October 10, 1889. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fauber belong to the first families of Lebanon and occupy a high

social position. He is alive to all the leading questions of the day, and in politics is a Republican. In religious matters he is a prominent member of the First United Evangelical Church, and takes a deep interest in church work, holding various offices in the same.

Henry Fritz, father of Mrs. Fauber, was for many years a leading business man of Lebanon. As a carriage maker, a lime manufacturer, an inventor, and a real estate man he was prominently known in his section. He was born in Boyertown, near the Montgomery and Berks county line, in Pennsylvania, July 11, 1826. As a boy he learned the carriage maker's trade, and as a young man coach making, which occupations he later followed for a number of years. In 1847 he married Rebecca Giestweit, and after her death, which occurred in 1887, he married Mary E. Waltman, who is still living. By the first marriage there were four children: Emma L., who married B. F. Garrett, and both she and her husband are now deceased; Angeline, who married Jacob Parthemore; Mary, now deceased; and Ella L.

When a young man Mr. Fritz settled at Ono, Lebanon county, where he first opened a carriage shop and conducted a thriving business for some time. Later, with equal success, he conducted a general store in the same place. Having laid by a considerable sum of money, in 1868 he moved to Lebanon and opened a lime manufacturing establishment. Here with the Lebanon paper mill company he found ready sale for his article, furnishing it lime by a contract for a number of years at twenty-five and thirty cents a bushel. In 1876 he invented a feed cutter and grinder, on which he secured a patent. The article proved an exceedingly practical one, and sold readily, bringing in large profits. Many of these machines are still used in Lebanon and adjacent counties. Late in life Mr. Fritz discontinued the manufacturing business, and in 1885 began speculating in real estate. Being an excellent judge of city property, and possessed of great foresight he made some exceptionally good deals, realizing large profits. At the time of his death, which occurred April 1, 1894, he owned about thirty valuable houses and lots in Lebanon.

For about twenty-one years Mr. Fritz was a leading business man in Lebanon, possessing the confidence and respect of all who knew him. In religious matters he took a keen interest, and was a faithful member of the Evangelical Church from 1859 until his death. As an ardent Republican he exerted a large influence in local politics.

HARRY ZIMMERMAN, D. D. S., a well-known citizen of Annville, and one of the leading dentists of Lebanon county, was born July 12, 1853, near Palmyra, in Londonderry township, Lebanon county, son of Daniel and

Sarah (Deitrich) Zimmerman, the former of whom was born near Palmyra in 1828, and died in 1896. The mother was also born near Palmyra, in 1828, and died in 1898. Their children were the following: Harry; Minnie A.; and Cyrus F. Minnie A. Zimmerman married Rev. Dr. E. S. Brownmiller, pastor of the old Lutheran Church, of Reading, Pa., and also pastor of four other congregations in that vicinity. Cyrus F. Zimmerman is postmaster and a prominent citizen of Palmyra, where he is also a member of the firm of the Landis Shoe Company.

Until he was twenty-five years of age, Daniel Zimmerman was a laborer, and then became an engineer at the Union Deposit Furnace, where he remained until he entered the army during the Civil War, as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving out the term of his first enlistment, and then re-enlisting in Company I, Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, this second enlistment being for three years, or during the war, and he passed through its dangers unharmed. After the close of the Rebellion, Mr. Zimmerman resumed his work as engineer and continued engaged in the same until 1885, when he removed to Palmyra, and there engaged in farming.

Dr. Harry Zimmerman was educated in the public schools of Union Deposit, and at Prof. Witmer's Academy at Palmyra, and in 1871 he engaged in teaching school at Union Deposit, and in the following year, entered Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he was graduated July 25, 1872. That same winter he resumed teaching, and continued as an educator until the spring of 1878, when he became a student and partner, with Dr. J. G. Fritz, dentist, of Annville. From October, 1878, until February, 1880, he attended lectures at the Pennsylvania Dental College, at Philadelphia, and graduated February 25, 1880, with honors, receiving honorable mention for being the second best clinical assistant, and also received a gold medal for second-best specimen of plate work. His partnership with Dr. Fritz continued until the latter's death, in August, 1889, although Dr. Fritz removed to Lebanon, in 1886, where he opened a dental office, the two offices being conducted in partnership, Dr. Zimmerman remaining in Annville. After his partner's death, Dr. Zimmerman closed up the Lebanon office, continuing to practice among his old friends and patrons in Annville, where he has remained ever since. In his profession he is careful and accurate, and keeps up with the times by attending the meetings of the Lebanon Valley Dental Association, of which he is the president; he is also a member of the Reading Dental Association, and of the Pennsylvania State Dental Association, being a member of the latter's committee on the Enforcement of the State Dental Laws. His relations

with his brother practitioners are most cordial, while his attitude to the public is that of one who deserves the confidence which he receives. Dr. Zimmerman is a man of social nature, and fraternally he is connected with Washington Camp, No. 87, P. O. S. of A., of Annville, of which he has been treasurer since 1881; also with Lebanon Valley Commandery, No. 5, P. O. S. of A., of which he is chaplain. Genial and agreeable, Dr. Zimmerman is popular in these organizations and is an active member. For a long period he has been a trustee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Annville.

On February 25, 1880, his graduation day, he was married to Sadie Zeiters, of Hummelstown, daughter of David Zeiters, who was born in Lower Paxton, Dauphin county, Pa. Three children have been born to this union, namely: Mary Edna, David Ellis and Louisa May.

ANDREW SIMON ILLIG, residing at his fine home in Richland, is a representative of one of the first families of Lebanon county. He is about fifty-five years old, has passed his life in agricultural and business pursuits, and is now availing himself of some well-earned leisure.

Mr. Illig was born at Millbach, December 28, 1848, son of Jonathan and Eliza ( Rambler ) Illig. The first American representative of the family was Andros Illig, who with his wife Dorothy, came from Rotterdam in the good ship "Mollie," and landed in this country in the fall of 1727. Proceeding at once to the Millbach Valley, they there took out patents on the tract of land, now known as the old Illig homestead, and owned by Andrew S. and Hiram L. Illig, the tract being procured under the grants made by William, Thomas and Richard Penn. Here Mr. Illig cleared up a fine home for himself and family, and assisted materially in opening up the county to settlers. To him and his wife were born two children: Leonard, who is mentioned below; and Mary, who married a Mr. Schroll.

Leonard Illig continued the work begun by his father on the old homestead, spending the best years of his life in the development of its resources. During his young manhood he married and had three children, one of whom was a son, Leonard, Jr., who is mentioned below.

Leonard Illig, Jr., grandfather of Andrew Simon, succeeded to the family homestead. He received good rearing and excellent training for life's activities. For an occupation he engaged in agriculture, and on the family homestead followed his pursuit. He was a progressive, hard-working farmer, and made many improvements in the old place. The large and substantial sandstone residence, now occupied by Hiram S., is one of his additions to the farm. During his young manhood he married, and among his children was a

son named John. Mr. Illig was a man of energy and great force of character, and was a leading citizen of his township.

John Illig, father of Andrew S., inherited his father's force of character, and taste for agricultural pursuits. Born in 1806 he was reared in a well ordered home, and early disciplined in habits of attention and self-reliance. Both environment and inherent ability decided him upon reaching manhood to turn his attention to farming, and this he followed in Millcreek township. About 1837 Mr. Illig married Eliza Rambler, daughter of Christian Rambler who was born in Heidelberg township, and as a man of marked executive ability, served as sheriff of Lebanon county in 1840. To Mr. and Mrs. Illig were born nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity; Mary, who married George Seltzer, and resides in Pennsylvania; E. R., a miller and farmer of Millbach; Elizabeth, who married Capt. J. G. Baddorff, who is treasurer of Lebanon county; Jonathan C., a prominent dry-goods merchant of Reading, Pa.; H. L., who is serving very efficiently as recorder of Lebanon county; Andrew S., who is mentioned below; and Thomas B., who is in partnership with his brother Jonathan C. in the dry goods business in Reading.

After his marriage Mr. Illig settled upon the old homestead farm in Millcreek township, where he continued agriculture. Giving his best efforts to the development of the resources of the place, he improved the property, cultivated extensive areas of it, and had abundant and marketable crops, which brought in good money returns. Applying both practical and progressive methods to his industry, he won for himself a leading place among agriculturists of his section. Mr. Illig was both a forceful and wise man, making every stroke of work count, and therein lay his success in life. Though scarcely living out the usual span of years, he accomplished much in his life time, and left a goodly heritage to his children. He died in 1862, at the age of fifty-six years.

Andrew Simon Illig was trained to a life of strong activity and practical business. Reared on his father's farm in Millcreek township, he there attended the public schools. Upon reaching manhood he naturally turned his attention to the first business opening within his grasp, which happened to be farming, and this he continued for several years, deriving from it a comfortable income. Later, however, he secured a position in the nut and bolt works of Lebanon, where he remained for many years.

On December 21, 1892, Mr. Illig married Alice B. Yingst, who was born June 1, 1864, youngest daughter of Ephraim and Mary (Bollinger) Yingst, and a descendant of one of the old pioneer families of the county. Other children of her parents were: Uriah; Adeline, who is now deceased; Catherine, who married Dr. J. M. Strohm, of Fredericksburg; and Cyrus, deceased.

Mrs. Illig was a devoted wife, and noble Christian woman, being a consistent member of the Grau Lutheran Church. She died October 28, 1901. No children came of this union.

In 1894, shortly after his marriage, Mr. Illig settled upon the fine old family homestead in Richland, where he has since resided. He has superintended the management of his farm in Jackson township for some years, with much success, but as has been said is now living in retirement. The Lutheran Church of the Tulpehocken district counts him among its most consistent members.

**JOHN FOX.** Though by no means an aged man, Mr. Fox has for nearly thirty-five years been a leading lumberman in Lebanon. In fact, he was one of the first to engage in this industry in the city, and by building up a large business and maintaining it through so many years he has greatly benefited his place. He was born near Stuttgart, Germany, January 12, 1840, son of John and Elizabeth (Brown) Fox.

John Fox, Sr., sailed for the United States in 1840, and landed at Baltimore, Md. After a short residence here he moved to Lycoming county, Pa., settling upon a farm, where he engaged in agriculture, which he conducted with science and skill. After a long and useful residence, he died in Lebanon county, regretted by all who knew him. By his marriage to Elizabeth Brown there were two children: John, who is mentioned below; and Matthew, who is now deceased.

John Fox, whose name opens this sketch, received the usual rearing of a farmer's boy, and such education as the common schools of his neighborhood afforded, and as hard work and persistence could master. He also received some early experience in lumbering, which he later made good use of. So thorough had been his training in this line that by the time he was twenty-eight he felt competent to engage in the business by himself. It was in Lebanon, in 1868, that he made the venture, opening there both a saw and planing mill. After five years of wise and skillful management, the demand for lumber had become so great that two could safely handle the business and share the profits; and so Mr. Embich was received as a partner, and the firm name changed to Fox & Embich. In 1885 Mr. Graeff was admitted and a few years later Mr. Embich withdrew, and the business has since been conducted under the firm name of Fox & Graeff. The capital of this company has increased from year to year, and the products of the mills have increased in variety and improved in quality of workmanship. In 1902 Mr. Fox retired from the firm, and was succeeded by his son Luther, the business being still

conducted under the name of Fox & Graeff. Mr. Fox is a director of the Central Market.

On October 31, 1865, Mr. Fox married Martha Edkins, daughter of John Edkins, of Sullivan county. She died in 1880, and in 1881 he married Annie Faber, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Faber, of Lebanon. By the first marriage there were four children: Elizabeth, who married Dr. A. M. Fisher; Luther M., a bookkeeper for his father's firm; Mary C., a music teacher of Lebanon, who married H. G. Louser; and Martha J., a trained nurse, who resides at Buffalo, N. Y. By the second marriage there are three children: Henry J., Benjamin F. and Ruth M. As a man of sound judgment and farsightedness Mr. Fox has the entire confidence of his community. Though disinclined to accept public honors, he is, nevertheless, as a Democrat, influential in politics. Possessed of pronounced religious convictions, he is a member of the old school Lutheran Church.

URIAH C. ZEIGLER, deceased. The death, in 1902, of the gentleman whose name introduces this review, removed from Lebanon society one of its most active and honored members, one whose life is now symbolized by the many enduring and handsome structures which his genius erected throughout the city. Mr. Zeigler was one of the leading contractors of the city for a period of years, and as such was well known in this section of the Keystone State. He was born in North Annyville township, Lebanon county, August 21, 1846, and died in Lebanon March 21, 1902. Becoming an orphan at a tender age, Mr. Zeigler was reared by his grandparents, Jacob and Catherine (Clark) Zeigler. The grandparents were natives of Jonestown, and belonged to one of the old families of the county. Jacob Zeigler, born August 28, 1787, died January 10, 1877, and his wife, born June 20, 1791, died October 2, 1881. They were excellent and worthy citizens, and devout communicants of the Reformed Church.

Uriah C. Zeigler passed the period of adolescence on the farm, where he developed that sturdiness of character which was one of his chief characteristics through life. His education was limited to the curriculum as found in the common schools of his district, but he applied himself to such purpose as to fit him for service in the schoolroom as teacher. This constituted his first experience in life, though it does not seem to have appealed to his stirring nature as a very desirable employment, as he followed it but a year. He remained on the farm until the death of his grandparents, dutifully caring for them in their last days. Upon their decease, he entered the employ of the old Union Canal Company, and was thus engaged for eight

years. He also sold books for a time about this period of his life for New York and Philadelphia publishing houses. In 1875 he came to Lebanon and entered the employ of the Lebanon Manufacturing Company, building cars. Here his executive ability soon brought promotion, and he was made foreman of a group of workmen. After being with this firm for about a year, he passed to a wider field of service with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, having been given the position of foreman of roundhouses at Harrisburg and Pottsville. While thus engaged he also did contracting for the same company at the latter town. He then returned to Annville, and subsequently came to Lebanon, where he entered the employ of lumber companies conducted by Reinoehl & Co. and Fox & Embrich. This gave him an experience which he utilized in 1887, in which year he began a contracting business on his own account. Mr. Zeigler was not a man to be content with small things—his mind having a natural grasp of great projects—and thus he became connected with some of the largest contracts ever given out in Lebanon. He was a man who had great pride in completing his contracts on schedule time, and was frequently the recipient of bonuses which were earned in that manner. It will be of interest to note here some of the larger contracts which he finished in the city, and which stand as enduring monuments to his genius: The remodeling of the Fairview public school was completed before contract time, and for which he received a handsome bonus; the handsomest church edifice in the city, the Salem Lutheran chapel, was the work of his hands; the Coleman Church; the Weimer Sixth Street Market House and Auditorium; the Galt residence on the Wish farm; the Miller Organ Company's Music Store; the Shenk building; and the handsome residence of Col. J. B. Embrich were erected by Mr. Zeigler. He also built the Funk Syndicate row of tenements, and remodeled the buildings of the Lebanon Trust Company, and that of the Farmers' National Bank. The beautiful Auditorium at Mt. Gretna and the Good Samaritan Hospital are of his masterpieces.

Marriage was entered into by Mr. Zeigler August 28, 1878, in Lebanon. The lady, and who now survives him, was Miss Elmira Fitting, born at Indian Town Gap, Lebanon county, the daughter of Daniel and Lucetta Fitting, both now deceased. The marriage was blessed with two sons, Uriah C., Jr., born August 26, 1879; and Eugene, May 9, 1884. There were three other inmates of the Zeigler home, a granddaughter, Elmira Clark Zeigler, born September 15, 1899, and died December 20, 1902; and Charles Francis White and William Neat. The former was born in Lebanon June



29, 1880, the latter in County Roscommon, Ireland, August 1, 1879. He came to the United States in 1885.

Mrs. Zeigler is a member of the New Lutheran Church, and is a lady of many kindly motherly attributes. Her husband was a leading spirit in the Reformed Church, which in his death lost a loyal supporter. He was a man whose many sterling qualities endeared him to a very large circle of friends, who greatly mourned his decease.

ISAAC B. HAAK, one of the leading and successful business men of Myerstown, and a dealer in lumber and slate, was born in Myerstown, Pa., September 19, 1848, being a son of Michael and Maria (Noecker) Haak.

Jonathan Haak, grandfather of Isaac B., and his brother, Prof. Samuel Haak, was one of the early settlers of this locality, who engaged in farming all his life, and reared to honorable manhood and womanhood a large family. One of his sons, Michael, father of Isaac B. Haak, was born in Jackson township in 1815, and died in the same township, January 6, 1884. His wife, Maria Noecker, was born in 1820, and died in 1891. This worthy couple were the parents of five children, as follows: Isaac B.; Mary A., who married Alfred G. Ream, of North Jackson township; Sarah, who married A. B. Landis, and is now deceased; Samuel, principal of the Myerstown High School; and Jonathan, a farmer of North Jackson township. Michael Haak, the father of the above family, was a Republican in politics, and took an interest in local affairs, although he did not desire office. In religious matters he was a very active member of the United Brethren Church, and held the various offices in the same. In the different relations of life, Mr. Haak proved himself an honorable, upright man, charitable and kind hearted, and one who followed out in his life the principles and teachings of his church.

Isaac B. Haak was reared upon the farm, and received his education in the public schools of his locality, the Myerstown Academy, and later what is now known as Albright College. In 1871 he embarked in the lumber business, in which he is very successful, and is also a large contractor and builder, and by hard, patient effort has worked his way to his present position of affluence and prominence.

In 1870 Mr. Haak was married to Miss Mary A. Loose, of Myerstown, a daughter of William and Catherine (Peiffer) Loose, of Berks county, and this union has been blessed with one son, E. L. Haak, who is in business with his father, and a very enterprising and successful young business man of Myerstown. E. L. Haak married Miss Lizzie R. Tice, of Myerstown, but they have no children. In politics Mr. Haak is a staunch Republican, as are

all of the family. For many years, he has been very prominent in the United Brethren Church, having been Sunday School superintendent, president of the Young People's Society and treasurer of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Brethren Church; he is a trustee of the Lebanon Valley College, and he is a man of high, Christian character, highly esteemed by all who know him. In addition to his other large business interests, Mr. Haak is a director of the Myerstown National Bank, and also a director in the Lebanon County Trust Company, of Lebanon. Mrs. Haak is a member of one of the old and prominent families of this part of the State, and is herself a charming and intellectual lady.

CYRUS H. LESLIE, M. D., leading physician and surgeon of Palmyra, Lebanon county, was born on the old Leslie homestead farm, about three miles northwest of Annville, in North Annville township, January 24, 1841, a son of John Leslie.

John Leslie was born on the Leslie homestead, April 21, 1814, was the son of Benjamin Leslie, a native of Lancaster county, having been born near Muddy Run, that county, about 1794, and died about 1867. Benjamin Leslie came to Lebanon county when it was a portion of Dauphin county, and married Elizabeth Nye, they having the following children: Christian, deceased; Samuel, of Palmyra, retired; John, deceased; Benjamin, of Lebanon; Joseph, of Annville; Henry, deceased; Rebecca, deceased, married to Peter Barnhard; Catherine, married to Jacob Roland; and Henry, who died at the age of seventeen years.

The father, John Leslie, married Mary Heisey, born in Dauphin county, Pa., April 22, 1817, a daughter of Jacob Heisey. John Leslie died December 5, 1848, and his wife passed away April 18, 1859, their children having been as follows: Cyrus H.; Benjamin H., born July 22, 1843, married Miss Lydia Mease, and now resides at Lawrence, Kans.; Daniel H. born March 12, 1847, married Mary Rhodes, of Pottstown, and died in 1888. The father was a farmer all his life, his days being spent in North Annville township. Both he and his wife were most excellent Christian people and consistent members of the Dunkard Brinzer Church.

Dr. Leslie was reared upon the farm until he reached his fifteenth year, attending the common schools and the old Annville Academy. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was mustered into the service at Harrisburg, and discharged by general order at Washington, in June, 1865. His regiment was with the First Army Corps, of the Army of the Potomac. Enlisting as a pri-

vate, he was a corporal when discharged. He was in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and was wounded during the first day's fighting in the railroad cut at Gettysburg. His injuries were very serious, he receiving three wounds at a distance of less than twenty-five feet, and these, especially the one in the right leg, confined him to the hospital for four months. Before the war, Dr. Leslie had been engaged in mechanical work, but upon his return, he accepted a clerkship, and later embarked in several other enterprises, until 1872, when he entered the office of his brother, Dr. Benjamin Leslie, at Ono, Lebanon county, where he read medicine from the spring of that year until fall, and then entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1874. That same year, he began the practice of his profession at Annville, taking the practice of Dr. Fahnestock, and there remained until 1882. At that date, he located at Palmyra, where he has built up a very desirable general practice, and is recognized as the leading representative of his profession in that locality. Long experience, wide reading, and a great love for his profession, all combine to make Dr. Leslie a wise and successful physician, and he is justly popular and beloved.

Dr. Leslie married Ellen Henry, daughter of Andrew and Louisa (Shade) Henry, and four children have been born of this union: Roger Sherman, born October 12, 1876, who died when ten months old; Lyman Abbott, born April 19, 1879, who died when five months old; Ruth L. M., born January 28, 1881, a graduate of the Lebanon Valley College; and Cyrus H., born May 28, 1888, who attended the common schools of Palmyra, and is now a student at the business college at Lebanon. Dr. Leslie is a member of Sedgwick Post, No. 42, G. A. R., Lebanon, and a member of Camp No. 192, P. O. S. of A., Palmyra. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and takes an active part in local affairs. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church, of which he is a liberal supporter, and he and his family are very important factors in the social life of their community.

**GEORGE S. MEISER.** To the citizens of Lebanon county this retired agriculturist needs scarcely an introduction. He is one of the grand old gentlemen of Millcreek township, in every respect a worthy representative of the cultivated family who for six generations have occupied his present homestead.

Michael Meiser, the first American representative of the family was one of a party of one hundred colonizing families, who, under grants issued by Queen Anne, came to this country in 1702, and settled at Albany, New York. Unable to procure good titles to their land, Mr. Meiser and eight other famil-

ies shortly afterward, moved to Dauphin county, Pa., locating on Big Swatara creek, but, being soon ordered East by a superior force of Indians, the new comers journeyed to the Millbach Valley, where they pitched their camp for the night. The fertility of the soil and the discovery of running water decided them to remain, and in 1704 Mr. Meiser took out patents on the tract of land, now occupied by his descendant, George S. Meiser. Here he at once erected a comfortable house, and later cleared up considerable of the land. He was endowed with great perseverance, energy, and marked business sagacity.

The line of descent was unbrokenly continued by George Meiser (1), son of Michael, through George Meiser (2), son of George (1), to John George Meiser. The latter was the grandfather of George S., and a farmer by occupation. He married and had two children: George, who is mentioned below; and Catherine.

George Meiser, son of John George, and father of George S., was born in 1800. Under refined home influences, accompanied by thorough training for life's activities, he grew to maturity. During his early manhood he married Sarah Seibert, a noble minded woman, who is now deceased. By this union there were six children: George S., who is mentioned below; Eliza, who married Joseph Kalbach; and four others, who are now deceased. After marriage Mr. Meiser settled upon the family homestead, which by this time was a well improved farm. Here he engaged in agriculture extensively, and by hard work and wise management added both to the value of the land and the buildings. He was progressive and practical, and an authority among agriculturists. He died in 1876.

George S. Meiser was born on the family homestead, August 20, 1822, and there he grew to manhood. In the old time subscription schools he procured his education, receiving thorough and practical drill in the rudiments. Reared to farm work, upon reaching manhood he naturally chose that occupation, and evinced from the start much inherent ability in the line. In 1850 Mr. Meiser married Mary Fby, of South Lebanon township, who was born July 6, 1830, daughter of Jacob Eby, who descended from old families of Lancaster and Lebanon counties. Mrs. Meiser was a devoted wife and noble Christian woman. She died in 1894. By this union there were three children: (1) George, who is now deceased, married and had a son George, who now resides in Newark, N. J. (2) Sarah married Penrose Seltzer, and they reside upon the Meiser homestead, where he is engaged in speculating in live stock. Of this union there has been one child, Minnie, who married J. A. Zug, of Womelsdorf, and they have one daughter, Mary J. (3) Alice married John Brendle.

After marriage Mr. Meiser settled upon the old Michael Meiser homestead, and followed agriculture along the lines established by his father. He studied the art of economizing labor, and every effort he put forth told for good. The well-tilled fields produced abundant and seasonable crops, which commanded the highest market prices. Other branches of his industry were not neglected and his dairy was especially fine. Having made well out of his industry, about twenty-five years ago he retired from active work, and has since been enjoying the fruits of the labors of former years.

Mr. Meiser has long been an influential man in the township. As a strong Democrat he has evinced an active interest in local politics, and he has voted fifteen different times for president, the first time in 1840. As a man of firm religious convictions, he has belonged to the Millbach Reformed Church for fully sixty years, where he has filled the offices of deacon and elder with marked ability and fidelity. Having been a strong man mentally, morally and physically all his life, now in his eighty-third year he is in full possession of his faculties, his mind being active and his memory retentive.

NOAH P. WALBORN, one of the honorable citizens and thrifty farmers of North Jackson township, occupying one of the fine farms of Lebanon county, located within one mile of Myerstown's northern limit, was born November 18, 1842, in Stouchsburg, Berks county, a son of Peter D. and Lydia (Zeller) Walborn, of Berks county.

Peter Walborn, the father of Noah P., was a son of Leonard Walborn, whose father doubtless came to America from Germany and settled in this part of the State in the early days of its settlement. The children born to Leonard Walborn have all passed away with the exception of Daniel, and were: John, Leonard, Andrew, Peter, Daniel, Elizabeth and Esther. Three children were born to Peter D. Walborn and wife, namely: Isabella, the wife of M. K. Frantz; Noah P. and Edward Z. Peter D. Walborn was a lifelong Democrat, and was one of the industrious and thrifty farmers of his locality. For many years he was a leading member of the Lutheran Church.

Noah P. Walborn was reared on his father's farm in Berks county, and obtained his education in the common schools. His interest has always been centered in farming, hence his success in this line, few agriculturists of his vicinity being more practical in their methods, or more satisfactory in their results, than Mr. Walborn. In young manhood he started out to make his own way in the world, and that he now owns two fine, well-improved farms, one containing 174 and the other sixty-five acres of most

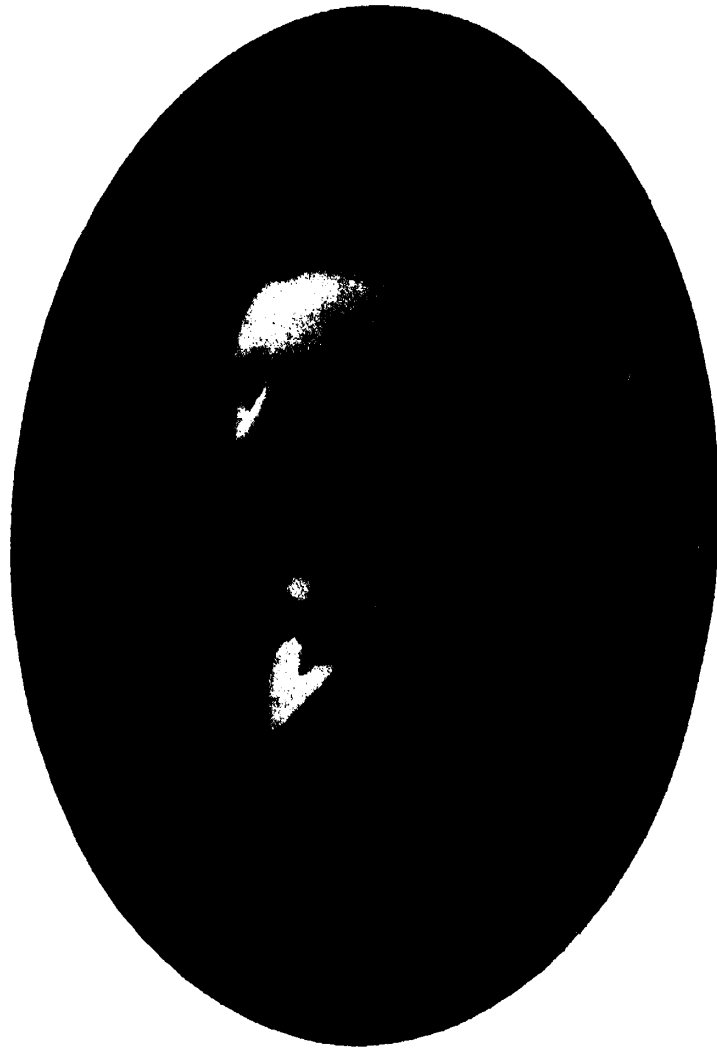
excellent, productive land, is but the result of close application, economy and a sober, temperate life. Although Mr. Walborn has reached the age of sixty years, he still is actively operating his land and looking after his affairs with all the vigor and capacity of other years.

On May 17, 1862, Mr. Walborn was married to Eliza Mosser, born August 18, 1837, daughter of John and Sallie (Sheetz) Mosser, old and honorable residents of Lebanon county. She died December 30, 1890, the mother of eight children, as follows: Henry, deceased; Noah P., Jr., a farmer of Jackson township; Samuel E., of Myerstown; Sallie, wife of Frank Kauffman, a farmer of Jackson township; Lydia R., at home; John J., a farmer at home; Mary, at home; and Emma E., wife of Harvey Steiner, of Lebanon city. Like his father, Mr. Walborn has always been identified with the Democratic party, and has served his district for three years as school director and is recognized as a useful and representative citizen of his township. For many years he has been an elder, trustee and deacon in the Lutheran Church.

The Mosser family, to which Mrs. Walborn belonged, is well-known in Pennsylvania. Her father was born in 1799, and her mother, June 9th. in the same year, and they had a family of seven children born to them, of whom Maria, Aaron and Rebecca are the only survivors. Grandfather Michael Mosser came to America from Germany and the family has been known in this State for 150 years.

REV. HERVIN ULYSSES ROOP, A. B., A. M., PH. D., president of the Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa., a native of Dauphin county, was born November 16, 1868, near Highspire, Pa., on a farm where he passed the early years of his life. Dr. Roop is a son of Henry J. and Justina M. (Backenstoe) Roop, the latter of whom was born in 1848, and died in 1881. Rev. Jacob Roop, the great-grandfather of Dr. Roop, was a native of Germany and a pioneer preacher of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in Lebanon county. His son, Christian Roop, was reared in Dauphin county, as was also Dr. Roop's father. After a successful agricultural career, the latter lives retired in his new home in Highspire.

Dr. Roop attended the public schools of his native town and the Steelton (Pa.) high school, from which he graduated. He then taught public school three years in Highspiree, saved some money with which to go to the Lebanon Valley College, and graduated therefrom with the degree of Bachelor of Arts with high honors. Two years later he also received the degree of Master of Arts from his Alma Mater. Being diligent, studious and ambitious, Dr.



*Herwin U. Roof.*

Roop matriculated as a post-graduate student in philosophy and pedagogy in the University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, where he received the degree of Master of Arts, upon rigid examinations in 1894, and that of Doctor of Philosophy, *cum laude*, in 1895. Dr. Roop also studied in Clark University, Worcester, Mass., Cornell University, and later spent two years in the resident study of philosophy, pedagogy and English literature in the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Roop entered the ministry of the United Brethren Church in 1890, and became a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. During his connection of three years as a professor with the Shippensburg State Normal School he taught classes in English, history, pedagogy, Latin, Greek, German and French. He taught one year in the Rittenhouse Academy in Philadelphia, Pa., and then was asked by Hon. John Wanamaker to become the first State Superintendent of the Normal Department of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association. This position Dr. Roop accepted, and labored in it for almost two years during which time he organized the Normal Training work for Sabbath School teachers throughout Pennsylvania. In this work Dr. Roop was engaged when he received the urgent call to become the president of the Lebanon Valley College and the Professor of Philosophy, June 14, 1897. This position the Doctor accepted, and since then has been filling it with remarkable ability, being especially strong as an organizer, financier and teacher. He is the first alumnus of the college to be president, and when elected, was one of the youngest, if not the youngest college president in the United States.

Dr. Roop came to the rescue of the college, and has given it standing and prestige among educators. During his administration this institution has been prospering. The old buildings have been remodeled and enlarged, a fine brownstone music hall, and a commodious gymnasium have been erected, and an athletic field of six acres, enclosed and fitted up for all phases of athletics, has been purchased. The assets have been increased to \$175,000, the faculty of the college has been completely reorganized, enlarged and strengthened, the courses of study thoroughly revised and expanded, the Group system of studies being now in vogue, each group leading to the A. B. degree, and the enrollment of students has increased from 125 to 451.

Dr. Roop is a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Philadelphia; of the Lebanon County Historical Society; and is one of the nine members of the Board of Education of the United Brethren Church of the World. His deep learning and scholarly style have



made him a welcome contributor to religious and educational periodicals. He is also much in demand as a public speaker and institute lecturer.

On August 26, 1897, Dr. Roop was married to Emma May Kephart, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. E. B. Kephart, of Baltimore, Md., and the one daughter born of this union bears the name of Margaret Kephart Roop.

CYRUS L. BEHNEY, a retired farmer of Myerstown, and one of the leading representative men of the community, was born in Marion township, Berks Co., Pa., December 25, 1840, son of Augustus and Anna Mary (Loose) Behney.

Thomas Behney, the first of the family in America, is supposed to have emigrated from Germany about 150 years ago, and one of his sons, Christopher, the grandfather of Cyrus, had the following family: Augustus, William, Isaac, Henry, Jacob, Eliza (who married David Lenge, of Ohio), Malinda (who married Amos Berntheisler), and Mary (who married John Spangler). Christopher Behney was one of the old settlers of Lebanon county, where he farmed and dealt in cattle and horses, living to the extreme age of eighty-five years.

Augustus Behney married, in 1838, Anna Mary Loose, daughter of John Loose, of Berks county. He was born in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, in 1815, and died in 1878. His family consisted of eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Cyrus L.; Isaac (twin to Cyrus L.), who died at the age of fifty-two years; Augustus, of Myerstown; Sarah, widow of Dentist Ezra Kilmer, of Myerstown; Rebecca, wife of Jonathan Swope, of Berks county; Henry, of New Jersey; and Loranna, who married E. L. Bleistine, a grain dealer of Myerstown. Mrs. Behney was born in 1819, and died in 1901, and both she and her husband are deeply mourned by their family, as well as by a wide circle of warm friends, and the memory of their many kind and charitable deeds lives after them.

Cyrus L. Behney was reared upon a farm, receiving his education in the public schools, and followed an agricultural life until 1901, when he retired, and now is enjoying the fruits of his industry. On December 3, 1864, he married Miss Amelia C. Bordner, of Berks county, daughter of David and Dena (Houtz) Bordner, also of Berks county, born October 2, 1839, and died January 4, 1900. Two children were born to this union: Calvin, of Reading; and Lizzie, who married George D. Coover, of the Myerstown *Enterprise*. Mrs. Behney was one of a family of nine children, namely: Amelia; Priscilla; William; Edward; Isabella; Peter W.; Elizabeth; Isaac and Adam.

Mr. Behney is possessed of considerable property, owning three fine farms, one of 130 acres in North Lebanon township; one of 55 acres in North Jackson township; and one of 120 acres in Bethel township, Berks county; as well as one of the handsome and comfortable residences of Myers-town. All of this property has been accumulated through hard, untiring efforts, directed intelligently along proper channels. Mr. Behney has been an industrious man, sober and temperate, and is a consistent member of the Reformed Church. He has ever been active in the welfare of the church of his faith; for a number of years he has served as treasurer and trustee of the same. His political opinions make him a staunch Democrat, but he has never aspired to office.

Mr. Behney comes of an old and honorable family, and he has always enjoyed the highest esteem of his neighbors and friends. The untimely death of his excellent wife cast a shadow upon his life, but he is consoled by the love of his children, and the friendship of those who appreciate him at his true worth.

LEVI K. BOMBERGER, one of the leading and representative farmers of North Cornwall, Lebanon county, residing on his farm four miles southwest of Lebanon city, was born in South Lebanon township, June 3, 1855, a son of Joseph and Hannah (Kridler) Bomberger.

Levi K. Bomberger was reared upon the farm, and was educated in the public schools of the locality, and also at Palmyra Academy. He was only twelve years of age when brought to North Cornwall township, where he has since made his home, and has always followed farming. In 1882 he began farming on his own account, first renting, but later located on his present farm, which contains a little over 102 acres, which he has made into one of the finest pieces of property in this locality. Being one of the public-spirited, broad gauged men, he is always ready to promote any measure calculated to prove of benefit to the general public.

On November 26, 1881, Mr. Bomberger was married to Miss Cassie Krieder, daughter of Henry W. and Susannah (Brubaker) Krieder, born in Heidelberg township, June 2, 1859. Mr. and Mrs. Bomberger have two sons, Harry K. and Allen K., both at home. The eldest, Harry K., is a teacher in the public schools of Lebanon county, North Cornwall township, having received his education in the common schools and at Annville and Millersville. Mr. and Mrs. Bomberger are worthy and consistent members of the U. C. Church at Annville, and their children as well as themselves stand very high in the estimation of the people where they have made their homes for so many

years. Genial and pleasant in manner, Mr. Bomberger has made many friends, and he is a good type of the best class of farmer citizens of the Keystone State.

REV. WILLIAM ELIAS STAHLER, D. D. In Dr. Stahler the city of Lebanon, Pa., possesses a clergyman of scholarly attainments and ripened experience, and a citizen who has been an important factor in promoting the educational and religious enterprises of this community. Dr. Stahler is a Pennsylvania product, born July 3, 1858, at Norristown, Pa., son of William and Savilla (Eshbach) Stahler, and grandson of an old and prominent citizen of Lehigh county.

William Stahler, his father, was born on a farm in Lehigh county, near Allentown, and after finishing a common school course, he went to Philadelphia, and there learned the drug business. When prepared to start out in life, he purchased the oldest established drug store in Norristown, and continued there in business during the whole of his life, which was sadly ended by an accident on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, at Exeter, Pa., in May, 1899, at the age of seventy-four years. For an extended period he was prominent in Masonic circles, and was a member of the town council. He was a leading member of Trinity Lutheran Church, held responsible official positions, and lived so worthy a life that he is widely remembered with esteem and affection. The mother of Dr. Stahler was a daughter of Abram Eshbach, of Boyerstown, Pa., and she passed away in 1890, at the age of sixty years. Three sons completed the family circle, all of these surviving, namely: Eugene A., who is a resident of Norristown; William Elias; and Harry L., who carries on the drug business at Norristown, where his father was so long and favorably known.

The early education of Dr. Stahler was obtained both in the public and private schools of Norristown. At the age of sixteen he entered Gettysburg College, and was graduated from that fine and famous school in 1880, with honors, standing second in his class and delivering the Latin Salutatory. After a year's course at Pierce's Business College, in Philadelphia, Dr. Stahler entered the Gettysburg Theological Seminary in 1881, graduating in 1884. His first ministerial call was to the Cavalry Lutheran Church at Mount Jackson, Shenandoah Co., Va., where he spent three useful years, accepting then the urgent call to the charge at Shippensburg, Pa. To this church he devoted seven busy years, and then came to his present charge, Zion Lutheran Church, at Lebanon.

Soon after coming to Lebanon Dr. Stahler took an extended tour abroad,

traveling for months through the most interesting portions of Spain, Algeria, Egypt, the Holy Land, Syria, Asia Minor and Europe, returning to his home in every way prepared for still wider fields of usefulness. Although Dr. Stahler has been honored with calls to larger charges in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, York and other cities, he has preferred to remain with his devoted people in Lebanon, where he will soon celebrate the tenth anniversary of his pastorate in "Zion." Extensive remodeling was begun there in 1901, to meet the demands of new methods of work and modern ideas of comfort, beauty, utility and fitness, and the completion of this work has made Zion Church and Chapel among the handsomest houses of worship in the city. Dr. Stahler enjoys the esteem of the citizens, no less than the admiration and affection of his own flock. He has taken a prominent stand in favor of those enterprises for the city which have met with his approval, and is ever zealous for the promotion of civic art, morality and righteousness.

In June, 1903, Dr. Stahler was one of the appointed speakers at the great Biennial Convention of the Lutheran General Synod, held in Baltimore, Md. His address, "The Reign of the Rose," was so well received that the Board of Church Extension (in whose behalf he spoke) at once ordered ten thousand copies of the address printed for circulation in the church. During the same month his alma mater at Gettysburg conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

During his residence within college walls Dr. Stahler belonged to the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, and still enjoys meeting his old comrades in reunion. He also belongs to Mt. Lebanon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Lebanon.

On October 20, 1887, Dr. Stahler was united in marriage with Miss Florence Allen, daughter of Lemuel Allen, of Mount Jackson, Va. One son, Alan Donald, was born to this union.

JOHN UHRICH, one of the honorable, wealthy and highly esteemed citizens of Myerstown, is a retired farmer of Lebanon county, who was born in Jackson township, February 29, 1840, a son of Valentine and Catherine (Mase) Uhrich, the latter of whom still survives, at the age of eighty-three years, a resident of Myerstown.

Valentine Uhrich (3) was born in 1813, and died in 1889, and was the third of his name in direct line of succession, his grandfather Valentine Uhrich having emigrated to America from Germany, and settled near Myerstown some 160 years ago. Grandfather Valentine was the father of six children, namely: Michael, Valentine, John, Elizabeth, Katherine and Magdalena, all

deceased. Valentine (3) was married in 1839 to Catherine Mase, of Heidelberg township, and the four children of this union who grew to maturity were: John, Valentine D., George W. (deceased), and Amanda, the wife of Dr. W. C. Kline, of Myerstown. Valentine Uhrich was one of the leading farmers of Lebanon county, where he was also known as a man of reliability, good citizenship and exemplary life. He was a lifelong member of the Democratic party, and for many years was a leading member of the Lutheran Church.

John Uhrich is a worthy representative of this industrious, honorable, agricultural family which for generations has taken such a prominent part in the affairs of this community. His birth and rearing were in a good home, and he was early taught the principles of practical farming, in the meantime attending the public schools and the village academy. The young man grew to honorable, robust and useful manhood, and in 1865 married Jane P. Leinbach, a daughter of Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach, of Berks county. Mrs. Uhrich died in 1874, the mother of two children, namely, John L. deceased; and Mary J., who is the wife of J. C. Reber, a dealer in bicycles and automobiles at Reading, Pa., and has three children, John U., Mary U. and James U. On March 2, 1895, Mr. Uhrich was married (second) to Elizabeth U. Hain, born in 1844, daughter of the late John and Magdalena (Uhrich) Hain, of Dauphin county, near Harrisburg. She has two brothers, Daniel and John Hain.

Mr. Uhrich has been a farmer all his life, and has followed those methods and exercised that care and supervision which have brought him great success. In 1895 he retired from activity on the farm and retired to Myerstown, where he is counted among the valued citizens, and is surrounded by a large circle of congenial friends. Mr. Uhrich built a fine mansion in this town and also owns much valuable land in the country, two fine farms in Jackson township, two others in partnership with his brother, Valentine D., and also land in Dauphin county. He probably pays more taxes on land than any other citizen of Jackson township. In political sentiment he has always been identified with the Republican party. Both he and his wife are valued members of the Lutheran Church. No citizen of the county is held in higher esteem as an honest and upright man than is John Uhrich.

DAVID O. SHENK, merchant and prominent citizen of Annville, was born August 30, 1834, on a farm located about one mile north of Annville, in what is now North Annville township. His parents were Abraham and Magdalena (Oberholtzer) Shenk, the former of whom was born in 1790, in Annville township, and died in 1839, and the latter of whom was born in 1795,

at Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, daughter of John Oberholtzer, and died in 1864. Their children were: John O., born in 1817; Joseph O., born in 1818; Christian O., born in 1822; Moses O., born in 1826; Samuel O., born in 1830; and David O., born in 1834. Joseph Shenk, the grandfather of David O., was born in Lancaster county and later removed to Lebanon. His children were: Jacob, Samuel, Abraham, Christian and Joseph.

David O. Shenk was six years of age when his parents removed from the farm and settled in Annville. Here he attended the public schools and the old Annville Academy, receiving an excellent education, and then, under the directions of John N. Smith (still surviving), he learned the tin-smith's trade, working at it for some years. When about eighteen years of age he went to clerking in the general store of Charles H. Killinger and John H. Kinports, of Annville, with whom he remained for a period of five years. This firm then changed to that of Kinports & Kreider, and Mr. Shenk continued with the same as clerk until 1861, in the fall of which year he enlisted for services in the Civil war, entering Company C, One Hundred and Seventy-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served one year, was appointed second sergeant of the company, and mustered out as commissary sergeant of the regiment.

Returning to Annville after his loyal and faithful service Mr. Shenk clerked for one year for the firm of Burkner & Kreider. In 1867 he became a member of the firm of Kinports & Shenk, general merchants, which partnership continued until the death of Mr. Kinports in 1894, following which the firm became Shenk & Kinports, George W. and H. L. Kinports, sons of the former partner, succeeding to their father's interest. Mr. Shenk was one of the organizers of the Daisy Shirt factory of Annville, in 1892, of which company he was a director during its existence.

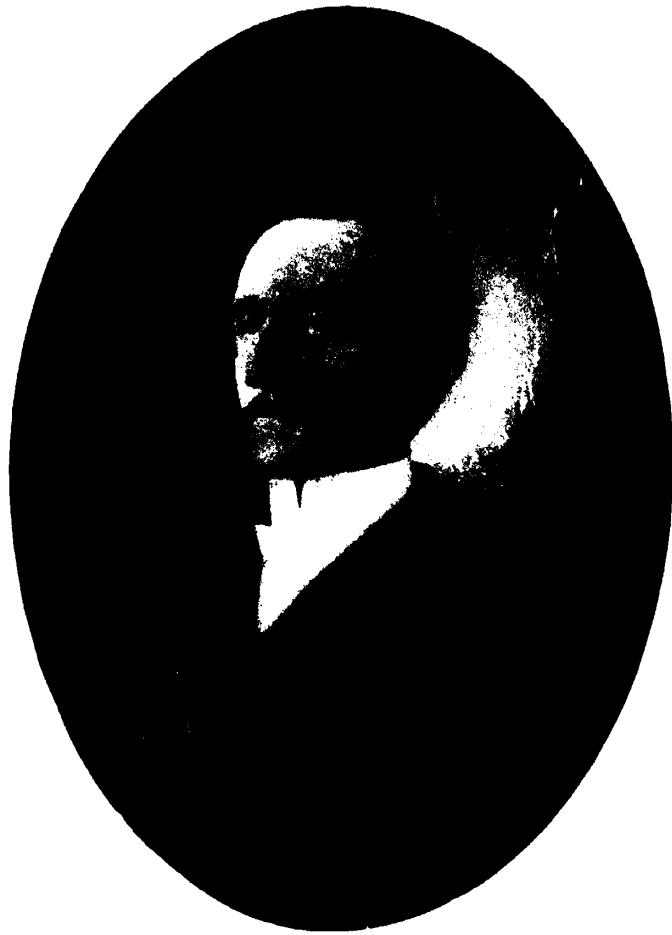
In 1865 Mr. Shenk was married to Louisa M. Rigler, daughter of George and Mary Rigler, of Annville, who died in the fall of 1898, at the age of fifty-two years, leaving one son and one daughter, namely: George R., born in 1868, was educated in the common schools and the Lebanon Valley College, graduating in 1887, and in 1889 from Jefferson Medical College, and then taking a special course in medicine in New York City, was thoroughly prepared to attend to the large practice which he enjoys in Reading; and Mary M., who was born in 1871, attended the common schools and graduated from the Lebanon Valley College. Mrs. Shenk was active in church and Sunday school work, teaching in the school, and for many years Mr. Shenk was treasurer of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. In fraternal life, Mr. Shenk belongs to the order of Odd Fellows, and is a charter member of Washington Camp, No. 87,

P. O. S. A. of Annville, Through a long and successful business career, Mr. Sherk has retained the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens and is regarded as a worthy representative of the mercantile line in this locality.

**ABRAHAM HERSHBERGER.** A continuous connection with the business interests of the city of Lebanon for a period of forty-five years entitles this worthy and representative business man to honorable mention in a volume, purporting as does this one, to set forth the families who have been honorably connected with the history of this county.

Mr. Hershberger is a furniture dealer at Nos. 613-617 Cumberland street, Lebanon. He is a native of Lebanon county, born in North Annville township, August 24, 1828, son of David Hershberger, who was born in East Hanover township, Lebanon county in 1802, and died in 1830. He was the son of Henry Hershberger, who was also born in East Hanover township, Lebanon county. The Hershbergers came originally from Germany. David Hershberger, the father of our subject, was a weaver by trade. He married Rebecca Baurd, who was born in North Annville township; Lebanon county, in 1803, and died in January, 1891. Her father was a native of Lebanon county. To the parents only two sons were born: John, the elder, born in 1824; our subject in 1828. The parents were members of the Reformed Church.

Abraham Hershberger was brought up on the farm from his eighth to his fifteenth year, during which time he went to school at the common schools for four winters, and secured an English and German education. In 1843 he came to Lebanon and began to learn the cabinet maker's trade, his apprenticeship being served under Henry Allenbach, whose shop was in the room now occupied as a tailor shop next to the Valley National Bank. Owing to the retirement from business of Mr. Allenbach, he was free from his apprenticeship in less than half the time usually required, but having applied himself diligently he was able to do work as a full journeyman. Tiring soon of being subject to an overseer, he set up in business for himself, opening a shop at the village of Bell Grove. He did well there for some eighteen months, but feeling the need of a larger field he went to Palmyra and opened a shop. Here he passed a period of over four years. After another trial in Lebanon, he, in 1856, yielded to the western fever, and went out to Bucyrus, Ohio. However, a twelve-month in this western village was sufficient to remove the scales from his eyes concerning the undesirability of his home town, and he returned, never again to tempt fortune outside its bounds. When he located in Lebanon the last time he opened a shop on Cumberland street, be-



*A Hershberger*



tween Seventh and Eighth streets, where the hotel now stands. Shortly afterward he purchased a lot where his present business house now stands, and built the establishment that has grown to such magnificent proportions. This growth has been gradual, but secure, and by the most legitimate business methods. In the management of the business he has been greatly aided by his two sons, one of whom is now a partner.

Mr. Hershberger has twice entered the state of matrimony, first on March 28, 1847, when he was joined in marriage to Angeline Matilda Meyers; this lady was born in Bethel township, this county, July 9, 1826, daughter of Peter Meyers, a tailor who conducted a business for years in Frederickstown. Mrs. Hershberger died March 25, 1896. She was an excellent mother to her two sons, and a woman of fine temperament. The names of her two sons are Francis, born November 1, 1848, and Stephen, August 3, 1852. On December 2, 1897, Mr. Hershberger brought to his home Miss Mary L. T. Graeff, a native of the county, and the daughter of Jacob Graeff, deceased. In religious faith both Mr. and Mrs. Hershberger are devout members of the St. Paul Evangelical Church. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Hershberger has passed a long life of singular uprightness and is now enjoying the fruits of well-directed efforts in his younger manhood. He is one of the solid men of his community and his many fine qualities of citizenship have brought to him the kind offices of a host of friends. His sons, also, are men of high repute, and the family is one which has a most worthy record of its individual members, past and present.

JOHN GATES. At the corner of Willow street and Doe alley, Lebanon, stands the blacksmithing establishment of John Gates, who for thirty-four years continuously has carried on his trade at that point. Mr. Gates is a gentleman of high repute in Lebanon, and is a man whose upright conduct and many good qualities of citizenship have made him the center of a large circle of friends. He is a native of the county, having been born in Colebrook on June 22, 1839, son of John Gates, Sr. His schooling was limited in youth to such as he could acquire from the common schools before he was fourteen years of age. Indeed, before that time he had gone to work in a brick yard, and at that age went to Ringtown, Schuylkill county, Pa., where he was apprenticed to the blacksmith trade with his uncle, William Motter. He passed the full apprenticeship period of four years with his uncle, and then returned to Lebanon, where he followed his trade for about a year. He, however, had left an attraction in Ringtown which was of sufficient power to draw him back to that village, for at the end of the year he returned, and on April 3, 1858, was joined

in marriage to Miss Caroline Rupert, a native of Ringtown, born March 17, 1840, daughter of Samuel Rupert. Mr. Gates immediately opened a shop for the prosecution of his trade in Ringtown, which he operated until 1861, when he again returned to Lebanon. During the war he did his duty by the Government in following his trade with the army. In 1862 he went to Washington, D. C., where he shod horses for the Government for some time, then was at Port Kennedy, Montgomery Co., Pa., for several years. His present location was opened by him on March 4, 1869. Mr. Gates has been very successful in his business, combining a penchant for hard work with unsurpassed skill in all branches of the blacksmithing business, and is especially known as a scientific shoer of horses. In this latter there is no man in the county who better understands a horse's foot and the proper care of it. Mr. Gates has pushed along steadily at his business, using his surplus capital, which he has saved, in investment in real estate about him, and is at present possessed of a nice little property. He owns his place of business and the adjoining residence property, as well as his commodious and comfortable home on Willow street, together with some other improved city property. He is looked upon as a man whose word is as good as his bond, and he is upright and straightforward, and is of genial disposition. He is a member of the Perseverance Fire Company, which has done great service to the city in the past, and in religious matters he affiliates with Zion Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gates have had these children: Clara, who married John E. Mills, of Lebanon; Robert, whose wife was Miss Margaret Schenk; Miss Ida; George, who married Jennie McNutt; Bertha, deceased; Charles; Samuel; Carrie, who married Charles H. Cooke, and who now resides in Pittsburg; Miss Martha A.; and Thomas J., who married Sarah Harpel. In political preference Mr. Gates favors the Democratic party, and is always found ready to do whatever he can to further its interests. He is a gentleman who merits the good will and esteem in which he is held in Lebanon.

PHILIP L. IMBODEN, a well-known, substantial farmer of Cornwall township, was born April 20, 1845, in South Annville township, this county, a son of George and Sarah (Heilig) Imboden, and grandson of Philip Imboden, a farmer of South Annville township and a strong supporter of the Lutheran Church.

George Imboden, the father, was born, reared and spent the whole of his comparatively short life in South Annville township, where he followed the life of a farmer. By his marriage to Sarah Heilig, he had a family of six children, namely: Emma (deceased), the wife of Joseph Herman; Philip L.;

George, a resident of Annville; Jacob R., engaged in a butchering business in Lebanon; Adam, a farmer and hotel-keeper in Schuylkill county, Pa.; and Clara, the wife of Abraham Herr, of Annville. The father passed away at the age of thirty-nine years, and the mother at the age of seventy-six.

Philip L. Imboden grew accustomed to farm duties in his boyhood, and attended the local schools of South Annville township. For eighteen years after his marriage he operated a farm on shares, and in 1885 located on the old Smith farm, which was formerly the property of his father-in-law, Isaac Smith, and was located five miles southwest of Lebanon. It contains 120 acres of very fertile land, and through his excellent management has become one of the very best farms of this part of Lebanon county. Mr. Imboden is a man of very great intelligence and of progressive ideas, and he was the first farmer in his locality to introduce that necessity of successful modern farming, a McCormick binder. Not only has Mr. Imboden been a leader in the matter of machinery, but he also has brought his stock up to a high grade and sets a very good example in his neighborhood. All public-spirited movements are given his careful attention and are liberally supported if his judgment sees in them good for the community. For several years he gave his intelligent service to the school board, and was ever an advocate of progress and growth to meet the demands of the times.

In 1866 Mr. Imboden was married to Miss Kate Smith, who was born in South Lebanon township, a daughter of Isaac Smith. Four children were born to this union, namely: (1) Grant, unmarried, remains with his father as engineer and farmer. (2) Isaac C., who has followed farming mainly through life, is now a resident of Reading, where he manufactures his own invention, patented, the I. C. harrow. He married Sallie Shenk, and they have had children—Stella, May, Herman, Mercy (deceased) and Grant. (3) Sallie married Elmer Hostetter, and they have children—Cyrus, Ada and Walter; they live in North Cornwall township. (4) Kate married Jacob G. Strippenhauer, and they reside with Mr. Imboden; their children are Katie, Mabel, Mary, Stella and Susan.

The family is highly respected, and is connected with the Lutheran Church, this being the religious body with which the Imbodens have been identified for generations. The family has long been established in the best social circles of the township.

WILLIAM P. TICE, of Myerstown, is one of the honorable men of South Jackson township, and resides in his handsome brick home on South Railroad street, Myerstown. Mr. Tice was born on the old Tice farm near

this town, August 28, 1838. The parents of Mr. Tice were Michael and Catherine (Noecker) Tice, deceased, the former of whom was a son of David Tice, an old settler who came from Clearfield county to this part of the State about one hundred years ago.

Michael Tice was one of his father's two sons, and was born in 1796, and died in 1849. His occupation through life was farming and in this old home he reared a family of thirteen children, namely: Henry, Eliza, Israel and Susan, deceased; David, a retired farmer of Myerstown; John and Percival, deceased; Andrew J., of Illinois; Katherine, the wife of Samuel Raber, of Myerstown; Levina, deceased; William P., of Myerstown; and Aaron and Rebecca, deceased. Mr. Tice died in 1849. He always supported the Democratic party, and was a consistent member and constant attendant of the Reformed Church. His wife was a daughter of Christian Noecker, an old resident of Jackson township.

William P. Tice was among the younger members of his parents' large family, and was reared to young manhood on the old Tice homestead, obtaining his education in the local schools and the Academy at Myerstown. Although but twenty-two years of age at the outbreak of the Civil war, he loyally offered his services to his country, enlisting in Company C, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. John H. Bassler, and becoming a part of the famous regiment known as the Second Bucktail. Mr. Tice was one of the brave and gallant men who served through the whole of the war, not receiving his honorable mustering out until June 28, 1865. After the close of the war and his return to the arts of peace, he made a trip to Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Ill., where he remained one year. Upon coming back to Myerstown, he began to learn the carpenter trade, and was associated with the lumber firm of Loose & Hoak for twelve years. Mr. Tice still continues to follow his trade, in which he has been eminently successful and is known as a skilled workman through this locality.

In January, 1869, Mr. Tice was married (first) to Susan Groch, daughter of the late Leonard Groch, and the one daughter of this union, Annie, is the wife of Charles Blithe, of Myerstown. In 1877 Mr. Tice lost his wife. In 1878 he was married (second) to Matilda Mease, born February 13, 1849, one of a large family born to Daniel and Elizabeth (Keller) Mease, the others being: Amanda, the wife of George R. Behney, of Lebanon; Dr. J. H., a dentist of Lebanon; Daniel, deceased; Abraham, deceased; Jacob W., of Lebanon; Lydia, the wife of Dr. B. H. Leslie, of Lawrence, Kans.; Daisy, the wife of J. G. Gerbrich, of Lebanon; Alice, the wife of Joseph Hoke, of Lebanon; and the others died in infancy.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Tice has been blessed with two children, Mabel V. and Rebecca E. In politics Mr. Tice is identified with the Republican party, and is prominent in the Capt. William Tice Post, No. 471. G. A. R., of Myerstown, and he is also connected with Lodge No. 358. I. O. O. F., of Myerstown, and Encampment, No. 149. With his wife he belongs to the Reformed Church. Mr. Tice started out in life with small means, but with plenty of courage and perseverance. Not only has he a fine business in Myerstown, but he is also a man who is respected and esteemed by all who know him.

AARON W. MOSSER, who for a period of twenty-seven years has been the efficient express agent at Myerstown, Pa., is one of the well-known and popular citizens. He was born Nov. 14, 1829, a son of John and Sallie (Shitz) Mosser, natives of Lebanon county.

The Mosser family is one of the old established ones of Lebanon county, having been founded here as early as 1740, its numerous representatives being among the leading citizens of this locality. Michael Mosser, the grandfather of Aaron W., was a very substantial farmer and prominent man in this portion of the county. His family comprised a number of daughters and two sons, John and Daniel.

John Mosser, the father of Aaron W., also followed an agricultural life in which he was eminently successful and was also well known as a staunch supporter of the Republican party, one of the first school directors of Jackson township, and a consistent member of the Reformed Church. The children born to John and Sallie Mosser were: Maria, the widow of Leonard Kapp; Sarah, deceased, the wife of Edward Wolborn, deceased; Aaron W., of Myerstown; Rebecca, the widow of John Keener; and Lavina, deceased wife of Edward Winder.

Aaron W. Mosser was reared on the home farm and was educated in the public schools of Myerstown and the Myerstown Academy. After completing the prescribed course, he returned to the farm and followed farming until he was about thirty years of age, leaving it to learn the carpenter's trade at which he worked for some five years, and then was associated for two years with the Hooper Iron and Burr Works, at Reading. About 1874, Mr. Mosser accepted the position of express agent for the Reading Railroad Express at Myerstown, and later he became the agent for the Adams Express Company, and the United States Express Company, in which position he has not only satisfied the business public, but the great companies which he has so faithfully served for twenty-seven years.

Mr. Mosser was married in 1852, to Miss Maria Groh, of Myerstown, a daughter of Henry and Maria Groh, of this county. A family of five children was born to this union, namely: John Henry, deceased; William P., a merchant of Myerstown, a member of the well-known firm of Mosser & Tice; Abraham L., a telegraph operator at Reading, Pa.; Miss Jane E., of Myerstown; and Annie M., the wife of T. Killmer, of Reading. In politics Mr. Mosser has always been identified with the Republican party, and in fraternal life, with the Knights of Pythias. For many years he has been a leading member of the Reformed Church, in which his venerable father was so long prominent and useful, and he has served both as deacon and trustee.

Mr. Mosser has accumulated ample means and attributes his rise from a position of early straitened circumstances to his temperate habits and close attention to business, by which he won the confidence of both the public and his employers. In the city which has been his home for so many years he is numbered with its honest, upright, influential and substantial citizens.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WARD, one of the leading merchant tailors of Lebanon, and a prominent citizen of the Fourth ward, is a native of Lebanon county, having been born at Annville, August 18, 1858. His father, John Ward, was also born in Annville, December 31, 1819, a son of John Ward, Sr., who was in turn a native of the same village, a son of Patrick Ward, who was born in Dublin, Ireland. His location in Lebanon county was at an early day, before its separation from Lancaster county.

John Ward, the grandfather, was a merchant tailor, Benjamin Franklin making the third generation in the same line of business in the Ward family. John Ward, the father of Benjamin F. Ward, died December 24, 1882. His wife, Leah Fishburn, who was born at Hockersville, Dauphin county, in 1831, passed away December 27, 1873, aged forty-two years, one month and three days. Their union was blessed with children as follows: John, deceased; Daniel B., a resident of Washington, D. C.; Benjamin F., of Lebanon; Maria C., of High Point, N. C.; and Allen F., of Lebanon. The father of these children carried on a merchant tailoring business in Annville for a period of forty years. For fifty years he was a member of the I. O. O. F. order. His religious connection was with St. Paul's old Lutheran Church.

Benjamin F. Ward, of Lebanon, was reared in Annville, and there attended school until old enough to begin learning his father's trade. After finishing to his father's satisfaction, he was employed by the latter for a time, and then went to Harrisburg, soon returning however, to Annville. Later he accepted a position with Levi Meyers, in Lebanon, continuing with him three

and one-half years at his place of business on Seventh street, and then, in 1885, opened up an establishment of his own, in a small frame building which stood on the site of the present Krause hardware store, on South Eighth street. His next location was in the Courier building, on South Eighth street, where he remained for about ten years, and then came to his present commodious quarters at No. 15, South Eighth street, in 1898. Mr. Ward is a member of of Odd Fellows, and the P. O. S. A. His religious connection is with Zion's Lutheran Church of Lebanon. In December, 1898, Mr. Ward was united in marriage with Annie C. Dininger, of Lebanon, a daughter of Michael Dininger. Mr. Ward is known as a man of taste and as one who is thoroughly posted on all subjects connected with his business, his constantly increasing patronage testifying to his skill and ability.

CHRISTIAN GINGRICH, SR., one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of South Londonderry township, Lebanon county, now residing at Lawn, was born on the old Gingrich farm, on the Horseshoe Pike, in South Annville township, February 9, 1832, son of Joseph Gingrich.

Joseph Gingrich was born December 12, 1788, also on the old Gingrich homestead in South Annville township, he being a son of Christian Gingrich, born in South Annville township, who was the first owner of the homestead in this family, now possessed by John Henry Gingrich. Joseph Gingrich was twice married, both his wives having the same maiden name, although not related. His first wife was Elizabeth Meyer, born June 10, 1793. To this marriage children were born as follows: Henry, born February 19, 1814, who became the father of John Henry Gingrich; Anna, born March 10, 1816; Feronica, born March 6, 1818, became the mother of Rudolph Behm, of Palmyra; Joseph, born May 5, 1820; Elizabeth, born August 17, 1822; Felix, born July 6, 1825. The second wife of Joseph Gingrich was Judith Meyer, who was born October 28, 1793, and died March 17, 1863. By this marriage the children were as follows: Joseph, born May, 4, 1830, married Catherine Laudermilch; Christian, born February 9, 1832; Lydia, born April 10, 1834, is unmarried, and makes her home with our subject.

Christian Gingrich, Sr., was reared upon the home farm, attending the common schools of the neighborhood. He remained with his father until 1856, when he removed to a farm one mile from Hummelstown, Dauphin county, where he spent nine years, operating his farm. In 1865 he returned to Lebanon county, and settled on a farm which he bought, at Upper Lawn, South Londonderry township, and there has continued to make his home. This fine farm comprises 197 acres, and he also owns a tract of 149

acres adjoining this farm, and a fine farm of 217 acres near Colebrook, the same township. Mr. Gingrich has spent his life as a farmer, and until 1865, was also an extensive drover and dealer in cattle. In addition to these interests, he was for many years a director in the Elizabethtown (Lancaster county) National Bank.

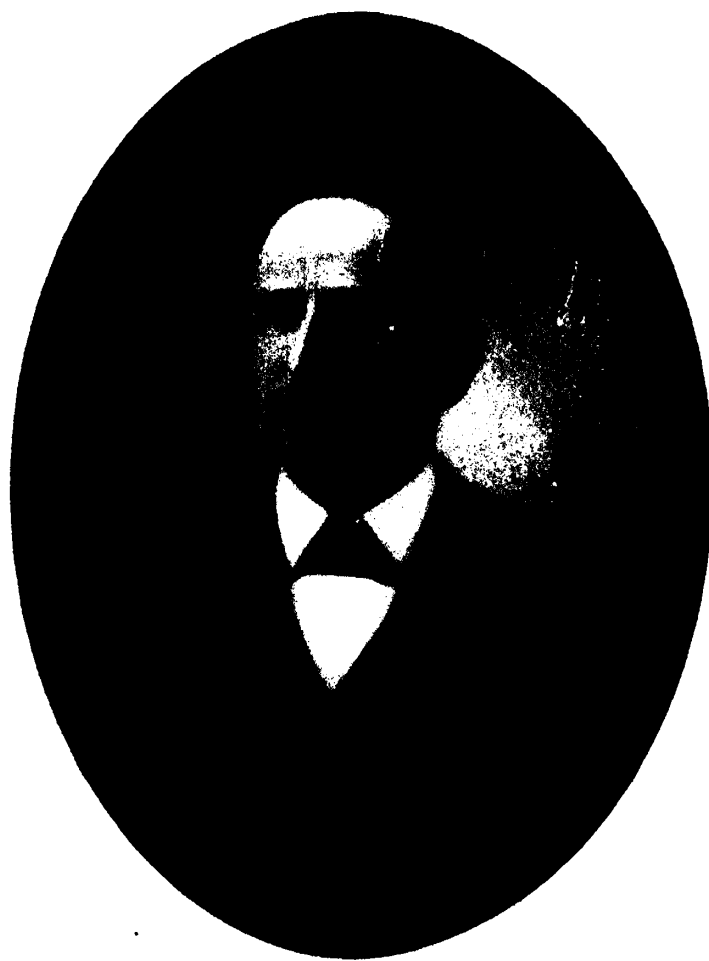
On December 21, 1854, Mr. Gingrich was married to Susannah Bochman, born May 23, 1834, a daughter of Peter and Rosanna (Boehn) Bochman, on the old Peter Bochman farm in South Annville township, Lebanon county, situated on the Colebrook road, and near the Horseshoe Pike. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gingrich were as follows: Henry B., born May 8, 1856, who married Marion Resecker, of Dauphin county, and has six children; Rosanna, born May 31, 1858, who married E. E. Risser, justice of the peace in South Londonderry township (she has no children); Alice E., born January 11, 1861, married Frank Foltz, a stock dealer of Campbelltown, and has several children; Christian C., born December 25, 1866. For several years he has served as school director, and always takes an active interest in matters pertaining to the education of the young. Mr. Gingrich is one of the best known men of his township, and has almost as many friends in Lancaster and Dauphin counties as he has in Lebanon. He is quite active in local politics as a member of the Republican party, and has been auditor of his town.

FRANKLIN T. MILLER, a retired carpenter and contractor of the city of Lebanon, is one of the esteemed residents of that place. He was born in Lebanon November 2, 1834, son of John and Mary (Steager) Miller, of Lebanon county, and grandson of Peter Steager, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

John Miller was a boatman on the old Union canal for many years. He was the father of seven children: Daniel, residing at Upper Sandusky, Ohio; John H., deceased; Mary, deceased; George, deceased; Peter, deceased; Hannah, the widow of Jonathan Hurley, of Lebanon; and Franklin T. The father was a member of the Reformed Church. He was a Democrat in politics.

Franklin T. Miller was reared in the city of Lebanon, received his education in the city schools, and learned the carpenter's trade while a young man. He followed that occupation until the call for troops in 1861, when he became a private in Company A, Ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. William M. Derr, and Col. J. M. McCarter. He served in the Army of the Potomac, and was engaged in the following named





*Franklin J. Miller*

battles: Williamsburg, Va., Seven Pines, Fair Oaks, Malvern Hill, Chantilly, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Mary's Heights, Salem Heights (where he received a wound in the neck, causing total disability of the right shoulder and arm), the Wilderness, Spottsylvania and Cold Harbor (1864). On October 20, 1864, he received an honorable discharge, leaving the army with the rank of corporal. After the war he returned to Lebanon. Later he accepted a position as foreman on the Union canal, and occupied that position for eight years, after which he was in the employment of Fox & Embich, as foreman in the planing-mill. He remained with them for eighteen years, when he was compelled to retire on account of a serious wound he inflicted in his left hand. His right arm was disabled in the war.

On February 17, 1856, Franklin T. Miller married Miss Sarah E. Uhrich, of Lebanon, daughter of David and Catherine (Dubbs) Uhrich. This marriage has been blessed with three children: (1) George A. works in the planing-mills. (2) David U. works in Reading. He married Mary Ault, and has one child, Eva. (3) Laura is the wife of William I. Embick, of Reading, and has two children, Frank M. and Leona Estella. Mr. Miller is a stanch Republican, and a member of the Reformed Church of Lebanon. He is a member of Post No. 42, G. A. R., of Lebanon, of which he is chaplain and past commander. He started out in life a poor boy, but has managed to secure much of this world's goods.

Mrs. Miller was one of a family of eight children: William Henry, deceased; Sarah E., the wife of our subject, born December 2, 1837; David P.: Hannah, deceased; Catherine, widow of John Shugar; John, deceased; George F.; and Mary Alice, the widow of David F. Wise, of Lebanon.

CALVIN D. KRUM is one of the well-known, substantial and representative citizens of North Annville township, and resides on his well-improved farm in Belle Grove. Mr. Krum is a native of Lebanon county, born December 15, 1866, in East Hanover township, son of John Henry and Kate (Deininger) Krum.

John Henry Krum was born in East Hanover township, below Mt. Nebo, a son of Henry Krum, who was born December 15, 1816, in Perry county, Pa., and died in November, 1895. Henry Klum was but a small boy when his father died, and he learned the milling trade at Kramer's mill in Dauphin county, coming later to East Hanover township, Lebanon county, where he engaged in farming until his death. Henry Krum married Rebecca Walter, born in 1822, in East Hanover township, and died in 1882, a daughter of Henry Walter, one of the early settlers of the township. The

children of Henry Krum and wife were: Wesley, who married Lizzie Early; John Henry, twin of Wesley; Milton, who died unmarried; Harrison, deceased; Caroline, deceased wife of Levi Shuler; Rebecca, who married Abraham Stein; and Lizzie, who married Aaron Shuey. The children of Henry Walter and wife were: Josiah; Rebecca; Mrs. John Roland; Mrs. Strome; and Mrs. George Behney. The mother of Calvin D. Krum was Kate, daughter of Michael and Market (Schantz) Deininger, and was born in 1840, in Londonderry township, the former of whom was born near Palmyra, and died in 1869, aged about seventy-one years.

John Henry Krum has been engaged in farming all his life on the farm purchased by his father from Jacob Robuck, which is now owned by John H. Krum, who also owns the adjoining farm of forty-seven acres, making him the possessor of 202 acres of very valuable Lebanon county land. Mr. Krum has long been one of the prominent men of the township, has served as school director and as supervisor, and is considered one of the most reliable and upright men of his neighborhood. Mrs. Krum is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, a most estimable Christian woman. The children born to John Henry Krum and wife were: Calvin D.; Walter S., who married Emma Beam, of Bunker Hill, Lebanon county, and has one child Mizpha B.; Maggie M., who married Irvin Cassell, of Dauphin county, and had a son Earl who died in childhood; Harry S., who married Emma Buck, daughter of Elias Buck, of East Hanover township and has a daughter Esther C.; Charles, who married Jennie Hetrich, daughter of Moses Hetrich, of Dauphin county, and has a son, Ralph H.; Lizzie M., who died in childhood; and Miss Stella Kate.

Calvin D. Krum passed his boyhood like many others, attending the public schools and assisting in the farming operations, until he was twenty-two, when he came to North Annville township. Here he married and then took charge of the old Henry Frank farm which he later purchased, and which he has continued to make his home ever since. In addition to this farm of forty acres, he owns also an excellent tract of eighty-one acres of fine farming land, which was formerly the property of John Kröll. Mr. Krum is a practical, wide-awake farmer and thoroughly understands the business in all its details. He has been very successful in his operations, and takes his place in the front rank of Lebanon county agriculturists.

In 1888 Mr. Krum was married to Lizzie F. Frank, born June 5, 1863, in North Annville township, near Belle Grove, daughter of Henry M. and Catharine S. (Fishburn) Frank, the former of whom was born on the old Frank farm, a son of Henry Frank (born August 22, 1797, died April 22,

1871), who was one of the earliest settlers of Belle Grove township. Henry Frank married Lydia Mark (born December 19, 1804, died April 4, 1875), and their children were: Henry M.; and Elizabeth, the wife of Isaac Strubenhaur. The children of Henry M. Frank and wife were: Lizzie F., the wife of Mr. Krum; and Benjamin, who died at the age of two years. The children of Calvin D. Krum and wife are: Violet C., Henry F., Charles M. and Elizabeth S. This family is a leading one in the United Brethren Church.

Mr. Krum has been a factor in public affairs in his neighborhood, serving most efficiently for two terms as school director of North Annville township, declining another election. In politics he is an active member of the Republican party. Both the Franks and Marks are prominent old families.

JONAS H. W. STAGER, a prominent resident of South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, is a worthy representative of one of the old and honorable families of Pennsylvania. The founder of the Stager family in America was named John Adam Stager, an honest burgher of Saxe-Weimar, Germany, who came hither prior to 1747, this claim being substantiated by old deeds from the British Crown, bearing that date. John Adam Stager paid into the treasury of King George III, the sum of five pounds, English money, for which he received a grant of 500 acres of land, then located in Lancaster county, but now included in Lebanon county, lying in what is now named South Lebanon township, North, about two miles east of the city of Lebanon. Of this original tract, the family still owns 250 acres.

John Adam Stager had settled in this new country in order to better his condition, and his course in life showed that his every effort was made to not only provide for his immediate family, but to also assist in the development of the country, advance its progress and aid in its betterment. Although a British subject, his son Frederick was a true Colonial, and he fought for freedom during the long struggle and enjoyed the final victory. That he was a man of mind and reliability is shown by the frequent calls made upon him for official service and private duty, and a long and busy life was his.

Frederick Stager was born August 28, 1760, and died February 18, 1824. On January 25, 1785, he was married to Elizabeth Yiengst, by Rev. W. Stocy, and December 27, 1785, a son was born, who was given the name Henry, and was baptized January 8, 1786, but who died the next day. The birth of other children followed: Henry, born October 2, 1787, was baptized October 14th, and became the grandfather of J. H. W. Stager, of

Avon; Adam, born December 6, 1789; Elizabeth, born December 10, 1791; Catherine, born January 7, 1794, was baptized February 2d; Frederick, born January 29, 1796, was baptized February 14th; Regina, born March 28, 1798, was baptized May 31st; and John, born February 4, 1800, was baptized March 19th. All of the foregoing children were baptized by Rev. Stacy, and those following by Rev. Heister: Samuel, born May 20, 1802, was baptized July 1st; Hannah, born October 19, 1804; Margaret, born December 15, 1806, was baptized January 28th; Anna Mary, born November 11, 1808, was baptized November 13th; Christina, born January 8, 1812; and Wilhelm, born May 23, 1814, was baptized June 14th.

Henry Stager, son of Frederick, died at the age of thirty-three years. His marriage, to a Miss Six, resulted in the birth of three children, namely: Jacob, who lived and died, unmarried, in this county, a very successful farmer and a strong supporter of the Democratic party; Jonas, born April 21, 1811, died November 29, 1889, at the age of seventy-eight years, seven months and eight days; and Catherine, born in 1813, died in 1852, the wife of Henry Werner, leaving two children, one of whom died in infancy, and the other was Henry, who died at Canton, Ohio, at the age of eighteen years.

Jonas Stager was reared on the old homestead and there spent his life, becoming one of the prominent and influential men of his community. After his marriage he began farming for himself on a part of the old homestead, becoming the owner of 194 acres, in two farms, and he personally operated 100 acres. In the course of years he became a wealthy man, and for years was a director and stockholder in the Lebanon National Bank. In politics he was a very influential member of the Democratic party, and for a long period was zealous in support of its principles, never seeking office but frequently having it forced upon him. His legal knowledge and his reliable character made him very often a member of both grand and petit juries. In religious life he was a very devoted member of the Reformed Church, and it was his daily practice to instill into the minds of his family, principles of uprightness and Christian living, his example being still stronger than his precepts. He married Elizabeth Werner, born October 3, 1811, in South Lebanon township, a daughter of Jacob Werner, and died in 1883. But two children were born to this union, namely: Jacob W., who is a prominent farmer of South Lebanon township; and Jonas H. W.

Jonas H. W. Stager was born December 4, 1841, and was reared on the farm. He acquired his education in the common schools and the Academy, laying thus a foundation for later extensive reading, deep thinking and close observation. In 1864 he began farming operations for himself, and

no farmer in the locality has more reason to feel gratified with his success. Mr. Stager owns 106 acres of the old original homestead.

On October 20, 1863, Mr. Stager was married to Miss Veronica Smith, born April 9, 1840, in Cornwall township, a daughter of William and Veronica (Bowman) Smith, and eight children have been born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Stager have suffered many sad bereavements, but two of this family still surviving, viz.: William F., a farmer on the homestead, who married Clara M. Behny, and has children, Bertha, Jonas, William, George and Esther M.; and John W., a retired broker, who operated in Lebanon for ten years, but now resides on the old homestead. He is a man of unusual ability, a graduate of the Lebanon city schools, in 1889, a telegraph operator and successful financier. He married Emma Fenstenacher, and they have two children, Edith Veronica and Luke. With the exception of a bright lad of twelve years, named Jonas, all of the other children of Mr. and Mrs. Stager, died in childhood. In politics Mr. Stager is a Prohibitionist, but has never sought public office.

Both Mr. Stager and wife are consistent members of the United Brethren Church, in which he is a class leader, and in which he has been elected a number of times as a delegate to the yearly conference, officiating as such in 1902. His support of the church has always been liberal. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Encampment, and also of the Junior O. U. A. M. In every relation of life Mr. Stager is a man to be honored and respected, and he may be justly regarded as a representative member of the best class of Lebanon county citizens.

JACOB NISSLEY, a prosperous agriculturist of Millcreek township, has for years been one of the most prominent men of the German Baptist Brethren Church of Tulpehocken District, in which he is now serving as elder. He is a man who lives his religion, and in his home, in his business, and in all intercourse with his fellow men shows himself worthy of his high position. He was born at Annville, Lebanon county, in 1843, son of Peter and Susan (Lfautz) Nissley.

Mr. Nissley's paternal great-grandfather was among the early settlers of Lancaster county. Henry Nissley, his grandfather, was born in Lancaster county, and there resided for many years. He assisted materially in the development of the resources of his section, and was a man of influence and of strong moral character. He was the father of eight children: Peter (who is mentioned below), Henry, John, Samuel, Isaac, Elizabeth, Annie and Catherine.

Peter Nissley, father of Jacob, achieved success in agriculture, and was also influential in the public affairs of Millcreek township. Born in Lancaster county July 12, 1809, he received in a well-ordered home good rearing and practical training for life's activities. Upon reaching manhood he turned his attention to agriculture, and for some years followed that occupation very successfully in Lancaster county. A more desirable opening in his line decided him, in 1853, to move to Lebanon county. There he settled upon a farm and made a comfortable home for himself. His well-laid plans materialized themselves in abundant and marketable crops, and won for him a leading place among agriculturists in his section. He lived to the advanced age of eighty years, and died September 10, 1889. During his young manhood Mr. Nissley married Susan Lfautz, and they had three children: John, Annie and Jacob. John and Annie died when they were small children.

Mr. Nissley possessed a large capacity for work, and wisdom in directing affairs, wherein lay his success as an agriculturist. His achievements and his noble character won him the esteem of all who knew him, and as a strong Republican in politics his word carried weight in local affairs.

Jacob Nissley was reared in an atmosphere of strong activity and high moral rectitude. Assisting his father on the farm, he received plenty of healthful physical exercise, and at the same time practical training in agriculture. In the public schools of his neighborhood he obtained his education, which he has since supplemented with much reading. A taste for agriculture decided him upon reaching manhood to make it the business of his life. On October 29, 1863, Mr. Nissley married Rebecca Zug, of Millcreek township. She was his faithful helpmeet for many years, dying May 24, 1902. She was a noble woman, and for many years was a devout member of the German Baptist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Nissley were born eight children: Lizzie, who married N. H. Royer, of Richland; Susan, wife of Daniel Royer, of Richland; Rebecca, who married Henry Hain, of Berks county; Samuel, who married Alice Sealer, of Richland, Lebanon county; Henry, who married Maggie Royer, of Lexington, Lancaster county; Jacob, who married Emma Haak, of Millbach, Lebanon county; and Annie and Ida, staying at home.

After his marriage Mr. Nissley settled upon a farm in Millcreek township, where he engaged in agriculture. Laying good plans and carefully executing them, he made a success of his work from the start. His carefully tilled fields resulted in abundant harvests, which, being marketed at the right time, brought in good money returns. Encouraged by his results he

soon branched out in business, and purchased other farms, which he cultivated, deriving a good income therefrom. In all his ventures he has prospered, and he now owns three well-improved and valuable farms—one containing seventy-four acres, another forty-one, and a third forty-three.

Mr. Nissley has confined his business activities to agriculture, seeking perfect work in one main line. He has not, however, been so absorbed as to neglect social and religious obligations. In 1866 he joined the German Baptist Church, and since that time has been one of the leading men. Through the merited esteem of the members he was made deacon April 3, 1875; minister in 1881; and August 20, 1900, elder, a place which he is still filling with marked ability. He is a man of irreproachable character, honest, sincere, and unwavering in his convictions, and he is one of the most highly respected and widely known ministers of the church in Lebanon county. Since 1896 he has been leading a retired life.

Abraham Zug, father of Mrs. Nissley, was a well-known citizen of Millcreek township. He had a family of six children: Samuel, now a resident of Dayton, Ohio; William, of Richland, Pa.; Lydia, who married Samuel Loose, and resides near Fremont, Ohio; Elizabeth, wife of John Fisher, of Richland; Amanda, widow of the late Hiram Holstein, of Lebanon; and Rebecca, Mrs. Nissley, who is mentioned above.

REV. A. M. BLECKER, a minister of the United Brethren Church, and one of the highly esteemed citizens of Myerstown, Pa., was born in North Lebanon township, Lebanon county, Pa., January 15, 1844, son of Michael and Elizabeth (Rittel) Blecker, of that township.

Michael Blecker, grandfather of Rev. A. M. Blecker, was of German ancestry, and was an early settler of Lancaster and later of Lebanon county. He cultivated a farm in North Jackson township which is still in the family. He had four sons and two daughters: Frederick, Michael, William, Samuel, Lavina (who married Henry Spannuth, of North Jackson township) and Rebecca (married to John H. Spannuth). Michael Blecker, father of this family, was a member of the Reformed Church, and an honorable, upright man. Of his sons, Michael Blecker (2), the father of Rev. A. M. Blecker, was a stonemason by trade, and a farmer by occupation during the greater portion of his life. His birth occurred December 3, 1819, and he died May 6, 1899. He was married in 1842 to Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Rittel, also an old settler of Lebanon county, who married Katherine Fisher. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Blecker was blessed with the following children: Rev. A. M. and Rev. Jared R., both ministers of the United Breth-



ren Church and one daughter, Helena, of Myerstown. Mrs. Michael Blecker was born in Lebanon county in 1821 and is still living. Michael Blecker became one of the leading farmers of his day, and was highly esteemed by all who had dealings with him. In politics he originally adhered to the principles of the Whig party, and later became a Republican; he was never an office seeker. For many years he was one of the leading members of the United Brethren Church, and an active and generous supporter.

Rev. A. M. Blecker was educated in the public schools of Jackson township and the Myerstown Academy, and after graduation taught school for four years. Afterward he embarked in the photographic and music business, continuing in the same for a number of years, in Myerstown, and meeting with unqualified success. Mr. Blecker at present conducts a prosperous business, dealing in hats and shoes. At the age of forty years he began the study of theology, and received quarterly license to preach the Gospel in 1884, and annual conference license in 1885, and has been an ordained minister of the United Brethren Church ever since, serving at different points, and accomplishing much good in the Master's cause.

On September 30, 1865, Mr. Blecker was married to Miss Catherine Artz, of Myerstown, a daughter of Benjamin and Ellen (Dehart) Artz, of that place; there has been no issue from this union. Mrs. Blecker has been an invalid for a number of years, and is tenderly cared for by her devoted husband, who in his home displays his many excellent traits of character to the utmost degree.

Fraternally Mr. Blecker is an earnest and popular member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 358, of Myerstown, Pa., and of the various church and Sunday-school organizations of his church. Being a man of wide reading and broad mind, he is enabled to grasp the living issues of the day and present them in a convincing manner, while his eloquence makes him a very popular clergyman. During a long and useful life he has accomplished much good, and now feels that his efforts have not been in vain, although he does not relax his endeavors but has many plans for future development.

EDWARD K. MANBECK, who died May 17, 1893, was for a long period of years one of the leading merchants of Lebanon. He was born in Jefferson township, Berks county, Pa., December 20, 1835, son of Joseph and Polly (Null) Manbeck, both of whom were of German descent. He was educated in the public schools and in the Lebanon Academy. In connection with his school duties in the Academy he clerked in the store of his uncle, Elias Raeber, one of the early merchants of Lebanon, and where he received

the training that made him so successful himself later in years. During this time his father had removed to New Schaefferstown, Berks county, and our subject joined him there from Lebanon, and together they went into business. This partnership continued at that point until the beginning of the Civil war. After the war, Mr. Manbeck served as revenue collector for several years, and later engaged in the fruit tree business. In the year 1883 he came to Lebanon from Reading, and organized the firm of Manbeck & Sando, opening a department store on Cumberland street, now Sando's, and continuing in successful business until his death. Mr. Manbeck was a man of keen business foresight, and had many fine attributes of character. Socially he was a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity, and in religious belief was a member of the Salem Lutheran Church.

In 1876 Mr. Manbeck married Elmira Knouse, who was born in Cumberland county, Pa., November 13, 1845, and is the daughter of Jacob and Savilla (Troutman) Knouse, the former a native of Lebanon county, and the latter of Berks county. Mrs. Manbeck survives her honored husband. She is the mother of the following children: J. Herbert, on the staff of the *Report* newspaper, of Lebanon; Estella K.; Mabel E., director of music at Sugar Grove Seminary; and Araminta. Mrs. Dr. Gingrich, wife of one of Lebanon's prominent physicians, is a daughter of Mrs. Manbeck by a former marriage.

**REUBEN HEILMAN.** The farmers of our country are the bulwark of the nation. From their homes are recruited to a large extent the personnel of office and store in the crowded city. The homes of the farmers of Lebanon county have furnished to the neighboring towns a large number of their most enterprising and progressive business men, and are good yet for many more recruits. One of the best known and most worthy of the agricultural class in North Annville township is the gentleman whose name initiates this review, whose position of school director in his community is sufficient evidence that he is a man of upright character and of good influence.

Mr. Heilman was born on a farm in North Lebanon township November 6, 1833. His father was Henry Heilman, Jr., whose birth occurred in North Annville township February 11, 1812. He died October 10, 1888, after a long life of usefulness in the community. Henry Heilman married Elizabeth Heilman, born in North Annville township March 5, 1816. She died December 15, 1883. Their children, besides Reuben, were: Amanda, who married Samuel Hossler, of Palmyra; Philip, residing in Lebanon; Stephen, of Mount Zion; Eliza, who married D. D. Ulrich, South Ann-

ville township; Ellen, the deceased wife of Aaron Gingrich. The paternal grandfather, Henry Heilman, Sr., was also born in North Annville township, during the Revolutionary war, August 19, 1779. He died November 11, 1867. His wife was Elizabeth Gingrich, born in North Lebanon township, and the children born to this union were named as follows: Elizabeth, who married John Brennaman; Henry, Jr.; John; George G., residing in North Annville township; and Isaac. On the maternal side Mr. Heilman's grandfather was Jacob Heilman, who was born March 28, 1786, and passed away December 29, 1864. Catherine Fernsler, his wife, was born in June, 1791, and died December 15, 1851. The Heilmans on both sides of the family have always been members and liberal supporters of the Reformed Church. The grandparents and all those deceased are buried in the old Hill Church graveyard.

Reuben Heilman passed the period of boyhood and youth in active labor on the farm, where he was taught lessons of economy and thrift in the home, and in the school of the district was given such education as was current at that time. He later attended the high school of Lebanon, and was also a pupil for a brief period at the Annville Academy. He remained at home until his marriage, and then began farming operations for himself in North Lebanon township. In 1867 he bought the farm where he now resides, in North Annville township, and which he has since continuously cultivated. He also owns a nice farm of ninety-three acres, adjoining his home residence. In 1890 he was able to retire from active labor on the farm, but still retains his interest in the property.

Mr. Heilman married Sarah A. Biever, a native of Annville, born in April, 1831, daughter of the late Samuel Biever. She bore Mr. Heilman the following children: Emma, who married H. D. Matz, a farmer now cultivating the farm of Mr. Heilman in North Lebanon township; Henry B., who operates the home farm; Mary E., Mrs. John Fegan, of North Annville township. Mrs. Heilman died June 23, 1903, aged seventy-two years, one month and twenty-seven days.

While not an office seeker in any sense of the word, Mr. Heilman has always evinced a deep interest in the affairs of the township, and has borne his share of the unpaid labor in its service. He is at present serving his second year as school director of North Annville township, and takes a pardonable pride in the fact that, though a Democrat, he has been twice elected to that office in a township which is largely Republican. He is a leading member and active worker in the Hill Reformed Church, of which organization he is a deacon, trustee and treasurer, and is also a member of

the cemetery committee. He has an interest in the Lancaster Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in which he is a director, and has acted as agent for that company for a long period of years. A substantial and progressive citizen, whose character is above reproach, and who takes delight in forwarding any movement calculated for the uplift of humanity, Mr. Heilman wins and holds the friendship of all who come in contact with him. He is a prosperous, representative citizen, and deserves the high esteem in which he is held.

**JAMES T. HOOD.** That the successful hotel man is born and not made is a truism emphasized in the career of James T. Hood, the genial and popular proprietor of the Eagle Hotel at Lebanon. Beginning with his fourteenth year Mr. Hood took naturally to a minor position in a well-known hostelry, and he naturally graduated into the position of clerk, widening his responsibilities into the sphere of the capable manager and proprietor with equal facility and equal credit to himself and all concerned. In his general makeup he is essentially Southern, coming from one of the old families of Maryland, in which State he was born February 12, 1854, a son of Samuel and Juliet M. (Crocket) Hood, also natives of Maryland.

The Hood family in America owes its origin to two brothers who emigrated from England many years ago, settling in Maryland, but eventually parting their ways at what is now known as Hood's Mill, one locating in Montgomery county, Md., and the other coming to Pennsylvania. A distinguished member of the family was the famous old warrior, General Hood, who was none the less brave and determined because he represented the fore-ordained lost cause of the Confederacy. The historic old farm in Montgomery county, Md., is still in the possession of the family, and upon it lives Samuel T. Hood, the father of James T., who is now seventy-seven years of age. He is a carriage trimmer and saddler by trade, and is the only surviving child born to Izah Hood, a farmer in Montgomery county, and the father also of four other children: Leutillia, Catherine, Mary and James T. Samuel T. Hood was the father of eleven children, all of whom are living: Charles T., of West Virginia; Francis U., of Baltimore, Md.; Laura A., the wife of Belt Norwood, of Ridgeville, Md.; Julius, of Ridgeville; James T.; Jennie, the wife of Luther Montgomery, of Ijames, Md.; William A., of Ridgeville, Md.; Rosa L., of Ridgeville, Md.; Edward, of Pittsburg, Pa.; and Harry of Ridgeville, and Elizabeth, of Baltimore, Maryland.

The paternal farm in Montgomery county, Md., seemed somewhat circumscribed in its possibilities to the budding ambitions of James T. Hood, and when fourteen years old he went to work in a hotel in Hancock, Md.

Previous to coming to Lebanon he was associated with hotels in both Hagerstown and Westminster, Md., whence he returned to his native State and worked in a hotel in Cumberland. Returning to Lebanon in 1884, he became a clerk in the Eagle Hotel, and during the intervening years until 1901, added to its popularity by his tact, courtesy, and general knowledge of the amenities of his position. In 1901 he became sole proprietor of the hotel, which is first class in every respect, and caters to a large following among the migrating public. No one better than he understands the value of fine consideration for people remote from their own fireside, and thus easily annoyed by the strangeness of their temporary surroundings. He appreciates the drawing capacity of a proper attention to the needs of the inner man, to absolute cleanliness, and above all to good fellowship, cheer and personal attentions.

In Hagerstown, Washington county, Md., Mr. Hood married Laura L., daughter of John and Amelia Lout, of Hagerstown. Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hood, Samuel B. and Charles E. Mr. Hood is a Republican, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is associated with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, No. 497, of Lebanon, and the Knights of Fidelity. He is a self-made, well-made man, and is deserving of all the good fortune that can possibly come his way.

JOEL DUBBLE, one of the highly respected and well known citizens of South Jackson township, a blacksmith by trade, whose place of business is located one and one-half miles south of Myerstown, was born February 21, 1841, in Heidelberg township, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Seiders) Dubble, and a grandson of Dr. John Dubble, who was a traveling physician in the early days of Lebanon county. Dr. John Dubble was born in Cocalico township, Lancaster county, and was the father of three children, all now deceased, Jacob, Isaac and Polly. Jacob Dubble was born in 1799, and died at the age of eighty-three years. He married Elizabeth Seiders, and they had a large family, viz: William (deceased), Sarah, Jacob, Joel, George, Elizabeth, Samuel (deceased), John, Ellen, Isaac, Amanda and Leah, ten still surviving. The father was a Lutheran in his religious belief. Throughout life he was identified with the Republican party.

Joel Dubble was born and reared on a farm near Elizabeth Furnace and Schaefferstown, and attended the country schools in his neighborhood. At the age of eighteen years he began to learn the blacksmith's trade under John Corl, of Myerstown, and after completing his three years' apprenticeship, went to South Lebanon township, and there secured work at which he re-

mained for three years. From there he went to Cornwall, where he was engaged for one year with Grubb & Co., ore miners, going then to Reistville, where he was engaged with Jacob Dissinger for one year. From there he made his way to Schaefferstown, and spent the following year at work in the shop of Michael Kegerreis, coming then to his present stand, where he now owns a shop and conducts a good business.

In 1865 Mr. Dubble was married to Mary Kegerreis, and they had two children. The second marriage of Mr. Dubble on December 22, 1867, was to Miss Priscilla Pfautz, a daughter of Amos Pfautz, of Lebanon county, and a family of eight children was born to this union, seven of whom grew to maturity: Salinda, the wife of Robert Moyer, of Lebanon county; Harry, a smith, with his father; David, of Myerstown, a molder by trade; Amos, deceased; Sadie P., the wife of Charles Lentz, of Philadelphia; Leah P., the wife of Samuel Balesbaugh; and Samuel. The mother of this family died in 1886. Mr. Dubble was subsequently married (third) to Mrs. Caroline Zeigler, and this marriage has been blessed with three children, William, Allen and John.

Mr. Dubble has always been a man of great industry and has done well in life, making his own way without assistance. He has not only reared a large family in comfort, but owns a nice home and business. For twenty-five years he has been a member of the German Baptist Church. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party.

SAMUEL KETTERING, one of the leading men of North Annville township, Lebanon county, was born November 24, 1843, in Lebanon county, a son of Samuel and Frances (Shenk) Kettering, the former of whom was born October 31, 1808, and the latter November 4, 1812. They were married in December, 1830, and the father died September 4, 1885, aged seventy-six years, ten months, four days, the venerable mother surviving until April 3, 1887, when she followed her husband, aged seventy-four years, four months, twenty-nine days. Their children were: Mary, born October 29, 1832, married Michael Naftzger; Joseph, born December 26, 1833, married (first) Leah Sherk, and (second) Betsey Sherk, a step-sister (all are deceased); Samuel, born August 24, 1835, died January 14, 1837; Jacob, born July 14, 1837, married (first) Lydia Kreider, and (second) Kate Gingrich; Frances, born April 15, 1840, married John Sprecher, of Cornwall township; Rebecca, born February 8, 1842, married John Kreider; Samuel, born November 24, 1843, married Amanda Light; John, born November 18, 1845, married Lizzie Bucher; Lydia, born January 18, 1848, married John Bach-

man; Philip, born March 4, 1850, married Mary Kiefer; Henry, born December 2, 1851, married Lydia Kreider, and is deceased; Amanda, born August 8, 1853, married Ezra Moenger. All of the above are surviving except the three noted.

Samuel Kettering was about six months old when his father removed to South Annville township, and he remained at home on the farm until the age of twenty-three, when he began operations for himself on a farm in South Annville township. Two years later he went to Bethel township, where he continued to farm for five years, and then moved onto his present property in North Annville township, the old Daniel Kreider farm of 148 acres, with a large, comfortable residence and handsome stone barn. In addition to this valuable property Mr. Kettering owns the old Light farm, on the Belle Grove road, containing ninety-seven and one-half acres, and is also the owner of the Light homestead of 127 acres, in Bethel township, where his wife was born, as well as another fine property, the old Segrist farm of 115 acres in South Annville township, which, aggregated, makes Mr. Kettering one of the largest landowners in Lebanon county.

On October 4, 1866, Mr. Kettering was married to Amanda Light, born May 25, 1848, a granddaughter of Peter Smith and Martin Light, and a daughter of Isaiah and Catherine (Smith) Light, the former of whom was born in Bethel township July 28, 1818, and died September 28, 1891; the latter was born October 13, 1820. Their children were: Amanda; Nathaniel, born April 28, 1851; and Sarah Ann, born April 11, 1854, who died when between two and three years old. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kettering: Alice, born July 5, 1868, married John A. Herr, and they have had children—Samuel Adam, David Henry, Isaiah, Mary, Alice and Elizabeth, one dying in infancy. Catherine, born January 6, 1871, married George W. Steinmetz, and died November 17, 1901, leaving an infant, Catherine K., one day old. John Henry, born October 25, 1873, married Elizabeth Long, and they have children—May, Commodore Perry and Edith. Mary Ann, born February 24, 1879, married Philip E. Franzler, and has one child, Kettering Paul. Frainy, born July 30, 1880, married Clement Brubaker, and they have two children, Mary and May.

The family is one most highly esteemed in North Annville township, and is connected by marriage with many of the old and leading families.

ABRAHAM S. GROH. Few merchants in Lebanon county can show a longer term of service than can A. S. Groh, a general merchant at Buffalo Springs, Heidelberg township, two miles north of Schaefferstown. Mr.

Groh was born June 16, 1830, son of Abraham and Sarah (Strickler) Groh. Like many others in this locality, the Groh family is of German extraction, George Groh, the grandfather of Abraham S. Groh, coming from Germany at an early date.

Abraham Groh, the father, was born in 1800, and died in 1881. His occupation throughout life was farming. In many ways he was a man of importance in his locality, and he was a leader in the Whig and later in the Republican party. He was a leading member of the Lutheran Church, served in many of its official positions and contributed largely to its support. About 1829 he married Sarah Strickler, and they reared a most estimable family, as follows: Abraham S.; John; Leonard; Nathan; Sarah, deceased wife of Rudolph Herr; Elizabeth, wife of Noah Eberly; Malinda, wife of John Shenk; and Rebecca, deceased wife of Oliver Weiss. Of these, Leonard is a prominent minister of the Lutheran Church at Omaha, Neb.; and Nathan resides at Washington, D. C., and is the brother-in-law of Senator Jones, of Arkansas.

Abraham S. Groh was reared on the farm in Heidelberg township, and was educated in the public schools. He began his business career as clerk in a local store, and in 1855 established a business of his own, which has prospered for forty-seven years. Mr. Groh is one of the oldest merchants in Lebanon county, but he is much more; he is a man of the strictest integrity, one who is willing to promote all enterprises for the benefit of his community, a good neighbor, a faithful friend, and a man whose personal honesty and reliability give character to his locality.

In 1861 he married Eliza Miller, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Gerhart) Miller, who came from old families of the county. In his home has been reared a nephew, John C. Groh, a son of his brother Leonard Groh. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. Mr. Groh is liberal-minded in religious matters, contributing to all churches and upholding their moral influences. His inclinations are in the direction of the Reformed Church. Mr. Groh is one of the substantial men of the township, owning fine and improved farming lands, a handsome residence, and his store property. He carries as large a stock of merchandise as any store in Heidelberg.

**J. ADAM BECKER**, one of the leading and representative men of Lebanon county, living in South Lebanon township, was born in Millcreek township, this county, March 23, 1845, a son of John and Caroline (Stump) Becker.

J. Adam Becker was reared upon the farm and educated in the public



schools of the neighborhood, remaining at home until he was twenty-five, when he married, and then returned to operate his father's property on his own account for eight years. At that time he located in South Lebanon township, engaging as a laborer, but later handled sewing machines and farm implements for some five years, making several changes of residence. At one time his headquarters were at Myerstown, and again at Hebron, but in 1880 he returned to South Lebanon township, where he settled on his present well-cultivated farm of thirty-one acres, just east of Avon, where he is engaged in agricultural pursuits, also handles phosphates, and deals in hides, and in all his interests is alive to the best good of the community, and is a valuable and prosperous citizen. Mr. Becker is a stockholder of the Lebanon National Bank, and is identified with some of the best interests of the community.

On September 20, 1869, Mr. Becker was married to Miss Rebecca Magdaline Shaak, daughter of John and Eva (Six) Shaak, one of the old and prominent families of the county. Mrs. Becker was born December 14, 1844, and is a lady of education and culture. Their only child, Irwin Atwood Becker, was educated in the public schools and at Myerstown College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1892, after which he entered the drug establishment of Joseph L. Lenberger, where he learned the drug trade in all its details, and attended and was graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. After this he took a course of chemistry in the same college, and was chosen from a class of thirteen. After his graduation from the chemistry course, he remained in Philadelphia for a time, working at his profession, but shortly after removed to Chicago, in 1898, passed the necessary examinations, and is now occupying the very important and responsible position of head pharmacist in the Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, taking a deep interest in his work, especially in microscopical analysis. During all of the years Dr. Becker has pursued his studies he has been encouraged by his parents, who have given him every advantage, and his future is a very bright one, he having builded well upon a sound foundation, and is still a close student. Mr. and Mrs. Becker have long been consistent members of the Reformed Church, and their son was brought up in a Christian home, surrounded by good examples, and he himself is connected with the same religious body.

ABRAHAM STEINMETZ BRENDLE, attorney-at-law, one of the prominent and influential citizens of Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, was born in that place June 12, 1854. He is a son of Daniel and Rebecca (Stein-



*A. S. Brundage*

metz) Brendle. The Steinmetz and Brendle families are prominent through Lancaster and Lebanon counties.

Abraham Brendle (born November 15, 1791, died May 8, 1854), grandfather of the subject of this sketch, belonged to an old Berks county family. He was born November 15, 1791, and came to Lebanon county from Lancaster county, when a lad. He married Elizabeth Dissinger, who was born November 20, 1802, and died March 8, 1883. They had a family of four children: Mary, wife of William Lindemuth, of Berks county; Daniel, father of Abraham S.; Susan, wife of Francis Ritter, of Berks county; and Catharine, who died in girlhood.

Daniel Brendle, father of A. S., was born April 18, 1826, and married Rebecca Steinmetz, born December 16, 1819, who died September 19, 1901. She was a daughter of John Steinmetz, who was born November 19, 1791, and died November 26, 1879, a son of Carl and Margaret (Beaver) Steinmetz, the former of whom came from Germany to America in 1774. Daniel Brendle still survives, a prominent retired farmer, near Schaefferstown. The five children born to him and his wife were as follows: Catharine, born July 31, 1845, married Benjamin M. Loose (born December 19, 1839, died March 17, 1891), and died in 1897; John S., born March 18, 1852, died July 20, 1897; Abraham S., is our subject; Thomas S., born February 3, 1857, lives in Schaefferstown; and Stella V., born July 7, 1859, died September 27, 1871. The father of this family owns two of the fine farms in this vicinity, which he acquired through his own industry. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. For the last sixty years he has been a leading member of the Reformed Church, and has served as elder and as superintendent of the Sunday School for many years. He is held in universal esteem.

Abraham Steinmetz Brendle was reared on his father's farm in the vicinity of Schaefferstown. He attended the public schools of his native village, up to his seventeenth year, and then entered Palatinate College at Myerstown. After two years' study there he, in the fall of 1875, entered Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster and graduated in the summer of 1877, with the degree of A. B. Returning to Lebanon county, he taught two terms in the public schools at Schaefferstown and in 1879 began the study of law under Gen. J. P. S. Gobin. In 1882 he was admitted to the Bar of Lebanon county, and located at Schaefferstown, where he has ever since continued to reside and practice. Mr. Brendle has shown his ability in the legal profession, and he must also be regarded as a very valuable member of the literary world, in his native State particularly. His "History of Schaefferstown" is authentic and interesting, and displays no little talent for

historical work. He has written much floating literature, both prose and poetry, which may sometime be gathered and preserved in permanent form. The degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by his Alma Mater in 1880. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and gives it liberal support.

On August 31, 1882, Mr. Brendle was married to Miss Mary A. Seibert, of Schaefferstown, daughter of George and Magdalena (Miller) Seibert, and granddaughter of Francis Seibert, the ceremony being performed by Rev. A. J. Bachman, at the bride's home. Mrs. Mary A. Brendle was born in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, Pa., January 20, 1854, attended the public schools of the district, the Schaefferstown Academy, Mrs. Emily P. Miller's select school and Palatinate College. She is a descendant of the Millers, Trautmans, Mauses, Zwalleys and Mischlers, all early settlers in the neighborhood.

Fraternally Mr. Brendle is a member of the P. O. S. of A., Washington Camp, No. 256, of Schaefferstown, and was appointed district president in 1893 of the eastern district of Lebanon county. Mr. Brendle is a very popular member of the legal, social and political circles in Lebanon county. In the interests of his party he engaged in campaign speaking all over the county in 1880 and 1884, his oratorical powers making him a very effective speaker. He is of genial manner and most pleasing personality, and impresses the visitor as a man of intellect, ability and humor.

Among Mr. Brendle's paternal ancestors were Casper Schweitzer, M. D., who came to this country in the ship "Mercury," in 1735, being then twenty years old; and George Dissinger, who came to this country from Gershweiler, in Saarbruecken, on the ship "Snow Squirrel," in 1761, aged fourteen years. The latter, for his second wife, married Catharine Schweitzer, a daughter of the above named Casper; they became the parents of two children,—Daniel and Elizabeth, the latter being the grandmother of subject. George Dissinger was an American soldier in the Revolutionary war.

JACOB H. PAINTER, general manager and bookkeeper for the well-known firm of Joseph Painter & Sons, foundrymen, and also a member of this firm, is one of the reliable and solid business men of Myerstown, Lebanon county.

The history of the Painter family is traced back to Jacob Painter, who emigrated to America from England and settled near Warrick's Furnace in Chester county. All of this good man's descendants have followed his trade that of molder and foundryman, and made the name one of importance in the

Keystone State. One of the sons of Jacob, the emigrant, was also Jacob, and he was a molder by trade, who was born in Chester county, Pa., and a most excellent man. He was the father of ten children, as follows: Joseph, father of Jacob H.; Jacob, deceased; Thomas, deceased; Robert, deceased; Valentine, of Leesport, Pa.; David, of Steelton, Pa.; Priscilla; Barbara; Mary, deceased; and Ehiza.

Joseph Painter, father of Jacob H., was born December 4, 1822, and now resides in Myerstown, but his wife is deceased. He became the father of ten children: John L., of Lebanon; Jacob H. and Joseph M., of Myerstown, members of the firm of Joseph Painter & Sons; George W., of Reading; Stephen G., of Beverly, Kans.; Samuel G., out West; Anna C., married to Milton Gockley, of Reading; Mary, married to John Spangler of Norristown, Pa.; Lizzie E., married to George W. Pieffer, of Norristown; and Matilda, married to John Shoemaker, of Kansas City, Kans. Joseph Painter was an iron foundryman and molder, and operated a foundry in Berks county, Pa., but later removed to Myerstown, and has made this city his home for many years. It was about 1848 that he first settled in Lebanon county, where he worked in a foundry, but later returned to Berks county, having originally worked in the county of his birthplace. After his return to Berks county, about 1850, he started a foundry at Bernville, Pa., and for some years conducted it, but returned to Myerstown, and established the foundry now conducted under the caption of Joseph Painter & Sons, which is one of the best known in the entire county. The mother of his children was Magdalena Loose, a most estimable lady, whose untimely loss is deeply felt by her entire family, and a wide circle of friends whom her many virtues attached to her.

Jacob H. Painter was born in Reading, Pa., February 22, 1847, and spent his boyhood days at Bernville, Berks county, where he attended the public schools, and began to learn the trade of molder and foundryman at the age of fourteen years, and has followed the same for forty years, meeting with gratifying success. At the outbreak of the Civil war, he was one of the volunteers in Company K, Eighty-first Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. McKindley, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., going out in 1864, and serving with the Army of the Potomac, under Gen. Grant until the close of the war, and participating in the Siege of Petersburg and Richmond. In the fall of 1865 he received an honorable discharge and returned to Myerstown, to resume his peaceful occupation of molder and foundryman.

The first wife of Mr. Painter was Miss Fannie Spangler, of Myerstown, and there was no issue of this union. Mr. Painter was married to his second wife, Miss Rebecca M. Rise, of Lebanon, Pa., a daughter of Henry Rice, and

she bore him seven children, three of whom are now living: Joseph L.; Mary M., married to Tildon J. Frantz, of Myerstown; and Fannie L., at home. The present Mrs. Painter was Mrs. Agnes C. Huber, of Myerstown, and there have been no children born to this marriage. In politics Mr. Painter is a staunch Republican, but has never desired office. Being a self-made man, his success is all the more creditable, and the entire family play a very important part in the commercial and social life of Myerstown.

**SAMUEL HERR.** Lebanon county has a just reputation for excellent farms and fine cattle and stock, as well as for some of the best citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, honest, industrious, intelligent and law-abiding. Such an one is found in Samuel Herr, of North Annville township, who was born January 25, 1836, on his father's farm in South Annville township.

The parents of Mr. Herr were Christian and Elizabeth (Shenk) Herr, both members of prominent old families, the former a native of South Annville township, and the latter of Schaefferstown. The children born to these parents were: Joseph, who is deceased; Christian, a resident of Fairland; Abraham, a carpenter at Lebanon; Samuel, of North Annville; Nancy, widow of Reuben Reist, living near Fontana; Frances, who became the wife of Elias Brubaker (both are deceased); Elizabeth, who was the wife of Moses Brubaker (both are deceased); Mary, wife of John Flickinger, of Lebanon; Molly, who married Elias Brubaker (both are deceased); Miss Barbara M.; and Lydia, deceased wife of Jonas Snyder.

Samuel Herr was about seven years old when his father died, and three years later his mother bought a small farm of eleven acres from Joseph Schoff, this tract being now included in the farm of Mr. Herr, as he moved onto the place with his mother, and has always lived there, adding to the original place until he now has at that point fifty-five acres. In 1880 he built his handsome and comfortable frame residence, and he erected his substantial stone barn in 1874. Other properties owned by Mr. Herr are a tract of fifteen acres of mountain timber land, and an excellent farm of 135 acres in South Lebanon township. In addition to farming Mr. Herr is engaged as a veterinary surgeon, a profession in which he has been most successful for the past thirty-five years.

On June 5, 1865, Mr. Herr married Louisa Breitenstein, born June 28, 1840, daughter of Rev. John and Elizabeth (Miller) Breitenstein, the former of whom was an Evangelical preacher, a most highly esteemed man. Three children were born to Rev. Mr. Breitenstein and his wife, namely: Miss Rebecca; Joshua, who died unmarried; and Louisa, Mrs. Herr. The chil-

dren of Mr. Herr and estimable wife were as follows: John Adam, born December 5, 1867, in South Lebanon township, married Alice, daughter of Samuel Kettering, of North Annville township, born July 5, 1868, and they have children—Samuel Adam, David Henry, Isaiah, Mary, Alice, and Elizabeth (who died in infancy). Christian, born May 8, 1873, died in infancy. Grant Moses, born June 24, 1874, married Pearl Behny, born September 17, 1882, in East Hanover township, a daughter of George Adam and Amanda (Mease) Behny, of East Hanover township.

Mr. Herr is one of the political leaders in his township, is identified with the Republican party, and has been supervisor and, for three years, auditor. His religious connection is with the United Brethren Church, to which he is a liberal contributor.

JEREMIAH B. LIGHT is one of the old and honored residents of North Cornwall township, one who has taken a prominent part in its farming interests, and whose liberality has promoted the usefulness of the German Baptist Brethren Church.

Mr. Light was born September 27, 1828, in South Lebanon township, a son of Joseph E. and Catherine (Bamberger) Light, the former of whom was born in the old homestead at the Quittapahilla, a son of Jacob Light. Grandfather Light was a prominent farmer, a man of large frame and robust health, and was a leading member of the Old Mennonite Church. His wife's maiden name was Ellenberger. They had a family of seven children, namely: John, Samuel, Jacob, Joseph E., Elizabeth (the wife of David Zeller), Nancy (the wife of Thomas Light) and Veronica (who died unmarried).

Joseph E. Light, the father, was a farmer in South Lebanon township all his life, dying there at the age of sixty-eight years. He was a man of exemplary life, a member of the United Brethren Church. His marriage was to Catherine Bamberger, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Smith) Bamberger, born in South Lebanon township, and they became the parents of twelve children, namely: Maria, who married George Strahn; Veronica, who married Tobias Wilhelm; Levi, who died single; Jeremiah B.; Henry, who died unmarried; Jefferson, who died in Lebanon; Rosannah, who married Henry Zinn, of Myerstown; William, who made his home in Iowa, and died there; Seth, who resides at Avon; Joseph, a prominent minister in the German Baptist Church, who resides in Seneca county, Ohio; Uriah, now deceased, who was a farmer in South Lebanon county; and Catherine, who married Samuel Stahler.

Jeremiah B. Light grew up on his father's farm, and attended the district school until he was thirteen years of age, when he was employed by his uncle on his farm and earned his first wages. At the age of nineteen Mr. Light started work in Shenck's mill, to learn the business, later working at Baughman's mill, following this business for five years. He then began to farm, operating first one of the farms of his father-in-law, in North Cornwall township, and remaining there nine years. Mr. Light then moved to the farm now occupied by his son Joseph, the same adjoining the one where he now resides. For a number of years Mr. Light cultivated that place, but in 1877 he purchased the Kreider farm, of 105 acres, and still owns ninety acres of this fine property. Mr. Light has been one of the extensive land owners of the county, and has long been regarded as one of its substantial men. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Lebanon, and one of the worthy public-spirited citizens.

In 1852 Mr. Light was married to Elizabeth E. Kreider, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Ellenberger) Kreider, born October 23, 1833. A family of four children was born to this union, as follows: Joseph, a farmer of North Cornwall township; Daniel, a veterinary surgeon, located at Palmyra; Mary, wife of Michael B. Graybill, of Londonderry township; and Jeremiah K., superintendent of the city schools of Belleville, Ill. This family reflects great credit not only upon the parents, but also on the township of their birth. Both Mr. Light and his wife are consistent members of the German Baptist Brethren Church. To this religious body Mr. Light has been a liberal contributor. He is a leading man in Lebanon county and enjoys the esteem of all who are privileged to have his acquaintance.

**JOHN KILLMOYER**, during the latter years of his life foreman of the Lebanon Furnaces, was for many years an integral part of the business life of the city, and acquired an enviable reputation for thrift, sobriety, and all round good citizenship. He was born in Germany, March 1, 1831, a son of George Killmoyer, who had also three other children: Charles; Barbara, and William, all of New York City. George Killmoyer died in New York City when his son, John, was seven years of age.

At the age of twelve years John Killmoyer removed from New York City with his brother, Charles, who had in the meantime secured a position as furnaceman with the Colebrook Furnaces. Soon after settling in Lebanon he secured work with the North Lebanon Furnace Company, and so industriously did he apply himself that he was promoted after a few years to the position of foreman, which he retained up to the time of his death. Although



he had scarcely a dollar to his name when he arrived in this town, he managed to possess in later life ten houses and lots in West Lebanon, in the vicinity of the furnaces. He was a staunch Democrat, but never held office of any kind, preferring to devote all of his time to his work in the furnaces. To his credit also was a courageous service in the war of the Rebellion, in which he was a volunteer, and participated in the Virginia campaign. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and the Mystic Chain, and in religion was a devoted Lutheran. His life was such that his integrity was never brought into question, nor was his untiring industry, or his unselfish interest in wife, children, and friends.

In Lebanon City, March 16, 1862, Mr. Killmoyer married Leah Trostle, a daughter of George and Mary (Oley) Trostle. To Mr. and Mrs. Killmoyer were born the following children: Catherine, the wife of Levi Spotts; Laura, deceased; George, a blacksmith of Lebanon; Dirvin, deceased; Walter A., a machinist of Lebanon; Virginia, twin to Walter, and wife of Amos Zimmerman; John; Paul; Charles; Mabel; Leah; and Robert. Other children died in infancy. Mr. Killmoyer took a great deal of interest in educational matters, and served for some years on the school board.

**A. S. BOMBERGER.** Among the enterprising and progressive business men of Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, residing two miles south of Schaefferstown, same county, on the Manheim and Schaefferstown road, is A. S. Bomberger, a wealthy distiller, who was born in South Lebanon township, November 8, 1837, a son of John and Elizabeth (Shenk) Bomberger, both of whom are deceased. John Bomberger was a farmer of South Lebanon township, born June 28, 1803, and died in 1889. His father, also named John, lived and died in Lebanon township, and his father came from Germany.

John Bomberger, the grandfather, was the father of the following children: Henry, Joseph, Jacob, Samuel, Daniel, Katherine and John. Katherine, the only daughter, married Joseph Shenk. The children born to the father of our subject were as follows: John, deceased; Christian, of South Lebanon; Israel, of Schaefferstown; A. S.; and Catherine, deceased, who married Isaac Gingrich. In both his political and religious opinions John Bomberger was independent, voting and worshipping according to the dictates of his conscience.

A. S. Bomberger was reared upon the farm and attended the schools in the home neighborhood. He then devoted a short period to farm life, when he purchased the old Kratzer still house, and began to make a first-class grade

of rye whiskey; he still follows that business with marked success. Thoroughly understanding every detail, he is enabled to place upon the market a superior grade of goods at prices which are extremely low.

In 1867, Mr. Bomberger was married to Miss Catherine Horst, of South Lebanon township, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Schaeffer) Horst, prominent people of their locality. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bomberger: Horst II., a partner with his father in the distillery, married Miss Mollie Keener, and they have two sons, Leon and Paul; Samuel H. is also with his father.

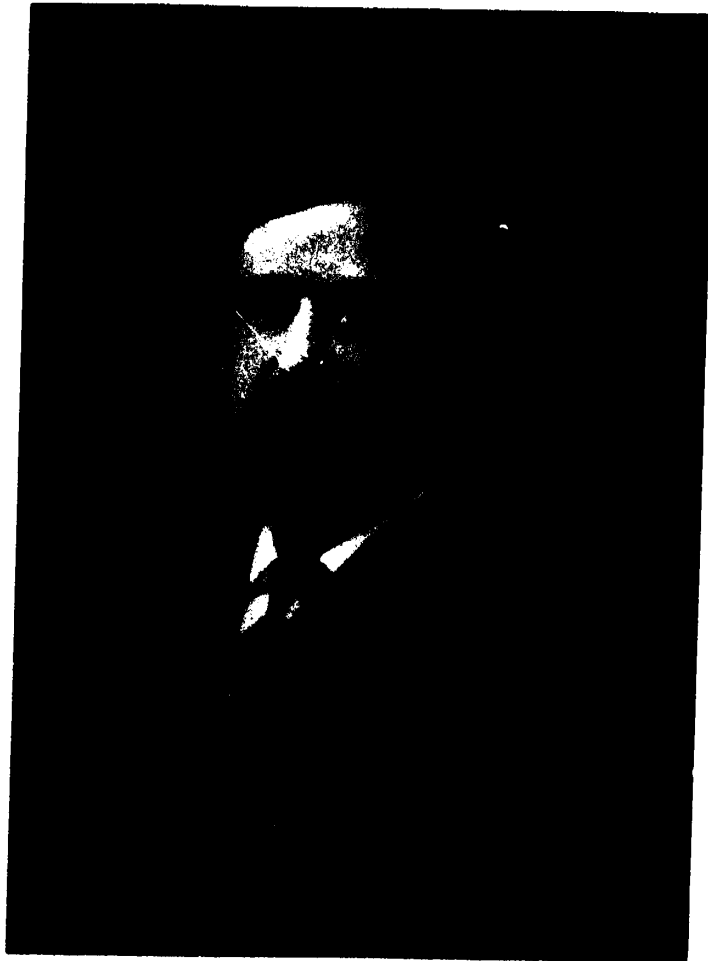
Mrs. Bomberger was one of a family of ten children: Elizabeth, who married Abraham Bitner, of Lancaster; Joseph, deceased; Henry, deceased; Sarah, the widow of Michael Kreider, of Lebanon county; Veronica, who married Jacob Bucher; Catherine, wife of Mr. Bomberger, born in 1841; John; Nancy; Samuel, and Elias. The grandfather, Peter Horst, lived at Horst Mills, which place was named for him, and this family is an old and honored one in the community.

Mr. Bomberger is a staunch Republican in politics, and liberal in his religious views, believing that honesty of purpose and fairness of dealing are the fundamental principles of all religions. He is a man well liked, a good citizen, a kind and generous neighbor, whose charities are many and sympathies broad, and is well worthy the confidence he inspires.

**SAMUEL F. ENGLE.** The prosperous town of Palmyra, Lebanon county, numbers among its business citizens many upright, honorable men of much ability, and one of these is Samuel F. Engle, whose general store has grown, through his enterprise, from a very modest beginning, to be the largest establishment of its kind in Lebanon county outside of the city of Lebanon. Mr. Engle was born February 23, 1858, at Hummelstown, Dauphin county, a son of Jacob Engle, and a grandson of Daniel and Maria (Landis) Engle.

Jacob Engle, the great-grandfather of Samuel F. Engle, was born in 1753, on the sea, while his parents were on their way from Switzerland. They landed in America, rich only in their children, their goods, shipped on another vessel, having been lost in the passage.

Daniel Engle was born May 28, 1788, at Marietta, Lancaster county, and died February 8, 1881; his wife, Maria, was born February 25, 1795, and died December 29, 1825. The second wife of Daniel Engle was Leah Sellers, born December 18, 1790, died January 12, 1862. The children of Daniel and Maria Engle were: Jacob, born December 8, 1814, was the father



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of Samuel F.; Barbara, born February 12, 1816, died July 23, 1855 (she married Samuel Brehm, of Hummelstown); Veronica, born April 2, 1817, died April 18, 1823; Daniel, born September 15, 1818, died December 25, 1834; Maria, born December 25, 1819, died March 17, 1860 (she married Joseph Hershey); Esther, born August 6, 1821, died October 17, 1821; and Christian, born March 8, 1823, died August 28, 1825.

Grandfather Daniel Engle came to Dauphin county when about twenty-two years of age, and settled on a farm near Hummelstown which became the Engle homestead, and the fine old place still remains a possession of the family. He engaged in farming and owned a fine property. Daniel Engle was one of the fine men of his time, upright and righteous, and was one of the founders of the River Brethren Church, in which, beginning in a humble position in the service, he was made a minister, and was long one of the leading bishops. His ministerial work ended only with advanced age and impaired health.

Jacob Engle succeeded to the old homestead, and he, too, became a minister, and rose to the eminence of a bishop in the River Brethren Church, succeeding his venerated father, and remaining in that position until his death, which occurred August 20, 1868. Jacob Engle married Elizabeth Shuh, who was born October 13, 1815, in Dauphin county, a daughter of Benjamin Shuh, and died December 17, 1880. The children of this marriage were as follows: Daniel, born August 19, 1837; Jacob, July 20, 1839; Esther, October 10, 1841 (died March 1, 1845); Mary, March 2, 1843 (died July 24, 1857); John S., October 10, 1844; Leah, April 14, 1847; Levi, October 10, 1850 (died November 11, 1861); Benjamin H., April 12, 1853; and Samuel F., February 23, 1858.

Samuel F. Engle was born on the old homestead, and was reared near Hummelstown, where he attended school, later entering the State Normal school at Millersville, where he graduated in 1878. For the three succeeding years he engaged in teaching, and then removed to a farm near Palmyra, the property being known as the old Etter farm, and he operated same from 1881 to 1890. Mr. Engle then removed to Palmyra and engaged in merchandising, beginning with a stock of about \$5,000 in value, which has been increased gradually, year by year, until it now amounts to \$25,000. Mr. Engle is well located for business, occupying a floor space of 6,468 square feet, exclusive of his warehouse facilities, his stock including dry goods, notions, hats, shoes, ready-made clothing, hardware, stoves, tinware, etc., in fact, almost everything in demand, his establishment being, as stated, the largest in the county outside of Lebanon city. Mr. Engle was one of the

organizers of the Palmyra Hosiery Mill, of which he is half owner, in partnership with John A. Balsbaugh, his brother-in-law. This important industry was organized in April, 1900, for the manufacture of men's half hose, with a capacity of 300 dozen daily. Another leading industry testifying to the business acumen of Mr. Engle was the organization of the Palmyra Shoe Company, of which he was secretary and treasurer until the selling of the plant. He was one of the organizers and was first president of The Valley Trust Company of Palmyra, opened September 15, 1903, with a capital of \$125,000. For a long period Mr. Engle has been prominent in the United Brethren Church, and has served as a trustee and a member of the building committee. He has been superintendent of the Sunday School for the past eighteen years, in fact, ever since its organization, in which he was a most effective worker, and he has seen the attendance grow from fifty to four hundred.

On November 9, 1882, Mr. Engle was united in marriage with Aggie A. Balsbaugh, who was born July 8, 1862, in Hummelstown, daughter of Christian and Caroline (Brightbill) Balsbaugh, the former of whom was born February 22, 1834, near Hummelstown, and the latter March 23, 1839. Children as follows have come to Mr. and Mrs. Engle: Christian Roscoe, born January 24, 1884, who died January 27, 1884; John Raymond, born March 13, 1885; Ralph Landis, born June 6, 1886; Elsie May, July 17, 1887, who died September 15, 1887; Jacob Clyde, born March 18, 1889, who died August 23, 1889; Benjamin Roy, born August 15, 1891, who died August 30, 1892; Ruth Elizabeth, born May 14, 1895; Allen Balsbaugh, born July 10, 1898; and Harold Glen, born May 25, 1902.

Mr. Engle is one of the leading citizens of Palmyra, a man of enterprise and honorable business methods. In every relation of life, as citizen, merchant, neighbor, parent and husband, he is held in the highest esteem. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

FRANK F. HOUCK, proprietor of the *Volks-Zeitung*, of Lebanon, was born on a farm in what is now North Cornwall township, Lebanon county, October 16, 1842. His father was Samuel Houck, who was born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1804, and died in 1872. The paternal grandfather was George Houck, born in Lancaster county, in December, 1738, and died in January, 1819. The mother of Mr. Houck was Lydia Bentz, born in Lancaster county, in 1812, and died in 1882, a daughter of Jacob Bentz. The parents of Frank F. Houck removed to Lebanon county a short time after their marriage, and they had the following children: Matilda, who mar-

ried Louis Ruth, of Reading; George B.; Sarah, married to Charles Brotherline, of Lebanon; Jacob, of Lebanon county; Adam, of Lebanon county; Susan, married to H. B. Snively, of Lebanon county; Frank F.; Samuel, deceased; Alfred, of Lebanon.

Frank F. Houck was reared upon the farm, receiving his education in the common schools of his neighborhood and Annville College, remaining at home until eighteen years of age. At that time he commenced teaching school and for six years was engaged in that calling in Heidelberg township and three in Cornwall township, Lebanon county. The following eighteen years, he farmed and conducted most successfully a large dairy business. On May 9, 1885, Mr. Houck purchased the *Volks-Zeitung*, which newspaper he has conducted ever since. Mr. Houck has served ten different terms as auditor of North Cornwall township, and justice of the peace for four years. He was one of the organizers of the People's National Bank of Lebanon, and is a member of the board of Directors of the same; also a director in the Eighth Street Market House Company. In religious matters he is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. For many years, he has been a staunch Republican, and supported the candidates of that party. He was elected a State delegate to the last State convention which convened at Harrisburg, May 27, 1903.

Mr. Houck married Catherine, daughter of Moses Kreider, one of the early farmers of Cornwall township, Lebanon county. The following children have been born of this union: Ida; Morris; Robert; Lydia, who married Samuel Ferrisler of South Lebanon township; Frank. The entire family are well and favorably known in Lebanon county, and all are important factors in the social and business life of the several communities in which they make their homes.

JACOB F. OBERHOLTZER, who died in Fredericksburg, February 11, 1896, aged sixty-one years, eleven months and four days, was for years one of the foremost agriculturists of Lebanon county. He was not only an authority in his line, but in a practical way reaped the results of his well-directed efforts, possessing at the time of his death seven splendid farms, besides much valuable real estate in Fredericksburg and vicinity. His skill in farm management was undoubtedly partly an inherent gift, his ancestors for some generations having followed that pursuit.

His great-grandfather Oberholtzer was one of the pioneers of this section, having come from Germany in early Colonial days. Christian Oberholtzer, grandfather of Jacob F., was born February 24, 1766, and settled

in Bethel township, Lebanon county, and there assisted in the development of the resources of that section. Possessed of keen business judgment and a large capacity for work, he reaped good returns for his labors, and became a prosperous and influential citizen. He died March 23, 1834, aged sixty-eight years, one month and one day. His wife, Christiana, was born December 15, 1768, and died March 26, 1854, aged eighty-five years, three months and eleven days.

Henry Oberholtzer, son of Christian and father of Jacob F., was born June 1, 1808, and made his money in the field of farm labor. Reared in Bethel township, upon reaching manhood he settled upon a farm, and began developing its resources. He cleared new tracts, and put large areas under cultivation, from which he reaped abundant and seasonable crops, which commanded the highest market prices. With untiring energy he thoroughly subdued nature's crudeness, kept his farm in excellent repair, especially the buildings, and won a foremost place for himself among his fellow agriculturists. He continued his pursuit throughout his active life, and became in time thoroughly prosperous. In 1831 he married Esther Fox, of Lancaster county, who was born November 15, 1811. By this union there was one child, Jacob F. Mrs. Oberholtzer died February 27, 1896, aged eighty-four years, three months and twelve days, after sixty-four years passed on the old homestead. Her death was due to old age, and grief over the death of her only son. The funeral services, held March 5, 1896, were conducted by Elders Joseph Nissley and Charles White. The text was from Rev. II, part of the 10th verse. The interment took place in Grove's cemetery. Martin Fox, father of Mrs. Oberholtzer, was born March 9, 1786, in Lancaster county, and died March 10, 1842, aged fifty-six years and one day; Anna, his wife, was born September 19, 1785, and died November 1, 1855, aged seventy years, one month and twelve days.

Henry Oberholtzer possessed those sterling traits of character—dogged persistence, untiring energy, wise forethought and perfect poise—which achieve success for a man in almost any walk of life. He was the manifestation of careful Christian training, and was long a worthy and highly esteemed supporter of the German Baptist Church, but not a confirmed member. He died January 11, 1884, aged seventy-five years, seven months and ten days.

Jacob F. Oberholtzer fell heir to a goodly heritage of brains and the proper amount of energy to make up a well balanced character. Born March 7, 1834, he was reared on his father's farm, and in the district schools of the neighborhood procured thorough drill in the rudiments, which he later

supplemented at the Moravian Academy at Lititz, Pa., and with reading and observation, being a close student of men and affairs all his life. While a youth he performed the usual home duties that fall to the lot of the average farm boy, taking a keen interest in his work and evincing marked capability in that line. Naturally upon starting life for himself he continued that work, and after some time settled upon a farm in Bethel township. This he improved, put under extensive cultivation, and thoroughly developed its resources. Later, branching out to some extent, he bought other farms. Quick to perceive a good bargain, and always ready to clutch one, he made wise purchases and in time became the largest landowner in the county. Five splendid, well-improved farms lay near him in Bethel township, and two more were located in Swatara township. Thoroughly cultivating these, and adding to their value by many improvements, he realized a large interest upon his investment, and was considered one of the most substantial men of the township. He also invested in valuable real estate in Fredericksburg, and owned a handsome residence property there. His homestead, which he left to his wife, is one of the most attractive farms in the township, comprises one hundred and thirty acres, has handsome well-kept-up buildings, and is equipped with everything necessary for comfort and convenience. Besides his real estate he invested a large amount in bonds, stocks and mortgages.

On December 30, 1865, Mr. Oberholtzer married Rebecca Weller, of Bethel township, a noble woman, who since the death of her husband, has lived a somewhat retired life in Fredericksburg, giving herself devotedly to the interest of her children. She is large hearted and ever evinces a sympathetic interest in all good works. The United Brethren Church of Fredericksburg counts her among its most faithful members. To Mr. and Mrs. Oberholtzer were born ten children: Catherine C., who was married December 4, 1886, to Rev. Daniel S. Wengert, of Jonestown; Emma Lizzie, who was married January 28, 1890, to J. Grant Berkley, of South Lebanon township; Henry, who was carrying on the family homestead in Bethel township, but now lives in Myerstown; Jacob, who is engaged in farming in the same township, but lives at Lebanon; Daisy R., who was married November 11, 1893, to David Wengert, of Jonestown, and lives in Annville; Annie May, who was married to H. Dawson Bordner June 19, 1897; Ellen L., who died at the age of twenty years; Martin M., deceased at the age of seventeen years; and Maggie Ester and Adam William, living at home with their mother.

Mr. Oberholtzer was a born farmer, who entertained the highest ideals



of his vocation; and achieved success by his untiring devotion to his industry. Domestic in taste, he always manifested an affectionate interest in his home and family. To the needy he was kind, to his neighbors friendly, and helpful, and throughout the county he was considered a most valuable, public spirited citizen. For square dealing and integrity of character he won the esteem of all who knew him. The German Baptist Church considered him one of its most substantial supporters. Politically he affiliated with the Republican party. Mr. Oberholtzer's death was a severe blow to his family. Early in life his health had been feeble, but in his last years he was strong and well, until within a few days of the end, when he was stricken with pneumonia, and in spite of the skillful efforts of able physicians, death conquered his brave spirit, and he entered into rest. The funeral services were conducted by Elder Charles White and Revs. I. Hay and Christian Wenger. The text was taken from Hebrews xiii, 14.

John Weller, father of Mrs. Oberholtzer, was descended from one of the highly respected pioneer families of Lebanon county. He married Barbara Light, and they had four children: Joseph, now a resident of Middletown; J. H., of Myerstown, Jackson township; Mariah, who is now deceased; and Rebecca (Mrs. Oberholtzer). The parents of these resided in Bethel township, where they were prominent citizens. Both belonged to the United Brethren Church.

GEORGE W. GARRETT, one of the old and highly respected citizens of Bismarck, Lebanon county, was born December 25, 1832, in Cornwall township, a son of Jonathan and Rebecca (Moyer) Garrett, and grandson of Jonathan Garrett, who was of German ancestry. The latter was one of those men of grand physique and superb strength who could pick up a barrel and drink from the bung-hole. At the time this feat was a great test of strength, and there were but few able to perform it. Grandfather Garrett made his home in Lebanon, working as a laborer in both Lebanon and Lancaster counties, and died at Safe Harbor, in the latter county, leaving children: Jonathan, Peter, Henry, Isaac, John, and several daughters.

Jonathan Garrett (2), father of George W., spent his life in Lebanon county. He was an industrious, hard-working man, and was employed at the ore banks in Cornwall township. His wife, Rebecca (Moyer), survived him many years, his death occurring at the age of forty-five, and she living to the age of seventy. Their children were the following: George W.; James, deceased; Sarah, wife of John Leonard, of South Cornwall township; Elizabeth, deceased, wife of Henry Nagle; Simon, foreman of the Lebanon City

Rolling Mills; John, a blacksmith in Cornwall; Harriet and Mary Ann, both deceased; and Levi, an engineer in Cornwall.

George W. Garrett was reared in Cornwall township and began work on the ore banks when but a lad, working also among the neighboring farmers and at the Cornwall furnace. At the latter place he gradually became more and more useful, until he was made engineer, a position he retained for forty-five years, being in the employ of the Colemans. In 1898, after such a long and faithful service, Mr. Garrett partially retired, practically giving up active labor, only engineering as suits his convenience. He is a practical machinist, and assisted in the erection of one of the furnaces, and has lived to see this business in its full tide of prosperity and to realize that much of its efficiency has been due to his careful and reliable work. His employers have had no more faithful workman than George W. Garrett, and they have given him many evidences of their appreciation. He has been a frugal man, and now owns several very valuable pieces of property in Bismarck, all of which he has improved. Mr. Garrett has always been identified with the Democratic party, but has never aspired to hold office. His genial, pleasant temperament makes friends for him, while his exemplary life retains them.

In 1855 Mr. Garrett was married to Elizabeth Kennedy, daughter of William Kennedy, who died in 1892. Mrs. Garrett died leaving three children, namely: Annie is the wife of Dr. George W. Harpel of Mt. Carmel, Pa., and has one daughter, Bessie E.; William H., a painter and paper-hanger in Hummelstown, married Annie Bender, and they have one child, Myrtle; Ella is the wife of Urias Garrett, of Danville, Ill. The second marriage of Mr. Garrett took place March 4, 1880, to Miss Elizabeth Baldwin, daughter of Job and Elizabeth Baldwin, of English ancestry. Mrs. Garrett died March 17, 1903. She was a consistent member of the M. E. Church. The family is held in high esteem in Cornwall township, where Mr. Garrett has been known all his life.

ADAM B. SCHROPP, one of the leading newspaper men of Lebanon, and manager and part owner of the *Daily News* and *Semi-Weekly News*, was born in Lebanon, Pa., December 2, 1855, a son of the late Rev. Henry Schropp, who was a minister of the United Brethren Church for many years, filling the position of Presiding Elder for a number of terms. Rev. Henry Schropp was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., and died in Lebanon in the year 1900. The faithful wife and mother, Priscilla Christ, was also born in Schuylkill county, and died in Lebanon in the year 1901.

Adam B. Schropp received only a common-school education in the public

schools of Lebanon, and in 1870 began an apprenticeship to the printer's trade, under John Young, editor of the *Pennsylvanier*. Following this he worked at his trade in New York State, Philadelphia, Allentown, Harrisburg and other cities, but returned to Lebanon in 1875, and worked at his trade in that city for a short time. Then for a period of three years he was connected with a dry-goods store, as a clerk. For the next twelve years, he was a traveling salesman for Coyle, McCandlish & Co., wholesale grocers, of Philadelphia.

In May, 1892, he became connected with the *Daily News*, as part owner and manager. The *Daily News*, which was founded in 1872 by the Smith Brothers, was the first daily paper in Lebanon. In 1875 the founders sold the plant to Messrs. Reinhard & Sharp. In May, 1892, the plant was purchased by the late Joseph H. Light, Adam B. Schropp and Jacob G. Schropp.

In 1902 Mr. Schropp was nominated by the Republican party as treasurer for Lebanon county, and was elected by a handsome majority at the fall election.

In 1877 Mr. Schropp was married to Sallie A., daughter of the late John H. Yingst. Mrs. Schropp attended the excellent schools of Lebanon, the Lebanon Valley College, and a ladies' seminary in Chester county. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schropp, as follows: Daisy P., Ray J., Harry G. (now deceased) and Ruth A.

JOHN A. BALSBAUGH, one of the proprietors of the Palmyra Hosiery Company, was born on the old Balsbaugh homestead, close to Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa., April 8, 1869. He is a son of Christian and Caroline (Brightbill) Balsbaugh, the former of whom was born on the old homestead February 12, 1834. The mother was born near the Brightbill meeting house, in South Annville township, Lebanon county, March 29, 1839.

John Balsbaugh, the paternal grandfather, was born on the old Balsbaugh homestead, son of George Balsbaugh, the first settler of the name in that location, who took up land in 1799, and cultivated the present homestead. This fine property is still in the family although divided up, and a part now belongs to John A. Balsbaugh. The children of John Balsbaugh, who grew to maturity, were as follows: Christian; Jeremiah, of Dauphin county; John L., of Lebanon county; Mary Ann, deceased; Caroline, Mrs. George Grove, of Hummelstown; and Uriah, of Hummelstown. To the parents of John A., Christian and Caroline Balsbaugh, the following children were born: Clara married Martin Witmer, of Bismarck; Mary died in infancy; Aggie married S. F. Engle; Sallie married Frank Hartz, of Palmyra; Katie



*J. A. Balsbaugh*

is deceased; John A. is mentioned below; Carry is deceased. During his active life the father followed farming, but is now living retired in Hummels-town. For two terms he served as school director of his district, and he has taken an active part in school matters. Religiously he has been for a number of years, a consistent member of the United Brethren Church.

John A. Balsbaugh was reared on the old homestead, and received his excellent education at the common schools and the Lebanon Valley College. After leaving college, in 1886, he accepted a position as clerk in a store in Hockersville, Pa., and remained there for two and one-half years, when he returned to the old homestead, and remained with his father two years. From that time until 1900 he operated the farm himself, and in the spring of 1901 he removed to Palmyra. Entering into partnership with his brother-in-law, S. F. Engle, they established the Palmyra Hosiery Mill, of which plant Mr. Balsbaugh now has charge, and which, under his most able management, has become one of the important industries of Palmyra.

On October 30, 1890, Mr. Balsbaugh married Mary Hershey, who was born near Hockersville, Dauphin county, September 24, 1869, daughter of Levi and Susan (Moyer) Hershey, the former of whom is now deceased. The following children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Balsbaugh: Erma May, born January 24, 1892, who died October 17, 1893; Christian H., born February 23, 1893; Lloyd W., born March 20, 1895; Caroline E., born February 2, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Balsbaugh are active and liberal members of the United Brethren Church, and are very prominent in the church and social circles of Palmyra. In politics he is identified with the Republican party; he served nine years as school director, entering upon the duties of that office when twenty-one years of age.

JOHN B. RAUCH (deceased) was for over thirty years one of the leading business men of Lebanon. As a merchant, a bank official, a stockholder in several large manufacturing concerns, and as a man keenly interested in public affairs, he was especially prominent. His attainments deserve particular mention as being the result of his own efforts entirely. Born December 3, 1832, he was the son of Peter Rauch, a native of Lebanon county, who for a number of years followed farming in this section with fairly good success. He died in 1842, leaving several children.

John B. Rauch, left fatherless at the early age of ten, went to live with his elder sisters, who gave him careful nurture. In the public schools of his neighborhood he obtained his education, which was sufficiently thorough and practical to enable him to transact with success any line of business. Decid-

ing at an early date to take his chance in life as a merchant, when starting out he went to Annville, Pa., and secured a position as clerk. A short test proved he had made a wise choice, and he retained his position for a long time, giving excellent satisfaction.

In his early manhood, while still working at Annville, Mr. Rauch married Sarah Zimmerman, of South Lebanon township, who proved a faithful helpmeet for a number of years. This wife dying, he married, July 16, 1867, for his second wife, Sarah Hensicker, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Groah) Hensicker, of Lebanon. By the first union there was one son, Charles, who is now a merchant in Lebanon. By the second marriage there were five children: Catherine married Harry J. Miller, of Reading, Pa.; Helen married E. O. Burtner, of Dauphin county, Pa.; Jacob is a poultry and butter dealer in Philadelphia, Pa.; Sarah lives at home; the other child died in childhood.

About 1857 Mr. Rauch, deciding to go into business by himself, moved to Lebanon, purchased the favorable lot at the corner of Tenth and Cumberland streets, and erected a store building, where he began dealing in general merchandise. In a short time he commenced making large and paying transactions. Having thus early secured a firm hold in the community, he maintained this business with eminent success throughout the rest of his life. Each succeeding year brought in larger and larger profits, and these, with wise business foresight, he always invested where they would yield the largest dividends. Having large interests in the Farmers National Bank of Lebanon, he served as its president and director for a number of years. He also acted as secretary and director of the Lebanon Manufacturing Works, and was engaged in various other enterprises.

As a Republican Mr. Rauch always evinced a keen interest in politics and public affairs generally, and besides attending to his various lines of business found time to serve his community as county registrar for a number of years. As a man of great integrity and generosity, he was one of the most liberal supporters of the Trinity United Brethren Church. He was abstemious in his habits, kind in his family, helpful to the needy, and won the lasting friendship and esteem of a host of Lebanon's citizens.

ABNER ISETT HARTMAN, one of the leading citizens of South Londonderry township, engaged in a general warehouse business at Colebrook, as the senior member of the firm of Hartman & Garrett, was born at Cornwall, Lebanon county, July 24, 1867.

The parents of Mr. Hartman were Samuel W. and Caroline (Kennedy)

Hartman, the former of whom was born December 25, 1840, at Schaeffers-town, Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, and came to Cornwall in young manhood, starting in a humble position in the mines and working himself up into the position of foreman. For eighteen years he occupied this responsible position on what was known as the Big Hill, meeting with many adventures and miraculously escaping injury until the time of his death, December 14, 1883, caused by being caught under the fall of a piece of ore, weighing about seven tons. Mr. Hartman was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and was esteemed in the community for his industry and integrity. His father, George Hartman, was a farmer of Heidelberg township, who married into the Blottenberger family, and was the father of a large family, his three surviving daughters being: Mary, Mrs. Becker; Sarah, Mrs. Enck; and Caroline, Mrs. Devan Gettle; and these sons: Donald, Samuel W. and George, deceased; and Daniel and Israel, surviving.

On the maternal side, the grandparents were William H. and Ann (Donley) Kennedy, the former of whom was one of the early mountain teachers, a mine worker and also a local preacher in the Methodist Church. Mr. Kennedy was a most highly esteemed citizen, and was the father of these children: John, who left Cornwall some thirty years ago, is a resident of Arizona; James; Charles W. was killed at Philadelphia, in the summer of 1902, by the explosion of a carboy of nitroglycerine, while making a storage battery experiment; George; Frank is a telegraph operator; Elizabeth is deceased; Mary became Mrs. Ward, and is deceased; Caroline, born in 1842, is the mother of Mr. Hartman, and resides at Bismarck, Lebanon county; Miss Susan; and Mira is the wife of Joseph Ferry of Lebanon.

Abner I. Hartman was reared at Cornwall and because one of the bright students in the public school, being one of the three selected by Robert Coleman and placed in 1882 in the office at Cornwall to be taught telegraphy. Mr. Hartman quickly acquired the technical knowledge, and after the death of his father, he went to work as a telegrapher on the Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad, at various stations. For two years he was weighmaster at Cornwall, and was also one of the clerks in the superintendent's office, continuing with the road until June, 1901. At the date of his resignation, he was the oldest employe on the road in point of service, from the president on down, his position at this time being that of station agent at Colebrook, a place he had capably filled for sixteen years.

In June, 1901, the firm of Hartman & Garrett was formed for conducting a general warehouse business, their commodious building with dimensions of 40x50 feet, with three floors, enabling them to satisfactorily handle grain,

feed, lumber and coal. Mr. Hartman has demonstrated his ability as a business man, and he enjoys a large trade. His long connection with the road and the public brought him a wide acquaintance and many firm friends.

In 1886, at Cornwall, Mr. Hartman married Margaret Youts, born January 1, 1870, daughter of William and Mary Youts, of Cornwall. The four children born to this union are: Florence Ethel, Nellie Madeline, Russell Edward and Hazel Norene. The religious connection of Mr. Hartman and family is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he belongs to Camp No. 254, P. O. S. of A., and Lamberton Lodge, No. 708, of Harrisburg.

JOHN H. WILHELM, a very important factor in the business life of the flourishing town of Myerstown, and its leading hardware merchant, as well as a successful manufacturer of buggies and wagons, was born in South Lebanon township, November 2, 1858, a son of Tobias and Veronica (Light) Wilhelm, farmers of Lebanon county, born in the city of Lebanon, in 1824, and now residing at Iona, Lebanon county, retired from active life.

The father of Tobias Wilhelm was born in Germany, coming to America when still a young man, and had two children: Tobias and Katherine, now a widow, residing at Lebanon City. The marriage of Tobias Wilhelm occurred about 1848, his bride being the daughter of Joseph Light, of South Lebanon township, who came of one of the oldest families of Lebanon county. This marriage was blessed with the following family: Rosanna married Josiah Grumbine, of South Lebanon township; Clara married Benjamin Smith, and is now deceased; Joseph, a farmer of South Lebanon township, is also a minister of the German Baptist Church; Amelia married Amos Snyder, a farmer of Iona, Pa.; Araminta married Reuben Zug, a farmer of Lebanon county; John H.; Lizzie, widow of Joshua Fernsler; Katherine, married Levi Spayd, a carpenter of Cherryvale, Kans.; Lena, married John Bomberger, a farmer of South Lebanon township.

John H. Wilhelm was reared upon his father's farm, but received a most excellent education in the public schools of his locality, near Lebanon City, then at Palatinate College, Myerstown and at the Millersville State Normal School. Following his course at the latter institution, Mr. Wilhelm became one of the popular teachers of Lebanon county, and so continued for fourteen years. At that time occurred his marriage, and he then embarked in the butchering business and dealt largely in cattle at Myerstown, but at the expiration of two years entered another line and dealt in implements. To this he added the handling of hardware, and now is also a manufacturer of buggies



and wagons, meeting with unqualified success in all lines, and enjoying the distinction of being the leading hardware merchant and implement dealer in Lebanon county. While a staunch Republican in politics, Mr. Wilhelm has never had time or inclination to hold office, although he did consent to act as school director, believing it the duty of every man to advance the cause of higher education. In religious matters, his convictions make of him a Protestant.

At the age of thirty years, March 27, 1889, he was united in marriage to Miss Ella R. Eberly, of Myerstown, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Reinoehl) Eberly, of Denver, Lancaster county, and she was one of four children: Lizzie, deceased; Anna, unmarried, of Denver, Pa.; Ella R. (Mrs. Wilhelm); Mary, unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Eberly reside in Denver, and are among the honored and highly respected people of that locality, both belonging to old and well-known families of Lancaster county. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm were as follows: Winnie and Irwin I., deceased; and Earl E., born in August, 1897; and Harry E., born in February, 1899, bright little ones, and the pride of their parents' hearts. Mr. Wilhelm has met with success not on account of outside assistance, or because of particularly fortunate opportunities, but simply through his own, untiring and persistent efforts. No work has been too hard, no obstacle too difficult for him to overcome, and as a result, he has an established position among the leading business men of Lebanon county, and has accumulated property which insures comfort and ease to his family, and continued prosperity and success in his enterprises.

**SAMUEL HAAK.** Pennsylvania has been peculiarly fortunate in the unusual large army of efficient educators she has enlisted from the ranks of her gifted sons. Lebanon county has contributed her full quota, and among those who have distinguished themselves by their scholarly attainments and their unwearied devotion to their work, may be mentioned Samuel Haak, principal of the Myerstown high school. He was born in Jackson township, one mile east of Myerstown, on the Dauphin and Berks turnpike, April 15, 1853, son of Michael and Maria (Noecker) Haak.

Jonathan Haak, grandfather of Samuel, was one of the early settlers in Lebanon county. His entire life was passed in agricultural pursuits, and he became one of the prominent and successful men of that section. Of strict morality and unwavering integrity himself, he reared his large family of sons and daughters to be worthy bearers of his honored name, and to be citizens of whom their town and State might well be proud.

Michael Haak, son of Jonathan and father of Samuel, was born on the paternal homestead in Jackson township in 1815, and died in the same township January 6, 1884. He was ever active in public affairs, and was one of the workers in the Republican party, but never desired to hold any public office. As a member of the United Brethren Church, he conscientiously followed its teachings, carrying his religion into the affairs of the workaday world. He held various offices in the church and gave liberally of his time and means to the furtherance of any good cause. He was generous and kind-hearted, and many unfortunate sufferers were aided through his ready charity. In his youth Michael Haak wedded Maria Noecker, who was born in 1820, and died in 1891. Five children blessed this union: Isaac B.; Mary A., who married Alfred G. Ream, of North Jackson township; Sarah, who married A. B. Landis, and is now deceased; Samuel; and John A., a farmer in North Jackson township.

Samuel Haak was reared upon the farm, and early became accustomed to the many duties that fall to the lot of a farmer's son. His early education he acquired in the district schools, and in Myerstown Academy, later attending Palatinate (now Albright) College at Myerstown. His natural tastes led him to a professional life, and at the age of nineteen he entered the school room as a teacher. His own enthusiastic love of study inspired his pupils, and for six years he taught school, winning a high reputation for efficiency. At the end of that time he entered the Cumberland Valley Normal school, where for four terms he manifested a degree of scholarship that called forth the willing praise of his instructors. He graduated with honors in 1879. A high position won and maintained among one's lifelong acquaintances reflects far more honor than a similar place among strangers. Prof. Haak had so ordered his life that he had had from the beginning a warm place in the hearts of his old friends and neighbors, and when he left the Normal school, it was to return to his old home in Myerstown. In 1881 he began teaching in the Secondary department of the Myerstown schools, where for four years he added to the laurels already won as a teacher. Thorough himself, he demands thoroughness in his pupils, and his patience and kindness have helped many a poor backward student to understand and in the end to overcome great difficulties. In 1885 he was chosen principal of the high school, and has rounded out seventeen years in that honorable and responsible position. Under his careful tuition many brilliant men and women have prepared for their battles in life, and they remember his interest in them and their work with affectionate regard.

On December 5, 1891, Prof. Haak was married to Ella C. Wolf, one of

the two children of William and Catherine (Ream) Wolf, of Myerstown, prominent people of this city. Their other child, a son, James Wolf, resides in Myerstown. No children have been born to Prof. and Mrs. Haak. In 1870 Prof. Haak became a member of the United Brethren Church, and he has not been content to be a member in name only, but he has endeavored to do his part in the active work of the church. For over thirty years he has been one of the faithful teachers in the Sunday-school. In political views he is a Republican, but is without time or inclination for political preferment. He is a man of wide reading, and he keeps well informed on all the current topics of the time. In his professional life Prof. Haak fulfills the highest ideals as an instructor, never being content with mere teaching, but striving ever to the best intellectual development of the individual, and he has often succeeded where many have failed. His teachers and pupils all hold him in the greatest degree of respect and esteem, and endeavor to emulate the high example set by one who in every relation of life has proved himself an upright, honorable Christian gentleman.

HENRY C. SNAVELY, whose interest in agriculture does not begin and end with the cultivation of his ancestral acres, but which has prompted him to give his best energies to secure legislation protective to the farmer, and to promote advanced methods to obtain the highest and best results for labor expended, was born in North Lebanon township, Lebanon county, November 14, 1844, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Brandt) Snavely.

The Snavely family originated in Switzerland, where the name was spelled Schnebeli. The founder of the American branch of the family crossed the sea in 1735, and settled in eastern Pennsylvania. He was accompanied by his five-year-old son, John Ulrich, who became the great-grandfather of Henry C. Snavely. In the latter part of the Eighteenth century and the early part of the Nineteenth, John Ulrich Snavely purchased about five hundred acres of land two and one-half miles west of Lebanon, part of which is still in the possession of his descendants, eighty-seven acres belonging to our subject.

Henry C. Snavely was reared on the home farm and early became familiar with the arduous labors connected with the practical cultivation of the soil. He attended the common schools and for three terms engaged in teaching, but with that exception his whole life has been spent in agricultural pursuits. His fine farm is in a fine state of cultivation, and is largely devoted to fine fruits.

As early as 1873 Mr. Snavely became connected with the Patrons of

Husbandry, and from that time has been active in promoting the welfare of the farmer. He belongs to the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union of Pennsylvania, and served as its president for several years. A number of times he was elected a delegate to the national body, of which he was one of the vice-presidents. For upward of twenty years he was a member of the State Horticultural Society, of which for three years he was the president, and four years the chairman of the general fruit committee. For some time he was Lebanon County's representative on the State Board of Agriculture, and conducted the Farmers' Institutes held in the county. He is keenly interested in giving new methods and machinery careful tests, and he keeps fully abreast of every advance made. In consequence of his careful study of his calling, he has been most successful and the products of the Snavely farm are far above the average in quality; and the yield in quantity as well, betokens the farmer who gives his land its needed rest and nourishment.

On August 13, 1867, Mr. Snavely was united in marriage with Susan Heilman, daughter of George G. and Christina Heilman. Of the children born to this union two sons and five daughters survive, namely: Marcellus Heilman, George Joseph, Eleanor Mary, Virginia Elizabeth, Edith Emma, Sarah Alice and Julia Ada. Mr. Snavely's interest in educational matters did not cease with his change from the teacher's profession to agricultural pursuits, but he has continued to take an active part in the advancement of the public schools and the improvement in the methods of teaching. For a number of terms he served most efficiently as school director. He is highly esteemed throughout the county, and his willingness to help by word and deed has won him many warm friends. The comfortable home of the family is the abode of happiness and hospitality.

ADAM LOOSE, a prominent and successful shoe merchant, and one of the leading citizens of Myerstown, Pa., was born August 1, 1834, a son of John and Magdalena (Fisher) Loose, natives of Berks county, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Loose, grandfather of Adam, was a farmer and tanner, and was an old settler of Berks county, Pa. By his wife, Rebecca Bucks, he had eleven children: Samuel, John, Jacob, Daniel, Conrad, Jonathan, Gabriel, William, Benjamin, Kathrine and Elizabeth.

John Loose, father of Adam, was born May 11, 1795, and died May 6, 1861. For more than forty years he was one of the leading and solid business men and tanners of Myerstown. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and in religious matters, was connected with the Reformed Church. He married Magdalena Fisher, who was born June 24, 1797, and died June 3, 1858.

Their family consisted of nine children: John; Henry; Thomas; Adam; Mary, married to Augustus Behney; Catherine, who married Samuel Kauffman; Sarah, who married Adam C. Klopp; Pollie, who married Thomas Dieffenbach; and Rebecca, who married Levi Steiner. All are now deceased except Adam, Pollie and Rebecca.

Adam Loose was reared in Myerstown and received his education in the public schools. At the age of thirteen years, he began to learn the tailor's trade, which he followed for some years, when he embarked in the tannery business with John and Henry Loose. After two years of this association Mr. Loose sold his interest and turned his attention to butchering, and conducted an establishment along this line for three years. During the Civil war he volunteered under Capt. John H. Bassler, in the One Hundred and Fortyninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, known as the Bucktail Regiment. In the three days' battle of Gettysburg he was wounded, and soon after was discharged, having served his country honorably and bravely.

Returning to Myerstown, Mr. Loose again embarked in the butchering business in which he continued for some time, when he purchased a farm, and for twenty-one years conducted it most successfully. At the expiration of that period, he returned to Myerstown, and went into the produce and fruit business, and later handled family groceries for about eleven years. His store was recognized as thoroughly up-to-date. In 1901 he started his present shoe business on Main street, where he conducts the leading shoe business of Myerstown, and has built up a desirable trade among the best people of the town.

In 1854 Mr. Loose was married to Miss Susan K. Steiner, daughter of Christian Steiner, of Myerstown. Four children were born of this marriage: Michael, Leonard C., Thomas and Annie. Mrs. Loose died about 1873, and in 1875 he married Miss Mary Segner, and one son was born of this second marriage, John A., now assisting his father. The political affiliations of Mr. Loose are with the Republican party, and he has served most ably as register of wills for Lebanon county. In religious matters he is a consistent member of the Reformed Church. The entire family occupy a high position socially, and Mr. Loose is highly esteemed for his many excellent traits of character. Honorable in all his dealings, he has firmly established himself in the confidence of the community, and he is a man whose word is as good as his bond.

ISAAC KEGERREIS, one of the leading citizens of Richland, Lebanon county, Pa., the second son of Christian Kegerreis, was born in West Cocalico township, Lancaster county, March 10, 1840.

Jacob Kegerreis, the grandfather, settled in West Cocalico township, Lancaster county, in his youth, where Christian Kegerreis, the father of the subject of this sketch was born September 17, 1808. At the age of twenty-seven years Christian Kegerreis married Catherine, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Werntz) Kurtz, by whom he had six children: Martin married Catherine Fishburn, of Derry township, Dauphin county, Pa.; Sarah is unmarried; Isaac; Susan married Samuel Wenger, deceased, late of East Hanover township, Dauphin county; Elizabeth died single at the age of twenty-five years; and Mary married Daniel Kulp, of Manheim, Lancaster county. Mrs. Catherine (Kurtz) Kegerreis, died in 1846, and subsequently Christian Kegerreis married Catherine, daughter of John and Mary (Hoffman) Brunner, by whom he also had six children: Catherine died when grown; Maria died when young; Abraham married Mary A. Zieber, from near Bellevue, Ohio; Rachel and Rebecca are single; and Amanda married Frank Hostetter, of Landis Valley, Lancaster county. All of his children were born within four miles of his birthplace, and in 1855 he moved to Derry township, Dauphin county, Pa. He was quite a successful farmer and a man of strong character. Educated above the average farmer in those days he taught school for some time, and was a man of great influence. He did a great deal of scrivening and was often called a bush lawyer. In politics he was a Democrat. In his younger days he was a member of the Reformed Church, but later, after moving to Dauphin county, he became affiliated with the New Mennonite Church, of which he remained a faithful member until he died, aged ninety-one years.

Isaac Kegerreis attended the local schools, such as they were, in West Cocalico township, until he was about eleven years old, when, in order that he become conversant with the English language, he was sent to the southern part of Lancaster county to two English speaking farmers, one winter to Mr. Graybill, near New Holland, and two winters to Mr. Zook, near Intercourse, and there went to school, and fed and cared for the live stock for his board. Subsequently in Dauphin county, the new home of his father, he clerked in the general merchandise store of Squire Samuel Henry, at Derry Church, and for Christian Bowman of Campbelltown. He afterward attended school at White Hall, a few miles west of Harrisburg, and took a course at the Millersville Normal school. Equipped now with a fair education, young Isaac taught school for several terms, and in the spring of 1863, went west, and clerked for John Larwell, in a general store of Loudonville, Ohio, later going to Chicago, where he was employed in a large mercantile establishment, until requested by his father to return home and assist him on

the farm. This he did in the summer of 1865, but in the fall he again taught his old school.

Mr. Kegerreis married Miss Susan, eldest daughter of Benjamin and Sallie (Wenger) Kurtz, of West Cocalico township, Lancaster county. Six children blessed this union, three of whom reached maturity and three of whom died young: Ida L., who married Albert K. Hostetter, of Lancaster, Pa.; Morris Christian, who died at the age of two years; Paul Kurtz, who died at the age of ten months; Robert Benjamin; Maggie May, who died at the age of nearly five years; and Sallie.

In the spring of 1867 Mr. Kegerreis moved to Reinholdsville (now Blainsport), Lancaster county. In 1869 he sold out, and moved to Richland, Lebanon county in the spring of 1870. In 1871 he entered into partnership with the late William Leshner, under the firm name of Leshner & Kegerreis, in the wholesale liquor business, which continued for eight years. In 1880 he began the manufacture of cigars and packing leaf tobacco, with Samuel Klopp, as partner, under the firm name of Klopp & Kegerreis. Since the dissolution of that firm in 1885, Mr. Kegerreis has followed the wholesale leaf tobacco business. His financial success and popularity as a business man led him into politics, and in 1876 he was elected justice of the peace, to which office he was twice re-elected, and held same until 1891, since when he has been notary public, and in addition to his other business has become the leading adviser, surveyor and conveyancer of the community. He has also served two terms as school director, and one term as school district treasurer, and in 1891 was a candidate for associate judge of Lebanon county.

Mr. Kegerreis has taken a prominent part in the development of the town in which he lives. In 1871 in conjunction with a number of others he succeeded in having a special act of the Assembly passed authorizing the paving and grading of the main streets of Richland. In 1888 he was largely instrumental in the success of the incorporation of the Richland Water Company, of which he has ever since been the secretary, so that to-day Richland has become one of the most beautiful and healthful little towns in the Lebanon Valley, with the conveniences ordinarily enjoyed only by large towns and cities. Mr. Kegerreis is not enrolled as a member of any religious denomination, but there are none who have the cause more at heart than he, which fact is proved by his liberal contributions for the upbuilding and maintaining of religious and charitable institutions. He is always ready with a helping hand and is a cheerful giver of means and influence in promoting the best interests of his fellowmen.

BENJAMIN KURTZ, late one of the leading citizens of Richland, Lebanon county, Pa., was the grandson of Abraham Kurtz, who was born in Lancaster county, Pa. The founders of the Kurtz name in this country came early in the history of the State, first locating at Morgantown, Chester county, Pa., and subsequently moved to Lancaster county. Abraham Kurtz was married to a Miss Blank. To bless this union came eight children: John, Jacob, Samuel, David, Susan, Barbara, Elizabeth and Anna.

John Kurtz, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in East Cocalico township, Lancaster county. He married Magdalena Gockley, and they moved to West Cocalico township, same county, where he owned and operated a very large farm which he later divided into three farms. He was one of the most successful and influential farmers of the western part of Lancaster county, and was known for his strict and exact habits, as well as his integrity. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. To him and his wife were born seven children, namely: Abraham, who married Elizabeth Bomberger; Samuel, who died unmarried; John, who married Mary Sanders, and died the father of four children; Polly, married to Jacob Dornbach; Elizabeth, married to Peter Dinger; Benjamin, the subject of this sketch; and Jacob, who married Lydia Hoffman. All are now deceased.

Benjamin Kurtz was born in West Cocalico township, Lancaster county, in 1817. He married Sallie, daughter of John and Susan (Brubaker) Wenger, and five children were born to this union: Susan, who married Isaac Kegerreis, of Richland; Anna and Eliza, unmarried; Maggie, who married S. B. Royer, of Myerstown, and died without issue; and Amanda, who married W. H. Kilmer, a dentist at Reading, Pa. Mrs. Benjamin Kurtz was born in East Cocalico township, Lancaster county, in 1821, and died in Richland April 21, 1882. She was one of eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Jacob, who married Sallie Hershberger; Nancy, who wedded John Oberly; Joseph who married Susan Oberholtzer; Sallie, who married Benjamin Kurtz; Elizabeth, who married David Eby; David, who married Lovina Echtenacht; and Samuel, who married (first) Elizabeth Flickinger, and (second) Kate Eberly. The Wenger family is numbered among the old and substantial ones of Pennsylvania, the ancestors emigrating from Switzerland at an early day.

Benjamin Kurtz lived and reared his family in West Cocalico, where he owned a nice home and farm. By steadfast industry, earnest efforts and ability he left his family well provided for. In 1873, he moved to a smaller farm at Richland, Lebanon county. Ten years later he bought a home where he lived a retired life, until his death, which occurred June 30, 1885. In pol-



itics he was a Democrat. His wife was a member of the Old Mennonite Church, but he rather inclined toward the belief of the New Mennonites. It was through his liberality that the town of Richland can boast of its pure water, which is taken from his mountain land, still owned by his estate.

ANNA and ELIZA KURTZ, the single daughters of Benjamin Kurtz, still live on the old homestead in Richland, devoting themselves to good deeds, helping those less fortunate.

SIMON P. LIGHT was born in Lebanon, August 30, 1861, son of the late Gideon Light, who was one of the leading citizens of Lebanon for over half a century.

Gideon Light was born in his father's house on Maple street, west of Ninth, January 28, 1831, a son of Jacob Light. He became a large land-owner, owning at one time the major portions of the Sixth and Seventh wards, of Lebanon. He was a Democrat, and prominent in the public life of the county, having been elected treasurer of the county in 1873, and in that office served a term of three years. He was active in the business life of the community, having been connected with a number of industrial institutions. He was one of the organizers of the United Brethren Aid Society, of which he was treasurer for many years, and erected the society's building, now the city hall of Lebanon. He was married to Nancy Witmeyer, and died April 18, 1902, leaving to survive him nine children, among whom was Simon P., the subject of this sketch.

Simon P. Light, the immediate subject of these lines, was educated in the public schools of Lebanon, and subsequently completed a course in Lebanon Valley College, where he graduated with honors in 1880. He at once took up the study of his profession, and after a brilliant examination was admitted to the Lebanon County Bar, August 27, 1884. His splendid grasp of legal principles soon made him a counselor sought after by corporate interests of the community, who entrusted their business to him, which he managed with signal success.

The public career of Mr. Light has been attended with much success. From his early manhood he became an enthusiastic supporter of Democratic principles, and a worker in the ranks of that party. His superior tactfulness and natural ability to manage men made him a power in the party, and he early became marked for political preferment. In 1892 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, and in 1896 was again chosen to represent the Fourteenth Congressional District in the Democratic National Convention. In 1899, although a Democrat, he was elected by a Republican

board of county commissioners county solicitor, which office he filled creditably for a term of three years. He is popular both with men of his party and with those of the opposition. In connection with his law practice, Mr. Light has been very active in business circles in the county. In 1890 he organized the Street Railway Company of Lebanon, and was its president for some years, until the company was absorbed by the United Power and Transportation Company. He was secretary of the Pennsylvania Street Railway Association from 1892 to 1898, and for the same period was a director in the Wilkesbarre & Wyoming Valley Traction Company. Mr. Light also assisted in the organization of the People's Telephone Company, of which he was president until it was sold to the United Telephone and Telegraph Company, and in the latter organization he is now a director. He is also treasurer of the Lebanon Valley Iron Company, and holds the same position in the Imperial Limestone Company.

On June 26, 1890, Mr. Light married Ella, daughter of Cornelius Smith, of Annville, and they have had six children: Donald, Dorothy, Gideon, Nancy, Catherine and Simon P., Jr.

DAVID L. SAYLOR, the leading contractor of Annville, and also an extensive dealer in lumber and coal, was born April 3, 1844, in Swatara township, Lebanon county, near Bunker Hill, a son of John and Sarah (Lerch) Saylor.

Peter Saylor, the grandfather of David L., was an early settler in Swatara township. He married Elizabeth Miller and had children as follows: John, Jacob, Samuel and four daughters.

John Saylor, the father of David L., was born March 22, 1804, in Swatara township. He married Sarah Lerch, who was born in 1807. They had children as follows: John L., Daniel, Elizabeth, Adam, David L., Elias and William.

David L. Saylor was but five years of age when his father died, and on this account he was put out to work while almost too young, with one farmer and then another. Naturally industrious and willing, he gave good satisfaction and made many friends. At the age of nineteen years, he began to learn the carpenter's trade, in North Annville township, where he served two years, and then went to Schuylkill county, where he followed his trade for two years, and after this was employed as a carpenter along the line, by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. In 1867 he located in Annville and worked on the building of the Lebanon Valley College, and in 1868 he began contracting, at which he has since continued. He has erected more

buildings in Annville than all the other contractors together, among which are the leading business houses and private residences, and among the most important are the following: Eagle Hotel; Annville National Bank; Sunshine Printing Company; Kreider Shoe Factory (major part); Dr. J. K. Urich's residence; his own handsome residence and many others. In the spring of 1877 he began dealing in lumber, and in 1882, in coal. His business methods are founded upon integrity and he has won the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens through merit alone.

In 1865, Mr. Saylor was married to Anna Boger, daughter of Thomas Boger, and to this union were born these children: Minerva, who married Amos Zimmerman, a leading carpet merchant of Lebanon; Alice, who married Samuel C. Fox, a grocer of Pleasant Hill, Lebanon county; Emma; John B., who has charge of his father's office; and Samuel C. Mr. Saylor is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the K. P. fraternities. His family belongs to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Annville.

This short sketch gives an outline of a self-made man, who began life terribly handicapped, but who, through his own efforts, has risen to a position of prominence in his locality, and who can justly be regarded as one of the substantial men of Annville.

JACOB B. SHOPE. Among the leading representatives of the commercial activity of Palmyra is Jacob B. Shope, a merchant of that city, who was born near Round Top, Londonderry township, Dauphin county, August 26, 1853, a son of Henry and Magdalena (Ott) Shope. Henry Shope was born in York county, Pa., in 1821, and died in Dauphin county in 1900, while his wife, born in Lehigh county in 1829, now resides in Dauphin county.

The paternal grandfather was born in Switzerland, and upon coming to America, located in York county, Pa. The maternal grandfather came from Wurtemberg, Germany. Henry Shope removed from his native county to Dauphin county, where he spent the balance of his life, engaging in farming. The following children were born to the parents: John S., a merchant of Annville, Pa.; Jacob B.; Anna, who married Philip Miller; Samuel; and Katie, wife of P. Van Shope.

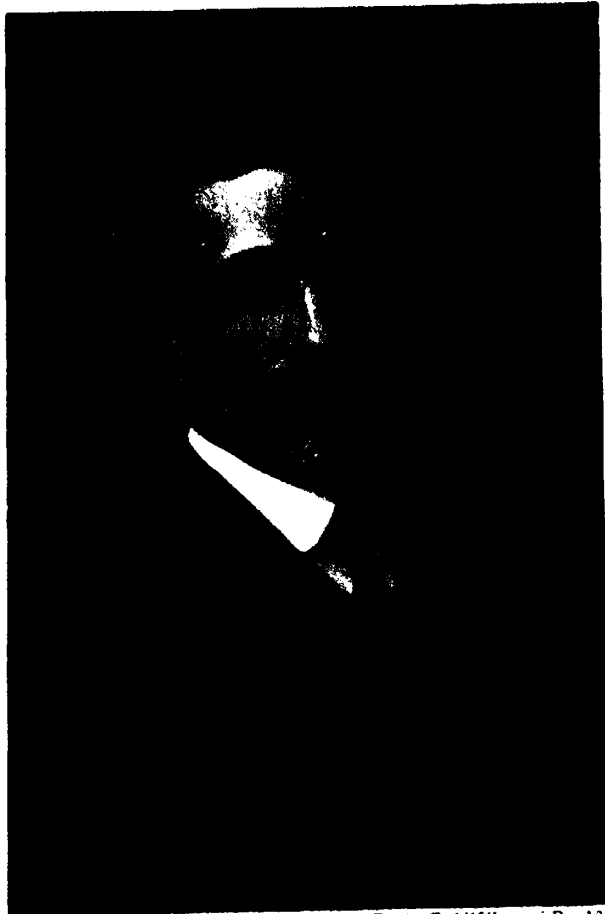
Jacob B. Shope was reared upon a farm, and received his education in the schools of his district. In 1876 he began farming for himself, and continued this occupation four years, when in 1880, he embarked in a merchandise business with his father, under the style of Shope & Son, at Brownstown, Dauphin Co., Pa. In 1890 he sold his interest and located at Palmyra, where he established his present house in the same building he now occupies on

Broad street. When he located in Palmyra, his business was a small one, but as increasing custom warranted, he has enlarged his enterprise until he has one of the leading general merchandise stores in the city, and the second largest. His first stock did not exceed \$3,000, while he now carries at least \$10,000 worth on his shelves. The beginning of his career as a merchant, in Dauphin county, was made on a borrowed capital of \$100. Today, not only does he carry a large stock of goods, control a flourishing trade that is constantly increasing, but he owns his place of business as well as a substantial residence adjoining. This almost phenomenal success has been attained by undaunted energy, enterprise and thrift, combined with exceptional business ability, and a close adherence to honorable methods, which have firmly established him in the confidence of the general public.

On January 13, 1876, Mr. Shope was married to Kate Imboden, born in Londonderry township, Lebanon county, a daughter of Jeremiah Imboden. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shope: Harry, who died aged three and one-half years; Maggie, who died December 2, 1901, aged twenty-two years; Harvey, in business with his father; John; and Pearl. Mr. Shope is a member of the Republican party, and takes an active part in local affairs. Genial in manner, he has gained many friends, and is universally esteemed by them, as well as beloved in his family.

EDWARD WILLIAM MILLER, one of the representative members of the Bar in Lebanon, Pa., is a native of Marion township, Berks county, this State, having been born on a farm in that locality, near Stouchsburg, July 9, 1860, son of Franklin and Emma E. (Wenrich) Miller, both natives and still residents of the same county. John Miller, the father of Franklin, was one of the highly respected old settlers of Berks county.

Edward William Miller spent his childhood days upon the farm, attending the public school of the neighborhood. Later he had the advantage of a course of study at Womelsdorf Academy, and upon leaving that institution taught school, from 1877 to 1883, when he removed to Lebanon and began reading law in the office of Gen. J. P. S. Gobin, being admitted to the Bar January 14, 1884. Soon afterward Mr. Miller began the practice of his profession in an office at the corner of Ninth and Willow streets, where he was located until 1902, when he removed to his present quarters, in the Lebanon County Trust building. As Mr. Miller is one of the directors, as well as a stockholder and the solicitor of the Lebanon County Trust Company, which he helped to organize, his offices are very conveniently located. For the past eight years Mr. Miller has been solicitor for the Annville



*W. G. Perry & Co.*

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*E. W. Miller*

Building and Loan Association, and is one of the most active workers in the management of that organization. He is a self-made man, having with but few advantages worked himself by close application into the front rank of his profession. He now enjoys an extensive general law practice, and has a bright future before him. In his business affairs he has always been trustworthy and painstaking. In his church associations Mr. Miller is a member of the Lutheran Church.

On October 4, 1888, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Elizabeth S., daughter of Adam Schaeffer, a prominent grain and coal dealer of Richland, who has since that time removed to Lebanon. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller: Adam Franklin and Florence Elizabeth.

HENRY J. BOWER, M. D. For a period of forty years the town of Myerstown, Pa., has been indebted to the medical skill of one whom we make no mistake in calling a favorite son. Dr. Henry J. Bower was born in this place October 8, 1843, a son of Dr. William and Rebecca (Mengel) Bower, and a grandson of Dr. Henry Bower, who was the first physician to locate in Myerstown, the time being early in the Nineteenth century.

General Jacob Bower, a brave and favorite officer of General Washington, and a worthy member of the Order of Cincinnatus, was the great-grandfather of Dr. Bower, and seems to have become as conspicuous in military as his descendants have become in professional life. This gallant officer married Rebecca, a daughter of Joseph Wood, of Philadelphia, and they became the parents of two sons, Henry and George. The eldest son, Henry, graduated from the New York City Medical College, and located in the village of Myerstown as its first practitioner, and, through his skill and devotion to his profession, became known throughout the county. Dr. Henry married Susan Zimmerman, the daughter of a substantial citizen of Myerstown, and they reared a family of six children, namely: Dr. William, Cyrus, Frank, Mary (the wife of Dr. Kreitzer, of Philadelphia), Rebecca (the wife of John W. Pflieger, of Philadelphia), and Annie (the wife of Dr. L. K. Stine). All of these have passed away.

Dr. William Bower, the eldest son of Dr. Henry, was born November 6, 1817, in Myerstown, where he died November 25, 1860. In 1838 he married Rebecca Mengel, a daughter of Benjamin Mengel, a well-known resident of his native place, and these children were born to them: Susan, who died young; Dr. Henry, of Myerstown; Dr. Gibson, also of Myerstown; Robert, deceased; Addison, who is a druggist of Myerstown; Dr. William G., the third medical practitioner of the family in Myerstown; and Emily, Clara and

Mary, all deceased. Dr. William, like his father, was a graduate of the New York City Medical College, and for many years was a leading physician in his native town. Like his father he supported very zealously the Democratic party. For years he was a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, and a most highly esteemed citizen of his community.

Henry J. Bower was reared in Myerstown, and secured his primary education in the common and high schools of the town, and later attended the local Academy; he afterward went to high school in Philadelphia. Inherited instincts no doubt decided his life-work, and early in his career he was thoroughly prepared for college by his father, than whom he could have had no more careful instructor, and then attended the lectures of the Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, graduating in 1862, from this institution, on whose rolls was found the name of his brother, Dr. Gibson, in 1866, and Dr. William, in 1887. This family has been a representative medical one.

Dr. Henry Bower succeeded his father in the practice and esteem of the community, and through forty years has but cemented the ties begun so long ago. He is well known and relied upon, and his skill and devotion have made him, in many families, much more than the physician, his cheery presence and encouraging assurances bringing health where medicaments would have failed. Dr. Bower occupies an enviable position in Myerstown, and his fellow-citizens do not fail to appreciate his long and faithful service. He has made his profession take the place of family ties, but he has a very wide circle of warm personal friends. Being the eldest of his family he is eligible as a member of the Order of Cincinnatus, or Sons of the Revolution. Dr. Bower is active in the Democratic party, thoroughly believing in the principles of Jefferson and Jackson, those great leaders, and exerts considerable influence in Myerstown and vicinity.

LOUIS SAMLER, one of the leading business men of Lebanon, and proprietor of the "Bon Ton," the only department store in the city, was born May 21, 1870, in Philadelphia, a son of Isaac Samler, a retired manufacturer of that city.

Mr. Samler was educated in the public schools of the "city of Brotherly Love," and he also took a course at Pierce's Business College, in that city, where he graduated in 1887. The same year he went West, and spent three years clerking in a general store, later going on the road as traveling salesman for a Philadelphia house, at which work he was engaged for three years, through the Western States. Mr. Samler then conducted a store at

Chester, Pa., for a Philadelphia party, for a period of two years. In March, 1896, he located in Lebanon and established the "Bon Ton" department store, something new in that city. It was commenced with small capital, in a very modest way, but has grown twenty-fold in the brief time it has been in operation, and now, in the busy season, gives employment to sixty salespeople. The floor space covers 8,824 square feet, with an annex of 3,800 square feet, which is utilized for storing surplus stock. Mr. Samler belongs fraternally to Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, A. F. & A. M., also to the higher branches of Freemasonry, including the Scottish and York Rite bodies. He also holds membership with the Elks and the Lebanon Cycle Club.

In September, 1896, Mr. Samler was married to Miss Sophia Grumbacher, of Trenton, N. J. The phenomenal increase in Mr. Samler's business enterprise is easily accounted for by the excellence of his goods, his honest methods and his careful, personal attention to the wants of his customers. Both he and his wife are highly esteemed in the city.

JOSEPH E. KALBACH, whose attractive farm residence stands about a mile east of Millbach, and the same distance south of Sheridan, has for over forty years been a prominent lumber manufacturer in his section. His well conceived plan of carrying on the industry by means of portable sawmills has redounded to his success and to that of the counties where he has carried on the business. Mr. Kalbach comes of an old Pennsylvania family. His paternal great-grandparents came from Germany, and were pioneers of Berks county. Among their children was a son John, who is mentioned below.

John Kalbach, grandfather of Joseph E., assisted materially in the development of the agricultural resources of Berks county. Upon reaching manhood he married Rosanna Ruth, and they had eight children, all of whom are now deceased: John, Isaac, Adam, Joseph R., Rebecca, Catherine, Mary and Elizabeth. After his marriage Mr. Kalbach settled upon a farm in Berks county, and there engaged in agriculture. A hard worker, and skillful manager, he prospered in his business, and made a good home for himself and family. His strength of character, and his well directed efforts won him the respect of all who knew him.

Joseph R. Kalbach, father of Joseph E., was another prominent agriculturist of the county. Born in North Heidelberg township, November 19, 1808, he received the usual rearing of farmers' boys of his day. About 1834 he married Mary Lamb, who was born in North Heidelberg township, Berks county, October 1, 1816. She is now living at the home of her son Joseph E. Though in her eighty-eighth year, the oldest woman in Millcreek



township, she is well preserved and in excellent health. To her and her husband were born four children, who grew to maturity: Nathaniel L., of Richland; Joseph E.; Dr. John G., who died in 1901; and A. M., who resides in Lancaster city.

About 1836, shortly after his marriage Mr. Kalbach moved from Berks to Lebanon county, and there, in Millcreek township, purchased the farm which is now owned by Joseph E. He cleared and improved the place, making it one of the most attractive pieces of property in the vicinity. In his farming he was both practical and progressive, and met with most excellent results. Continuing to prosper he carried on his industry for about fifty years. He died December 15, 1890. Mr. Kalbach was one of the foremost agriculturists in his section, and influential in local affairs. He possessed marked integrity of character, and was a consistent member of the Reformed Church. Politically he affiliated with the Democrats.

Joseph E. Kalbach was born on the old Kalbach homestead in Millcreek township, February 17, 1838. In the public schools of his neighborhood he procured a thorough rudimentary education, which he has since extensively supplemented by reading and observation. Giving considerable time as a youth to the practical work of the farm, upon reaching manhood he continued to engage in agriculture for some time. A taste for business, however, later decided him to move to Womelsdorf, and open a general store. Prospering in his enterprise he continued there for about two years, and then, with keen business foresight, perceiving a better opening in the hard lumber business, he disposed of his store, and in 1860, put into operation a portable sawmill. Wise financial management and skill in handling his men, soon established the business on a solid foundation. Encouraged by the results he later started other mills of the same sort in different sections, which he also managed with much success. These he has at different times moved from place to place, and keeping them in steady operation has carried on an exceedingly extensive business, covering a large area. Berks, Lebanon, Dauphin, Chester, Lancaster, Schuylkill, Perry and Snyder counties have all been fields for his activities, and he still has several mills in operation, furnishing employment to a great many men. His lumber is of the best grades and has found markets far and near, everywhere commanding good prices. He has made exceptionally well out of his enterprises, and in addition to his business interests, owns two valuable farms, his residence property, and the old Kalbach homestead, which contains one hundred acres, and is considered one of the finest farms in Lebanon county.

In 1874 Mr. Kalbach married Lucy Matthew, whose paternal ancestors

were among the pioneers of Millcreek township, and whose parents were William and Charlotte (Hibbert) Matthew, of Newmanstown. To Mr. and Mrs. Kalbach have been born three children: Nora J., who married George Balsley, and Catherine A., who married LeRoy Valentine, both men being prominent cigar manufacturers of Womelsdorf; Joseph E., who is in partnership with his father in the hard lumber business, and married to Mabel Long, daughter of Rev. John Long, of Marion township, Berks county (they have one son Joseph).

Mr. Kalbach ranks among the foremost men of his section in the promotion of local industries. He is enterprising and cautious, and yet not afraid of making new ventures. Giving employment to a great many men his industries have been of inestimable value to his section of the country. In the local affairs of the township he has always evinced a keen interest, but at the same time has been averse to office seeking. Through the merited esteem of his fellow citizens he has been chosen judge of election and tax collector, performing the duties of his office with marked fidelity. In politics he is independent, esteeming principle more than party. The Reformed Church of Newmanstown counts him among its most substantial members.

WILL H. ERB, one of the well known citizens of Palmyra, and proprietor of the Palmyra planing mill and lumber yard, was born on the farm now owned by Christ. Gingrich, near Lawn, in South Londonderry township, Lebanon county, November 27, 1865, son of Isaac and Barbara (Burkholder) Erb. The father was born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1837, and his wife was born back of Campbelltown, Lebanon county. The parents removed to Hockersville, Dauphin county, in 1874, and later located in Paxton township, the same county, thence moving to Swatara Station, where they now reside. The father was engaged in the cattle business for years, and his last enterprise was in the grain line, he being a large dealer in coal, grain and feed. Earlier in life, he also was quite extensively engaged in merchandising. The children born to these parents were: John, deceased; Will H.; Minnie, who married David Kreider, of Palmyra; Allen, deceased, who married Mary Mark; Naomi, who married George Runkle, of Harrisburg; Lena, who married Isaac Dontrich, of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county; Robert, of Philadelphia; Annie, who married Harry Kreider, of Palmyra; Violet, unmarried; Ella, deceased; and Elmer, deceased.

Will H. Erb received a most excellent education in the common schools, the Lebanon Valley College and Pierson's Business College, Philadelphia. In 1885 he paid a visit of three months to Kansas, and after his return, he

entered into partnership with his father at Swatara Station, in a coal, grain and feed business. On May 1, 1888, he located in Palmyra, and leased the Kreider lumber yard. In 1889, he commenced operating the planing mill built by W. L. Kreider, and has continued conducting these two in connection with other enterprises in which he, from time to time, has been interested. In 1901 he erected a well equipped mill for himself, and still conducts it very successfully. In 1889 he erected a shirt factory, and was successfully engaged in operating it, when he disposed of this property to A. G. Stauffer. After this, being somewhat exhausted by his extensive business operations, he went to the State of Washington, where he pleasantly spent three months, and then returned to Palmyra. In 1895, he purchased the plant of the Palmyra Shoe Manufacturing Company, but after three months, he found the demands were too heavy upon his time, and he sold his interests, and decided to devote his entire attention to his lumber yard and planing mill. At intervals during his business life, he has operated a portable sawmill in various parts of Lebanon county. In his religious convictions, he is a member of the German Baptist Church, and contributes very liberally towards its support.

Will H. Erb was married to Ann G. Gish, born in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, daughter of Henry M. Gish. Four children were born of this marriage, one of whom died in infancy. Those who survive are, Hilda, Ruth and Christian.

HARVEY THOMAS HAUER, a leading architect and well-known citizen of Lebanon, Pa., was born October 13, 1863, in Lebanon, son of Samuel Hauer, who was a native of Fredericksburg, Pa., and died in 1881. Mr. Hauer was educated in the public schools and graduated with credit from the Lebanon high school, soon afterward becoming a student of architecture in the office of E. C. Euston, a well-known architect of the city. Mr. Hauer remained with Mr. Euston for some three years, and then embarked in business in the same line for himself, continuing work in his profession until 1892. Desiring to perfect himself still further in his line, he then entered the University of Pennsylvania, and took a special architectural course, and later spent time in various offices in Philadelphia, taking practical design and structural work. In 1897 he returned to Lebanon and since that time has here followed his profession with marked success. His work has been varied in character, and he has not confined his activities to this city, having furnished plans for many buildings in Philadelphia and other localities. Specimens of his taste and skill in Lebanon are seen in the

high school, Garfield, Washington, Franklin and other school buildings, the Central Market House, and a great number of the best private residences and business buildings, in the city. While all of his work is complete in detail and adaptability, he has made somewhat of a specialty of school and mercantile buildings, and fine and elaborate residences. His taste and ability, which have been strengthened by study, observation and experience, have brought him into contact with the most critical of the public.

Mr. Hauer is a member of Camp No. 254, Patriotic Order Sons of America; Patmos Commandery, Knights of Malta; and of the following clubs: T Square Club, of Philadelphia; Architects' Alumni of the U. of P.; Architectural League of America; and the Columbia Photographic Society of Philadelphia. In 1898 he furnished the plans for the erection of a plant for the Liquefied Acetylene Supply Company, at Lawn, Pa., and perfected the machinery and system, and brought the liquefaction and storage of Acetylene under pressure down to a practical commercial basis. Mr. Hauer is recognized as an authority on the above subject, having by invitation prepared and read several valuable papers on the same.

In 1887 Mr. Hauer was married to Ellen Weltmer, daughter of Ulrich Weltmer, of Lebanon, and they have surviving three children, namely: Ethel D., Theodore M. and Marie C.

NATHANIEL L. KALBACH, dealer in coal, lumber and grain, at Richland Station, is one of the solid business men of the place. For seventeen years he has been conducting a flourishing industry there, and as an interested stockholder in the Tulpehocken Distillery, and proprietor of a sawmill he has had additional experience. He was born about a mile west of Newmanstown, on the old Kalbach homestead, in Millcreek township, October 4, 1835, and is a son of Joseph R. and Mary (Lamb) Kalbach. Mr. Kalbach's paternal great-grandfather came from Germany, and became a pioneer of Berks county. Among his children was a son named John, who is mentioned below.

John Kalbach, grandfather of Nathaniel, also took a strong hand in developing the resources of Berks county. Upon reaching manhood he married Rosanna Ruth, and they had eight children, all of whom are now deceased: John, Isaac, Adam; Joseph R., who is mentioned below; Rebecca, Catherine, Mary and Elizabeth. After his marriage Mr. Kalbach settled upon a farm in Berks county, where he engaged in agriculture very successfully for some years. Later he moved to Millcreek township, Lebanon county, where he secured a farm, which is now owned by his grandson,

Joseph E. Kalbach. A hard worker and skillful manager, he prospered in his enterprise, and made a good home for himself and family. He was a strong, energetic man, and commanded the respect of all who knew him.

Joseph R. Kalbach, father of Nathaniel L., also achieved success as an agriculturist, and assisted materially in developing the resources of Millcreek township. He was born in North Heidelberg township, Berks county, November 19, 1808, and received the usual rearing of farmers' boys of his day, including plenty of practical training in agriculture, and thorough discipline to habits of self-reliance, and wise disposal of time. About 1834 he married Mary Lamb, who was born in North Heidelberg township, Berks county, in 1816, and of this union there were four children who grew to maturity: Nathaniel L.; Joseph E., of Millcreek township; Dr. John G., a prominent physician of Reading, where he died; and A. M., who lives in Lancaster City. About 1836, shortly after his marriage, Mr. Kalbach moved from Berks to Lebanon county, where, in Millcreek township, he purchased a farm of his parents, and engaged in agriculture. He improved the place, cleared up new areas of it, and in time had as attractive a farm as any in the vicinity. Applying both practical and progressive methods to his work, he met with excellent results, and was considered one of the very successful farmers of the county. Continuing to prosper he carried on his industry for about fifty years. His death occurred December 15, 1890. Mr. Kalbach's well-directed efforts won him a foremost place among agriculturists of his section, and in local affairs his word carried weight. He was a man of marked integrity, and a consistent member of the Reformed Lutheran Church. Politically he affiliated with the Democrats.

Nathaniel L. Kalbach started in life under favorable circumstances, being reared on a well regulated farm, where leisure was afforded him for the cultivation of the mind. In the log school house of Millbach he procured his early education, evincing a strong intellectual bent, and a taste for study. Later he attended Womelsdorf Academy, where he cultivated the higher branches of study, and was prepared for practical business life. He started life for himself as a farmer, applying himself sedulously to his work for several years. Later, in partnership with his brother Joseph E., he engaged in the hard wood lumber business, running a sawmill for some time. Turning out reliable goods and keeping prices within range of customers, they worked up a large business, which they conducted together for some time. In 1886 Mr. Kalbach, deciding to leave the manufacture of lumber to his brother, went to Richland and opened an establishment for the sale of that article. He also put in a supply of coal and grain, and has

since been dealing in the three articles. From year to year his trade has increased, and he is now doing a large business. In 1886 he also became interested in the old Tulpehocken distillery, from which he has derived a considerable income. He has been square in his dealings, practical in his business methods, and has made well out of his ventures. In addition to his other property he owns the old homestead in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, which was transferred to Henry Kalbach in 1808, and has since remained in the family. He also owns considerable stock in the Richland Water works, and is now director of the company.

On October 1, 1865, Mr. Kalbach married A. Miller, daughter of George and Catherine (Gerhart) Miller, of Heidelberg township. She was a noble woman, and a sympathetic helpmeet; her death occurred October 15, 1901, and on May 28, 1903, Mr. Kalbach married Catherine Brown, of Mount Aetna.

Mr. Kalbach's achievements and straightforward business methods have won him the confidence and respect of the community. Fraternally he affiliates with the A. F. & A. M., Lodge No. 307, and the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 145, both of Womelsdorf, having joined the latter in 1855; the Jr. O. U. A. M.; and the P. O. S. of A., both of Schaefferstown; and the G. A. R., Capt. Tice Post, Myerstown. He is a man of some military experience, having served as a volunteer in the emergency corps, in 1863, at the battle of Gettysburg. Though disinclined to office seeking, through the merited esteem of his fellow citizens, he has served as county auditor; township auditor; and school director, performing the duties of his various offices with marked fidelity and efficiency. Politically he is a strong Democrat; and in religious sentiment, a Reformed Lutheran, being a consistent member of that church in Schaefferstown.

**JAMES FRANCIS McGOVERN**, a native son of Lebanon and for twenty years one of the leading business men of the city, where he conducts a large furniture store at Nos. 525-527 North Ninth street, was born February 19, 1859, and is a son of Patrick Charles and Bridget (Murray) McGovern, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Patrick C. McGovern was in business for a number of years in New York City, and in 1850 located in Lebanon, where he died in 1861, at the age of forty-two years. His wife died in 1891, at the age of seventy-two years. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters, namely: Catherine, who married Michael Tierney, of Lebanon, and died in 1885, leaving four children; Michael T., an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, with residence

in Philadelphia; Charles S., who has charge of the east end of the Lebanon Yards of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad; Alice, who married William Troy, Jr., of Lebanon; Mary, residing in Philadelphia; and James Francis.

James F. McGovern passed his boyhood days in the Fifth ward of Lebanon, and was educated in the parochial and public schools of that city. In the latter part of his school days he learned telegraphy, and on July 2, 1876, he took a position in the office of the R. W. Coleman heirs, at Cornwall, at that time under the management of A. Wilhelm, which position he held for about a year. He then resigned to enter the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway as telegrapher, taking a position as assistant manager in the superintendent's office at Perkiomen Junction. After a few months in this position he was promoted to the managership, and after a year and a half he was transferred to the general superintendent's office at Reading, as manager, a very responsible position for one of his years to hold. While performing the duties of this latter office, an event occurred which changed the whole current of Mr. McGovern's life. On September 13, 1881, he contracted marriage with Miss Rebecca Bowman, daughter of Joseph Bowman, a prominent furniture dealer of Lebanon, doing business at Nos. 525-527 North Ninth street. At the earnest solicitation of his father-in-law, Mr. McGovern, on August 22, 1882, secured his transfer to the managership of the Lebanon office, with the express view of later entering upon a business career in connection with his father-in-law. He continued to hold this position, however, until March 16, 1888, when a partnership was formed in connection with Joseph Bowman and Jared Allwein, under the firm name of Joseph Bowman Company. Mr. Bowman died in 1891, and Mr. Allwein in 1893, and Mr. McGovern succeeded to the entire business, and has continued since as the sole proprietor under the name of J. F. McGovern. Mr. McGovern carries one of the largest stocks of furniture in the city. He has three floors 42 x 190 feet, as well as a large lumber yard, storage houses, stables, etc. He manufactures every piece of upholstered furniture which goes out of his sales-rooms, a feature of which no other establishment in the city can boast, and he has a very large trade extending over the city and neighboring counties. He also does a very successful business in the undertaking line, being fully equipped with all the latest appliances in this branch of the business.

Mr. McGovern enters enthusiastically into the social and fraternal life of the city. He is a past regent of that excellent organization, the Gretna Council, No. 914, Royal Arcanum, and is at the present time district deputy of the district. He is past exalted ruler of the B. P. O. E., No. 631, and is president of St. Patrick's Benevolent Society. He is State orator of the

P. C. B. L. and treasurer of the A. O. H. He also belongs to the exclusive Steitz Club, and to the Lebanon Cycle Club. In church affiliations Mr. McGovern and his family are devout communicants of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. McGovern were born eleven children, but six of whom are living. Those deceased are Joseph, Robert, Sarah, Raymond and Ruth; those living are Alice H., Mary L., Frank J., James J., Esther R. and Richard C.

ABRAHAM GINGRICH STAUFFER, one of the leading citizens of Palmyra, proprietor of the Diamond Shirt Company, and late of the Diamond Printing Company, which latter he sold in May, 1903, was born in Conewago township, near Bachmanville, Dauphin Co., Pa., August 15, 1862, a son of John Stauffer, an extended sketch of whom is to be found elsewhere in this volume.

The boyhood days of Mr. Stauffer were spent upon the farm in Dauphin county, where he received a common school education. In about 1884, he began operating the home farm, continuing for three years, when he disposed of his property, but continued his agricultural life on a smaller farm for three years more. At this time he disposed of his farming interests and located in Middletown, Pa., forming a co-partnership under the title of the American Tube and Iron Company. Two years later, he purchased the old home farm, and until 1894 re-engaged in farming, but in that year sold the stock and rented the farm on the share plan for two years. This not proving entirely satisfactory, he re-stocked the farm and operated it himself for the next four years. In April, 1895, he located in Palmyra, while continuing his farming interests, and in 1900 traded his farm property for other holdings in Palmyra, including the Diamond Shirt factory and plant, as well as other improved property. Subsequently he purchased the printing plant, and in 1901 he founded another shirt factory, at Pottstown, Pa., which he owns and operates in connection with the Palmyra plant under the same name. The Palmyra plant gives employment to about seventy-five people and has a capacity of 500 dozen weekly. The Pottstown plant employs about 120 people, and has a weekly capacity of 800 dozen. He employed some twelve people in the printing office which establishment he devoted principally to commercial work, although Mr. Stauffer founded and published the *Palmyra Record*, a weekly paper. After its inception in 1899, this journal met with a warm reception, and Mr. Stauffer's readers appreciated his efforts in their behalf.



Mr. Stauffer and Miss Elizabeth Shelley Etter were united in marriage, and the following children have been born to them: Oscar Allen, Velma Mabel, LeRoy Etter and Verna Irene. Mrs. Stauffer was born in Conewago township, Dauphin Co., Pa., daughter of Daniel and Mary (Shelley) Etter, the former of whom is now deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer are very prominent members of the United Brethren Church, of which Mr. Stauffer is a member of the board of trustees, and they are regarded as leading representatives of the best interests of Palmyra. In politics he is a Republican.

CHRISTIAN C. GINGRICH, one of the prominent citizens and cattlemen of Lawn, South Londonderry township, Lebanon Co., Pa., was born on the Gingrich homestead December 25, 1866, a son of Christian Gingrich.

Mr. Gingrich was reared and educated on the old homestead now owned and occupied by a brother, H. B. Gingrich, remaining at that home until he was thirteen years of age, when his father removed to Kelley's Corner (Upper Lawn), taking him with the family. After finishing a course at the common schools he attended Palmyra Academy, and later, in 1883, attended the Normal School at Annville. In the winter of 1883-84 he taught school at the Chestnut Hill school, near Campbelltown. After his marriage, in 1888, he managed for a year, the farm of his mother-in-law, which was located one mile south of Lawn, in Londonderry township, and then he began dealing in live stock, at first on a small scale. Increasing the field of his operations from year to year, in 1892, with his brother, H. B., he established the Lawn Stock Yards, which are now in a most gratifying and flourishing condition, reflecting great credit upon the promoters of this project. In July, 1903, Mr. Gingrich, with other prominent business men, organized the Valley Trust Company, of Palmyra, Pa., with a capital of \$125,000, our subject being a charter member, as well as holding one of the important offices of the institution; they opened for business October 1, following.

On February 18, 1888, Mr. Gingrich was married to Minnie Risser, born June 13, 1869, daughter of Christian N. and Catherine (Hoffer) Risser. Two children have come to this union: Almeda, born July 14, 1889, and C. Risser, born October 12, 1891. Mr. Gingrich is an active and prominent Republican, being one of the leaders of the party in his township, and always renders valuable service during the local campaigns, his influence being very powerful, and his advice sought and acted upon. Both he and his charming wife are important factors in the social life of their locality, where they have many friends, all of whom unite in praise of their excellent traits of character and

hospitable spirit, the doors of their pleasant home being always ajar, not only to those in their own rank in life, but also to the ones less fortunate, to whom true charity is always shown.

FRANKLIN MOCK, one of the prosperous farmers of Mount Aetna, Pa., who resides upon a fine farm in Jackson township, two miles north of Myerstown, was born in Heidelberg township May 2, 1852, a son of Samuel and Martha (Burkey) Mock, of Heidelberg township, who are now deceased. The father of Samuel was Adam Mock, a farmer of Heidelberg, who was supposed to have come from Germany, and who had a family of seven children: Mary, Rebecca, Susannah, Elizabeth, Sarah, Katherine and Samuel, all of whom grew to maturity.

Samuel Mock was born in 1807, and died in 1876, while his wife was born in 1813 and died in 1865. They were the parents of eleven children: Adam, deceased; Jacob, of Missouri; John H., of Millbach, Millcreek township; Franklin; Mary, wife of Frederick Iba, of western Missouri; Malinda, who married John Smith, now deceased; Leah, married to Aaron T. Smith, a Lebanon county farmer; Sara, unmarried; Rebecca, widow of Henry Crouse; Henrietta, who married Nathan Youngst, of Lebanon City; and Amanda, who married Samuel Ulrich, of Lebanon City. In politics Samuel Mock was a Democrat, and supported the principles of his party upon every occasion. His religious doctrines led him to unite with the Lutheran Church, and he is remembered as one of the hard-working, honorable citizens of the county, noted for his sober, temperate habits and kind and charitable disposition.

The boyhood days of Franklin Mock were spent upon his father's farm and in attendance on the public schools. At an early age he decided to devote his life to farming, and so earnest were his endeavors to succeed that he now owns two fine farms, one the home place of 100 acres, known as the old Troutman homestead, where he and his most excellent wife reside, and another piece of property of twenty-four acres, in a most excellent state of cultivation. On October 21, 1882, occurred the marriage of Mr. Mock and Miss Lydia Troutman, of Jackson township. She was the daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca (Whilhelm) Troutman, the former of whom had for many years been one of the leading men of his locality, and at the time of his death was a large land owner. His birth occurred in 1818, and he died in 1892, deeply respected by all who knew him. In 1843 he married Rebecca Whilhelm, born in 1822, who died in 1894, and they became the parents of six children: Henry, deceased; Jonathan; Rebecca, who married Elias Miller; Sara, deceased; Emma, de-

ceased, and Lydia, Mrs. Mock. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mock.

In politics Mr. Mock is a Republican, and has always taken an active interest in local affairs. In religious matters he is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church, while his wife is a member of the Reformed Church of Mount Aetna. After a most active life these two most worthy people are enjoying the fruits of their labors in well earned peace, surrounded by all the comforts, as well as necessities, and are held in high esteem by their neighbors and friends.

JOHN A. IMHOF has for many years been familiar to the citizens of Lebanon. He is the son of a well known contractor, and he himself has been in the same business in the city for a number of years, being one of the leading contractors in the city, and having erected many of its largest and most handsome buildings. He resides at No. 1021 Walnut street, and is looked upon as one of the substantial citizens of the city.

John A. Imhof is a native of Warwick township, Lancaster county, Pa., born January 24, 1849. His father was of the same name, and was a native of Baden, Germany, where he was born in the year 1812. At his majority he came to the United States, and located in Lititz, Lancaster Co. He was a carpenter, having learned his trade in the old country, and upon arriving in Lititz, engaged with a Mr. Kreider, one of the leading contractors of that vicinity. In the year 1850 he removed to a farm in North Lebanon township, Lebanon county, one mile north of the city of Lebanon, where he combined farming with contracting in the city. For a number of years he was the leading contractor in Lebanon county, and put up many of the largest buildings in Lebanon. Some of these are noted, as the News building, on South Eighth street, the Daily Times building on Cumberland street, the Parkman residence, and the Moravian Church building. His death occurred in 1886. He was a man of great energy and strength of purpose, and was highly respected in the business world. In Lancaster county, in 1836, he married Catherine Graeff, who was born in the old country and came to America with her parents, the family locating in York, Pa., where the father died. Mrs. Imhof's mother then moved to Lititz and she died in Lebanon in 1869. To Mr. Imhof the following children were born: Ellen, deceased in girlhood; Amanda, who married August Jonas, and removed to Illinois and there died; Ferdinand, a carpenter of Lebanon; Ellen (2), who married Franklin Eisenhouer, of Forneydale; Winfield S., who resides in the Independent District of Lebanon; John A., the subject of this sketch; Henry,

who also resides in the Independent District; and Cleophas and Helen, who died in infancy.

John A. Imhof, the subject of this review, removed to North Lebanon township with his parents, where he attended the common schools, and being of a very studious turn of mind he succeeded in securing a fair education. The home farm engaged his attention until he was fifteen years of age, when he became apprenticed to a cigarmaker in Lebanon, with whom he worked two years. This trade, however, was not active enough to suit him, and he began learning the wheelwright's trade. Again he changed his occupation, and took instruction in the line of carpenter's work, following this until 1884. In this year he began contracting on his own account, and has since been engaged successfully at that business. Contractor Imhof is a man who has a fine grasp of details, and his work proves him a master of the building art. He is exceedingly punctilious concerning his contracts, and endeavors to live up to the conditions nominated in the paper. Some of the results of his work may be seen in the beautiful residences of Dr. Reigel, Samuel Hartman, Thomas and Edward Schott. He has put up buildings in every ward of the city, and in a business way has been very successful. The fraternal orders of the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows enroll him as a member, and he affiliates with the Moravian Church in religious matters.

Mr. Imhof was married November 14, 1872, to Eliza Whitmer, a native of Lebanon county; and the daughter of Jacob Whitmer, deceased. One child was born to this marriage, Lily Mary, who died in infancy. Mr. Imhof is a man of great uprightness of character, and attracts to himself many friends, not only in the business circles, but in the social circles as well.

REV. EDWARD S. BROMER. There is no city in the eastern part of Pennsylvania which is more favored with pulpit material than Lebanon. Most of the ministers of the city are young, active, and energetic men, who are doing grand work in the Master's vineyard. The gentleman who is here named is a comparatively young man, but has already established a reputation for earnest and effective work in the denomination which he has had the honor to represent. He is filling at the present time the pastorate of the First Reformed Church, which gathers one of the largest congregations in the city.

Rev. Mr. Bromer was born at Schwenkville, Montgomery Co., Pa., March 19, 1869. His parents were Albert and Catherine (Shepard) Bromer, the former a native of Germany, born in Kehl, September 10, 1837. When

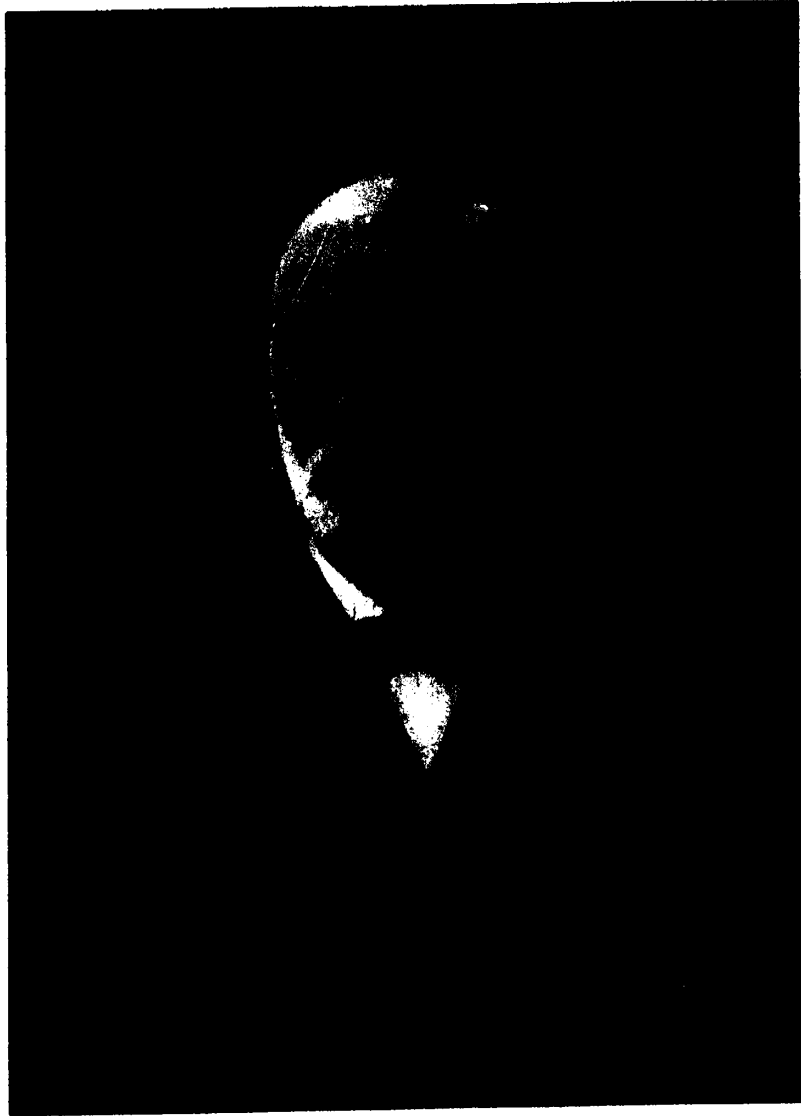
a lad of but fourteen years, he came over to the United States, traveling the distance alone. He first located in the city of Philadelphia, where his sister was living, then went to Hazleton, Pa., where he worked for a time, and thence to Harleysville. He finally located in Schwenkville, where he engaged in the manufacture of clothing for many years, and where he is now leading a retired life. The mother was also born in the Fatherland, in 1840, her parents removing to the United States when she was but an infant.

Edward S. Bromer passed the period of his boyhood and youth in the town of Schwenkville, and his preliminary education was quite thorough. He then entered a preparatory school at Collegetown, and later matriculated at Ursinus College, from which institution he was graduated in 1890. With this literary preparation he entered the Theological Department of Yale University, and after a course of three years was graduated with honors. The last year of this period he was successful in securing one of the scholarships, entitling him to another year in the institution. He therefore remained the following year, directing his studies particularly to Biblical Theology. The spring of 1894 marked his settlement in his first charge, at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he remained four years, meeting with marked success. In November, 1898, he was elected pastor of the First Reformed Church of Lebanon, one of the largest and most influential congregations in the city. Here he has already endeared himself to the hearts of his people by his self-sacrificing and intelligent efforts to increase the scope of the field. He is meeting with great success, and is most popular, especially among the younger members of his flock.

Rev. Mr. Bromer was joined in marriage in 1890 to Flora K., daughter of Henry and Lydia Schwenk. Mrs. Bromer was born in Collegetown, Pennsylvania.

HENRY T. EUSTON, a very prominent citizen of Lebanon, Pa., was born on a farm on the outskirts of Lebanon City, in North Lebanon township, July 14, 1840, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Thomas) Euston.

Thomas Euston was born in 1798 in Lebanon county, Pa., and died in November, 1868. He was a son of Francis Euston, of Scotch-Irish descent, who died when his son was six years old. Francis Euston was a school teacher and a Freemason, and he was interred by the latter order, near Jonestown. Thomas Euston was reared by his widowed mother in their humble little home in Lebanon, until he was old enough to "work out" with a neighboring farmer. Later he learned the milling business, which, together with farming, he followed through life, giving a preference to the



*Henry D. Euston*

latter vocation. Mr. Euston was a reliable, sensible and well-balanced man, and his abilities were recognized by his fellow-citizens in his appointment to many of the offices of trust and responsibility. Thomas Euston married Elizabeth Thomas, daughter of Dr. Christian Eberhardt Thomas in Lebanon, and the following family of nine children was born to this union: Mary, who died in 1900; William T., who died in 1881; Susan, who died in 1894; Joseph R., who died in 1898; John J., who died in 1900; Louisa, who is the widow of Samuel Hauer, of Lebanon; Henry T.; Edward C., an architect in Lebanon; and Sarah J., who is the wife of Cyrus Heverling, of West Lebanon. The mother of these children died in 1881; she was a woman of many virtues.

Henry T. Euston was reared in Lebanon and received an excellent common school education, putting it to practical use by becoming an instructor for several years, alternating with work at his trade of bricklaying, teaching through the winters and working through the summers. Mr. Euston's record during the Civil war is one of interest and honor. On August 14, 1862, he enlisted, becoming a private in Company K, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was soon made corporal, being further promoted on March 1, 1863, to the rank of sergeant. He was mustered out May 29, 1863 (expiration of term of service). The regiment participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. On July 2, 1863, he was commissioned second lieutenant of Company H, Forty-eighth Regiment, of the Pennsylvania Emergency Troops, and was discharged from the service when that body was mustered out August 26, 1863. Later he was employed as clerk to a sutler in the Ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was with that regiment during the campaign in the Shenandoah Valley. Later, after the organization of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, he was commissioned captain of Company G, Eighth Regiment, and participated in the trouble then existing in the coal regions.

After returning from the army, Mr. Euston began work at his trade of bricklaying and on June 3, 1865, he went to work at the Lebanon Furnaces, a concern owned by G. Dawson Coleman, and from that date until the present time he has been continually in the employ of the Coleman family in some capacity. In 1870 he was made foreman of the bricklayers and masons that furnace, and ten years later he was advanced to be superintendent of the furnaces, a position of great responsibility. While superintendent he, in connection with P. L. Weimer, invented a device for cooling the top of a blast furnace and a charging apparatus. In connection with this he was made manager of outside business for the Coleman family, and on July 1, 1900,

the furnaces having passed out of the possession of the Coleman family, he was made superintendent of their farms. While working at bricklaying and masonry, he began the work, in the fall of 1879, of building the Colebrook furnace.

In 1896, upon the organization of the Lebanon Water Company, he proved to be the most available man for the responsible position of secretary and treasurer, and still fills the office, at the same time being also the treasurer and secretary of the Lebanon County Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, and secretary and treasurer of the Lebanon Stone Company. In local political life, Mr. Euston has been an active and useful Republican, has served as justice of the peace, as school director in North Lebanon township, and as a member of the school board from the Fifth ward, city of Lebanon, and has been auditor for Independent District, North Lebanon township, continuously, with one year's exception, since 1880. In fraternal association, Mr. Euston belongs to Sedgwick Post, No. 42, G. A. R., and to Camp No. 65, P. O. S. of A., and also Lebanon Valley Commandery, No. 5, of the same association.

On July 3, 1869, Mr. Euston was united in marriage with Miss Julia A. Lantz, who was born in Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa., and is a daughter of Capt. Elijah G. Lantz, a prominent citizen of that place. Three children have been born to this union, namely: Charlotte E., Mary Elizabeth, and Martha Kathryn.

The stepping-stones by means of which Mr. Euston has attained his present prominence, were energy, honesty and persevering industry. Few men are more highly regarded in his community, and he counts personal friends by the score.

JACOB K. LIGHT, justice of the peace at Jonestown, Lebanon county, and one of the prominent men of this locality, was born in Lebanon county, November 16, 1855, a son of Hiram Uhrich and Maria (Kreider) Light. The father was born at Black Oak Hill, Swatara township, Lebanon Co., Pa., in 1833.

Peter Light, the great-grandfather, owned 500 acres of land a short distance from Lebanon, and this he left to his two sons, Jacob and David. His children were as follows: Jacob; David, who married Catherine Hunsicker; Peter, who also married; and Elizabeth, married to Rev. Christian Peffley.

Jacob Light, son of Peter, and grandfather of Jacob K., married Elizabeth Uhrich, a daughter of Henry Uhrich, born in East Hanover township,



Lebanon county. Their children were: Hiram Uhrich; Elizabeth married J. H. Witmeyer; Barbara married Samuel Yeagley; Magdalena married D. W. Zeller; Susan married Reuben L. Light; and Jacob U. married Salley Light.

Hiram U. Light married Maria Kreider, born in 1833, at Schnitz creek, Lebanon county, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Shaeffer) Kreider. The children born to the parents of our subject were Jacob K., who wedded Lucinda A. Rank; Milton K., who married Anna Kreider; Reuben K., who married Ida Bomberger; Lizzie M., who married W. J. Bowman; Daniel K. who married Emma Layser; Annie, who died at the age of eight years; John K., who married Katharine Uhrich; Allen U., who married Mary Steckbech; and Louisa, unmarried.

Jacob Kreider, the maternal grandfather, was born in 1799, and died in 1883, and his wife was born in 1805, and died in 1874. Their children were: Maria, born in March, 1833, married Hiram U. Light; Catherine, born in 1836, married Joel Brubaker; John, born in 1839, married Rebecca Kettering; Reuben, born in 1842, married first Eliza Ulrich, second Leah Ulrich, sisters; Moses, born in 1844, married Mary Bomberger; Jacob, born in 1849, married Hannah L. Roth. The maternal great-grandfather, John Kreider, was born in 1774, and died in 1816, and married Maria Kropp, of Cumberland county, Pa. Their children were: Catherine, born in 1796, died in 1826, married Tobias Kreider; Barbara, born in 1797, married Michael Rider, of Center county, Pa.; Jacob, born in 1799, died in 1883, married Elizabeth Shaeffer; John, born in 1801, married Mary Bamberger, of Center county, Pa.; Maria, born in 1803, died in 1858, married Tobias Kreider; Moses, born in 1805, died in 1877, married Catherine Kreider; Henry, born in 1807, died in 1826, unmarried; Elizabeth, born in 1812, died unmarried; Louisa died in infancy; Peter, born in 1815, died in 1851, married Catherine Hoke; and Rudolph, born in 1813, married Elizabeth Kreider.

Jacob Kreider Light was reared upon the farm and attended the district schools, where he obtained an excellent education, which he improved by extensive reading. Remaining at home until 1877, he began teaching school, and for sixteen terms was one of the successful teachers of Lebanon county, a portion of the time being spent as one of the teachers of the Jonestown high school. During all this time Mr. Light was improving his opportunities, and adding to his knowledge by attending various normal institutes, the Shippensburg State Normal in 1880; the Lock Haven State Normal in 1881, from which he was graduated in 1882. In 1891, he was elected justice of the peace, and holds that office to the present day. The affairs of his office

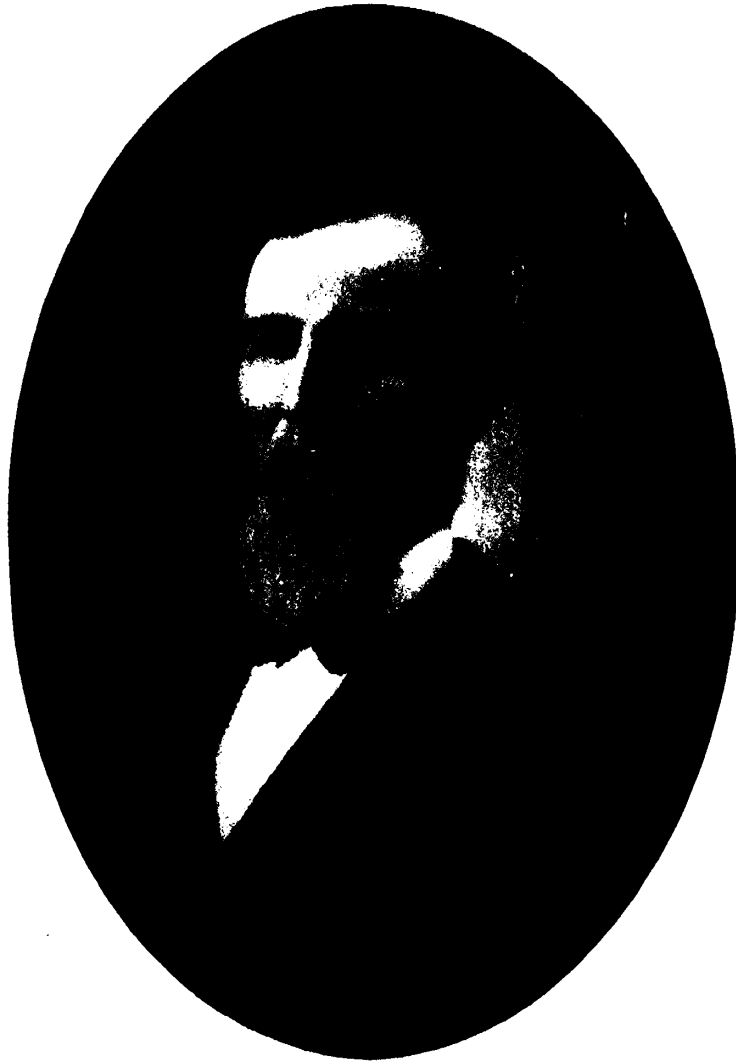
pressing upon him, he relinquished his duties as a teacher in 1896, although he still takes a deep interest in educational matters.

On December 18, 1883, Mr. Light was united in marriage with Lucinda A. Rank, born in East Hanover township, Lebanon county, daughter of David M. Rank, a well-known farmer and real estate owner of that township. Few men are more popular than Mr. Light, who has firmly established himself in the confidence of his fellow townsmen, and who with his wife has a large circle of friends not only in Jonestown, but throughout the county.

LEVI S. GERHART, of Fredericksburg, has long been a man of many interests. As a farmer, creamery proprietor, miller and investor in several financial enterprises, he has exerted a large influence upon the business affairs of his section, and is one of the solid men of the county, owning a large creamery, the old Stover gristmill, near Fredericksburg, and a splendid farm, and being a director of the People's National Bank of Lebanon, and of the Tulpehocken Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Myerstown.

Mr. Gerhart is of German descent, the founders of the American branch of the family having come from Germany and settled in Berks county about 1750. They had a son, Henry Gerhart, who settled upon a farm in Bethel township, Berks county, and engaged in agriculture and cattle dealing. He became prosperous, and owned four splendid farms, each comprising more than a hundred acres. He married and had six children: Wendell, John, Jacob G., George and William were all farmers; Susanna married John Walmer, and they resided in Lebanon county.

George Gerhart, father of Levi S., was born in Bethel township, Berks county, Pa., in 1811. He was reared to farm work, and upon reaching manhood engaged in that occupation on his own account, after some time settling upon a farm in Lebanon county. There he pursued his industry with great energy and wisdom, becoming thoroughly successful, and one of the leading agriculturists of his section. He married Rebecca Peiffer, and, after her death, Eva Harnish, who is also deceased. By the first marriage there were three children: Pollie, who married John Edris; Isaac, who is now a Missouri farmer; and Mollie, who married Benjamin Meck, and resides in Missouri. By the second marriage there were fifteen children, eleven of whom grew to maturity; Sallie, who was married to George S. Gerbrich, of Union township; Amanda, wife of John Edris, a farmer of Bethel township, Berks county; Malinda, who married Adam Gerbrich (they are now deceased); John, who is now deceased; Christina, who married John Spangler, of Bethel township; Levi S., who is mentioned below; Elias, a



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prominent building contractor of Bethel township; George and Eva, twins, the former a Berks county farmer, and the second the wife of Henry Urich, of Reading; Fianna, who married T. D. Brownmiller, of Schuylkill Haven; and Leah, who married Albert Rittle, a farmer of South Lebanon township. Mr. Gerhart, the father, continued upon his Lebanon county farm until his death, September 22, 1870. With the aid of his wife and children he made it one of the most attractive farms in the county, and in time became very well-to-do. He was a man of great force of character and practical ability. As a Republican he was influential in local affairs, and he did much to further the industrial interests of his section as well as to establish there a good government and progressive institutions. In the Reformed Church of Bethel township, of which he was long a member, he was a strong leader.

Levi S. Gerhart was born in Bethel township, about two and a half miles northeast of Fredericksburg, March 13, 1848. He had the ordinary rearing of a farmer's boy of his day, and in the public schools of his neighborhood thorough drill in the common branches. As a young man, grasping the first practical opening within his reach, he embarked upon life as a farmer, and as such continued for many years. On April 2, 1870, he married Rebecca Peiffer, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Edris) Peiffer, of Bethel township, and of this union there were six children: (1) Charles C., manager of his father's creamery in Fredericksburg, married Mary Spitler, and they had two children. The mother and one child passed away, Joseph, the other, still surviving. Mr. Gerhart married for his second wife Alice Boltz, and they have one son, Peirce. (2) Ida, who married I. Zeller, has two sons, Edwin and Alen. (3) George died at the age of twenty-two years. (4) Catherine married Charles Boltz, a farmer, and has one child, Ella. (5) Agnes S., who lives at home, teaches music. (6) Albert C. is the youngest.

After marriage Mr. Gerhart settled upon a farm and continued agricultural pursuits for about nineteen years, and, being practical and progressive in his methods, he did well in his enterprises. In 1889 he opened a creamery in Heilmandale, Lebanon county. Conducting the business in accordance with the latest scientific methods, he produced a most excellent grade of butter, which commanded the highest market price. The success of the enterprise encouraged him to branch out, and in 1894 he purchased another creamery, which was located in Fredericksburg, still retaining his connection with the first one. The second venture prospered even more than the first, and in 1897 the business had become so large that he found it advisable to sell his interest in the Heilmandale creamery and turn his entire attention to his establishment in Fredericksburg. In connection therewith

he runs a branch creamery in Union township, seven miles west of Fredericksburg, where milk is brought and separated before being brought to the main creamery. Some time ago Mr. Gerhart put his son in charge of the Fredericksburg creamery, and in 1901 he purchased the old Stover gristmill, four miles south of Fredericksburg, to the management of which he has since devoted much of his time. He also has a creamery in connection with the mill. The mill is equipped with a full set of rollers and an extensive general milling business is done, from which Mr. Gerhart derives a large income. As fast as he has made money he has invested it so as to bring in good interest, and some years ago he purchased stock in the People's National Bank of Lebanon, and also in the Tulpehocken Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Myerstown, and he is now acting as director of both corporations. He still owns his splendid farm in Bethel township, and is looked upon as one of the prosperous citizens of Fredericksburg.

Mr. Gerhart is essentially a business man, but also finds time for public and social duties. As assessor and tax collector he has done some efficient work in the township. He has served with marked ability and fidelity as deacon and elder of the Reformed Church of Hamlin, of which his family are also members. The P. O. S. of A. of Fredericksburg considers him one of its most faithful members. Politically he affiliates with the Republicans. He is a man of domestic tastes, with the best interests of his family thoroughly at heart, and he is also a most loyal and public-spirited citizen.

AARON G. SPANNUTH, a most highly esteemed citizen of Jackson township, and the proprietor of a general store at a point two and one-half miles north of Myerstown, is a descendant of a Lebanon county family which has been established here for the past 125 years.

On the memorable Christmas night of 1777, when General Washington crossed the Delaware and surprised and captured the German contingent of the British army, one Henry Spannuth was made a prisoner. He was a native of Brussels and had been hired as a British soldier, but after he had met his American captors and was released by them, like many others, he not only refused to take up arms again against them, but on the other hand, cast his lot in with the struggling patriots and assisted them in their battle for justice. After the close of the Revolutionary War, he settled in Lebanon county, Pa., on land now owned by Jonathan Yeiser. Here he reared his family and passed his days. His children were: Jacob and George (twins), Mollie, Elizabeth, Catherine, Christian, Eva and Sarah, all long since deceased.

George Spannuth was born November 17, 1800, in Jackson township,

and in 1823 married Mary Weber, of Bethel township, to whom were born seven children, six of whom grew to maturity, namely: Andrew, J. Henry, Emanuel, Mary, George and John, all deceased except J. Henry. The latter was born in Jackson township in 1826, and was there reared and schooled, subscription schools being then the only ones in his neighborhood. In young manhood he learned both the mason and carpenter trades which he followed for some time, but later devoted his attention to farming. In 1874 he established what is known as Spannuth's store, in Jackson township, and successfully conducted it until 1893, when he retired from activity, being succeeded by his son. Mr. Spannuth is one of the much respected men of the neighborhood, his business career having been one of integrity. In Zion Lutheran Church he has long been a leading member, and has filled the offices of trustee, deacon and elder. In earlier years he served as supervisor, school director and auditor under the Republican party. On August 13, 1846, Mr. Spannuth was married to Miss Lavina Blecker, born October 3, 1825, who still survives. She was a daughter of Michael Blecker, one of the early settlers in Lebanon county. Three children were born to this marriage, as follows: Emeline, wife of Adam Fisher of Lebanon county; Aaron G.; and Ezra H., a salesman in Philadelphia.

Aaron G. Spannuth was born October 10, 1852, in Jackson township, and grew up on the farm and around the store, attending the public schools. Until he succeeded to the business, he assisted his father in the store which he now ably conducts, and has been long one of Jackson township's active and leading citizens. For six years he has served as school director and uses his influence to advance the cause of education. In politics he is a staunch Republican and usually is very active in campaign work.

In 1885 Mr. Spannuth was married to Miss Kate A. Kelchner, and the four children born to this union are: Harry P., Dora E., George J. and Jacob G., the latter being twins, born May 15, 1900. The religious connection of this family is with the Lutheran Church of Myerstown, where Mr. Spannuth has served as trustee, deacon and elder. Mr. Spannuth is highly esteemed in his community and has a wide circle of friends.

**SAMUEL AUGUSTUS BRECHT, M. D.** One of the prominent and leading citizens of Bismarck, Cornwall township, as well as a physician and surgeon of unusual ability, is Dr. Brecht, who is so well and favorably known all over Lebanon county.

Dr. Brecht was born August 28, 1859, in McSherrystown, Adams Co., Pa., a son of Samuel S. and Mary Ann (Baker) Brecht, natives of Berks

and Lancaster counties. This is one of the old families of the Keystone State, and one which has been remarkably represented in the medical profession. The grandfather of Dr. Brecht was the noted Dr. Samuel Brecht, who for so many years stood at the head of the profession; he was born in Lebanon county and in early life learned a trade, but when but twenty-two years of age, followed a natural inclination and turned his attention to medicine. He was one of the early graduates at the old Pennsylvania College of Medicine, and went to Ohio to begin his practice. Later he returned to his native State, settled at McSherrystown, but later moved to Oregon, in Lancaster county, and there died at the age of seventy years. Dr. Brecht was a man of progressive ideas and was well informed on all general topics and a thoroughly qualified physician and surgeon. He married Polly Smith, and they reared several daughters, the only son being Samuel S.

Samuel S. Brecht was born in 1831 and studied medicine with his father, graduating from the University at Philadelphia. Dr. Brecht is now a leading physician of Lancaster county and resides at Manheim. His marriage was to Mary Ann Baker, and the three children born to this union were: Milton J., who is well known to the public as the Lancaster county superintendent of schools; Samuel A.; and Morris W., who was a druggist in New York City, where he died at about the age of thirty-four years. Dr. Samuel has long been a member of the Lutheran Church.

Dr. Samuel Augustus Brecht, the second of his father's able sons, was brought to Lancaster county in infancy and was reared there, attending the public schools and later taking a course in the Millersville Normal school. Inheriting taste and ability for the medical profession, he was carefully trained under his very competent father, and entered the Medical University of New York City, in 1881, graduating in 1884. Dr. Brecht then took a post-graduate course in hydropathy and microscopy, and for four months practiced with his father. Then he located in Bismarck, Lebanon county, and has built up a lucrative practice which extends all over the county. By nature, inheritance and study, Dr. Brecht is a physician, and his skill and thoroughness are supplemented with a knowledge of modern methods and discoveries. He belongs to the various medical societies and contributes frequently to their literature.

On May 26, 1885, Dr. Brecht was married to Miss Alice Anna Bowman, daughter of Cyrus E. Bowman, of Bismarck. She is a consistent member of the Reformed Church, where Dr. Brecht is an attendant when not engaged in professional duty. Both Dr. and Mrs. Brecht are prominent in social life, and are very much esteemed in Bismarck.

CHRISTIAN G. BEHM, one of the well-known citizens of Annville, was born on a farm in South Annville township, Lebanon county, two miles south of the village, February 27, 1856, son of Christian and Fanny (Gingrich) Behm, both of whom were natives of Lebanon county. The father died in 1858, and the mother in 1899. The two sons born to these parents were: Rudolph, who is a prominent citizen of Palmyra; and Christian G., who is one of the substantial men of Annville township.

Mr. Behm was reared on the farm, and acquired his education in the public schools of South Annville township. After the death of his father, he remained with his mother on the farm until 1893, when he removed to Annville, where he is an estimable citizen. His holdings of real estate are large and very valuable, much of his property being highly improved, and he also owns stocks and securities, his prosperity entitling him to a leading position among the solid men of Lebanon county. Mr. Behm is very highly esteemed in Annville, and has many warm personal friends.

ISAAC A. KALBACH, the son of Adam and Catharine (Althouse) Kalbach, of North Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., became a resident of Lebanon in 1871, where, as an honorable and conservative citizen, he won the esteem of the community. He was a member of the First Reformed Church of Lebanon; in politics, a staunch Democrat, and in business for twenty-five years, a member of the firm of H. Kalbach & Brothers. Mr. Kalbach's first wife was Mary, the daughter of Peter Umbenhauer, of Penn township, Berks county, Pa. His second wife was Sarah, the daughter of Jacob Staudt, of North Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa. Mr. Kalbach died September 16, 1893. His surviving children are: Mrs. Kate (Kalbach) Euston, Sarah R. Kalbach, Mrs. Howard C. Shirk, Thomas E. Kalbach, of Lebanon, and Mrs. Hiester Bucher, of Reading, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS J. SCHAEFFER, deceased. Among the representative buusiness men who played an important part in the commercial development of Schaefferstown, Pa., Thomas J. Schaeffer occupied a leading position, not only by reason of the fact that the city took its name from his ancestors, but also on account of his personal activity and acumen, which readily made him a figure of prominence for many years. He was born August 14, 1857, a son of the late Dr. Samuel Schaeffer and his wife, Elizabeth (Witmyer), and his death occurred September 8, 1899.

Dr. Schaeffer was a son of Henry Schaeffer, a direct descendant of old Alexander Schaeffer, who built the first log hut in Schaefferstown, and for



whom the city is named. Dr. Samuel Schaeffer had four children: Thomas J.; Charles, of Indiana; John, of Lebanon city, a tailor by trade; and Lizzie S., who married John Mock, of Schaefferstown. The early life of Dr. Schaeffer was spent in Lancaster county, Pa., whence he removed to Lebanon county, settling in Schaefferstown, where he died, leaving behind him an honored name and the record of a useful and upright life.

Thomas J. Schaeffer was reared in the place of his birth, where he received his education in the public schools. After his father's death, while still a young man, he went to Plymouth, Ind., where he worked in a drug store, and also followed the printer's trade. After some time spent in Indiana, he returned to Schaefferstown and taught school. After several years spent in this way, he learned the trade of cigar maker under John Backenstose, of Schaefferstown, and after following it for a time, in 1886, he started his own factory, and continued it until his death in 1899, at which time he had one of the largest establishments of its kind in the city, he giving employment to fifty men. His product met with a ready sale, and his business was in a very flourishing condition.

Thomas J. Schaeffer was married to Miss Emma S. Backenstose, a daughter of his former employer, in 1882, and one son, Harry B., was born to this union. The latter is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, and is a very promising young man and a general favorite. Mrs. Schaeffer's mother was Susan Ream, a member of a good Lebanon county family, and she was one of a family of seven children: Annie married Harrison Eberley, of Womeisdorf, Berks Co., Pa.; Hiram and Henry are deceased; Jonathan is a cigar manufacturer of Schaefferstown; Mary A. and Caroline are deceased; and Mrs. Schaeffer. The grandfather, John Backenstose, was also a native of Schaefferstown, and the family is an old one in this community. Mr. Schaeffer was a staunch Republican, and took a deep interest in public affairs, although he would not accept office. During his life he proved himself worthy of the high esteem in which he was held, and in his death the locality lost one of its representative men. Mrs. Schaeffer is a lady of exceptional qualities, beloved by her friends and neighbors, and one upon whom full reliance may always be placed.

JACOB S. HORST, one of the well-known men of South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, was born near Schaefferstown, August 19, 1842, a son of Peter and Anna (Schaeffer) Horst, prominent people of this locality.

Jacob S. Horst was reared in South Lebanon township, where he remained working upon a farm and attending the public schools of his district.

When he married, he located in Heidelberg township, near Reistville, engaging in farming, but after a short stay, returned to the home farm, where he resides to-day, near Horst's Mill, six miles southeast of Lebanon City. This farm is a fine property of ninety-eight acres, on which are good improvements. the buildings having been erected in 1842 by Henry Thomas. Here Mr. Horst has followed farming, meeting with marked success.

On May 16, 1872, Mr. Horst was married to Sarah Brubaker, daughter of Isaac and Eliza (Bucher) Brubaker, the latter of whom was the daughter of Benedict Bucher, while Isaac Brubaker was the son of Christian Brubaker. Mrs. Horst was born in South Lebanon township, September 9, 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Horst have one child, Alice Elizabeth, wife of Christian Allen Krall, of South Lebanon township, a farmer, and they have two children, Alice Elizabeth and Benjamin. Mr. Horst is one of the public-spirited men of South Lebanon township, and he has served very acceptably as school director. In religious faith he is a member of the Mennonite Church, while his wife is a member of the German Baptist Brethren Church. Mr. Horst is highly respected in the community in which he resides, and he is justly regarded as one of the leading agriculturists of Lebanon county.

JOHN G. ZIMMERMAN. The police department of Lebanon is presided over by a gentleman whose high character for bravery and fidelity to duty has long been recognized, and who unites many sterling qualities of citizenship. John G. Zimmerman is a native of Lebanon county, born November 2, 1866, at Jonestown, and is a son of George G. Zimmerman, who was born April 14, 1832, in East Hanover township, Lebanon county. Grandfather Zimmerman was also a native of this county.

George G. Zimmerman was for a number of years in the employ of the Reading Railroad Company, and was a valued assistant in the building of the Pine Grove & Tremont branch of the Philadelphia & Reading road, and subsequently foreman of one of the construction gangs on that road. In his later years he was elected clerk of the Orphans' court of Lebanon county, in which office he served acceptably for a period of three years. Retiring from active life, he died in Lebanon May 19, 1896. He was a man of strong friendships and united many noble traits of character. In religious affiliations he was a member of the old Zion's Lutheran Church of Jonestown. During the Civil war he served in the Pennsylvania Volunteers from September 2, 1863, to May 31, 1865.

On December 10, 1854, Mr. Zimmerman was married, in Lebanon county, to Louisa Backenstoës, who was born in East Hanover, September

25, 1835, and they had a large family of children, the first two born in East Hanover, the others at Jonestown, viz.: Marion Jacob, born November 13, 1855; Ellen E., August 14, 1857 (died at Jonestown, February 2, 1859); Alice Lydia, January 25, 1859; Mary A., March 21, 1861 (died at Jonestown October 12, 1863); Elmer E., November 7, 1862; George Grant, December 21, 1864; John G., November 2, 1866; Amos C., August 4, 1868; William S., November 24, 1869; Maggie L., April 4, 1871; Maria M., December 14, 1872; Sarah A., August 16, 1874; Amanda M., December 16, 1875; Martha E., October 5, 1878.

Chief Zimmerman passed the period of his boyhood and youth in attendance on the public schools of Jonestown. At fifteen he came to Lebanon and entered the grocery store of E. M. Woomer, with whom he remained for a period of six years. He then changed his occupation to that of an operator in the iron mills until he was appointed a policeman by Mayor John A. Weymer. In this position he served with such acceptance as a patrolman that he was promoted to that of house sergeant, and served as such until October, 1900. In that year he received the appointment of chief from the hands of Mayor C. G. Gerhart. Mr. Zimmerman is a wide-awake, alert officer, and the enforcement of law in the city of Lebanon under his hand is being carried out with great satisfaction to the citizens in general. Mr. Zimmerman is a popular member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and in religion is an adherent of the Trinity United Brethren Church.

On February 3, 1886, Mr. Zimmerman married Miss Abbie Nora Glick, who was born at Mount Zion November 6, 1868, and they have had four children, born in Lebanon, as follows: Carrie May, August 6, 1887; Agnes Louisa, March 15, 1889; John Delbert, December 23, 1896; Charles, April 23, 1898.

DAWSON L. LIGHT, one of the representative citizens of North Lebanon township, Lebanon county, was born October 3, 1862, in Swatara township, a son of Martin and Susannah (Stickbeck) Light.

Martin Light was born about 1820, and died in 1882, aged sixty-two years, while his wife is still living, aged eighty years. Martin was the son of John and Catherine (Funk) Light, and was born and reared on the farm now occupied by Dawson L. Light, two miles northeast of Lebanon City, in North Lebanon township. Here on the old Light homestead, the father, Martin, died. By trade he was a miller, and followed it nearly all his life. In religious affiliations he was a member of the Reformed Church. He and his wife had the following children: Eliza, wife of Jacob Hauck; Mary, wife

of Adam L. Krieder; Dawson L.; Grant, a resident of DeKalb county, Ill.; Maggie, deceased.

Dawson L. Light was reared on the family homestead, and was educated in the common schools of the neighborhood. When twenty years of age he took charge of the homestead, and has made farming his life occupation, now owning seventy acres of excellent land, well improved. Mr. Light is one of the progressive men of the county, active in the work of the Republican party, and has served acceptably as township auditor for nine years, and is now in his second term as school director, while for a number of years he has been a member of the Republican County Central Committee.

On February 18, 1882, Mr. Light was married to Alice M. Sholly, who was born April 14, 1862, a daughter of Henry J. and Elizabeth (Kreider) Sholly. These children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Light: Henry; Frank; Martin; Nora; George and Elizabeth. The family are all members of the Reformed Church. By his energy, enterprise and public spirit, Mr. Light has won the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens, both in his public and private life, and the honors which have been bestowed upon him in the past are but a pleasant augury of the future.

**BENJAMIN F. PATSCHKE**, general manager of the Lebanon Granitine Wall Plaster Company, was born in that city August 10, 1861, a son of George and Mary Patschke, and brother of William Patschke, a brick manufacturer of Lebanon.

George Patschke was born in Baden, Germany, in 1815, and died in Lebanon in 1890. He was a prominent member of the community of Lebanon, where, after emigrating from Germany in 1852, he engaged for many years in the rope manufacturing business. Twice married, his first union resulted in five children, and his second in twelve—seventeen in all. Of the first children, William only survives; and of those born to the second marriage, ten are still living; John F.; Julius; Levi; Amelia, the wife of A. C. Crawford, a merchant of Lebanon; Earhart; Benjamin F.; Wesley; Sarah; Anna; and Luther.

The youth of Benjamin F. Patschke was practically uneventful, but his father's success permitted of fair advantages of which he was not slow to avail himself. When grown to manhood he engaged in the mercantile business in Lebanon, and was thus employed for about nine years, when he embarked in the lime and paving business, continuing for twelve years. In 1894 he organized the Granitine Wall Plaster Company, and has since been its superintendent and manager. He is identified with various social and

business organizations of Lebanon, including the Sons of America and the Modern Woodmen. Although a Republican from a political standpoint, he is exceedingly liberal as regards office holders, and considers their fitness over and above party lines. He is a member of the Seventh Street Lutheran Church and has served in the capacity of deacon and trustee for many years. Education has no stancher friend, and his work for the past eight years as a member of the school board has been prolific of many changes of an advantageous nature.

The pleasant home of Mr. Patschke is presided over by his wife, who was formerly Miss Rebecca Beaver, of Annville, Pa., and to whom he was married December 13, 1884. Mrs. Patschke is a daughter of William and Rebecca (Ulrich) Beaver, who are the parents of a large family, the others being: John; Samuel; George; Frank; Sallie; Annie, the wife of Sylvester Badenheim; and Lavinia. To Mr. and Mrs. Patschke has been born one daughter, Violet E. Mr. Patschke is honored and respected for his fine personal characteristics, his public-spiritedness, and his superior business ability.

PHILIP B. FERNSLER, a leading veterinarian of Lebanon, Pa., is one of the honorable citizens of that city. He was born in South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, June 7, 1849, a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Bomberger) Fernsler. His father was a farmer, and was the son of Frederick Fernsler, who was born in 1765, and died in 1842; he was a saddler by trade and later a farmer. He was a native of Lebanon county and a son of Philip Fernsler, who was born in 1734, and died in 1808. He was the son of John Philip Fernsler, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1704, and came to America in 1728. He was the son of Frederick and Barbara Fernsler, natives of Germany, and supposed to have been among the first settlers of this part of Pennsylvania.

Philip Fernsler, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1809, and died in 1879; had ten children, six of whom grew to maturity: Maria, the wife of Samuel Riegert, is deceased; Malinda is the widow of John F. Bomberger; Eliza is the wife of Benjamin Krall; Catherine is the widow of Peter Phillippy, all of Lebanon county; Adam is a farmer, residing on the old homestead; and Philip B., of Lebanon.

Philip B. Fernsler was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools, Lebanon high school, and the Lebanon Valley College, at Annville, Pa. He taught school in his native township for three years. Graduating at the New York College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1874, he

returned to Lebanon and took up his profession, in which he is still engaged, and throughout his career has met with eminent success.

On January 5, 1878, Philip B. Fernsler married Miss Emma S. Uhrich, a daughter of George and Susanna (Shindel) Uhrich, of Lebanon county, born September 13, 1856. They have one son, Dr. Frank U., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, and of the Veterinary Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and now a practicing veterinarian at Lebanon.

Dr. Fernsler is a consistent member of Salem Lutheran Church of Lebanon. He is a director in the Homestead Building and Loan Association. In the family of George and Susanna Uhrich were twelve children, eight of whom are living, namely: John H., of Lebanon; George V.; Jemima; William E., of Myerstown; Samuel S., of Lebanon; Philip A., of Millersville, Pa.; Emma S., the wife of our subject; and Catharine A., the wife of John Pearson, of Myerstown, Pennsylvania.

Both the Fernsler and Uhrich families are among the old, honorable, honest and thrifty families of Lebanon county.

JACOB LANDIS, one of Palmyra's most prominent citizens, and head of the Landis Shoe Manufacturing Company, was born in Derry township, Dauphin Co., Pa., August 19, 1842, a son of John and Susan (Kreider) Landis, natives of Dauphin county and North Cornwall township, Lebanon county, respectively, and John was a son of Henry Landis, a native of Dauphin county, who married a Miss Light. The children born to John and Susan Landis were as follows: Mary, married to Hiram Landis; John K., married to Elizabeth Keim; Jacob; Joseph; and Susan, married to Abraham Shenk.

Jacob Landis was reared upon a farm in Dauphin county, and late in the sixties embarked in a butchering business in his native county, continuing in this line very successfully for about ten years, when he engaged in buying and selling cattle. This occupation called him all over the country, to Pittsburg, Buffalo, and many other large cities. In 1882 Mr. Landis located in Palmyra, and engaged in a grain and warehouse business with his son, Morris D., continuing in this line for ten years, during a portion of which time he was also employed in his old calling of butchering. Mr. Landis was one of the original stockholders of the first shoe manufacturing establishment in Palmyra, organized in 1886, as the Palmyra Boot & Shoe Factory, and the second largest holder of stock. The enterprise proved a failure, and he lost his investment. This plant was operated by several parties, always proving unremunerative, until 1895, when Mr. Landis, undaunted by the failure of

others, purchased the business and began conducting it under the title of the J. Landis' Sons Shoe Company, his two sons, Morris D. and David U., being associated with him. When they assumed charge the output was between fifty and one hundred pairs of shoes daily, and employment was given to twenty-five people. Under the new management, the business was gradually increased until the present output is 500 pairs per day, with a capacity of 1,000, and ninety people are employed. The company manufacture ladies', misses', children's, boys', youths' and little gents' shoes—welts, McKays and Oxfords. Their market extends throughout Pennsylvania and the West and South. The factory is a very large one, the building being four stories in height, and covers a floor space of 14,720 square feet.

In addition to his other interests, Mr. Landis purchased what was known as the Martin Early farm, on the east of Palmyra, and platted it. Later his subdivision was included in the city, and now comprises the finest and most desirable residence portion of Palmyra. This enterprise not only benefited the town, but Mr. Landis himself profited by his enterprise and farsightedness. In addition to other property, Mr. Landis owns two farms, one of 175 acres and the other of 124 acres, situated just west of Palmyra, in Dauphin county, and half a dozen residences in Palmyra. He is a director in the Palmyra Bank, and has continued in that position since its organization, and is most deservedly considered as one of the city's most enterprising and substantial, as well as public-spirited, men.

Jacob Landis was married to Lucetta Ulrich, the daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Miller) Ulrich, born June 10, 1840, on a farm near Palmyra, through which property passes the Lebanon and Dauphin county line. The children born of this union were: Lizzie, who married C. F. Zimmerman, postmaster of Palmyra; Morris D., who married Nellie Weltmer; David U., who married Mary A., daughter of George B. Brunner.

JOHN H. LOUSER, one of the well known and prominent members of the Lebanon Bar, was born in Lebanon, and is a son of the late William Louser.

The first of this family to come to Lebanon county was John Louser, the great-grandfather of John H., born in 1762, died in 1813. He married Christina Miller, who was born in 1765, and died in 1813, and both are buried at Schaefferstown. Among their children was a son named Jacob, born in 1791 and died in 1867, who became the grandfather of John H. His wife, Mary McConnell, was born in 1791, and died in 1867. They had the following children: George; Jacob, who never married; Henry; John, who

never married; William, father of John H.; Susan, who married Jacob C. Hauer, now deceased; Rebecca, who married Adam Rise, of Lebanon; Margaret, who married Edward Gebhart; and Catherine, unmarried, who is the only one of the family yet living.

Jacob Louser, the grandfather, established the family in Lebanon, and in 1852, in company with his brother, Michael, founded the general mercantile store on the corner of Ninth and Chestnut streets, to which business his five sons succeeded, under the firm name of J. Louser & Bros. This house is still in existence, being conducted under the same style by two of the founder's grandsons.

William Louser, father of John H., was born in Lebanon in 1833, and died December 4, 1900. His education was obtained in the public schools, and after finishing his school days he became a clerk in his father's store. Later he became a partner in the business, and still later was one of the five sons who formed the firm. Being a business man, he gave his time to his house to the exclusion of politics or kindred matters, and was a director in the Lebanon National Bank, and he erected four fine brick residences on South Ninth street, near Chestnut, and also a handsome business block. In addition to these interests he owned a fine farm in North Cornwall township.

William Louser married Emma Shugar (daughter of the late Baltzer Shugar), who was born in Lebanon and died in 1879. Children as follows were born to this union: Susan S. married Prof. David T. Werner, of Avon, this county, now engaged in the Lebanon high school, and has two children, William L. and Sarah; John H. is mentioned below; Edward T. died in 1892, while a student at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., and in memory of him his father gave a thousand-dollar scholarship to the college. William Louser married for his second wife, Susan Thomas, who died leaving no children, and his third wife was Mrs. Rebecca Meyer, of Annville, a widow, who survives him. There were no children by this union.

John H. Louser graduated from the Lebanon high school in 1892; later attended Muhlenberg College one year, and then entered Princeton University (N. J.), where he was graduated in the class of 1896, after which he entered upon the study of law in the office of ex-Judge Frank E. Meily, of Lebanon. He was admitted to the Lebanon County Bar in 1898, to practice in the Superior Court in 1899, and the Supreme Court in 1902.

Mr. Louser is a member of the Steitz Club, the leading social club of Lebanon, of the B. P. O. E., and of the Lebanon Athletic Association, of which he was president in 1896, being a warm friend of athletics. Few young attorneys have a brighter future than has Mr. Louser, who has already



firmly established himself in the confidence of the people of Lebanon, and socially he is very popular. Possessing, in marked degree, the keen judgment and foresight necessary to success in his profession, Mr. Louser is also an eloquent speaker, presenting his case logically and clearly, and all of his work shows careful, conscientious study and exhaustive research. He is a member of the board of directors of the Lebanon National Bank. In religion he affiliates with the Salem Lutheran Church.

LEVI STINER. Among the residents of Myerstown are a number of substantial, retired farmers, who, although still comparatively young men, have accumulated large means through years of self-denial and hard work, and have decided to spend their declining days in the social environment of village life, within reach of old friends and near to the old church in which they have so long worshipped. None among this number is more highly esteemed by all who know him than is Levi Stiner, who with his estimable wife resides in his comfortable home on Railroad street.

Mr. Stiner comes of good old stock, his ancestors bringing from Germany their habits of thrift and industry which have resulted in so many of their descendants becoming men of means and property. The birth of Mr. Stiner took place July 29, 1830, in Jackson township; he is a son of Christian and Anna (Focht) Stiner, who were among the honorable residents of the township during long and useful lives. Christian Stiner was a son of Michael, who was an old settler in Jackson township, a farmer and son of German parents. The seven children born to Michael Stiner were: John, Christian, Jonathan, Polly, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Sarah. The four children born to Christian were: Levi, Aaron, Michael and Susan, all of these having passed away except Levi. Christian Stiner was ever a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, was a good farmer, and a man of honor and integrity.

Levi Stiner was reared in Jackson township, and was early taught to be honest, frugal and industrious. His inclinations made him a farmer as his forefathers had been, and from a very small beginning he accumulated until now he is one of the substantial men of his township, owning in addition to his farm of 100 acres, a comfortable home in Myerstown, where he has lived in retirement for several years.

On August 25, 1851, Mr. Stiner was united in marriage to Rebecca Loose, one of nine children born to John and Magdalena (Fisher) Loose, the former of whom was born in 1795 in Berks county, and died in 1861. The Loose family have been ranked with the most thrifty and prominent of both Berks and Lebanon counties for the past 150 years. About 1822 John

Loose came to Myerstown and established what was known as the old Loose tannery. The father of John Loose was George Loose, who had children as follows: Conrad, Gabriel, William, John, Benjamin, Jonathan, Joseph and Sarah, all of whom have passed away. The children of John and Magdalena Loose were: John; Henry; Thomas; Adam, a shoe merchant of Myerstown; Mary, the wife of Augustus Behney; Catherine, the wife of Samuel Kauffman; Sarah, the wife of Adam C. Klopp; Polly, the wife of Thomas Deffenbaugh; and Rebecca, who is still spared to her husband, Mr. Stiner, after fifty-two years of happy wedded life. But three members of this large family still survive, Adam, Polly and Rebecca. A family of four children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stiner, three of these growing to maturity, namely: George H., a prominent farmer of North Jackson township; Jonathan L., also a farmer; and Maggie, the wife of Maurice Hook, a farmer of North Jackson township.

Mr. Stiner has always been identified with the Republican party. He is an intelligent and reliable citizen, has for six years served the township as school director, and exerted his influence for the advancement of educational facilities. Mrs. Stiner was reared in the Reformed Church, but all the Stiners have been connected with the Lutheran Church. As the result of a temperate, industrious and estimable life, Mr. Stiner may be an example to others who are starting out on their careers, for he has won not only large means but a high position in the regard of all who know him.

EDWIN BELL MARSHALL, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Annville, who is also prison physician for Lebanon county, is a native of this town, born here January 18, 1853, and comes of a family of physicians, his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, having been noted in the profession, practicing at Annville.

Joseph B. Marshall, M. D., the father of Dr. Edwin B., was born in 1826, in Annville, read medicine with his father, graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, in 1850, and practiced in Annville until his death in 1859. The grandfather was Dr. John K. Marshall, who gained his preparatory medical education with his father, graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1820, and was the leading physician in Annville until his death in 1849. The great-grandfather of the present Dr. Marshall was Dr. David B. Marshall, who was born in Berks county, Pa., and located in Annville about 1780, and there practiced medicine until his death. His old residence, on Main street, in the center of the town, still stands and is occupied. Both of his two sons

became physicians, Dr. Jacob removing to Reading, Pa., where he practiced for many years and became the father of John and Philip Marshall, both physicians, and the grandfather of Dr. John Marshall, who occupies the chair of Chemistry and is dean of the faculty of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. John K. Marshall, grandfather of Dr. Edwin Marshall, married Elizabeth Behm, who was born in Annville, and they had four sons and three daughters. The eldest son, David B., graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1844, and was, for years, the leading physician of the city of Lebanon.

Dr. Joseph B. Marshall, the father of Dr. Edwin, married Elizabeth K. Read, who was born in Philadelphia, and who still survives, in her seventy-fifth year. Two children were born to this union, Dr. Edwin and brother, Restore Carter Marshall, who for twenty years has held a responsible position in the freight department of the Pennsylvania railroad at Philadelphia, being chief clerk. Dr. Edwin B. Marshall was reared in Annville, and there attended the public schools, and later the schools in Philadelphia, whither the mother took her sons after the death of the father. Dr. Edwin passed through the high school in Philadelphia, and then spent two years at Lafayette College, going thence to the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1879 he began the practice of medicine, as physician for the Meilys, owners of Union Forge, Lebanon county, and in 1882, located in Annville, where he has since practiced in the lead of the medical profession. In 1899 he was appointed prison physician of the county, and is examining surgeon for the Equitable Life Insurance Company. Dr. Marshall belongs to the order of Odd Fellows and the Sons of America.

In 1880, Dr. Marshall was married to Margaret Ely, who was born in Lebanon, daughter of Hon. Anthony Ely, who served in the Pennsylvania Legislature. Three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Marshall, namely: Elizabeth, Jessie R. and Edward.

WILLIAM H. SPAHN is an honored citizen of the city of Lebanon. He was born June 4, 1856, son of William and Elizabeth Spahn, of Lebanon county.

John Spahn, grandfather of William H., was one of the first wheelwrights on the old Coleman estate many years ago. He and his wife Elizabeth had the following children: William, the father of William H.; Emanuel; Charles; Henry; Susan; Mariah; and Sarah. All are deceased, except Susan, who is living in Camden, New Jersey.

William Spahn, the father of William H., was born in Cornwall, Leb-

anon county, November 7, 1822, and died July 3, 1881. He was married March 19, 1844, to Miss Elizabeth Fernsler, who was a daughter of Frederick Fernsler, of South Lebanon township. They had four children: Louvina, died young; Mary Elizabeth, born May 17, 1846, is deceased; John F., born October 14, 1847, died in Louisville, Ky., with cholera, while a soldier in the regular army; and William H., who is the youngest. The father was a staunch Democrat and a believer in the Protestant faith. He was a wheelwright by trade, and the owner of a large shop during the days of the construction of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad and Union canal. In later life he was a farmer and implement dealer.

William H. Spahn lived in Lebanon until 1876. He received his education in that city, and learned the carpenter's trade while a young man. In 1876 he went to Philadelphia, Pa., and took charge of a dining room for his uncle, Henry Spahn, remaining there about one year, during which time he acquired the knowledge of soapmaking. He returned to Lebanon August 1, 1877, and started the manufacture of soap with a capital of \$35. But he soon found out that he could not make a living at that business, so during the day he worked as a carpenter, and manufactured soap at night. He continued thus for two years, when he added to his business hay and straw, making soap and buying and selling hay and straw for about ten years; he made considerable money in that line.

On December 23, 1880, Mr. Spahn married Miss Sally A. Phillips, of Reading, Pa., who was a daughter of John M. and Junnifer Phillips, natives of England. Their union was blessed with three children: Bessie Elizabeth, who is quite an accomplished young lady of Lebanon; Harry W., of New York City and Paul P., of Lebanon. Mr. Spahn's first wife died January 16, 1898, and he married, for his second wife, Mrs. Emma S. Leininger, the widow of James M. Leininger who conducted a grocery at the corner of Tenth and Lehman streets, in Lebanon, which Mrs. Spahn still owns. This marriage has been blessed with one son, John E. Mrs. Leininger's daughter Jennie May, aged twelve, lives with them. Mr. Spahn is a Democrat, but generally independent in voting. Socially he is a member of the Sons of America, Camp No. 65. In religion he is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Spahn is a self-made man. He was reared in Lebanon, received his education in the public schools of that city and started out in life a poor boy. He now owns several houses and lots in Lebanon, and has established a profitable business, and he is a director in the Homestead Building & Loan Association of Lebanon, and a member of the Lebanon Valley Fair Association. He has acted as guardian for several children. Our subject and

family are among the honorable citizens of Lebanon, and he is one of the well known business men of that city.

Mr. Spahn's first wife was a very devout member of the Lutheran Church, and was the organizer of the Sweet Brier Society, whose object is to help the sick of the church. Since her death the work has been continued under the supervision of her daughter Bessie Elizabeth, who is very devoted to the work.

HENRY PEIFFER, one of the prosperous and energetic citizens of Myerstown, Pa., and one of the city's public-spirited men, was born in Berks county, Pa., August 22, 1854, son of William and Margaret (Tice) Peiffer, of Berks county, the latter living retired in Marion township. He was the son of Henry Peiffer, a farmer and drover of Berks county, and the father of seven children: John; William; and five now deceased. William was born in Berks county, April 15, 1830, and his wife, Margaret Tice, whom he married in 1852, was born in 1832, and died January 9, 1888. The children born of their marriage were two in number: Andrew, who died when young; and Henry. William Peiffer is a staunch Democrat, and always supports the candidates of that party. In religious matters, he is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and is justly regarded as one of the leading men of his county, while his family is an old and honorable one in Berks.

Henry Peiffer was reared on his father's farm, and educated in the public schools and the Stouchsburg Academy of Berks county. At the age of nineteen, he left the farm and went to Mount Etna, where he clerked in the store of J. H. Bordner for three years, when he was married, and settled upon a farm, remaining there seven years. In 1880 he commenced to deal in mules and horses, and in 1888, located in Myerstown, and has since met with remarkable success, having bought and sold many carloads of fine Kentucky and western horses. Some years ago he purchased the celebrated Jacob Bahney Stables. In 1893, he erected a beautiful home, one of the finest in Myerstown. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Peiffer is proprietor of the well known Myerstown Sales Stables, and for some years has handled annually about \$50,000 worth of horses and mules.

On September 25, 1875, Mr. Peiffer was married to Miss Mariah S. Wilhelm, daughter of Joseph and Levina (Winter) Wilhelm, members of old and highly esteemed Berks county families. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peiffer. Mrs. Peiffer is one of two children, her sister Amelia being the wife of Adam Bahney. Joseph Wilhelm was born in Berks county in 1826, and died January 24, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Peiffer are con-

sistent members of the Reformed Church of Horst, Berks county. Like his father before him, Mr. Peiffer is a staunch Democrat, and takes an active part in local affairs. The success which has attended Mr. Peiffer is the result of honorable methods intelligently directed, and persistent, hard work. Both he and his wife are very highly regarded in Myerstown, and are important factors in the social life of that community.

**TOBIAS K. KREIDER.** Few families in Lebanon county are better or more favorably known for good citizenship, reliability and honest industry than the Kreider family, to which belongs Tobias K. Kreider, one of the good farmers and successful dairymen of North Cornwall township.

Mr. Kreider was born December 14, 1842, on the old homestead in North Lebanon township, a son of Tobias and Maria (Kreider) Kreider, and he secured his education in the common schools. Until the time of his own marriage he remained assisting his father, but then purchased a farm of 118 acres located four miles southwest of the city of Lebanon. This farm he operated for six years, selling it then and purchasing his present most desirable property. This is a farm of twenty-seven acres in extent, favorably located for his dairy business, being just south of the city. Mr. Kreider has found it profitable to cultivate well a small farm and to engage in the milk business, his route in Lebanon bringing very satisfactory returns, owing to his close attention and careful management.

In 1866 Mr. Kreider was married to Miss Celesa Kreider, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Long) Kreider, a native of North Lebanon township. The five children born to this union are: Adam, unmarried and at home; Calvin, a surveyor, who lives with his family in Lebanon; Harry, a molder, living in Missouri; and Elmer and Eva M., at home. The religious connection of the family is with the United Brethren Church, and Mr. Kreider is one of the trustees. He is one of the intelligent and public-spirited citizens of his township, and the family is reckoned among the most highly respected residents of this part of Lebanon county. The children have been given school advantages and are all worthy and estimable people.

**EDWIN S. SWOPE**, a well known citizen of Campbelltown, Lebanon Co., Pa., and manager of the Campbelltown Creamery Company, was born at Prescott, Jackson township, Lebanon county, May 1, 1867, a son of Peter and Sarah O. (Spayd) Swope. The father was born at Avon, South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, May 12, 1847, and died September 24, 1867, aged twenty years, four months and twelve days. He was a son of

Peter Swope, who resided on a farm near Avon. The mother was born at Prescott, Lebanon county, August 18, 1849, a daughter of Daniel K. Spayd, and died in 1881. Her mother was a daughter of Jacob Bomberger. Two sons were born to Peter and Sarah O. (Spayd) Swope: Clement (born January 13, 1866, died April 29, 1866) and Edwin S. The mother later married Samuel B. Kreider, of North Annville township, and Edwin S. was reared by his stepfather.

Edwin S. Swope attended the public schools, and began work in a creamery at Heilmandale when he was fifteen years of age. In the fall of 1885, he went to Kansas, intending to secure employment in a creamery. In the fall of 1889 he returned to Lebanon county, and spent a year with his parents. On October 1, 1891, he entered the employ of E. Dissinger, of Campbelltown, and a year later purchased the creamery, which he operated alone until 1899, when he sold it, and he has since managed the business for the owners, Eby & Moyer. He is an expert practical butter maker, one of the leading ones in Lebanon county. At the Dairymen's Union meeting held in York, Pa., December 4-5, 1901, he took first prize for butter made in Pennsylvania. Mr. Swope is a member of the Dairymen's Union and the National Buttermakers' Association, and contributes articles to the *New York Produce* and *American Creamery*, periodicals. The latter journal published his portrait in a recent number, in connection with those of thirty-five other expert buttermakers of the United States.

Mr. Swope married Grace, daughter of Sheriff Coppenhaver, of Lebanon county, and their children are: Harry Coppenhaver, Daniel Coppenhaver, Charles Edwin and Emma Carolyn.

JOHN WENGERT. It is not always necessary to go to the ranks of college graduates and city-bred men to find successes in business life, for many who have climbed the ladder of fame and fortune, obtained their education in the district schools. In the successful business life of John Wengert may be found a notable proof of this fact. Born in East Hanover township, Lebanon Co., Pa., September 11, 1841, he had but little chance to develop his mind, but unlimited opportunity to develop his muscles. His father and grandfather before him had been agriculturists, and his father decided that John should follow in their footsteps. At sixteen years of age, he commenced on his own account as a farm laborer in the employ of his brother Samuel. Two years later, when but eighteen, he became manager of the home farm, in partnership with his brother Henry, their unmarried sister Mary acting as housekeeper. After two years more on the home farm,

he decided to branch out for himself, and rented the farm now owned by the estate of his brother Amos, with his sister Fanny as housekeeper, and for three years he continued successfully. On September 13, 1863, he married Susanna Schneader, daughter of Isaiah Schneader. The children born to this union were: William Albert, who married Susanna Ulrich, and had two children, Esther, and one who died in infancy; Lizzie Elenora, who married Sherman Albert, and has three children, John Walter, Clarence and Catherine. After thirty-three years of happy wedded life, Mrs. Wengert died in November, 1896, and her remains rest in Mt. Nebo cemetery.

On December 3, 1897, Mr. Wengert was married to Emma L. Shelby, daughter of John and Elizabeth Shelby, born December 2, 1869. To this marriage came one child, Alice Sarah, now deceased.

Mr. Wengert has followed farming many years and has made his life work a success. His pleasant home is located one mile west of the borough of Jonestown, and was bought by him in 1882. He owns 200 acres of highly cultivated land in East Hanover and Union townships, and the "Race Horse Hotel." For some time he has been dealing in phosphates and farm implements, and has met with success in these, as in other lines, for the same honorable business methods which brought satisfactory results before, are still pursued. On his 200 acres he has four sets of farm buildings, all kept in the excellent condition characteristic of Lebanon county farms. Mr. Wengert is a member of the Evangelical Church, and for many years has been one of its leading supporters. His political faith makes him a staunch Republican, and he has cast his vote for every Republican nominee for President since Abraham Lincoln, but is not an office seeker and does not desire political preferment.

But little is known of the ancestors of John Wengert, except that they came from Germany many years ago and settled on the farm now owned by Christian Wengert, which was purchased from the government, according to the statement of grandfather Martin Wengert, and which has never been out of the family since its purchase. Martin Wengert lived and died on this farm, on which he had been born, and his children were: Martin, Mary and Jacob. He was a member of the United Brethren Church, and died in that faith. His daughter Mary married Joseph Light, and had a family of five children, and Jacob, the third of the family of Martin, remained unmarried to the time of his death, which occurred on the home farm. Martin, the oldest, and second of the name, was the father of our subject. His birth occurred on the home farm, of which he afterward became the owner. He married Nancy Herr, and they lived together on a farm nearly half a



century, and then moved to the farm now owned by the estate of their son Amos, and there died, both in the faith of the Evangelical Church. He was a staunch Republican, and reared his sons in that faith. His family was as follows: John, deceased; Mary, deceased; Samuel; Henry, deceased; Sarah; John; Fanny; Nancy; Christian; Elizabeth; Abraham; Amos, deceased; and Amanda. Martin Wengert and his wife are interred in Mt. Nebo cemetery, near Avon, Lebanon county.

EDWARD GEBHARD, who died April 12, 1899, at the age of eighty-three years, was both an honorable and pioneer citizen of Lebanon. He was a hatter by trade, but for thirty-five years was one of the leading butchers of Lebanon. He was born in Lebanon county November 15, 1815, and was the son of George Gebhard, who was a farmer and one of the early settlers of the county.

Edward Gebhard was raised in Lebanon, received his education in the common schools, and after learning the trade of a hatter remained in that business until 1852. From that time until 1885, when he retired, he was a butcher. In 1837 he married Mary Louser, of Lebanon city. They had eleven children: Miss Maria, who is living in Lebanon; Susan, the wife of John Embick, of Lebanon; Sarah, the wife of Solomon Stine, of Lebanon; Eliza, the wife of Otimus Wilhelm, of Wilmington, Del.; Edward G., deceased; Henry L.; Emma, the wife of Henry Fortna, of Lebanon; Katherine, the wife of William Swope, of Lebanon; the others died young.

Mr. Gebhard was a staunch Republican, and a member of the Lutheran Church. He was strictly a self-made man, starting out in life a poor boy, but by hard work and economy he had accumulated at the time of his death considerable wealth. He owned quite a number of good houses and lots. He was a man whole-hearted, a splendid and leading citizen, a kind husband and a loving father. His wife died ten years before he did, and his eldest daughter, Maria R., lived with him until his death. She resides in her cosy home at No. 516½ Chestnut street.

JACOB SMITH, one of the revered and honored citizens and retired farmers of Myerstown, Pa., was born in South Lebanon township, November 10, 1835, a son of Peter and Margaret (Thomas) Smith, deceased, natives of Lebanon county. Peter Smith, a farmer, born in 1810, died about 1874. During a long and useful life, he was a staunch Democrat, and always lived honorably and industriously. About 1830, he was married to Margaret Thomas, and they had nine children: Ephraim, a farmer of South

Jackson township; Rosa, who married Philip Weitmer, now deceased; Henry, deceased; Jacob; Aaron, a farmer of Jackson township; Cyrus, a carpenter of Heidelberg township; Solomon, of Cornwall township; John, of Heidelberg township; and Phronia, who married Isaac Phillips, a drover.

Jacob Smith was reared on the home farm, and educated in the common schools, remaining with his parents until twenty years of age, when he removed to Heidelberg township, and later to Jackson township, owning a fine farm of 103 acres, in the latter, located one mile south of Myerstown. The place is in a fine state of cultivation, supplied with an excellent house, barn and other buildings, and he also owns a pleasant home in Myerstown, where he now makes his place of residence. On November 3, 1866, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Caroline Krause, of Jackson township, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Binkley) Krause, of Lebanon county. The Binkley family is well and favorably known in Lancaster county. Mrs. Smith was born November 4, 1838, and died September 9, 1902, having been one of a family of eight children, all of whom are now deceased except Samuel Krause, of Myerstown, and Pollie, wife of Michael Moore, of Myerstown, Pa. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Alfred, in the creamery business in Jackson township; Jacob, of Myerstown; Maggie, wife of Ira Uhrich; Elizabeth, wife of H. M. Muth; George, of Jackson township; Harvey, a farmer on the old home farm; John, out West; and Pollie, wife of Jonathan Layser, of Jackson township.

In politics Mr. Smith has always been a staunch Democrat, and while supporting the principles of his party upon all occasions, he has never aspired to office. He is a consistent member of the Schaefferstown Reformed Church, as was his most excellent wife, who died peacefully in that faith. During his long and useful life, Mr. Smith has made and retained many friends, and his good deeds, many of which are not known of the world, serve to endear him to the people of his community.

DAVID LIGHT, one of the old and highly respected citizens of Lebanon, was born December 12, 1836, in North Lebanon township, and comes of honorable old Lebanon county stock, his paternal line going as far back as his great-grandfather, John Light, and on the maternal side to Christian Knoll, who was a well-known farmer of North Annville township.

The parents of Mr. Light were David and Maria (Knoll) Light, the former of whom was a son of Martin Light, and was born in 1804, in South Annville township. The mother was born in North Annville township, in 1803, and died in 1888, surviving her husband fifteen years. The children

born to David and Maria (Knoll) Light were as follows: Levi, who resides in New Jersey; Israel, Lydia, Aseph and Annie, deceased; David, who is a resident of Lebanon; Cyrus, deceased; and Maria, who is the wife of William Bomberger, of Maryland.

David Light, of Lebanon, was reared on his father's farm, where he continued to reside, attending school and assisting in agricultural work, until he was eighteen years of age. His tastes, however, were in another direction, and he soon after attaining his eighteenth year, went to Lebanon and entered upon an apprenticeship to the coach-making trade. His three years were almost completed, when, in the fall of 1862, he offered his services to his country, enlisting in Company H., Third Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, with which noted regiment he served until the close of the war. His battery did valiant service at the battle of Gettysburg, and Mr. Light was one of the fortunate survivors of that day of carnage, when so many of his companions fell to rise no more. His honorable discharge was on July 16, 1865, and he returned to his home in Lebanon county.

Mr. Light resumed his former occupation of coach-making for a time and then went to car building for the Lebanon Manufacturing Company. For some years, in partnership with his brother, he carried on a coach-making business in this city, and has always been regarded as one of the successful and reliable business men of Lebanon. Mr. Light is a man of ample means, is a stockholder in the Farmers' Bank, and owns much valuable real estate in the Second and Fourth wards of the city.

In 1866 Mr. Light was married to Miss Annie Hunsicker, daughter of Jacob, and sister to John, Hunsicker, prominent citizens of this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Light are members of the United Evangelical Church, and are among the most highly esteemed residents of the city of Lebanon.

**DAVID B. BUCK.** This worthy and representative citizen of the Sixth ward of Lebanon, a Republican whose genial qualities have added greatly to his popularity, is also a leading spirit in the business circles of the city, his location being at the corner of North Tenth and Church streets, on the site of the old Buck homestead.

Mr. Buck was born in Hanover township, Lebanon county, July 15, 1867. His father, Elias Buck, was born in the old homestead in East Hanover township in 1839, and died in 1888. He was the son of David Buck, who still survives, and is the oldest citizen now living in East Hanover township, having been born in the vicinity of Hoernerstown, Dauphin county, Pa., in about 1810. His father died when he was seven years old.

He was in his youth a clerk in a store, and then learned the trade of a tanner from his guardian, David Cassel, one of the old tanners of Dauphin county. David Buck was married in his native county and then came to East Hanover township, where he established a tannery, which was in operation for many years. The building is known as the Buck tannery, and still stands, one of the oldest landmarks in the county. David Buck married Sarah Horst, who was born in the same locality as her husband, and died in 1856. To them the following children were born: Elias, who is deceased; Uriah, who resides in East Hanover township; Rebecca, deceased; Barbara, wife of Jacob Platt, of East Hanover township; Lucetta, wife of John G. Himmelbarger, of Annville; and Emma, Mrs. Frank Himmelbarger, of Cleona.

Elias Buck succeeded his father in the tannery, and operated the same until his death, after which it was abandoned. He served as a musician in Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Regiment, P. V. I., during the Civil war. Elias Buck married Sarah A. Bomgardener, who was born in East Hanover township in 1842, daughter of Thomas Bomgardener, now deceased, who was a native of Lebanon county. The following children were born to this union: David B.; Emma A., wife of Charlie Crum, of Lebanon; Sallie, Mrs. Mason J. Albert, of Lebanon; Irvin, of Annville; Harry, of Lebanon; Katie; and John, who is deceased.

David B. Buck was reared on the old Buck homestead. He worked in the tannery and attended the public school in his youth, remaining at home until 1890, when he came to Lebanon. Here for three years he was employed in the mills of E. Strickler's Sons, and in 1894 he engaged in the retail grocery business at his present stand, where he has since continued. He is an active member of the Lebanon Board of Trade.

Mr. Buck has always taken an active part in local politics, and is a staunch Republican. He has served three full terms in the common council of Lebanon, representing the Sixth ward, and was first elected in 1896. He served during the term of 1896-97 on the committee on Highways and the Special Water Committee; he was re-elected in 1898, and during the ensuing term served on the committee on Finance and Railways. Again being re-elected, he served during the term of 1900 on the committee on Finance and Law, and on the Ordinance committee. In a fraternal way Mr. Buck is affiliated with the Acme Lodge, No. 427, Knights of Pythias, is a prominent member of the Knights of Malta, and is one of the leading figures in the Sons of Veterans' organization.

Mr. Buck was married January 16, 1890, to Miss Lizzie Hess, a native of Grantsville, Dauphin Co., Pa., and daughter of Benjamin Hess, and they

have had two children; Annie, born in 1891, and Lavina, born in 1899. Mr. Buck and his family are active and devout members of the Salem United Brethren Church. They are highly esteemed members of the social circles of Lebanon, and merit the respect in which they are universally held.

JOHN M. KRALL, a leading merchant and much esteemed citizen of Schaefferstown, was born June 27, 1851, a son of Cyrus M. and Susanna (Steinmetz) Krall, a grandson of John Krall, a great-grandson of Christian Krall (born in 1758), a great-great-grandson of Henry Krall (born in 1735), who was a son of Mathias Krall, who was born in 1690, at Basle, Switzerland, and was the founder of the family in America. Mathias Krall landed at Philadelphia in the fall of 1720. Few can so clearly trace their ancestry as can Mr. Krall, and all along the line we find successful farmers and prosperous merchants, all of them honorable men of excellent repute.

John Krall, the grandfather, was born in 1799, and was one of the early merchants of Schaefferstown. His father was a Federalist, and John was one of the organizers of the Whig party in Lebanon county, taking the same interest as did his son Cyrus, years later, in his work for the Republican party. Cyrus M. Krall was born in 1823, and died in 1890. He became the leading merchant of the town, and was one of the founders and a director of the Valley National Bank of Lebanon. For eighty-four years the three generations had conducted a general store in Schaefferstown. In the Reformed Church Cyrus Krall held all the various offices. He was noted for being a man who strictly upheld the laws, who assisted in public improvements, who educated his children and provided for their welfare and in every way performed his duty to the best of his ability. The Kralls have not been noted for their numerous descendants. The children of the great-grandfather were: John, Henry, Christian, Philip and Barbara. In the next generation, the children of John were: Cyrus M., Franklin M., John M., Winfield S., Mary, Catherine and Sarah. The children of Cyrus M. and Susanna (Steinmetz) Krall were: Clara M.; John M.; Annie D., wife of Theodore Gibson, of Richmond, Ky.; Laura V., of Kentucky; and Charles S., of New York City.

Mrs. Susanna (Steinmetz) Krall was born November 27, 1827, and now resides with her daughter Mrs. Gibson. She was a daughter of John and Mary (Withers) Steinmetz, who came from Ephrata township, Lancaster county. John and Mary Steinmetz had these children: Jeremiah; Rebecca, wife of Daniel Brendle; Katherine, wife of Henry Leshner, of Reamstown; Susanna; Rev. John W., of Reading, pastor of the Third Reformed Church. John Steinmetz was a son of Carl and Mary (Bower) Steinmetz, who resided at

Valley Forge in the winter of 1777, and it is a family tradition that during this time, on one occasion, he gave a glass of milk to General Washington.

John M. Krall was reared in Schaefferstown, and attended the public schools and academy, and later Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, where he graduated. Upon his return he entered upon a mercantile career, at the old stand where both father and grandfather had been so long engaged, and he continued until 1900, at which time he retired. Mr. Krall married Ella K. Ely, of Lebanon, and four children were born to this union, as follows: Raymond, deceased; Miss Clara S., a college graduate, a talented elocutionist and a fine musician; Clyta N.; and Cyrus M., who is a traveling salesman. In politics Mr. Krall is a Republican, but has never accepted office. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Church. Like his forefathers, Mr. Krall is a man who possesses the esteem of his fellow-citizens. In business he has been just, in the community he has always assisted in worthy enterprises and contributed to the relief of the poor, and he has offered hospitality to his friends and has lived a private life of exemplary character.

DAVID HENRY MEYER, one of the leading citizens of Annville, and proprietor of the Bedford Dairy, one of the finest dairies in Lebanon county, was born on the old Meyer homestead, about one mile east from Annville, April 1, 1868, son of John Henry and Rebecca (Albert) Meyer, both of whom were born in Lebanon county. He was reared on the farm and attended the common schools, and also the Lebanon Valley College. When he was eighteen years of age, he began farming on the old homestead, and has continued to operate the place ever since. Some years ago he embarked in the dairy business, in which he has been so successful that he has now one of the prize dairies of the county, the products of the Bedford Dairy meeting with immediate sale wherever known. Mr. Meyer is also connected with a successful enterprise of this section known as the Bedford Ice Company.

Mr. Meyer was married December 4, 1890, to Mary B. Snively, who was born May 19, 1868, at Westmont Station (Tunnel Hill), on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, in Lebanon county, and two children have been born to this union, namely: Elizabeth May, born May 11, 1892; and Allen Jay, born November 13, 1894.

The following are the brothers and sisters of Mr. Meyer: Clara, born October 5, 1861, married W. G. Heilman; Morris A., born April 10, 1863; Sally K., born June 30, 1871, married D. H. Snively; and Eugene, born March 14, 1876.

Mrs. Meyer's parents had children as follows: Henry C., born Novem-

ber 14, 1844; John S., born October 18, 1846; Sarah, born October 1, 1856, married B. F. Seltzer, of Lebanon; Elizabeth, born October 22, 1860, died March 2, 1870; George W., born May 18, 1863; and Mary B., born May 19, 1868.

In the spring of 1892, Mr. Meyer moved into Annville, purchasing a handsome residence on College Common, fronting the Lebanon Valley College. Mr. Meyer is one of the energetic and substantial men of this place, and is esteemed for his business ability and for his upright and manly character.

REV. I. CALVIN FISHER, pastor of St. Mark's Reformed Church, of Lebanon, Pa., was born October 16, 1867, in Marion township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Bennville and Eliza (Miller) Fisher.

The Fisher family was established in Berks county by John Fisher, the great-grandfather of Rev. Mr. Fisher, who was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, in the seventeenth century, and has been honorably perpetuated in the same locality ever since. Bennville Fisher was a son of John Fisher (2), and both were born in Berne township, Berks county, the former on January 27, 1835. The mother of Rev. Mr. Fisher was a daughter of Isaac Miller, a native of Tulpehocken township, Berks county, where she was born June 13, 1844, and died October 29, 1890.

Rev. Mr. Fisher was an only child, and he passed a happy boyhood on the farm with his parents. He was afforded excellent educational advantages and after a good foundation acquired in the common schools, in the summer of 1882 he became a student in the Oley Academy, at Oley, Pa., which was then under the able administration of Rev. D. E. Schœdler, who is now pastor of the Grace Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa. On June 2, 1883, he was confirmed by the late Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., and thus became a member of Trinity, Tulpehocken Reformed Church. During portions of the years 1882-84, Mr. Fisher taught school in Berks county. His preparation for college was made under private tutors and those connected with Kutztown Normal School, Kutztown, Pa., and Palatinate College, the latter now Albright Collegiate Institute, of Myerstown, Pa. During the spring term of 1886, he entered Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pa., and graduated from the same June 27, 1889, with the degree of A. B. In the fall of 1889, Rev. Fisher entered the Theological Department of Ursinus College, and was graduated from that institution May 6, 1891. Previously, in the fall of 1890, he had been unanimously elected to the pastorate of the East Vincent-Pikeland charge, at Spring City, Chester county, which position he accepted immediately upon the completion of his studies. His installation and ordination

took place on Thursday evening, June 11, 1891, in the East Vincent Reformed Church, by Rev. Dr. J. H. Sechler, assisted by Revs. Jerome B. Henry and Francis C. Yost.

On November 1, 1892, Rev. Fisher was called to the pastorate of St. Mark's Church at Lebanon, and entered at once upon the duties of this charge. The degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by his Alma Mater, in June, 1893. Under Rev. Fisher's guidance St. Mark's has prospered to a most satisfactory degree. When he took charge the membership numbered 215 souls, while at present it reaches 700, with a Sunday School of 1,050. The church edifice, on the corner of North Eighth and Mifflin streets, is one of the finest churches in Lebanon, its corner stone having been laid July 5, 1900, and its dedication occurring June 16, 1901. The chapel was dedicated November 4, 1900. This represents great administrative ability and business judgment on the part of Mr. Fisher, as well as spiritual strength and pastoral influence.

Rev. Fisher is president of the board of trustees of his classis. In 1892-93-96-98-1901, he was a delegate to the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States, and in 1902 was a delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States. For a time he was president of the classis of Lebanon, and treasurer of the same.

On November 4, 1891, Rev. Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Miss Eva H. Kehl, born July 4, 1868, in Boyertown, daughter of William D. Kehl, and one daughter has blessed this union, Ada Marguerite, born September 18, 1892.

ELI ZINN, one of the leading and representative citizens of Lebanon county, residing in North Cornwall township, was born in the old homestead, August 24, 1860, and was there reared to young manhood, attending the public schools, until he was married, in 1885.

After his marriage Mr. Zinn located on his farm of 110 acres, three miles south of Lebanon city. Here for a number of years Mr. Zinn carried on farming, but is now engaged in dealing in a small way in a superior grade of horses. His farm is well supplied with a good frame house and excellent outbuildings, and the farm is kept in most satisfactory condition. On February 5, 1885, he married Miss Clara Messner, who was born in East Earl township, Lancaster county, a daughter of Solomon and Susan (Colderer) Messner, of Lancaster county. Mr. and Mrs. Zinn have one child, John Herman. They are members of the Reformed Church, and are among the county's most worthy and respected citizens.

The prosperity of Lebanon county lies in the hands of just such men of



prominence and weight as Mr. Zinn, and it may be safely trusted with them. He is a man of broad and liberal views, and gives his earnest support to all measures tending towards the betterment of the general prosperity of his township and county.

D. H. WARNER, M. D., is one of the successful physicians of Lebanon, Pa. He was born at Prescott, Lebanon county, September 13, 1862, a son of Henry and Sarah Warner, of Lebanon county. The Doctor's father is deceased. He was a farmer and the father of two children: D. H., the subject of this sketch; and Thomas, a postal clerk at Lebanon. Henry Warner was a son of David Warner, also a farmer, who was the son of a Henry Warner, who was one of the early settlers of Lebanon county, Pennsylvania.

Dr. D. H. Warner lived his boyhood days in Prescott, Pa., received his education in the common schools, and then attended the Palatinate College. Later he taught school for three years. In 1883 he took up the study of medicine, and graduated from the Medical College of New York City in the spring of 1886. He took a post graduate course in 1888. After traveling for some time he came to Lebanon, Pa., and began the practice of medicine in 1893, and has followed the same up to the present time with success. During the smallpox epidemic in Lebanon he took quite an active part. In the fall of 1901 and the spring of 1902, he served as special county physician devoting his whole time to this work. He has served as a member of the Lebanon City board of health for five years. He is a staunch Republican, and is a member of the Reformed Church of the City of Lebanon. He is a member of the State Medical Society.

In 1900 Dr. Warner married Miss May Fortna, of Lebanon county, Pa. Their home has been blessed with one child, a daughter. The Doctor is a self-made man; he started out in life a poor boy, and has been compelled to fight the battle single handed. He attributes his success to close attention to his practice, and to honesty and integrity in his profession.

JOHN M. MOORE, a retired citizen of Millcreek township, now residing on the family homestead a quarter of a mile south of Millbach, has achieved success both as an agriculturist and as a watchmaker. For over sixty years he has followed his trade, proving himself during this time one of the most proficient artisans in his line in the vicinity. Patience and conscientious habits of work were inherited from a long line of good Dutch ancestors.

John George Moore, great-grandfather of John M., came from Holland

to this country about 1720, and settled in Schoharie county, New York, where he remained for some time. Prior to 1730, however, he moved to Lebanon county, Pa., and there, in Millcreek township, settled upon a tract of wild land, which he received from a patent granted by John, Thomas and Richard Penn. Here he cleared up a fine home for himself, where he for the most part spent the rest of his business life. By his marriage there were four children: John, who is mentioned below; and Elizabeth, Catherine, and Rebecca. Mr. Moore possessed those strong, energetic traits of character, which pre-eminently fitted him for his pioneering career, and he played no insignificant part in opening Lebanon county up to settlers, and establishing there a good and orderly government.

John Moore, grandfather of John M., continued the pioneering work, which his father had begun in Millbach Valley. There he received careful rearing and thorough training in habits of industry and self-reliance. During his young manhood he married Elizabeth Moyer, and they had nine children: John, Monroe, Michael, George, Jonathan, Henry, Philip, Mary and Eve. After his marriage Mr. Moore engaged in agriculture in Millcreek township and continued at that for the most part throughout his active life. Wise in his management, not afraid of work, he prospered, and occupied a leading place among the agriculturists of this section. All his life he was an interested student of public affairs, and upon the organization of the Democratic party cast his influence on that side, being especially a strong advocate of Thomas Jefferson and his principles.

Jonathan Moore, father of John M., following in the foot-steps of his predecessors, became a leading agriculturist of Millcreek township. On his father's well-ordered farm he received careful training for his life-work, and in the public schools of his vicinity a good practical education. As a young man facing life's problems for himself, he naturally turned to farming for his livelihood, and meeting with success he continued in that line. After some years he settled upon a neat attractive farm, a quarter of a mile south of Millbach, and here, in 1830 he erected handsome buildings, which are still intact, and are occupied by his son, John M. Mr. Moore improved the place in other respects, making it one of the most productive and profitable farms in this section. About 1820 Mr. Moore married Catherine Miller, and they had three children: John M.; Michael, a retired agriculturist and cattle dealer, of Millbach; and Elizabeth, who died in childhood. Mr. Moore possessed energy and the ability to apply it successfully to the affairs of life. He was not only a hard worker, but one who prospered in his undertakings. In public affairs he was influential, and in politics affiliated with the Democrats.

He was a man of marked integrity of character, and a consistent member of the Reformed Church.

John M. Moore was born near Millbach, June 27, 1822, and in that vicinity grew to manhood. After the fashion of those days he attended the subscription schools, and there received careful training in habits of industry and attention of much value to him in later years. A genius for handicraft led him at an early age to enter a jeweler's shop, and there learn the watch-making trade. Strict attention to his work, and inherent ability enabled him in a short time to master the details of the craft, and he afterward followed the trade as a regular business. In 1846 Mr. Moore married Elizabeth Leis, daughter of Henry Leis, of Heidelberg township, who was one of the pioneers of Berks county. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have had two children: William, who is engaged in the painting business in Richland; and Elizabeth, at home.

After his marriage Mr. Moore settled on the family homestead on the outskirts of Millbach, where he now resides. Here he has for many years carried on farming very successfully. He has improved the place, kept it in excellent condition, and now has a very attractive home. Besides superintending this farm, he has also carried on his trade as a watchmaker. An expert workman he found from the start no difficulty in securing work in this line, and he has continued it now for fully sixty years. He has prospered far beyond his earliest expectations, and is now one of the well-to-do citizens of the county. Being now in his eighty-second year he is at present living a somewhat retired life. His wife is also living, and is now in her eightieth year.

Mr. Moore's life has been characterized by moderation, abstemious habits, and marked integrity. Both he and his wife are influential members of the Reformed Church of Millbach. His genial nature and generosity have won him friends in all circles, and he is widely known and highly esteemed throughout the county. Politically he is a strong Democrat, and he has lived to cast his vote for fourteen different Presidents.

A. P. SWOPE. One of the oldest families in Pennsylvania is that of which A. P. Swope, a cigar box manufacturer of Lebanon, is a worthy representative, and which has been known in the State for one hundred and eighty-four years, or since the emigrating ancestor, John, came from his home in Germany and settled in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1720. This remote forefather left his parents in the Fatherland, and his father John, traced his lineage back to 1678. From John, the emigrant, the family is traced through Yost, Jacob, Jacob (2), Christian, Henry and A. P., the latter therefore

representing the seventh generation in Pennsylvania. He was born in Lebanon county, and is the youngest son of Henry and Louise (Eckert) Swope, also of Lebanon county.

Henry Swope was born about 1820, and died in 1880. He was known in Lebanon for many years as a leading contractor and builder. He was the son of Christian and Mary (Gloniger) Swope, the former a farmer and distiller in this county. Christian Swope had six children, Philip, Henry, Daniel, John, Rebecca and Mary, of whom John and Mary are still living. About 1844 Henry Swope married Louise Eckert, of South Lebanon, and of this union there were born eight children, six of whom are living: Charles D., of Lebanon; Abraham D.; William J.; Emma C.; Edward F.; and A. P.

The education of A. P. Swope was acquired in the public schools, and his youth was uneventfully passed under the parental roof. Upon starting out to earn his own living he engaged in cigar box manufacturing, and has been thus engaged for several years. He has a thorough understanding of his profitable business, and his natural thrift and enterprise would indicate a continuation of his past and present success. He is a Democrat in political affiliation, but has never been afflicted with official aspirations. He is a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Swope has never married, but lives with his mother and sister, Emma C., at the old homestead. The family are held in high esteem by all who know them, and are valued not only for the historic interest attached to their name, but for their personal worthiness and public spiritedness.

**SAMUEL M. KLINE.** Although Samuel M. Kline is now one of the most substantial and intelligent men of Cornwall township, he is an entirely self-made one, his early life being one of hard work and very few educational advantages. His success is a striking example of the result of energy, industry, honesty and perseverance.

Mr. Kline was born June 18, 1851, in Berks county, Pa., a son of John S. and Kate (Merkey) Kline, both families belonging to Berks county, the grandfathers Benjamin Kline and Abraham Merkey, being well known and prominent agriculturists. Grandfather Kline was also a minister in the German Baptist Church for many years. Some years prior to his retirement he moved to Lebanon county, and bought a farm upon which he lived until advanced age. He reared a large family, six of these moving to Lebanon county, namely: Bennowell, now a prominent resident of Dauphin county; Moses, a farmer in Dauphin county; Daniel, long a prosperous citizen of Lebanon county, and for a period a retired resident of Sunnyside; Hettie,

who died single; Ann, who married Rev. David Hoffman, of the United Brethren Church; Sallie, who married Michael Bashore, of Berks county; Kate, who married Henry Frantz of Berks county; and John S., the father of Samuel M.

John S. Kline was reared and spent his early life on the farm near Millersburg, retiring to the town about 1884, since when he has lived in retirement. His wife died in 1885. Mr. Kline comes of a long-lived family, and has seen his eighty-seventh birthday. For many years he has been a consistent member of the German Baptist Church. The seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kline were: Eliza, the wife of John Kline, of Berks county; John M., a farmer in Lancaster county; Leah, deceased, unmarried; Kate, the wife of John Zeigler, of Annville; Samuel M., of Lebanon county; Israel, a farmer of Berks county; Sarah, the wife of William Aunsbach, of Annville.

Samuel M. Kline's boyhood was passed on the farm, and very early he learned the practical side of a farmer's life, securing but a limited education on account of the everyday duties which fell on his young shoulders. This early disadvantage, however, has long since been remedied, Mr. Kline being a man of wide reading and close observation. The fund of knowledge accumulated by him through life makes him a most pleasing and instructive conversationalist.

On September 16, 1870, Mr. Kline was married to Miss Amelia Webber, daughter of George and Amelia (Whitman) Webber, of Berks county, and a family of seven children has been born to them namely: Alice, who married John Bowman, a farmer of North Cornwall township, and has two children, Minnie and Eugene; Katie, who is the wife of Harvey Houser, a farmer of North Cornwall township, and has one child, Amy; Nora, the wife of Adam Binne, who remains with her husband at the old home; Minnie, the wife of Joseph Tice, a farmer of Cornwall township; and Sadie, Annie and Harvey, at home. These children have been carefully reared in the precepts of the German Baptist Church, in which Mr. Kline is superintendent of the Sunday School at the Spring Creek Church, and they have been given the advantages of a good common-school education.

Mr. Kline owns a fine farm of eighty acres located one mile west of the city of Lebanon, where evidences of thrift and prosperity are noticed on all sides. In addition he owns a lime kiln and a stone quarry, both of these being of great commercial value, much lime being manufactured at the former, and some of the finest stone in the State being quarried at the latter. Some marble has also been obtained at this quarry, while the stone is in great demand for building purposes, and a large amount has been shipped to

the cement works at Alpha, N. J. Still another business enterprise in which Mr. Kline has engaged is the operating of a thresher during the season. He is a man of very practical ideas, and as such was a great acquisition to the school board on which he served six years. His financial independence has been won through his own efforts, and he is justified in a certain amount of pride. With his family he is held in the highest esteem in Cornwall township.

AARON M. VOGT, one of the large farmers of Lebanon county, whose land is located on the line of South Jackson and South Lebanon townships, about five miles southeast of the city of Lebanon and three miles southwest of Myerstown, is the owner of 207 acres of the best land and the handsomest brick residence in the township. Surrounded by all to make life happy and comfortable, Mr. Vogt is also one of the most highly regarded residents of this locality.

Mr. Vogt was born November 15, 1847, on this fine old homestead, on which his great-grandfather, Jacob Vogt, settled prior to 1770. Jacob Vogt, who married Maria Barbara Hess, was the founder of the family in this part of Pennsylvania, and came hither from Germany, settling first in Lebanon, where he built the old "Farmers Hotel." He received the deeds for his land from the sons of William Penn. Aaron M. is a son of David and Magdalena (Mase) Vogt, who were farmers on the old home also, where David was born in 1808, and died May 19, 1889. He was a son of John George Vogt, who was born in Lebanon April 25, 1758, and died December 20, 1836. John George Vogt married Catherine Hoerner, who was born April 18, 1777, and who died April 24, 1852, aged seventy-five years and six days. They were the parents of eight children, namely: David, George, Susanna, Catharine, Elizabeth, Mary, Anna and Sarah.

David Vogt, in 1834, married Magdalena Mase, of Heidelberg township, who was born May 15, 1817, and died April 11, 1900, aged eighty-two years, ten months, and twenty-six days. They had four children, namely: Anna, the wife of John Reinoehls, of Lebanon, a merchant; Aaron M.; George, who died November 4, 1837, aged one year, three months and eighteen days; and Amanda, who died August 9, 1840, aged one year, six months and six days. David Vogt was one of the leading citizens of his community, prominent in all reform movements, a supporter of the Republican party and a man of upright life and character. His religious connection was with the Lutheran Church.

Aaron M. Vogt was afforded good educational advantages. Upon

finishing the course in the local schools, he entered upon study at the Myers-town Academy, and later Muhlenberg College. Being an only son, with a large patrimony, Mr. Vogt then went back to the farm and has remained in its management ever since. Four generations have now occupied the home-  
stead, which is generally conceded to be one of the largest and best in the township. Mr. Vogt has continued to make improvements of a substantial nature, and has modern structures of latest pattern and sanitary arrangements. Mr. Vogt is progressive and takes much enjoyment in his model farm.

On December 23, 1876, Mr. Vogt was married to Miss Kate Zinn, daughter of John and Sarah (Shimp) Zinn, the former a well known farmer and miller of Cornwall township. Their children, four of whom survive, were: George Z., born December 28, 1878, is a farmer at home; Lucien William, born April 20, 1881, died September 9, 1895, aged fourteen years, four months and twenty days; Anna Magdalena, born April 27, 1883, is a student at the Millersville State Normal School; David Mase, born January 28, 1885, is a student at Albright College, at Myerstown; and Paul Melancthon, born December 5, 1887, has not yet completed the common school course. Mr. Vogt has been deeply interested in the welfare of his family, and has surrounded them with care and comfort and has given them educational advantages. For a long period Mr. Vogt has been an active supporter of the Republican party, but he has never aspired to office. With his family he belongs to and generously supports the Salem Lutheran Church of Lebanon. Coming from old and honorable families, these good people can claim kindred with many others, but none are more highly esteemed in Jackson township.

EDWIN T. GERBERICH. Among the old and reliable families of Lebanon county, Pa., the Gerberich family occupies a leading position, its representatives coming to the New World where they made homes for themselves and their descendants, and for more than a century they have done their part in advancing the progress and civilization. Of those of a later day, Edwin T. Gerberich is an excellent example.

Daniel U. Gerberich, the father of Edwin T., was a descendant of worthy ancestors, and at his death left behind him an enviable reputation as a Christian man, and one whose influence was always on the side of right and morality. He was a member for many years of the Lutheran Church, and worked in it both as a lay member and as an official, serving as both trustee and deacon, and at the time of his death he was treasurer. It was his belief that it is wiser

and more humane to educate the ignorant than to wait until criminals are made of those who lack higher knowledge. With this idea in view, at a time when to advocate and carry out these ideas meant a large increase in his taxes, and when his own children were too young to benefit by his generosity, he supported and lived to see carried out many very advanced and worthy suggestions along these lines. Loving music himself, he gave his children every advantage to cultivate their tastes in this direction, and hired a German music teacher for them. His own opportunities for acquiring a good education were limited to the district schools of his neighborhood, but his children did not lack in this respect. Among his sons were four who embraced the profession of a physician, one of whom is now deceased. In his political faith he was a Republican, as were all the members of his family, but he was in no sense an office seeker. Taking, as he did, so deep an interest in educational matters, however, he consented to serve upon the school board. Daniel U. Gerberich was born in what was then East Hanover township, but is now Union township, on the farm now owned by his son, Francis, where he grew to maturity, and after the death of his father, became its owner by heirship and purchase, and resided there until his death. He married Miss Catherine Baeshore, daughter of Thomas and Magdalena (Copenhauer) Baeshore, and they had children as follows: Alfred B., deceased; Daniel P., a physician of Lebanon city; Franklin, deceased; Milton H., deceased, who was a physician in Annville; Cora, deceased; Dr. Morris B., of Lebanon; Rose Elizabeth, deceased; Edwin J.; Grant B., residing in Johnsonburg, Elk county, where he is superintendent of twenty schools; Katharine Magdalena, residing in Annville; Francis B., who operates the home farm; Harry Landis, studying medicine in Lebanon; and Ida May, deceased.

The Gerberich farm of 150 acres was one of the most productive pieces of land in Union township, on account of the intelligent methods adopted in its cultivation. Both Mr. Gerberich and his wife have passed away and sleep their last sleep in the Walmer Church cemetery. Henry Gerberich, father of Daniel U., married Elizabeth Urich, and to them were born ten children: Elizabeth, Henry U., Daniel U., Abraham U., John Phillips, Mary, Valentine U., Katherine, Magdalena and Rosa, all of whom grew to maturity and married except one.

Edwin T. Gerberich, our subject, was born on the home farm, August 26, 1864, and there grew to maturity. He married Miss Sarah Alice, daughter of Jacob and Sabina (Behney) Singley; she was born near Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa., January 16, 1864, and left home at an age so young she knows but little of her family history. Four children have been born to Mr.



and Mrs. Gerberich: Daniel, born January 6, 1896, and died the 23d of the same month; a pair of twins died at birth, and Viola May, born May 21, 1898. Had he so desired Mr. Gerberich could have fitted himself for a profession, but he decided to remain an agriculturist, and in 1891 purchased the farm of Martin Bowman, of Lebanon, on which he now resides. It contains 173 acres of rich land, under a high state of cultivation, with comfortable home and fine outbuildings. Mr. Gerberich is organist of the Walmer Lutheran Church, of which both he and his wife are members. In his political belief he is an ardent Republican, one of those of whom the question is never asked, which side of the fence is he on, or how he casts his vote. He does not want office, but is content to be a worker in the ranks of his party, and is an honored and respected citizen and a worthy member of a wealthy and prominent family.

CHARLES DONGES WEIRICK, a member of the Lebanon County Bar, and a well known citizen of Lebanon, was born at Myerstown, Lebanon county, June 4, 1866. He is the son of John Henry Weirick, who was born on the old Weirick homestead a few miles from Myerstown, August 22, 1834. His father, also named John (2), was born in the same locality in 1800, and was the son of John, the son of George, who received a deed for land from Penn, on January 10, 1739, the parchment deed for this land being in our subject's possession now.

John Henry Weirick, the father, was reared on the home farm. In the early fifties he and his brother Daniel went West and took up land near the town of Sheffield, Ill., where he followed farming for a time, and then engaged in the mercantile business, which he continued until the breaking out of the Civil war. On October 10, 1861, he enlisted from Illinois for three years, or during the war in Company H, Fifty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Josiah Robbins. He was promoted to third corporal December 26, 1861; first sergeant, August 3, 1862; second lieutenant, August 31, 1862; first lieutenant, September 29, 1862, the two latter promotions having been made for meritorious service at the battles of Fort Donelson and Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh), in Tennessee, the same being endorsed on his commission. For a time he was acting brigade quartermaster of the Third Brigade, Second Division, Left Wing of the Sixteenth Army Corps under General G. M. Dodge. He also served as private secretary to General John A. Logan. Later he was attached to the staff of General John B. McPherson, as signal service officer, having been detailed to that branch of the service while first lieutenant of Company H.

He was with Gen. McPherson when that officer was killed in ambush before Atlanta, Ga. He was with the signal service department on Sherman's March to the Sea, and saw much varied service before his honorable discharge at Savannah, Ga., on January 4, 1865, he being at the time of his discharge with the Fourth Division of the Fifteenth Army Corps. At the close of the war, and after an absence of eight years he returned to his old home at Myerstown, Lebanon county, Pa., and engaged in mercantile pursuits in partnership with his brother-in-law, George W. Donges, under the firm name of Donges & Weirick. In 1874 he sold out his interest in the firm to another brother-in-law, John A. Donges. He then purchased the Capt. William Tice homestead in Myerstown, where he erected a modern store building and opened business in his own name December 20, 1875. He has remained in that place ever since that date. In politics he naturally is a stalwart Republican, and he takes an active interest in all public affairs, but he has always steadfastly refused to accept a nomination to any public office.

Mr. Weirick is a member of the Military Branch of the Loyal Legion, being one of only three members of that noted society now living in Lebanon county. He was married, in 1865, to Amelia M. Donges, who was the daughter of George Dallas Donges. Mrs. Weirick died September 30, 1866, leaving our subject as the only child. Her father, George Dallas Donges, was one of the first settlers of Myerstown. He was born in Philadelphia and was the son of Jacob Donges, who was born in Hohenzollern, Germany, in 1779, and his son George was named for George M. Dallas, vice-president of the United States, who acted as godfather to him. In later years, when he had grown into his teens he went from Philadelphia to Lancaster, where his grandfather had settled upon his arrival in America, along the Conestoga creek, having purchased a farm there, while his son Jacob remained in Philadelphia as head gardener to George M. Dallas, above named. He emigrated from Germany and located in Philadelphia, entering the employ of George M. Dallas. George D. Donges' father and grandfather came to America at the same time with their families. The grandfather of our subject was a tailor by trade. He was married to Henrietta Stoner, in 1828, and in the spring of 1829 he began mercantile business at Myerstown. He also was probably the first postmaster of Myerstown, Lebanon county, he having been appointed by Cave Johnson, Postmaster General of the United States, February 3, 1846. Some years previous to this appointment, on December 21, 1833, he was commissioned by Gov. George Wolf as second lieutenant of the "Myerstown Blues," Union Battalion of Militia of Pennsylvania, First Brigade, Sixth Division, com-

prising the counties of Dauphin, Lebanon, Berks and Schuylkill. He was recommended for promotion as first lieutenant August 3, 1835, and he continued to interest himself in local, civil and military affairs until the time of his death. He engaged in merchandising in Myerstown, founding the business, above mentioned, now carried on by his sons, in the same building occupied by them.

Returning to the subject of this sketch, we have already seen that his mother died while he was an infant. He was reared by his maternal grandparents. He attended the public schools and on April 16, 1872, entered as a student the school of George Phillips at Myerstown; he attended the public schools until May 10, 1879, when he entered his father's store. In September, 1884, he matriculated at Palatinate College, Myerstown, from which he was graduated June 16, 1887. In the fall of the same year he entered Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., and graduated June 19, 1890. Three years later on June 15, 1893, he took the degree of A. M. in course. While attending Palatinate College he was one of the reorganizers of the college literary society which had been almost dormant. The class of 1890 at Franklin and Marshall revolutionized the outdoor sports and athletics, and Mr. Weirick took an active part in effecting the change. He was assistant business manager of the *College Student*, the official college paper of Franklin and Marshall, and afterward served as business manager of the same paper from June, 1888, to June, 1889, making it a financial success. He was an active member of the Goethean Literary Society of Franklin and Marshall College, and in fact in every department of college life he took an active interest and was a progressive student. In the fall of 1890 Mr. Weirick entered the law office of Howard C. Shirk, one of the leading attorneys of Lebanon, where he pursued his legal studies until he was admitted to the Bar June 5, 1893. Shortly after his admission he began practicing in the various courts of Lebanon county. On February 18, 1901, he was admitted to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Mr. Weirick assisted in the organization of the "Lebanon Rifles" in 1894. He enlisted as a musician and served as company clerk and as secretary to the captain, M. J. FitzGerald, U. S. A., retired. In July, 1896, the "Lebanon Rifles" was mustered into the Pennsylvania National Guard, as Company H, Fourth Regiment. At the first encampment of the regiment Mr. Weirick was made sergeant major of Gen. J. P. S. Gobin's Third Brigade Staff, and passed through the Hazleton (Pa.) riots and made various trips with the brigade, serving as sergeant major until the disintegration of the staff during the Spanish-American war. Mr. Weirick has for

some time been a wheelman; he was one of the organizers (meeting in his law offices) of the Delta Wheelman Club, and is a charter member of the Lebanon Cycle Club (also having its early meetings for organization in his law offices), which is at present one of the most prominent social organizations in Lebanon. He has served as financial secretary to this club since its organization, February 19, 1896, and on one occasion went as a delegate to the State League of American Wheelmen. From 1890 to 1893 he was counsel for the League of American Wheelmen. He is also one of the organizers, a charter member and at present librarian of the Lebanon County Historical Society. Since 1901 he has been deputy coroner of Lebanon county. He has been a member of the Lebanon County Bar Association since 1894. He is not only an active member in these various organizations, but is also a very prominent Mason. He is secretary of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, F. & A. M.; secretary of Weidel Chapter, No. 197, R. A. M.; recorder of Lebanon Council, No. 27, R. & S. M. Masons; and recorder of Hermit Commandery, No. 24, K. T.; a member of Harrisburg Consistory, Thirty-second degree Scottish Rite; and of Lulu Temple, in Philadelphia, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

JOHN A. HOLLAND. One of the best known men of the Fourth ward, Lebanon, Pa., is the genial proprietor of the "Holland House," at Nos. 203-209 North Eighth street, and he was born in Lebanon, on the corner of Ninth and Church streets, in the Sixth ward, August 13, 1857, son of Mark and Catherine (Haverty) Holland.

Mark Holland was born at Minemore, Galway, Ireland, in 1818, and his wife was born in the same locality in 1828. The former died in 1876, and the latter in 1899. Both were consistent members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. In 1836 the parents came to this country, settling in Lebanon the same year. To them were born ten children, only two of whom are now living: Mary, wife of Mike Reily, of Philadelphia, and John A.

John A. was reared in Lebanon, receiving his education in the excellent public schools of that city, and when yet a boy began his business career as a water carrier to the workmen constructing the Pine Grove Railroad. His next position was in a pipe mill and after that worked in various capacities until August 26, 1876, when he became a brakeman on the Philadelphia & Reading Railway. In 1882 he went west to Colorado, and remained one year, returning to Lebanon at the expiration of that time, and entering the employ of the Cornwall & Lebanon Railway Company, as conductor, between Lebanon and Conewago. After three years' faithful service in this position,

Mr. Holland went as conductor on the old Cornwall & Lebanon Railway for a year, and then commenced contracting for railroad grade work, which he pursued until 1897.

At that time Mr. Holland purchased the "Hoffman House," which he renamed the "Holland House," and refitted throughout. Here he conducts a first-class hotel, which is liberally patronized by the traveling public as well as a large home trade, and is well deserving of its good name for hospitality.

Mr. Holland was married January 25, 1884, to Ellen Dore, who was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., in 1861, daughter of Patrick Dore. Nine children have been born of this union: Catherine, deceased; James, deceased; John; Thomas; Daniel; Mark, who was killed by a trolley car, October 16, 1900; Francis; and Paul and Joseph, twins. Mr. and Mrs. Holland are members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and Mr. Holland is a member of St. Patrick's Beneficial Society. Fraternally he is a member of the Fireman's Aid Society and Knights of Fidelity. In politics he is a firm believer in the doctrines of the Democratic party, and upholds them in local and national matters.

HON. WILLIAM J. NOLL, the popular postmaster of Myerstown, Pa., and a most public-spirited and enterprising citizen of Lebanon county, belongs to a family of old established honorable reputation. He was born in Myerstown, September 3, 1873, a son of Joseph M. and Mary E. (Kemmerer) Noll, of Jackson township.

Samuel Noll, the grandfather of William J., was a millwright by trade, and this business he followed in Lebanon county, where he reared a family of four sons, namely: Frank, who is a blacksmith in this city; James M., who died from wounds received at the battle of Gettysburg while a soldier in the Civil war; Samuel M., of Newmanstown, Pa., engaged in a tailoring business, and Joseph M., who was the father of Postmaster Noll.

Joseph M. Noll was born November 15, 1846, and died September 1, 1891, his widow still surviving him. They had a family of six children born to them, as follows: John F., who is a wholesale seed dealer in Newark, N. J.; Miss Bertha K., of Myerstown; Charles K., who is a salesman in Reading; Robert J., who is a salesman of Newark; Edwin R., a salesman of Myerstown; and William J., who is the third member of the family in order of birth. Joseph M. Noll learned the blacksmith trade, and followed the same from the age of fourteen years until his death, in this city, and was known as a most reliable workman in this locality. He was a plain, practical, hard-working man, whose word was as good as his bond, and one who enjoyed the respect of

all who knew him. For many years he was a member of the United Evangelical Church. In politics he was an earnest supporter of the Republican party.

Postmaster William J. Noll, in spite of his youth, has occupied a prominent position for a number of years, being a man of far more than average ability. His education was acquired in the public schools and Palatinate College, and his fourteenth birthday found him a clerk in one of the business houses of his native village. Application enabled him to fit himself during this time for a teacher's certificate, and the succeeding five years were spent in teaching school, and he also engaged in doing special work for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, and in getting acquainted through the county. Always a zealous Republican, his thoughts early trended toward political life, and in many ways he is eminently qualified for rewards given by his party for faithful service. For four years he occupied a leading position on the *Myerstown Enterprise*, serving as editor for one year, and in February, 1898, he was appointed, by the late lamented President McKinley, as postmaster of this town, and reappointed by President Roosevelt in 1903, a position he has filled to the satisfaction of its patrons. As an orator Mr. Noll is highly regarded in Lebanon county and he has been called upon in several campaigns and on occasions to speak and lecture upon various themes. He has been prominently identified with secret society work, and was the president of the P. O. S. of A. of Pennsylvania and one of the active State members; is a member of the Knights of Pythias, No. 112; Lebanon Valley Commandery, No. 5; Lebanon Lodge, No. 631, B. P. O. E.; the Keystone Hook and Ladder Co., of Myerstown; and of the Pennsylvania German Society.

In February, 1896, Mr. Noll was united in marriage with Miss Rachel R. Woolison, daughter of William and Rosanna (Haines) Woolison, of Myerstown, and the four children of this union are: Katherine, Emily, Sarah and Henrietta. Mrs. Noll has one sister, Mrs. Susan Painter, who is assistant postmaster at Myerstown. Mr. Noll and family represent some of the leading elements in Myerstown. For a number of years they have been prominent in the religious, educational and social life of this community.

WILLIAM J. BOWMAN, one of the successful farmers and leading citizens of Swatara township, Lebanon county, was born on the old homestead, in North Lebanon township, September 9, 1861, son of William Bowman. His early life was spent upon the homestead farm, and he received his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. When twenty years of age he began farming for himself on his present property, pleasantly situ-

ated five miles north of Lebanon city, which comprises ninety-one acres of as good land as there is to be found in the county, on which he carries on general farming. Being one of the energetic public-spirited men of the county, he takes an active part in local matters, has served as inspector, and is now serving his second term as jury commissioner of Lebanon county, and in politics he is a staunch Democrat.

On November 13, 1881, Mr. Bowman was married to Lizzie Light, daughter of Hiram N. and Mariah (Kreider) Light, born at Bunker Hill, Swatara township, April 4, 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have three sons: Francis, a machinist of Lebanon; Andrew A.; and Robert C. All the members of the family are connected with St. Mary's Catholic Church of Lebanon. Mr. Bowman belongs to an old and highly respected family of Lebanon county, as does also his wife, and their children are excellent representatives of both sides, and of the best interests of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have many friends throughout the county, and are enjoying life surrounded by the comforts their efforts have provided.

**NATHAN H. ROYER**, one of the leading and flourishing citizens of Richland, Millcreek township, Lebanon Co., Pa., was born at Crosskill Mills, Berks Co., Pa., February 27, 1861, a son of Daniel and Sarah (Hertzler) Royer, of Richland, Pa., born in 1820 and 1830, respectively.

Daniel Royer was a son of Samuel Royer, who lived in Jackson township, near Royer's meeting house, which took its name from him. The Royer family came from Lancaster county, Pa., the first of the name in this country coming to that county from Germany, settling there about 1815, and from whom our subject is a direct descendant. This ancestor, Sebastian Royer by name, was the father of Samuel, and the latter was a leading farmer and the father of eight children that grew to maturity: Samuel; Joel; Christian; Benjamin; Daniel; Catherine, who married A. Geib; Mary, who married a Mr. Bollinger; Annie, who also married a Bollinger. All are now deceased except Daniel, the father of our subject. The latter became the father of six children, four of whom grew to manhood: Clementine married Samuel Hostetter of Richland; Aaron H. lives in Lancaster county; Nathan H.; and Daniel resides at Richland, a farmer. The father is a retired farmer; and both he and his wife are consistent members of the German Baptist Church, having been connected with that body for many years.

Nathan H. Royer was brought by his parents from Berks county to Myerstown when only seven weeks old, and there the family remained until

he was three years old, at which time they located in Richland. In that locality he grew to manhood, attending the public schools, and following the life of a farmer until he was twenty years of age. Leaving the farm, he learned the trade of a painter, and has since then been engaged in that line, meeting with excellent success. Mr. Royer is one of the leading painters of this portion of the county, and has executed a number of orders which reflect credit upon his skill. He is the owner of a pleasant home, and has earned it all through his own unaided efforts.

On February 16, 1889, he married Lizzie Nissley, of Millcreek township, a daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Zug) Nissley, of the same locality. Mr. Nissley is a prominent farmer and an elder in the German Baptist Church. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Royer, Elva M., and Paul H. and Harvey P. (twins). In politics Mr. Royer is a staunch Republican, and takes an interest in local affairs, although he does not desire office. In his religious opinions he is independent, following the dictates of his conscience rather than any creed. Honorable in his dealings, pleasant in manner, Mr. Royer has made many friends in his neighborhood, and numbers among his customers the leading people of Richland and the surrounding country.

EDWARD HARRY GINGRICH, M. D., one of the efficient and successful physicians and surgeons of Lebanon, Pa., is a native of that city, having been born there August 10, 1866, son of Louis and Amanda (Trostle) Gingrich.

Henry Gingrich, his grandfather, was a native of Lebanon, but the earliest records of this family show representatives settled in Lancaster county, Pa., whence removals were made to Lebanon county. The father, Louis Gingrich, was a native of Lebanon, while his wife was born in Marion, Ohio, and both are now residents of Philadelphia.

Edward Harry Gingrich was reared in Lebanon and in Philadelphia, and received his early education in the public schools, and at Lebanon Academy. After finishing his course at the latter school, Dr. Gingrich entered a drug store in Lebanon, where he remained for three years, and then enrolled himself in the College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, graduating in 1887. The attention of Dr. Gingrich was naturally called to the advantages to be obtained as a traveling salesman in his line, and he entered the employ of C. L. Mitchell & Co. and William H. Horn & Bro., in this capacity, his route covering Canada, New England and west as far as Denver, Colo. During one of his trips to Lebanon, Dr. Gingrich purchased the drug store of Frank R.



Pershing, at No. 521 Cumberland street, and for three years successfully conducted that business. At the expiration of that period, Dr. Gingrich sold his drug store and went upon the road for the drug house of William R. Warner & Co. For two years, he devoted his entire time to traveling for his house but the remaining three years were divided between it and the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, where his winters were spent. In the class of 1895, Dr. Gingrich was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, and then combined his work upon the road for Warner & Co., with the establishment of a medical journal in Philadelphia, known as *The Monthly Retrospect of Medicine and Pharmacy*, a paper of wide circulation among the profession, and which is still conducted by Dr. Gingrich.

In 1896 he returned to Lebanon, and engaged in the practice of his profession with marked success, he being honored for his ability, and has since made this city his home. In April, 1897, Dr. Gingrich was appointed health officer of the city of Lebanon, which office he still retains, giving the people a conscientious and efficient service. Dr. Gingrich has served as ambulance physician of the Good Samaritan Hospital since 1897, and is also connected with the dispensary of that hospital. In addition, he is also physician for several large local corporations and medical examiner for numerous leading life insurance companies. For several years, he has represented Warner & Co., at the meetings of the American Medical Association, and at the meetings of the State Medical Associations of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Dr. Gingrich was married September 18, 1888, to Evaline Blanche Brobst, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

**JAMES BURKEY.** From a childhood in which was poverty and incessant toil. James Burkey, engaged in the lime and quarry business in Lebanon, has evolved a comfortable and pleasant home for his wife and children, as well as a name above reproach as a capable and industrious business man. Of German extraction, he is a native son of Lebanon county, and was born October 3, 1856, son of Samuel and Susan (Swangner) Burkey, natives of Lebanon county, and now deceased. Samuel Burkey was a hard worker all his life, but he was not a money maker, and his children were obliged to shift for themselves at an early age. To himself and wife were born the following children: James; Emma, the wife of John Hosler; Mary, the wife of Henry Dague; Daniel, of Prescott, Pa.; Sally, wife of Levi Derwichter; William, of Lebanon county; Annie, unmarried; Alice, the wife of Calvin Nagle; and other children deceased.

In his youth James Burkey worked from dawn to sunset at farm work and so arduous were his duties that education played but a small part in his early calculations. His prospects brightened perceptibly when he began to learn the blacksmith's trade at the age of eighteen, an occupation to which he applied himself for the following twenty years in Lebanon and other towns in the county. Frugal and thrifty, he managed to save considerable money over and above his expenses, and in 1900 retired from blacksmithing and in the spring of 1902, bought out the quarry and lime business of Michael Millard. He has already a fair start in his new enterprise, and, judging from his success in the past, it is reasonable to suppose that his business judgment will continue to reap its just reward. His whole life has been a struggle upward from a discouraging beginning, and he attributes his success to concentration, indefatigable energy and strict economy. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics is a Republican, with a strong leaning towards the best man regardless of party.

The wife of Mr. Burkey was formerly Mary, daughter of William Leightes, who is also the father of the following children: George, John, William, Ellen and Rebecca. To Mr. and Mrs. Burkey have been born six children, Sally, William, Charley, Norah, Samuel and Walter.

**JAMES F. PEIFFER**, one of the enterprising and thrifty young farmers of Jackson township, residing on his fine farm located two miles north of Myerstown, was born February 25, 1862, in Berks county, son of J. S. and Mary (Slessman) Peiffer of Tulpehocken township, Berks county.

Philip Peiffer, the grandfather of James F., was a son of Philip Peiffer, a German, who founded the family in this part of the State, and who was born previous to the Revolutionary War, making this one of the oldest families of this section of Pennsylvania. Philip had three sons: Henry, John S. and Philip. John S. Peiffer was born in Berks county in 1832, and died in 1894, in Lebanon county, having moved to Jackson township in 1875. Here he became a leading farmer and owned a large tract of land along the Berks county line, and took so active an interest in public affairs that he was called upon to serve in many positions of responsibility, being at different times school director and holder of other local offices. For a number of years he was a director of the Countryman's Fire Insurance Company, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. In politics he was a Republican. He was one of the liberal and active members of the Tulpehocken Reformed Church, serving during many years as trustee, deacon and elder.

Mrs. Peiffer still survives, a beloved member of the family of her

daughter, Mrs. Troutman, the mother of children, as follows: Emma, wife of Henry Lutz; Miss Clara I., of Marion; James F.; Clayton, a prominent farmer of the township; and Nora, the wife of Calvin Troutman, of Berks county.

James F. Peiffer has been interested in farming since boyhood, and as soon as his common school education was secured, he began operations and is now the fortunate owner and very competent manager of a fine farm of one hundred acres. This place Mr. Peiffer has placed under excellent cultivation and his comfortable residence and substantial buildings of all kinds, testify to his thrift and excellent management.

In 1889 Mr. Peiffer was married to Miss Emma Katterman, of Berks county, one of a family of five living children born to Isaac and Caroline (Walborn) Katterman, namely: Katherine, widow of Benjamin Klopp; Albert, of Berks county; George, of Washington; Miss Kate; and Emma, Mrs. Peiffer. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peiffer, viz.: Warren, Mabel, John, Florence and Blanche. Like his esteemed father, Mr. Peiffer is identified with the Republican party, and with his family he is connected religiously with the Tulpehocken Reformed Church. Mr. Peiffer is a man of stability of character, a good neighbor, kind husband and father and a most estimable citizen.

MILTON J. COLLINS, V. S., a prominent representative of his profession in this county, and a leading citizen of Myerstown, conveniently located at 111 South Railroad street, was born at Obold, Berks Co., Pa., July 1, 1858, a son of Owen E. and Hannah (Fahrenbach) Collins, of that town.

Owen E. Collins was born in Chester county, Pa., and was a veterinary surgeon. He was the son of Andrew Collins, of Chester county, of English origin, and a Baptist minister by profession. His children were: Owen E., John, Sarah, Mariah and Newton, all deceased except John Collins of Chester county. The father of Andrew Collins came from Wales and settled in Chester county at an early day. Owen E. Collins, father of Dr. M. J. Collins, was the father of seven children: Milton J.; Miss Ida M., of Asbury Park, N. J.; Charles O., also a veterinary surgeon, of West Leesport, Berks Co., Pa.; Miss Sallie, of Asbury Park, N. J.; Horace, with the Armour Packing Company, of Kansas City, Mo., also a veterinary surgeon; Alice, married to Milton Stump of Berks county; Abner H., unmarried, a clerk at Bridgeport, Conn. Owen E. Collins was one of the highly respected men of Berks county, and a veterinary surgeon for twenty-five years. In politics,

he was a stanch Democrat, and his religious views made him a member of the Reformed Church.

Milton J. Collins was reared at Mount Pleasant, Berks county, where he received his early education. After studying under his father, he graduated, February 14, 1877, from the old Veterinary College at Philadelphia, Pa., after which he went to Obold, Berks county, and followed his calling for ten years, when he located in Myerstown, since which time he has firmly established himself in the confidence of the people of this county, and demonstrated his ability and skill. That success has crowned his efforts, Dr. Collins attributes to the fact that he has ever endeavored to increase his store of knowledge and has never relaxed his determination thoroughly to understand his patients, which he contends have as much feeling and oftentimes more intelligence than human ones. Being thoroughly in sympathy with them, he can accomplish wonders and is decidedly one of the leading members of his profession in the entire county. Dr. Collins is very prominent in the Reformed Church, of which he was deacon, and has served as superintendent of a Sunday School. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 358 Myerstown, and the Jr. O. U. A. M., Council No. 941, Myerstown. Professionally, Dr. Collins is a member of the Veterinary Medical Association, and was county secretary for ten years.

On December 13, 1887, Dr. Collins was married to Miss Sallie J. Kalbach, of Myerstown, daughter of James A. and Sarah Kalbach, of this city, and two children have been born of this union: Lloyd R. and Paul O. Mrs. Collins is one of a family of nine children, seven of whom are still living: D. C. Kalbach, of Reading, Pa.; Morgan, of Berks county; Emma, married to C. O. Minnick, of Berks county; Sallie J. (Mrs. Collins); James S., D. D. S., of Philadelphia; Miss Cora, of Myerstown; and Elmer, of Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa. The members of the Kalbach family are all well and favorably known throughout the various localities in which they make their homes.

E. R. ILLIG, owner and proprietor of the oldest mill in Lebanon county, the old limestone one of Millbach, has for nearly forty years taken a strong hand in the development of local industries. He has prospered in his ventures, and besides his valuable mill property now owns one of the richest farms in his section.

Mr. Illig comes of a fine old Pennsylvania family, whose records date back to Andros Illig, the founder of the Pennsylvania branch. In the fall of 1727 he and his wife Dorothy sailed from Rotterdam, on the good ship

"Mollie," and thirty days later landed in Philadelphia. Proceeding directly to the Millbach Valley, they there took out patents of large tracts of land, under the grants made by John, Thomas and Richard Penn. The original parchment of conveyance is in the hands of their descendants. Andros Illig cultivated his new land, and there made a good home for himself and family. He and his wife had two children: Leonard and Mary.

Leonard Illig continued the work upon the new homestead. He cleared up new areas, improved the property, and there carried on a successful industry. He married and had two children: Leonard, Jr., and a daughter, who married a Mr. Reed.

Leonard Illig, Jr., grandfather of E. R., succeeded to the family homestead. He received good rearing, especially in the practical work of the farm. Upon reaching manhood he at once settled upon this place, and continued his agricultural pursuits. Prospering in his business he was enabled to make many improvements in the place, and there erected the splendid old limestone mansion, still in use there. During his young manhood he married Catherine Wechter, and they had three children: Leonard, now deceased, who never married; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Schock; and Jonathan, who is mentioned below. Mr. Illig was a man of military ability, and as a patriotic citizen served valiantly in the war of 1812. In the civil affairs of his community his word also carried weight.

Jonathan Illig inherited his father's force of character, and skill in directing affairs. He was born in 1806, and on the old family homestead was trained to habits of industry and self-reliance. Upon reaching manhood he settled upon a farm in Millcreek township, and there engaged in agriculture. About 1837 he married Eliza Rambler, granddaughter of Christian Rambler, who fought in the Revolutionary war, and daughter of Christian Rambler, who was born in Heidelberg township, and in 1840 served as sheriff of Lebanon county. Mr. and Mrs. Illig had nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Mary, who married George Seltzer, of Lebanon, Pa.; E. R.; Elizabeth, who married Capt. J. G. Batdorf, the present treasurer of Lebanon county; Jonathan C., a prominent dry-goods merchant of Reading; Hiram L., who is now serving as recorder of Lebanon county; Andrew S., a retired farmer of Richland; and Thomas B., in partnership with his brother Jonathan in the dry-goods business in Reading.

After his marriage Mr. Illig continued his farming upon the place in Millcreek township, where he made many improvements, and carried on a progressive and profitable industry. His well directed efforts won the respect of agriculturists in his section, and he in time became recognized as a leader

among them. He remained upon this place for the rest of his active life, and died there in 1862. He possessed a large capacity for work and was an excellent manager, and won for himself a solid prosperity. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and exerted a large influence in local affairs. He was a consistent Christian, and a leading member of the Millbach Lutheran Church.

E. R. Illig was born on the family homestead about a quarter of a mile west of Millbach, February 5, 1839, and there grew to manhood. In the public schools of his vicinity he procured his early education, evincing a decided inclination for intellectual pursuits. Later he attended the Mt. Joy Academy in Lancaster county, where he cultivated the higher branches. A wholesome respect for agriculture decided him upon leaving school, to turn his attention to that occupation, and settling in Millbach he began life for himself. On March 5, 1868, he married Amelia Zimmerman, daughter of Peter and Mary (Rex) Zimmerman, of Schaefferstown. Mrs. Illig was one of five children born to her parents, the others being: Mary, who married Jacob Rhodes, and both are deceased; Amanda, who married Dr. Alfred Bucher, deceased; Tillie, who has never married, but resides at the old homestead in Schaefferstown; and Edmund Z., a prominent minister of the Evangelical Church, who died in the State of Kansas, where he was engaged in pastoral work. To Mr. and Mrs. Illig have been born four children: Elizabeth Irene, who died in infancy; Amelia, who married Leon E. Lewis, of Mahanoy City; John E., who is engaged in milling and lives at home; and Annie B., who is also at home.

In 1866 Mr. Illig purchased the old Millbach mill property, which was erected in 1784, and the dwelling joining it, in 1752. Both are of pure limestone, and among the most picturesque landmarks in the county. Here of old customers came for miles to do business, and here Mr. Illig has long carried on a successful industry. Perfectly square in his dealings and turning out good work, he has won a large patronage, with which he still holds. By 1873 he had made a thoroughly good start in business, and at that time purchased a fine 66-acre farm near by, an exceedingly productive tract, where in addition to milling he has since engaged in agriculture. His well-laid plans have resulted in abundant harvests, from which he realizes good profits. He has kept his buildings and grounds in excellent condition, has added to the personal effects of the farm, and in other ways greatly improved the property. The place is now one of the most attractive and valuable farms in the vicinity.

Mr. Illig is a most loyal citizen, and a man of many virtues. As a staunch Republican he is influential in local politics. He is strictly honest, perfectly fair in his business dealings, and makes friends wherever he is known. In

his private life he is a kind husband, and a wise father, with the best interests of his children at heart. He is highly conscientious, and perfectly abstemious in his habits. As a consistent member of the Lutheran Church he has been honored with the offices of deacon and elder, places which he has filled with marked fidelity and ability for several years.

T. B. BINNER, a successful merchant and representative citizen of Bismarck, Lebanon county, was born April 17, 1863, in Cornwall, a son of Joseph and Annie (Donley) Binner, and since 1897 has been the leading merchant of this town, and for four years its popular postmaster.

Joseph Binner, the father, was born in Lancaster county, a son of John and Sarah (Matthews) Binner, the former of whom died at Cornwall, and the latter in Bismarck, at the age of ninety-one years. Joseph Binner was an honest, upright man, and filled various local offices, serving at one time as assessor of Cornwall township. His death took place in 1885, at the age of fifty-five years, his widow still surviving, a resident of Bismarck. The six children born to Joseph Binner and wife were the following: John, a resident of Lebanon; and William, Edward, Grant, Thomas B., and Frank, all residents of Bismarck.

Thomas B. Binner was reared at Cornwall and was given an excellent common-school education, leaving his books at the age of fourteen years to add to the family income. From that date until he was twenty-one, he assisted in the support of the family, industriously finding employment on farms, or at the furnaces, beginning then to clerk in the general store of H. M. Burkie & Co., at Bismarck. With this firm Mr. Binner remained until 1887, working also at Lebanon in the same capacity. In 1897 Mr. Binner embarked in the business for himself, purchasing the stock and good-will of C. N. Shuck, of Bismarck, since which time he has steadily progressed, enlarged and expanded, until at the present, he not only has a most prosperous trade, but owns one of the best lines of merchandise in the county, a tastefully fitted store and a constantly growing patronage.

In 1886 Mr. Binner was married to Miss Fannie S. Bowman, daughter of John W. and Sarah (Smith) Bowman, born June 29, 1867, at Bismarck, and the four children born to this union were: Marvin B., Elizabeth I., Walter D. and J. Stetman. John W. Bowman was born in Cornwall township, Lebanon county, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Snaveley) Bowman, the former of whom was a native of Cornwall township and a prominent farmer of the county, dying at the age of fifty-four years. Henry Bowman and wife were leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. John Snaveley,

the great-grandfather of Mrs. Binner, lived on a farm east of Bismarck, and was a most esteemed member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, his home being the stopping-place for the itinerant ministers, who held services there previous to the building of a house of worship. John Snavely married (first) Lizzie Geiseman, and (second) Nancy Yost. The father of Mrs. Binner died December 27, 1892, at the age of forty-eight years, having been a merchant in the grocery line, at Lancaster, for a number of years. Mr. Bowman was a very intelligent man, having had an academic training at Witmer's Academy, at Palmyra, and for five years was a successful teacher both in Lebanon and Schuylkill counties. For two years he conducted the "Washington Hotel" at Mt. Joy, returned then to Lebanon county and engaged in farming until locating at Lancaster. In Lebanon county he married the daughter of William and Veronica (Bowman) Smith, born in 1843, in Cornwall township, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Binner. She was the mother of three children: Fannie S., Mrs. Binner; Emma, the wife of Albert Bihl, of Harrisburg; and Walter, a machinist of Harrisburg.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Binner are active members of the Cornwall Methodist Church, the latter having served as secretary of the Ladies Aid Society for six years, and being one of the leaders in its charitable and benevolent work. The children are all interested and useful members of the Epworth League. Fraternally, Mr. Binner belongs to the P. O. S. A., No. 70, of Cornwall. He is a most valuable citizen and enjoys the universal esteem of the community.

CHARLES H. GEORGE, the most extensive wholesale fruit dealer in Lebanon is a native of Italy, born at Montecorvino, Rovella, September 28, 1862. He came to the United States in 1885, landing at New York City, whence he journeyed to Wilmington, Del., where he remained two and a half years in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He afterward went to Winchester, Pa., and for four months worked in a fruit stand. He made a great success in the business, taking hold of it when it was in poor shape, and in the course of only four months placed the business on a paying basis and increased the receipts to a point in excess of any time the store had been open. In 1888 Mr. George came to Lebanon, and worked for a few weeks at the fruit stand on the corner of Eighth and Cumberland streets. Not being satisfied he again returned to Westchester. In May of the same year, however, he returned to Lebanon and purchased a one-fourth interest in the fruit stand at Eighth and Cumberland streets. Before the end of the year he owned the entire stand and business, for which he paid upwards of \$700. This he sold out at a great sacrifice, as he would not submit to the extortion



attempted by the landlord in the matter of rental. In May, 1889, he leased a business stand on North Ninth street, between the tracks of the Philadelphia & Reading and Cornwall & Lebanon railroads, the site of the present stand, and began business in one room, 14 x 14 feet. From year to year, as his business increased he has enlarged his floor space, until he now has a 30-foot frontage, with 34 feet deep. Until the spring of 1902 he used the premises for living purposes, also, but having purchased and remodeled his present handsome brick residence on North Ninth street, he has since that time resided there. Mr. George also owns several other desirable pieces of improved real estate in the city, and is rapidly forging to the front as one of the leading business men. The secret of our subject's almost phenomenal success is his tireless devotion to the most minute details of his business, which he understands in all its varied branches. He has also an instinctive knowledge of men and is never caught napping on any deal he may make. The married life of our subject began in 1889, when he was joined to Miss Louisa Smith, a native of Lebanon, born July 2, 1868, daughter of Darius Smith. One sturdy little son has blessed this union, Raymond, born February 10, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. George have also an adopted daughter, Agnes, who was born February 7, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. George are devout communicants of the Roman Catholic Church, and are much respected in the community in which they reside.

WILLIAM F. HULL, proprietor and owner of Hull's "Mountain Hotel," long known as "Kack's Tavern," which is located midway between Lebanon and Manheim, on the line between Lebanon and Lancaster counties, is one of the popular and well-known citizens of Cornwall township. This hotel is one of the oldest hostelries in this part of the country, being established in 1812.

Mr. Hull comes of an old family of this part of Pennsylvania, his grandfather, William C. Hull, a native of Ireland, being the founder. Locating at Lancaster, Pa., William C. Hull opened a hotel on the site of the present Northern Market House, and he also operated a stage line between Philadelphia and Harrisburg. Mr. Hull was a man of many enterprises and most progressive for his day. He was the first liveryman to own and drive his hearse, operating a successful livery business with his hotel, for many years. His attention was also given to the buying and selling of stock, and he frequently drove cattle to Philadelphia. In all these enterprises he was very successful, possessing a true business faculty. His wife was no less capable. She often related how she was the first female passenger on the old horse car

and first steam coach route between Lancaster and Columbia. After the death of her husband she operated a millinery business, first on North Queen street and later on West King street, Lancaster, and lived esteemed and respected to the age of seventy-two years. The grandfather died at the old "Globe Hotel" at Lancaster, Pa., of which he was proprietor at that time and had many warm friends. In politics he was an ardent Whig. His two children were: John and Mary, the former of whom became the father of William F. Hull, and the latter is Mrs. John Hedrick, of West Walnut street, Lancaster. John Hull also resides in Lancaster, living retired, at No. 813 Manor street, a cigar-maker by trade. For forty years he followed that trade in Lancaster city and county. Mr. Hull served through two enlistments during the Civil War, being discharged finally on account of disability. Through life he has been an active worker for the Republican party, and has served with efficiency several times on the city council. His marriage was to Sarah Shay, a native of Lancaster and four children were born to this union, namely: William F.; Harry C., a printer in Chicago; and Mary and Bertha, at home.

William F. Hull was born April 1, 1861, in Lancaster, and was there educated in the common schools. With his father he learned the trade of cigar-maker, and then entered the employ of Joseph Royer, and with him learned the confectioner's trade during his stay of two years. Still anxious to learn, Mr. Hull then entered the employ of Marshall Rengier, in the hardware business and remained with this house for twenty-two years. When the firm entered the wholesale trade, Mr. Hull was its traveling representative for eight years, a trusted and valued employe. Failing health caused him to sever these pleasant business ties, and he then purchased the hotel property on account of its desirable location. That the pure ozone of the hills has had a beneficial result, Mr. Hull calls attention to his present robust state of health, the time of his residence being but three years. This old inn, placed in so romantic and beautiful a spot, has been remodeled and modernized until it is one of the most desirable, as well as sanitary, stopping places in either of the counties which it overlooks. Mr. Hull is a typical host, pleasant, genial, accommodating and resourceful, and he is making a name for his house. If guests once, they hasten to return, and his patronage is constantly and justifiably on the increase. He is ably assisted by the housewifery skill of his estimable wife. Mr. Hull owns also one thousand acres of land located one and one-quarter miles only from Mt. Hope station, and two miles from Cold Spring, on the Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad, which he proposes to sell for the erection of summer homes, the spot being ideal.

Mr. Hull was married, in 1883, to Miss Barbara A. Glasier, daughter of

Henry and Barbara Glasier, born in 1864. The two children of this union are John H. and Florence M. Both Mr. Hull and wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he belongs to Monterey Lodge, No. 242, I. O. O. F., and Ridgely Encampment, No. 217.

D. H. BEHNY (deceased) was one of the leading and successful hotel men of Lebanon. He was born in Lebanon September 20, 1856, and died January 13, 1900. He was a son of David and Rosannah Behny, deceased. David Behny was a hotel-keeper and horse dealer. He was the father of five children: William H., of Lebanon; David H.; Alice, the wife of Simon Karch, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Catherine, the wife of Benjamin Altendefer; Rosa, the wife of William L. Molley, of Lebanon.

David H. Behny was reared in Lebanon and received his education in the common schools. When a boy he helped his father around the hotel, and a few years later went into the hotel business for himself, and was the proprietor of the "West Lebanon Hotel" at the time of his death, also owning the "Red Lion Hotel" at Mt. Joy, Pa. He was a staunch Republican and in religious views held to the Lutheran faith. He came from the old Behny family of Lebanon county.

In 1893 Mr. Behny married Mrs. Phoebe E. Good, of Philadelphia, the widow of J. P. Good, of that city. Her maiden name was McFadden, and she was a daughter of Charles and Anna J. McFadden, of Philadelphia, residing at Mt. Joy, Lancaster Co., Pa. Mr. McFadden is a carriage maker by trade. He is the father of two children: H. W. McFadden, and Mrs. D. H. Behny. Her grandfather, Israel McFadden, was one of the old settlers of Lancaster county, and his ancestors came from Ireland. By her first marriage Mrs. Behny had one child, a daughter, Helen A., and by her marriage with Mr. Behny, she had a son, David Charles, deceased. The widow of our subject took charge of the "West Lebanon Hotel" after his death, and is successful in its management. She conducts a first class house and is a good business woman.

GEORGE R. DEFFENBAUGH, the popular proprietor of the "Avon Inn," at Avon, Lebanon county, is a native of Cambria county, Pa., where he was born March 20, 1865, a son of Sylvester and Sarah Ann (Boyles) Deffenbaugh, both natives of Johnstown, Cambria county, the latter dying in 1901.

The father, Sylvester Deffenbaugh, is a retired mechanic of Dunkersville, Blair Co., Pa., and during his active business life, was a mechanic in

the rolling mills. Sylvester is a son of Adam and Frances Deffenbaugh, Adam also being a mechanic. George R. is one of a family of fifteen children born to his parents, as follows: George R.; twins, deceased; Adam, killed in a rolling mill; Mary, married to John Trotter; Edward, a machinist at McKees Rocks, Pa.; John, deceased; Anna May; James, at home; and six who died in infancy.

George R. Deffenbaugh was reared in Altoona, Blair Co., Pa., where he received a limited education in the public schools. When but eleven years of age, he began to work in the rolling mills, in the lowest capacity, and for twenty-two years followed that calling until he reached the top, and attained remarkable success through his perseverance and industry. In 1895 he located at Lebanon, and for three years worked in the rolling mills in that city, but in December, 1898, he took charge of the "Avon Inn." In 1900 he purchased the property, which includes five acres of land and a general store. Mr. Deffenbaugh has improved this property considerably, and his hotel of sixteen rooms, is one of the best in the county. The hotel is pleasantly situated, and is recognized as a desirable place of entertainment.

On May 21, 1894, Mr. Deffenbaugh was married to Miss Minnie Hysong, of Blair county, a most charming and intelligent lady, and a worthy wife to so excellent a man as Mr. Deffenbaugh. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Deffenbaugh is a stockholder of the Lebanon Valley Fair Association, in the success of which he takes a deep interest. Fraternally, he is connected with the Jr. O. U. A. M., in which he is deservedly popular. Public-spirited, genial, broad-minded, Mr. Deffenbaugh is a representative man of his community, and one who is highly esteemed by the people at large, as well as by his personal friends.

JACOB K. DUNDORE, one of the representative citizens of South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, descends from an old settled family of this section of the State. The founder of the family in America was Jacob K. Dundore, the great-great-grandfather of the present Jacob K., and he was born in the Rhine country, July 25, 1720, either in France or Germany, possibly in either Alsace or Lorraine. As he used the German language, it is inferred that his native country was one of the German provinces. He came to the New World prior to 1749, as the first record of him here is in that year, when he was in the neighborhood of the Host Church in Tulpehocken township, Berks county (then Lancaster county). His wife, Anna Maria, he married just prior, or just after, coming to America, and they accumulated a large property. This he most justly arranged by will for the

welfare of his companion who had proved so faithful a helpmate. They had eight children, five sons and three daughters, namely: Maria Catherine, born March 19, 1749; Susannah; John, born March 20, 1751, died October 14, 1823; Michael, born December 4, 1754; John Jacob, born March 19, 1756, died September 22, 1821; David, born July 21, 1758; Catherine Elizabeth; and an infant son. The mother died either in 1793 or 1794.

John Dundore, son of Jacob K., married Catherine Geiss, born December 23, 1753, and died June 12, 1827. Both John and wife were buried in Bern church yard. They had a family of nine children, namely: John Jacob, born August 13, 1776, died October 23, 1861; John Adam, born August 2, 1778, died June 17, 1850; John, born June 30, 1780, died April 14, 1858; Catherine, born November 24, 1782, died January 17, 1840, the wife of Jacob Miesse; Frederick, born April 30, 1786, died August 30, 1864; John George, born October 6, 1788, died December 24, 1803; Philip, born February 28, 1791, resided in Illinois, and died October 5, 1867; Christian, born June 6, 1793, died October 11, 1872; and Elizabeth, born March 10, 1794, married Daniel Miesse, and died about 1867. All the family except Philip and Christian, made their homes in Berks county.

Christian Dundore, son of John and the grandfather of Jacob K., married (first) Margaretta Grust, born August 12, 1781, who died October 3, 1837, and (second) Magdalena Sunday, born April 14, 1793, who died August 23, 1874, in Lebanon county. The children of the first marriage were: Jonathan, born October 14, 1814, died in South Lebanon township in February, 1899; Elias, born October 14, 1816; Emanuel, born January 19, 1818, died December 20, 1895; Elizabeth, born November 3, 1819, died in 1902, the widow of Michael Hassler; Joel, born February 16, 1825, died in South Lebanon township, in 1898. Christian Dundore was a farmer in South Lebanon township, and was counted one of the wealthy men of his day. He owned 300 acres of land, which was a tract of great value. Mr. Dundore contributed liberally to the erection of the Iona Union Church, and both he and wives are buried in the vicinity. For a long period he was a leading member of the United Brethren congregation.

Emanuel Dundore, the father of Jacob K., was born in Berks county, and was eighteen years old when the family moved to Lebanon county and settled in South Lebanon township. There he became one of the successful farmers, and the owner of an estate of 170 acres of fine land. He married Mariah Krall, daughter of Christian Krall, born September 2, 1815, in Heidelberg township, and died May 20, 1889. Both Mr. Dundore and wife

belonged to the United Brethren Church, in which he, at various times, served as trustee. Jacob K. was the only child born to these parents.

Jacob K. Dundore was born on the old homestead, May 21, 1843, and attended the public schools. For two years after leaving school he engaged in teaching, spending the years of 1864 and 1865, in this way. Mr. Dundore has spent his life in South Lebanon township. Since the death of his father he has managed the estate with great ability, his improvements greatly enhancing its value, and to the original he has added until he now possesses 275 acres, all in South Lebanon township, although divided into three farms. Since the spring of 1902 he has lived retired from industrial activity. In addition to farming he has handled fertilizers, representing the Newport Fertilizing Company of Philadelphia. In his township he is most highly esteemed, and is universally regarded as one of the upright and representative men. At various times he has served in the local offices, and in every way has been a useful and public-spirited citizen.

On June 8, 1865, Mr. Dundore married Miss Emma Swope, born in South Lebanon township, January 9, 1840, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Light) Swope. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dundore are members of the Union Church at Iona, in which he is trustee.

This old family was first noted in the neighborhood of Host Church, in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, at that time a portion yet of Lancaster county. This community was then known as a border settlement, or back country, and at the time that Jacob K. Dundore settled there, the Blue Mountains, or the Kittatiny Range as then called, formed the boundary line between the settlements of the whites and the territory of the Indians. The Host Church was one of the early landmarks of that locality and the present building which is known now as the Bern Church, is the third to occupy the site. The property is now jointly owned by the Reformed and Lutheran Churches, and descendants of the first Jacob Dundore are worthy members of both religious bodies.

FATHER ADAM CHRIST, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Lebanon, was born in Chambersburg, Pa., June 3, 1856, son of Peter and Louisa (Segbert) Christ. The father was a native of Baden, Germany, born in 1811, and came to America in about 1829. He located in Chambersburg a short time after coming to this country, and established himself in the shoe business, at which he continued until his death, which occurred in 1889. The mother was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1813. She died in 1900.

Father Christ remained with his parents in Chambersburg until 1870.

He graduated from the Harrisburg (Pa.) high school in 1875, later went to Europe and spent two years in study at the University of Bonn, and followed this with two years of further study in the University of Muenster, where he was ordained June 3, 1879. He then traveled abroad for three months. His first appointment was as assistant pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Lancaster, Pa., which he received September 1, 1879. He was appointed assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Lebanon, November 1, 1882. Upon the death of the pastor, Rev. Father A. F. Kuhlman, in 1883, Father Christ was appointed pastor in charge of St. Mary's Church. The Catholic Mission in Lebanon county (St. Mary's) is one of the oldest in Pennsylvania, it having been formed early in the eighteenth century by a few German families. A small block-house was built on ground donated by Rev. Arendorf (or Orndorf), and then was used as a church. The first priest who attended to the spiritual wants of the little flock was the Very Rev. Louis DeBarth, who in after years was appointed administrator of the Diocese of Philadelphia. Father Fitzsimmons frequently visited these parts after Father DeBarth had been appointed administrator. The little congregation soon increased. In those days great sacrifices were made by our pious forefathers, who walked from thirty to forty miles, starting Saturday night, in order to receive the consolations of religion. The old block-house soon became unsuitable for religious purposes, and the small band of Catholics, although widely scattered, were invited to attend services at the house of John Arnold, at which place services were held until 1812, Rev. John Beshter attending. The first baptism on record was in 1795. A movement to erect a new church was carried on by Father Beshter, but he did not remain to see it finished, as he was transferred to Abbottstown, Adams Co., Pa., where he died January 4, 1842, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. The cornerstone of the new church was laid in May, 1812, and the building was dedicated in 1814, and was consecrated to the Virgin Mother of the Savior. The building committee was composed of Hermanus Arnold, George Zavier, Jacob Aurentz and Conrad Allwein. Before the dedication the balance of the debt was removed by these four men, each giving \$250 (the entire debt being four hundred pounds). The clergymen who occasionally attended to the wants of the new parish were Revs. George Schenfelder, James Summisky and G. D. Hogan, they visiting Lebanon about once a month. As the little congregation increased in numbers, and Lebanon began to grow in both size and importance, Father Charles Kearns was appointed to the parish, with residence in Lebanon. His death occurred in September, 1825. The pastors who officiated in Lebanon after his death, until the enlargement of the little church,

were Revs. N. Corrin, Michael Curran, P. Duffy, V. M. Neuberger, the Steinbacher brothers, F. X. Marshall, and Rev. Baumgardner. The latter inaugurated a movement to enlarge the church, which was accomplished in 1845, and in the latter part of that year Father Baumgardner was transferred to another mission, and Rev. John Lerig, O. S. F., became pastor in April 1849. In 1850 Rev. Anthony Schwartz became pastor, and under his direction a new cemetery was purchased and consecrated in December, 1856. Father Schwartz was succeeded by Father Daniel Oberholzer, and he in turn was succeeded by Father Antonius Grundner, O. S. B. V. M., in June, 1858. The latter was the originator of the present parochial schools. He was succeeded in August, 1861, by Father Emil Stenzel, and the latter by Father John Boetzkes, in 1865. Under the latter the Academy occupied by the Sisters was erected. Father Boetzkes was transferred in August, 1869, and for a short time the church was interdicted by the bishop of the diocese, Rt. Rev. J. F. Shanahan, on account of trustee difficulties, but was again reopened for divine services by Rev. A. F. Kuhlman, on September 8, 1869. Following the advent of Father Kuhlman there was a steady increase of the congregation, and he began to take measures looking to the erection of a new and more commodious house of worship. The corner-stone of this magnificent edifice was laid August 15, 1876, and its consecration took place December 14, 1880, the Rt. Rev. J. F. Shanahan, Bishop of Harrisburg, officiating. Its dimensions are 69 by 139 feet. The front is composed of Schaefferstown sandstone of reddish hue, with Ohio stone trimmings, the side walks of brick. The height of the two towers is 130 feet. The roof is supported by Gothic pillars. Under the pastorate of Father Christ the convent and parochial school were built in 1884, and the Cornwall Church was erected in 1886.

C. R. HETRICK, postmaster of Schaefferstown, and one of the leading and public-spirited citizens of that community, was born February 6, 1849, a son of John M. and Susanna (Ream) Hetrick, of the same city. The father, born in 1815 and died in 1897, was for thirty-five years a popular teacher of Schaefferstown.

John Hetrick was a son of John Hetrick, a native of Columbus, Ohio, a German soldier who came to Pennsylvania about the time of Hull's surrender. His only child was John (2), the father of C. R. Hetrick, and John (2) had two sons: C. R.; and Henry, of Schaefferstown. In politics, John Hetrick (2) was a staunch Republican and prominent in local affairs. His prominence in the Reformed Church of Schaefferstown is still remembered,



while he was equally well known in Heidelberg township for nearly sixty years. Few men in that locality were recognized as his equals as an instructor, and his loss was deeply mourned.

C. R. Hetrick was reared in Schaefferstown, receiving an excellent education in the public schools, and after completing his education, he learned the trade of cigar making, which he followed for some time, when he became a clerk in a store in his native town, and at the same time learned the trade of barber, and later established a shop in Schaefferstown about 1875. In politics, he has always been a staunch Republican, and has taken an active part in local affairs, having served with credit to himself and distinction to his party as township assessor and clerk of election for a number of years. In 1898, under President McKinley, his yeoman service in behalf of Republicanism was rewarded by his appointment as postmaster, which office he still fills to the satisfaction of his constituents.

About 1878, Mr. Hetrick was married to Miss Agnes Ream, of Schaefferstown, a daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Keller) Ream, of the same city. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hetrick: Lloyd, who was a soldier in the Philippines, and also with the Chinese expedition with the allied powers, and was serving in the United States marine corps at the siege of Tien Tsin, China, when he received severe wounds, and is now at Schaefferstown; Cora A., at home; Robert J., a teacher in the home schools; and Minnie, Howard D., Dawson M., James and Arthur, at home.

**WILLIAM SHEAFFER.** South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, has many good farmers and estimable citizens, and among these none are more justly prominent than is William Sheaffer.

Mr. Sheaffer was born December 4, 1831, in Jackson township, near Myerstown, a son of Samuel and Mary (Vinn) Sheaffer, the former of whom died in 1864, at the age of seventy-three years, and the latter in 1868, at the age of seventy-two years. The father was born either in York or Lancaster county, near the Susquehannah River, and came in boyhood to Lebanon, to make his home with an uncle. After his marriage he located near Myerstown, and engaged in farming, purchasing a small farm there, but later in life he removed to Cornwall township, purchased a farm of 112 acres and lived there until he retired from activity, and spent his last years in Lebanon City. Both he and wife belonged to the United Brethren Church, and were upright and worthy people. They reared a large family to be good and honest members of society, many of whom have passed to their final rewards. They were: Moses, deceased; Catherine, deceased, who married Michael Hawk; John,

deceased; Lydia, deceased, the wife of Jonas Hawk; Elizabeth, deceased, married George Gingrich; Abraham, deceased; Samuel, deceased; Christian, a resident of Bates county, Mo.; William, mentioned below; Mary, deceased, who married Adam Brown; and Sarah, wife of Jonathan Ward.

William Sheaffer was reared on the home farm, and assisted his father both in Jackson and Cornwall townships, and was educated in both the public schools and academy. In young manhood he took a trip through the great West, remaining from home some eighteen months, returning then to locate in Lebanon county. After marriage, he operated his father's farm for six years, and then moved to Lebanon, but one year later resumed farming, on a small purchase in South Annville township, living there from 1865 until 1886, when he came to his present home, a fine, well-cultivated farm of twenty-two acres.

Mr. Sheaffer was first married to Miss Sarah Hoffer, daughter of George and Nancy (Gingrich) Hoffer, who died in 1878, at the age of forty years. Three children were born to this union, namely: Edwin H., a farmer in South Annville township; and Seth and Anna Mary, deceased. In March, 1886, Mr. Sheaffer was married (second) to Mrs. Emma Snyder, the widow of Samuel Snyder, who died in 1883, at the age of thirty-three years. Mrs. Sheaffer was the mother of four children by her first marriage, namely: Amanda, deceased; Alice, the wife of Aaron Bomberger, a farmer of Cornwall township; Lillia M., the wife of John Hoke, a farmer of South Lebanon township; and Edith, at home. Mrs. Sheaffer was born October 20, 1850, in Cornwall township, a daughter of Moses and Margaret (Rauch) Reigert, the former of whom died in January, 1851, comparatively a young man, leaving a widow and two children, the other being Amanda, the wife of Adam Bomberger, of East Hanover township, Lebanon county. The mother of Mrs. Sheaffer is still surviving at an advanced age, a resident of Londonderry township.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheaffer are members of the United Christian Church in which Mr. Sheaffer has been a local preacher for the past ten or twelve years. He is a man of the most upright character, and one of the best citizens of South Lebanon township.

JOSEPH BOWMAN, one of the representative citizens of North Lebanon township, was born December 20, 1865, on the farm which he now occupies, most advantageously located within four miles of the city of Lebanon, a son of William and Elizabeth (Arnold) Bowman, both deceased.

William Bowman was born March 31, 1824, and died October 24, 1888,

his widow surviving until July 7th, in the following year. She was born August 24, 1828, a daughter of Peter Arnold. William Bowman was a son of John Bowman, and was born in Bethel township, near Mt. Zion, and prior to his marriage, worked industriously at the various kinds of labor in his locality. After marriage he located in North Lebanon township, and later purchased a farm of 100 acres of Peter Arnold, the same being now the property of Joseph Bowman. William Bowman was a man of reliability, and was held in esteem, served his township as school director, and was a useful citizen. He belonged to the St. Mary's Catholic Church of Lebanon. Five children were born to William Bowman and wife, namely: Annie, who died unmarried; Sarah, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; John William, who is a farmer in Swatara township; and Joseph.

Joseph Bowman was the youngest member of his father's family and grew up in his home, where he has remained ever since. In the spring of 1890 he began to operate a dairy, and successfully conducted the same until 1902, since which time he has devoted his attention to general farming. Mr. Bowman is a member of the school board and one of the enterprising and progressive men of his neighborhood. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party, exerting considerable influence.

In 1885 Mr. Bowman was married to Miss Lizzie Shaeffer, born in North Lebanon township, daughter of John and Maria (Allwine) Shaeffer. They both are consistent members of the Catholic Church, and are much esteemed and highly valued in their locality.

M. D. LANDIS, one of the leading citizens of Palmyra, Lebanon county, and a member of the firm of J. Landis' Sons, shoe manufacturers, was born February 20, 1865, on the old Landis homestead, Dauphin county, Pa., just across the Lebanon county line west of Palmyra, he being a son of Jacob Landis, an extended sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

The boyhood of Mr. Landis was spent in Palmyra, where he received a good, practical education. When the Palmyra Bank was organized, he entered it as teller, and held this position for one and one-half years. At the expiration of this period, he became associated with his father in the grain and warehouse business, the style of the firm being Jacob Landis & Son, and continuing as such for seven years, when the father retired, and Mr. Landis continued alone for one year. In 1895, with his father and David N., his brother, he organized the J. Landis' Sons shoe company, and has continued in this line of business with marked success, the product of his factory finding a ready sale throughout this and foreign lands. The remarkable growth

of this enterprise is largely due to the enterprise and executive ability of Mr. Landis, a fact which is readily conceded by his associates.

Mr. Landis and Nellie Weltmer were united in marriage and two children were born to them: Lucetta, who died when only a few days old; and Carrie, born February 15, 1900. Mrs. Landis was born in Belle Grove, Lebanon county, a daughter of Abraham Weltmer, and is a most charming and cultivated lady.

Mr. Landis has been a member of the United Christian Church for some years, and was ordained a minister of that denomination in 1899. There are six churches of this faith in Lebanon county. The life of Mr. Landis is governed by the principles of his religious belief, and he is a man of high moral character, strict integrity, and his Christian charity and kindness of heart have made him greatly beloved by all who have the privilege of knowing him.

SAMUEL B. MILLER, one of the leading business men of Lebanon, Pa., where he engaged in the coal business, was born in South Cornwall township, Lebanon county, May 31, 1857, son of George and Mariah (Bleistine) Miller.

Both parents of Samuel B. Miller were natives of South Cornwall township, but the Miller family came from Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, in the neighborhood of what is familiarly known as the "old tannery." George Miller, the father, was one of a family of thirteen children, all of whom are now dead, except one, Mollie, now Mrs. Frank Keener, who resides in the vicinity of Schaefferstown. The maternal grandfather was John Bleistine, of South Cornwall township, to whom two sons and three daughters were born, only one of whom, Joseph, is living, and he resides on the old home farm in South Cornwall township. All of the members of the Miller and Bleistine families belonged to the Reformed Church. George Miller, the father of Samuel B. Miller, died in 1862, at the age of forty-six years, and his wife in 1885, when in her sixty-third year. To these two seven children were born; John, residing in Lebanon; Elizabeth, married to Daniel Moyer, and now deceased; Joseph, deceased; Susan, married to Cyrus Crouse, and now deceased; Henry residing in the State of Washington; Samuel B.; and William, who resides in Lancaster county.

When George Miller died, the family was broken up, and Samuel B. went to live with an uncle, also named Samuel Miller, who was a farmer at Schaefferstown. Until he was seventeen years of age, he lived with his uncle, working upon the farm in the summer, and attending the district school in winter. In 1874 he began an apprenticeship at the trade of carriage making

with John Saylor, of Annville. After finishing his apprenticeship of three years, he worked at his trade for two years, and then engaged as a pattern maker at the factory of Mellet & Co., of Reading, Pa., remaining with this concern for about nine months. In 1880 he decided to see more of the country, and went west to Kansas, remaining a year at Abilene and two years at McPherson, working at the carpenter's trade. Returning in 1884, to his mother, who had by this time removed to the city of Lebanon, he worked at carriage making and carpentering, continuing in this line of business until 1888, when he embarked in the retail coal trade, at his present location, on Twelfth street, near Walnut, on what is known as Gallows Hill, the hill taking its name from the fact that the first man hung in Lebanon county, Jimmie McQueen, an Irishman, was hung here for murder.

When Mr. Miller purchased the property, it comprised over an acre, and here he erected his pleasant home, doing all the work himself, as well as conducting his coal business. Since then he has enlarged his field of operations and deals extensively in farm implements. In his business transactions, Mr. Miller has been very successful, and in addition to his residence, owns five two-story residences on Twelfth street; a coal shed of 180 feet in length, and his office building.

On September 19, 1885, Mr. Miller was married to Emma Sherk, of West Myerstown, Pa., who was born September 1, 1857, daughter of Cyrus and Eliza (Luce) Sherk. On April 9, 1891, a son, Samuel Sherk, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, a bright little fellow who is the pride of his parents' hearts. Mr. Miller is a member of A. O. U. W.; Modern Woodmen; I. O. O. F. and B. U. C. of A. In 1889 he served as a member of the borough council of Lebanon, from the Second ward, for one year, and in 1890 was elected from the same ward to a seat in the city council. In his religious opinions Mr. Miller is a member of the First Reformed Church. Both he and Mrs. Miller are highly esteemed in the community, and are justly regarded as leading representatives of the city's substantial people.

**HENRY L. LONG**, one of the leading men and progressive citizens of Lebanon county, residing at Fairlands, North Cornwall township, was born on the old homestead in South Annville township, February 3, 1834, a son of David and Eve (Lentz) Long.

Mr. Long grew up on the farm and secured a good common school education; displaying from youth an aptitude for business which has made him one of the wealthy men of the county. His first business venture was as a drover, and this he followed for several years. At about the age of twenty-

six he located on a farm in Cornwall township, which he had previously purchased, and remained upon this property until he removed to Fairlands in 1897. This farm consisted of sixty acres, and was devoted to general farming. In 1873 Mr. Long entered into the sawmill business and since that time has been extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber, in Lebanon and Berks counties, engaging at the present time in the timber and lumber business, both wholesale and retail, his specialty being choice oak lumber. In partnership with his son he has purchased several large tracts, one of these containing 302 acres, located in South Annville and Londonderry townships, and another of thirty-eight acres at Cleona, North Lebanon township. This property was originally purchased by Mr. Long of William L. Kreider of Palmyra, with whom he laid out the town of Cleona and erected the first residence there. Later Mr. Kreider was succeeded by John H. Long, a son of Henry, and they also own the old Kreider homestead of 131 acres, which is situated just north of Cleona, in North Lebanon township, and upon this property is located the reservoir that supplies Cleona with water. This farm is being placed in the very finest condition by its owners, many improvements, including a substantial barn, having lately been made, and is acknowledged to be about the finest farm in the county. Mr. Long and his son own several properties in Cleona, jointly and also separately. Mr. Long owns his handsome home at Fairlands and also a hotel at Bismarck, forty-six acres and residence in Swatara township, in addition to other lands and properties of value. Mr. Long is one of the stockholders of the Farmers National Bank, a director in the same and was one of its organizers; and is a stockholder in the Palmyra Bank, while his son is also a stockholder in the former institution, and bids fair to equal his father in business enterprise.

In December, 1860, Mr. Long was married to Margaret Gingrich, daughter of Peter Gingrich, of South Annville township. A family of seven children was born to this union, namely: John H., who is associated with his father, married Fannie Kettering, and their children are: Ada, John, Sarah, Harry, Rena, Raymond and one deceased; Alice married Adam C. Miller, of Cleona, and their children are, Harry, John, Roy and Mary; Elizabeth married John H. Kettering, of North Annville, and they have three children, May, Perry and Edith; and Miss Mary A. Three children died in childhood.

Mr. Long is prominently identified with the Republican party, and he has served his district as school director. From his early youth Mr. Long has been a worker and attributes much of his success to persistent endeavor. His large means have not been accumulated without both mental and physical

effort, but men like him are apt to look with scorn upon the laggards in life's race, whose want of industry and energy keeps them in the back-ground. Mr. Long is a leading citizen, and possesses the broad mind and liberal spirit which so often attend those who have made their own way in the world. He has reared a family that is creditable to the county, and his honorable name will be perpetuated by his grandchildren.

PIERCE HENRY THOMPSON, one of the well-known citizens of the Second ward, of Lebanon, is a leading furniture dealer and undertaker, with commodious places of business located at Nos. 124-126 South Ninth street. Mr. Thompson was born August 12, 1859, in Lebanon, son of Daniel E. and Sarah A. (Arnold) Thompson, the former of whom was born in Berks county, and died in 1881, in his forty-third year. The mother was born in Lebanon township Lebanon county, February 22, 1840, a daughter of Peter Arnold, a native of Lebanon county.

Pierce Henry Thompson, the only child born to his parents, was reared on the farm from his fourth to his eighteenth year. His mother subsequently married Philip Allwein, and had a family of five children, but has now passed out of life also. Mr. Thompson obtained his education in the common schools of North Lebanon township, and when eighteen years old, began, on November 12, 1877, an apprenticeship at the furniture trade and undertaking, with Joseph Bowman, on North Ninth street, with whom he continued until May 30, 1890. At this date Mr. Thompson embarked in the business for himself in the Louser building on South Ninth street. In 1893 he erected his large business place, and in December of the same year established himself in it. The building is 47x19, with three floors, and his handsome residence, also three stories high, is 33x150 feet. Mr. Thompson is thoroughly equipped with all kinds of modern improvements in his undertaking business, and he took a course in embalming in the Oriental Embalming College at Harrisburg, and received his diploma on June 24, 1892.

On May 10, 1881, Mr. Thompson was married to Mary Hartman, daughter of E. Hartman, who died October 1, 1886, leaving one son and one daughter: (1) Charles H., born March 15, 1882, was educated in the parochial school of Lebanon, graduating June 18, 1896, later attending the Lebanon Business College and graduating April 5, 1897. He then took a course at the Champion College of Embalming at Philadelphia, in August, 1900, and in August, 1901, he took a finishing course at the Renouard Training School for Embalming, in New York City. This talented and thor-

oughly educated young man is associated with his father in business. (2) Miss Emma C., was born December 18, 1884.

Mr. Thompson was married (second) November 20, 1888, to Emma E. Hain, born in Lebanon county, daughter of Peter Hain. She died July 17, 1898. The children of this marriage were: Lucy R., Paul, Herman F., Andrew P., Robert A. and Helen (who died when eight weeks old). Mr. Thompson was married (third) October 17, 1899, to Elizabeth Allwein, who was born in Dauphin county. The religious connection of the family is with St. Mary's Catholic Church.

GEORGE B. SCHOCK (deceased) was born in Hamburg township, Berks county, February 12, 1857, and died in 1901. He was a son of Moses and Catherine Schock, now residing in Bernville, Berks county, where the former is a merchant. Moses and Catherine Schock had five children: Amelia, wife of Monroe Manbeck, of Berks county, Pa.; J. A., a merchant of Mt. Zion, Pa.; George B., the subject of this sketch; and Alice and Annie, both unmarried, who are living at home with their parents.

George B. Schock was reared in the town of Hamburg, and attended the common schools of that place when a boy. He graduated from Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., in 1879, and soon after he came to Lebanon, and read law under Cyrus P. Miller. Later he was admitted to the Lebanon Bar, and formed a partnership with Thomas Copp, now a prominent attorney in Lebanon. This partnership continued for six years, was then dissolved, and George B. began practicing alone, and so continued with great success until the time of his death.

On August 16, 1883, George B. Schock married Miss Emma J. Unger, of Allentown, Pa., who was born September 25, 1857, and is a daughter of Amos H. and Maria (Krause) Unger, who now reside in Lebanon with Mrs. George B. Schock. Mr. and Mrs. Unger had four children, namely: Richard, of Illinois; Mrs. Schock; and Alice and George, the last named two being now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Schock came seven children: Mary E., of Lebanon; George W.; Paul, deceased; and Richard, Thomas, Edward and Emma, all at home.

Mr. Schock was a self-made man, and one of the leading lawyers of the Lebanon Bar. He was a staunch Republican. At one time he was county chairman; city solicitor; secretary of the Fidelity Building & Loan Association; a member of the P. O. S. of A.; and he belonged to the Phi Gamma Delta college fraternity. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, a man devoted to his wife and family, one who thought a great deal of the



home life, kind hearted and good to all. A man well read, of sound mind and retentive memory, true and sincere in his convictions and honest to the principles of right, he ranked high in the estimation of his fellow men, and among the members of the Lebanon County Bar. He left behind him a host of friends to mourn his loss, and both city and home realize that a true, noble character has forever departed from them. His wife and family also are highly esteemed citizens of Lebanon. She is a kind and devoted mother, a good Christian woman, and she still remains true to the memory of her husband.

WARREN FRANTZ KLEIN, M. D., son of Daniel R. and Elizabeth (Frantz) Klein, was born in Bethel township, Berks county, Pa., October 19, 1861.

Daniel Klein, grandfather of Dr. Klein, was born near Hamburg, Berks county, and had three sons, one of whom, Daniel R., the father of Dr. Klein, was a prominent minister in the German Baptist Church. Daniel R. Klein died in the fall of 1899, in the sixty-third year of his age. Elizabeth Klein, the mother of Dr. Klein, was a daughter of Jacob Frantz, of Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa., the Frantz family having been among the earlier settlers of that locality, and figured prominently in the early Indian wars, as well as in the war for Independence. She died in 1876 in her thirty-fourth year. Dr. Klein is the second of seven children, the five surviving being: Frank F., who is in the wholesale shoe business at Reading, Pa.; Warren F., the subject of this sketch; Pamela R., wife of Morris Yagley, of Lebanon, Pa.; Emma L., wife of Nathan G. Lantz, of Lebanon county, Pa.; Mary F., wife of Henry Long, who lives on the old homestead; a son and a daughter died in infancy.

Dr. Klein was reared on the old homestead near Bethel, Berks Co., Pa., and attended the public schools at Bethel, Pa., and later was a student at Juniata College at Huntingdon, Pa. He served one term as teacher in the public schools of his native district, and at the same time pursued the study of medicine with Dr. G. H. Bickel, of Rehrersburg, Pa., afterward entering Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which institution he graduated in 1887, taking a post-graduate course at the Philadelphia Polyclinic, in 1888.

Dr. Klein entered upon the practice of his profession at Pine Grove, Pa., having had charge of the practice of Dr. S. J. Seyfert at that point, but in the fall of 1888 removed to Lebanon, Pa., where he has enjoyed a large practice ever since. Dr. Klein is also a graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Anat-

omy and Surgery, receiving his diploma in 1887. He served as prison physician to the Lebanon County Jail for seven years, and was appointed a member of the city board of health by the Mayor.

Dr. Klein is a self-made man and a close student, and keeps in touch with the advance of modern medical thought. He was one of the founders of *American Medicine*, a weekly medical journal published in Philadelphia. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State and the Lebanon County Medical Societies, and is an ex-president of the latter body.

In 1881 Dr. Klein was married to Miss Caroline H. Stoyer, daughter of Samuel Stoyer, a native of Hamburg, Berks county, where this family is well and favorably known. One daughter, Ella Elizabeth, is their only child. Dr. Klein is a member of the progressive branch of the Baptist Church.

DANIEL K. SPAYD. To have lived a long life of industry, taken active part in the development of his locality, and in the evening of life to be able to retire from its active labors crowned with dignity and the respect of his fellow citizens and surrounded by affectionate relatives, is the happy condition of Daniel K. Spayd, one of South Lebanon township's most honored residents.

Mr. Spayd was born November 22, 1827, in Berks county, Pa., a son of Daniel and Salome (Kline) Spayd, both of whom were natives of the same county. John Henry Spayd, the father of Daniel Spayd, was born in Germany and came to America a lad of sixteen years. He was twice married, Daniel being the issue of the second marriage, and he was born in 1800, and died in 1866. Reared in Berks county, he there learned the trade of shoemaker, and followed the same until he moved to Lebanon county and purchased a farm in Millcreek township, which he operated until he retired from activity. Prior to coming to Lebanon county he had also engaged in boating on the old Union canal, having assisted, by contract, in the building of this waterway. Some ten years were spent in this business, and at his trade, and he was widely known for his great industry, energy and executive ability, and after the completion of the canal was made superintendent of a division. Later he became the owner of a line of boats, and realized well on his investment. With money thus earned, he bought his first farm in Lebanon county, and prospered in agriculture as he had in other lines, owning two fine farms at the time of his decease. Mr. Spayd was a very prominent supporter of the Reformed Church and a member of its official board. Daniel Spayd married Salome Kline, daughter of John and Rebecca (Raber) Kline. She died November 25, 1875, at the age of seventy-seven years, four months and

twenty-eight days. Four of the children born to this marriage, grew to maturity, namely: Jonas, born October 18, 1821, is a resident of Lebanon; Louisiana, born September 15, 1822, resides at Richland, Lebanon county, the widow of William Becker; Rebecca, born April 11, 1825, died unmarried; and Daniel K.

Daniel K. Spayd, the youngest member of his parents' family, grew up mainly in Millcreek township, and there attended the best available schools. When about twenty-one years of age, he began farming on his father-in-law's estate, in South Lebanon township, and two years later, returned to his father's farm, which he operated for seven years. Returning then to South Lebanon township, he again took charge of his father-in-law's farm, remaining there for twenty years, the property finally coming into his possession. Since 1877 Mr. Spayd has resided in a handsome, modern home which he erected in Prescott, and takes no active interest in farming, although he owns two fine properties, one being the home place of ninety-seven acres, and the other, 190 acres in Londonderry township.

In 1848, Mr. Spayd was united in marriage with Maria Bomberger born September 16, 1831, the only daughter of Jacob and Sallie (Andras) Bomberger. She passed out of life January 26, 1897, having been the beloved and devoted mother of four children: Sarah Ophelia, Alice, Henry and Maurice. Of these, the eldest, (1) Sarah Ophelia, was born August 18, 1849, and married (first) Peter Swope and (second) Samuel Kreider. One son, Edwin Swope, was born to the first marriage, and the two surviving children of the second marriage are, Mary, the wife of Adam Wenger, of Heilmansdale, and Malinda, the wife of David Rauck, of North Lebanon township. Mrs. Kreider died October 24, 1881. (2) Alice became the wife of John Bomberger, of Palmyra and their children were: Harvey, Mary, Lillie, John, Jacob, Amos, Paul, Irwin, and Daniel (deceased). (3) Henry Spayd is one of the prominent ministers of the United Brethren Church. He was thoroughly educated, attending the Lebanon Valley College, a school in Rhode Island, and a theological school at Dayton, Ohio, and is now stationed in Chambersburg, Pa., having for the past twenty years officiated in the ministerial profession. His wife was formerly Miss Alice Shaeffer, of this county, and they have children, Nora, Mabel and Mary. (4) The youngest son, Maurice, has also become prominent in the ministry of the United Brethren Church, serving for the past eighteen years. His education was secured at the Lebanon Valley College, and the United Brethren Seminary at Dayton, Ohio, and he is now occupying the pulpit of one of the Chicago churches. His

marriage was to Miss Alice Kreider, of this county, and they have one son, Harry.

Mr. Spayd has a long record as a member of the United Brethren Church and has always liberally contributed to its various needs. He is a well-known citizen of his township, where an upright, useful life has won him respect and esteem.

SETH LIGHT, one of the well-known and highly respected citizens of South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, a man of means, education and high character, was born March 18, 1839, at Midway, Lebanon county, a son of Joseph E. and Catherine (Bomberger) Light, and a grandson of Jacob and Catherine (Ellenberger) Light, and a great-grandson of Martin Light, this being one of the old settled families of eastern Pennsylvania.

Joseph E. Light was born in 1804, at the head of Quittapahilla Creek, in South Lebanon township, and through life was successfully engaged in farming, owning a large estate of 104 acres. He was a man of intelligence and public spirit, held many of the township offices, and from being in early life a staunch Whig, became just as thoroughly identified with the Republican party in his later years. His death occurred in August, 1873, and that of his wife in 1864, at the age of fifty-nine years. They were consistent members of the United Brethren Church. The names of their twelve children were: Levi, who died in 1850; Jeremiah, who is a retired farmer of North Cornwall; Henry, who died in 1850; Jefferson, who died in 1902; William, who died in April, 1901; Joseph B., a Dunkard minister, residing at Green Spring, Ohio; Uriah S., a farmer, who died in 1902; Maria, who married George Strohm, deceased; Veronica, who is the wife of Tobias Wilhelm, of South Lebanon township; Rose, wife of Henry Zinn, of Myerstown; Catherine, wife of Samuel Stahler, of Heidelberg township; and Seth.

Seth Light grew to maturity on the farm, obtaining his education in the common schools, beginning his individual career as an agriculturist at the age of twenty-four years, taking charge of his father's large estate which he ably managed for three years. Mr. Light then purchased a small farm in Cornwall township which he cultivated one year and then operated a rented farm until he purchased his present home farm, consisting of sixty-two acres, upon which he resided for thirty-two years, leaving it in 1898 to retire from active labor, and removing then to a fine home in Avon where he has since resided. He was well known as one of the prosperous farmers and dairymen of South Lebanon township.

Mr. Light has long been prominently identified with the Republican

party, and has been one of its active and influential workers. On many occasions he has been called upon to serve in the local offices, being well qualified for such prominence. For fifteen years he served as the very efficient superintendent of the Sunday School connected with the United Brethren Church, of which he is a leading member in Avon. He is a man of the highest personal character, and he enjoys the esteem of the whole community.

The marriage of Seth Light took place February 26, 1863, to Miss Ellen C. Light, daughter of John and Susan (Becker) Light, who was born in North Lebanon township. A family of seven children was born to this union, two of whom are deceased: Grant S. is a merchant in Avon; Joseph John is a physician at Rexmont; Seth Andrew, a graduate of the Lebanon Valley College, a successful county teacher, is now in his third year in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania; Ray Garfield was educated in common and Normal schools and has been one of the most successful teachers in Lebanon county, beginning his professional career before he was twenty-one years of age, and possessing a State certificate; and Naomi R., who after passing through the common and Normal schools, engaged in teaching and has been very successful.

GRANT S. LIGHT, one of the successful merchants of Avon, Lebanon county, the eldest son of Seth and Ellen (Light) Light, was born January 14, 1864, and was reared on the farm. He was given educational advantages in the common and Normal schools, attending the latter in Annville. For seven years succeeding his educational career, Mr. Light followed the profession of teaching, but in 1888 he embarked in the mercantile business at Avon, and owns a store filled with a general line of goods suitable to the demands of the trade in this section. In 1891 Mr. Light widened his interests, engaging with his brother-in-law, Frank Bomberger, in the manufacture of hosiery. They erected a plant for that purpose, employing twenty-five people, the output being between 400 and 500 pairs of stockings per week. A market is found all over the United States, and the business is steadily on the increase. In this as in other ways, Mr. Light has shown himself one of the progressive young business men of the community. In politics he is a Republican, and takes an interest in the success of his party, but is no seeker for office. He is very generally recognized as a man of great business ability, which, combined with his high personal character, promises well for the future. His fraternal connection is with Camp 32, P. O. S. A., he being one of the charter members and treasurer since the organization; and also is a member of the Junior O. U. A. M.

On October 8, 1886, Mr. Light was married to Miss Lizzie Bomberger,

daughter of Henry and Sarah (Brockey) Bomberger, and four children have been born to this union, namely: Grace E., Arthur B., Grant H. and Irvin H. They are worthy and consistent members of the United Brethren Church, Mr. Light having succeeded his father as superintendent of the Sabbath-school, at Avon.

DR. JOSEPH J. LIGHT, a younger brother of Grant S. Light and son of Seth and Ellen (Light) Light, was born April 5, 1873, and was reared on the farm. After completing the common school course he entered Lebanon Valley College, and was prepared for teaching at the age of seventeen years. Although he followed this profession for two years, it was not his life-work, and he then entered upon the study of medicine in the office of Dr. E. Grumbine, of Mt. Zion, and in 1893 he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in the class of 1897. Dr. Light located at Schaefferstown, where he practiced for five years with signal success, locating then at Rexmont. Dr. Light has shown much ability in his profession, and his papers read before the various medical societies have excited much favorable comment. He belongs to both State and American Medical associations, is on the most cordial terms with his brother practitioners, and is fast becoming prominent in his profession. The Light family is one of the notably intelligent families of the county, and is most highly esteemed.

JOSEPH A. SMITH, a prominent citizen of the pleasant village of Annville, Pa., and its leading hardware dealer, belongs to an old and respected family of this locality, his great-grandfather, John Smith, and his grandfather, Joseph Smith, as well as his father, John Nye Smith, having been residents of this locality, all well-known in the coopering and weaving business. Mr. Smith was born January 12, 1855, in North Annville township, a son of John Nye and Mary (Ceiders) Smith, the former of whom was born July 24, 1820, in Annville, and the latter December 25, 1821, in Lebanon county, on a farm near the Dauphin county line, a daughter of John and Mary (Sterich) Ceiders. John Ceiders died early in life, leaving his widow with seven children to rear.

Until he was married, John Nye Smith followed the family trades, and then bought the tin shop conducted by Peter Harper, which he still owns. Fifty years ago he began making brick and supplied the trade for all of the old houses which are now standing in Annville, but has long since retired from business activity. The parents of Joseph A. Smith had these children: Mary, the wife of John Goss, of Myerstown; John Adam, deceased; Christie B., wife of George W. Kimpports; Rosa L., the wife of William Messmer, of

Lebanon; William H. H., tinsmith of Annville, who married Maggie Mark, of Jonestown; Joseph A.; J. Frank, deputy prothonotary of Lebanon county, who married Annie Heilman of Jonestown; Alice M., married to Thomas Werner, of Lickdale, Lebanon county; Dolly, married to Charles Crow, of Chester county; and Jacob C., who assists his brother in the tin-smith business.

Joseph A. Smith was reared in Annville and was educated in the public schools and the Lebanon Valley College. With his father he learned the tinsmith trade and worked at the same until 1883, during the winter seasons, making brick during the summers. In 1898 he opened up a hardware business which carries with it the major part of the Annville trade, his stock being complete and up-to-date. For five years he has conducted the business of the Pennsylvania Telephone Company, the exchange office being located in his store. In the spring of 1902 he engaged in the ice business and became a member of the Bedford Ice Company. Mr. Smith has taken a leading part in public affairs, and for five years served acceptably as supervisor and tax collector of North Annville township. Upon the death of his successor in office, he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

In 1876, Mr. Smith was married to Amanda Elenora Carmany, who was born on a farm in South Annville township, in May, 1850, a daughter of Joseph Carmany, and four children were born to this union, namely: John Nye, Joseph A., Jr., James Blaine and Lottie Grace. Mr. Smith belongs to the fraternal orders of Odd Fellows and American Mechanics. As an honorable business man, reliable and representative citizen, as well as a good neighbor and firm friend, Mr. Smith enjoys the esteem of the residents of Annville.

IRA J. LIGHT, one of the educated and popular young citizens of Schaefferstown, whose ability has brought him to the front, was born February 15, 1867, in South Lebanon township, a son of George and Elizabeth (Kapp) Light, and a grandson of Jacob Light, who was also a native of Lebanon county. Nine children were born to Jacob Light, viz: George, Jefferson, Moses, Samuel, Sarah, Lucetta, Lydia, Elizabeth and Rosa.

George Light, the father, was born August 8, 1843, and married Elizabeth Kapp, three children being born to this union: Ira J.; Dr. Israel K., a practicing physician of Reading; and George H., of the home farm. The father is a very prominent farmer and citizen of South Lebanon township, a man of practical ideas and successful results. He has been a life-long Republican. The mother of Ira J. Light was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth

(Mase) Kapp, and she was one of seven children, viz.: Sarah, wife of Ephraim Smith; Elizabeth, Mrs. Light; Rebecca, wife of Daniel Klick; Amanda, wife of Cyrus Miller, of Myerstown; Israel, deceased; and Anna and Amelia, both deceased.

Ira J. Light was reared on his father's farm and attended the local schools, and later the Lebanon Valley College, and the Annville Normal School, and graduated from the Millersville Normal School in the spring of 1893. He began teaching in 1886, when about nineteen years old, and has successfully followed the profession for fifteen years. Under Prof. W. J. Burnside, he studied conveyancing and surveying, and is very frequently called upon to put his knowledge to practical use. In 1895 he located at Schaefferstown, and in 1898 was elected justice of the peace, a position which his mental training and natural abilities enable him to fill to the satisfaction of all.

Mr. Light married Miss Flora Gable, of Heidelberg township, daughter of John F. and Clara (Bennetch) Gable, of Waldeck, Heidelberg township, and five children have been born to this union, namely: Myra, Adin G., Alin C., Warren G., and John G. Both he and wife belong to the Lutheran Church, and he is superintendent of the Sunday School. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. Mr. Light is held in very high regard in Schaefferstown, both as an educator and as a citizen. In official life he is just and impartial, in the school-room scholarly and helpful, while in private life he comes up to the highest ideal of husband and father.

HIRAM G. NEWGARD, one of the leading farmers of South Annville township, Lebanon county, residing on the Horseshoe turnpike road, four miles south of Annville, was born on a farm, near the Lancaster county line, in South Londonderry township, Lebanon county, January 26, 1862.

The parents of Hiram G. Newgard were Joseph B. and Elizabeth (Gantz) Newgard, the former of whom was born in Lancaster county about 1834, a son of Lawrence Newgard, who was a native of Germany, who came to America and settled in Lancaster county. By trade he was a carpenter, and this was his business through life. His children were: Joseph B.; Kate, the wife of George Grenier, of Lancaster county; Eliza, the widow of Samuel Groff, of Lancaster county; and Samuel, of Lebanon county, near the Lancaster line.

Joseph B. Newgard was a farmer who moved to Lebanon county in 1862, and engaged in farming near the Lancaster line, returning to Lebanon in 1872. In 1889 he removed into Lancaster county, where he bought a



farm in Mt. Joy township, and lived upon it until his death, which occurred in 1896. His wife, Elizabeth Gantz, was born in 1832, in Lancaster county, and died in 1894. They had the following children born to them: Hiram G.; Aaron, deceased; and Amos, a farmer in Lancaster county. Both parents were consistent members of the Reformed Church.

Hiram G. Newgard was reared both in Lancaster and Lebanon counties, and attended the public schools at Fontana. When he started out for himself, at the age of twenty-one years, he worked as a day laborer. In 1892 he took charge of the John Westenberger farm, and has demonstrated his excellent methods of agriculture, this being one of the most carefully operated farms in the township.

On October 1, 1881, Mr. Newgard was married to Anna Mary Hartz, who was born in the house which is the family home, June 5, 1861, a daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Westenberger) Hartz, of South Annville township. Two children have been born to this union, namely: Joseph M., born September 21, 1883, was educated in the common schools, spent two sessions at the Annville Normal school, and then went to the Millersville Normal school where he graduated June 27, 1902, and has been engaged as a teacher in South Londonderry township; and John Henry, born July 25, 1888, died in March, 1889. Mr. Newgard is a member of the Reformed Church, and is a progressive, public-spirited man, with broad and liberal views. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been prominent in local affairs, and has served as inspector of elections.

AARON A. DISSINGER, the popular host of the East Lebanon Hotel, at Lebanon, Pa., is a native of this county, born April 27, 1873, at Rexmont, in South Lebanon township, son of Cyrus W. and Catherine (Yingst) Dissinger.

Cyrus W. Dissinger was born and reared in Heidelberg township, and died in 1899, at the age of sixty-nine years. His whole life was passed as a farmer, first in his native, and later in South Lebanon, township, where he became well known for his public-spirit and many estimable qualities. For some time he served the township as assessor. His father, Michael Dissinger, was one of the old and respected citizens of the county. The mother of Aaron A. Dissinger still survives, a resident of Rexmont. The seven children born to Cyrus W. and Catherine (Yingst) Dissinger were: Sarah, widow of Joseph Smith, resides in Lebanon Independent District; Mary is the wife of John Kuntz, of Elizabeth, N. J.; Michael is in the furniture business in Lebanon; Katie, deceased, was the wife of David Brightbill, of Leb-

anon; Miss Millie is a resident of Lebanon; Aaron A.; and Amanda is the wife of Oscar Mench, of North Lebanon township.

Aaron A. Dissinger remained at his home in Rexmont where he continued at school until he was fourteen years old, coming then to Lebanon, and since that time, with the exception of two years, has been more or less interested in the hotel business. In February, 1897, he began his successful business career at the place he still occupies, purchasing the property three years later, and improving it extensively since then, building and adding to it until his hotel has twenty-three rooms for the accommodation of guests. The site is one of the best in the city, and Mr. Dissinger so well understands catering to the public that he has a large and constantly increasing patronage. Modern methods and conveniences have been added, and Mr. Dissinger makes it his especial business to see that all guests are comfortable and most courteously treated. Mr. Dissinger is a member of several fraternal bodies: Swatara Tribe, No. 276, R. M.; Lebanon Lodge, K. of F.; Lodge No. 314, K. of G. E. He is also one of the active young Democrats of this part of the county, wielding strong influence. He has very acceptably filled the office of township clerk, was a delegate to the State convention, and is well qualified for almost any local position.

In April, 1894, Mr. Dissinger was married to Miss Florence L. Bentz, born in Lebanon City, the youngest child of the late William R. and Rebecca (Kline) Bentz, the other members of the family being: Joseph, Marian, Edward and William, deceased. Four children have been born to Mr. Dissinger and wife, namely: William Vincent, Marian Irene, Catherine May and Aaron Leroy. The family is associated with the best class of the citizens of Lebanon.

**CHARLES VINCENT HENRY**, district attorney of Lebanon county, Pa., is one of the able and rising young men of Lebanon county. He was born in the village of Annville, this county, May 23, 1865, son of Oliver H. and Louise (Allwein) Henry.

Oliver H. Henry, one of the most highly respected citizens of Lebanon county, was born at Palmyra sixty-six years ago, and he still retains the land which was taken up by the founder of the family, great-great-grandfather George Henry. The latter emigrated to America prior to the Revolutionary war and settled at what is now Palmyra, in Lebanon county. Here lived his son Andrew, who in turn was succeeded by his son, also Andrew, and the latter by his son Oliver H. The family followed agricultural pursuits, were men of substance and reliability, and filled offices of responsibility. Grand-

father Henry served as registrar of Lebanon county. The name has always been one respected in the county, coming to the front whenever service was needed. Jerome Henry, an uncle of Attorney Henry, was a brave soldier during the Civil war, being captain of one of the Lebanon county companies.

The mother of Mr. Henry was born in Annville, daughter of John Allwein, whose family also was one of the old and honorable ones of that locality. She passed out of life in the summer of 1900, in her fifty-eighth year. Oliver H. Henry, the father, for many years was the agent of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, serving at Annville from the date of the opening of the road until 1888. Subsequently he was the very efficient county commissioner for Lebanon county. The two children born to Oliver H. Henry and wife were both sons. Elmer A., the elder, is teller at the Annville National Bank, and for a number of years was the assistant railroad agent at that place.

Charles Vincent Henry attended the common schools in Annville until his fifteenth year, and then assisted his father in his duties at the Annville station for several years, subsequently entering the employ of the Cornwall & Lebanon Railway Company, in the capacity of clerk in the Lebanon office. Later, in the line of promotion, he was given the agency of the railroad at Mount Gretna, and still later was advanced to the agency at Cornwall. Mr. Henry resigned this position in order to take charge of the private office of Robert H. Coleman, at Cornwall, where he remained from 1889 to 1893.

In the meantime Mr. Henry had decided to enter upon the serious study of the law, and in this resolve was encouraged by his friends, who recognized his abilities. Consequently, in the fall of 1893, he entered the Yale Law School, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1895, making a brilliant record, taking honors both years and graduating second in the large class. In the fall of 1895 he returned to Lebanon and took the necessary examinations, resulting in his admittance to the Bar July 29, 1895. In that city Mr. Henry has had much experience and many legal triumphs. His peculiar fitness for responsibility was recognized in 1901 by his election to the office of district attorney, for a term of three years.

In September, 1895, Mr. Henry was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Kreider, daughter of Joseph H. Kreider, of Annville, and two children have been born to this union; Vincent and Mary. Mr. Henry is interested in enterprises outside of his profession, and is one of the directors of the Annville National Bank.

Mr. Henry is an active member of various Masonic bodies and also of other fraternal organizations. The training which he has enjoyed enables

him to give very efficient service in the honorable position he holds in Lebanon county, and it is reasonable to predict still higher honors offered for his acceptance in the future.

**JOSEPH HOELZLE.** A German-American who impressed his native worth upon the community of Lebanon was Joseph Hoelzle, for many years the owner and proprietor of a small brewing concern at No. 518 North Tenth street. His experiences in early life were those of the average youth of the Fatherland, who rebels at his meager home surroundings, and who departs from the paternal roof with his worldly possessions done up in a very small bundle. This enterprising youth, who soon enlarged the size of his bundle after coming to America, was born in Germany, March 19, 1827, and died at his home in Lebanon, November 29, 1900. His boyhood days were filled with work and a little schooling, and in his native land he learned the trades of coopering and brewing.

Arriving in New York in 1867, Mr. Hoelzle found employment in the Hartman Brewery, and was thus engaged for a number of years. Frugal and industrious, he not only made money but saved it, and began to look forward to the time when he should own a business of his own. His dream was realized in due time, and he became the manufacturer of a very good quality of ale and porter, the sale of which increased his bank account more rapidly than he had anticipated. His faith in the town of his adoption was evidenced by his purchase of considerable valuable real-estate in Lebanon, including the residence in which his widow still lives on North Tenth street.

The first wife of Mr. Hoelzle was formerly Magdalene Carman, of Germany, who became the mother of three children, of whom two are living, Joseph and Annie, the latter the wife of James Thompson. For his second wife Mr. Hoelzle, in 1879, married Mathilda Merk, of Wittenberg, Germany, and of this union there were two children, Herman and Mary A., the latter of whom is an accomplished musician. Mrs. Hoelzle has many friends in Lebanon, where her great kindness of heart and noble life are well known and appreciated. Mr. Hoelzle was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Catholic Church. He was a good business man, a generous contributor to all worthy causes, an indulgent husband and father, and a staunch friend.

**JOHN CHRISTIAN BUCHER, M. D.,** a prominent physician and surgeon of Lebanon, a worthy member of a professional family whose members for six generations have been disciples of Galen, was born March 22, 1863, at Schaefferstown, Pa. His parents were Dr. I. R. and Mary E. (Heister).

Bucher, the former of whom has long been a practitioner in this city, and the latter of whom, a daughter of John B. Heister, of Lebanon, a nephew of Governor Heister, died in this city in 1897.

Dr. Bucher received careful instruction during his youth, first in the public schools and later in a private academy, and graduated from the Lebanon high school in 1880. Yielding to inherited inclinations he resolved to enter the medical profession, and under the careful and thorough instruction of his able father, prepared for entrance to the University of Pennsylvania, graduating from the Medical Department in the class of 1884. Soon after he entered into partnership with his father, and this association continued until 1892, when the younger physician opened an individual office at No. 1003 Chestnut street, and has built up a large and lucrative practice.

Dr. Bucher has been a factor in city and county politics, having been elected a member of the Common Council of Lebanon in 1887. From 1900 to 1902 he served as chief engineer of the Lebanon Fire Department, and for the past twenty-five years has been a member of the Lebanon Hook and Ladder Company.

In 1892 Dr. Bucher was married to Miss Jenne E. Herman, daughter of the late ex-Mayor John C. Herman, of Harrisburg, and two sons have been born to this union, namely: I. Reily, and John C. The religious connection of the family is with St. John's Reformed Church.

Dr. Bucher is a man who makes friends, both in a social and in a business way. His fraternal affiliation is with the Masonic organizations, and he has filled the chairs in Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, F. & A. Y. M., Weidel Chapter, No. 197, R. A. M., Lebanon Council, No. 27, R. S. E. and S. M. M., Hermit Commandery, No. 24, K. T.; is also a member of Rajah Temple, Mystic Shrine, and Harrisburg Consistory, Thirty-second degree. Socially he is a member of the Lebanon Cycle Club, the Lehigh Valley Association, and the State Sportsmen's Association, having served on the legislative committee of the latter. He is also medical examiner for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, The United States Life Insurance Company, and the Pennsylvania Catholic Benevolent League.

JOHN MICHAEL LANDIS, one of the leading business men of Palmyra, and one of its public-spirited citizens, was born in Derry township, Dauphin county, July 11, 1869, a son of John K. and Elizabeth (Keim) Landis. The great-grandfather was Henry Landis, a native of Dauphin county, who married into the Light family, and his son, John Landis, married Susan Kreider. John Landis was a native of Dauphin county, and his wife

was born in North Cornwall township, Lebanon county. The children of this worthy couple were: Mary, who married Hiram Landis; John K., father of John M.; Jacob, who married Lucetta Ulrich; Joseph; and Susan, who married Abraham Shenk.

John K. Landis, father of John M., was born on the old Landis homestead, in Dauphin county, near Palmyra, in 1838, and died December 6, 1897, his death occurring at Lancaster, Pa., where he had gone on business. His wife was born near Shellsville, East Hanover township, Dauphin county, in 1843, a daughter of John and Mary (Snyder) Keim. John K. Landis removed to Palmyra in 1882, and five years later engaged in butchering and manufacturing of meats, establishing the large business now operated by John M. Landis. Succeeding in his line, he became widely known all over eastern and southern Pennsylvania. His children were as follows: Mary A., who married William Walmer, now of Reading, Pa.; Susan, who married William H. Kreider, of Palmyra; John M.; Kate, deceased, married to Harvey Eby, of Campbelltown, Pa.; Jacob, deceased, who married Lydia Bachman.

John M. Landis was reared on the farm, until he was twelve years of age, when his parents removed to Palmyra, and attended the public schools. His business life began in his father's butchering establishment, and upon his father's death, John M. continued the business. The enterprise has been a success from the beginning, and from 1,000 cattle upward, are slaughtered annually, and the business is steadily growing. As an illustration of this fact, the following figures are quoted: In 1899 the number of cattle slaughtered was 537; in 1900, 737; in 1901, 917; and in 1902, 1,020. During the year 1902, Mr. Landis also slaughtered over 2,100 hogs. Being an energetic, public-spirited young business man, Mr. Landis is meeting with deserved success.

Mr. Landis married Lillie Hartz, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Weltmer) Hartz, of Palmyra, and to this union the following children have been born: Helen Estella, Mary Catheron, John K. and Susie Elizabeth.

FRANK M. WERNER, a prosperous baker of Fredericksburg, has by conducting a high-class business, carrying only the best of articles, won an excellent reputation for himself, not only in Fredericksburg, but throughout the surrounding country. By his wise financial management, he has accumulated some property, and owns a handsome new home in that place. Now only about thirty-seven years old, with a large fund of business experience to rely upon, he has the finest of prospects before him.

His family were among the early settlers of Berks county, and there his

grandfather, Henry Werner, resided for many years, where he became a leading agriculturist. He had a fine farm, which he worked for many years, carrying on a highly prosperous industry. As a man of force and ability he was influential in local affairs, and he had many friends in the vicinity where he was widely known.

William Werner (2), son of Henry and father of Frank M., also achieved success in the field of farm labor. In a well ordered home he grew to manhood, and from his earliest years was trained to shoulder responsibility, and to perform each duty thoroughly. As a young man he embarked upon life as a farmer, and as such he continued for the most part through life. He married Mary Meck, who proved a faithful helpmeet in all his undertakings in life. She died in September, 1873. By this marriage there were seven children who grew to maturity: Jane, who married Nathaniel Bensing, of Berks county; John, a farmer in Stouchsburg, the same county; Charles, coachmaker, of Pine Grove; Frank M., who is mentioned below; Emma, who married Aaron Brubacher, of Iona; Alice, who is now deceased; and Mariah, who married George Kurtzel. After marriage Mr. Werner settled upon a farm near Greble, where he followed agriculture very successfully for many years. By wise management he accumulated considerable means, and won a good place for himself among the farmers of his vicinity. He is now living at an advanced age. He is a large hearted man, keenly interested in all good works, and every ready to lend a helping hand to the needy. He was a model husband and kind father, a splendid neighbor, and a thoroughly conscientious, public spirited citizen. Politically he affiliates with the Democrats. Reared in the faith of the Reformed Lutherans, he is a consistent member of that Church.

Frank M. Werner was born near Greble, April 13, 1866, and on his father's farm he grew to manhood. At an early age he was sent to the public schools, and evincing a keen interest in his studies, continued there for many years, acquiring valuable information and practical training in self-reliance and alertness. As a further preparation for life's activities, at the age of sixteen he went to East Hanover, and began learning the miller's trade. A well trained intellect enabled him in a short time to master the details of the business, and proving himself a competent workman, he followed that business for nine years, deriving from it a very substantial income. Possessed of some ready capital, at the end of this period he came to Fredericksburg, and opened a first class bakery. He had no difficulty in securing patronage, and soon working up a paying custom. High grade goods, prompt service and courteous treatment of customers won him the entire confidence of the community, and

he has since continued in this business. His shop is one of the most reliable in the vicinity, and his patronage is certainly all that could be desired.

In 1895 Mr. Werner married Tilla Paine, daughter of Levi Paine, a descendant of one of the old families of Lebanon county. Her father is deceased but the mother is still living. A brother, Richard P., resides in the city of Lebanon. To Mr. and Mrs. Werner have been born two children: Lloyd and Annie. Mr. Werner's dominant traits and undoubted promoters of his success in life are a large capacity for work, marked frugality, clear business foresight, and a ready power of making friends. He is temperate in his habits, generous in business, kind in his family, and honorable in all his dealings. Socially he is widely known and highly respected. The P. O. S. of A. of Fredericksburg counts him among its most highly esteemed members. As a strong Democrat he is influential in local affairs. Both he and his wife are leading members of the Reformed Church of Fredericksburg.

ABNER AUGUSTUS RITCHER, one of the rising young architects of Lebanon, was born in North Annville township, Lebanon county, May 5, 1872, son of James M. and Lydia (Ruff) Ritcher.

Charles Ritcher, his grandfather, was born in North Lebanon township, Lebanon county, and was a painter by trade. On the maternal side of the house, the grandfather was John Ruff, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to America when but twenty years old, settling in North Annville township, after remaining for about a year at work in Philadelphia. The death of this venerable man occurred in 1899, when he was ninety-one years of age. During his long life, he pursued farming as a vocation. The father, James M. Ritcher, was born July 12, 1842, at Union Water Works, in North Annville township, and his wife, Lydia (Ruff) Ritcher, was also born in that township in 1844. James M. Ritcher is a carpenter, and from him his son Abner probably inherits his ability and constructive genius.

Abner Augustus Ritcher was born upon his grandfather Ruff's farm, where he was reared until he attained the age of fourteen, attending the common schools of the neighborhood. Later, he attended the Lebanon high school, from which he was graduated in 1888, and he then entered the office of H. T. Hauer, an architect of Lebanon, remaining two years. The next nine years were spent with H. A. Roby, another architect of Lebanon, the latter four as his partner. In 1899, Mr. Roby retired on account of ill health, and Mr. Ritcher has continued the business alone. In addition to his practical instruction in the offices of Messrs. Hauer and Roby, Mr. Ritcher took a special course in architecture through a School of Correspondence. Among



the leading buildings of which Mr. Ritcher has been the architect, may be mentioned the following: St. Mark's Reformed church, Ninth and Mifflin streets, Lebanon; Salem (Lutheran) Memorial church, Lebanon; Grace Memorial Reformed church, Washington, D. C. (President Roosevelt's church), which was secured in open competition with seven prominent architects from Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Washington and other large cities; Memorial United Brethren church, Washington, D. C.; and also the residences of George D. Krause, H. C. Shirk, H. M. M. Richards, the Shenk and Mann store and office buildings, as well as numerous other residences, churches and parish buildings, not only in Lebanon, but in other cities, where his marked ability has gained him distinction.

In 1893, Mr. Ritcher was married to Irene Bentz, a native of Philadelphia, and a daughter of Harry Bentz, of Lebanon. This marriage has been blessed with two sons, Henry Bentz and Walter James.

JOHN H. LIGHT, steward of the Lebanon County Alms House, and one of the substantial and representative citizens of Annville, was born on a farm in Cornwall township, Lebanon county, February 28, 1864, son of Ezra B. and Mary Ann (Brown) Light.

Ezra B. Light was born in Cornwall township, in 1842, son of Moses Light, who was a native of Cornwall township, Lebanon county. The mother of John H. Light was born in 1844, in Schuylkill county, and died in 1883. Ezra Light was twice married. By his first wife he had three sons and one daughter, namely: John H., Elizabeth, Aaron and Moses; by his second three children, Sadie, Ellsworth and Harrison. Mr. Light has led an agricultural life, but now, with his family, resides in Annville.

John H. Light was reared on a farm and acquired his education in the common schools. At the age of seventeen years he began work on his own account, and his ability and efficiency soon commanded the attention of those by whom he was employed. Three years later he took charge of the Lebanon County Alms House farm, under the direction of the steward then in authority there, continuing to perform the various duties of this position through seven years. Mr. Light then removed to Fairland and remained there one year, returning to the Alms House as steward, in April, 1894, and has since filled the responsible duties of the office to the complete satisfaction of all concerned. His long association with the affairs of the Alms House has made him thoroughly acquainted with the needs of this institution, while his upright character and kindly disposition make him a most excellent person to have charge of the property and wards of the county.

On March 31, 1886, Mr. Light was united in marriage with Carrie E. Freylinghausen, who was born in May, 1867, in Jonestown, Lebanon county, daughter of George W. Freylinghausen. To this union have been born the following children: Bertha G., born September 27, 1888; Horace F., born November 9, 1890; Mable M., born May 6, 1895; J. Mark, born February 14, 1899; and Edith I., born April 30, 1902. Mr. Light is fraternally associated with Camp No. 32, P. O. S. of A., of Avon. His political identification is with the Republican party. By his upright and manly life and his wise, economic and careful management of the institution just spoken of, Mr. Light has won the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

Peter Casper Freylinghausen, the grandfather of Mrs. Light, was born in Germany, May 14, 1792, and came to America while quite small. His marriage was to Anna Maria Heilman, and their living children are: Peter, of Jonestown; Sarah, the wife of Thomas Miller; Miss Elizabeth; and Ellen, wife of John L. Saylor, of Annville. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Light was John Wagner, who married a Miss Elizabeth Desh, and of their children the following still survive: Caroline, Sabrina H. and Lydia M. George W. Freylinghausen, the father of Mrs. Light, was born December 27, 1832, at Jonestown, Lebanon county, and died suddenly August 7, 1903, and Caroline Wagner, the mother of Mrs. Light, was born February 17, 1837, at Fredericksburg, Lebanon county. Her brothers and sisters are as follows: George W., John P. and Harry H., all residing near Jonestown; Mary E., married to John H. Brewer, of Hebron, Lebanon county; Anna S., married to Jacob Boger, a farmer and carpenter, in North Annville; Clara M., married to Robert Donmoyer, of Fredericksburg, Lebanon county; and Mabel E., married to Frank Stutzman, of Jonestown.

DANIEL R. HERTZLER, one of the good farmers and valued citizens of Jackson township, resides on his well-improved farm which is most favorably situated two miles southeast of Myerstown, and about one mile northwest of Richland. His birth took place in this township, January 16, 1848, and his parents, Jonathan and Elizabeth (Royer) Hertzler, belonged to two of the most highly respected old families of the State.

Elizabeth Royer, the beloved mother of Mr. Hertzler, was a direct descendant of Jacob Royer, who was one of the early settlers of Lancaster county. Extended mention of this notable family will be found in another part of this work. On the paternal side, Mr. Hertzler's great-grandfather, John Hertzler, came to America from Germany and settled in Berks county about 1750, where his son Christian was born. The children of Christian

Hertzler were: Levi, Ephraim, Jonathan, Sarah, Elizabeth and Rebecca.

Jonathan Hertzler, father of Daniel R., was born in 1801 and died in 1888, the father of sixteen children, fourteen of whom lived to maturity, namely: John; William; Sarah, who married Daniel Royer; Levi, of Kansas; Leah, wife of John Kline; Elizabeth, widow of John Witter; Susanna, deceased; Mary Ann, wife of Samuel Witter, of Myerstown; Amanda, wife of Jacob Foltz; Jonathan, of Kansas; Emma, wife of Joseph Royer, now deceased; Ephraim, also deceased; Daniel R.; and Anna, who married Reuben Royer, of Kansas, and died leaving a family of fifteen children. Jonathan Hertzler was for sixteen years one of the leading farmers in his locality, industrious, peaceful and home-loving. He was a consistent member of the German Baptist Church.

Daniel R. Hertzler was reared on his father's farm and has followed general farming all his life. His fine property contains 108 acres of well-tilled land which has been placed in its present excellent condition by Mr. Hertzler's industry. For many years he has been regarded as a leading citizen on account of the interest he has shown in all matters pertaining to the growth and development of the township's resources, his efforts to improve the stock, to insure good roads and to advance the cause of public education. Mr. Hertzler is identified with the Republican party. Like his father, he is a member of and a liberal contributor to the German Baptist Church of Tulpehocken.

In 1869 Mr. Hertzler married Miss Eliza Royer, of Millcreek township, one of a large family born to Daniel Royer and wife, as follows: Abraham and Joseph, of Lancaster; Sarah, wife of William Frank, of Richland; Catherine, wife of Abraham Landis, of Richland; Leah, wife of John Spayd, of Ohio; and Eliza, wife of Mr. Hertzler. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hertzler were: Irwin R.; Martin, who married Rosanna Bucher of Myerstown; Agness, wife of David Dechert of Jackson township; Elizabeth, deceased; David; Lloyd; Macie, who married Joseph Layser, of Jackson township; William; John; Daniel; and Sarah. This has been one of the prolific families of the neighborhood, forty-two children resulting from the marriage of three members. This has, however, only added to the good citizens of Jackson township, for no family stands higher in public esteem. Honest, industrious, law-abiding people, who by example and precept illustrate the virtues of honorable living, form a class of citizens of which any county has reason to be proud. Mr. and Mrs. Hertzler are plain, practical people, hospitable and kind-hearted, and are valued in their church and neighborhood, and beloved in their home.

CHARLES A. LENIG, one of the respected citizens and the popular postmaster of Campbelltown, Lebanon county, was born in May, 1871, a son of Henry F. and Susan F. (Petry) Lenig, the former of whom was born October 30, 1832, at Annville, a son of John Lenig, and the latter December 11, 1836, also at Annville, daughter of John and Kate (Bender) Petry.

Henry F. Lenig was a blacksmith by trade, learning at Palmyra, and working for a time at Fontana before he returned to Annville. He was in his native town at the beginning of the Civil war, and to the call for loyal troops in 1862, he responded, enlisting on October 22d for three years, and being mustered in at Philadelphia, in Captain W. D. Banks' Battery H, Third Pennsylvania Heavy Battery, under Captain Serback. [The name Lenig was misspelled in making out the papers and stands on the records as Lanick, but this did not interfere with his brave attention to duty.] The regiment did not perform service as a whole but was sent out in detachments on both land and sea, serving thus both in army and navy. Battery H was stationed at Baltimore, Md., and engaged in duty on the fortifications of that city, and later served in the Gettysburg campaign. Mr. Lenig shared the fortunes of Battery H in all its movements and duties, from the time of enlistment until his honorable discharge at Baltimore, July 25, 1865, by reason of General Order, No. 168, Headquarters Maryland Department, Baltimore, Md., July 14, 1865. After returning from the war he located in Campbelltown, and started the coach-making business in a large shop opposite the Rising Sun Hotel, and there he continued for sixteen years, doing a large business and giving employment to as many as twelve hands. In 1882 he sold his business, and worked at his trade until about 1887, opening then a confectionery store which occupied him until his retirement in 1897, at which time his son succeeded him. His death took place December 31, 1900. He was a man who was held in the highest esteem, a brave soldier and a good citizen. His family consisted of six children as follows: John Albert, born September 6, 1860, died September 4, 1863; Kate Ellen, born February 7, 1862, died August 27, 1863; Henry Franklin, born January 3, 1863, resides at Reading, Pa.; William M., born August 24, 1866, died August 16, 1869; Charles A., born in May, 1871; and Ida Elmira, born February 22, 1876.

Charles A. Lenig was born in the brick residence across the street from the Campbelltown Hotel and was educated in the public schools, after completing the course entering the establishment of Harry Coppenhaver, the present sheriff of Lebanon county, where he learned the carriage painting business, remaining for ten years with Mr. Coppenhaver. Then he went to Reading, and worked there at his trade for three years, but in 1897 succeeded

his father in the confectionery business in Campbelltown. On September 17, 1898, he was appointed postmaster and was re-appointed October 1, 1902, his service being efficient and satisfactory.

In 1891 Mr. Lenig was married to Ella Oberholtzer, born in Campbelltown, daughter of Christian and sister of ex-Sheriff John Oberholtzer of Lebanon. The one son of this marriage, George C., was born September 24, 1902. Mr. Lenig is not only a fine workman and excellent business man and efficient public officer, but he is most socially inclined, and is a very popular and active member of Camp No. 192, Palmyra P. O. S. of A., and Swatara Tribe of Red Men.

LEVI HARTZ, a well-known and leading citizen of the Second ward, Lebanon, for many years an engineer on the Cornwall & Reading Railway, was born in Cumru township, Berks Co., Pa., March 9, 1847.

The parents of Mr. Hartz were Philip and Justina (Ludwig) Hartz, both of whom were natives also of Berks county, the father being of English descent, and the mother of German. The mother died in 1863, and the father in 1882. There were born to these parents six sons and four daughters, of whom two sons and three daughters are living.

Levi Hartz was reared partly in Berks, Chester and Lancaster counties, the vicinity in which his parents lived being in all three counties, and he had school opportunities in each. In 1865, when nineteen years of age, he began his railroad career by securing a position on the East Pennsylvania Railroad, now a part of the Philadelphia & Reading system, at which he continued for five months. Following this he fired an engine for four years on the above road, at the end of which time he was promoted to engineer and given an engine. In 1877 he left the railroad which had then been leased to the Philadelphia & Reading, and went to engineering at Temple Furnace, five miles from Reading, where he ran an engine for two years, when he was promoted to the position of night "founder" (foreman), at which he continued for three and one-half years. Temple Furnace shut down at this period, and for the next six months he was employed at the Reading Steam Forge. In 1883, Mr. Hartz was given an engine on the Cornwall & Lebanon Railway, and removed to Lebanon, where he has since resided, being continuously in the employ of the Cornwall & Lebanon road, and is in the confidence of the company, one of their most valued engineers. On occasions he has temporarily filled the position of master mechanic of the road.

For years Mr. Hartz has been a leading citizen of the Second ward, and has taken an active interest in political affairs, faithfully laboring for the

city's interest. In February, 1898, he was elected to the select council of Lebanon, where he served with credit to himself and constituents, and profit to the city, for four years, his term expiring April 7, 1902. His course in the select council was one prompted by an earnest desire to promote the best interests of the city, and to manage her institutions and affairs in a manner to give the greatest good to the greatest number of people. So satisfactory was the course, and so excellent his qualifications and fitness for office, that he was solicited and could have had a nomination for mayor.

Mr. Hartz is a member of the I. O. O. F., and B. of L. E. fraternities, of the Union Volunteer Fire Company (he served as chief engineer for Lebanon for seven years) and of Salem Lutheran Church.

Mr. Hartz was married (first) on October 21, 1865, at Reading, to Mary Magdalene Thompson, born in that city April 6, 1848, daughter of Josiah and Sarah (Boyer) Thompson. She died August 26, 1890. To this union the following children were born: Charles Albert, born February 18, 1867, who resides in Reading; Arthur Luwells, born April 24, 1868, fireman and extra engineer on the Cornwall & Lebanon Railway, and residing in Lebanon; George Oscar, born July 14, 1869, fireman and extra engineer on the Cornwall & Lebanon Railway, and residing in Lebanon; Howard T., born August 30, 1873, who has charge at night of the Cornwall & Lebanon Railway round house, and residing in Lebanon; Walter S., born November 4, 1875, a machinist in the shops of the Cornwall & Lebanon Railway, and living in Lebanon; Bessie May, born October 28, 1878, a trained nurse now in the State of Iowa; Sarah Deborah, born August 30, 1880; Edward Clinton, born in 1881, who died October 7, 1881, aged eighty days; Justina F., born February 16, 1883, now taking the course in Drexel's Home, Philadelphia, preparing to be a trained nurse; and Levi Earl, born January 19, 1885, and died in 1893. On September 17, 1891, Mr. Hartz was married (second) to Clara Steely, daughter of Jared Steely. She was born March 11, 1867, in Schuylkill county, Pa., and one daughter has been born to this union, India Irene, born July 9, 1892.

GEORGE W. DONGES (deceased). The death of George W. Donges, on February 19, 1902, at his home in Myerstown, Pa., removed from Lebanon county one of her most honorable, influential and valued citizens. By birth and immediate ancestry, Mr. Donges belonged to Pennsylvania, his birth occurring at Campbelltown, April 19, 1844, and he was a son of George W. and Henrietta (Stoner) Donges, both natives of Lebanon county and members of its oldest and most prominent families.

George W. Donges, the father of the late George W., was born in 1804, in Lebanon county, and in 1835 established himself in a mercantile and tailoring business in Myerstown which he continued to conduct until his death in 1886. For a half century he was a leading merchant and tailor, and founded a business house which has expanded into one of the leading ones of the locality. In every way he was a most estimable citizen. Children as follows were born to his union with Henrietta Stoner: John A., a merchant in Myerstown; Sarah, the wife of Daniel Warrick, of Illinois; Mary E., of Myerstown; Ellen, the wife of Joseph S. Coover, of Myerstown; Amelia; Susan; and the late George W.

The children of the above family were reared and educated in Myerstown at school and academy, and prior to the outbreak of the Civil war, George W. assisted as a clerk in his father's store. In 1862 he became a volunteer member of the famous Second Bucktail Regiment, which went out for service under Capt. John H. Bassler, and he continued with his regiment until the close of the war. For gallantry and efficiency he was given a clerical position for a time, in Washington, D. C., his experience as a teacher having been of service to him in this position.

Mr. Donges was married to Miss Mary Tice, a daughter of Capt. William Tice, a soldier of the Civil war and a resident of Myerstown. The three children born to this union were: Nettie, who married Rev. J. H. Umbenhen, of the Lutheran Church at Pottsville; Miss Della, of Myerstown; and George W., Jr. Mrs. Donges died in 1875. The second marriage of Mr. Donges was to Mrs. Cassia Layser, a daughter of John and Cassia Keller, of Lancaster county, two children being born to this union, Miss Ida, of Myerstown; and Amelia S., deceased.

Soon after the close of the war and Mr. Donges' return from Washington to Myerstown, he entered into partnership with his brother, John A. Donges, in the mercantile business (the firm style becoming Donges Bros.), which was continued at the old site where their father had established himself in 1835. The business qualifications of George W. Donges made him the manager and leading member of the firm, his judgment and foresight eminently fitting him for so important a position. His death while still in the prime of life and in the midst of a useful career, was both a grief and blow to his family and business associates. He was a man of genial pleasant manner, and gifted with a faculty of winning warm friends. In politics, he supported the Republican party. In religious life he was a consistent member of the Reformed Church, and a liberal contributor to its support. Mrs. Donges

and daughter reside in their attractive home in Myerstown and are among the most highly esteemed residents.

The record of the branch of the Keller family to which Mrs. Donges belongs, is as follows: Jacob Keller, born in Rothinfluh, in Canton Basel, Switzerland, in 1706, died at Springville, Lancaster county, in 1794, and both he and wife are buried at the Ephrata Cloister.

(II) Jacob Keller was born at Springville, in 1733, and died in 1804.

(III) Jacob Keller, born in 1761, died in 1830.

(IV) John Keller, born in 1784, died in 1875.

(V) John Keller, born in 1811, died in 1889. His wife Cassia Royer, born in 1815, died in 1871.

(VI) Cassia Keller, daughter of John and Cassia Keller, born in 1845, married George W. Donges.

MRS. C. E. BIBIGHAUS. In the death of this noble woman, November 18, 1901, the city of Lebanon lost one of its public benefactors. From the time of her husband's death, nearly fifty years ago, she remained a widow, and much of her time was given to public and charitable works. Indeed, throughout her long life it was her sincerest aim to make every moment count. Her noble character and her high cultivation were partly the results of the beneficent influences by which she was surrounded all her life. Her father was Dr. Samuel Wiesting, a highly intellectual man, and a practicing physician of Harrisburg, Pa., where he resided for many years. Her mother, Henrietta Wiesting, was a noble woman and a strong character, who lived to the advanced age of ninety-one.

Mrs. Bibighaus was born January 29, 1820, and under the careful guidance of her kind and wise parents grew to womanhood. On September 23, 1842, she married Thomas M. Bibighaus, a brilliant young lawyer of Lebanon, where they took up their residence. After about ten years of happy married life, in 1852, he died, leaving to her the care of six children, the result of this marriage: Henry T., who was a member of the Lebanon Bar, is now deceased; Alvin C. is deceased; Thomas W. is deceased; Henrietta E. and Caroline J. reside in Lebanon; and Mariah C. is deceased. Henry T. and Alvin C. served in the Civil war.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Bibighaus performed her duties as a mother bravely, and gave her children a careful rearing. She also gave much time to religious and charitable work. As a member of the Reformed Church of her city she was exceedingly prominent in its various activities. With a friend, Mrs. Caroline Derr, she founded the Widows' Home of Leb-



anon, one of the most beneficent institutions of that place. Her noble Christian character was an inspiration to all who knew her, and together with her charming social attributes won for her hosts of friends.

The BIBIGHAUS FAMILY, of which Thomas M., the husband of Mrs. C. E. Bibighaus, was a member, is one of the oldest and most distinguished in the State of Pennsylvania. Henry Bibighaus, D. D., father of Thomas M., was a leading minister of the Reformed Church, and officiated in a church in Philadelphia for many years.

Thomas M. Bibighaus was born in Philadelphia, in 1817, and there resided for many years of his life. Coming of a scholarly family, he was given a very thorough education, finishing with a course in law. As a young man he opened an office in Lebanon, and practiced law with eminent success. A brilliant speaker and thoroughly well-grounded in his profession, he was soon recognized as a fetching political candidate, and about 1851, at the early age of thirty-three, was elected a representative to Congress. He was filling his place admirably and was opening the way for a more brilliant future, when death suddenly cut short his career.

NATHANIEL LIGHT, a well-known citizen of Annville, Lebanon county, was born on a farm in Bethel township, near Stoever's Mills, five miles north from Lebanon City, April 28, 1851, son of Isaiah Light, who was born in 1818, in the above mentioned Light homestead, and who died in 1891. The grandfather, Martin Light, was also born in the same old home which was built by his father, who came from Germany and was one of the early settlers in Bethel township, Lebanon county. The mother of Nathaniel Light was Catherine Smith, born October 13, 1820, on a farm in South Lebanon township. She was a daughter of John Smith, an early settler, long since passed away, but she still survives, a consistent member of the Mennonite Church. The father was a farmer all his life. Three children were born to these parents, namely: Amanda, born in 1848, married Samuel Kettering, a farmer living in North Annville township, his being the second farm from the turnpike, opposite the Heilig House; Nathaniel; and Sarah N., who died at the age of two and one-half years.

Nathaniel Light was reared on a farm and attended the common schools, and was also able to take advantage of the opportunities offered at Palmyra College, for several sessions. Later he engaged in farming in South Annville township until 1897, when he retired from active labor and removed to Annville.

In 1871, Mr. Light was married to Emma E. Bomberger, born in South

Annville township, daughter of Joseph Bomberger, who died in the summer of 1901. To this union twin babes were born, February 14, 1875, who were named Allen B. and Ellen K., the former of whom married Mary Detweiler, and the latter is single and resides with her parents in Annville. Mr. Light and family belong to the old Lutheran Church of Annville, and are among the most highly respected residents of the town.

H. M. MUTH, one of the representative and successful young farmers of Jackson township, a resident of the old family homestead, was born March 2, 1869, on the farm he now owns, located within one and one-half miles of Myerstown, on the northwest.

The parents of Mr. Muth were Jefferson and Sarah (Hoak) Muth, the former of whom was born in 1826, and died in 1898, a son of John Muth, who was also a native of Jackson township, and a son of a German soldier who came to America with the English army during the Revolutionary war. Grandfather John Muth was the father of nine children, the four survivors being: Amelia, Catherine, Cyrus and Harriet. The children born to Jefferson Muth and wife were eight in number, the survivors being: John, William, Annie, H. M. and Frank.

Jefferson Muth was one of the industrious and energetic farmers of his locality, and he was widely known for his honesty and upright dealing. At the time of his death, by his great energy, assisted by his most admirable wife, he had accumulated large means and much property. In politics Mr. Muth was a Democrat. Like all his family he belonged to the Reformed Church, a leading member of the Myerstown Congregation. The mother of H. M. Muth belonged to one of the very old families of the county. She was much beloved in her family and the neighborhood.

H. M. Muth was reared on the homestead farm under the parental care of kind and indulgent parents, who, however, taught him habits of industry. After completing the common school course, the young man engaged in teaching in Jackson township, but when it came to selecting a life work, he chose that of farming. In 1892 Mr. Muth was married to Miss Lizzie Smith, daughter of Jacob and Caroline (Crouse) Smith. One daughter, Caroline, has been born to this union.

In 1899 Mr. Muth purchased the old Jefferson Muth homestead, comprising eighty acres of well-improved land, and excellent and attractive buildings. Here a happy home life prevails, Mrs. Muth, who was born March 17, 1873, being a lady of housewifery accomplishments and most amiable disposition. She is one of the active workers in the Reformed

Church, of which both she and husband are most valued members. In politics Mr. Muth is identified with the Democratic party, and has always taken an intelligent interest in public matters, but has never accepted office. Both he and wife are most highly esteemed in their community, are hospitable and social in their instincts, and have a very wide circle of warm friends.

ALFRED GATES, M. D., one of the successful young physicians of Lebanon, Pa., is a native of that city, son of Alfred and Ellen (Posey) Gates, the former of whom was also born in Lebanon.

John Gates, the grandfather of Dr. Gates, was born in Germany, and emigrated at an early day to America, locating in Lebanon county. He married Mary Matter.

Dr. Gates is the fourth in the family of six children born to his parents, the others being: John, who is a stove molder at Reading, Pa.; William, who is a blacksmith at Lebanon; Nathan, foreman of the Reading Stove Works; Elizabeth; and Ellen.

Dr. Gates was reared in Lebanon, and graduated from the public schools. Under Dr. D. P. Gerberich he read medicine and prepared for entrance to Hahnemann College, at Philadelphia, and was a member of the graduating class of 1890. In 1891 Dr. Gates attended the New York Ophthalmic Hospital, in New York City, studying diseases of the eye, and the same year he opened up his practice in Lebanon. Few young physicians have met with more encouraging success than has Dr. Gates, and he is deservedly popular both with the profession and the public. Endowed with youth and ambition, thoroughly educated in his profession, he also possesses a pleasing personality as a physician.

On November 1, 1898, Dr. Gates was united in marriage with Evelyn Reinoehl, a native of Lebanon, the fifth child of George H. and Mary (Krause) Reinoehl. One son, Richard Reinoehl, has been born to this union. Mrs. Gates is a member of the Lutheran Church, and both she and the Doctor have a wide circle of friends.

MORRIS K. BEHM, one of the well-known young business men of the flourishing city of Palmyra, Lebanon county, and a member of the successful firm of Behm & Lauch, proprietors of the Palmyra Paper Box factory, was born on the old Behm homestead at Behm's Corner, South Annville township, Lebanon county, November 29, 1873, a son of Rudolph Behm, one of the best known citizens of this county.

Morris K. Behm was reared upon his father's farm, and attended the public schools of his district, and the Lebanon Business College, from which he was graduated in 1894. After leaving college, he entered the store of J. A. Loose at Palmyra, where he was engaged for about eighteen months. At this time he accepted a position in the shoe factory of W. L. Kreider's Sons, Palmyra, where he spent two years. For the succeeding three and one-half years, he was engaged as a clerk in the Bon Ton Department store, at Lebanon. In September, 1901, Mr. Behm and his brother-in-law, Joseph F. Lauch, established the Palmyra Paper Box factory, which, although as yet a new concern, is in a most gratifying condition, with excellent prospects for the near future. The keen insight, steadfastness of purpose and close attention to detail, make Mr. Behm a most promising business man, while his partner is possessed of many desirable qualities, so that the firm has already gained the confidence of the commercial world, and built a good line of customers.

On September 30, 1902, Mr. Behm was married to Miss Lema Snyder, daughter of James Snyder, of Lebanon, for many years clerk of the county commissioners of Lebanon county, but now in the United States Revenue Service. Mr. Behm is a staunch Republican in politics, but his manifold duties prevent his taking a very active part in local affairs. Both he and his most charming wife are very important factors in the social life of Palmyra, where they have many friends.

GABRIEL HOCKER MOYER is a Lebanon Countian, born and bred, his birth occurring in Palmyra November 9, 1873. He attended the public schools of his native town, and completed the course at the Academy which then flourished under the late Prof. Peter B. Witmer, where so many leading citizens of Pennsylvania drank of the fountain of knowledge. Afterward he studied privately under the tutelage of Prof. J. H. Alleman, now head of the schools at DuBois, Pa. In the fall of 1894, and after completing the course at the Lebanon Business College, Mr. Moyer began the study of law in the offices of Hon. C. R. Lantz, of Lebanon, and two years later entered the Law Department of Dickinson College, at Carlisle, from which institution he was graduated with credit in 1898, and soon thereafter was admitted to practice at the Bars of Cumberland and Luzerne counties. Mr. Moyer's entry into politics dates from the fall of 1894, when he stumped the county for Governor Hastings. His reputation as a public speaker was then established, and when the loyal Republicans of Lebanon county, six hundred strong, made a pilgrimage, in the fall of 1896, to the home of President

William McKinley, at Canton, Ohio, Mr. Moyer made the address in their behalf. In 1898 the eloquent young Palmyran spoke in various parts of the State for William A. Stone, who was subsequently elected Governor. Mr. Moyer was a delegate to the Republican State Convention in the years 1897 and 1901, each time leading the delegates' ticket at the primaries. In the fall of 1899 Mr. Moyer became the editor of the *Palmyra Record*, which paper he founded in connection with the present proprietor, A. G. Stauffer. Mr. Moyer severed his connection with the paper to become the deputy sheriff of Lebanon county, under Sheriff Harry Coppenhaver. In 1901 he was unanimously chosen as chairman of the Republican County committee. He resigned his position in May, 1902, and during the same year was admitted to practice law in the Supreme and Superior Courts of the State, and on December 5, 1902, in the several courts of Lebanon county. On January 1, 1903, he formed a law partnership with Eugene D. Siegrist, and the firm is now located in the city of Lebanon, occupying the splendidly equipped Funk offices, and enjoying a very lucrative practice. In 1897, Mr. Moyer served as district president of the P. O. S. of A., for the Western District of Lebanon county. He has been a member of the order for thirteen years, and has always taken an active interest. He is now a member of the State Camp Board of Building Trustees. He is also a member of the local Lodge of Elks. Mr. Moyer's parliamentary aptitude manifested itself at college, where he became president of the Allison Law Society. He was also a member of the Delta Chi and Theta Nu Epsilon fraternities. His versatility was shown in his selection as business manager of the *Forum*, the official organ of the Dickinson School of Law. His grasp of his chosen profession of the law was recognized by his instructors, and his graduating thesis, on Accommodation Endorsers and Their Liabilities, evoked much favorable comment. As a mere lad Mr. Moyer manifested considerable dramatic power. His enactment of the role of Martin Luther in the spectacular drama, *The Reformation*, presented at the Academy of Music in February, 1894, led later to a professional engagement during which Mr. Moyer took a leading role successfully. Personally Mr. Moyer is magnetic, of easy manner, affable, and of good address.

On November 28, 1901, Mr. Moyer was married to Bertha Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Samuel H. Smith, proprietor of the Hotel Washington, at Palmyra, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES M. FINK, the leading baker of Annville, was born about one and one-half miles north of Myerstown, Lebanon county, January 17, 1871, son of John W. and Susan (Strack) Fink, both of whom were born in

Jackson township, the former of these in 1848, and the latter in 1849. The paternal grandparents were Philip Fink and Christian Strack.

Charles M. Fink was reared on the farm until he was fifteen years of age, and attended the public schools. Upon leaving the farm he went to Lebanon and started to learn the bakery business, and after working in two bakeries there, he went to Bethlehem, Northampton county, where he spent one year, and then, in 1888, came to Annville, securing employment in the bakery of Mr. Tschudy. Following this he entered into partnership with his brother in a bakery business, but the partnership was dissolved a few months later, when Charles went to Middletown, Pa., where he was employed for several months, going then to Campbelltown, Lebanon county, where he remained two years. In April, 1893, Mr. Fink located in Annville and established his own bakery. His industry and honesty combined with the high class of his goods, have enabled him to build up a large business which extends to the country surrounding Annville. His place of business is located on North King street, while his handsome brick residence is on Main street, east of White Oak street.

In 1892 Mr. Fink was married to Mary Elizabeth Ream, daughter of David Ream, of West Lebanon. Mr. Fink is a member of the K. of P., and the Junior Order of Mechanics. Mrs. Fink belongs to the United Brethren Church, while Mr. Fink has membership with the Reformed Church.

DANIEL OLWINE, one of the successful and representative farmers of Jackson township, who owns a fine, well-improved farm of 109 acres, favorably located four miles north of Myerstown, being the old family homestead, was born here October 17, 1858.

The parents of Mr. Olwine were the late John and Barbara (Harnish) Olwine, and he is a great-grandson of Jacob Olwine, who was one of the Hessian soldiers captured by Gen. Washington's troops, at Trenton, N. J., on the dark and stormy night of December 25, 1776. Later Mr. Olwine took the oath of allegiance to his captors and became an American citizen. His son, Samuel Olwine, was born in 1784, and died in 1879, the father of five children, namely: Jonathan, Elizabeth, John, Mary and Katherine.

John Olwine, son of Samuel Olwine, was born in 1821, and died January 15, 1881. In 1843 he married Barbara Harnish who died in 1900, and they had these children: Amanda, wife of John Behney; John H., a prominent farmer of this township; Susanna, wife of Isaac Phillipy, a shoemaker and farmer; Sara, wife of H. D. Hoffman, of Lebanon; and Daniel. John

Olwine was a Democrat in politics, and was one of the solid, reliable men of his day, thoroughly trusted in business and much esteemed in private life. For a number of years he was an active member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Daniel Olwine was reared on his father's farm and was early instructed in farm work and encouraged in those habits of thrift and industry which bring their own reward in the accumulation of large means and establishment of a business reputation. Mr. Olwine had his own way to make in the world, and began in a sober, frugal way, retaining the respect of his community through young manhood and middle life, and he is now the owner of one of the best farms in Jackson township, well-improved, his substantial residence, barns and necessary outbuildings telling the tale that here reigns prosperity. This is the old homestead of his grandfather, Henry Harnish, where his mother, Barbara (Harnish) Olwine, was born. On it stood the Harnish Woolen Mill, where, in its day, wool was brought from far and near. In politics Mr. Olwine believes in the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy.

On November 22, 1879, Mr. Olwine was married to Miss Rebecca, daughter of George and Rebecca (Backentose) Spangler, and a member of one of the old families of Bethel township, the other members of her family being John W., a farmer of Bethel township; and Emma, who is the wife of George Lettech. Mr. and Mrs. Olwine have six surviving children, namely: Annie, a dressmaker in Lebanon; Edward D., a teacher in the Jackson township schools; Mamie M., residing at home, a competent book-keeper; and Sara, Raymond E. and William M. at home, a well educated, intelligent family. Their religious connection is with Mt. Zion Reformed Church, in which Mr. Olwine has been deacon and is one of its active supporters. The Olwines, the Spanglers and the Harnishes, are all leading families of Lebanon county, noted for thrift and good citizenship.

**AARON O. GIBBLE**, one of the well-known and enterprising farmers of South Jackson township, whose farm is located two miles southwest of Myerstown, was born November 28, 1851, in Heidelberg township, on what is now the Oberholtzer farm, a son of John P. and Annie (Oberholtzer) Gibble.

John Gibble, the father, was born in 1824, in Heidelberg township, a son of John Gibble, who was also a farmer of this township, and was the father of these children: Samuel, John, Joseph, Daniel, Nathan, Elizabeth, Katherine and Lydia. Of these the daughters married into prominent families of

the locality, Elizabeth being the wife of Jacob Minnich, of Lititz, Lancaster county; Katherine, wife of John L. Myers, of Bethel township, Lebanon county; and Lydia, of John Lantz of Bethel. The great-grandfather was Samuel Gibble, and it was his father who emigrated from Germany and founded the family in this State.

Aaron O. Gibble was an only child, and he was reared on the farm and was educated in the common schools. When he was about twenty years of age, he took a trip away from home and spent some eighteen months near Akron, Ohio, engaged in farming. Upon his return to Lebanon county he was married on December 9, 1880, to Miss Alice Layser, a daughter of Reuben and Mary (Zug) Layser, born July 24, 1860. The two daughters born to this union are: Catherine May and Susan Alice, both young ladies, at home.

Mr. Gibble is one of the substantial men of his township, having through his own efforts accumulated much valuable property, owning a one-half interest in a fine farm of 123 acres in Berks county, in partnership with A. B. Oberholtzer. He is successfully engaged in farming near Myerstown and has other interests, for the past ten years having dealt extensively in farming implements and machinery through Lebanon county.

Mrs. Gibble belongs to one of the oldest and most honorable families of Millcreek township. Reuben Layser, her father, was a son of David Layser, who reared six children, as follows: Reuben; David, deceased; Jeremiah, of Millcreek township; Joseph, a farmer of Heidelberg township; Elizabeth, the wife of Jacob Horning, of Washington, D. C.; and May, deceased. A family of eight children was born to Reuben Layser and wife, namely: Alice, the wife of Mr. Gibble; Emma, the wife of Daniel Light, of Lebanon county; Elizabeth, the wife of Abraham Boltz, of Annville; David and Milton, cigar-makers of Richland; Ellen, Mary and Carmie, who are at home with their parents. Mr. Gibble is identified with the Republican party and is one of the school directors of South Jackson township. His daughters are charming and accomplished young ladies who are graduates of Myerstown high school, and the family is prominent socially.

ULYSSES GRANT RISSER, M. D., a leading physician and surgeon of Campbelltown, Lebanon county, was born December 7, 1871, on a farm about one mile south from the town of Lawn, in South Londonderry township, a son of Christian and Catherine (Hoffer) Risser, and a descendant of one of the oldest families in this section of the State.

The first records of the Risser family in America tell that Uriah and



Jacob Risser, brothers, emigrated from Germany, crossing the ocean in the ship "Adventure," rightly named according to our modern ideas, by which they reached Philadelphia October 2, 1727. Another brother, Johannes, came over in the ship "Queen Elizabeth," sailing also from Rotterdam, reaching the United States September 16, 1738. Other members of the family to cross the sea were Peter, who tempted fate in the "Robert and Alice," and Philip, who crossed in the "Loyal Judith," both brothers landing in 1739.

Johannes Risser was the ancestor of the Risser of South Londonderry township. He settled in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county. His son Peter, born November 5, 1750, married Hannah Synder, born January 17, 1754, and they moved into what is now South Londonderry township and established the Risser homestead, about two miles south of Lawn, in the corner where Lebanon, Lancaster and Dauphin counties join. His children were Christian, Peter, Feronica and John. Of this family Peter became the great-grandfather of Dr. Risser. Peter Risser was born on the old homestead, and married a Witmer, and they had children as follows: John, born January 27, 1809; Annie, born July 2, 1810, married John L. Gish, of Donegal township, Lancaster county; Christian, born March 20, 1812; Abraham, born September 19, 1814, married a Nissley; Elizabeth, born February 10, 1816, married Joseph Shenk; Peter, born May 3, 1818, married a Shenk (first) and (second) a Horst; Joseph, born March 22, 1820, married Fanny Nissley; Samuel, born April 15, 1823, married a Stauffer; Feronica, born August 29, 1826, married an Oberholtzer, and they live in South Londonderry township; and Mary, born September 29, 1828, married a Coble, a captain of a company during the Civil War.

Christian Risser, of the above family, was the grandfather of Dr. Risser, and he was born on the old homestead in South Londonderry township. Until 1838 he remained on the home farm, when he married and settled on a farm of 130 acres, adjoining the homestead. In 1856 he added 100 acres, and in 1859 he purchased all of what is now known as the Kelley farm, making a total of 290 acres, and one of the finest farms in the Lebanon Valley. In 1872 he purchased what was known as the Brubaker farm of 137 acres, in the same neighborhood, and moved to it where he lived until his death, which occurred September 14, 1902, when he was aged ninety years, five months, seventeen days. On November 29, 1838, he married Mary Nissley, born October 25, 1816, in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, and died February 25, 1877. She was a daughter of Martin and Maria (Hershey) Nissley, and was the third member of their family of nine children, the others being: Elizabeth, born in 1813, deceased; Nancy, born January 29, 1815; Barbara, born March 11, 1819;

Feronica, born January 26, 1820; Simon, born March 23, 1823; Christian, born June 24, 1824; Martin, born July 21, 1826; and Catherine, born September 24, 1828. Grandfather Nissley was born November 17, 1784, and his wife in 1793. The children of the grandparents of Dr. Risser were: Anna, born February 14, 1840, died January 24, 1850; Martin, born July 26, 1842, died February 9, 1850; Christian, born January 17, 1844, died January 23, 1888; Isaac, born May 26, 1846, married Catherine Brandt; Mary, born October 3, 1850, married Christian Frank; Fanny, born September 4, 1852, married H. H. Shearer; Elizabeth, born October 16, 1854, married Peter Longenecker; Daniel, born May 30, 1858, died January 22, 1890, married Lillian Reiley; and Catherine, born August 9, 1861.

Christian Risser, son of Christian and the father of Dr. Risser, was born in the old homestead, now owned by Rev. Ebersole, in South Londonderry township. He married Catherine Hoffer, daughter of Jacob Hoffer, who was born at what used to be known as Mt. Vernon, one mile north of Conewago Junction, Dauphin county. The children of this union were: Ellen, the wife of Edward Gingrich, a farmer of Palmyra; Minnie, the wife of C. C. Gingrich, a well-known cattle dealer of Lawn, Lebanon county; Dr. U. G., of Campbelltown; Ada, deceased; Dora, wife of Frank Hershey, of Waynesboro; Christian, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, now principal of the Windber, Pa., schools; Phoebe, now preparing to be a professional nurse at Philadelphia; and Herbert, a student at Franklin and Marshall College.

Dr. Ulysses G. Risser was reared on the farm and remained there until he was seventeen years of age. He attended the common schools and later the Kutztown Normal School; taught for three years and then entered the Lebanon Valley College at Annville, going from there to the Cumberland Valley State Normal School, and graduating at the latter in 1894. During the succeeding summer he read medicine in the office of Dr. M. B. Fretz, of Palmyra, and in the following fall he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he was graduated in the class of 1897. Dr. Risser located at Campbelltown, and has continued here in the practice of his profession, gaining a large and lucrative practice on account of his skill and ability.

In 1894 Dr. Risser married Miss Minnie, daughter of E. H. Hartz, of Palmyra, of whom extended mention will be found in another part of this work. A daughter and a son have been born to this marriage, Blanche and Harold. Dr. Risser is a well informed citizen who has taken an active interest in the town's advancement. In professional life he has taken a leading position in the State and county medical societies, and has served as vice-president

of the former body. For some years he has been the accredited medical examiner for the North American, the New York Mutual and the Metropolitan Insurance companies.

SHINDEL. The first mention of the Schindel family in Germany is made in the second half of the thirteenth century. This family, which belonged to the old German nobility and held the titles of Baron and Count, formerly had its seat, partly at Greibenstein in Neissen, partly in Schleswig, where already in olden times it had divided into the houses Dromsdorf, in the Schweidnitzian territory (from which the Geipe, Sadenwitz, Mendorff, Lauterbach, Peterwitz, Sasterhausen, Bernstadt and Erbach branches arose, the latter with its parish church at Beerfelden). They had possession of their baronial estates until the Nineteenth century. At various times this family played important parts in the history of Europe, particularly in Germany, Austria and Denmark, where they were considerably spread out.

The Schindel coat of arms is a red shield, with three shingles of silver, set in the form of a triangle; the crest, a gold crown in midst of red open wings, the three silver shingles surrounded by a green wreath.

Part of the following data is taken from "Ledler's Grosses Lexikon," Vol. XXXIV, p. 1593, published in 1742, and "Kneschke Deutsches Adels-Lexikon," Vol. VIII, p. 175 (Leipzig, 1878).

In 1241 members of this family took part in the battles against the Tartars.

Frantzko von Schindel is cited in an old document of 1317 as a witness.

Martin von Schindel died in 1446, when a student at the University of Leipzig.

Henry von Schindel was in 1518 a counselor of Prince Munsterberg and captain in Steinan.

Casper von Schindel, Imperial Major, was in 1546 commander of the auxiliary troops, sent to Emperor Charles V by the Silesian deputies to fight against the Turks in Hungary.

In the middle of the Seventeenth century a branch of the family possessed the strong fortress of Kreibelstein, near Waldheim, Saxony, but in 1672 this castle was in other hands.

Heinrich von Schindel in 1574, in consideration of a certain sum of money, gained possession of the castle and estate of Bernstadt, together with the crown lands belonging to it, and subsequently converted these into a feoff in trust. In 1604 they reverted to the princely house of Oelose, and the

von Schindels received as a feoff in trust Cuntzendorff, Wasnitz and Nanchese, lying in the Oelsnian possession.

Count Hans Freidrich von Schindel of Colunkaw was chamberlain in 1653 to Sylvinus, Duke of Wurtemberg and Oells.

Under King Christian V, in the second half of the Seventeenth century Viglas von Schindel came to Denmark, where he became Lord Chamberlain in waiting and principal Master of the Horse; and by his advice the King founded a Knights Academy (for cadets) in Copenhagen, in 1691. In consideration of this, the Frizian House was presented to him.

In 1735 Baron Carl Otto von Schindel was appointed Royal Danish Admiral.

In the year 1742 Freidrich Wilhelm von Schindel was appointed a royal Danish colonel of cavalry and commandant at Hald and Fladstrand. Of that branch of the family of which Viglas von Schindel was the head, and who settled in Denmark, Charlotte Helene was made a countess, April 19, 1710, for services rendered the Queen.

The history of the particular branch of the family to which the Schindels of Lebanon, Lehigh, Northumberland and Lancaster counties belong, as well as those of Hagerstown, Md., is as follows:

In 1678 there lived in Gemmelsbach, Province of Erbach, Conrad von Schindel and his wife Barbara. There was born to them a son, on October 18, 1685, to whom they gave the name Johann Conrad. This Johann Conrad von Schindel was married on January 10, 1710, to Susanna Trexler, of Euerlebach, in the same province. After his marriage he moved to Euerlebach, the home of his bride. There were born to them ten children, six sons and four daughters. The youngest of these children was Johann Peter, who was born in Euerlebach February 28, 1732, and died in Lebanon May 29, 1784. In 1751 he left his home, came to Pennsylvania, and settled in what is now known as Lebanon, being then yet included in Dauphin county and later in Lancaster county. His brother, Johann Michael, born July 31, 1728, died in 1777; he emigrated in 1755. In 1771 Johann Conrad and his brother Johann George, nephews of J. Michael and J. Peter, also came to America, and settled in Pennsylvania. Some of their descendants moved to Virginia, Ohio, and other States. Many of the descendants of Johann Peter have omitted the letter "c" from the name Schindel, preferring to spell it Shindel, while others retain it, and the title "von" has been dropped.

John Peter von Shindel, who came to America, sailed on the ship "Neptune," John Mason captain, from Rotterdam, stopping at Cowes, England, landed at Philadelphia, September 24, 1751, at the age of nineteen years. He

fought in the Revolutionary war. He was married to Anna Margretta Gephart and they had issue as follows: (1) John Peter, born August 21, 1766, is mentioned below. (2) Catharine married Robert Hamilton, of New York. (3) Margaret married Frederick Embich, of Lebanon. (4) Elizabeth married Samuel Ensminger of Indiana county. (5) Anna was also married. (6) Susanna married Jacob Arndt, of Dauphin county. (7) John Adam died in infancy. (8) Mary married Samuel Ensminger.

John Peter Shindel (II), usually known as Peter Shindel, generally signing his name in that manner, born August 21, 1766, died September 17, 1829. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, served as a member of the State Legislature, was a justice of the peace for many years, and chief burgess of the borough of Lebanon from 1823 to 1826. The lot at Eighth and Cumberland streets owned by him in 1814 was sold to the county commissioners for \$200 upon the condition prescribed by him that it was to be the site for the Court House. He was married to Anna Marie Mengas, of Snyder county, and had children: (1) (John) Peter (III) married Susannah McCullough, of Lebanon county. (2) John married Sarah Embich, of Lebanon county. (3) Jacob married Elizabeth Leisenring, of Northumberland county. (4) Samuel married Catherine Orth, of Lebanon county. (5) Conrad married Mary O'Bryan, of Lancaster county. (6) George married Sophia Weimer, of Union county. (7) Elizabeth married Philip Lynch, of Philadelphia. (8) Mary married Henry Wingart, of Perry county. (9) Margaret married John Marlin, of Schuylkill county. (10) Susan married John Johnson, of Blair county. (11) Leah married Dr. Joseph C. Robins, of Northumberland county.

(JOHN) PETER SHINDEL (III) (John Peter II, John Peter I) was a minister of the gospel. He was a pioneer of the Lutheran Church in Northumberland, Union, Snyder, Lycoming and Dauphin counties. He died in Sunbury, October 26, 1853. He was married to Susanna McCullough, and they had twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, as follows: (1) Rev. Jeremiah married Elizabeth A. Masser, of Sunbury. (2) Solomon married (first) Elizabeth Fry, of Tamaqua, and for his second wife he married Susan Robertson. (3) Judge Jacob G. L. married Abigail Hathaway, of Selinsgrove. (4) Rev. John Peter (IV) married (first) Sophia Young, and (second) Sarah Gobin, of Sunbury. (5) Dr. Isaac Newton died unmarried, in 1847. (6) Rev. Martin Luther married (first) Catharine Young, and (second) Mary O. Tillson, of Danville. (7) Philip M., Esq., married Katharine DeHaas, of Milton. (8) Dr. Daniel W. married (first) Mary Wharton, and (second) Elizabeth Irwin, of Sunbury. (9) Barbara died in infancy. (10) Susan married Samuel Gobin, of Sun-



Taken from an old Painting.

Peter Shindel



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Jacob Shindel



Jacob A. Shindel



Elizabeth C. Hunter

bury. (11) Louisa married Gideon Leisenring, of Sunbury. (12) Maria married Benjamin Hendricks, of Sunbury.

The children of Rev. Jeremiah Schindel (who was chaplain of the 110th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, during the Civil war, and served as State Senator for Lehigh and Northampton counties 1858-60) and Elizabeth A. Masser are nine in number, viz: (1) Mary M. married Joseph M. Eisenhart; they had no children. (2) Susan H. married John Snyder, and their children are: J. George, William P., Esq., Jeremiah S., Mary (Mrs. Longnecker), Joseph P., Susan (Mrs. Frankenfield), Annie (Mrs. Person), Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther. (3) Sarah H. married Sylvester Weiler, and their children are: Albert S., Eugene S., Lizzie, Emma and Hon. Jeremiah N. (4) Martha M. married George J. Snyder, and their children are J. Jeremiah, Esq., Charles, Dr. Harry Schindel, Martha (who married Ellwood Newhard), Alice (Mrs. Boas), Emma (Mrs. Sieger), and Annie. (5) Martin Luther died in infancy. (6) Capt. Jeremiah P., U. S. A., married Martha Bayard and their children are Capt. S. J. Bayard, U. S. A., George Dashiell, John R., Esq., and Lieut. Louis P., U. S. A. (7) Rev. Jacob D. married Ella C. Schmoyer, and their children are Mary E., who married R. J. Butz, Esq., and Rev. Jeremiah Jacobs, who married Jessie A. Hausman, and has two children, Isabel H. and Mary H. (8) Edward M. married Alice Bright, and they have one child, Luther Bright. (9) Emma E. married Peter S. Beary, and their children are Capt. Frank D., Schindel E. and Harry M.

The children of Solomon Shindel and Elizabeth Fry are: (1) Henry F. (2) Edward F. married Martha Cole. (3) Sarah married Thomas Hoffman. (4) Susan married Orton Ingersoll. (5) Conrad F., Esq., married Louise Bailey, of New York, and they had children—Ella married J. F. Ellick; Elizabeth F. married F. C. Greer; Louise married Harry C. Dunham; Clarence B. married Catharine Hartwig; Lieut. James E., of the United States Navy; Lieut. Conrad Fry; Hon. Charles S. married Rosabelle Shepp, and has two children, Mary Louise and Isabelle. The children of Solomon Shindel and Susan Robertson are: (1) Mary. (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

The children of Judge Jacob G. L. Shindel and Abigail Hathaway are: (1) Hon. R. Hathaway married Elizabeth M.; they have no children living. (2) Rev. Dr. James C. married Laura Schoch, and has two daughters and one son. (3) Susan married Simon R. Kamp, and their children are Bessie, Abigail H., Jacob Shindel and Furman.

The children of Rev. John Peter Shindel (IV) by his first wife, Sophia Young, are: (1) Dr. John Y., who married Ida Moats; (2) Elizabeth, Mrs.

Smith, and (3) Louisa, Mrs. Cronemiller. By the second wife, Sarah Gobin, there were two: (1) Ellie and (2) Edward.

The children of Rev. Martin Luther Shindel by his first wife, Catharine Young, are: (1) Elizabeth, Mrs. McCoy, and (2) Alter Young. He had one child by the second wife, Mary O. Tillson, namely, (1) Susan.

The children of Philip M. Shindel, Esq., and Katharine DeHaas, are: (1) Isaac Newton, who married, and (2) Margaret, who married Eugene Morgan.

Dr. Daniel W. Shindel and his first wife, Mary Wharton, had one child: (1) Florine married Josiah Fashold, and their children are Mary, married to John D. Haupt; Harry; and Margaret, married to William Watruss. The children of Dr. Daniel W. Shindel by his second wife, Elizabeth Irwin, are: (1) Dr. Will L. Shindel married Louise R. Clark, and they have one child, Daniel W. (2) Caroline. (3) Maria Louise married Nelson Haupt, and they have two children, George and Elizabeth. (4) Georgianna married Dr. Charles Holshue, and they have one child, Galen Shindel.

The children of Susan Shindel and Samuel Gobin are: (1) Gen. John Peter Shindel Gobin married Annie M. Howe; they have no children. Gen. Gobin is a member of the Lebanon Bar, was State Senator from 1884 to 1889; Brigadier General of the Third Brigade, N. G. P.; was Brigadier General, U. S. V., during the Civil war, as well as the Spanish-American war; was Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania 1899 to 1903; and as a Knight Templar has been Grand Master of the United States. (2) Edward married Catherine Brown, and they have seven children: William B. (who is married), Annie (Mrs. Jeffries), Shindel, Jennie, Abigail, Paul and Mary. (3) Annie married James Shaw, and their children are: Rev. Edward (who married Minnie Voorhees, and has three children, Edward, John and Annie), Maud, Katharine, Elizabeth (who married J. Lippincott, and had two children, Annie and Meta), Samuel, Susan and Louise. (4) Susan Abigail married Leffert Case, Esq., and their children are: Annie (who married Prof. S. Grant Hurst), Capt. Marshall L., U. S. V., City Controller of Lebanon, 1895 (who married Susan M. Houck), Shindel G. (who married Josephine Philips, and has one child, Abigail), Harry D., Miriam, and Harriet.

The children of Louisa Shindel and Gideon Leisenring are: (1) Dr. Peter Shindel, former president of the Medical College of Omaha, Neb., and at present living in San Diego, Cal., married Emma Sigmund, and they have ten children, Louise, Fred, Harry, Elizabeth Hutter, Albert, Matilda,



Bertha, Frank, Luther and Sarah. (2) Jacob Shindel, Esq., married Annie Cherry, and they have one child, Etta H. (3) Rev. Edwin Hutter married Ida Atkinson, and they have three children, Lieut. Franklin Shindel, U. S. A., William G. and Edna H. (4) George married Georgianna Morris, and they have five children, Louise, Morris, Eliza, Helen and John. (5) Frank. (6) Katherine married Franklin J. Schoch, and has four children: Lydia Louise, who married G. C. Wagenseller, and has two children, Frank and George; Anna M., wife of Rev. N. H. Follmer, who has three children, Frank S., Louisa and Harold; Eva K., married to Dr. R. Lloyd Schroyer; and B. Franklin, who married Belle Hall, and has six children, Robert S., George, Gideon, Victor, Albert and Annie. (7) Lydia Louise married (first) Dr. Albert Sigmund and (second) ——— Belmar. By her first union she had three children, Frederick L., William S. and Emma S.

The children of Maria Shindel and Benjamin Hendricks are: (1) Luther married Amelia Bright. (2) Jacob. (3) William married Elizabeth Bright. (4) Samuel married Anna Horning. (5) Mary married Samuel Faust. (6) Louise married Milton R. Hemperly, and had one child, George H. (7) Minnie. (8) Kate. (9) Susan. (10) Elizabeth married Hon. S. P. Wolverton, former member of Congress from the 17th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, including Northumberland county, and also former State Senator from Northumberland county, and has three children: Mary, who is the wife of Biddle Arthur and has two children, Elizabeth W. and Biddle, Jr.; Elizabeth, who married B. W. Cummings, Esq., and has three children, Benjamin W. (3), S. P. Wolverton and Elizabeth W.; and S. P. Wolverton, Jr., Esq.

COL. JACOB SHINDEL (John Peter II, John Peter I), a soldier of the war of 1812, was married to Elizabeth Leisenring, of Sunbury, a daughter of Andreas Leisenring and Elizabeth Miller. Andreas Leisenring was the son of John Conrad Leisenring and Sabilla Feid, and Elizabeth Miller was the daughter of Hon. Valentine Miller. Jacob Shindel died in 1829, and his wife survived him many years, her death occurring in 1871. He was a charter member of the Lebanon Masonic lodge instituted Feb. 5, 1820, and Worshipful Master in 1825. Their children, one son and five daughters, are as follows: (1) Jacob Andrew married Priscilla Bergelbach. (2) Elizabeth E. married Rev. Dr. E. W. Hutter. (3) Elmina married Dr. Leshner Trexler. (4) Susan married (first) Cyrus Stoeber and (second) Absalom Webber. (5) Louisa married (first) Henry Goshert and (second) Joseph Fenstermacher. (6) Catharine married Adam Ritscher.

Col. Jacob Andrew Shindel and Priscilla Bergelbach had one child,

Lieut. Jay Martin Shindel, U. S. V., City Controller of Lebanon, 1895, District Attorney of Lebanon county, 1896-99; he married Carrie Louise Patschke, and they have one child, Lilioukalani Elizabeth Leisenring Mary Millmore Shindel.

The two children of Elizabeth E. Shindel and Rev. Dr. Edwin W. Hutter, Christian Jacob and James Buchanan, died in infancy.

The children of Elmina Shindel and Dr. Leshner Trexler are: (1) Annie married Dr. J. F. Wertz; their children are Lizzie Hutter, married to James Findlay; Richard Frederick, married to Hattie Iskyran; and John Ralph. (2) Alice married (first) Rev. Alfred Croll, and they had three children, Kate, Ellie and Luther. She married (second) Henry Boyer, and their children are Florence and Paul. (3) Amelia married (first) James Trexler, and had one daughter, Florence. She married (second) Joseph Reno, and by that union has three children, Claud Trexler, Fred, and Harvey. (4) Jennie married Frank Lentz.

Susan Shindel and Cyrus Stoeber had children: (1) Margaret married John Kauffman and had children, William, Albert and Edwin. (2) Elizabeth. (3) William. Susan Shindel and Absalom Webber also had three children: (1) Edwin Hutter, lieutenant in the United States army; (2) Ida Hutter, who married Harvey A. Snyder, Esq., of Chicago; and (3) Annie.

Louisa Shindel and Henry Goshert had two children: (1) Elizabeth married Anthony S. Ely, Esq., and they had five children: Margaret married Dr. Edward B. Marshall, and they had children—Elizabeth Hutter, Joseph D., Anthony Ely, Edwin B., Jessie R., John Edward and Margaret E. Anna Grove married Emile W. Maass, Esq., and has one child, Emile Waldemar, Jr. Charlotte J. married William D. Fisher, Esq., and has four children, Carrie Derr, Elizabeth E., Mary C. and Charlotte J. Emma married Horace Fronefield, and they have seven children, Horace, Margaret, Emma, Elizabeth, Edwina, Katharine and Isadora. Mary married (first) William S. Robinson and (second) Dr. Edward Fisher; she has three children by her first husband, Anna Grove, William and Edward. (2) Matilda married John Shirk, and they had one child, Anthony E. The children of Louisa Shindel and Joseph Fenstermacher are: (1) Winfield Scott married Rebecca Hultzeiser, of Trenton, N. J., and they had children, Rebecca and May. (2) John P. S. married Emma Hilig, and they have children, Edwin, who married Anna Friday; Rebecca, who married Frederick Marx, Esq.; Margaret; Jay; Mabel; Sarah, Mrs. Rife; Elizabeth, who married George Hicker. (3) Ella married Hiram Hess, and they had one child, Dr. Edwin Hutter Hess, who married Rebecca Depew, and has one son, Jay Baker. (4) Annie mar-

ried Aaron Fry, and they have children, Edwin, Louise, Rebecca, Anna, Matilda, and Elizabeth.

The children of Catharine Shindel and Adam Ritscher are: (1) Harriet married Darius Seltzer, Esq., and they had two children, Mary (who married John Filbert, and had one child, Charlotte), and Annie. (2) Susan married Isaiah Wortz, and they had two children: John Adam, who married Minnie Michel, and has one child, Bessie; and Jacob A. S., who married (first) Susan Millard (by whom there was one child, Elizabeth Virginia) and (second) Charlotte P. Taylor. (3) Alice married Ben Smith, of Yorkshire, England, and they had six children, Albert, Harriet, George, Lee, Florence and Walter Gobin. (4) Albert married Josephine Spahr; they have children, William, Ethel, Winifred, Hutter and Robert.

HON. JOHN SHINDEL (John Peter II, John Peter I), Associate Judge of Lebanon county for a number of years, was married to Sarah Embich. They had children, two sons and five daughters, as follows: (1) Joseph married (first) Rebecca Dubbs and (second) Anna Trostle. (2) William married Caroline O'Bryan. (3) Susan married George Uhrich. (4) Sarah married (first) Joseph Orth, Esq., and (second) B. W. Hughes. (5) Caroline married Henry Shaak. (6) Maria married Josiah M. Gettle. (7) Catharine married George Krause.

The children of Joseph Shindel and Rebecca Dubbs are: (1) John married Mary Fox, and they had children—Lizzie, who married Mace Snyder; Joseph, who married Maggie Kelly; Harry, who married Mary Imhoff, and Eva. (2) Jacob married Isabel Nelson, and lives in Illinois. (3) Susan. (4) Leah married Samuel U. Reinoehl, and they have children—(a) Mary; and (b) Sallie, who married Luther G. Harpel, and has four children, Samuel R., Donald B., Catharine A. and Mary Isabella.

The children of William Shindel, Esq., and Caroline O'Bryan (daughter of David Potts O'Bryan and Mary Kauntz, of Lancaster county, and granddaughter of Bryan O'Bryan, of Bucks county, and Mary Anne Thomas, of Philadelphia) are three daughters: (1) Mary Ellen married Charles F. Patschke, and they had four children—Carrie Louise, married to Jay M. Shindel, Esq. (they have one daughter, Lilioukalani Elizabeth Leisenring Mary Millmore Shindel); Virginia E.; Charles S., who died in infancy; and F. W. Schindel Patschke. (2) Fredericka E. (3) Dora V.

The children of Susan Shindel and George Uhrich are: (1) John married Eliza Atkins, and their children are George, Margaret, John, William, Helen and Reba. (2) George married Rebecca Peters. (3) Rev. Philip married Sarah Sheetz, and they have one child. (4) William Edward mar-

ried Sarah Spangler, and their children are Jennie and Mark. (5) Jemima. (6) Samuel married Amanda Mock, and their children are Lillian, Frank M., Emma, William, George, Mable, Robert and Jacob S. (7) Kate married John Pearson, and they have one child, George U. (8) Emma married Dr. Philip B. Fernsler, and has one child, Dr. Frank U.

Sarah Shindel and Joseph Orth, Esq., had one child, (1) Emma V. Her children by B. W. Hughes are: (1) Bushrod, (2) Lincoln, (3) Frank, (4) Joseph, (5) Sarah, (6) Caroline (Mrs. Hartzler), (7) Emma (wife of Robert Enck), and (8) Annie (who married John Lesher), all residing in Naperville, Illinois.

The children of Caroline Shindel and Henry Shaak are: (1) John married Adaline Yingst. (2) Rebecca. (3) Sarah married John Bordelmay. (4) Kate married Frank Bachman, and has children, Katie, Dora, Frank and Gertrude.

The children of Maria Shindel and Josiah M. Gettle are: (1) Sallie married Rev. John Fisher, and has one child, Arthur G. Fisher. (2) Emma V.

The children of Catharine Shindel and George Krause are: (1) John Shindel married Anna Kleiser. (2) George D. married Jenny Kramer. (3) Edwin J. married Ida Beyerle. (4) Mary C. married Samuel Erb. (5) Frank E. married Susan Hauer. The children of J. Shindel Krause (National President of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and former president of the Lebanon City Board of School Controllars) and Anna Kleiser are S. Katharine, John K. and Margaret S. The children of George D. and Jenny Kramer are, Allen K., George D., Jr., Nellie K. and Maxwell. The children of Edwin J. and Ida Beyerle are, Walter and Alfred. The children of Mary C. and Samuel Erb are, George K. and Katharine S.

CONRAD SHINDEL (John Peter II, John Peter I) was married to Mary O'Bryan (sister of Caroline O'Bryan, who married William Shindel). They had three sons: (1) John Peter married Susan Stewart, and they had two children, Susan (married) and Stewart. (2) Fredrick. (3) William Henry.

SAMUEL SHINDEL (John Peter II, John Peter I) was married to Catherine Orth. They had children: (1) Dr. Joseph married Leah Smith, and they had three children—Mary (Mrs. Barthel), Merritt E. (married) and Franklin. (2) Peter married ——— Weirick. (3) Malinda. (4) Elizabeth married William Moore, and they had children, Charles, who married Adaline Buch, and Alice, who married Morris High, and had three children, Bessie, Elmira and Fred S.

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GEORGE SHINDEL (John Peter II, John Peter I) was a physician (served as surgeon in the U. S. V. during the Civil war) and married Sophia Weimer. They had one child, Peter Weimer, who married Emma Lewis and had three children, Annie (married), Mary and \_\_\_\_\_ (a son).

ELIZABETH SHINDEL (John Peter II, John Peter I) was married to Philip Lynch, Esq., of Philadelphia, and had children: (1) Rebecca married Capt. John Pierson Thompson. (2) Mary married Daniel Strohe, and they had six children, Amanda (Mrs. John Kahle), Mary (Mrs. James Lutz), Philip, John, Theodore and Daniel. (3) Sarah married John Cassell, and they had a daughter, Hester, who married James Gardner. (4) Philip married Ada Mundell. (5) Cyrus. (6) Peter. (7) Catharine married William Jackson, Esq., and they had one son, Thomas W., Esq., who married Etta Reynolds.

SUSAN SHINDEL (John Peter II, John Peter I) was married to John Johnson, of Blair county.

LEAH SHINDEL (John Peter II, John Peter I) was married to Dr. Joseph Robins, and they had children: (1) Galen S. married Sabina Fry, and they had one daughter, Leah, who married Samuel Haass; their children are Edward B. and Natila. (2) Dr. Edwin S. married Matilda Gulick, and their children are Frank, married to \_\_\_\_\_ Rice; Elizabeth, married to \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas; Ella, married to William Brice; and Josephine. (3) Harvey S. married Elizabeth Hifley, and their children are Dr. Joseph E., married to Anna Knupp; Margaret, wife of Harry B. Young; and Charles, who married Cynthia \_\_\_\_\_. (4) Anna Maria married Samuel Bergstresser. (5) Lorenzo married Martha Kase, and they had children, Bessie, Marr and Lorenzo. (6) Rebecca married Dr. Silas C. Swallow.

MARY SHINDEL (John Peter II, John Peter I) was married to Henry Wingart, of Perry county. They had three children, all of whom married: (1) Jeremiah; (2) Mary, wife of Dr. George Brickley, of York; and (3) Dr. John.

MARGARET SHINDEL (John Peter II, John Peter I) was married to John Marlin, of Schuylkill county, and they had children: (1) Peter married Maria Reed. (2) John married Mary Brown, of Newark, N. J. (3) Maria married B. W. Hughes. (4) Keesey married \_\_\_\_\_ Wood. (5) Susan married William James, of Kent, England. (6) Eliza married William Saylor. (7) Virginia married Harry Wind. The children of Maria Marlin and B. W. Hughes are William, Morgan, John, George, Elizabeth (Mrs. Frost) and Frank. Of these, Elizabeth, Mrs. John R. Frost, has four children: Herbert, who married Ada Butterfield; Frank, who married Mary Clark; Cora; and

Nettie. Morgan Hughes married Lavinia \_\_\_\_\_, and they have three children: Albert (married), Stella (wife of Edward Adams) and Lavinia. The children of Eliza Marlin and William Saylor are—John (who married Minnie Rakestraw), Ada (who married Deischer Stetler), Annie (wife of Dr. B. Kunkle), Alice (who married Edward Smith), William and Marlin. The children of Susan Marlin and William James are Virginia (married to Hon. C. N. Brumm, former member of Congress from Schuylkill county), Joan (married to Joseph Wolf), William (married to Mary McDonald), Harry and Nevada. The children of Virginia Marlin and Harry Wind are Alice, who married Harry Cooley, and Lilly, who married James Hauck. The children of Keesey Marlin and \_\_\_\_\_ Wood are Alice and Edwin. The children of Virginia James and Hon. C. N. Brumm are Howell, Claude, Frank, Seth, Susan and Joan.

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Susanna Shindel (John Peter 1) was married to Jacob Arndt. They had children: (1) Jacob died in infancy. (2) Maria married John P. Gutelius. (3) Margaret married Henry DeHuff. (4) Susan married George Gleim. (5) Catharine married Dr. John P. Gloninger. The children of Maria Arndt and John P. Gutelius are: (1) Susan married Theodore P. Frantz and their children are (a) Daniel A. married Grace E. Strassner, and their children are Edith C., Frederick S. and Susan G. (b) William T. married Emma Seidel. (c) Charles G. married Mary M. Wenrich, and their children are William A. and Mary G. (d) J. Arndt married Margaret Ramsey, and they have one son, Theodore R. (e) Gertrude. (f) Edward G. married Erma R. Light. (2) Margaret married Dr. James McCleery, and their children are (a) Maria, married to William Lyon; (b) Susan C., married to Jeremiah North; (c) John G., who married Mehala Huber; (d) Mary, married to Henry Stine; (e) Cora, wife of \_\_\_\_\_ Van Gorder; (f) Augusta, married to Howard Bennet. The children of Margaret Arndt and Henry DeHuff are: (1) Catherine married John Meily. (2) Anna married Richard Meily, and their children are: George and Margaret (who married Edwin G. Rust, and has two children, Margaret and Anna). (3) Gilbert married Emma Greenwalt, and their children are: Charles G., Henry, Gilbert L., E. Katharine, Alfred S., Anna M., and Philip G. (4) Jacob A. (5) Susan A. (6) John. The children of Susan Arndt and George Gleim are: (1) Maria married Rev. Frank Pitcher, and they had one child, Louise E., married to Frank Lawslie. (2) Emma married Dr. R. L. Walker, and they had two sons, William and Robert. (3) Eliza. (4) Dr. George mar-

ried Adele Loeser, and they have children—Russel, Adele, Margaret and George.

Margaret Shindel (John Peter I) was married to Frederick Embich, commissioned sheriff of Lebanon county October 19, 1819, and appointed Justice of the Peace by Gov. Schultze, his personal friend. They had children: (1) Anna Maria, (2) Abraham, (3) Hannah, and (4) Elizabeth, all married. (5) Major Frederick married Lucetta Doebler, and they had six children—Amelia married Frank Ebur. Lucretia married Nicholas Gilman (children: Jefferson, Bernard, Amelia and Mifflin). W. H. Harrison married Rebecca Wagner, and they had three children, Elizabeth (married), Lucetta (wife of Levi Smith, and mother of Sarah, Warren, Frederick, Edmond, John and Elizabeth), and Margaret S. (wife of Millard Reinhard, who has children—Charles, Charlotte Y., John, Hilda and Margaret S.). Col. Frederick married Emma Beck, and had three children, Frederick (married to Grace Adler), Margaret and John. Emma married Solomon Meyer, and they had two children—Lucetta, who married William Coleman, and Emily, who married Russel King Miller. Rosanna married Joseph Gleim, and they had ten children—Mary married Rev. Mr. Strassner; Charles married Mary Nissley; Joseph; Frederick married Clara Sailor; Elizabeth married Charles Gilbert; Frank; Perry married Amelia Altenberg; Rose married Dr. E. H. Loeffler; George married Mary Cooper; Amelia married G. B. M. Derr.

Elizabeth Shindel (John Peter I) was married to Samuel Ensminger, surveyor and Justice of the Peace, and they had children—(1) Henrietta married ——— Swarr, and had one child, Hiram Swarr, Esq. (2) John married and had two children: Elmira, Mrs. Gibble, and Maria, Mrs. Thuma.

Mary Shindel (John Peter I) was married to Samuel Ensminger, and they had children, all of whom married: (1) Anna Maria, Mrs. Reinhart; Elizabeth, Mrs. Hatze; Sophia, Mrs. Brubaker; Samuel; Emanuel; Henry; and Frederick.

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The following is an interesting article which appeared in the *Evening Report* of July 24, 1901, under the heading "A Military Lineage, the Shindel Family in the Country's Martial Records."

The Third is the only Brigade in the National Guard of Pennsylvania that has five officers who are all descendants of the same ancestor, John Peter Shindel, who served in the Revolutionary war, and from whom they have all inherited their military spirit. The five officers are: Gen. J. P. S. Gobin, Commander of the Brigade, Captain Frank D. Beary, Adjutant on Col. O'Neill's staff, Fourth Regiment, Capt. Marshall L. Case, Commander

of Company H, Fourth Regiment, First Lieut. J. M. Shindel, of Company H, Fourth Regiment, Lieut. C. Fry Shindel, of Company B, Eighth Regiment.

Another remarkable feature of the family is that in the United States at present there are five gentlemen known as Lieut. Shindle, two being in the United States Army, and three in the National Guard. Those in the regular army are Lieut. J. Bayard Shindel, Sixth Infantry, and Lieut. Louis P. Shindel, First Infantry, both at present in the Philippines. They are sons of the late Capt. Jeremiah P. Shindel, who died several years ago, while stationed with his regiment, the Sixth United States Infantry, at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. Their mother, a niece of the late Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, Ambassador to England, is a native of Wilmington, Del. In the National Guard there are the above-mentioned Lieut. J. M. Shindel, Lieut. C. Fry Shindel, and Lieut. Fred Shindel, Third Regiment, National Guard of Maryland.

Lieut. Franklin Shindel Leisenring, Eleventh United States Infantry, at present in the Philippines, and Lieut. Edwin Hutter Webber, Twentieth Infantry, United States Army, the latter now on the retired list, are also descendants. One of the representatives of the family in the Navy is Col. James W. Forney, U. S. M. C., stationed at the Navy Yard, at Philadelphia. Another was the late Lieutenant James E. Shindel, who died about three years ago, from injuries received while on duty on the battleship "Oregon." During the Civil war the family was represented by fully a dozen members, several participated in the war of 1812 and the Mexican war, and as many served in the war with Spain.

COL. JACOB A. SHINDEL, the son of Col. Jacob Shindel, a soldier of the War of 1812, and a grandson of John Peter Shindel, who served in the War of the Revolution, and a direct descendant of Baron von Schindel, of Germany, was born in Lebanon on April 15, 1829. He was educated in the schools of his native town, attending Franklin and Marshall College one term. His mother was Elizabeth Leisenring, daughter of Andreas Leisenring and Elizabeth Miller, of Northumberland county, the said Elizabeth Miller being the daughter of Hon. Valentine Miller.

Shortly after attaining his majority Jacob A. Shindel entered the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, under Gov. Bigler, who commissioned him a Lieutenant Colonel on his staff. After leaving Harrisburg he went to Washington, having been appointed to a lucrative position under Judge Campbell, then Postmaster General; thence he went to Philadelphia, where he was an official in the custom house. Later he returned to Washington, where he was secretary to Col. John W. Forney, a relative of his, then clerk of the House of Representatives, and owner and editor of the *Philadelphia Press* for many years. While in Washington during the Civil War he labored faithfully in ministering to the wants of the Union soldiers. In recognition of these services he was commissioned a Quartermaster, with the rank of Captain, in the United States Army, by President Lincoln, and served as such most honorably till the close of the war. In the copy of an old war newspaper—



called *The Pennsylvania Fifth*, and published occasionally by the Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment—dated June 10, 1861, Camp McDowell, Alexandria, appears the following:

"COL. JACOB A. SHINDEL.

"We can not speak in too high terms of Col. Jacob A. Shindel of Pennsylvania, now a clerk in the House of Representatives, for the many acts of kindness manifested to the soldiers of our regiment. He is a most worthy and exemplary citizen, is never weary in well-doing, and our soldiers can never forget his devoted and unceasing attention to their wants. In their hearts he occupies a large space, and they long for an opportunity of giving him a substantial manifestation of their gratitude. He is one of Nature's noblemen and may God bless him."

In 1867, in a civil capacity, he entered the United States Treasury Department at Washington, where he remained for twenty years, resigning in 1889 because of ill health. Having returned to his native town in 1893, he was elected City Controller as a Republican (though the other municipal offices were carried by the opposite party), and held that office at the time of his death.

Col. Shindel was a most public-spirited and highly respected citizen of Lebanon. He was an enthusiastic supporter of every measure relating to the advancement of the public schools, the spread of practical Christianity and the general cultivation of love and charity amongst all men. Until the breaking out of the Rebellion he was a strong Democrat, but then became a Republican like many others. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, a prominent Odd Fellow, much interested in Lebanon's fire department, a devoted philatelist and a member of the American Philatelic Society of Philadelphia, and became a member of the Pennsylvania-German Society at its organization.

In 1851 he married Miss Priscilla Burgelbach, of Lancaster county, who survives him, together with their only child, Jay M. Shindel, of the Lebanon and Philadelphia Bars, and who filled the unexpired term of his father as City Controller.

The Colonel's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth E. Hutter, of Philadelphia, prominent throughout the State for her numerous charities, survived him only four months. The devotion of this brother and sister to each other was frequently noted and commented upon. The Colonel died at 3:00 A. M. on Saturday, February 16, 1895, of pneumonia and heart failure, after an illness of two weeks.

**LIEUT. JAY MARTIN SHINDEL** was born in Lebanon, April 6, 1867. His ancestors on the paternal side were identified with the earliest history of

Pennsylvania and traced their ancestry to Baron von Schindel, of Germany—of an ancient noble family founded in 1280.

His father was Col. Jacob A. Shindel, and his mother, living at this writing, was Miss Priscilla A. Burgelbach, a daughter of Martin Burgelbach, a soldier of the war of 1812, and a member of the well known Lancaster and Lebanon county family connected by ties of consanguinity with the Kulp and DeKalb families.

The subject of this sketch, after the usual preliminary course in the public schools, completed his academic education at the Riggs Academy, the Washington (D. C.) High School and the Spencerian Business College of Washington, at which place his boyhood was spent, his father residing in that city while in the Government service. In 1882, desiring to gain a knowledge of practical business methods, he accepted a clerical position in the freight department of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co., under Harvey A. Snyder, Esq., general western freight agent, with offices in Philadelphia, which he filled for a year, and then entered the general offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., in whose employ he remained two years. Subsequently he became a student at law in the Philadelphia office of Hon. Benjamin Harris Brewster, a member of President Arthur's cabinet as Attorney General of the United States during the Arthur administration. After being graduated from the law department of the University of Pennsylvania the young man, who had attained his majority, began the practice of the law, in which he has since been engaged, being now an active member of the Bar, both in Lebanon and Philadelphia, where he maintains offices in the Land Title & Trust building, Broad and Chestnut streets, with Edward J. Coll, Robert J. Wright and Henry Birck, Esquires. During the World's Fair in 1893 he was appointed by the Austrian Imperial Commissioners representing the Emperor Francis Joseph to a special mission which necessitated his traveling over the greater part of the United States. For more than a year he practiced in New York City in connection with Peck & Field, the well-known corporation law firm.

Lieut. Shindel's first public office was that of City Controller of Lebanon, to which he was elected in 1895 to fill out the unexpired term of his father, who died in that year. In this position he was succeeded by Capt. Marshall L. Case. In 1895 he was nominated and elected District Attorney of Lebanon county on the Republican ticket, and served the full term of office, except when he was with his regiment in Porto Rico for a part of 1898, during which period Col. A. Frank Seltzer was Deputy District Attorney.

The military record of Lieut. Shindel dates from the time he was a member of the Washington High School Cadets, a crack organization of its



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kind, under the training of Major Bates, U. S. A. Mr. Shindel was one of the organizers of Company H, Fourth Regiment of Infantry, National Guard of Pennsylvania, in which he was commissioned as First Lieutenant, which commission he holds at present. He saw service in the coal strike riots at Hazleton in 1897; Shenandoah and Tamaqua Riots in 1900; and in the great coal strike of 1902 was on active duty at Mt. Carmel, Shamokin, Plymouth, Wilkesbarre, and other points in the coal regions. During the war with Spain he served as an officer with the rank of first lieutenant of Company H, Fourth Pennsylvania Infantry, United States Volunteers. He participated in the Porto Rican expedition in the Spanish-American War and was with his company and regiment attached to the Second Brigade, First Division, of the First Army Corps, when the latter, protected by the fire of the guns of the cruisers "St. Louis," "Gloucester" and "Cincinnati," directed against an opposing Spanish force, landed at Arroyo. He was also in line of battle at Guayama, when what promised to be a bloody conflict was averted by the news cabled from Washington that hostilities had ceased. His military predilections are in the natural order of things. His great-grandfather, Peter Shindel, was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, while his grandfather, Jacob Shindel, served with distinction in the War of 1812 and later was commissioned a Colonel of Militia. His father, Jacob A. Shindel, was a member of Gov. Bigler's staff with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and during the Civil War received a Captain's appointment and commission in the army directly from the hands of President Lincoln. After the war the father, Col. Shindel, became an official of the Treasury Department at Washington, and was in the Government service for many years. It was after this long term of office that Col. Shindel returned to Lebanon where he spent his remaining years and was honored by having received one of the largest majorities ever accorded a candidate when elected City Controller. He was a man generally beloved for his fine character qualities and the poor had in him a generous friend. It was his custom each New Year's Day to distribute a thousand loaves of bread among the needy, and the son still maintains the custom out of respect to the father's memory.

It can be truthfully said of the subject of this sketch that he is a polished, courteous gentleman, of pleasing address and charming personality. In political life his career has been remarkable in that he has commanded the respect, friendship and support of his party colleagues, regardless of faction, and his popularity among workingmen is a strong reminder of the similar strength of his father. He is a believer in fair play and deprecates harsh

judgment of motives or individuals, preferring to find what is good in men and institutions rather than look for evil. In his military career Lieut. Shindel, as was evidenced upon his return from the Spanish-American War, has evinced the rare faculty of winning at once the esteem of his fellow officers and the good-will of his men. As an officer in dealing with the enlisted man or soldier he has the reputation of being firm yet kind. Socially his standing is such as arises from blood connection with the best and oldest families of the State, some of whose members now and in other times held and hold public positions of trust and honor in State and Nation.

While a student at law, Lieut. Shindel made his home with his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth E. Hutter, in Philadelphia, now deceased, and noted for her works of charity. She was the widow of Rev. Dr. E. W. Hutter, assistant Secretary of State when President Buchanan held that portfolio. Mrs. Hutter, it will be recalled by many, was the President of the Board of Managers of the Northern Home for Friendless Children and Associated Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Institute, filling that chair for forty-five years, and having enjoyed the distinction of being the first and only President of that institution at the time of her death. Her palatial residence was a social center and witnessed the frequent assemblage of leaders of intellect, culture, wealth and society, whose names were and are familiar in all parts of the country. Such a social atmosphere was of inestimable value to the young law student.

Lieut. Shindel is a member of the Steitz Club, named after George Steitz, the founder of Lebanon; the Lebanon Club; and the Century Wheelmen, also of Lebanon. In Philadelphia he holds membership in the University Club; the United Service Club, eligible to officers of the army and navy; the E. Spencer Miller Law Club, and the Philadelphia Law Academy. In New York he is a member of the Army and Navy Club. He is also a member of a number of societies, including the Patriotic Order Sons of America, Camp No. 254, to which the Marching Battalion of which he is the Major and commanding officer is attached; the Elks; the Eagles, of which local aerie, No. 472, he was the first Worthy President; Moehegan Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Lebanon County Historical Society; the Pennsylvania German Society; and the Gibson Chapter of the Phi Delta Phi Fraternity at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a companion of the Order of Foreign Wars; the Military and Naval Order of the Spanish-American War; a member of the Society of the War of 1812, as well as the Society of the Porto Rican Expedition; and also of the Spanish-American War Veterans, of which local post he is the captain, and has served as aide-camp with the rank of Colonel on the staffs of Gens. William J. Hulings

and James B. Coryell, when each in turn was commander-in-chief of the national organization and is now an officer on the staff of the Department of Pennsylvania.

Although possessed of exclusive social affiliations, he is altogether democratic in manners, ideas and friendships, and his popular hold is shown by the fact that he was formerly president of the Fifth Ward Republican Club and also of the City League of Republican Clubs of Lebanon, and the Sixth Ward Republican Club of Philadelphia. He served two terms as Secretary of the Republican County Committee and was County Chairman during McKinley's second Presidential campaign, in 1900.

In 1897 Lieut. Shindel was married to Miss Carrie Louise Patschke, oldest daughter of Charles F. Patschke and Mary Ellen O'Bryan Shindel. Their union is blessed with one daughter, Lilioukalani Elizabeth Leisenring Mary Millmore Shindel.

MRS. ELIZABETH E. HUTTER, president of the board of managers of the "Northern Home for Friendless Children," Philadelphia, for a period of nearly forty-five years, was born in Lebanon, Pa., November 18, 1822. She was a daughter of Col. Jacob Shindel, a veteran of the war of 1812, and Elizabeth Leisenring, of Sunbury, Pa., a granddaughter of John Peter Shindel, who for some years represented his district in the Pennsylvania Legislature, and a direct descendant of Baron Von Schindel, of Germany. She was married to Rev. Dr. Edwin Wilson Hutter, of Allentown, April 26, 1838. They had two children, both sons, Christian Jacob, who died in infancy, as did also James Buchanan, whose godfather was President James Buchanan.

During the first few years of her married life Mrs. Hutter lived with her husband in Allentown, where he was editor and proprietor of the *Independent Republikaner*, and *Lehigh Herald*, and also held the office of prothonotary of Lehigh county. Leaving Allentown, they went to live in Harrisburg, where Dr. Hutter was State Printer for two terms and during Gov. Porter's administration was appointed Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth. They also lived in Lancaster when Dr. Hutter was editor of the *Lancaster Intelligencer and Journal*. In 1845 Hon. James Buchanan, then Secretary of State in President Polk's cabinet, called Dr. Hutter into his service to act in the capacity of Assistant Secretary of State, thus necessitating a residence in Washington. Mrs. Hutter's culture and personal attractions made her a star in the society of the capital, and a general favorite with the diplomatic corps. Her home was a center where men and women prominent in the affairs of the nation mingled, amongst whom were Webster, Calhoun, Clay, Jefferson

Davis, Generals Winfield Scott and Zachary Taylor, Chief Justice Taney, Harriet Lane Johnson, Susan B. Anthony and Harriet Beecher Stowe.

On the death of their two children Dr. Hutter felt impelled to devote the remainder of his life to the preaching of the gospel. As an inducement to keep him in political life, President Polk offered him the post of Minister to Italy, which he declined, and shortly afterward he became the editor of the *Lutheran Observer*, a church paper. When her husband decided to study for the ministry Mrs. Hutter, without relinquishing social functions, removed with her husband from Washington to Philadelphia, which was her home until her death. In 1850 Dr. Hutter was unanimously elected pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at Broad and Mt. Vernon streets, and three years later Mrs. Hutter became interested in a philanthropic project which resulted in the establishment of the Northern Home for Friendless Children. She was chosen the first president of the board of managers, a position which she held for the remainder of her life. She was also the president and one of the founders of the Newsboy's Aid Association, which was established in 1879.

During the Civil war both Dr. and Mrs. Hutter were enthusiastic adherents to the government of the United States and the flag which was so dear to their hearts. They did much to relieve the sick and wounded soldiers, laboring upon the battlefield of Gettysburg, where with characteristic kindness they ministered alike to the men of the Union and Rebel armies. At the first battle of Bull Run President Lincoln telegraphed for Dr. Hutter, and he and his wife were the first civilians to pass through the Union lines. They enjoyed the confidence and respect of the President, who on several occasions summoned them to the White House for consultation. One of Mrs. Hutter's most highly prized mementoes of war-times is a visiting card bearing the President's own hand writing, addressed to Secretary of War Stanton, which reads: "I really wish Mrs. Hutter to be obliged in this case—She is one of the very best friends of the soldiers—Hon. Sec. of War, please see her. Nov. 4, 1864. A. LINCOLN." Frequently they visited the soldiers in hospitals at Washington, throughout the Shenandoah Valley and at City Point, distributing money, food and clothing, and doing much by their presence to soothe and cheer the sufferers. When the memorable "Sanitary Fair" was held, in 1864, Mrs. Hutter was placed at the head of the labor, income and revenue department, in which capacity she raised \$247,500 to be applied to the comfort of the defenders of the Union in the field and hospital. It was a common thing that those approaching death would ask, "What will become of our children?" Mrs. Hutter asked herself the question, and it was not long before the answer was seen in the formation of the "Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Insti-

tute," in connection with the Northern Home. In 1867 she was appointed inspector and examiner of the State Department of Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Schools, and up to the time of her resignation, in 1883, enjoyed the distinction of being the only woman in the history of Pennsylvania to whom a Governor's commission had been granted.

Mrs. Hutter was also prominent in other work. When the Confederate general, Jubal Early, burned Chambersburg, in 1863, and the refugees made their way to Philadelphia, she secured the rooms of the Board of Trade, and, gathering provisions, fed the homeless and starving. After the great fire in Chicago, and the flood at Johnstown, she was most active in collecting and forwarding aid. She was at the head of the executive committee that had charge of the State Educational Department of Pennsylvania during the Centennial Exhibition in 1876, and was presented with a beautiful gold medal, as a token of her services. As president of the Northern Home she received from the Centennial Commissioners a diploma and also a medal in honor of the Home, which was thus certified to be the first in the State in respect to its department, industrial and educational features. The Kindergarten department of the home was very highly commended.

On May 14, 1878, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Northern Home for Friendless Children and of Mrs. Hutter's presidency was celebrated at the Academy of Music, and on this occasion she was presented by the citizens of Philadelphia with an elegant and massive silver service, in recognition of her labors in the cause of humanity. It was her custom to pay an annual visit to Lebanon, the place of her birth, the last one being on the occasion of the death of her only brother, Col. Jacob A. Shindel, to whom she was devotedly attached, surviving him but four months, her death occurring on the 18th day of June, 1895. She is buried in Laurel Hill cemetery, Philadelphia.

Her children having died in infancy, Mrs. Hutter took to live with her four nieces and nephews: Lieut. Edwin Hutter Webber, United States Army; Ida Hutter Webber, married to Harvey A. Snyder, Esq., of Chicago; Lieut. J. M. Shindel, of Lebanon, Pa.; and Anna Grove Ely, married to Emile W. Maass, of Vienna, Austria, son of Hon. Otto Maass, United States Vice-Consul General at that place.

WILLIAM H. BAESHORE. Among the thousands who offered themselves as defenders of the Union, when, in the spring of 1861, the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion made it necessary to call for volunteers, was a boy of sixteen, who had been reared in comfort on a Pennsylvania farm. With no thought of bounty or reward, he exchanged his home life



for the dangers and hardships of a soldier's career, and gave three years, one month and one day of faithful service under the Stars and Stripes, participating in all the battles and skirmishes his regiment was engaged in until May 18, 1864, when at Spottsylvania Courthouse, Va., he lost his left arm. This boy soldier whose history reads like a romance, was William H. Baeshore, who was born in Union township, Lebanon Co., Pa., March 4, 1845, a son of Thomas and Leah (Shuck) Baeshore.

Thomas Baeshore was born in Union township, on his father's farm, which he afterward owned, and which is now in the possession of a Mr. Alspach and his son, William H. On this farm he grew to manhood, became manager of it, and in time purchased the interests of the other heirs, and there died. His opportunities for acquiring an education were confined to the district school near his home, and mingling with men in his capacity of a well-to-do farmer. Until his marriage to Miss Magdalena Copenhauer, his mother, who is still living, was his housekeeper. His first wife bore him four children: Peter C., who married Sarah Lash; Thomas, who married Miss Wedge, of Baltimore, and is now deceased; Catherine, who married Daniel U. Jerberich (both deceased); and Lovena, who married Levi Felty, and both are deceased. For his second wife Mr. Baeshore married Miss Leah Shuck, who was born in Union township, a daughter of Henry Shuck. To them were born children as follows: Mary, who married Joseph Shuey, and has had three children, Lizzie (deceased), Alice and Sally; Levi, who married Mary Walmer, and has no children; William H.; Sarah, who married John Fox; David, who married Emma Parter and had three children; Nathaniel, who married Maria Rhodes, and their children are, Allen, Harvey, Lizzie, Sally and Emma.

William H. Baeshore, soldier, teacher, politician and farmer, lived upon the home farm until he enlisted, and attended the district school. After returning home, being then still a boy, he went to Lebanon, Warren Co., Ohio, and for three years attended the Ohio Southwestern Normal School, leaving it one year before ready for graduation. After this he taught school two years in Warren county, Ohio, and then returned to his old home in Pennsylvania. On October 9, 1869, he was married to Lydia E. Miller, daughter of John and Hannah (Eversole) Miller, and she died April 26, 1896, leaving Mr. Baeshore alone, as no children were born to them. She is laid to rest in the beautiful Jonestown cemetery. Mr. Baeshore has always been a Republican, as was his father, who was also a Whig in his earlier days. In the fall of 1872 Mr. Baeshore was elected clerk of the Orphans' Court of Lebanon county, and took possession of the office January 1, 1873, and dis-

charged its duties with faithfulness and honor. after which he retired to his farm and there remained twenty years. He then removed to the home on which he now resides, although he still retains the old farm, which has been in his family for so many years.

On September 13, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years, and in December, 1863, he, with the majority of his regiment, enlisted for three years more. He participated in the following battles: Williamsburg, Va.; Fair Oaks; Battle Orchards; Gaines Mills; Gaines Hill; Savage Station; Charles City Cross Roads; White Oak Swamp; Malvern Hill, and the skirmishes in McClellan's Peninsular campaign in the summer of 1862. Next he took part under Gen. Pope, and was in the engagements of Chancellorsville and Second Bull Run. He was then assigned to the command of Gen. Burnside, at Fredericksburg; he was with McClellan at Antietam, and with Meade at Gettysburg. With his regiment he started out with Grant in the Wilderness campaign, and took part in the marches and skirmishes of the army up to and including the battle of the Wilderness and Spottsylvania Courthouse, where he lost his left arm as before stated. After being wounded, he was sent to a hospital at Baltimore, thence to Indianapolis, Ind., and later to Pittsburg, where he was honorably discharged, and returned to his home to resume the life of a private citizen.

JOHN A. WESTENBERGER. The car of Progress has attained such speed that farming has become almost a lost art in some sections of the densely populated East. In Mr. Westenberger, however, we have one of the men who have made farming in this latter day a paying business, and he is one of the most worthy representative citizens of that class in Lebanon county. He is a man of parts in his neighborhood, being a member of the school board, and found at the head of all movements that look to the betterment of society.

Mr. Westenberger was born on the farm now owned by A. E. Ebersole, about one mile south from Annville, in South Annville township, November 14, 1863. Henry Westenberger, his grandfather, was born on a farm near Schaefferstown, Lebanon county. Marshall Westenberger, father of John A., was born in South Annville in 1826, and died in the year 1883. In 1869 he bought the Jacob Biely farm, in North Annville township, one and a half miles from Belle Grove, where he continued to reside until his death. He married Priscilla Biely, who was born on the old Biely farm, now owned by her son, in 1836, and died in February, 1898, aged sixty-two years. She was

the daughter of Jacob Biely, who was born March 1, 1809, and died September 7, 1869. He married Polly Nye, who was born March 29, 1813, and is still in life and in fair health. Jacob Biely was one of the early settlers of North Annville, and one of the leading farmers there for a long period. To the marriage of Marshall Westenberger were born four children,—Elizabeth, John A., Alice and Michael. In an epidemic of diphtheria in 1871, three of these children died within a week, leaving our subject the only surviving child, and he barely escaped with his life.

John A. Westenberger passed his boyhood in the duties and pleasures of farm life in that early day, and was given a fair education in the district schools. He remained with his father and mother as long as they lived, and began housekeeping for himself in 1884, at the old farm, where he remained until the spring of 1902. At that time he purchased the old homestead of his grandfather Biely, where he has since resided. He still owns his father's farm of sixty acres, the Biely farm containing 113 acres. These farms are both in a high state of cultivation, with commodious and up-to-date buildings for the care of stock and the conduct of successful farm business. Mr. Westenberger was married in the fall of 1883 to Kate Hostetter, who was born November 4, 1861, in South Annville township, daughter of Henry and Nancy (Naftzinger) Hostetter, both of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Westenberger have four children: Harry, Stella, Harvey and Carrie.

Mr. Westenberger is a man of influence in his community, highly respected for his many good traits of citizenship. He has served his town in different public offices of trust, and is at present a school director of North Annville township, having served since 1897. In church affiliation he is a leading and active member of the Lutheran Church of Belle Grove, the family having always been connected with that church organization. He takes an active and helpful interest in anything that pertains to the welfare of young people, not only giving much time to providing good literary schools in the district, but for fourteen years serving as the efficient superintendent of the Sunday School of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Westenberger and his family have a large circle of friends who hold them in the greatest esteem.

HOWARD C. SHIRK, one of the most prominent members of the Bar of Lebanon county, was born in the city of Lebanon, December 26, 1857, son of the late Samuel U. Shirk, a native of Swatara township, Lebanon county. The grandfather was Abraham F. Shirk, and the great-grandfather was Samuel Shirk, the last two also being natives of Lebanon county. The family came to Lebanon county, from Lancaster county. It originated in the

Palatinate, in Germany, but came into Pennsylvania from Schoharie county, New York State. The mother of Howard C. Shirk was Malinda Cassiday, a daughter of Phares Cassiday, one of the leading contractors of his time in this portion of Pennsylvania, he holding contracts for the building of the Cornwall railroad, in the widening of the old Union Canal, etc. His wife was a member of the old and prominent Raguee family of Amville, Lebanon county. Samuel U. Shirk was for many years a leading merchant in Lebanon county, and died in 1870.

Howard C. Shirk was reared in Lebanon, attending the city public schools, from which he was graduated in 1873, and then continued his studies for one year under a private tutor. After this, he read law with the late Amos R. Boughter, and was admitted to the Bar, January 6, 1879, and since then has been continuously in active practice, and long since attained high rank among the leaders at the Bar. He has never held public office, declining all proffered nominations, but has taken an active interest in all public affairs, and especially so in all judicial elections. The following corporations have secured his services as attorney: The Robesonia Iron Company; The Cornwall Iron Company; The Cornwall Railroad Company; The Pennsylvania Steel Company; and The Lebanon Rolling Mills. The above corporations are the leading ones in this section of Pennsylvania, and some of them the largest in the State. He is also attorney for the Freeman Family of Cornwall; The Myerstown National Bank; the Lebanon National Bank, he having become a director of the latter on July 10, 1894, and its vice-president December 11, 1895.

ADAM C. KLOPP, of the firm of A. C. Klopp & Sons, dealers in grain, lumber and coal, is one of the leading business men of Sheridan. Though his father paved the way to his business career, he has proven himself by no means inferior as a skillful manager, and the present flourishing condition of the business is in a large measure due to his skillful financiering and his energy in pushing affairs. He has only recently taken a leading place in the firm, but has in that short time evinced marked executive ability in directing affairs. As he is now only fifty years old, with a large force of practical experience for a guide, the outlook for his business and his fortune is certainly most encouraging.

Mr. Klopp comes of an old and prominent Pennsylvania family. His great-grandfather Klopp probably came to this country from Germany, and John Adam Klopp, his grandfather, was one of the prominent agriculturists of Marion township, Berks county, where he cleared up a fine farm for him-

self, and carried on a successful industry for many years. He was energetic, thrifty, and capable, and aided materially in developing the resources of the county. He reared a family of strong, sturdy children, having nine in all; Eliza, Benjamin, Benneville, Samuel, Jonathan, A. C., Eli, Sara and John.

A. C. Klopp, father of Adam C., inherited his father's large capacity for work, and much shrewd business ability. He was born in 1819, and passed many years of his life in Berks county. In a home where each had his task to perform, and a proper time for doing it, he was trained to habits of order, self-reliance and industry. By making the best of his chances in life, he early gained some practical business knowledge, and after reaching manhood opened lumber, grain and coal dealing establishments in Stouchsburg and Sheridan. Wise management, good stock and promptness in filling orders won him a good trade from the start. From year to year he enlarged his business to meet the growing needs of the places, and, being reliable, he became known far and near, and continued to prosper. Some years ago he found it necessary to take in his sons as members of the firm, and they together conducted the business under the firm name of A. C. Klopp & Sons during the rest of his life. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-two, dying in 1901.

During his young manhood Mr. Klopp married Sara Loose, and they had five children, three of whom grew to maturity: Jerome, now a resident of Sheridan; Adam C., who is mentioned below; and Rebecca, who married Ezra P. Fisher, and resides in Philadelphia.

Mr. Klopp was a man who achieved success by directing his efforts in one main line of business. Though as a staunch Republican he was influential in local politics, he was wholly disinclined to office holding. In religious and social affairs he occupied a leading place and served at different times as elder and deacon of Trinity Reformed Church of Tulpehocken. Fraternally he affiliated with the I. O. O. F., of Womelsdorf; the G. F., at Stouchsburg; and the K. of P., at Myerstown.

Adam C. Klopp was reared in an atmosphere of business. Born in Lebanon county, April 6, 1853, he grew to manhood in the vicinity of Stouchsburg. In the public schools of his neighborhood he displayed studious habits, and a taste for intellectual pursuits, and at an early age entered the Palatinate School at Myerstown, where he cultivated the higher branches. The growing demands of his father's business decided him upon leaving school to become a member of the firm. His well trained intellect enabled him readily to master the details of the business, and he soon became an expert at detecting the different grades of lumber, coal and grain, and

his keen study of the market and remarkable foresight soon rendered his services invaluable to the firm. Time proved he had made a wise choice of a calling, and he has since given the strength of his manhood to his business. Since the death of his father his responsibilities have been greatly increased, but the business has by no means suffered, and is now exceedingly flourishing.

Mr. Klopp has one of the handsomest residences in the township, the old Kauffman mansion in Sheridan. On December 10, 1874, he married Susan Valentine, of Womelsdorf, Berks county, and they have had four children, three of whom are living: Hattie M., a graduate of the Boston Conservatory; Roy V., now a resident of Sheridan; and A. Valentine.

Mr. Klopp is essentially a business man by nature. He is wise, discerning, energetic and skillful in managing men and directing affairs. His achievements and integrity of character have won him the unbounded respect of the community. Trinity Reformed Church numbers him among its most active and substantial members. As a strong Republican he is also influential in local politics, but not, however, an office-seeker. Fraternally he stands high, and belongs to the G. F. and the P. O. S. of A., at Stouchsburg; and the K. of P. at Newmanstown. He is honest and square in his dealings, and a man of abstemious habits. Few, if any, men in Sheridan occupy a higher social position.

A. S. Valentine, father of Mrs. Klopp, comes of an old and influential family of Womelsdorf, where he was for years a prominent cigar manufacturer, and a leading citizen. He married Henrietta Parsons, and they had five children: George, now a cigar manufacturer of Womelsdorf; Mary, who married Harry Balshy, another well-known cigar manufacturer of Womelsdorf; Eliza, the wife of John Obold, a hardware merchant, of Reading; Tillie, who married Dr. E. L. Klopp, a resident of Old Lane, Philadelphia; and Susan, Mrs. Klopp.

WILLIAM H. HAUER, born April 27, 1849, and who died in 1881, at the early age of thirty-one years, was among the honored citizens of Lebanon city. He was a son of J. C. and Susan (Louser) Hauer, of Lebanon. J. C. Hauer was a tobacco merchant in Lebanon for many years, and also took an active interest in all affairs of a local nature. He was the father of eight children, all of whom grew to maturity: Jacob, John, Harry, Eliza, Susan (unmarried), Katherine (the wife of Michael Reinoehl), William H. and Ella; all of whom except William H. and Ella, who are now deceased, reside in Lebanon.

William H. Hauer was married September 10, 1872, to Miss Catharine

Good, of Lebanon, who was born August 24, 1852, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Good. Their marriage was blessed with three children: Elizabeth, deceased; Susan, wife of Frank E. Krause, a hardware merchant of Lebanon; Catharine G., who now lives at home with her mother. Mr. Hauer was a staunch Republican, and although not a member of any church was a believer in the Evangelical religion. He was reared in Lebanon and received his education in the public schools. At the time of his death he was a member of the J. C. Hauer wholesale tobacco firm. He was looked upon as one of the promising young men of the town, a splendid citizen, a devoted husband, and a kind and loving father. His wife was left with three small children to rear. She is one of a family of eight children, six of whom grew to maturity. Those of whom we have record are: Uriah, deceased; Alvin D., who died out West; James Good, of Lebanon; Mary E., unmarried; Ella R., widow of Dr. E. R. Umberger, of Lebanon; Catharine G., widow of William H. Hauer; and Emma, the wife of William Spayd, of Lebanon. This family is one of the old and prominent ones of this part of Pennsylvania. Dr. Abraham Good, the grandfather of Mrs. Hauer, was one of the prominent physicians of his time in his section of the country. Mrs. Hauer and her youngest daughter, Catharine G., are now residing at their new home, No. 127 South Sixth street, Lebanon, and are among the honored citizens of Lebanon.

T. FRANK REAM, the popular proprietor of the Eagle Hotel at Palmyra, and one of the leading citizens of the place, was born at Reistville, three miles south of Myerstown, Lebanon county, July 25, 1864, a son of Frank K. and Sarah C. (Oaks) Ream.

Frank K. Ream was born near Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, while his wife was born in Allentown, Lehigh county, and is a daughter of Jesse Oaks. But one child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Ream, T. Frank, and he was ten years of age when his parents removed to Schaefferstown, where he attended the public schools. At the youthful age of sixteen, he began clerking in the store of Rex Weigley, at Schaefferstown, and after a year, accepted a similar position with the well-known firm of William Reist, at Reistville, and there continued for over four years. At this time he took charge of a store for Rex Weigley, at Millbach, where he remained until the death of Mr. Weigley, two years later. This changing his plans, Mr. Ream returned to Schaefferstown, and for four years lived retired. The following four years were spent in successfully operating the Franklin House at Schaefferstown, and in April, 1896, he removed to Palmyra, and purchasing the

Eagle Hotel, took charge of the property, and has since conducted it upon modern methods and making it one of the most popular hostleries in that section of country.

Mr. Ream was married to Lucy Achenbach, born near Newmanstown, Lebanon county, daughter of Levi Achenbach. The following interesting family has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ream: Emma Lucy, born June 7, 1886; David Ralph, born August 2, 1887; William Raymond, born November 21, 1888; Susan Elizabeth, who was born January 28, 1890; Sarah May, who was born January 30, 1892; George Levi, who was born April 29, 1893; Mary Ellen, born August 5, 1895, died June 30, 1898; Alvin Schell, born January 15, 1897; Ida Jenkins, born June 11, 1898. In national matters, Mr. Ream supports the principles of the Democratic party, but in local elections he believes in voting for the best man regardless of party lines. Few men in Palmyra have more friends than Mr. Ream, and his ability as a business man, and successful and pleasing host, is unquestioned.

WILLOUGHBY C. KLINE, M. D., one of the popular druggists of Myerstown, and also holding the degree of Doctor of Medicine, is a man of high standing and influence, and was born December 22, 1850, son of Henry and Lydia (Wilhelm) Kline.

This Kline family was established in Pennsylvania by Joseph Kline, a native of Switzerland about 1720 or 1730, and located in Berks county, Pa. Among his sons was one named John, the great-grandfather of Dr. Kline, and he was the father of Elizabeth and John (2), the grandfather, and the latter had five children: Henry, Cyrus, Elizabeth, Lavina and Rosanna, all deceased except Cyrus and Rosanna.

Henry Kline, father of the Doctor, was born in 1825, died in 1899, and about 1848, married Miss Lydia Wilhelm, and their family was as follows: Dr. W. C.; Amelia E., wife of Israel W. Kline, of Berks county; Jane I., married to John K. Frantz, of Lebanon, Pa.; and Mary, deceased. Henry Kline was a staunch Democrat, and a consistent member of the Reformed Church. He owned the old Kline home in Berks county, purchased by John Kline, his grandfather, and which was in the Kline family for 105 years, and this valuable property is now owned by Dr. Kline and wife.

Dr. Kline was reared upon the farm and received his early education in the schools of his district, but at the age of eighteen he entered the University of Pennsylvania, in 1869, graduating with the degree of M. D., in the spring of 1872. After his graduation, he went to Reading, Pa., where he



was employed in a drug store. In 1876 he began the practice of medicine in Millersburg, Berks Co., Pa., and remained there for three years. In 1879 he located in Myerstown and embarked in the drug business, which he has since followed, gradually giving up active practice, as his rapidly increasing business made additional demands upon his time and energy.

In 1878 Dr. Kline was married to Miss Amanda M. Ulrich, of North Lebanon township, daughter of Valentine and Catherine M. Ulrich, prominent farmers of Lebanon county. This marriage resulted in two children: Katherine L., of Myerstown; and Ruth Amanda, who died in infancy. Mrs. Kline was one of a family of five children: John Ulrich, mentioned elsewhere; Valentine D., a retired farmer; George W., deceased; Mrs. Kline; and one who died in infancy. In politics, Dr. Kline is a staunch Democrat, and takes an active interest in local affairs. Dr. Kline is a member of the Reformed Church and Mrs. Kline of the Lutheran Church, and both are prominent in all good work. Fraternaly Dr. Kline is a member of the I. O. O. F., of Myerstown; secretary of the Mount Hope Cemetery Association; member of the Goodwill Fire Company, of Myerstown; a director in the Tulpehocken Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Myerstown; a member of the State Pharmaceutical Association, and one of the best known men in his profession in the entire county. Both he and Mrs. Kline are very prominent socially, and they have many friends in the city and surrounding country, who appreciate their many excellent traits of character.

**FRANK W. HUNSICKER.** One of the representative citizens of North Cornwall township, a prosperous farmer and dairyman, is Frank W. Hunsicker, who was born July 29, 1859, in Bethel township, Lebanon county, son of David and Lydia (Wenger) Hunsicker.

David Hunsicker was born in Lebanon county, a son of Christian Hunsicker, who, in his day, was one of the substantial men of Bethel township. David Hunsicker was an extensive farmer, owning 133 acres of fine land in Bethel township, in the cultivation of which he spent his whole life, dying at the age of seventy-three years. His widow finds a pleasant home with her son, near Reistville. Both parents belonged to the Dunkard Church, and their lives were regulated according to its peaceful and simple teachings. The children born to David Hunsicker and wife were three in number, namely: Sarah, the wife of L. Blauch, of Lebanon; Frank W., of Cornwall township; and Uriah W., a farmer in Lebanon county.

Frank W. Hunsicker was reared on the farm in Bethel township, and

obtained his education in the public schools. After his marriage he very capably managed his father's farm for five years, moving then into North Cornwall township where he rented a small farm and engaged in farming and dairying. In 1902 he purchased his present farm of thirty-five acres and has devoted his attention to its operation ever since, making a specialty of dairying, and having a remunerative milk route. By paying close and careful attention to this business, Mr. Hunsicker has built up a large demand for all the dairy products he can provide, and he obtains the highest market price on account of their excellence.

On December 17, 1887, Mr. Hunsicker was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Zimmerman, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Landis) Zimmerman, the former of whom died in 1880, at Swatara Station, Dauphin county, at the age of forty-nine years. Mr. Zimmerman was born and reared in North Cornwall township, a son of Peter Zimmerman, who was long one of the prominent farmers of Cornwall township. The mother of Mrs. Hunsicker still resides in her home in Dauphin county. The birth of Mrs. Hunsicker occurred October 15, 1866, and she is the devoted mother of three interesting children, namely: Vara May, born March 20, 1891; Grover Z., born February 13, 1894; and Ralph David, born June 24, 1896.

In politics Mr. Hunsicker is identified with the Democratic party. He is a much respected man in his township, a good farmer, a careful dairyman, a kind neighbor and a devoted husband and father.

CHARLES F. ARNOLD, one of the leading citizens of Campbelltown, Lebanon county, and an extensive furniture dealer and undertaker, was born in the building where he now resides and carries on his business, October 24, 1854, a son of John H. Arnold, who was born at Manheim, Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1813, and died April 1, 1887. His wife, Catherine Condren, was also born in Lancaster county.

The paternal grandfather, Peter Arnold, married Elizabeth Herchilroth, and was born at Reading, Pa., where he learned the shoemaker's trade. From Reading he went to Manheim, where he married, his wife being a native of Lancaster county, but later returned to his native place, and there died. Of his relatives, it is known that he had two brothers, one a hatter and the other a banker. The children born to Peter Arnold and his wife were: Sarah, who married John Ebersole, and both are deceased; John H., father of our subject; Peter, deceased, and several others who died in infancy.

John H. Arnold was a cabinetmaker by trade, and was very successful

in his work. From Manheim he removed to Petersburg, Pa., and there learned his trade, and after several years went to Harrisburg; later to Carlisle, spending five years at the latter city, after which he returned to Manheim. Again he made a change in location, and for a year lived at Deodate, Dauphin county, and then removed to Campbelltown, where a sister and uncle then lived. At that time there was no cabinetmaker in the town, and he erected the building now occupied by his son, Charles F., and for forty-five years carried on a very flourishing business. The following children were born to himself and wife: Sarah married George Snavelly; John, deceased, married first, Mary Stauffer, and then Caroline Baker; Harry married Louisa Horstick, and is keeper of the toll gate of the People's Bridge Co., at Harrisburg; Catherine died unmarried; Peter C., of Manheim, Pa., married first, a Miss Swartz, and second, Barbara Graybill; Charles F. is mentioned below; Elizabeth married John Fortna, of North Lebanon township; Susan married Dr. Seltzer, clerk in the Federal Treasury Department at Washington; Mary married Jeremiah Pretz, of Manheim; Emma married Abe Hamoker, of Manheim; and Frank, deceased, married Ida Fritz; and two children died in infancy.

Charles F. Arnold was reared in Campbelltown, and received his education in the common schools of that town. When fifteen years of age, he began to learn the trade of cabinetmaker with his father, working with him, and finally succeeding to the business at the latter's death. A full and varied assortment of fine furniture is carried, and Mr. Arnold enjoys an excellent trade among the best people of the city and surrounding districts. His undertaking establishment is thoroughly equipped and all modern methods are followed.

Charles F. Arnold married Miss Ellen Emrich, a daughter of George Emrich, born August 13, 1855. The children born of this union were: Raymond, in partnership with his father, born September 8, 1874, married Ella Carpenter, of Rexmont, Lebanon county, and they have one child, Charles LeRoy; Carrie C., born April 8, 1877, died June 30, 1899, married Samuel Martin; Stella May, born July 21, 1881; Elizabeth Ann, born July 12, 1885; Elsie, born December 30, 1889; Claud C., born October 1, 1892.

In 1902, Mr. Arnold was elected a school director for South Londonderry township and is secretary of the board. In his religious connections he is a member of the Salem Reformed Church. Mr. Arnold is an honorable, upright gentleman, and belongs to one of the best known and most highly respected families in this section of the country.

**JOHN H. LERCH.** Mercantile interests in Lebanon have been materially advanced by the worth while and successful career of John H. Lerch, who was born in Swatara township, Lebanon county, Pa., July 1, 1859, a son of Simon F. and Elizabeth (Bean) Lerch, now retired in West Lebanon township.

The Lerch family has been known in Lebanon county for many years, the great-grandfather, John, having settled near Bunker Hill, in the very early days. The paternal grandfather, John (2), was a carpenter and undertaker by trade, as well as a farmer, and was the father of the following children: Sallie, Mary, Benjamin, Simon F., Adam F., Emanuel, Eve, John and William. Of these children all are deceased, but Simon F., John and William.

Simon F. Lerch, father of John H., was born in Swatara township, Lebanon county, October 7, 1828, and in his youth learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed with considerable success the early part of his life. Later he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed up to the time of his retirement from active life. He was twice married, his first wife having been Elizabeth Bean, who was born in Swatara township, September 26, 1830, and died November 10, 1882. Of this union there were ten children as follows: Malinda B., who married Charles T. McGinley, and had a daughter who died in infancy; a son who lived but four days; Angeline B.; Clinton, deceased; Annie Elizabeth, deceased; John H.; Mary A., who married Daniel T. Gerberich, and had a daughter, Lillie Lerch; Emma L., deceased, who married William Bensing, and had two daughters, Minnie K. and Ella E.; Claudius Galen, deceased; and Ellen Catherine. For his second wife Mr. Lerch married Catherine Hoover, to which union there have been no children. Simon F. Lerch is a Republican in politics, and in his younger days was quite active around election time, and held numerous local offices. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

Reared to farm work and early personal responsibility, John H. Lerch was studious and ambitious as a boy, and by the time he was nineteen years of age had qualified as a teacher, which occupation he followed for about four years. He then accepted a clerkship in the general store of S. Oberholtzer & Son, of Fredericksburg, Pa., with whom he remained for three years. He then removed to Lebanon, and became a clerk for the dry-goods firm of A. E. Gantz, and as such was later with J. B. Rauch & Son, dealers in general merchandise, Lebanon. His own mercantile enterprise was conducted first in West Lebanon, in the year 1887, where he has remained until the present time. He carries a complete line of commodities required by the

patrons of general merchandise stores, and his unfailing good nature, tact and consideration for the best interests of his customers justifies the prediction that his business will continue to prosper and increase indefinitely.

On September 26, 1885, Mr. Lerch married Ella Book, of Annville, Pa., daughter of Isaac and Lydia (Sarge) Book, of Cumberland county, Pa., and sister of Mary, the wife of Elias Feeman, a merchant of West Lebanon, mentioned elsewhere. To Mr. and Mrs. Lerch were born the following children: a daughter, Mamie, who died in infancy; and a son, Harry Book, born April 13, 1903. Mr. Lerch is a Republican, and has been township auditor and school trustee for years, at present being also assessor. He is identified with Colebrook Castle, No. 41, Ancient Order Knights of the Mystic Chain; a member of Diamond Council, Order of Mystic Friends; and also of the Firemen's Mutual Aid Association. He is among the prominent and highly honored members of the community of West Lebanon, and is destined to continue to contribute to its all around prosperity.

**HARRY CLAYTON KREIDER:** one of the well-known and enterprising young business men of Palmyra, and a member of the shoe manufacturing firm of W. L. Kreider's Sons, is a native of that city, having been born there September 1, 1876, a son of W. L. Kreider, also of Palmyra. His boyhood was spent in Palmyra, where he attended school, receiving a good practical education, and in 1893, he entered his father's shoe factory. After serving an apprenticeship, and learning thoroughly every detail of the business, he was made a partner in 1897, he having at that time attained his majority.

On April 9, 1898, Mr. Kreider was married to Miss Annie G. Erb, the sister of Will H. Erb, the well-known lumber manufacturer of Palmyra, an extended sketch of whom appears elsewhere. On January 23, 1900, a son was born to this happy union, Erb R. Mr. and Mrs. Kreider are both members of the River Presbyterian Church, and take an active part in church affairs. They are very popular young people and important factors in the social life of Palmyra.

**JACOB B. MILLARD,** a well-known stone contractor and lime manufacturer of Lebanon, employs a large number of workmen, and is a popular and influential citizen. Endowed with both energy and business capacity, he has risen to his present and enviable position largely through his own efforts. He was born in Dauphin county, Pa., son of Michael and Martha (Oarth) Millard.

Michael Millard was born in York county, Pa., November 1, 1825. As a young man he settled in Steelton, where he became a prosperous and leading business man. In early life he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for several years. Later he engaged in the quarry business. Having amassed considerable property, he is now living in retirement in Steelton, where he has hosts of admiring friends. During his young manhood he married Martha Oarth, and they have had five children: Jacob B.; Edward F., a contractor of Martinsburg, W. Va.; Charles D., who works for his brother, Jacob; Michael, a resident of Harper's Ferry, Va.; and Martha, who married Frank Davis, a paymaster, of Steelton.

Jacob B. Millard obtained his education in the public schools of Steelton, and early developed a keenness of mind and great perseverance, which have characterized him through life. So enterprising was he that when ten years old he obtained employment as a mule driver on the canal, and showed his persistence and power to make friends by retaining his position for five years. At the end of that time he went to work in a quarry, and he also engaged in a lime business, continuing in these lines until he was twenty-one. The next three years he spent in milling, the first year with James Shultz, of Dauphin county, the second with a firm in Center county, and the third in the Beaver Creek Mills, owned by Samuel Shoop, of Dauphin county. This experience greatly enlarged his business knowledge, and well prepared him for filling his next position, the superintendency of his father's quarry in Steelton. This place he occupied for three years, gaining the good will of the workmen, and proving a valuable assistant to his father. At the end of this period he was enabled to purchase an interest in the quarry, and as a partner continued his business there two years longer. He then hired out to G. W. Cumbler, as superintendent at Steelton, Pa. Next moving to Swatara Station, he supplied the stone for Denny, Watts & Co., proprietors of the Union Deposit Furnaces, and, meeting engagements promptly, gave good satisfaction. Perceiving, however, during this period, larger openings for business in Lebanon, he next moved to that city, where he has since remained. Engaging in the quarry business there, he contracted to furnish stone for the G. Dawson Coleman firm, manufacturers of general iron goods and furnaces, and so satisfactory has been his work that he has since continued his contracts with that company. He has also supplied numerous other companies with stone, and is now carrying on a very extensive business. In addition to quarrying he has also carried on the manufacture of lime at Lebanon, at which he has also been successful. In both his industries he has continually employed from 300 to 600 men, and has been of great assistance to his community. At

the same time his business has yielded large profits, which he has wisely invested, and he now owns considerable valuable property in Lebanon, five large farms near Annville, Pa., and one at Millardsville, a place named in his honor.

In 1876, when about twenty-three years old, Mr. Millard married Lizzie Himes, of Dauphin county, and they have had nine children, five of whom are now living: Harry E., who is a partner with his father in the lime manufacturing business (in 1898 he married Miss Agnes Uhler, and they have one child, Laura); and Susan, Catherine, Bessie and Ruth, all at home.

Politically Mr. Millard is a Republican, but he does not hesitate to vote for the right man, regardless of party affiliation. He has never been ambitious for public honors, but, through the merited esteem of his fellow citizens, has held for a considerable time a place in the city council. Possessing a magnetic personality, he has evinced a remarkable power of making friends, and his word carries weight in his community.

**IRWIN HORST.** Among the honorable and public-spirited men of Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, is Irwin Horst, a jobber and cigar manufacturer of that city, who was born August 11, 1869, in South Lebanon township, a son of John P. and Leah (Funck) Horst, deceased. John P. Horst was born in 1837 and died in 1890. By calling he was a farmer, attaining success in his chosen vocation. Peter Horst, the father of John P., was also a prominent farmer of the locality, and he in turn was the son of Peter, who lived and died in South Lebanon township, near Horst mill, which structure took its name from him. The Horsts were among the first of the families who settled in Lebanon county. Peter Horst, son of Peter (1), was the father of eight children: Abraham; Peter; Jacob; John P.; Annie, who married Jacob Brubacker, of South Lebanon township; and three who died in infancy.

John P. Horst had two children, Irwin and Laura, the latter of whom married Aaron Risser, of South Londonderry township, Lebanon county, a farmer. In politics John Horst was a staunch Democrat, and served most creditably as school director and tax collector. He was a man known for his honesty and integrity, and set an example for the coming generations to follow.

Irwin Horst was reared on the farm in South Lebanon township, in his youth, attending the common schools, later Muhlenberg College, and still later taking a course at the Allentown business college. After finishing the latter he returned to Lebanon county, and farmed on the homestead place for

about eight years. In 1899 Mr. Horst removed to Schaefferstown and embarked in the manufacture of cigars, owning and operating the largest establishment of his kind in the city. The volume of his business is steadily increasing, and his success is pleasing and well merited. In political matters Mr. Horst has always taken an active part, working with the Democratic party, of which he has been a member ever since he cast his first vote, and he was appointed justice of the peace in February, 1902. The town is strongly Republican, but on account of his many pleasant qualities Mr. Horst has many friends in the community and is justly regarded as one of its leading citizens.

In 1894 Mr. Horst was married to Miss Anna Brubacker, of South Lebanon township, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Yeagley) Brubacker, of the same locality, who are now deceased. Mrs. Horst was one of a family of seven children, four of whom grew to maturity: Joseph, of Heidelberg township; George, of South Lebanon township, a farmer; Mary, who married Philip Glick, of South Lebanon township; and Anna, Mrs. Horst. Mr. and Mrs. Horst have one daughter, Bertha, a charming little one and a very bright child of her age.

FRANKLIN B. HORST, one of the successful and progressive young farmers of Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, was born October 23, 1868, on the old Joseph S. Horst homestead, a son of Joseph S. and Mary (Brubaker) Horst, both of whom were natives of this county, the latter being a daughter of Abraham and Barbara (Snavelly) Brubaker, the former of whom was born in 1806, in Lancaster county, and died in 1886. Joseph S. Horst was a son of Joseph and Barbara (Shirk) Horst, both deceased, who reared a family of ten children, as follows: Peter, Henry, Joseph S., Samuel, Catherine, Barbara, Fannie, Sarah, Annie and Eliza.

Joseph S. Horst was born in South Annville township, Lebanon county in 1833, and died at the age of sixty-four years. His education was secured in the public schools in boyhood, and later he studied both at the Millersville State Normal School, and at a business college at Baltimore. When he left school he engaged in teaching for several years, and then spent one year operating a warehouse business. He accepted a clerical position in the mercantile establishment of John George, in Lebanon city, which was located on the site now occupied by the People's National Bank, and several years later began farming. In 1861 he took charge of his father-in-law's farm, continuing the same until 1890. By inheritance he became the owner of this fine farm, comprising 260 acres, and he also owned two farms in North



Cornwall township, one containing 140 acres, and the other 115 acres, the latter being now operated by a son, Harry B. Mr. Horst was a very successful business man, a hard worker, keen and shrewd, and one of high business and personal integrity. He was one of the organizers of the Myerstown National Bank, a member of its board of directors, and was also a stockholder in the other Lebanon banks. For many years he was an active supporter of the United Brethren Church in Lebanon, and for years was treasurer and the main supporter of the Church at Schaefferstown. Although a staunch Republican, he never sought office although various positions were thrust upon him. On June 4, 1861, he married Mary Brubaker, born June 7, 1839, and she still survives. Her grandfather, Abraham Brubaker, came to Lebanon county from Clay township, Lancaster county, a member of the old family of that name, which is numerous there. The four sons born to the above marriage were: Abraham, a farmer of North Cornwall township; Harry B., farmer of the same township; Uriah B., a farmer; and Franklin B., both farmers in Heidelberg township.

Franklin B. Horst was reared in Heidelberg township and attended the public schools, and later the Millersville Normal school. Upon his return he settled upon a fine farm which his father had given him and here he still continues, one of the leading agriculturists of his locality. Mr. Horst is a director of the Myerstown National Bank. In politics he is a Republican, and a man who is always interested in all movements of improvement in his township.

On February 12, 1891, Mr. Horst was married to Miss Jennie E. Beckley, a daughter of Hiram and Malinda (Light) Beckley, of South Lebanon township. She was one of three children born to her parents, namely: Grant, a farmer of South Lebanon township; Jennie E.; and Annie A., at home. Hiram Beckley is a very prominent farmer, a son of Joseph Beckley, who was a son of Michael Beckley, the whole family being well known through South Lebanon township. The origin of the Beckley family was in Ireland, but many generations have lived in Pennsylvania. The four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Horst were Mabel (deceased), Raymond, Morris and Ammon. Both Mr. Horst and wife are members of the United Brethren Church, at Schaefferstown. They are among the most highly respected people of their locality.

REV. J. LEWIS FLUCK, pastor of the Reformed Church at Myerstown, Pa., not only occupies a position of prominence in his own religious body, but is recognized very generally as one of the most talented young

clergymen of Lebanon county. Thoroughly equipped for the responsibilities of his position through years of study and a large practical experience, he adds to this a most winning personality and a religious zeal which has enabled him to overcome the obstacles in his path, and to attain a position somewhat commensurate with his abilities.

Rev. Mr. Fluck was born of honorable, although far from wealthy, parentage, his birth occurring near Churchill, Pa., September 17, 1864. He was the second of three children born to David and Amanda (Lewis) Fluck, the others being Lewis L., who is a carpenter in Quakertown, Pa.; and Josiah, who died in childhood. The family is of German extraction, extending back several generations. The grandparents of Rev. Fluck were Christian and Maria Fluck, farming people of Bucks county, and there David Fluck was born, in 1837, and died July 11, 1877. This bereavement occurred when his son was thirteen years of age, and its consequence was that the bright lad was obliged to leave school and start upon some career which would fit him for the battle of life. With very practical ideas, he was apprenticed to a shoemaker, but after six months of honest effort, the youth realized that this honorable business was one in which he could never take an interest. He then turned to the milling business and found it more congenial, remaining engaged in this industry from 1879 until 1882. However, while this was undoubtedly fine discipline, it did not fill his life, and as he approached maturity he resolved that he would first secure a better education and then find another avenue of usefulness. The limits of this record will not permit the telling of the self-denying efforts required to enable Mr. Fluck to successfully pursue his extended course of study, but in 1882 he entered the academic department of Ursinus College, two years later being admitted to the collegiate department and graduating with honors in 1888, receiving the degree of A. B. In 1889 he took a course at the Divinity School, at New Haven, Conn., and in 1890, at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City. During the summer of this year he labored as a missionary in South Dakota. Graduating in 1891 he received the degree of B. D. from the Divinity School of Ursinus College in Philadelphia. This was followed in 1892 by the degree of A. M.

Prior to this, on May 12, 1891, he had received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the St. Matthew's Reformed Church, in Chester county, which he accepted and was installed June 16, 1891. After four years of successful service he resigned this charge in order to take a post-graduate course of study in political economy and science, physiology and sociology, devoting three years to these branches. In the meantime he was giving attention

to literary work, and in 1892 published a comprehensive History of the Reformed Church, and a learned treatise on Mediaeval Libraries, both of these efforts demanding close study, wide reading and deep knowledge.

In 1897 the Reformed Church at Myerstown presented him with a unanimous call to become their pastor. The call was accepted in good faith, and though the field was in anything but a prosperous condition, the members gave noble support to every project that the enterprising and enthusiastic young pastor presented. During the years between then and the present, while serving his congregation faithfully and well, it has been his privilege to be the leading spirit in a large number of improvements, not the least of these being the purchase of the famous Roosevelt organ (built for Robert H. Coleman, the millionaire "Iron King"), and its placing in the church where it stands to-day, one of the finest instruments of its kind in the United States.

On December 25, 1890, Rev. Fluck was married to Miss Laura Ehl, daughter of Daniel and Lucinda Ehl, of Tylersport, Pa. A little adopted daughter, Mabel Ruth Stephens Fluck, makes happy childhood in their home.

MONROE F. SHOOP, station agent of the Cornwall and Lebanon Railroad at Colebrook, Lebanon county, was born January 5, 1854, at Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pa., a son of Frederick and Fanny (Houck) Shoop.

Frederick Shoop was born in September, 1822, near the old Shoop Church, not far from Harrisburg, and died September 30, 1901. The mother was born in 1826, near Harrisburg, and still resides at Hummelstown. The family is an old established one of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, Jonathan Shoop, was born in the neighborhood of Shoop Church, and was a son of Christopher Shoop, who was, in all probability, the founder of the family in America, coming from Germany during the seventeenth century. The family was prominent in the religious affairs of the locality, and the old church near Harrisburg still bears the name of its founder. The maternal grandfather, Jacob Houck, was also born in this locality, and married a member of the Wert family.

To the parents of Monroe F. Shoop were born the following children: Mary Ellen, born in 1852, married Elias Wagner, and died in 1897; Monroe F.; Clinton D., born in 1860, married Lorene Shoup; Lydia Agnes, born in 1862, married Edward Walters, of Hummelstown; and Amos C., born in 1864, married Miss Zentmoyer. The father of this family was a farmer and miller, and for many years operated mills.

Monroe F. Shoop was reared in the neighborhood of Harrisburg, and

enjoyed excellent educational advantages, attending the public schools, the Palatinate College at Myerstown, and the Lebanon Valley College at Annville, and engaged in teaching for two terms in Dauphin county, Pa. In 1875 he began to learn telegraphy and in 1876 had become proficient enough to accept regular duty as an operator at Hummelstown, entering the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. On October 1, 1883, he removed to Lebanon and opened the Lebanon office on the completion of the Cornwall & Lebanon railroad, and remained there as agent until April, 1884, and then went to Cornwall as the agent in 1885, coming then to Colebrook where he was made station agent and also the manager of the Coleman estate. He continued as agent at this place for the following year, he managing the estate until the failure in 1893, and then continued as manager under the assignees until 1897. Mr. Shoop then leased the mills and farms and operated them on his own account until 1900, returning then to the Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad, and becoming agent again at Colebrook.

In 1875 Mr. Shoop was married to Amanda Walters, born in December, 1854, near Hummelstown, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Machen) Walters, of Harrisburg, and to this union these children have been born; Charles, born October 23, 1876, a stenographer in the office of the president of the Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad, at Lebanon; Walter, born January 23, 1878, a civil engineer, now on duty in Cuba; Edith May, born October 12, 1880; Arthur R., born July 8, 1887; and Alice V., born June 7, 1890. Both Mr. Shoop and wife are consistent members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Shoop is one of the substantial as well as prominent men of Colebrook, owning a fine farm of 116 acres in the vicinity. His attention has been given to the various movements directed to the advancement of his section, and he has been particularly interested in educational matters, serving capably as one of the school directors. The family is one of the much esteemed ones of Colebrook.

JOHN H. KETTERING, one of the leading cattle dealers and farmers of South Annville township, residing one mile south of Annville, on the turnpike road leading from Annville to the Horseshoe turnpike, and also on the road to Campbelltown, was born on the farm at Mt. Pleasant, on the Horseshoe turnpike, South Annville township, August 17, 1871, a son of Joseph Kettering, who was born in December, 1831, in Millcreek township, Lebanon county, and died in 1874. The mother of John H. Kettering was Elizabeth Shirk, born in Lancaster county, February 13, 1830, and died in April, 1902. Joseph Kettering, the father, was a farmer all his life, and was well

known and highly respected. Joseph was twice married, his first wife being Leah Shirk, by whom he had four children, namely: Samuel, deceased; Lizzie, wife of John Wenger; Fanny, wife of Aaron Funk; and Leah, wife of Henry Hollinger. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Shirk, and the children of this union were: Joseph, who died in 1875, at the age of two years; and John H.

John H. Kettering grew up a farmer boy and attended the public schools. After marriage he began housekeeping on the old farm which he now owns. Three years later he rented his farm and bought one of the handsomest private residences in this locality, one mile south of Annville, where he has since resided and engaged extensively in the cattle business, handling about forty head a month. His efforts have met with much success, and Mr. Kettering is regarded as one of the solid and substantial business men of this locality.

On December 31, 1891, Mr. Kettering was united in marriage with Lizzie A. Brandt, born in Swatara township, Lebanon county, October 17, 1875, a daughter of John H. and Anna L. (Ensminger) Brandt, the former of whom was born in September, 1854, in Bethel township, and the latter August 1, 1853, in West Lebanon township, both of whom still survive, among the most highly esteemed residents of Swatara township. Their three children were: Mrs. Kettering; John A., who married Carrie Wengert; and Christie E., who married John H. Bicksler. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kettering, namely: Joseph Henry, born June 24, 1893; and James Brandt, born July 8, 1899, died March 13, 1900.

JOSEPH F. LAUCK, one of the leading business men of Palmyra and a member of the firm of Behm & Lauck, proprietors of the Palmyra Paper Box Factory, was born January 6, 1878, in Palmyra, a son of Joseph F. Lauck, Sr., who was one of Palmyra's best known and most esteemed citizens.

Joseph F. Lauck, Sr., was born April 23, 1807, near Sinking Spring, Berks county, Pa., one of the seven children of John and Elizabeth (Zeller) Lauch, the latter a daughter of John Zeller; the other children being John, David, George, Elizabeth, Susan and Annie.

On June 20, 1873, Joseph F. Lauck, Sr., was united in marriage with Sarah Keiffer, born May 19, 1839, near Binnagles Church, East Hanover township, Lebanon county, a daughter of Frederick and Sarah (Snyder) Keiffer. The father was born in 1798 on the old Keiffer homestead, near Binnagles Church, and died in 1843; his wife was born in 1800 and died in 1868. To the marriage of Frederick and Sarah Keiffer the following children were born: John (deceased), Catherine, Susan (deceased), Mary

Ann, Samuel (deceased), Joseph, Jeremiah, William (deceased) and Sarah. When a boy Joseph F. Lauck, Sr., learned the shoemaking trade, but did not follow it, preferring to engage in farming, which he did after removing from Berks county. For a number of years he operated a farm near Hanoverdale, in Derry township, Dauphin county, and then bought the farm now owned by Cyrus Bachman, near Campbelltown, continuing there about eight years, when he sold and removed to Palmyra. Mr. Lauck was the first station agent at Palmyra for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, holding the position for nine years. During one period he engaged in clerking in the hardware store of Martin Early, at Palmyra, but retired from activity about ten years before his death, which occurred April 17, 1882. For a number of years he was engaged to some extent in the settling up of estates, his services in that direction being much sought on account of his upright character and sterling qualities. Many minor heirs were under his wise and careful guardianship, their interests being as faithfully managed as his own. He belonged to the Lutheran Church, and was a member of the board of trustees, and for twenty-four years served as superintendent of the Sunday School.

Joseph F. Lauck, Jr., who worthily bears his father's name, was reared in Palmyra and attended the public schools, graduating in 1894, beginning then to clerk in the store of J. A. Loose, in Palmyra, where he continued until 1895, when he entered the Lebanon Business College, graduating from this excellent institution in 1897. Mr. Lauck spent the succeeding year in a clerical position with H. S. Gible, successor to Mr. Loose, and then entered for the following year the store of Stambaugh & Haak, at Lebanon. In 1899 he engaged in merchandising in Palmyra, at the corner of Main and Railroad streets, where he was very successful until his business was destroyed by fire March 5, 1900. Many would have been completely discouraged by such a disaster, but Mr. Lauck was of different fiber and immediately began looking about for other business avenues. In September of the year 1901, he established the Palmyra Paper Box Factory, in connection with his brother-in-law, Morris K. Behm. They first bought the planing mill building, formerly owned by W. L. Kreider, and converted the second floor into a factory, leasing the first floor to W. H. Erb for his planing mill. Six months later they had expanded, and their business had so increased that they occupied the whole building. The factory manufactures all kinds of boxes, and with the modern machinery introduced has a daily capacity of 5,000 paper boxes. Their goods are marketed in neighboring towns, the bulk of the output being utilized in Palmyra. This is one of the leading industries of the locality, and promises to rival establishments of its kind in the larger cities. On August 18,

1903, the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Lauck continues as sole owner.

On August 29, 1899, Mr. Lauck was married to Fannie K., a daughter of Rudolph Behm, born October 28, 1880, on the farm in South Annville township, and to this union two children have come: Esther Barbara, born August 21, 1900; and Behm R., born November 14, 1902. Mr. Lauck occupies a prominent position in business and social circles in Palmyra, belongs to Camp No. 192, P. O. S. of A., and is the local treasurer of the National Building and Loan Association of Lebanon, and has been judge of elections for North Londonderry township. He was an instigator of a new mutual fire insurance company, of which he is secretary. For a number of years he has been a member of Palm Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**JAMES ALBERT HARRIS, M. D.**, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the north-western part of Lebanon county, and probably the leading one of Jonestown, was born January 18, 1871, at Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., son of Dr. William and Ella (Hagenbuch) Harris.

Dr. William Harris was born at the village of Buckhorn, Columbia Co., Pa., a son of Jacob Harris, who for many years was a merchant in Columbia county and a well-known justice of the peace. His uncle, John Harris, was a public man whose name is perpetuated in the capital city of Harrisburg. Dr. William Harris graduated at Philadelphia from Jefferson Medical College, having previously conducted a drug business at Hamburg, Berks county. Here he settled for practice, and also retained his drug business, which he expanded into the leading one in the county, and until recently was very active in his profession. He was prominent in the medical profession, and served as president of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association. Mrs. Ella (Hagenbuch) Harris was born in Bloomsburg, a member of one of the solid old German families of Columbia county. The children born to Dr. William and wife were: James Albert, Mary E. and Charles C.

Dr. James A. Harris was reared at Hamburg, and attended the public schools. He was a member of the first graduating class of the Hamburg High School, in May, 1887. He then entered his father's drug store, and while there, read the four years' course in the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, graduating in August, 1893, and with this excellent foundation, entered Jefferson Medical College in the following October. Here he was graduated in May, 1896, and after passing the State Medical Board in July, he began practice in September, at Aetna, Berks county. In April, 1898, he removed to Jonestown, where his success has been most satisfactory. He is physician to the Episcopal Church Home, at Jonestown, and is a valued

member of the Lebanon County Medical Society, for which he prepares papers. Dr. Harris is fraternally connected with Symmetry Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 103, at Hamburg. He is an active member of the Reformed Church, and much interested in the Sunday School.

On September 15, 1897, Dr. Harris was married to Miss Emma Weltmer, who was born in Campbelltown, daughter of Charles Weltmer, a merchant tailor of that place. One little daughter, Hilda Weltmer, was born to this union, July 16, 1899.

PHILIP SHERIDAN LONG, one of the well-known citizens of the Sixth ward of Lebanon, and a leading baker, at No. 334 North Ninth street, was born in South Annville township, Lebanon county, May 10, 1866, son of Samuel B. and Caroline (Koonts) Long. The father was born in Londonderry township, Lebanon county, October 2, 1845, and the mother in East Hanover township, same county, December 12, 1847. The paternal grandfather was Jacob Long, also a native of Londonderry township, and the great-grandfather was also Jacob Long, a native of Londonderry township (at that time a part of Dauphin county). The great-grandfather was a farmer, the grandfather a shoemaker, and the father a farmer. The maternal grandfather was Solomon Koonts, a native of East Hanover township, born in 1819, a son of Philip. The maternal grandmother was Susanna Walmer, born in East Hanover township, daughter of William Walmer, who married a Focht. The paternal grandmother was Eliza Brown, who was born at Derry Church, Dauphin county, daughter of Henry Brown. Three sons and seven daughters were born to Jacob Long and wife, the grandparents, as follows: Katie N., Sarah, Caroline, David, Samuel B., Cyrus, Louisa, Lizzie, Malinda and Emma. To Samuel B. Long and wife were born: Philip Sheridan; Annie M., who married John Swartz, of Lebanon; Lizzie L., who married Marshall Achey, of Philadelphia; Mary E., who became Mrs. Joseph E. Davis, of Wilmington, Del.; Fannie L., who married J. H. Frey, of Lebanon; and Cyrus J., who resides in Lebanon.

In 1872 Samuel B. Long removed to Lebanon from South Annville township, and for twenty-three years was employed in blast furnaces. He is a man of some local prominence, and was called upon by his fellow citizens to serve them in the city council from the Third ward in 1886-7. When the call was made for troops in 1863 he responded nobly and went to the front as a private of Company K, Twentieth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. In this company he saw service for three years, receiving promotion to Corporal for meritorious conduct. He is a worthy member of



Sedgwick Post, G. A. R., of the United Americans, and of the United Brethren Church.

Philip S. Long was six years of age when his parents removed to Lebanon. He attended school until his fourteenth year, when he went to work in a boiler shop and for the three following years was engaged at that laborious service. This was succeeded by a six months' experience in a general wagon repair shop in Wooster, Ohio. Returning again to Lebanon he resumed his former occupation in the boiler shop, where he continued for some six months, when he became employed at one of Lebanon's blast furnaces, where he continued for the next five years, four of which were in the responsible position of hot blast attendant, and one as engineer. Becoming dissatisfied with the iron business on account of its limited opportunities for advancement, Mr. Long, in January, 1890, resolved to change his occupation, and believing conditions pointed to the baking trade as one in which there might be development, set up an establishment on Buttonwood street, and began the career which has been so successful. He started in a small way and after a year removed to North Eighth street, near the Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad depot, where he remained for the next five years, gradually building up a large trade by close application to business, and by seeking to establish a reputation for excellence of goods and of service. In this he has succeeded beyond his most sanguine expectations. He was soon compelled to seek larger quarters, and for that reason removed to his present stand. He caters to the general trade, keeping constantly in service five bread wagons, and a wholesale cake and cracker wagon.

Mr. Long is rapidly forging to the front as one of Lebanon's leading business men and deserves the success which is attending him. He affiliates prominently with the P. O. S. of A., the Knights of Malta, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Brotherhood of the Union.

On August 29, 1886, Mr. Long wedded Amelia Spang, who was born in Lebanon October 3, 1867, daughter of Henry and Malinda (Yeagley) Spang. She has borne to Mr. Long five bright children: Carrie, born April 14, 1887; Henry S., February 11, 1889; Mary S., January 15, 1891; Paul S., July 31, 1892, died April 15, 1893; and Helen B., April 13, 1894.

ABRAHAM L. RISSER, one of the well-known farmers of South Annville township, Lebanon county, owns and resides upon the old Abraham Risser farm, located about three miles from Annville and about one-half mile from the Horseshoe turnpike, a farm well known in this vicinity for its excellent improvements and fine state of cultivation.

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Abraham Risser was born on February 20, 1869, and he is a son of Henry N. and Kate (Herr) Risser, at Risser's Mill, Conewago, in Londonderry township. His father was born in the same township in 1842, and the mother in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, in 1844. The former died in 1896, but the mother still survives. Four children were born to them as follows: Abraham L.; Aaron S., who lives in Londonderry township in the old homestead; Mary, married to Jeremiah Gingrich, of Hummelstown, Dauphin county, and H. Allen, deceased. The grandfather of Abraham L. was Abraham Risser, who was born in South Londonderry township, Lebanon county, and was a farmer and a miller at the Risser mill, Conewago. His death occurred in 1899. Polly Nissley, his wife, was born in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, and they had these children: Henry N. and Mary, who married Samuel Coble, and is now deceased.

Abraham L. Risser was reared at the old mill and attended the common schools in his locality. In 1890 he began farming on the old Risser farm in South Annville township, purchasing the property in 1889 and continuing here ever since. This was originally the Samuel L. Bowman farm, and consists of 142 acres. A fine stone residence was built on it in 1832, the great stone barn having been erected in 1829.

In 1889 Mr. Risser was united in marriage with Emma E. Bachman, who was born in Cornwall township, daughter of John C. Bachman, and granddaughter of Christian Bachman, a leading citizen. To this union three children have been born, namely: John H., Annie L. and Lydia A.

CYRUS HEVERLING, a bricklayer by trade who has risen to the superintendency of the Lackawanna Rock Quarries, at West Lebanon, was born in Myerstown, Pa., May 1, 1841, the youngest of the four children born to Michael and Sarah (Kemmerer) Heverling. His brother, Henry, is living at the Hot Springs, Ark., while his sisters, Eliza and Amanda, are deceased. Michael Heverling was a staunch Republican, and a member of the Reformed Church.

On the paternal farm near the North Lebanon Furnaces, Cyrus Heverling was reared to much work and little leisure, and had, as well, but limited educational chances. While still quite young he prepared for future independence by learning the bricklayer's trade, but its practical application was interrupted by the breaking out of the Civil war. His first enlistment in the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry was for a year, during which time he participated in the Virginia campaign, after which he enlisted in the Forty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry for

three months. Even these two warlike experiences were not sufficient to dampen the ardor of this very patriotic youth, and he enlisted a third time in the Ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the close of hostilities. He saw much of the grewsome and terrible side of war, particularly at Richmond and Petersburg, Va., and in the Spring of 1865, he received a painful but not dangerous wound in the side.

Upon returning to Lebanon Mr. Heverling engaged in his trade with considerable success, and in time became superintendent of construction of the Colebrook Furnaces, and was thereafter superintendent of their masonry department for sixteen years. In 1895, in partnership with Joseph Stroman, he started a stone quarry business, the object being to furnish stone to the Lackawanna Iron & Steel Company, of Lebanon. This venture has proved a far-sighted one, and has won for its promoters large financial returns. At the present time Mr. Heverling is the possessor of a pleasant and comfortable home in West Lebanon, and of other valuable property in the neighborhood. Considering that he started out in life with practically no outside assistance; his success is the more praiseworthy, and is encouraging to others similarly situated.

On February 22, 1872, Mr. Heverling married Sallie Euston, of Lebanon, Pa., daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Thomas) Euston. Of this union there have been born eight children, six of whom are living: Louise, for the past twelve years a teacher in the Lebanon city schools; Clara, the wife of Warner Clemmens, of Lebanon; Lizzie, also a teacher in Lebanon; Sadie, living at home; May, also living at home; and Harry. Mr. Heverling is a Republican with independent tendencies, and his religious convictions are of an equally broad nature. Fraternally he is associated with the Royal Arcanum, and is also identified with other social organizations in the town. Mr. Heverling is one of the prosperous business men and property owners of Lebanon, and he stands in close touch with the general well being of the community.

SAMUEL S. PEIFFER, a prominent business citizen of Lebanon, engaged in the manufacture of bed-springs and cots, belongs to one of the old families of Lebanon county. He was born September 22, 1857, in Bethel township, a son of Isaac and Sarah (Schack) Peiffer, the former of whom is a resident of Schuylkill county, though born in Berks county, and is engaged in the wood business. After his marriage he came to Lebanon county, and engaged in the produce business, having located in Bethel township. Prior to removing to Schuylkill county, he was bereaved of his wife, her

early death taking place at about the age of twenty-five years. She left two children, Levi S. and Samuel S. The mother of these children was born in Bethel township, a daughter of Samuel and Maria (Smith) Schack, and there married Isaac Peiffer. Jacob Peiffer, father of Isaac, was a substantial farmer of Berks county. Jacob Peiffer was actively identified with the Union Church of Millersburg, and in its shadow he lies buried. The family is of German origin. Isaac Peiffer married a second time, and is now well advanced in years.

Samuel S. Peiffer was reared in Bethel township, and obtained an excellent common school education, engaging in teaching after finishing his own course, both in Berks and in Lebanon counties, some fifteen terms in all, four of these being in the former county. From teaching, Mr. Peiffer went into the agency and photographic business for some years, making many friends and gaining large experience, but in 1898 embarked in his present line, in Lebanon, in 1900 removing both home and place of business just outside the city in North Cornwall township, where he purchased two acres of land, and erected a suitable building for his manufacturing. His product is principally sold through Berks county, and it is probable that soon trade connections will be formed in other directions, the ready sale of his goods making expansion soon necessary.

In 1885 Mr. Peiffer was united in marriage with Miss Ida C. Witmer, daughter of Henry and Caroline (Smith) Witmer, and the children born to this union are: Jennie M., Emma C., Witmer H., Ella M. and Bertha K. The religious connection of the family is with the Reformed Church. Mr. Peiffer is one of the intelligent, progressive and public-spirited men of his locality. During his residence at Mt. Zion, he served as justice of the peace. Both he and family are held in the highest esteem in North Cornwall township.

VALENTINE HETRICK, one of the well-known farmers of North Annville township, Lebanon county, residing at Belle Grove, where he takes an active part in local affairs, was born in Hanover township, Dauphin county, November 12, 1851, a son of Levi and Jane (Early) Hetrick. The former was born in Dauphin county in 1783, and died in 1867. The mother was born in Hanover township, Dauphin county, in 1823, and died in 1900. Philip Hetrick, the father of Levi, had the following family: David, John, Henry, Sarah and Levi. On the maternal side of the house the Christian name of the grandfather was John. The children born to Levi and Jane (Early) Hetrick were as follows: Elizabeth, who married Samuel Ulrich, of Dauphin county;

Hezekiah, who lives at Swatara Station, Dauphin county; Martha, who married Jacob Clements, and is now deceased (her husband married Jane Stock); Edward, of Dauphin county; Mary Ann, who married John Berry, of Annville; John, who married Jane Allen; Valentine; Thomas, who married Sarah Brightbill, and they now reside at Shellsville, Dauphin county; Levi, who married Jane Hoffman, of Palmyra; Rudolph, who married Angeline Maulfair and lives at Shellsville; Sarah, who married John McCormick, of Shellsville; and Malinda, wife of Simon Cassell, of Shellsville.

Valentine Hetrick remained at home upon the farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he was married and settled in Grantville, remaining in that locality for three years. At the expiration of that period, he purchased a fine farm of 124 acres of Moses Forney, and in 1898 he bought his excellent farm in North Annville. In political matters he is a Republican, and has served most acceptably as school director for four years. His religious home is in the United Brethren Church, of which he is a liberal supporter.

On January 1, 1874, Mr. Hetrick married Fanny Behm, who was born January 23, 1848, daughter of Christian Behm, and sister of Rudolph Behm, of Palmyra. The following interesting family was born of this marriage: Ida Fanny, born October 19, 1874, died March 21, 1876; Anna Jane, born July 29, 1876, married Amos Bomgarden, of North Annville, and has two children, Naomi and Harvey; Lizzie Agnes, born July 12, 1879, married Harvey Umberger; Ida Fanny, born July 5, 1882, unmarried; and Talbert B., born March 30, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Hetrick, as well as their family, are numbered among the leading people of their locality and they take a prominent part in the social life of the neighborhood.

J. FRANK BEHNY (deceased), late proprietor of the well-known "Railroad Hotel" of Lebanon, also for many years a prominent cigar manufacturer, was one of the best-known and most public spirited men of his city. He was born February 20, 1850, son of John and Catherine (Bixley) Behny, for some years well-to-do farming people.

John Behny spent the early years of his business life on a farm, engaging in agriculture rather extensively, but later he moved to Lebanon and became a horse dealer, continuing the business for some time with much success. During his young manhood he married Catherine Bixley, and they had three children: Mary, Amelia and J. Frank.

J. Frank Behny received the ordinary rearing of a farmer's boy, and in the public schools of his vicinity procured his early education, which was thorough and practical. Later he attended college for one term, and then

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left school to take up the active duties of life. Possessed of considerable business ability he soon began hotel keeping, and giving excellent public satisfaction, at the same time being able to make it pay, he continued the business at different times for the greater part of his mature life. During his early life he had learned the trade of cigar making, and as a young man he also followed this occupation to some extent. Later he opened a cigar factory on Eighth street, where he manufactured some very excellent brands. He finally purchased the "Railroad Hotel" in Lebanon, made it thoroughly first class in every respect, and, securing a large patronage, conducted the business with success for the rest of his life. He died November 20, 1892.

On July 12, 1872, Mr. Behny married Emma Baum, a fine business woman, who is at present running the "Railroad Hotel," which was left her by her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Behny had four children, two of whom have lived to maturity: Robert is now a printer in Lebanon; and John, a pattern maker and machinist of Philadelphia, is the inventor of a water power fan.

Mr. Behny was always alive to questions of public interest and as an ardent Republican took an active interest in local politics. He filled several city offices with rare ability. Fraternaly he belonged to a number of societies in Lebanon. As a man of firm religious convictions he was a member of the United Brethren Church. He was generous, well liked, and had a large circle of warm friends.

Jacob Baum, father of Mrs. Emma Behny, was a prominent agriculturist of Dauphin county, Pa., for a number of years, and was also engaged for some time in the meat business. By his wife Elizabeth, he had eight children, six of whom grew to maturity: Catherine, who is now deceased; Rebecca; Albert; Emma, who is mentioned above; Ellen, now deceased; and Jacob, a cigar manufacturer of Lebanon.

AMOS H. BIEVER, proprietor of the "Hotel Biever" in West Lebanon, is one of the popular and representative citizens of the city, a leader in the Democratic party and an ex-president of the select council. He is broad-minded and liberal in his views, and possessed of the energy and push that win in any contest which he enters.

Mr. Biever was born in East Hanover township, Dauphin county, Pa., July 13, 1853, son of William L. and Sarah A. (Hufnagle) Biever. The father was born in Berks county, in 1823, and died in 1897. Grandfather Isaac Biever, who came from Berks county to Lebanon county, and later removed to Dauphin county, was an excellent farmer in his day and followed

that occupation until his death, which occurred in the latter county. Mr. Biever's mother was born in East Hanover township in 1833, where her father, Jacob Hufnagle, was one of the successful farmers, who at one time engaged in distilling whisky in the old-fashioned way; he died at the advanced age of eighty-six years. The father of Mr. Biever was also a farmer during his lifetime. His family consisted of three sons and five daughters.

Amos H. Biever passed the period of his boyhood and youth in the diversions and labor common to farm life in that day, early developing a strong physical frame, which made him, in connection with a willingness to work, of great service to his father in the conduct of the farm. While busily engaged one day at about sixteen years of age, in helping about a threshing machine, he accidentally came too near the machinery, and his right arm was crushed in such a fearful manner as to necessitate its amputation. This incapacitated him for further service on the farm, and his training was thenceforward in preparation for a professional career. He had received an excellent common school education, which was now supplemented with a course in a Normal School. He then began teaching in the common schools of Dauphin county, and for a period of twelve years was one of that county's most successful teachers. An opportunity offering, and tiring of the humdrum of the schoolroom, he began a mercantile business at Manadahill, Dauphin county, and at which place he also received an appointment as post-master. He continued this business with varying success until 1890, when he sold out and removed to West Lebanon. Here he passed the following two years in the mercantile business, and in 1892 opened the "Hotel Biever," at No. 359 North Eleventh street, and where he has since continued with marked success. The "Hotel Biever" is run on a high plane, and the genial hospitality of its host attracts to it a good class of custom.

Mr. Biever had always evinced a lively interest in politics, and from his youth was wont to take part in the different campaigns in one capacity or another. He soon became a prominent worker in Lebanon, and had the old Sixth ward at his fingers' ends, so far as knowledge of voters was concerned. His genial personality added to his popularity, and his good business judgment marked him as a man much needed in the select council. It had always been regarded as a hopeless task, however, to attempt to overcome the large majority of the opposition in the Sixth, it being nearly two to one. This task was successfully accomplished in 1896 by our subject, and that against one of the most popular men in the ward that the opposition could put up. He was elected for a period of four years, and again received the majority of the votes. In 1900 he was made president of the council, which

office he held until his term expired. While in the council Mr. Biever displayed a fine grasp of public questions, and proved one of the most useful members the Sixth ward ever had in that body.

The happy temperament of Mr. Biever makes him a popular member of a number of fraternal organizations, among which are the following: The Knights of the Golden Eagle, Lodge No. 497, and of which he is treasurer and representative; the Ancient Order Knights of the Mystic Chain, Lodge No. 6; the German Beneficial Association of Lebanon; the Knights of Fidelity; and the American Aid Association. In all of these organizations Mr. Biever takes an active interest and is a staunch upholder of the principles for which they stand.

On September 23, 1875, Mr. Biever was married to Annie E. Yorty, who died September 11, 1901. She was the daughter of Jacob and Lavinia (Eckert) Yorty, and was born in East Hanover township, Dauphin county, October 8, 1857, she being one of a family of three daughters and seven sons. Mrs. Biever was a helpful, loving wife and a kind mother to her children, of whom she had four, as follows: Annie Etta, born March 20, 1877, married David Krietz, of Lebanon; Mary Elizabeth, born November 4, 1878, married Raymond Moeckel, of Lebanon; Annie L., became Mrs. Charles Steely, and lives in Lebanon; and Walter Davault was born October 19, 1892. The high quality of citizenship displayed in the career of our subject is responsible for the unanimous feeling of confidence engendered in the hearts of his host of friends, to whom he is ever loyal.

J. ADAM ARNOLD, a worthy member of one of the old families of Lebanon county, and a representative farmer and dairyman of North Lebanon township, was born August 22, 1849, in North Lebanon township, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Allwine) Arnold, the former of whom was a son of Peter and Barbara (Arentz) Arnold.

Peter Arnold was a prominent farmer for many years in North Lebanon township, in advanced life moving to Lebanon City, where he died at the age of eighty years, leaving a numerous family. He was a most exemplary man, and one of the leading members of St. Mary's Church in Lebanon.

Joseph Arnold, son of Peter, died in 1895, at the age of seventy-two years, having also been a large farmer of North Lebanon township and also an excellent business man as well as prominent citizen. He handled agricultural machinery for a long period, and he capably served the township as school director and as supervisor. His widow survived until October 24, 1902, when she passed away at the age of seventy-nine years, in the faith



of the Roman Catholic Church, a most estimable Christian woman. The children born to Joseph Arnold and wife were: Aaron, a clerk in Reading; J. Adam; Edward, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Joseph, who is a farmer on the old homestead; Pierce, who is a freight handler in Lebanon; and Vincent, who died in young manhood.

J. Adam Arnold was reared on the farm in North Lebanon township and from his early youth has been interested in agriculture. His education was the best to be secured in the local public schools, and at the age of twenty-one years he started upon his individual career, as a cabinetmaker, having learned this trade also, with Joseph Bowman. After working at the trade for seven years, he returned to farming, locating on the property he now occupies, which contains 101 acres, situated two and one-half miles north of the city of Lebanon. Here Mr. Arnold carries on general farming and dairying, operating a very satisfactory milk route in Lebanon, but lately has given over much of the active business to his sons. Mr. Arnold is well known through the township as one of its reliable and representative men and he has been prominent in the agitation for good roads and school privileges, serving efficiently as school director.

On January 20, 1870, Mr. Arnold was married to Miss Catherine Reinsel, born April 26, 1852, daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Ann (Arnold) Reinsel, the latter of whom is still in good health at the advanced age of ninety-one years. The six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold were: (1) Sylvester, who married Miss Lizzie Arnold, has one daughter, Sarah, and they reside in Lebanon where he is in the employ of J. F. McGovern. (2) Augustus, who is the farmer on the homestead, married Miss Mary Arnold, and they have had children, Simeon, Lucy, Ritta (deceased), and Raphael. (3) Francis, deceased, was employed at the North Lebanon furnace, where he was asphyxiated. (4) Edward is deceased. (5) John, who resides at home, is a laborer. (6) Mary, who is the wife of Harvey B. Leiss, of North Lebanon township, has two children, Raymond and Cecilia. The family has long been among the liberal and highly valued supporters of the Catholic Church at Lebanon.

M. H. WILHELM, a well-known young citizen of Annville, and manager of the milk depot of the Reading Dairy Company, of Annville, was born March 23, 1864, on a farm in Lebanon county, son of Henry and Maria (Heilman) Wilhelm, both of whom were born on farms between New Market Forge and Palmyra, in Lebanon county.

Henry Wilhelm was born in 1833, a son of Henry W. Wilhelm, an early

settler of Lebanon county, and the mother was born in 1835, a daughter of Daniel Heilman. They reside in Palmyra, highly esteemed residents. Their children were as follows: Annie, the wife of John R. Light, a farmer of South Annville township; Kate, the wife of Adam Kunkel, a farmer of North Annville township; Mary, the wife of H. F. Stauffer of Millville, N. J.; Emma, the wife of John H. Plouch, of Palmyra; Lillie, the wife of David Light, of Belle Grove, Lebanon county; Ellen, the wife of William L. Ulrich, of South Annville township; David, of Palmyra; Abraham and Henry, of Lebanon county; and M. H.

M. H. Wilhelm was reared on his father's farm until he reached his eighteenth year, and acquired his education in the public schools. In 1882, with his brother Henry, he went to Massillon, Ohio, where they passed nineteen months working on farms. Upon his return to Lebanon county he accepted a position in the warehouse of W. L. Kreider, at Palmyra, remaining so employed for a year. He then learned telegraphy in the depot at Palmyra, and for several years was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company as telegrapher. In 1898 he took charge of the milk depot of the Reading Dairy Company, at Annville, and has capably filled the position ever since.

HOMER D. MAULFAIR, a well-known and leading citizen of Lebanon, Pa., pleasantly located at No. 934 Walnut street, was born at the Union Water Works, North Annville township, Lebanon county, September 15, 1867, a son of Augustus Maulfair. His education was gained in the public schools, at Palatinate College (Myerstown, Lebanon county), and at the Normal School at Annville. After finishing his education, he accepted a position in the dry goods store of C. Sherk, Lebanon, where he was employed for several years. Leaving that house, he was for a short time engaged in the retail grocery business in Lebanon, and then entered the establishment of Mrs. Lowrey, the well-known baker of Lebanon, where he remained for one year. At the expiration of that period, he purchased the bread business of Mrs. Lowrey, she retiring from that portion of the trade, and confining her attention to the baking of pretzels for which she was deservedly famous, and he did his baking in her ovens, which he rented from her. A year later, he was enabled to build his own ovens at No. 934 Walnut street, where he has since continued. In addition to his large business in his specialties, he is also sole agent for the Lowrey pretzels in Lebanon county. His business is steadily increasing, and he has every reason to be proud of his success.

On March 7, 1889, Mr. Maulfair was married to Jane B., the daughter

of William and Susan (Brownberger) Boyd, born at Colebrook, Lebanon Co., Pa., November 19, 1865. Mrs. Maulfair's father was born at Birdsboro, Berks Co., Pa., March 13, 1823, and died in 1875. Her mother was born July 6, 1830, and died September 12, 1902. These parents were married at Lancaster, Pa., by Rev. John Baker. William Boyd was the son of William, a farmer, and for some time was a clerk at Mt. Hope furnace, going thence to Colebrook, South Londonderry township, where he purchased a farm and followed the life of an agriculturist for a number of years, finally becoming manager of the farms of William Freeman, one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of Lebanon, and holding this position for seventeen years, at which time he retired from active life, and removing to Lebanon city, spent the remainder of his days in that locality. The children born to himself and wife were: Edward, born October 28, 1850, at Mt. Hope, Pa., married Mary G. Missemer, and resides at Manheim, Pa.; Henry, born November 17, 1852, at Mt. Hope, married Susan C. Jordan, and resides at Sidell, Ill.; Sarah, born April 28, 1855, at Mt. Hope, married John H. Snavelly, and resides in Lebanon; Mary, born April 30, 1857, at Mt. Hope, married Ambrose Eby, of Bismarck, Lebanon county; William, born May 20, 1860, at Colebrook, Lebanon county; Ellen, born July 2, 1863, at Colebrook, married William Schools, of Lebanon; and Jane B. The following family have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Maulfair: Boyd A., born January 29, 1892, died October 12, 1893; Susan Catharine, born May 27, 1895; and Lamont, born July 20, 1896, died August 20, 1896.

**HENRY S. BOMBERGER.** Among the prominent, substantial and representative farmers and esteemed citizens of Lebanon county, is Henry S. Bomberger, who owns one of the finest and best improved farms of Cornwall township. Its excellent situation, one and one-half miles southwest of the city of Lebanon, not only increases its value in the market, but makes it an ideal place of residence.

Mr. Bomberger was born September 14, 1855, in Bethel township, Lebanon county, a son of Samuel and Martha (Stauffer) Bomberger, the former of whom was a son of Daniel Bomberger. Samuel Bomberger was a farmer all his life, and was a much esteemed member of the community. His death occurred in 1863, at the age of forty-seven years, that of his wife in 1888, at the age of sixty-one years. Both parents were worthy members of the Mennonite Church. They reared six of their seven children, the names of these being: Mary, the wife of Moses Kreider, of North Lebanon township; John, a resident of Palmyra, North Londonderry township, where he is a

farmer and merchant; Leah, the wife of Henry Smith, of Cornwall township; Sarah, the wife of Michael Shenk, of Lebanon; Henry S.; Abraham, who died in childhood; and Samuel, who conducts a restaurant business in Lebanon.

Henry S. Bomberger was five years of age when his parents removed from Bethel to Cornwall township, and was reared on a farm and received a fair education only, his agricultural duties requiring the greater part of his time during his youth. In 1876 he began farming on his own account, where he has since made his home, and this fine estate, as noted above, is one of the most valuable in the township. The property, since coming into his possession, has been so improved that it is almost transformed, and to its attractive surroundings, Mr. Bomberger and estimable family add a gracious hospitality. He owns here 150 acres, and carries on general farming and conducts a fine dairy of twenty cows.

Politically Mr. Bomberger, like his late father, is identified with the Republican party. He is a man held in high esteem in his locality and has most capably filled a position on the school board for the past eight years. On October 16, 1875, he was married to Miss Veronica Brubaker, a daughter of Abraham and Hettie (Reist) Brubaker, of near Schaefferstown, where Mrs. Bomberger was born. Her father is deceased, having passed away in 1864, at the age of forty-six years, but the mother resides with her daughter above mentioned. Abraham Brubaker was one of the leading farmers of his locality. His three daughters were: Mary, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Veronica; and Amanda, who died at the age of five years.

A family of seven children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bomberger, namely: Martha, who died at the age of twenty years; Mansuetus, who died at the age of eighteen years; Edith, Harry, Sarah, and Samuel, at home; and Helen, who died at the age of five years. The family is one of the most respected in Cornwall township.

**HENRY B. WESTENBERGER**, a wholesale and retail ice dealer, large property owner, and all around popular citizen of Lebanon, was born on his father's farm in this county, September 13, 1838, a son of Samuel and Catherine (Becker) Westenberger, now deceased, a grandson of Henry, born in Lancaster, Pa., and great-grandson of the emigrating ancestor, who came from Germany and settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Westenberger, father of Henry B., was a blacksmith by trade, but in later years turned his attention exclusively to farming. He was successful in both occupations, was a man of upright character, a staunch Repub-

lican, and a member of the Lutheran Church. Of his three children, Henry B. was the youngest, the others being Susan and Catherine.

When grown to man's estate Henry B. Westenberger started out on his own responsibility, and, profiting by years of experience under his father's instruction, engaged in independent farming for about thirteen years. He then came to Lebanon and engaged in the coal business, and was afterward in the foundry business for a couple of years. For the following six years he engaged in the manufacture of brick, and was then interested in the manufacture of ice and the burning of lime, in which he has since been so successful. For the past thirty years he has been one of the hustling business men of Lebanon, and has to show for his industry several fine houses and lots, and other valuable property in the town. He was at one time president of the Lebanon Stove Works, and has been variously interested in public and private enterprises. In politics a Republican, he has, nevertheless, strong independent tendencies, and invariably votes for the man best qualified to serve the public interests. He is fraternally connected with the Woodmen of America, and the Firemen's Aid.

On July 15, 1860, Mr. Westenberger married Sarah Miller, daughter of Abraham Miller, and of this marriage there have been born three children, Selesa Salena, Clara Permelia, and Caleb, the latter of whom is in partnership with his father.

JOHN H. SHERK, one of the well-known representative and substantial citizens of Lebanon county, is a member of an old and honored family of North Annville township, and was born March 22, 1853, on the old Sherk homestead, located one and one-half miles north of Annville.

The parents of John H. Sherk were John E. and Mary (Wenger) Sherk, the former of whom was a son of John Sherk, who was the original owner of the Sherk homestead. John E. Sherk was born December 13, 1809, and died January 4, 1865. In his early days he was a school teacher, but later engaged in farming and became a prominent and highly respected citizen of his township. The mother, Mary Wenger, was born February 2, 1823, on a farm west of Jonestown, Lebanon county, daughter of Abraham and Barbara (Light) Wenger, who had a family consisting of five daughters and three sons, as follows: Eli, who married Kate Sherk; Sallie, who married John Phillip; Magdalena, who married David Rauk; Mary, who married John E. Sherk; Henry, who married Sarah Light; Abraham, who married Kate Light, sister of Henry's wife; Barbara, who married Rudolph Klein; and Catherine, who married Samuel Oberholtzer. Mary and Catherine

being the only survivors. The children born to John E. Sherk and wife were: Clara, deceased, who married Samuel Kleinfelter, had one child which died at the age of five years; Catherine, who died in infancy; John H.; and Barbara Ellen, who married Aaron L. Horst, of Belle Grove.

John H. Sherk was reared on the home farm and secured his education in the common schools of his locality, and in Annville, later spending two years in a store in Monroe Valley, clerking for D. G. Smith. He then spent another season at school, returning for one year to Mr. Smith at Mount Nebo. However, Mr. Sherk decided to turn his attention to farming and stock-raising and operated the home farm until the death of his father, and later managed it for his mother. For some four years Mr. Sherk has been much interested in the breeding of fine horses for market, finding ready sale at New York, and he has also done an extensive business in cattle raising.

Mr. Sherk was married to Miss Fanny Bomberger, born January 20, 1859, on the farm which is now the property of H. Moyer, near Campbelltown, Londonderry township. She is a daughter of Henry and Fanny (Bachman) Bomberger, the latter of whom was a daughter of John Bachman, while Henry Bomberger was a native of South Lebanon township. Mrs. Sherk was the seventh member of a family of eight children born to her parents, these being: Nancy, deceased, wife of John Hallinger; Leah, deceased, wife of Jacob Balsbaugh; an infant, deceased, aged three months; John H., who married Amanda Brightbill; Simon P., deceased, who married Lizzie Kreider, deceased; Joseph, died aged eight years; Fanny, the wife of John H. Sherk; and Henry K., who married Alice Behm. A family of five children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sherk, namely: John H., who was born February 12, 1883, married Ellen H., daughter of Ezra Kreider, of North Annville township, and had one child, now deceased; Mary Ella, born in 1885; Abel Herman, born January 7, 1894; Cyrus B., born August 12, 1897; and Enos Joseph, born December 4, 1898.

The religious connection of this family is with the United Brethren Church. Mr. Sherk is fraternally connected with Lebanon Lodge, No. 85, A. O. U. W., and since his majority, has been one of the leading members of the Republican party in North Annville township, at that early age being elected auditor. He is one of the reliable and representative citizens and he enjoys the esteem of a wide circle of friends.

MICHAEL ROLLER, a leading Lebanon butcher, has won success in life through those sterling traits of character inherited from good German stock. His father, Michael Roller, was a resident of Wittenberg, Germany,

where he followed the trade of a tinner. He married Susan Lupald, and they had one son, Michael.

Michael Roller, our subject, was born in Wittenberg, Germany, December 17, 1839, and there procured his education. In his father's tin shop he learned a lucrative trade, which he afterward followed for many years. In early manhood, in 1863, deciding to better his fortunes, he came to the United States, landing in New York. After defraying the expenses of his voyage he had but two cents in his pockets. Undismayed, however, he courageously set about procuring employment, and soon, in a tin shop, found what he wanted, and being an expert workman he remained for some time. Desiring, however, to see more of the country, he moved to Philadelphia, where he followed his trade for two years. In 1864 he married Rosa Hatfelder, and they have had three children: Jacob, now a butcher of Lebo, Pa.; Michael, Jr., who assists his father in the butcher shop; and Catherine, who married Charles Weiser, of Philadelphia.

After leaving Philadelphia Mr. Roller went to Lebanon, Pa., where he has since remained. There he first secured employment in the butcher shop of his brother-in-law, Abraham Rhepress, and so successful was he that he remained there six years. In 1872 he opened a shop of his own. Persistency and square dealing enabled him in a very short time to work up a paying custom, and his shop, which stands at No. 156 North Ninth street, is now the most widely patronized market in the city. Wise business management has enabled him to accumulate considerable property, and he now owns, in addition to his fine brick residence, several dwellings, which are located on Twelfth street.

Business has so largely engrossed Mr. Roller's attention that he has found little time for politics. Fraternally he has long been active, affiliating with the Woodmen, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and a German Society. Through solid merit he has won the highest esteem of his fellow-citizens, and he and his family have now a large circle of admiring friends.

WILLIAM J. ARNOLD, one of the representative young farmers of North Lebanon township, belongs to a much respected old family of Lebanon county, and was born October 16, 1863, on the old homestead in South Lebanon township, a son of Moses and Sarah (Arnold) Arnold.

Mr. Arnold received a common school education and was nineteen years of age when he started to learn the carpenter trade with J. B. Light & Co. He followed that trade for some eight years, during one year of this time at Fort Wayne, Ind. Since 1888 he has followed farming, beginning as a renter

in North Lebanon township, later purchasing his valuable farm of eighty-three acres, favorably located four miles northeast of the city of Lebanon. Here Mr. Arnold has devoted close attention to his operations, and as he is a progressive and up-to-date agriculturist, his place shows it, in its air of thrift and cultivation and in his excellent buildings. Every part of his land is made use of, and where cultivation is not carried on, he pastures a large herd of cows, manufacturing a first-class article of butter and other dairy products. It marks him as a young man of most sensible ideas, to learn that he not only operates his own farm, but also the adjoining one, which he rents, thus managing 200 acres.

On October 4, 1888, Mr. Arnold was married to Miss Elizabeth Steckbeck, daughter of Moses and Harriet Steckbeck, of North Lebanon township. An interesting family of bright, intelligent children make the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold one of happiness and activity, their names being: Stella, Maria, Raphael, Leroy and Hilda. The religious connection of the family is with the Roman Catholic Church. In politics Mr. Arnold is identified with the Democratic party.

LORENZO H. ARNOLD. One of the extensive farmers and successful dairymen of North Lebanon township is Lorenzo H. Arnold, whose energy, industry and good management have made him one of the substantial men of his community, as he certainly is one of the most thoroughly respected.

Mr. Arnold was born October 13, 1853, a son of Moses and Sarah (Arnold) Arnold, old and honored residents of Lebanon county. The father still survives, residing on the old home in Lebanon township, where Lorenzo was born. Here the latter was reared, early becoming a necessary assistant on the farm, in this way not securing very great educational advantages. The oldest of his parents' children, the brunt of the work fell upon him, this not preventing him, however, from becoming in later years one of the best informed men, on general topics, in his locality, and an authority on agricultural matters.

At the age of twenty-four years, Mr. Arnold married and began farming for himself on the homestead where he remained for eighteen years, moving then to his present fine estate. Here he owns 117 acres of a property which has been in the Arnold family for many years, having previously belonged to Joseph Arnold, a great-uncle. His location here was in 1896, and he began immediately to make substantial improvements, which added not only to the appearance of the place, but also to its value and productiveness. Mr. Arnold



believes in taking advantage of modern machinery and methods, and the result is that his farm is noted for its excellence and its satisfactory returns. Mr. Arnold has a fine herd of cows and engages in dairying and has a valuable milk route in the city of Lebanon, his farm being situated but four miles north of this city.

On August 22, 1878, Mr. Arnold was married to Miss Elizabeth Arnold, born November 12, 1858, in North Lebanon township, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Bowman) Arnold, the latter of whom died in 1860, leaving three daughters: Joanna, the wife of Michael Hunsicker, of Lebanon; Rebecca, wife of James McGovern, of Lebanon; and Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Arnold. By a second marriage, to Henrietta Grithby, a family of seven children was born to the father, namely: Emma, wife of J. Bixler; Peter; Henrietta, wife of Benjamin Booser; Amelia, deceased wife of Edward Bucher; Miss Maggie; John, a cigarmaker in New York City; and Mary, who is a Sister of Charity. Mr. Arnold was a wheelwright by trade and his death occurred in 1884, at the age of fifty years. The religious connection of the Arnold family is with St. Mary's Catholic Church of Lebanon.

A family of eight children has been born to Lorenzo Arnold and wife, as follows: Sarah, who is the wife of Joseph Hartman, a farmer of Swatara township, has two children, Mary and Joseph; Agnes is the wife of Aaron Hartman, of Swatara township; and Rosa, Helena, Stephen, Jr., George M., Lawrence H. and Cecilia T. are at home.

In politics Mr. Arnold has always been identified with the old Democratic party, but has been too much occupied with his own affairs to consent to accept office. The family is one which is highly esteemed in North Lebanon township.

**WILLIAM HENRY KAUFMAN.** Success always follows persistent, well-directed effort. Luck is a phantom, a will-o'-the-wisp, a myth. The man who stands behind life's door, ready to open at opportunity's knock, has no time to complain about failure. Such, at least, has been the experience of the above-named gentleman, one of the youngest and most enterprising of Lebanon's business men, a leading merchant tailor of the city.

Mr. Kaufman is a native of Berks county, Pa., where he was born January 16, 1871, son of David K. and Magdalene (Klohs) Kaufman, both natives of the same county, and now deceased. Their children were Sallie, now the wife of an upholsterer in Reading, Pa.; William Henry and Helen, who died at an early age.

William H. Kaufman received excellent elementary training in the

public schools of Reading, to which he later added a course at Brenner's Business College, of the same city. Having developed an aptitude in the line of neatness in dress, he was apprenticed to a tailor of the name of W. B. Aungstadt, one of the best workmen in his line in that city. There he spent the usual three years, and then passed a number of years engaged in journeyman work at different points, chiefly in Wilmington, Del., and in 1892 came to Lebanon, where he worked for Mr. Rohrer, the Chestnut street tailor. Discovering that an obstacle in the way of his advancement was his lack of skill in cutting, Mr. Kaufman went back to Reading and placed himself under the instruction of his former employer, who taught him to be an expert garment cutter. Again he returned to Lebanon, this time, however, with the determination to be his own boss. He opened an establishment at No. 912 Willon street, removed the following year to a better location, at No. 39 North Eighth street, and in 1897 occupied for the first time his present centrally located and commodious quarters at Nos. 30-33 North Eighth street. Here Mr. Kaufman does a general merchant tailoring business, giving especial attention to the finer lines of the trade. He is unsurpassed as a cutter, and is fast building up a most lucrative trade among the best dressers of the city. Mr. Kaufman is a genial, whole-souled gentleman, and is very popular among all classes of society in his adopted city. In sports he is especially fond of bicycling, and is a leading member of the Lebanon Cycle Club, whose personnel is made up of some of the best young men of the city. In religious faith he is an active and worthy member of Salem Lutheran Church.

Mr. Kaufman was happily married April 29, 1897, in Lebanon, to Miss Nora Shirey, a young lady of many graces of character, the daughter of Jeremiah Shirey, a worthy resident of the city. Two beautiful children have come to brighten their home, Martin, born September 5, 1899; and Grace, born June 4, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman are popular members of Lebanon society, and the regard in which they are held is uniform.

JOHN Z. BACHMAN, one of the leading and prominent citizens of North Cornwall township, Lebanon county, and the sixth child of Christian and Sarah (Zinn) Bachman, was born April 14, 1843.

The boyhood days of John Z. Bachman were spent upon his father's farm, where he learned the habits of industry and thrift which have since played so large a part in his success in life. At the time of his marriage, in 1869, after he had secured a liberal public school education, he moved with his bride upon the farm which he rented for some time, but finally purchased

about ten years ago, and which he has developed into one of the finest pieces of property in this part of Pennsylvania. The farm contains 160 acres of land, which Mr. Bachman devotes to general farming, and is meeting with remarkable success. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and he has held many of the local offices with great ability and satisfaction to his constituents and the general public.

On February 18, 1869, Mr. Bachman married Miss Lydia Kettering, daughter of Samuel and Fannie (Shenk) Kettering, and born in South Annville township, January 18, 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Bachman have had a family of twelve children: Emma, born January 9, 1870, married Abraham Risser, of South Annville township, and has three children, Harry, Annie and Lydia; Fannie, born January 12, 1872, married Joseph Kreider, of Bismarck, Lebanon county, has one child, John Ammon; Christian G., born August 27, 1873, a farmer of North Cornwall township, married Miss Dazie Killian, and has one child, Cyrus Irwin; John, born June 24, 1875, died February 8, 1876; Mary, born January 23, 1877, married John Forney, of North Cornwall township, a farmer, and has one child, Edith; Lydia, born May 13, 1879, is unmarried and living at home; Sallie J., born December 15, 1880, is unmarried, and at home; Harry, born April 27, 1883, is at home; Ellie May, born May 16, 1885, is at home; Annie, born February 15, 1887, at home; Cyrus, born May 25, 1889, is also at home; Levi, born November 28, 1891, died December 15, 1891. The family are constant attendants upon the services of the Reformed Church, to which they give liberally, and are important factors in the social life of the neighborhood. Mr. Bachman is highly esteemed throughout the county as a man of a high sense of honor, upright in all his dealings, and as one of the up-to-date farmers and public-spirited citizens.

**HENRY D. MEYER.** One of the very prominent farmers and representative citizens of that part of Lebanon county known as North Lebanon township, is Henry D. Meyer, one of the large property owners, leading politicians and esteemed residents. His pleasant and hospitable home is located just east of the village of Ebenezer.

Mr. Meyer belongs to one of the old families of this locality and was born February 15, 1858, at Heilmandale, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Yingst) Meyer, the former of whom died in 1885, at the age of sixty-three years, and the latter, daughter of Lewis Yingst, of North Lebanon township, in 1875, at the age of forty-six years. Joseph Meyer was born in Annville, son of Henry and Nancy (Light) Meyer, the former of whom died when he was

but twenty-eight years of age. He was a farmer on land just east of Annville, which is still owned by probably the fifth generation in line of descent from the founder of the family. Henry Meyer had also a large distillery, and, when his early death occurred, his capable wife took charge of it and conducted it very successfully, making trips on horseback, in its interest, over a wide territory. She was a woman of great force of character and possessed many of the traits of the typical pioneer woman, was of robust health and wonderful courage, carrying with her on her journey weapons of defense which she knew very well how to use. She contracted a second marriage and lived to the age of eighty years. Her last marriage was with Frederick Dundore.

Joseph Meyer was reared on the old homestead at Annville, and was afforded the best education to be secured at the Annville Academy. He was employed by his brother John, with whom he remained until he was twenty-five years of age. After his marriage he located on one of his father-in-law's farms, where he remained for eight years, purchasing then the Umberger farm at Heilmandale, consisting of 138 acres, and here he passed the rest of his life. Mr. Meyer engaged extensively in farming and stock dealing, and accumulated large means. He was one of the most intelligent and enterprising men of the township. Both he and estimable wife were active members of the United Brethren Church, and he was one of its most liberal supporters, being one of the founders of the church at Ebenezer, serving as trustee, and for many years was a class leader and earnest worker in the Sabbath School. Mr. Meyer was a staunch member of the Republican party, and as one of the best-informed men of the community, was very frequently one of the township officials. He gave hearty support to school and educational work, served on the school board, advocated reforms and was frequently his party's delegate to its various conventions. The nine children born to this most exemplary citizen and wife were: Josiah Y., who was asphyxiated in 1901, at the North Lebanon furnace; Lewis, who died in infancy; Rosa Ann, who married Cornelius Light of Lisbon, Iowa; John A., a resident of Lickdale, who is supervisor of Swatara township; Joseph R., who lives at Iowa Falls, Iowa; Henry D.; Amos L., who is a farmer at Heilmandale; Daniel, who lives near Iowa Falls; and Samuel P., who resides at Ebenezer, a farmer and trucker.

Henry D. Meyer was reared on his father's farm near Heilmandale, and secured an excellent education in the public schools, the academy and the Lebanon Valley College at Annville. He continued at home until his marriage, after which he spent one year at Bunker Hill, going thence to the old Yingst

homestead in North Lebanon township, operating that place for four years, moving then to the farm near Ebenezer where his father first began farming, spending four years here. Mr. Meyer then erected a handsome home in Ebenezer where he made his home, during this time being employed in the Lebanon furnaces, later purchasing the Light homestead of sixty-one acres, at Bunker Hill. This farm he operated for some eight years and then returned for three years to the village of Ebenezer, in 1890 purchasing the farm he now occupies. This contains 101 acres and is one of the well-improved farms of the township, it being the aim of Mr. Meyer to place every needed improvement on his properties, and to operate them to the extent of their resources. In addition to this valuable property he owns a tract of twenty acres in the vicinity of Heilmandale, two single dwellings and a double one in Ebenezer.

Mr. Meyer is known in his locality as a man of enterprise and ability, and also for his public spirit and readiness to promote all movements looking to the public good. Like his father he is an ardent Republican, and has served his township for three years as auditor and three years as assessor of Swatara township. By appointment he served as assistant assessor of North Lebanon township, and served the following year as assessor by election, and was later appointed to fill out an unexpired term. His fraternal connection is with the P. O. S. of A., No. 58.

In 1876 Mr. Meyer was married to Miss Emma E. Light, born in South Lebanon township, daughter of John and Mary (Good) Light, and two children have been born to this union, namely: Perry L., a graduate of Kutztown State Normal School and for two years a successful teacher in North Lebanon township; and Nettie May, the wife of Jerome D. Miller, a carpenter of North Lebanon township, and they have one daughter, Mary May. The family are liberal supporters and devoted members of the United Brethren Church of Ebenezer, and for many years Mr. Meyer has been a trustee and the Sunday School treasurer. Respected wherever known, this family represents some of Lebanon county's best citizenship.

**DANIEL S. LIGHT.** The name of Light is a well-known and honored one, and is identified with various lines of activity in Lebanon. Not the least enterprising and successful of those bearing the name is Daniel S. Light, formerly a large lumber merchant, but since 1899 extensively engaged in the manufacture of brick. He was born July 9, 1865, a son of Daniel S. and Barbara (Challey) Light, natives of Lebanon county, and now deceased.

Joseph Light, grandfather of our subject, came of the old Light stock which had its representatives among the very early settlers of Lebanon

county, who were responsible for a large share of its upbuilding and subsequent prosperity. Joseph Light was the father of nine children, of whom Henry, Solomon, Daniel S., Amelia, Mary and Sarah, were the oldest survivors, and of whom Amelia married Robert Challey; Mary became the wife of Benjamin Kline; and Sarah married David Light.

Daniel S. Light, father of our subject, was born about 1821, and died in 1865. He was a farmer during his active life, and was a staunch upholder of the Democratic party. He was an honored member of this community, and was the father of eight children, three of whom attained maturity. These were, Joseph E., mentioned elsewhere; Emma S., who became the wife of H. H. Light; and Daniel S., the youngest of the family.

Daniel S. Light, Jr., was educated in the public schools of Lebanon, and while still quite young acquired practical ideas of life and business. In 1887 he started out to earn his own living in the lumber business, in which he remained and prospered until 1899. From a comparatively small scale he branched out from time to time, and was eventually known as one of the largest in his line in this section. More alluring prospects induced him to change to the manufacture of brick, in which line of activity he has displayed the same business acumen and enterprise which brought about his lumber success. To show for his application he has considerable town and country property, including his pleasant modern home at No. 617 North Tenth street. Like his father and grandfather he is a Democrat in political preferment, but inclination has never suggested other political activity than the formality of casting his vote.

Mrs. Light was formerly Katherine Strickler, of Lebanon, a daughter of Edward and Katherine (Miller) Strickler, who were the parents of nine children: Amelia, the widow of William Heilman; Monroe; Annie, deceased; Verda, the wife of Henry Fisher; Charlie; Edward; Katherine; Howard; and Walter. The Strickler family has long been represented in Lebanon, and are accounted among its most worthy and honored families. The marriage of Mr. Light and Miss Strickler occurred September 8, 1892, and of this union there have been born five children: Edward, Daniel S., Jr., Bertram, Gladys and Julia.

DAVID P. LAYSER, now residing at the fine old Layser homestead in Millcreek township, is a young man of enterprise and marked business ability. Though only about thirty years old he has already achieved considerable success as an agriculturist, and is also managing a creamery with most excellent results.

Mr. Layser comes of two prominent pioneer families—the Moores and the Laysers. His grandfather, David Layser, was born in Lancaster county, and there passed many years of his life. During his young manhood he moved with his wife and family to Lebanon county and there settled upon the homestead, where his grandson, David P., now resides. Here the elder Mr. Layser cleared up a good farm for himself and carried on successful agricultural industry. During his young manhood he married Elizabeth Dinger, and they had six children: David; Reuben, now a resident of Millcreek township; Jeremiah, who is living at Reistville; Joseph, residing in Millcreek township; Lizzie, the wife of J. E. Horning, of Washington, D. C.; and Miss Mary, living in Lebanon county.

Lieut. David Layser, father of David P., was born in West Cocalico township, Lancaster county, August 31, 1836. Preparatory to his like work at an early age he learned the trade of house painting and sign painting. In the summer of 1856 he moved West, and during the same season worked at his trade in Dixon and Sterling, Ill., and later he followed the same business in Lyons, Iowa. From the last named place he went to New Orleans, where he spent the winter, and the following spring he came north to Chicago. There he stayed until May 22, when he went to Mendota, Ill., where he painted the Rust bank building, remaining at that place till September. St. Louis, Mo., was his next abiding place, and there he secured a position as foreman in a paint shop, which he filled with much ability for some time. Later, however, he went to Durand, Ill., where he continued his business for two summers, spending part of his time though in Kansas City, where he had established a large paint shop. Finally he located in Davis, Ill., where he purchased a small tract of land, built a hotel and store, from which he derived a good income. Here he laid out one hundred town lots, realizing a large profit upon his investment. At this place, when the war broke out, he offered to enlist in Lincoln's first call for troops, but failed to get into the quota. At Springfield, Ill., August 15, 1861, however, he enlisted as a private, in Company B, Twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for a term of three years or during the war. The regiment was in camp at Camp Butler, Freeport, Lagrange and Quincy, Ill., and at Palmyra, Hannibal and St. Louis, Mo., where in their drills they often used clubs in the place of muskets. Proceeding to the front they went down the Mississippi to Commerce, and from there marched over fifty miles to New Madrid via Braxton, for much of the distance through water from twelve to fifteen inches deep. At New Madrid, March 2, 1862, the regiment did its first fighting, losing a few men. It assisted in the digging of the channel around the place, and next proceeded

up the Mississippi to Cairo, thence up the Tennessee to Pittsburg Landing to join the army in the advance on Corinth. On May 9th, the Twenty-sixth Regiment participated in the battle of Farmington, which Lieut. Layser always declared was the hottest engagement of the war. The rebels largely outnumbered the Union force opposed to them, and made the attack four lines deep. After two hours fighting the Union line was obliged to turn back, with a loss in Company B of one killed and three wounded. About this time Mr. Layser was appointed fifth sergeant in his company for gallantry in action, and subsequently by rapid promotion was advanced to first sergeant. On the morning of May 28, 1862, the Twenty-sixth Illinois was one of the leading regiments in the attack on Corinth; it fought at Iuka September 19th, and again at Corinth October 4th, in the latter engagement rendering effective service in the support of Fort Robinette. In the Vicksburg campaign it got its full share of fighting and of the glory, during which it undermined and blew up a Rebel fort. After the surrender it moved north to Memphis, and from there marched to the relief of Chattanooga. Other battles in which it rendered effective service were Tunnel Hill, November 24th and 25th, the engagements about Knoxville, and the Sherman campaign. Mr. Layser was commissioned first lieutenant, November 10, 1864, and from that time had command of a company. At the battle of Bentonville, March 19, 1865, he and his company of eighteen men charged and captured a rebel rifle pit with fifty prisoners, especially distinguishing themselves. Considering his long term of service he was especially fortunate. During the battle of Tunnel Hill, however, he lay in a deep gully all day stunned by a fall, and while fighting at Dalton a bullet grazed his neck. After the close of the war Lieut. Layser spent some time in the West, but in the fall of 1865 returned to Millcreek township, where he soon settled upon a farm, and there passed the rest of his life. For some time during this period he was engaged in business in Millbach Springs, where he erected and operated a creamery. In both of his occupations he prospered, and was considered one of the solid business men of the county. He died August 3, 1902.

On September 1, 1867, Lieut. Layser married Mrs. Adeline (Moore) Person, widow of David Person, by whom she had three children: Maggie, who married Joseph S. Snyder, of Robesonia; Milton, a merchant of Millbach Springs, and Emma, deceased wife of D. W. Brown, of Millbach. Mrs. Layser is now living at the home of her son David P. Lieut. Layser and wife had three children, only one of whom is now living, David P., who is mentioned below.

Lieut. Layser possessed those strong forceful traits of character, which



win success for a man at every step in life. As a business man he was energetic and farsighted. On the field of battle he was brave and faithful, and at the same time fortunate. He was a man of strong intuitions. As early as 1858 from an impression he had received from the banking up of clouds from the south and north in the sky, he felt convinced of the certainty of war, and of the victory for the North. "But for a strange presentiment," he once said, "Missionary Ridge would probably have been my last battle. I was lying behind a big wormwood stalk, when all at once it seemed as if some one said to me that I should change my position. I moved a little to one side, and the next instant a rifle bullet struck the place I had just vacated. My sensations can better be imagined than described."

David P. Layser was born August 10, 1873, and on the family homestead in Millcreek township grew to manhood. In the public schools of his neighborhood he procured a good education, which he has later greatly supplemented by reading and observation. As the only son, upon reaching manhood he assisted his father somewhat in the work of the farm, and also in the creamery. He took up his abode on the old Layser homestead, and has there carried on a very successful agricultural industry, continuing his work very much as he has been instructed by his father. He is progressive, practical, and energetic, and has been thoroughly prosperous in his various enterprises.

On May 11, 1897, Mr. Layser married Jane Bamberger, who was born February 26, 1873, daughter of C. B. Bamberger, of Lebanon City. She is one of a family of ten children, the others being: Ida, who married Allen Fuse; Alice, who wedded Samuel Moyer; Alvin K., of Lebanon City; Lizzie, who married Howard Iegenfritz; and George, Annie, Charlie, Edna and Lydia, who all live in the city of Lebanon. Mr. and Mrs. Layser have three children: Howard, Mansuetes and Claruce Roosevelt.

Mr. Layser has an excellent standing among agriculturists and business men, and is highly respected in all circles. As a faithful member of the Schaefferstown Lutheran Church, he occupies a leading place in religious societies; and as an unwavering Republican, his word counts for much in local affairs. He is interested in the promotion of home industries, and is considered a thoroughly public spirited young man.

The MOORE FAMILY, maternal ancestors of Mr. Layser, have for the past one hundred and fifty years been prominent in this section. J. M. Moore was among the pioneers of Lebanon county, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1763 he erected the stone house, which is still standing on the property now owned by his descendant, David P. Layser.

The father of J. M. Moore came from Europe, and was among the early settlers of the State of Pennsylvania.

John Moore, son of J. M. Moore, and great-grandfather of David P., was also a well known citizen of Lebanon county, and continued the work of his father, assisting materially in the development of local industries.

Philip Moore, son of John, was the grandfather of David P., and his daughter was Adeline, who married Lieut. Layser.

HENRY SMITH, one of the representative citizens of North Cornwall township, residing on a fine farm three and one-half miles from the city of Lebanon, was born April 12, 1847, in South Lebanon township, a son of Isaac and Catherine (Gingrich) Smith, and a grandson of Peter Smith, extended mention of whom will be found elsewhere.

Isaac Smith was born and reared on the old Smith homestead and lived there until 1868, when he sold that property and purchased a farm of 120 acres in North Cornwall township, the same being now owned by Philip Imboden. Here Mr. Smith carried on farming until his death, about 1884, at the age of seventy-one years. He was a man of great piety, a consistent member of the Mennonite Church. His life had been devoted to his family and he left them a large property as well as an honorable name. Six children were born to him and his wife, Catherine, daughter of Rev. Michael Gingrich, of South Annville township, namely: Anna, the wife of Jacob B. Kreider, of North Cornwall township; Catherine, the wife of Philip Imboden, of North Cornwall township; Henry, of Cornwall; Aaron G. of Rexmont, South Lebanon township; and two died in infancy.

Henry Smith was reared and educated in South Lebanon township, and has devoted his life mainly to agricultural operations, being a practical and progressive farmer, one of those who have been important factors in bringing farming to its present high standard in Lebanon county. After his marriage, at about the age of twenty-four years, he managed the home farm for three years and then removed to his own property, adjoining that of his father, a farm of 120 acres which Mr. Smith has spared neither time, industry or means to bring to a high state of cultivation. His buildings are substantial, convenient and appropriate, and since the erection in 1898 of a fine modern residence, this has taken its place among the model farms of the county. In 1899 Mr. Smith gave up active work, finding enjoyment in many avenues which constant activity on the farm made almost impossible. He has always been regarded as one of the strong friends of popular education, and has faithfully served on the school board for eighteen years. He

has been twice elected as director of the poor, the only man in the township who has been so honored, in succession. His known integrity contributes to the esteem in which he is universally held.

In 1871 Mr. Smith was married to Leah Bomberger, who was born August 12, 1851, daughter of Samuel Bomberger. The three children born to this marriage were: Savilla, who died at the age of fourteen years; Isaac B., the farmer on the old homestead, who married Annie Gingrich, and they have two children, Stella and Mabel; and Harry A., a young man at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, with their son and his wife, are members of the Mennonite faith, most excellent, worthy people, who enjoy the respect of all who know them.

JOHN ARNOLD, J. S. No one could travel far in North Lebanon township without hearing the name of Arnold, representing one of the most numerous as well as respected old families of this section of Lebanon county, noted for its thrift and energy.

John Arnold, a member of the family mentioned, was born April 19, 1844, in Bethel township, near Mt. Zion, a son of Joseph and Maria (Bowman) Arnold, the former of whom died May 14, 1888, aged sixty-nine years, ten months and fourteen days. The latter died March 5, 1853, aged twenty-seven years, ten months and twenty-five days. Both were worthy members of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Lebanon.

Joseph Arnold was the youngest son of Harmon Arnold, and was born and reared in North Lebanon township, followed farming all his life, and became one of the leading men of his locality. He was a man who had made his own way in the world, was public-spirited and was deeply interested in charitable and church work, and was one of the trustees of St. Mary's Catholic Church to which he was ever a liberal contributor. His life of industry and probity was an example which might be profitably followed by any young man who finds himself with his own way to make in the world. Seven children were born to Joseph Arnold and wife, namely: John; Henry H., a retired farmer of Pottsville; William B., a farmer of Jackson township; Mary Ann, who died in childhood; Clara, the wife of Ericus Hartman, of Swatara township; Rebecca M., the wife of Jacob Hollinger, of Philadelphia (has one child); and Mary, a resident of Lebanon.

John Arnold was but two years old when the family located in North Lebanon township on the farm now the property of Lorenzo Arnold, and here he was reared, attending the public schools. At the age of twenty-three he married and settled down to domestic life, for four years farming for his

father, and then rented land in Swatara township. In March, 1886, he located on his present fine farm of 110 acres which he owns, and also has a thirteen-acre bit of valuable woodland. Mr. Arnold has devoted his entire attention to agriculture, and the result is shown in his fine farm, his sleek cattle, his prosperous dairy business and a fine milk route in Lebanon, the latter having been in operation for the past fourteen years, many of his customers being continuous since the beginning.

In June, 1867, Mr. Arnold was married to Miss Maria Zweier, born April 5, 1846, in North Lebanon township, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Zweier, and a large family of children has been born to this marriage, as follows: Elizabeth, who married Sylvester Arnold, of Lebanon; Joseph, who married Catherine Leibig and has three surviving children out of five, Annie, Willie and Mary (he lives at Paxtang, Dauphin county, where he engages in dairying and farming); Mary, who married Augustus Arnold, of North Lebanon township; Cecilia, who married George Tice, a farmer of Swatara township, and has four children, Gertrude, Henry, Paul and Annie; Rebecca, John and Sarah, who are at home; and Annie, who died in childhood. The religious connection of this family is with St. Mary's Catholic Church of Lebanon.

**HARRY GEORGE LOUSER.** The discoveries of the latter part of the nineteenth century have rapidly brought to the front a business which is assuming immense proportions, and which is yet in its infancy—that of electrical appliances. No magician's wand of Mediaeval times can match its wonderful achievements, and he, who at this early stage of the development of the industry, keeps pace with the different problems it is solving, will reap a hundred fold in the future. Realizing this fact the gentleman whose name forms the caption of this brief biographical mention has abandoned other lines, and is now engaged in the electrical supply business, and incidentally in the study of some of the problems which the new science is endeavoring to solve. His place of business is No. 119 North Ninth street, and he is a member of the firm known as the Lebanon Electrical Company.

Harry G. Louser was born at the old Louser homestead, corner of South Ninth and Chestnut streets, in the Second ward of Lebanon, August 4, 1872, son of George and Maria (Fink) Louser. The mother was a native of Cornwall township, Lebanon county, where she was born in 1838, the daughter of Philip Fink, a blacksmith by trade. On the paternal side of the family Grandfather Jacob Louser was born in Lebanon in 1791, and died in 1869. He married Mary McConnell, born in the same year as her hus-

band, and who died in 1867. The great-grandparents of our worthy subject were Joannes and Christina Louser, the former having been born in 1762, and died in 1813, the latter born in 1765, and died in 1831. These early members of the family were prominent in their day in the business and social world, and left a progeny who are acceptably filling important positions.

George Louser, father of our subject, is remembered as having been especially active in the business circles of the city for a long period of years. The firm of Louser Bros. did business at the corner of South Ninth and Chestnut streets, and was one of the most prominent mercantile establishments in the city. It is practically still in existence, as the present firm of J. Louser & Bros. is its successor.

Mrs. Maria (Fink) Louser was a woman of strong and sympathetic temperament, and is remembered for her many kindly deeds of charity. She died in 1880, and her husband followed her in 1885. They were the parents of the following children: Kate, now deceased, was the wife of J. Harper Wentz, of Lebanon; Grant F., Lebanon; Jacob and Rebecca, twins, now deceased; and Harry George. The parents and earlier members of the family were devout members of Salem Lutheran Church.

Harry G. Louser was well grounded in the preliminary studies at the public schools and at the age of fifteen began work at the carpenter's trade. This he followed for a period of five years with the firm of Miller & Cilley. Subsequently he was in the office of Miller, Louser & Co., successors to the firm. In 1892 he became interested in the bicycle business which he operated for a year and then sold. Following this and until 1899, Mr. Louser was connected with the various planing mills of the city in different capacities, his skill in the handling of machinery making him a most valued hand. In the latter year, in company with W. H. Reinoehl, he organized the Lebanon Electrical Company, and which is proving a success under the energetic management of the firm.

In its public utilities the city has always had an active worker in our honored subject. He has been especially active in keeping up the reputation of the Volunteer Fire Department, for twelve years having been a member of the Hook and Ladder Company and for nine years its secretary and foreman. He also served most acceptably as assistant engineer of the Fire Department, and in 1899 received from the Mayor the appointment as superintendent of the Lebanon Fire Alarm System. To this latter office he has been twice re-appointed. He takes a keen interest in the affairs of the county, and is at present one of the efficient directors of the County Fair Association.

Of a naturally social and jovial disposition Mr. Louser finds enjoyment

in affiliation with some of the best of the fraternal societies of the city. Of the Elks he is a prominent member. The Noble Order of Red Men enrolls him as one of its more active members, and he also belongs to the P. O. S. of A. A young man whose friends are myriad, a member of one of the most honorable of the old families of Lebanon, and of which he has shown himself no unworthy representative, with health and executive ability and a will to do, our honored subject is evidently just on the threshold of a brilliant future.

**IRA J. LIGHT.** One of the promising members of the younger generation of business men of Lebanon is Ira J. Light, the successful proprietor of the Lebanon Valley House Livery Stables. He was born near New Market, Lebanon county, February 1, 1867, a son of John and Eliza (Mark) Light, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

John Light was for many years a prominent iron manufacturer in the vicinity of Lebanon, and during his time was one of the leading citizens of his locality. He was born in North Annville, Lebanon county, July 1, 1839, a son of Jacob Light, a prominent and wealthy farmer of Lebanon. Jacob Light was the father of five children: Sarah, the wife of Adam Mark, of Dauphin county, Pa.; Maria, the widow of Oliver Bowman, of Lebanon county; Cyrus, foreman in the Lebanon Steel Company's plant; John, the father of Ira J.; and Annie, the wife of George Allis, of Jonestown. John Light was a prominent Republican, and was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church. About 1860 he married Eliza Mark, of this county, and of this union there have been born the following children, viz: Adam M., foreman in the Lebanon Steel Mills; Ira J.; Grant A., of this county; Harry J.; Albert G., a grocer, member of the firm of which Ira J. is a partner; and Matie E., living at home.

As a child Ira J. Light came to Lebanon with his parents, and here received the greater part of his education, which, however, was supplemented by a full course at the Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. His success is entirely due to his own perseverance, for he started out to care for himself with only \$2.50 to his name. He has been in the livery business since 1890, and has met with the patronage due his honorable and enterprising business methods. His interests are by no means self-centered, for he is a director in the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Lebanon, and is fraternally associated with the Elks, the Woodmen of America, and the Knights of Malta, and the Aid Society. He is a Republican in political affiliation, and is a member of the United Evangelical Church.

On August 3, 1892, Mr. Light married Amelia M. Fisher, daughter of

C. Robert and Carrie Fisher, of Lebanon City. One son was born of this union, Charles Robert Light. Mrs. Light, who died October 27, 1898, left many friends to mourn her departure from accustomed haunts, her many lovable and womanly traits having endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. Mr. Light is a believer in hard work and honesty, and he has a due regard for the interests of those who honor him with their confidence and help.

JOSEPH E. DISSINGER, one of the representative farmers of North Cornwall township, Lebanon county, was born at New Columbus, Ind., January 7, 1865, a son of Joseph M. and Mary (Engel) Dissinger, residents of Bismarck, Lebanon county.

Joseph E. Dissinger was but a small child when the family returned to Lebanon county, which had formerly been their home, and he grew to manhood, receiving a fair education in the common schools of Bismarck, while during the summer, he assisted his father burning lime. For the following thirteen years, he was employed in this line, but then located on his present farm, which he purchased of his father-in-law, Henry P. S. Witmer, first working for Mr. Witmer for four years before he took charge, in 1897. This farm contains 122 acres of as good farming land as is found in the county, lying at the foot of a mountain in West Cornwall township. Mr. Dissinger gives his entire attention to farming, although he is always ready and willing to give time and attention to the advancement of the general good of the community, or the advancement of the cause of the Republican party. He is also greatly interested in school matters, and has long been an active member of the school board. During the summer months, he attends the markets at Mt. Gretna, as he resides about one and one-half miles from that famous resort. Mr. Dissinger is a member of the P. O. S. of A., Bismarck, Camp 70.

Mr. Dissinger was married July 3, 1886, to Miss Ella Ann Witmer, daughter of Henry P. S. and Caroline (Smith) Witmer, born in Cornwall township, October 17, 1868. Eight children were born to this union: Carrie M., born November 21, 1887; Irwin W., born July 8, 1890; Franklin E., born June 3, 1895, and five others who died in infancy.

Henry P. S. Witmer, the father of Mrs. Dissinger, was born on the Witmer homestead, where Mrs. Dissinger was also born and reared, and where she still resides, his birth occurring January 16, 1822, and his death on December 20, 1898. He was the son of Peter and Mary (Yorty) Witmer, and spent nearly all his life on the Witmer homestead, where he fol-

lowed farming. In 1856, he removed to Lebanon where he spent some eight years, but returned to his farm life. During his long life, he took an active part in local affairs, serving acceptably as tax collector, assessor and member of the school board, and was always ready to assist those less fortunate than himself. His wife was born July 29, 1830, and died May 14, 1897. She bore her husband five children: Mary A., born December 18, 1852; Sarah A., born August 20, 1859, married John H. Snively, and died May 30, 1882; John P., born December 21, 1861, married Mary A. Gible, and died February 1, 1892; Ida C., born December 8, 1864, married S. S. Pieffer, of Cornwall township and Ella A. became Mrs. Dissinger. Mr. and Mrs. Witmer were members of the Reformed Church of Bismarck. Peter Witmer, grandfather of Mrs. Dissinger, was born September 16, 1787. His wife, Mary Yorty, was born January 29, 1789, and they were married March 17, 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Dissinger are consistent members of the Methodist Church, in which they take an active part, and they are both most highly esteemed throughout the community in which they have made their home for so many years.

JACOB W. STAEGER. The stability and importance of the Keystone State lies in the fact that it has among its citizens men whose integrity cannot be impeached; whose lives are examples to the coming generations, and who have made a success out of very unpromising beginnings. Among such men as these may be mentioned Jacob W. Staeger of South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, whose birth occurred July 28, 1844, at the old Staeger homestead, on a portion of which he is still living.

The boyhood days of Mr. Staeger were spent upon the farm, and he received a fair education in the schools of the neighborhood. The portion of the homestead in his possession consists of ninety-one acres, all of which is in a fine state of cultivation, and is situated two miles southeast of Lebanon. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and has taken an active part in local affairs, filling the greater portion of the township offices. Being thoroughly posted on current matters, his advice has been sought, and he is recognized as one of the substantial, reliable men of the township.

On January 13, 1861, Mr. Staeger was united in marriage to Miss Harriet C. E. Shaak, daughter of John and Anna Mary (Eby) Shaak, born May 1, 1845, in South Lebanon township, and eight children have been born of this union: J. Frank, at home; John S., of Lancaster county, who married Agnes Strong, and has three children, Richard, Harriet and Mary; Jonas Reuben, a merchant at Avon, who married Kate Rohland, and has three



children, Annie, Earl and Rohland S.; Annie, deceased, who married Albert Phillips, and had one child, Mary Alice; Shaak W., an employe in the machinery and belt works at Lebanon, who married Alice Dissinger, and has one child, Raymond; Bessie, who married Jonas Smith, of Midway; Harry, at home; and George, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Staeger are members of the First Reformed Church of Lebanon, and the family are among the county's most worthy and respected people.

CHRISTIAN H. SNYDER, a member of the city council, and a well-known citizen of the Third ward, Lebanon, was born May 30, 1872, in South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, son of Jonas B. and Lydia (Herr) Snyder.

The original settler of the Snyder family in Lebanon county (then a portion of Lancaster) was the great-grandfather, who came to this locality from his native land, Switzerland. The grandfather, Michael, was born in Lebanon county, as was his son, Jonas, father of Christian H., upon the same farm as the latter, November 16, 1842, while his wife was born August 17, 1844. To Jonas and Lydia Snyder were born: Michael, deceased; Christian H.; Elizabeth, wife of Monroe Hostetter, of Fontana, Lebanon county; Harvey H., bookkeeper for Christian H. The grandfather on the maternal side was Christian Herr, and he married Elizabeth Schenk, born on the old Schenk place, near Buffalo Springs, an aunt to the well-known J. M., Daniel and Christian Shenk of Lebanon.

Christian H. Snyder was reared upon the farm in North Lebanon township, but later the family removed to the farm of Moses Light, in North Cornwall township, Lebanon county. In the latter place he attended common school, and afterward the Normal School at Annville. Like a number of young men of his locality, his first venture in business life was as a school teacher, and for two terms he conducted a school in North Cornwall township, Lebanon county. After his marriage, which occurred about this time, he returned to his father's farm in North Cornwall township, and conducted it for three years, when he settled at Hebron, near Avon, Lebanon county, and worked as a laborer for two years.

On March 27, 1898, Mr. Snyder removed to Lebanon, and engaged in the coal business at Donaghmore, where he has since remained. Mr. Snyder has always taken an active part in politics, and in February, 1901, was elected to the common council of Lebanon from the Third ward for the two year term. During the first year, he served very acceptably on the Fire and Highway Committees, and was reappointed to same when the new council of

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1902 assembled, although the majority is Republican, and he is a firm Democrat. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., K. of P., Modern Woodmen and Golden Eagles. In his religious relations, he is a member of the United Brethren Church.

On November 16, 1893, Mr. Snyder was married to Miss Mary B. Light, daughter of Adam Light, born September 13, 1870, in North Lebanon township. The following family have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder: Paul L.; Eden L., deceased; Lydia; Adam; and John.

DAVID ULRICH LANDIS, one of the enterprising young business men of Palmyra, and one who is prominently identified with its best interests, was born in Lyonsville, Dauphin Co., Pa., October 28, 1872. His boyhood days were spent in Palmyra, where he attended the public schools, and later he had the advantage of a course of study at the Lebanon Valley College. After completing his education, he embarked in the cattle business with his father, and after the latter's retirement in 1892, Mr. Landis entered into a partnership with Messrs. Bomberger and Eby, under the firm style of Bomberger, Eby & Landis, in the same line of commercial activity, but after a year dissolved this connection, and became an edge trimmer for the Palmyra Shoe Company. After about a year this concern leased its plant to A. S. Kreider, and Mr. Landis continued in his position for a year longer. At the expiration of this period his father, Jacob Landis, purchased the property, establishing the firm of J. Landis Sons, and David U. Landis became one of its members. His duties involve the management of the factory, and he thoroughly understands every detail of the business, which is steadily increasing the volume of its trade.

On November 24, 1898, Mr. Landis was married to Mary A. Brunner, daughter of George B. Brunner, a coach maker of Palmyra, and one child has been born of this union, Harold Ulrich. Mrs. Landis is a lady of pleasing personality, who was born at Strasburg, Pa. Both Mr. and Mrs. Landis are highly esteemed by their acquaintances and friends, and they enjoy a well-merited popularity in Palmyra and its vicinity.

HENRY T. OLTENBUERSTEL, one of the leading business men of Lebanon county, residing at Rexmont, was born in Schlieben, Province of Saxony, February 14, 1847, son of Carl and Christianna (Richard) Oltenbuerstel, both now deceased.

The father, Carl Oltenbuerstel, was a miller by occupation, and he and his wife, who with him passed away in her native land, were consistent mem-

bers of the Lutheran Church. Of the nine children born to these parents, Henry T. was the only one to come to America. When a young man he learned the trade of shoemaker, and then served four years in the army during the Franco-Prussian war. In September, 1871, after his term of service had expired, he emigrated, and located in Hoboken, N. J., but later settled in Philadelphia, whence he went to Harrisburg. After a time he left that city, and came to Lebanon county, and became employed at the Cornwall ore bank, continuing in this line for ten years and three months. His next employer was Robert H. Coleman, with whom he remained three years more, when in May, 1885, he erected his buildings at Rexmont. Here, in October, 1885, he began operating a large bakery establishment and is enjoying a very satisfactory trade, which is constantly increasing. No man in this portion of the State stands higher in public estimation than does Henry T. Oltensbuerstel; essentially self-made, he can sympathize with those less fortunate, and having learned the details of his business, he is enabled to conduct it in a scientific and successful manner. In politics, he is a Democrat, and has most acceptably filled the position of auditor of the township. Fraternally he is a member of A. F. & A. M. Lodge No. 226; Chapter No. 197; Herman Commandery, No. 124; I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 121; Encampment No. 68. His religious home is in the Lutheran Church, in which he is very active, and in every relation, he is upright, conscientious and honorable, a kind employer, good friend and generous man, and his popularity is certainly well merited.

HENRY PFANNKUCH, a retired baker of Lebanon, Pa., was born in Prussia, Germany, near the town of Cassel, on February 13, 1846, a son of Conrad and Gertrude Pfannkuch, deceased, of Germany. Conrad was a tailor by trade and the father of seven children: Charles, of New York; Martha, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Mary; Conrad; and Peter, of Germany.

Henry Pfannkuch attended school at home until he was fourteen years of age, when he went to St. Petersburg, Russia, and learned the baker's trade. He remained there five years, returned to his old home for a short time, thence to London, and from there sailed to the United States, landing in New York November 10, 1865. He followed his trade in that city for one year, after which he went to Massachusetts and worked in a cotton factory for six months. At the expiration of that time he returned to New York, remaining for some time, thence going to Harrisburg, Pa., in 1867. After learning the carpenter's trade at that place he went to Pittsburg, Pa., where he learned steamboat carpentering. At the end of two years he went

to Canton, Ohio, where he worked at house carpentering for one year. He then came to Lebanon, Pa., where he worked for P. L. Weimer, in his machine shop for two years, when he began house carpentering with Elijah Lonecker. They worked together four years. He afterward worked some time for the Miller Organ Company, as a cabinet maker. At this time he bought out a bakery and then returned to his old trade once more. He conducted a first class shop for eleven years on Walnut street, and in 1892 he closed out his business and retired. Since that time he has been engaged in building and real estate in Lebanon City.

On December 8, 1870 Mr. Pfannkuch married Miss Mary E. Patschke, of Lebanon, a daughter of John F. and Mary (Fauber) Patschke, of Lebanon. They have been blessed with four children: Lillie, the wife of Charles Blouch, of Lebanon; Charles, of Lebanon; Rosa, the wife of Rev. W. K. Fisher, a clergyman in the Lutheran Church, of Johnstown, Pa., and Raymond, deceased. Mrs. Pfannkuch was one of a family of four children; the other three being Augustus of Lebanon; Henry, deceased; and Benjamin. She was born October 19, 1851. In politics Mr. Pfannkuch is a Republican, but has never interested himself in holding a political office, although he served on the board of health four years. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. He and his family reside at No. 701 Walnut street, in one of the finest residences in the city. Mr. Pfannkuch is well known for his square dealings and honesty, and he is a loyal citizen, a kind husband and an indulgent father.

**ELIAS FEEMAN.** The mercantile stability of West Lebanon has been fostered and maintained by Elias Feeman, also interested in the Mechanics Building & Loan Association as director, and in the Central Insurance Company as director, stockholder and treasurer. A native son of Lebanon county, he was born December 24, 1858, a son of John and Catherine (Fox) Feeman, and grandson of Abraham Feeman, the latter of whom was a very early settler of this county, and died when Elias was a young man. The grandfather was the father of five children, Elizabeth, Susan, Nancy, Catherine and John.

John Feeman, the father of Elias, was born September 16, 1819. He was a carpenter by trade, but in later life followed farming exclusively. He was successful and popular, a staunch Republican, and a member of the Lutheran Church. About 1838 he was united in marriage with Catherine Fox, who was born October 10, 1819, and died October 8, 1899. He died September 18, 1895. To himself and wife were born eleven children, nine of whom

attained maturity, and eight of whom are still living, viz: John H., of North Annville township; Gertrude, the wife of William Davis, of West Lebanon; Catherine; Amelia, the wife of Henry Imhof, of Lebanon; Emma, the wife of William A. Runkle, of Lebanon; Adam J., a carpenter in Lebanon; Elias; and Elizabeth, the wife of Maurice Smith, a farmer of Lebanon.

In his youth Elias Feeman availed himself to the utmost of his educational opportunities, which were confined for the most part to the public schools. At the age of twenty he began teaching in the schools of the county, and during the eight years thus employed acquired an enviable reputation for thoroughness and clear elucidation. At the age of twenty-eight he began a business life in Lebanon in partnership with his brother-in-law, John H. Lerch, at the stand now owned and occupied by him; but later removed to Fargo street, where he remained for three years. He has been very successful in business, and his uprightness of dealing has won the confidence of the business contingent of the town. A staunch Republican, he has held various offices of a local nature, including that of school director. He is fraternally connected with the P. O. S. of A., Camp 254, the Brotherhood of the Union, and the Lily of the Valley Home Commission, No. 24. The architect of his own career, Mr. Feeman has not only built up a paying business, but has become the possessor of valuable real estate in Lebanon and vicinity.

On October 4, 1884, Mr. Feeman married Mary, daughter of Isaac and Lydia (Large) Book, who was born in Lancaster county, Pa., July 14, 1865. Of this union there have been born three children, Ella Nora, Laura Elizabeth, and Oscar Elias. Ellen, the wife of John H. Lerch, a merchant of West Lebanon, is a sister of Mrs. Feeman.

EDMUND W. MENGEL was, during life, one of the promising young business men of Myerstown, one whose death caused universal regret. His business career had been one of honor and integrity, and in every relation of life he had displayed admirable qualities. In business, in church, in society and in his home he is still recalled with expressions of respect and affection.

Edmund W. Mengel was born May 15, 1870, in Myerstown, and died May 15, 1897. His parents were Charles W. and Margaret P. (Williams) Mengel, the former of whom has also passed away, but the latter still survives. Charles Mengel was a son of Benjamin Mengel, who carried on a meat business for a long period. Charles Mengel was a member of the noted Second Bucktail regiment during the Civil war, the One Hundred and Fortyninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which Capt. John Bassler was the leading spirit, and Mr. Mengel took a prominent part in the battle of

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Gettysburg, July 1 to 3, 1863. Escaping serious injury, he returned to Myerstown after the war and engaged in his trade of baker and confectioner, displaying as good business qualifications as he had shown bravery during his army life.

Edmund W. Mengel was the only son of Lieut. Charles Mengel and wife, and was reared in Myerstown, acquiring his education in the public schools, later supplementing this with advanced work at Albright College, from which he graduated. On the death of his father he succeeded to the business and through his energy and honesty had built up a fine trade. His business was one that was constantly increasing, and promised to grow into the leading one in this vicinity. Mr. Mengel was also public-spirited, and was always ready to assist in enterprises for the good of the community.

On May 15, 1893, Mr. Mengel was married to Miss Anna A. Martin, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Bicknel) Martin, of Myerstown, an old family of wealth and respectability. One child was born to this union, Margaret W., born June 17, 1894, who, with her young widowed mother, resides on College street, in Myerstown. Mr. Mengel was fraternally connected with the K. of P., and the I. O. O. F. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and was prominent in public affairs as his father had been before him. The Mengels have always been most highly regarded as first-class citizens and most worthy people. They are members, as was the late Mr. Mengel, of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Mengel has one sister, Tillie, and two brothers, William and John, all well known and esteemed in this vicinity.

CHARLES L. GERMAN, a well-known resident of Myerstown, is the owner and patentee of the noted German Roof Paints for which he received a patent in 1874, and which have become so widely known through the country since then, partly through Mr. German's energetic business methods, and mainly through their merits. In addition to these valuable paints, Mr. German owns a number of other patents, a very salable article being a certain kind of weather-stripping.

Mr. German is of old Pennsylvania ancestry, and was born in Stouchsburg, Berks county, April 18, 1851, a son of Jacob and Harriet (Lance) German, the former of whom was a shoemaker in Stouchsburg for a long period, and was born in 1805, in Sunbury, Northumberland county, and died in 1876. Jacob German was a son of Jacob, a native also of Northumberland county, the father of four children: Mary, the widow of Edward Larch, of Womelsdorf, Berks county; Sarah, deceased, wife of Isaac Emer, a well-known horse dealer and the proprietor of the Mansion Hotel, of

Reading; Jacob; and John, who died at Reading. The family originated at a very early day in Germany, the first of the name to reach Philadelphia in 1735 being Hans, or John, German. Nine children were born to Jacob and Harriet (Lance) German, and six of these grew to maturity, viz.: Harriet, the wife of Harrison Groover, of Berks county; Ephraim, deceased; Charles L.; Katherine, the wife of William Getsall, both deceased; Alberta, the wife of Samuel Leahman, of Reading; and George, deceased. Mr. German was an excellent citizen, a strong supporter of the Republican party, and a most highly respected man.

Charles L. German was reared and educated in Stouchsburg, beginning at the age of eighteen years to learn the carpenter trade and has followed this to some extent ever since. He lived in Stouchsburg until the age of twenty-six. In 1881 he located in Myerstown and in June of that year was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Moyer, daughter of John and Katherine Moyer, old and honored residents. Mrs. German was one of a family of six children born to her parents, the five survivors being: Monroe, of Millcreek township; John H., of Schaefferstown; Mrs. German; Delilah, the wife of John Stoher, of Schaefferstown; and Miss Amanda. The Moyer family was one of the first to settle in Heidelberg township.

Mr. and Mrs. German reside in their handsome home on South College street, Myerstown, and their pleasant, genial hospitality is much appreciated by a large circle of friends. They are members of the Lutheran Church, of which Mr. German is a liberal supporter. Mr. German was appointed to a responsible position by Gen. Gobin, during the World's Fair at Chicago, which he filled with efficiency. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and a very highly esteemed resident of his community.

JOHN B. SHEAF, one of the representative young business men of Lebanon county, engaged in the butchering business in North Cornwall township, near Zinns Mill, three miles south of Lebanon city, was born at Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., March 20, 1868, a son of John and Rickey (Bierley) Sheaf, residing in Manheim, Lancaster county. The father is a hucksterer and a most worthy man. The parents are consistent members of the Manheim Lutheran Church. They had a family of two children, now living: John B.; and Carrie, who married William Neareling, of Philadelphia.

John B. Sheaf was reared in Manheim from the age of eight to nineteen years, spending half the year at school, and half working upon the various farms in the neighborhood, and learning those habits of thrift and industry which have so largely contributed toward his success. At the age

of nineteen, he removed to Lebanon city, where he learned butchering with Gephart Brothers, remaining with this firm for eight years, but in 1895 he started into business on his own account in North Cornwall township, and has since remained, doing a general slaughtering and butchering business, attending the Lebanon markets, and keeping three wagons on the road, his entire receipts aggregating from \$1200 to \$1500 monthly.

On April 13, 1889, Mr. Sheaf was married to Miss Mary Kiscadden, a daughter of William Kiscadden, who was born at Cornwall, Lebanon county. Two children have been born of this union: Minnie May and William Roy. The family are consistent members of the Lutheran Church, in which they take an active part. Mr. Sheaf is a member of the Mystic Chain, No. 7, P. O. S. of A., and also of the Junior O. U. A. M. Having made his way in life from very humble beginnings, his success is certainly very much to his credit, and he is not only very popular as a good business man, but also as one who takes a deep interest in all measures calculated to prove beneficial to the community in general.

JOSEPH STROHMAN, in whom Lebanon county finds a prominent, progressive and wealthy citizen, who has arisen to his present financial position entirely through his own efforts, being in fact a self-made man, is at the same time, one of the very best citizens of his community.

Mr. Strohman was born March 22, 1853, in Union township, Lebanon county, son of Stephen and Priscilla (Beck) Strohman, both deceased. Joseph Strohman, the grandfather, came from York county. He was a wheelwright by trade and made his home at the Union Water Works. He died at the age of eighty years, leaving eight children: Stephen, Jeremiah, John, Mary Ann, Margaret, Elizabeth, Catherine and Rebecca.

Stephen Strohman, father of Joseph, was a boatman on the old Union canal, following this vocation all his life, making his home at Lickdale, in Union township. Here he died at the age of forty-three years. His first marriage was to Catherine Kern, who died without issue. His second marriage was to Priscilla Beck and the three children born to this union were: Stephen, a laborer, residing at West Lebanon; Joseph; and Priscilla, who died in childhood.

Joseph Strohman had few early educational advantages, beginning the battle of life at the age of nine years, as a driver on the various canals of the locality, those waterways which once were such necessary channels of transportation, working on the Union, Pennsylvania and Schuylkill canals for seven years, thus supporting his mother. At the age of sixteen he began



railroading, his position being a humble one on the Pine Grove Branch, later being made foreman of the repair gang, continuing in the employ of the railroad for thirteen years. From this position he entered the employ of Robert H. Coleman on track construction, and was so intelligent and industrious that in 1883 he was given charge of the quarries at West Lebanon. This work he performed alone until 1897, when he took Cyrus Heverling as assistant, the business being conducted under the firm name of Strohman & Heverling, the stone here quarried being for the furnaces alone. Some sixty men are employed, and the work done is satisfactory in every way on account of the good management of Mr. Strohman. His pleasant home is located near Heilmendale, where he owns a fine farm of 137 acres, and in addition owns the "West End Hotel" property and four good tenement houses in West Lebanon. Although Mr. Strohman has led a very active life he shows no signs of age, his vigor and energy still encouraging other business enterprises and financial transactions. In politics he is an active Republican, has served on the school board and as supervisor and is one of the township's public-spirited and useful citizens.

In 1872 Mr. Strohman was married to Miss Lydia A. Yingst, born in North Lebanon township, daughter of Henry L. Yingst. A family of nine children has been born to this union, but the parents have been bereaved of four, the survivors being: (1) Mary J., the wife of Henry Cleiser, a laborer, has two children, Maud and Claud, twins; by a previous marriage to Charles Kramer, she had three children, Lydia and Joseph surviving. (2) Joseph Y., the eldest son, a graduate of the Poughkeepsie Business College, and of the State Normal School at Millersville, in 1898, is one of the successful teachers of Lebanon county. (3) Thomas H. was also educated at the Normal School at Millersville and resides at home. (4) Lizzie married Harry Houser and resides at home, as does also the youngest daughter, (5) Maggie May. The religious membership of the Strohman family is in the Reformed Church, where they are most highly valued. Mr. Strohman fills the ideal of a first-class American citizen, honorably independent, intelligent from long experience and proud of his country and her institutions. In private life he is esteemed and beloved.

REUBEN CARPENTER, the genial proprietor of the well known and popular hostelry at Rexmont, Lebanon county, known as the "Rexmont Hotel," is one of that locality's most prominent and public-spirited citizens, and he was born in Cornwall, Lebanon county, April 11, 1855, son of Reuben and Caroline (Bostick) Carpenter.

The early boyhood days of Mr. Carpenter were spent in Cornwall, where he received his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. At the age of eleven years, he began to earn wages, young as he was, as chore boy, in the employ of J. P. Jackson, with whom he remained eighteen months, after which he was employed hauling stone at the lime kilns for two years. His next employment was as dumpsman at the Cornwall furnace, but after a year and one-half he took the position of teamster at the Cornwall mill, and remained in that capacity for eight years. From the expiration of that period until 1899, he was employed in the ore banks, and at the latter date rented the "Rexmont Hotel," purchasing the property in April, 1902; he has fitted the house with all modern improvements, conducting it upon modern and homelike principles. Mr. Carpenter is well fitted for his position, being cordial and pleasant in manner, with many friends, and his hotel is one of the best in Lebanon county. Being essentially a self-made man in every particular, the success which has followed his efforts, is certainly well merited, and he understands fully how to sympathize with those still struggling to make their way in life. In the ranks of the Republican party, Mr. Carpenter has always taken an active part, wielding a strong influence, both as party manager, official representative of Republican doctrines, as member of the Republican County Central Committee, and as a private citizen. For many years he has been a member of Cornwall Beneficial Society, and of the I. O. O. F. of Lebanon; the Mystic Chain of Cornwall; and P. O. S. of A.

On June 25, 1874, Mr. Carpenter was married to Caroline Rauck, daughter of George Rauck, and children as follows have been born to them: Simon T., deceased; Maurice, who married Sallie Staley, and has two children, Clayton McKinley and Ellsworth; Frank, deceased; George; Reuben; Amanda; Irvin; Mary. The entire family are highly respected in this community, and are important factors in the social, political and fraternal life of Rexmont.

CHARLES SHNEIDER, of Lebanon, Pa., who is the proprietor of Shneider's Brewery, was born in Saxony, Germany, March 27, 1865. He is a son of Edward and Wilhelmina Shneider, of Germany, both of whom are deceased. Edward Shneider was a weaver by trade. He was the father of twelve children, ten of whom are living, six in Germany and four in America.

Charles Shneider came to America December 14, 1882, landing in New York, and from there went to Philadelphia, where he worked in a brewery for eleven years. Later he went to work in a brewery in Harrisburg, and came to Lebanon in 1897. He then went into the hotel business, as pro-

prietor of the "Pleasant Hill Hotel." In partnership with his brother, Gustave, he bought the old Union Brewery plant in 1898, changing the name to Shneider's Brewery. The business was considerably run down, but by the efforts of Charles F., they managed to build up a nice trade, and put the brewery on a paying basis, making about 5,000 barrels of beer annually, of a fine quality and flavor. In 1901 Mr. Shneider bought his brother's interest in the brewery, and is now the sole proprietor of the plant, which is located at the corner of Twelfth street and the Philadelphia & Reading railroad tracks, in the city of Lebanon. Mr. Shneider is a thrifty, self-made man, for when he arrived in New York he had but six cents. He was married to Louisa Ellinger, of Philadelphia, in 1886, and they have had three children, Minnie, Charlie and Louisa. In politics Mr. Shneider votes for the best man, not binding himself to any particular party. In religion he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church of Lebanon, Pa. He is a member of the Red Men, the B. and E., of Philadelphia, and a German Lodge of Lebanon. He is well liked, and is big hearted, and a friend to all; honest and square in all his dealings, he is one of the eminent citizens and successful business men of Lebanon.

FRANKLIN WILLIAM KREMER, D. D. One of the most eminent ministers of the Gospel who have been connected with the Reformed Church in and about Lebanon was the gentleman whose name is here mentioned, and who passed to his reward June 14, 1889. During his lifetime he was exceedingly active in the cause of his Master, and brought many sheaves to the granaries. Several of the church buildings of Lebanon county are monuments to this indefatigable worker in the vineyard of the Lord.

Rev. Mr. Kremer was born in the village of Washington, Lancaster Co., Pa., November 16, 1816. His father, Frederick William Kremer, was born in 1790, and died in 1864. He married Anna Margareta Yentzer, who was born in 1794, and died in the year 1876. After passing the first part of their married life in Lancaster county, they removed to the county of York, Pa., where the education of Franklin W. Kremer was in the main obtained in the common schools and in the York County Academy. His literary education was finished at Marshall College, Mercersburg, where he graduated in the year 1843. Having felt that he must consecrate his life to the ministry, he matriculated at the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, from which in due time he was graduated. He was immediately ordained to the ministry, and installed in his first pastorate at Grindstone Hill, which charge consisted of four congregations located in the vicinity of Chambersburg. He was

successful in building up the spiritual life of these congregations and adding to their material improvements. In 1851 he accepted a call from the Lebanon charge of the Reformed Church, comprising at that time three congregations, one located in Lebanon, another at Annville, and a third, known as the "Hill Church," about three and a half miles northwest of Lebanon. At the close of his first year his connection with the Annville Church was severed, and in May, 1864, the classis of Lebanon, with the view of forming a new pastoral charge, separated the "Hill Church" from that of Lebanon, connecting it with that of Annville. His congregation at Lebanon becoming very large by reason of his popularity, it was necessary that an additional church edifice be built and a new congregation be formed, and this movement resulted in the building and dedication of St. John's Church, in 1860. This sufficed until 1872, when the present church and Sunday school had increased to such proportions that it became necessary to provide more room, and the beautiful chapel for the Sunday school which now adjoins the old building was erected. Through Rev. Mr. Kremer's efforts, in 1877, a brick church was erected at Bismarck, five miles from Lebanon, for the portion of his congregation that resided in that vicinity.

Rev. Mr. Kremer became very prominent in the Synod of his denomination, holding many offices of trust and responsibility, and was also a most voluminous and highly entertaining correspondent to many of the church papers. He contributed largely to the *Reformed Messenger* on the subjects of practical and theological moment that were agitating the Reformed Church at different periods, and was uniformly happy in his discussion of these questions. He was also a prominent contributor to the *Christian World*, published at Cincinnati, to the *Mercersburg Review*, the *Reformed Quarterly Review*, and many others. In the General Synod of his church he was one of the representatives to the second General Presbyterian Council, held in Philadelphia in 1880. In 1879 he was appointed by the Synod a member of the Peace Commission which was convened by the General Synod in Tiffin, Ohio, in 1881. He was also a member of the commission to prepare a new Liturgy for the Reformed Church. He was a life member of the Home Missions of the Church, also of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, of the American Tract Society, and of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. For the high character of services rendered the church and the distinguished literary ability which he had displayed, Heidelberg College, Ohio, conferred on him the honorary degree, June 29, 1869, of Doctor of Divinity.

Rev. Mr. Kremer was twice married. On April 9, 1846, he was joined

(first) to Margaretta Heitschue Keller, daughter of George and Rebecca Keller, of Carlisle, Pa., and she died in Lebanon January 5, 1855, at the age of thirty-four years, the mother of the following children: Emma Rebecca (deceased), who married Hon. Joseph E. Noble, of Waterside, Bedford Co., Pa.; EDWARD PAYSON, A. M., D. D. S.; Rev. Leighton George Kremer (deceased), who graduated at Ursinus College and Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., and was ordained minister of the Reformed Church at Hagerstown, Md.; and Mary, the youngest child of the family, who died in infancy. Dr. Kremer's second wife was Henrietta Cromwell, of Lancaster city, who died within a year. She left no children.

A. S. STAUFFER, one of the leading business men and representative citizens of Palmyra, Lebanon county, conducts a large coal and feed establishment, having previously been interested both in agricultural and milling interests.

Mr. Stauffer bears a name which is one of the old and honorable ones of both Lancaster and Lebanon counties, and his birth took place April 2, 1873, on the old Stauffer homestead farm, in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county. His parents were Abraham G. and Harriet H. (Shelley) Stauffer, the former of whom was born in the old homestead in Lancaster county, August 9, 1842, a son of Jacob (2), who was a son of Jacob, who was probably the founder of the family and the original owner of the old homestead. Family records tell of six brothers of the name who emigrated to America from Germany, landing in the city of New York, where they separated, the name being found all over the United States.

Jacob Stauffer (2), the grandfather of A. S., married Mary Groff, daughter of a neighboring farmer, and their children were: John, of Lancaster county; Abraham, father of Andrew; Jacob, of Lancaster county; Fanny, who married Samuel Risser, of Dauphin county; Mary, who married David Moyer, of Milton Grove, Lancaster county; and Rebecca, deceased, who married Peter Gruber, of Elizabethtown. The mother of Andrew S. Stauffer was born in Rapho township, Lancaster county, December 12, 1844, and died December 22, 1901, a daughter of Henry Shelley, of Lancaster county, and his wife, who belonged to the Witmer family. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Shelley were: Abraham, of Lancaster county; Annie, deceased, who married Abraham Eberhardt; Fannie, the wife of Samuel Zug, of Mastersonville; Susan, the wife of Benjamin Zug, of Mastersonville; Maria, the wife of J. G. Stauffer, uncle of Andrew S.; and Harriet H., the mother of Andrew S.

Abraham Stauffer removed from Lancaster county in April, 1892, and settled on his Lebanon county farm, in South Annville township, which he had acquired four years previously from Joseph Herr. Here Mr. Stauffer carried on successful farming for a period of eleven seasons, and then retired to Campbelltown, in the spring of 1902. To Abraham Stauffer and his wife were born these children: Henry, who married Lizzie Shoop, now of Manheim, has one son, Abraham; Samuel, residing on the old home in Lancaster county, who married Amanda Graybill, and has one daughter, Minnie; Fanny, who married Albert Carver, a merchant at Mt. Pleasant, South Annville township, and has children, Frank, Sadie, Willie and Albert; A. S.; David, who married Ada Frantz, and resides at Harrisburg; Miss Annie, at home; Harriet, who died in infancy, as did also Jacob, Mamie and Abraham; and Katie, who died August 22, 1901, aged twenty-four years. The Stauffer family has long been identified with the German Baptist Church.

A. S. Stauffer was reared on the farm in Lancaster county, attended the public schools there, and then accompanied his father to Lebanon county, assisting in the operation of the farm on the Horseshoe Turnpike road until 1896, when he removed to Palmyra. For two years he followed farming, and then engaged in the milling business with A. Hoffer, the firm name being Hoffer & Stauffer, the business being conducted in the W. L. Kreider warehouse. Three years later the partnership was mutually ended, and in April, 1901, Mr. Stauffer embarked in his present line, coal and feed.

On October 19, 1895, Mr. Stauffer was married to Leah Earley, a daughter of John M. Earley, a merchant of Fontana, and to this union have been born three interesting children, namely: John Earley, born August 29, 1896; Annie May, born September 2, 1898; and Mary Elizabeth, born September 8, 1902. In politics Mr. Stauffer adheres to the doctrines of the Republican party.

JACOB G. GERHART, of Fredericksburg, a furniture dealer and undertaker, as well as member of the E. Gerhart & Son's Shirt Manufacturing firm, is a young man of rare business ability, and to all probabilities one with a future. Schooled from his earliest years to accept life's responsibilities, now at the age of thirty, he is keen, alert, self-confident and strong—in fact able to compete with business men by a score of years his senior.

Mr. Gerhart is of German extraction, the first of the American branch of the family having come from Germany and settled in Berks county about 1750. Henry Gerhart, son of the emigrant, is the first of whom we have any extended data. He settled upon a farm in Bethel township, and engaged in

agriculture and in cattle dealing, and became in time a prosperous citizen, and the owner of four splendid farms, each comprising more than a hundred acres. He married and had six children, of whom the five sons, Wendell, John, Jacob, George and William, were all farmers; the daughter, Susannah, married John Walmer, and they resided in the city of Lebanon.

George Gerhart, grandfather of Jacob G., was born in Bethel township, in 1811. Upon reaching manhood he settled upon a farm in Lebanon county, and became one of the leading agriculturists of his section. He married Rebecca Peiffer, and, after her death, Eva Harnish, now deceased. By the first marriage there were three children: Pollie, who married John Edris; Isaac, now a Missouri farmer; and Mollie, who married Benjamin Mick, and resides in Missouri. By the second marriage there were fifteen children, eleven of whom grew to maturity: Sallie, who married George S. Gerbrich, of Union township; Amanda, wife of John Edris, a farmer of Bethel township, Berks county; Malinda, who wedded Adam Gerbrich, and is now deceased; John, deceased; Christina, who married John Spangler, of Bethel township; Levi S., a prominent business man of Fredericksburg; Elias, mentioned below; George, a Berks county farmer; Eva (twin to George), the wife of Henry Urich, of Reading; Phianna, who married T. D. Brown-miller, of Schuylkill Haven; and Leah, who married Albert Pittle, a farmer of South Lebanon township. Mr. Gerhart, the father of these children, was a thrifty, energetic man and a power for good in his community. Not afraid to speak his mind, as a Republican he exerted a strong influence in local affairs. The Klapps Reformed Church of Bethel township counted him among its most highly esteemed members.

Elias Gerhart, father of Jacob G., a prominent building contractor, and manufacturer of Bethel township, was reared on a farm, and early learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed with success for some years. He gradually rose to the position of contractor, and settling at Mt. Zion, found in that vicinity a good opening in his line. Many public and private buildings there have been erected under his direction, which for substantial work and evidences of good architectural taste can hardly be excelled. He has continued in the business steadily, and his services are still greatly in demand. He has also branched out in other lines, and some years ago went into partnership with his son, Jacob G., and started a shirt manufacturing establishment in Fredericksburg, an enterprise which is still flourishing under the name of E. Gerhart & Son. Mr. Gerhart and his son Jacob G. now conduct a lumber, coal, grain and flagstone business at Jonestown, and are meeting with great success in this new line.

During his young manhood Elias Gerhart married Franny Wolf, and they had a large family, among whom are three pairs of twins: Jacob G. and Ellen (twins), the former mentioned below, and the latter the wife of Milton Kline, of Lebanon; Harry, who died at the age of fifteen years; Clara, wife of Thomas Heffelfinger, residing in Jackson township; Cora and Carrie (twins), trained nurses residing at Elizabeth, N. J.; Sallie, at Fredericksburg; George and Eva (twins), who died aged seventeen and eighteen, respectively; and Elias, the youngest, who is at home and works at the carpenter trade with his father.

Elias Gerhart is a man of integrity, strong and forceful, as well as skilled in directing affairs, and has won the confidence of the community. As a Republican he has long been influential in local politics, but is not, however, an office seeker. The Reformed Church of Mount Zion considers him one of its strongest members, and has honored him with the offices of deacon and trustee, which he has filled with marked fidelity and thoroughness.

Jacob G. Gerhart was born at Mount Zion, February 2, 1873, and there attended the public schools for a number of years, where he made rapid progress. At the tender age of nine, however, he was sent to work on neighboring farms, and with sturdy pluck and energy continued in this line until he was sixteen years old, commanding fair wages. At the end of seven years he went home and began working with his father at the carpenter's trade. His active brain quickly mastered the details of the craft, and a short experience in handling tools soon developed expertness. For five years he pursued the trade diligently, deriving a good income and acquiring valuable business experience. Then, grasping a chance to rise, he opened a furniture shop in Fredericksburg, adding to it an undertaking department. He had no difficulty in working up a trade, and wise financial management soon placed the business upon a firm foundation. He has continued to prosper, and his store is now considered one of the most reliable places of its kind in the vicinity. The success of this enterprise encouraged him to branch out in business, and October 1, 1898, he opened in partnership with his father, a shirt manufacturing establishment in Fredericksburg, which has proved a great success. It is now the largest establishment of its kind in Bethel township, employs fifty men and women, and turns out large quantities of the best made articles. Its business is rapidly increasing, and at present its outlook is most encouraging. Since then, as stated above, the prosperous business at Jones-town has also been established.

On October 14, 1894, Jacob G. Gerhart married Mary Hoffman, of Greble, Bethel township, who was born December 22, 1872, and they have



had four children: Leighton, now deceased; Raymond Elias; Mabel Elmina and William H. Mr. Gerhart is a man who is bound to make a success of life under any circumstances. Keen foresight, dogged persistence, worthy ambition, and alertness to take advantage of every opportunity for a rise, are among his dominant traits. He is also conscientious and straightforward. The Reformed Church of Mount Zion counts him among its most worthy members. Politically he affiliates with the Republicans.

William Hoffman, father of Mrs. Gerhart, a farmer of Bethel township, married Elmina Hoke, and they had four children: David, a farmer of Bethel township; Mary (Mrs. Gerhart), who is mentioned above; Ellen, who married Jacob Wenger, a farmer of Swatara township; and Emma, the youngest, who lives at home.

HARRY G. LONGENECKER, a farmer and stockman of South Annville township, Lebanon county, who lives on the old Imboden farm, located one mile south of Annville, was born near Palmyra, Lebanon county, December 29, 1864, one of the nine children of Benjamin and Annie (Gingrich) Longenecker.

Benjamin S. Longenecker, the father, was born in South Londonderry township, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1835, a son of Christian Longenecker, who was twice married, (first) to a Miss Shenk, and (second) to a Miss Brinzer. The grandparents resided in Dauphin county, and had these children: Mrs. Joseph Reider was the eldest; Phronica (Fronney), who married George Hoffer, of Conewago township, Dauphin county, is now deceased; Mary married Josiah Foltz, of Dauphin county; Benjamin S. resides at Hockersville, Dauphin county; John, who resides at Round Top, Dauphin county, is married to Martha Peck; Beckey married Samuel Moyer, of Round Top; and Christian, of Dauphin county, is deceased.

The father of Harry G. Longenecker moved from Lebanon county to Dauphin. He lived on the Reider farm for some five years, removing then to the Kiefer farm in Dauphin county, still later to the old Gingrich farm in the eastern part of Dauphin county, which he still owns. After fifteen years residence there he bought the Uriah Miller farm near Hockersville, Dauphin county, and now resides there retired from active labor, with his wife, a daughter of Henry Gingrich, born in 1840, and together they enjoy all the comforts of life, surrounded by many friends and esteemed by all. They are members of the German Baptist Church. Their children, besides Harry G., were: John, who died four years ago; Elizabeth, who married John Coble, deceased; Christian, who died five years ago; Joseph, who lives in Hummels-

town, Pa.; Mary, who is the widow of Jacob Engle, of Palmyra, and lives in Illinois; Simon, who resides at Centerville, Lancaster county; Kate, who married (first) a Mr. Backenstow, and (second) Jacob Kettering; and Levi, who lives in Palmyra.

Harry G. Longenecker was reared in Dauphin county and was educated in the common schools. At the age of twenty-three years he began farming on the old Imboden farm, which they purchased, and there he continued to reside until January 1, 1904. This is one of the most desirable estates in South Annville township, comprising 149 acres, less several perches, and its improvements rank with its general fertility and excellent location. The handsome residence was erected in 1882, while the same year saw the building of the fine, substantial barn which is scarcely equalled in this vicinity. Mr. Longenecker owns also other desirable properties, one being a farm of 114 acres in Dauphin county, a brick dwelling on Main street, South Annville, and a dwelling house close to the farm in South Annville township. He has taken a deep interest in public matters, serving through three terms as school director of South Annville township. Mr. Longenecker has long been one of the directors in the Valley National Bank, and in the Annville Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

On October 1, 1887, Mr. Longenecker was married to Sally Gingrich, born in South Annville township, on the old Gingrich farm, September 9, 1867, a daughter of Henry and Sally (Bachman) Gingrich, and to this union these children have been born: Annie, born October 15, 1890; Harry, born December 11, 1892; and Walter, born October 18, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Longenecker are both members of the German Baptist Church, and are among the respected residents of South Annville township.

ABRAHAM REHFUSS, of Lebanon, now living in retirement at his handsome residence at No. 152 North Ninth street, was for a number of years one of the prominent meat dealers of the city. More recently as a progressive agriculturist and as an investor in city property he has materially benefited his community. His achievements have been entirely due to his own efforts. Born in Balingen, Wittenberg, Germany, April 15, 1833, he there learned the butcher's trade, and at the age of seventeen was prepared to make his own living in the world. Starting out as a journeyman butcher, he first went to Switzerland, where he spent a year and a half. He then went to the city of Zwickau, Koenigreich, Saxony, where he worked for another year and a half. By economy and strict attention to business he was enabled at the end of this period to purchase his passage to America. Landing in

New York in 1853, at the age of twenty, he had little, if anything, but his own hands to fall back upon. Possessed of a fund of energy, however, he soon found employment at his trade, which he followed in New York for two years.

In 1855 Mr. Rehfuss married Catherine Herdtfelder, who was born in Balingen, Wittenberg, Germany, October 14, 1834. They have had no children of their own, but have reared four: Louisa Wissman; Catherine Wissman; Amelia, who married George Weaver, and is now deceased; and a son of the last named couple, born August 6, 1885.

About the time of his marriage Mr. Rehfuss came to Lancaster, Pa., and from there to Lebanon, where he resided for some time. At first he worked at anything he could turn his hand to. Later, in 1857, he opened a meat shop in the city, which he conducted with success for fourteen years. So well did he do at this business that when he closed out he was enabled to purchase a 110-acre farm, only three miles from the city, where he carried on general agriculture for thirty-five years, managing his place with science and skill. As a result of his own hard work, with the assistance of his wife, he has amassed considerable property. Besides his city residence he now owns the "North Lebanon Hotel," and his well kept and productive farm, which is located in North Lebanon township.

Mr. Rehfuss has been a man of influence in Lebanon, and has served two terms as a member of the city council. In politics he is a Democrat with very pronounced views. Both he and his wife are very substantial members of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church.

SAMUEL WEBER, whose death occurred at his home in Fredericksburg in 1874, was one of the early merchants of that place, who played a prominent part in the advancement of local industries. He was born in Bethel township, Lebanon county, in 1827, a son of Jacob and Anna (Sherk) Weber.

The Weber family is an old and highly respected one. It originated in Saxony, Germany, and the first member of the family to seek a home in the New World located at New Amsterdam in the early part of the Seventeenth century. Henry Weber, a son of this immigrant, came from New Amsterdam to Pennsylvania, and became one of the hardy pioneers who did such strenuous work in the development of the great natural resources of this section of the country.

Philip Weber, son of Henry, grew to manhood among the primitive scenes of the then sparsely settled part of eastern Pennsylvania. He located

on a farm in what is now Bethel township, Lebanon county, which he cleared and cultivated. Being thrifty and industrious, he prospered, and by a life of integrity and Christian manliness won a high reputation throughout that section. By his wife, Mary, he became the father of three children, Jacob, Philip J. and David.

Jacob Weber, son of Philip, was born in Lebanon county, in June, 1800, and was married on the family homestead in Bethel township. In his youth he learned the trade of wheelwright, a natural mechanical skill early enabling him to become very proficient at his trade. Upon reaching manhood he located in Fredericksburg, where his skillful workmanship and his prompt filling of orders soon won him a large patronage, which increased from year to year. He was able to do so high a class of work that his patrons came from a radius of many miles, and he derived from it a very substantial income. His industrious nature knew little desire for rest, and he continued actively engaged in his work long after reaching the age when most men lay aside business cares, and he attained an advanced age. During his young manhood he married Anna Sherk, a native of Bethel township. Of the children born of this marriage we have the following record: Mary Ann, who married John Clark, and is now deceased; Samuel; Elizabeth, who married Abraham Stauffer, and is deceased; Levi, a merchant, also deceased; Sarah, wife of Daniel Bordner, and residing in Lickdale; and Jerome and John, both deceased. Jacob Weber, the father of this family, was a man of strong character, conscientious in the performance of every duty. In his political faith he was a staunch Republican, and always was interested in his party and its work. In his religious connection he was a consistent member of the Reformed Church.

Samuel Weber, son of Jacob and Anna (Sherk) Weber, passed his early years in Fredericksburg, and acquired a good education in the public schools. He inherited his father's energetic spirit and soon developed habits of accuracy and self-reliance. His first essay in the business world was as book-keeper, and there his methodical ways and his executive ability won the approval of his employers, and he remained there several years. Naturally prudent and economical, he husbanded his means, and by the time he was twenty-seven he was able to go into business for himself, and purchasing a modest stock of goods, took his place among the merchants of the town. He soon placed his business upon a firm foundation, and his courtesy to his customers coupled with his honest representation of his commodities won increasing patronage as the years went by. Under the administration of President Johnson, Mr. Weber was made postmaster, and filled the office to

the satisfaction of all. Success attended all his efforts and though his death came at the prime of life, he had accumulated a considerable competence.

Samuel Weber was a man of high moral principles, and his strict integrity called forth the unbounded esteem of his friends. In all the affairs of the community he was prominent, and especially was he interested in educational matters, and he gave most efficient service as school director for many years. As a member of the Reformed Church he endeavored consistently to carry its teachings into the walks of everyday life.

About 1854 Samuel Weber was united in marriage with Sarah Preisler, of Landisburg, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Smith) Preisler, and a representative of an early Pennsylvania German family. To this marriage came seven children as follows: Mary B.; George P., a druggist in Dallas, Texas; Laura J., of Fredericksburg; John A., a druggist at El Paso, Texas; Anna Elizabeth, a retired teacher of Fredericksburg; Charles Henry, a druggist at Poplar Bluff, Mo.; and Edward B., a bookkeeper and clerk in a drug store at El Paso, Texas. Mrs. Weber and her daughters, Laura J. and Anna Elizabeth, reside in the old family home in Fredericksburg, where they are greatly beloved for their many good qualities of mind and heart, and where they hold a prominent place in the social and religious circles.

TOBIAS ROBERTS, late a well-known and respected citizen of Lebanon county, was born in Cornwall, England, in January, 1825. His early life was passed in his native land, but on reaching manhood he came, about 1845, to America. For some years he resided in different parts of the country, but finally came to Lebanon to make it his future home. He was married in 1865 to Miss Mary Walt, who was born February 8, 1826, daughter of John Walt, of Montgomery county, was the father of five other children: Deborah, Amanda, Hannah, Reuben and John, all natives of Montgomery county. The Walts were one of the oldest families of this part of Pennsylvania.

To Tobias and Mary Roberts came six children: Richard and Mary, deceased; James, who married Jennie Kendall and lives in Lebanon; John, who married Elizabeth Light, of Lebanon; Miss Amanda, who lives at home; and Jennie, wife of Harry Atkins. About 1870 Mr. Roberts became engaged in work at the Cornwall Ore Mines, continuing there until the time of his death. He started out in life a very poor boy, but by hard work, industry and economy he managed to save a considerable amount of his earnings. He was an ardent Republican and a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A man with a sound mind, true to his convictions, he was a

devoted husband, and a kind and loving father, who was known for his honesty and sobriety in living. He died in 1882, leaving a widow and five children to mourn his loss. His widow still survives him. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a noble, kind-hearted Christian woman, who is spending her old age in retired life in Lebanon, and is one of its most esteemed residents.

JOHN H. SHENK, carriage and wagon maker. of Annville, was born in that village, September 15, 1847, a son of Christian Shenk, born in 1822, in Annville township, and grandson of Abraham Shenk, who was born in 1790, in Annville township, and died in 1849. The origin of the Shenk family in America was when three brothers came to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, from Switzerland, their names being Joseph, Scep and John. A son of one of these was Joseph Shenk, who was the great-grandfather of John H.

John H. Shenk was reared in Annville, and obtained his education in the public schools. At the age of fourteen he entered upon an apprenticeship with J. H. Rudy, of Annville, in the coachmaking trade. In 1867 he left Annville and went West and worked on the construction of the Pacific railroad for a period of four months. In November, 1868, he went to Chicago, where he spent a month, and from there to Michigan City, Ind., and spent the winter on the farm of his uncle, Samuel, near Monticello, Ind. In the following spring Mr. Shenk went to Indianapolis, and resumed work at his trade, remaining three months, and later spent three months at Mt. Gilead, Ohio, going thence to Marion, Ohio, where his two maternal uncles, John and Adam Ault, reside. Mr. Shenk was determined to see still more of the country, and from Marion went to Massillon, Ohio, being employed for a time in the mower and reaper department of a large agricultural implement factory. His next business connection was with the Buckeye R. & M. works, at Canton, Ohio, from which point he went to St. Louis, Mo., thence to New Orleans, and then back to Massillon, from which place he returned to Annville in 1869. That same year he visited Mechanicsburg and Shippensburg, Pa., returning to Annville and then going to Hummelstown.

In 1870, after this most liberal experience, Mr. Shenk located at Jonestown, Lebanon county, and in December went into a carriage manufacturing business, forming a partnership with Mr. Umberger, under the firm name of Umberger & Shenk. This partnership continued for seven years, but in the spring of 1877, Mr. Shenk returned to Annville and opened a shop at his present stand where he has continued work at coach and carriage making

and blacksmithing, being well known in the vicinity on account of his excellent work.

In 1871 Mr. Shenk married Miss Millie E. Dohne, who was born in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, in 1847, a daughter of John Dohne, a miller by trade. On daughter was born to this union, Kate Magdalene. The religious connection of the family is with the Reformed Church. Few men in this locality have seen so much of their native land as has Mr. Shenk. An intelligent and liberal-minded citizen, he is very highly regarded in Annville.

JOEL DEWALD. When death, November 13, 1893, deprived Lebanon of this citizen, a loss was felt in both the business and social circles of that place. For over twenty-three years his residence and hardware store at No. 728 Cumberland street had been centers for visitors and customers, and, being a generous, obliging man, he had won for himself hosts of friends among them.

Mr. Dewald was born in Berks county, Pa., August 19, 1833, and was the son of Henry Dewald, who was a well-known tinsmith of Berks county for many years of his life. He married and had six children, five of whom are now deceased: Henry; Edward; Aaron, who now resides in Philadelphia; Levina; Hannah; and Joel.

Joel Dewald acquired his education in the public schools of his native county, acquiring habits of industry and exactness of much value to him in after life. While a boy he had taken a fancy to his father's business, and, deciding as a young man to follow it as an occupation, he entered the shop and gave considerable time to patient, thorough study of the tin and silver smiths' trades. Results showed that he had chosen the work for which he was fitted, and he continued the trades as a regular occupation. In February, 1860, Mr. Dewald married Sarah Kline, of Berks county, and they had four children: Laura, who has never married, resides in Lebanon; Elmira is now deceased; D. Virginia is living at home; and Rachel is deceased. Mrs. Dewald and her two daughters lead a somewhat retired life at their pleasant residence on Cumberland street. They belong to the United Brethren Church, and both in that religious body and outside have many warm friends.

It was in 1870 that Mr. Dewald settled in Lebanon, and there he afterward made his home. Having laid up a small sum from his earnings as a tinsmith, he now opened a hardware store. He had no difficulty in drawing custom, and, being a shrewd purchaser and a wise manager, made money at the business from the start. Finding it paid to concentrate his energies upon this one industry, he continued it throughout his life. He accumulated con-

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siderable means, which upon his death fell to his wife and daughters. His store is still standing at No. 728 Cumberland street. For honesty and integrity in his business dealings Mr. Dewald won the confidence and respect of the public generally. Being a leader among his circle of acquaintances, as a Republican he exercised no small influence in local politics. For himself, however, he never sought office. Upon religious matters he had decided opinions, and was a consistent member of the United Brethren Church of Lebanon for many years.

Benjamin Kline, father of Mrs. Dewald, came of an old and influential family of Berks county. After reaching manhood he settled upon a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was successful at that industry, and became thoroughly well known and rather prominent in his section. He married Catherine Lutz, and they had six children: James, now a resident of Lebanon; Sarah, who is mentioned above; Martha; Anna and Virginia, who are deceased; and Franklin, who resides in Berks county.

JACOB B. BOESHORE, produce dealer and creamery proprietor, at Fredericksburg, is one of the solidly prosperous men of Bethel township, possessing in addition to his business interests one of the largest farms in Lebanon county, an interest in the family homestead and considerable valuable real estate in Fredericksburg. Having for the most part amassed this property through his own wise management and faithful work, he is considered a man of splendid business qualifications, and is a most efficient financier.

Mr. Boeshore is descended from John George Boeshore, who, in 1720, came from Germany to this country. He had one son, John Jacob, who was the next in direct line to our subject.

Michael Boeshore, son of John Jacob and grandfather of Jacob B., resided near Millersburg, Berks county, Pa. Reared to farm work, upon reaching manhood he engaged in that occupation, and followed it for the most part throughout his active life. He was a wise manager, and possessed of a large capacity for work, and carried his labors on to success. He was a strong man both intellectually and physically, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-five years, five months and fifteen days. By his marriage there were many children, six of whom grew to maturity.

Jacob Boeshore, son of Michael and father of Jacob B., also took a strong hand in the development of the agricultural resources of this section. Born near Millersburg, November 14, 1814, he there received careful rearing and thorough training for life's activities. The excellent agricultural open-



ings in his section decided him upon reaching manhood to engage in that line, and he followed the pursuit in Lebanon county. In 1840 he married Lydia Bixler, who was born in Center, Perry county, Pa., in February, 1815, and when four years old came to the home of her uncle in Bethel township, Lebanon county, where she grew to maturity. For eighty years she made her residence upon this place. She was a faithful wife for sixty-one years, and she died January 2, 1902, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. To her and her husband were born six children: Elias, who now resides upon the old homestead in Bethel township; Elizabeth, deceased; Solomon, a resident of Fredericksburg; Sarah, who married Levi Dubbs, and resides in Berks county (he is now deceased); Jacob B., who is mentioned below; and Anna, who married John Frantz, a farmer of Berks county.

After marriage Mr. Boeshore settled upon the farm in Bethel township, Lebanon county, where his wife had been reared, and there he made his home for the most part throughout his life. He evinced great wisdom and practical knowledge in his farm management, improved the property, and purchased other farms in the vicinity from which he also derived a large income. At the time of his death he owned three excellent well-improved farms in Bethel township. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-six years, dying in Fredericksburg, February 17, 1901. Mr. Boeshore's achievements won him a foremost place among agriculturists. He was progressive and well-informed upon all the latest movements in his line of work. In public affairs generally he also evinced a keen interest, and was a strong Republican in politics throughout his mature life. A man of irreproachable character, honest, straightforward, energetic, and perfectly abstemious in habits, he commanded the highest respect of his fellow citizens. The German Baptist Church considered him one of its leading members.

Jacob B. Boeshore was born on his father's farm in Bethel township two miles east of Fredericksburg. On this excellent homestead he grew to manhood and was carefully drilled to habits of usefulness and self-reliance. He attended the public schools of his vicinity, cultivating those studies necessary for the practical work of life. As a young man he embarked in business as a produce dealer, opening an establishment in Fredericksburg. Successful from the start he has continued steadily in this line, and has, from time to time, greatly enlarged his supply of goods and his accommodations, and has now an exceedingly flourishing business. Having made well out of it, he has gradually branched out in other lines, and in 1890, he opened a creamery in Fredericksburg, which he has also managed with good results. Some years ago he secured one of the best farms in the vicinity, a splendid 204-

acre tract, near Bethel township, and he now owns half of the family homestead, comprising 105 acres. A short time ago he erected a handsome residence in Fredericksburg, where he and his family now live.

Mr. Boeshore married Mary Kreiser, of Myerstown, and after her death, Sarah Miller, of Jonestown, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Walker) Miller, of Lebanon county. By the first marriage there was one son, Harvey, who is now managing his father's creamery in Fredericksburg. By the second marriage there were four children: Miller, who is now a clerk in a large business house in Philadelphia; Beatrice, who graduated in music and is now teaching in Fredericksburg; Jay; and Miriam.

Mr. Boeshore has mainly confined his activities to the business field, but has nevertheless had the welfare of the general public thoroughly at heart, and has done much to promote local industries and enterprises. Large hearted, ready to shoulder his full share of life's responsibilities, he is a splendid citizen, and, as an unwavering Republican, he is influential in local affairs. He is abstemious in his habits, square in his business dealings, and his character is worthy of emulation. In religious sentiment he is liberal, but adheres to Christian doctrines.

HARRY B. LOOSE, one of the enterprising and progressive business men of Myerstown, Pa., engaged in the ice and hide business, belongs to an old and honored family of Lebanon county. The birth of Mr. Loose took place August 13, 1868, and his parents were Henry and Caroline (Bender) Loose, both of whom were natives of Lebanon county.

Henry Loose, the father of Harry B., was born in 1828, in Myerstown, and died in his home there in 1895, being survived by his venerable wife, who resides with her son. About 1821, John Loose, the grandfather, came to Lebanon county from Berks, where his father was one of the first settlers. John Loose established the old Myerstown tannery in 1822, still recalled by the older residents, and continued in the tanning business all his life. His children were: John, Henry, Adam, Thomas, Catherine, Mary, Sarah, Pollie and Rebecca, all of whom have passed away with the exception of Rebecca, Pollie and Adam.

The father of Harry B. Loose was reared and educated in Myerstown, learned the tanning business with his father, and followed it for fifty years prior to his death. This business, in his time, was one of the very important industries of the country. About 1850 he married Catherine Bender, a daughter of George and Maria Bender, of Myerstown, born in 1829, and to this union was born one son, Harry B. Henry Loose was a man of settled

religious and political convictions, a life-long Republican, and a most consistent member of the Reformed Church, the teachings of which denomination he carried into his business dealings, making him known in the community as a man of the most upright character. During his useful life he had held various township offices, and was a deacon in his church, and also treasurer and trustee. He left a large competency, accumulated by a life of industry. His many personal characteristics had so endeared him to all who knew him, that his nearest relatives received the heart-felt sympathy of the whole community in his loss.

Harry B. Loose was reared in the pleasant old town of his birth, and after completing the common school course, entered Palatinate, now Albright College, of Myerstown. In 1895 he was united in marriage with Miss Ida L. Troxell, a daughter of Reuben and Caroline Troxell, prominent residents of Allentown, Pa., and to this marriage has been born one son, who bears the name of his honored grandfather, Henry Loose. Mrs. Loose has a brother, John Troxell, a druggist in Philadelphia, and a sister, Lillie, who is the wife of E. R. Hurd, of Nickerson, Kansas.

In politics Mr. Loose is an ardent Republican, and is fraternally connected with the order of Sons of America. For a considerable period he has been a member of the board of directors in the Washington Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Lebanon, and has most efficiently served as president of the Lebanon County Fair Association. The ability with which he handles his private business entitles him to the respect and confidence of the public. With his little family he occupies one of the handsomest dwellings in Myerstown. He is a young man of sterling traits of character and most worthily represents this old Lebanon county family.

**JOHN K. LIGHT**, one of the progressive, enterprising and successful young farmers of North Jackson township, operating the old Josiah Uhrich farm, about one mile northwest of Myerstown, was born December 5, 1865, at Heilmandale, Lebanon county, a son of Hiram Uhrich and Maria (Kreider) Light.

The Light family has been prominent in the county for a century and a half. Peter Light, the great-grandfather, owned 500 acres of land a short distance from Lebanon, and this he left to his two sons, Jacob and David. His children were as follows: Jacob; David, who married Catherine Hunsicker; Peter; and Elizabeth, married to Rev. Christian Peffley.

Jacob Light, son of Peter and grandfather of John K., married Elizabeth Uhrich, a daughter of Henry Uhrich, born in East Hanover township,

Lebanon county. Their children were: Hiram Uhrich; Elizabeth married J. H. Witmeyer; Barbara married Samuel Yeagley; Magdalena married D. W. Zeller; Susan married Reuben L. Light; and Jacob U. married Salley Light.

Hiram U. Light married Maria Kreider, born in 1833, at Snitz Creek, Lebanon county, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Shaeffer) Kreider. The children born to the parents of our subject were: Jacob K., who married Lucinda A. Rank; Milton K., who married Anna Kreider; Reuben K., who married Ida Bomberger; Lizzie M., who married W. J. Bowman; Daniel K. who married Emma Layser; Annie, who died at the age of eight years; John K., who married Katherine Uhrich; Allen U., who married Mary Steckbech; and Louisa, unmarried.

Jacob Kreider, the maternal grandfather, was born in 1799, and died in 1883, and his wife was born in 1805, and died in 1874. Their children were: Maria, born in March, 1833, married Hiram U. Light; Catherine, born in 1836, married Joel Brubaker; John, born in 1839, married Rebecca Kettering; Reuben, born in 1842, married first Eliza Ulrich, second, Leah Ulrich, sisters; Moses, born in 1844, married Mary Bomberger; Jacob, born in 1849, married Hannah L. Roth. The maternal great-grandfather, John Kreider, was born in 1774, and died in 1816, and married Maria Kropp, of Cumberland county, Pa. Their children were: Catherine, born in 1796, died in 1826, married Tobias Kreider; Barbara, born in 1797, married Michael Rider, of Center county, Pa.; Jacob, born in 1799, died in 1883, married Elizabeth Shaeffer; John, born in 1801, married Mary Bomberger of Center county, Pa.; Maria, born in 1803, died in 1858, married Tobias Kreider; Moses, born in 1805, died in 1877, married Catherine Kreider; Henry, born in 1807, died in 1826 unmarried; Elizabeth, born in 1812, died unmarried; Louisa died in infancy; Peter, born in 1815, died in 1851, married Catherine Hoke; and Rudolph, born in 1813, married Elizabeth Kreider.

John K. Light was reared on the farm and attended the schools of Swatara township, and since attaining manhood has always been occupied with agricultural pursuits. In 1896 he was united in marriage with Miss Katharine Uhrich, daughter of Josiah and Sarah (Hoffman) Uhrich, the former of whom was for many years one of the leading men of the township of North Jackson. Extended mention of this notable family will be found elsewhere. Mrs. Uhrich and her other daughter, Miss Elizabeth, an accomplished teacher, also reside on the farm with Mr. and Mrs. Light. These children have been born to the latter: Sarah Ruth, Elizabeth Maria and John Uhrich.

For the past eight years Mr. Light has had charge of the Uhrich farm,

operating it in the interests of his mother-in-law, his intelligent methods bringing very satisfactory results. The farm comprises 140 acres of fine land and it is all under excellent cultivation. In 1901 Mr. Light accepted his election as school director, a very wise choice of the township as few citizens are more intelligent or wideawake to the demands of the day. On several occasions he has served as judge and clerk of elections, filling each office with ability and serving his locality as becomes a good citizen. He is active in his support of the Republican party. For some time he has been one of the elders of the Myerstown Lutheran Church.

MOSES ARNOLD, who passed away March 14, 1903, was one of the old and highly respected citizens of South Lebanon township, and resided on his farm two miles southeast of Lebanon city. He was born on that farm March 25, 1827, son of Harmon and Elizabeth (Smith) Arnold.

Harmon Arnold was born in North Lebanon township, a son of Herman Arnold, one of the pioneers of Lebanon county. Elizabeth (Smith) Arnold was born in Berks county, Pa., near Bernville, now known as Mt. Pleasant, where she resided until her marriage, and then came to Lebanon county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Arnold settled in South Lebanon township, and cleared the farm of brush and timber, developing it into a valuable piece of property. The old brick residence on the place was built in 1831. After the marriage of his son Moses, Harmon Arnold returned to North Lebanon township and spent the remainder of his life there, dying in 1870, at the age of seventy years. He followed farming and teaming, and conducted a freight route between Lebanon and Philadelphia. He also owned some valuable mill property, and was one of the progressive men of the day, lending his assistance to all measures he deemed would prove of benefit to the community. His wife died at the age of eighty-seven years, a member of St. Mary's Church, to which he also belonged. To Harmon Arnold and his wife were born the following named children, besides Moses: Philip, Henry, Jared, Aaron, Rosie, Eliza, Katie, Cecilia, and four that died in infancy.

Moses Arnold was born and reared upon his father's homestead, and spent his life there, devoting his energies to farming and dairying. He enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest dairyman in this section, having pursued that calling for thirty-five years. His farm was well kept, and the buildings are excellent, the entire property testifying to his thrift and ability. In addition to his other interests Mr. Arnold was a stockholder in the Lebanon National Bank, and a director of the Lebanon County Live Stock Asso-

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ciation, having held the latter position for a number of years. From the time he cast his first vote Mr. Arnold was a Democrat, and he was honored with election to the offices of school director, township assessor, and various other township positions within the gift of the people. Like his parents before him he was a devout member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. His beloved wife died September 13, 1898, at the age of sixty-seven years. She was the mother of eight children, as follows: Isabella, who married Augustus Eckenroth, of Myerstown; Lorenzo, a farmer of North Lebanon township; Sarah, who died at the age of nineteen years; Augustus P.; Miss Catherine, at home; William J., a farmer of North Lebanon township; Moses J., a farmer and dairyman on the old homestead; and Jacob, who lives on the old homestead.

AUGUSTUS P. ARNOLD was born in South Lebanon township, October 31, 1858, he being the fourth child in the order of birth in the family of Moses Arnold. He was educated in the public schools, and at the age of seventeen went to learn the cabinetmaking trade with Joseph Bowman, which calling he has followed in the leading cities of Pennsylvania, and in the West as far as Kansas City, Mo. Later he took up farming in conjunction with his trade, but being a thorough mechanic, he prefers to spend the greater portion of his time along the lines of his calling, and he keeps in touch with advanced ideas. On February 4, 1897, he was married to Rebecca Allwine, daughter of Philip and Sarah Allwine. Three children have been born to this union: Sarah, Catherine and Annie. Both Mr. Arnold and his wife are connected with St. Mary's Catholic Church. They reside in East Lebanon, on Cumberland street, where they have a beautiful home and extend a kindly hospitality to their many friends.

JOHN BEATTIE, M. D., an energetic and skillful physician and surgeon of Lebanon, Pa., a man of travel and experience, highly educated both in and outside of his profession, was born October 10, 1868, at Lattakia, Syria, Turkey, a son of the late Rev. John Beattie.

Rev. John Beattie was born at Middletown, N. Y., and was educated at Union College, where he was prepared for the ministry. Under Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Philadelphia, he read theology, and in 1856 he was sent by the Presbyterian Church to Syria, where he founded the Mission at Lattakia, and where his death occurred.

The early days of Dr. Beattie were spent in Syria, where he was instructed by private tutors, and later went to school at Camden, Del. In 1887 he came to Lebanon, Pa., and took a position in the office of the then Pennsylvania

Bolt & Nut Works, and two years later he went West. In 1892 he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in the class of 1895. Following his graduation he spent about fourteen months in the practice of his profession in Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, as a partner of Dr. James W. Keath, and in the spring of 1897 he entered Dr. Steadman's private hospital in Boston, Mass., as assistant physician and surgeon. Here Dr. Beattie was eminently successful and spent one year, gaining very valuable experience. In the fall of 1898 he went abroad with a patient, and spent the years intervening until 1901, in foreign travel.

In December, 1901, Dr. Beattie returned to Lebanon, remembering old friends and associations of former years, and among these he settled down to practice his profession, in which he had grown skilled and educated through many unusual experiences and advantages.

PETER BESHORE, one of the highly esteemed and prominent citizens of Myerstown, and proprietor of the Myerstown Livery Stables, was born in 1836, in Berks county, son of Daniel and Mary (Leash) Beshore, of the same county.

The family history of the Beshores in America is traced back to Michael Beshore, who came with a brother from Germany, in the early history of the country, and settled in Pennsylvania. This brother was killed by an Indian prior to the Revolution, when the settlers went through stirring times. Among the large family of Michael, the emigrant, was a son Michael, a farmer and prominent man, who settled in Lebanon county, but later made his home in Berks county.

Daniel Beshore, son of Michael and father of Peter, was a successful hotel man for forty-two years. He and his wife Mary became the parents of seven children: Luella, who married Isaac Dubbs, of Rothsville; Peter; Hannah, now the widow of Levi Smith; Sallie, widow of L. Weber, of Berks county; Mary, married to Peter Bensing, of Urbana, O.; Elizabeth, married to Gideon Wengert; Lavina, who married Amos Etter, of Berks county. Daniel Beshore was a staunch Whig, and later a Republican. In addition to his hotel interests, Mr. Beshore was a farmer and met with success in his various undertakings.

Peter Beshore was reared upon the farm and received an excellent public school education. At the age of fifteen years, he began to learn the shoemaker trade. In June, 1862, he was married to Miss Lavina Smith, a daughter of Jacob Smith, and five children have been born of this marriage, two of

whom are now living: Elsworth, a druggist of Pottstown, Pa.; and Wayne, at home with his father. Of the children born to Mrs. Beshore's parents, four are living: Caroline, Susan, Lavina and Henry, worthy representatives of an old and aristocratic family of Pennsylvania. After marriage, Mr. Beshore settled on a farm, but later sold it and became a veterinary surgeon. Succeeding in this line, he came to Myerstown, and for three years acted as veterinary surgeon for Jacob Behney, in his Horse Hospital, in connection with one of the largest boarding and sales stables in the county. After the expiration of the three years, he began dealing in horses, and in 1900 he purchased his present stables and now conducts a high-class boarding and sales stable, carrying a fine line of good horses and vehicles, for the accommodation of the general public. His knowledge of horses and their various ailments has proven very valuable to him in his chosen profession, and he enjoys a very large trade from the leading people of the city. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but while he supports the candidate of his party, he has never had time to accept office. He models his life upon broad, generous lines, aiding those less fortunate than he, and never turning a deaf ear to those deserving of assistance. In his family, as well as among his friends, of whom he has many, Mr. Beshore is greatly admired and highly esteemed for his numerous excellent traits of character.

SAMUEL WITTLE, proprietor of the "Union House," Lebanon, Pa., is a native of Penn township, Lancaster Co., Pa., near White Oak Church, where he was born August 25, 1851, son of Jacob and Juliana (Heagy) Wittle, both natives of Lancaster county, and of Swiss descent.

The great-grandfather came from Switzerland, but nothing further is known of him, or of the grandfather, but the father, Jacob Wittle, was a carpet weaver by occupation, although at the time of his death he was engaged in farming. Eleven children were born to himself and wife: Mary, deceased, married David Pfautz; Elizabeth, widow of Henry K. Denhim; John, deceased; Katie, deceased wife of William Wechter; Jacob, deceased; Miss Barbara; Samuel; Annie, deceased; Daniel, deceased; and Henry, a resident of Mt. Joy, Lancaster county; and one who died in infancy.

Samuel Wittle was reared on a small farm in Pennsylvania, Penn township, and was but fourteen years of age when his father died. His education was obtained in the public schools of his district, but when sixteen years old he began to support himself, working among the farmers for a time, after which he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he was employed for six years. In 1884 he located in Cornwall township, Lebanon county, where he



spent four years, working at the furnaces. He then removed to Lebanon city, and again followed his trade, doing the frame work on several buildings on Cumberland street. An opening occurring at Schaefferstown, he settled in that locality, and erected a first-class bakery, which he operated for fifteen years, and meeting with marked success. At the expiration of the fifteen years, he removed to Lebanon city, and February 8, 1900, took charge of the "Union House," at the corner of Ninth and Chestnut streets, and he operates it as a first-class hotel, which is liberally patronized by the people of Lebanon as well as by the traveling public. He also conducts a large livery and feed stable, and retains his interest in the bakery.

On May 16, 1875, Mr. Wittle was married to Amanda Yocum, daughter of Joshua Yocum, born in Schaefferstown, July 19, 1858. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wittle: Mary Y., born February 1, 1889, and Violet Y., born March 7, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Wittle were both reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and are consistent members of that denomination. Mr. Wittle belongs to the Fireman's Aid Society, and has a number of friends in that association as throughout the county, where he is so well and favorably known.

CHARLES S. McGOVERN, one of the well-known citizens of Lebanon, and for many years a trusted employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad at Lebanon, was born January 5, 1853, in New York City, a son of the late Patrick McGovern, and a brother to James F. McGovern. He was in his third year when his parents removed to Lebanon. The trip here from Reading, where the family spent a month or so after leaving New York, was made on a canal boat, the family and household goods being transported on what was known as a "flitter," a term applied to boats used for moving furniture in those days. He was educated in the parochial school and also the public schools in Lebanon, and when in his fourteenth year went to work in the pipe mill. Following this he became a "tool boy" for Charles McFadden, a contractor, with whom he remained for two years. He then spent a year and a half on the farm of W. F. Shunk, a son of Governor Shunk, of Pennsylvania, which farm was located one and a half miles from Lebanon.

While on the farm he began learning telegraphy from a man who had served in the Signal Corps in the Civil War. In 1870 he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, in the roadway department, and was also an assistant in the shipping department, and later worked with the engineer corps. During this time he took lessons in telegraphing in the evenings, and on March 29, 1872, he was made assistant to the yard master at

Lebanon and telegraph operator at the water tank, on the corner of Front street and the railroad tracks, which is a most important position, and which he has held continuously, a period of thirty years. He is the third oldest man in point of length of term employed by this road at Lebanon.

In 1883 Mr. McGovern purchased his present handsome and comfortable residence at No. 39 East Cumberland street, which is just outside the city limits. At that time he was in the country, but since then the city has encroached nearer and nearer until he is now in town, though still outside the corporate limits. He also owns other excellent realty in the neighborhood.

On November 26, 1878, Mr. McGovern was united in marriage with Catherine A. Greth, born in North Annville township, January 1, 1857, daughter of John S. and Hannah (Geesman) Greth, the former of whom was born in 1817, in North Lebanon township and died in December, 1891. The mother was born in 1819, in Lebanon, and died in September, 1887. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. McGovern was Samuel Greth, who removed from Reading to Lebanon at an early date in the history of the city. To Mr. and Mrs. McGovern the following children have been born: Charles Francis, born September 30, 1879; William James, born May 28, 1881; Paul Michael, born July 22, 1883; Catherine Elizabeth, born June 15, 1885; John Joseph, born November 11, 1887; Gertrude Alice, born November 17, 1890, died February 20, 1892; George Aloysius, born July 3, 1893; and Robert Edward, born April 15, 1895, died February 4, 1902. Mr. McGovern and family are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He is a member of the R. C. B., the Pennsylvania C. B. L., and the A. O. H.

**HORST.** The Horst family was founded in America by three brothers who came originally from Switzerland, one settling in Groffs Dale, Lancaster county, one in Lebanon county, and the other in York county, Pa. The old home of the family in Lebanon county contained four hundred acres, and is now held by the fifth generation from the original purchaser. A prominent and representative member of this old and honored Lebanon county family is found in Harry B. Horst, one of the educated, progressive young farmers of North Cornwall township. Mr. Horst was born November 24, 1864, at Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, a son of Joseph S. and Mary S. (Brubaker) Horst, both of whom were natives of this county, the latter being a daughter of Abraham and Barbara (Snively) Brubaker, the former of whom was born in 1806, in Lancaster county, and died in 1886. He was a son of Abraham and ——— (Shirk) Brubaker, and came to Lebanon county when a young man and married a daughter of John Snively and located on

the farm of his father-in-law, where he remained all his life, becoming the owner of the Snively homestead of 280 acres, and followed farming all his days. Mr. Brubaker was a most consistent and worthy member of the Mennonite Church, being one of its useful men, having been carefully reared in its teachings by his father, who for years was one of its accepted ministers. His father-in-law also was a minister of the same church. Two children only were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker, Mary, who became the wife of Joseph Horst; and Lydia, who died when she was twenty-one years of age, unmarried. Mrs. Horst was born June 7, 1839.

Joseph S. Horst was born in South Annville township, Lebanon county, in 1833, and died in 1897, aged sixty-four years, a son of Joseph and Barbara (Shink) Horst, and he was reared and spent his life in South Annville township. His education was obtained in the local schools during boyhood and later he studied both at the Millersville Normal School and at a Business College in Baltimore. When his education was completed he engaged in teaching for several years and then spent one year operating a warehouse business. Later Mr. Horst accepted a clerical position in the mercantile establishment of John George, in the city of Lebanon, where he remained for several years and then took up farming on his father-in-law's farm, about 1861, continuing the same until 1890. By inheritance he became the owner of this fine farm, comprising 280 acres, and he also owned two farms in North Cornwall township, one containing 140 acres, and the other, of 115 acres, being the farm which his son Harry B. now so successfully operates. Mr. Horst was a very successful business man, a hard worker, keen and shrewd, a man of the highest business and personal integrity. He was one of the organizers of the Myerstown National Bank and a member of its board of directors from the beginning until his death, and was in addition, a stockholder in the Lebanon banks. Mr. Horst was also public-spirited and ready to assist all enterprises approved by his very superior business judgment. For many years he was an active member of the U. B. Church and a most liberal supporter. His family consisted of four children, namely: Abraham, a farmer of North Cornwall township; Harry B.; Frank, a farmer on the old homestead near Schaefferstown; and Uriah, who also resides on the same old farm.

HARRY B. HORST was reared on a farm, and after completing the course of the public schools, entered the State Normal School at Millersville. After teaching one term, Mr. Horst took a trip through the South, occupying one year, following this with five years of agricultural activity. In 1888 he decided to see the great West and started out on what proved to be a very extensive trip, his visit covering all the States and Territories west of the

Mississippi River, and all the points of general interest, including Yellowstone Park and Yosemite Valley, and during his two years of absence he also visited Mexico. With commendable thrift, he endeavored to pay his expenses, turning his talents to good account, and came home educated, broadened and with many new interests which will last through his life.

In 1890, after his return, Mr. Horst resumed farming, in some ways, on different lines, adopting new methods and the machinery which his wide travel had taught him to sensibly make use of, hence few agriculturists in his locality attain more success than he does. Mr. Horst was one of the organizers and is a director of the Lebanon County Trust Company. He is always found in sympathy with the progressive element in Lebanon county, and has shown himself public-spirited in no small degree. In addition to his farm he owns valuable property in Lebanon and has erected a handsome block of houses in this city.

In 1895 Mr. Horst was married to Miss Ella Risser, daughter of Martin N. Risser, of Milton Grove, Lancaster county, and they have two interesting children—Mary and Ada. Both Mr. Horst and wife belong to the U. B. Church and they are among the most worthy and respected residents of the community.

GEORGE E. KEMBEL, furniture dealer of Lebanon, is one of the hustling young merchants of the town, and one of its most enterprising and thrifty citizens. He was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., September 8, 1872, a son of Levi and Mary (Hinninger) Kembel, natives of the same county, and the former a farmer and merchant who died in April, 1902. Levi Kembel was well known in Schuylkill county, as was also his father, Peter, also born in that county. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the United Brethren Church. To himself and wife were born: Noah, of Lebanon; Amanda, the wife of Michael Dissinger, of Lebanon; George E.; and John, of Lebanon.

No indulgent early fortune mapped out a royal road to success for George E. Kembel, and the fact that he was born in a little one-story log cabin on a farm, and that now, at the age of thirty, he lives in his own twenty-thousand-dollar mansion, argues a good deal of hard work and ready grasp of opportunities. At the age of fourteen he correctly discerned the limitations by which he was surrounded, and thenceforward the little log cabin ceased to be his shelter and home. Arriving in Lebanon without a dollar to his name, and with little education, but with the trade of carpentering fairly learned while working on an adjoining farm for five dollars a month in

Schuylkill county, he found employment in the Colebrook furnaces, and later with the North Lebanon furnaces. He then worked on a farm in Lebanon county for nine months, and during that time managed to save one hundred of the one hundred and eight dollars received for these services. He afterward clerked in the store of his brother-in-law, Michael Dissinger, and so apt was he in learning the business that he finally bought out Mr. Dissinger, and went into the furniture business on Ninth street. At a later period he removed to his place of business on Eighth street, renting at first, but eventually purchasing the property. He then built a new business house, and afterward bought property on Eleventh street. His home, known as the John Lick mansion, at No. 315 Eighth street, is one of the finest in the town, as well as one of the hospitable and social centers for the best people.

In 1893 Mr. Kembel married Ella S. Schalley, of Lebanon, and a daughter of Adam and Mary (Brandt) Schalley. Mr. and Mrs. Schalley were the parents of the following children: David; Edward; Anson; Emma; Charles; Ella S., now Mrs. Kembel; and Titus. Mrs. Kembel was born May 2, 1872, and comes of one of the old highly respected families of Lebanon county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kembel are popular in their neighborhood, and Mr. Kembel is cited as an illustration of the power of brains and ability over practically adverse early circumstances.

