

Chunk, and was mustered in as Captain in November. He joined the Eleventh Regiment, commanded by Col. Richard Coulter. At that time he was yet clerk of the House, but going into the army, he deemed it sufficient notice that he would not be a candidate for re-election. On the first Monday in January, 1862, when the regiment was in winter quarters at Annapolis, he obtained leave of absence for six days to enable him to perform his last duty as the retiring Clerk. On his arrival in Harrisburg, he was surprised to learn that he had been nominated for another election by a coalition of Republicans and war Democrats. He finally consented to the re-election upon the condition that he could resign and rejoin the regiment within five days in case of failure to obtain formal leave to serve during the session. Such leave was granted and he served, but devoted all his spare time between sessions to his company at Annapolis.

Mr. Rauch was wounded at the second battle of Bull Run, which occurred in August, 1862, but rejoined his regiment in time to participate in the engagement at Fredericksburg on the 13th of December. Several days later he was attacked with rheumatism, which became more and more intense until he was totally disabled, and in March, 1863, was discharged. He has been a very severe sufferer since then, and both hands, feet and knees are crippled for life.

On his return from the army Mr. Rauch found his printing establishment all run down, but instead of reconstructing and endeavoring to win back success, he was induced to go to Reading and start a paper there; but he gave it up after two years, the venture proving a failure. In May, 1868, in partnership with Thomas Cochran, of Lancaster, he established a Republican campaign paper called *Father Abraham*. It became very popular owing to the Pennsylvania Dutch letters of Pitt Schweffelrenner, and reached a circulation of fifteen thousand, but soon after the campaign ended it was discontinued. Mr. Rauch then became city editor of the *Morning Review*, but several years later its owner failed, and in 1872 he joined the liberal Republican movement for Greeley, serving during that campaign as one of the

Secretaries of the Liberal State Committee, subordinate to Col. A. K. McClure as Chairman. In 1876 he supported S. J. Tilden for President, and made forty-six speeches in Lancaster County.

In September, 1878, when Hon. Robert Klotz was first candidate for Congress, the editor of the Mauch Chunk *Democrat* being his personal enemy, Mr. Rauch was induced to take charge of the Carbon County *Democrat*, and conduct it until after the election, reserving the right then to retire or buy the establishment at first cost. He did the latter, and continued its publication until 1882, when the two papers were merged under the proprietorship of E. H. Rauch & Son, who still own the same. In December, 1893, they established the *Daily News* in connection with the weekly, and the latter paper is meeting with good success. For many years Mr. Rauch has enjoyed a high reputation in this and other states as an expert in handwriting, and as such he has during a period of nearly forty years attended to cases of disputed handwriting in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Kentucky, Virginia, and Washington, D. C.



**J** FRANK SCHLOSSER. In a record comprising the history of the substantial business men of Lehigh County, the name of Mr. Schlosser cannot properly be omitted. He is the owner of the marble and granite works located at Neffsville, which under his judicious management are found to be very profitable. They were established in 1870 by our subject, who manufactures all kinds of tombstones, marble and granite monuments and everything included in his line of work. He is a very skilful workman, and his sales amount to about \$3,000 per annum.

Our subject was born in this county May 29, 1851, which is also the native place of his parents, Stephen and Eliza (Jacobs) Schlosser. The family is well known throughout this section, and the first church which was erected in Unionville was named in honor of the family, Schlosser's Church.



Stephen's surviving children are: Fiana, who is the wife of E. Remely; William, Benjamin, Henry, Abraham, J. Frank and Oswell.

J. Frank Schlosser prosecuted his studies in the public schools of his native township, and in 1867 began learning the trade of a marble-cutter, serving an apprenticeship at Slatington. After being thus employed for two years, he set out as a journeyman and was so successful in accumulating money that he was very soon enabled to establish in business on his own account. While he has devoted his attention mainly to his trade, he has not been unmindful of his duties as a citizen, and has maintained a deep interest in all matters of local and national importance. In politics he advocates the principles of the Republican party.

Mr. Schlosser was married May 15, 1871, to Miss Ellen Andrews, and on her decease chose as his second companion Miss Josephine Kistler. By his first marriage he became the father of a daughter, Martha J. Our subject is a valued member of the Reformed Church, in which he has been Deacon and Treasurer. Besides his marble works he owns fifteen acres of well cultivated land and good residence property.



**E** F. LUCKENBACH is a dealer in books, stationery, wall paper and paints in Mauch Chunk, and has a well appointed store, supplied with everything found in a first-class establishment of the kind. He is always straightforward and honorable in his dealings, and his well directed efforts and courteous treatment of his customers have brought him a liberal patronage.

Mr. Luckenbach is a native of Northampton County, born in the vicinity of Bethlehem in 1842. His father was also a native of the same locality, and was a blacksmith by occupation. He also engaged in other lines of business, and made his home in Northampton County throughout nearly his entire life. In 1893 he was called to the home beyond. His wife, who is still living, bore the

maiden name of Catherine Boyer, and is a daughter of Isaac Boyer, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Northampton County.

The gentleman whose name heads this record spent the days of his boyhood and youth near Bethlehem, and acquired his education in the public and high schools of that place, after which he began to earn his own livelihood by working at house and sign painting and frescoing in Bethlehem. There he remained until 1861, when he came to Mauch Chunk, and worked at his trade until 1866 in the employ of others. He then began business for himself, and continued operations as a painter, paper-hanger and frescoer until 1877, in which year he leased the store building at No. 61 Broadway, and opened up a stock of wall paper, paints and everything necessary for that line of trade. He takes contracts for the exterior and interior finishing of houses, and employs from six to twenty men. He also at this time put in a stock of miscellaneous books, fine stationery, blank books, fancy goods and toys, and everything pertaining to a first-class stock in these lines.

In 1865 Mr. Luckenbach was united in marriage with Miss Mary, daughter of Peter Deremer, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Mauch Chunk. Four children grace this union, three sons and a daughter, namely: Albert H., Harriet L., William F. and Charles C.

Our subject is a progressive and public-spirited citizen, and has ever given his support to those enterprises which are calculated to advance the general welfare. He was elected a member of the City Council, which position he filled for three years, and has been Secretary of the Upper Mauch Chunk Water Company since its organization some twenty-one years ago. He manifested his loyalty to the Government during the late war by entering the Union service as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry, the regiment being commanded by Col. Jacob G. Frick. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, Humphrey's Third Division, Fifth Army Corps. Mr. Luckenbach enlisted in May, 1863, participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, together with other engagements of lesser importance, and at the end



of his term of enlistment was honorably discharged from the service. He is a charter member of L. F. Chapman Post No. 61, G. A. R.; was twice its Commander, and has filled all of its other offices. He also belongs to the Knights of Honor and the Royal Arcanum. In his business he has met with success, his perseverance, industry and good management gaining for him a handsome competence.



**H**ENRY D. SNYDER is the popular and genial station agent at Parryville, Carbon County, in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He comes from one of the very old families of the Lehigh Valley. His paternal great-grandfather was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, and the Moser ancestors were also among the early settlers of Lehigh County.

The birth of our subject occurred in Carbon County, December 13, 1853. His parents are Nathan H. and Esther (Moser) Snyder, both of whom were born in Lehigh County, and are now residents of Franklin Township. The father was originally a gunsmith, but later in life turned his attention to blacksmithing. He was born in 1817, and is one of the worthy old citizens of this neighborhood. The youth of our subject was passed on a farm, and until fifteen years old he worked with his father in his blacksmith shop. On New Year's Day, 1868, he met with a great misfortune by accidentally shooting his hand, thus necessitating the loss of that useful member. He was educated in the district schools and for a short time attended Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, this state. Afterward he was for several sessions a student in the Keystone Normal School, and still later in the select school at Normal Square, conducted by Prof. Thomas Balliet. These schools he attended during the intervals of his teaching. For a number of years he was thus employed, with the exception of a few months each year.

For about two years Mr. Snyder studied law with Joseph Kalbfus, of Mauch Chunk, and in his

nineteenth year took up telegraphy in the employ of the road with which he is now connected. In 1880 he was appointed station agent at Parryville, which has been his place of residence for the past fourteen years. He is a representative Republican, and is now serving his third term as Justice of the Peace. As one who has always been greatly interested in educational affairs he has served on the Board of Education of this place and is now the Treasurer of that honorable body. At various times he has also served as President and as Secretary of the Board.

In 1823 Mr. Snyder married Eliza A., daughter of Solomon Solt, formerly of Franklin Township. Three sons have been born of their union, in order of birth as follows: Earl H., Ira H. and Herbert B. The parents are members of St. John's Reformed Church of Parryville, in which Mr. Snyder is now officiating as Deacon, and also holds the positions of Secretary and Treasurer on the board of officers. When the church was under construction, Mr. Snyder was Treasurer of the Building Committee, and is Superintendent and Treasurer of the Sunday-school. Moreover he is Secretary of the Joint Consistory of the Towamensing charge of his denomination.



**R**EV. NERI FRANKLIN PETERS, Pastor of the St. John's Reformed Church at Slatington, is a native of North Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pa., having been born in a farm house between Unionville and Schnecksville, May 19, 1857. The family is of Swiss ancestry, and its earliest representative in America, so far as known, bore the name of Casper Peters. Coming from Switzerland to this country, he entered three hundred acres of land between Unionville and Slatington about the year 1742.

The grandparents of our subject, Daniel and Maria (Fenstermacher) Peters, had three sons and four daughters, namely: Monroe, Neri, Daniel, Sabina, Maria, Julia and Amelia. The second of the sons was the father of our subject, now a retired farmer residing in the village of Egypt, South