

cepted Mason, a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar. Politically he is a supporter of the candidates of the Republican party, and although not actively interested in political affairs, he maintains a deep interest in everything calculated to promote the best interests of the county, and is a loyal and public-spirited citizen.



JOSEPH J. MOYER, a well known resident of Treichler's, was formerly conductor on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, running between Easton and Scranton. He was born in Easton, May 5, 1840, and is the son of Joseph J. and Catherine (Sierfass) Moyer, the former born in Lehigh County, and the latter a native of New Jersey.

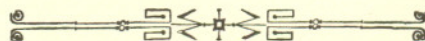
The father of Joseph J., of this sketch, was a miller by occupation, and resided for nearly a quarter of a century in Springtown, N. J., where he followed his trade. He died at Phillipsburg, that state, in 1877. He was an ardent admirer of Democratic principles, and never failed to cast a vote in favor of that party's candidates. His widow is still living, making her home in Phillipsburg, where she has passed her eightieth birthday. A daughter and three sons are still living: Amos; Elizabeth, now the widow of Samuel Arndt; John Z.; and Joseph J., who was next to the youngest. The youngest was Jacob B., now deceased.

Joseph J. Moyer, the subject of this record, was four years of age when his parents removed to Springtown, where he was reared to mature years. He carried on his primary studies in the public schools of Springtown, and later attended school at Riegelsville, this state. When a young man he learned the miller's trade from his father, and followed it profitably for several years. In 1865 he accepted the position of conductor for the Lehigh & Susquehanna Railroad Company, running between White Haven and South Wilkes Barre, which was subsequently merged into the Central Railroad of New Jersey. He punched the first ticket on

the Lehigh & Susquehanna Road after the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company assumed control of the road. A steam engine of the regulation kind was used, and where they struck the mountain the train was let down about thirteen hundred feet on the grade from Ashley to South Wilkes Barre, a distance of two and one-half miles. The route when Mr. Moyer was made conductor covered about thirty miles, but the road was subsequently built to Scranton and Easton.

Mr. Moyer remained in the company's employ until the spring of 1893, when he resigned, and located in Treichler's, where he is living retired. He is a staunch Democrat in politics, and is socially connected with Blue Lodge No. 52, F. & A. M., of Phillipsburg, N. J.; belongs to Eagle Chapter No. 30, at the same place, and Commandery No. 45 at Wilkes Barre, and is a member of the Scottish Rites at Bloomsburg—in all of which orders he takes an active part.

The marriage of Joseph J. Moyer with Miss Emma Hartman was celebrated in 1869, or about that date. She was born in Wilkes Barre, and became the mother of a daughter, Kate, who is the wife of F. A. Day, and a son, Samuel E., a veterinary surgeon in Michigan. The wife and mother died in 1873, and Mr. Moyer was married in 1877 to Mary E. Drinkhouse, of Easton. Two children were granted them, Christie M. and Edith R. Mr. Moyer's present wife, whom he married in August, 1893, was prior to her marriage Rose C. Caston, of Mauch Chunk.

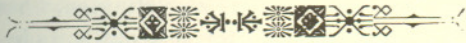


WILLIAM H. KASTEN, M. D., is a fine representative of the young physicians of Carbon County who are successfully engaged in the practice of their noble calling. He is a young gentleman of marked enterprise and much ability, and an honorable and remunerative career appears to lie before him in the field of medicine. He is also the proprietor of a fine drug store in Nesquehoning, which he is carrying on in

connection with his practice. It is fully stocked with all kinds of medicines, and such other articles as are usually found in a first-class establishment of the kind. He was born September 4, 1871, in East Mauch Chunk, and is the son of Frederick and Matilda Kasten, the former of whom is deceased, while his mother is at present residing in East Mauch Chunk.

The early years of Dr. Kasten's life were spent in his native county, and when a boy he began clerking in a drug store for J. M. Hess. He was given the advantage of a liberal education, and having a pronounced taste for the medical profession, began to prepare himself when quite young for his chosen calling. After reading medicine for a time under the tutelage of Dr. L. W. Moyer, he entered Jefferson Medical College, from which institution he graduated with honor in May, 1893. He then engaged in practice for a short time with his former instructor, but in July, 1893, located in this place, and is carrying on his practice alone. He occupies a well appointed office, and enjoys a very fair patronage.

Dr. Kasten is a member of the Lehigh Valley Medical Society, also of the Carbon County Society. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and is influential in the political life of the community. Religiously he is a Lutheran and a member of the church of that denomination.



HON. JAMES S. BIERY, who gained distinction through his public services as a Member of Congress, is a prominent attorney-at-law of Allentown, and holds an enviable position in the legal circles of Lehigh County. He has the honor of being a native of the state which is still his home. He was born on the Alleghany River, in Venango County, March 2, 1839, and is a son of Henry and Esther (Slotrey) Biery, both of whom were natives of Lehigh County. The father was a farmer by occupation, and in 1837 removed with his family to Venango County,

where he and his wife spent their remaining days.

Upon the old homestead farm our subject was reared, and in the district schools of the neighborhood he began his education. He afterward attended a select school, and later pursued his studies in Emlenton Academy. On leaving that institution he began teaching, at the age of nineteen, and successfully followed that profession for several years. Three years of that time he was a teacher in Venango County, and for eight years followed teaching in Lehigh County. Subsequently he engaged in the study of theology for two years, but, changing his mind about entering the ministry, he instead entered the law office of Judge Edwin Albright, of Allentown, and after thorough preparation was admitted to the Bar, in September, 1868, in this city. Here he at once began practice, and his time and attention have since been devoted to his chosen profession. He was admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court in 1875, in Washington, D. C. He has ever been a close student of his profession, and his abilities, both natural and acquired, have placed him among the leading practitioners at the Lehigh County Bar and in eastern Pennsylvania.

In 1872 Mr. Biery was elected to Congress, representing the Sixth Congressional District, which comprised the counties of Lehigh and Montgomery. He is a Republican in politics, and on that ticket was elected. On the expiration of his term of office he returned to Allentown and resumed his law practice, which he has diligently prosecuted up to the present time. When in Congress he took an active part in the discussion favoring the resumption of specie payment. He has been a close student of the topics and issues of the day, and has made himself well informed concerning everything pertaining thereto. He has written many learned and able articles on different subjects, for various periodicals and papers. He was the author of a series of articles on the revision of the tariff, published in 1879 and 1880 in the *Allentown Chronicle and News*, and copied in the *Reading Times*. They were also copied and commented upon by many of the leading journals throughout the country. His latest literary effort is a satire on "King Grover," which has had a