

teem of Hon. Asa Packer, and between the two the most cordial relations existed. Judge Laury was a Democrat all his life, and his first vote was cast for Andrew Jackson. In church and Sunday-school work he was active, and it was one of his proudest boasts that he organized the first Sunday-school in the county, outside of the city of Allentown. He was one of the pillars of St. John's Lutheran Church at Laury's, and was one of the committee that built the edifice. He was indeed a remarkable man—was kind and charitable, and no one stood higher in the esteem of his fellow-men than he.

Judge Laury on his father's side was of Scotch birth, while on his mother's side he traced his ancestry from Wurtemberg, Germany. On account of his popularity and his being the oldest station agent on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, the last passenger locomotive built at the Lehigh Valley shops in South Easton was given his name, and was known as the "David Laury No. 5." His crayon portrait was hung in the cab of the engine. In 1854 he was commissioned Major-General of the Seventh Division Pennsylvania Militia, comprising Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne Counties, which office he held for over three years. In 1858, when the Taylor monument was dedicated at Easton, his commission having expired, and he being there as a spectator, General Scott, who was to be present to command the military, failed to put in an appearance. No one else being present who would undertake to command, General Laury was persuaded to do so, and, quickly getting together a uniform and a horse, he assumed command. When he rode up and down the line the assemblage cheered "General Scott," taking General Laury for General Scott. He often spoke about it, and said people should have known the difference, as he gave the command in German, while General Scott always commanded in English. Few men in the county had more real friends than he, and few there are who will be more generally and sincerely mourned. The loss of his wife in March, 1878, clouded his future greatly. During his political career, she assisted him in conducting his business enterprises, and it was a common thing for her to go on horseback

to transact his banking business and return the same day, a distance of fifty miles. She was indeed a helpmate, and with her assistance his business prospered amazingly. He died answering his watchers that he made his peace with God, and thus passed away peacefully a great man, and there fell upon the once happy home sudden gloom for the loss of one who for many years had been the comfort of so many.



**C**HARLES R. HORN, a popular and well known citizen of Catasauqua, is one of her enterprising young business men and is a native of this city. He has served in various official and public capacities. For five years he was Commissary Sergeant on the staff of General Gobin, Third Brigade Pennsylvania National Guards, having been appointed by the General and having held the post until made Cashier of the National Bank of this city. In February, 1894, he received further public honors, being elected Burgess of Catasauqua. In many of the most important local enterprises he is prominent, and is President of the Coplay Knitting Mill and Secretary of the Electric Light and Power Company of this city.

The birth of our subject occurred October 13, 1863. He is the son of M. H. and Matilda L. (Heller) Horn, the former a native of New Jersey, and the latter of Easton. Grandfather Horn removed from New Jersey to Pennsylvania, and for several years carried on the Easton Hotel. M. H. Horn was reared in Easton and became a prominent banker of that city during the '50s. In 1857, when the Bank of Catasauqua was organized, he was elected Cashier, and from that time forward made his home in this city, where he passed his most active years. On the death of the President, Eli J. Saeger, in January, 1889, he was elected to the presidency, which office he continued to hold until his death, being connected with the bank for almost thirty-three years. In all local affairs he was prominent, particularly in connection with the public schools, in which he took great interest.



For many years he was a member of the School Board, and in every way endeavored to secure good schools and the best of teachers.

Coming of a very patriotic and military family, his ancestors and relatives having served in the leading wars of this country, M. H. Horn was himself several times connected with the army. Capt. H. Reeder's Democratic Artillerists, which he entered as a private, he finally commanded as Captain, and after his removal to Catasauqua was chosen Major of the Lehigh Battalion, Allen Rifles, Allen Infantry, Gordon Infantry and Catasauqua Guards. Governor Curtin commissioned him in 1861 Paymaster of the Ninth Pennsylvania Regiment, and in September of the same year he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel on the staff of the Governor. In 1862, as acting Brigadier-General, he had charge of the ammunition and stores forwarded by way of Harrisburg to McClellan's army during the battles of South Mountain and Antietam. September 11, 1862, he was commissioned Major of the Fifth Pennsylvania Infantry, June 30, 1863, was sworn in as Captain of Company B, Thirty-eighth Pennsylvania Regiment, and on the following 3d of July was commissioned Colonel of the regiment. After the close of the war he continued active in army circles, receiving several commissions and being a member of the National Guards.

In politics the Colonel was always a staunch Democrat, and in 1874 was chosen Burgess of Catasauqua, serving for one term. In church and Sunday-school work he was very much interested, being an active leader in St. Paul's Lutheran Church for a number of years, and later helping to organize the Trinity Lutheran Congregation in 1871, being one of the five to assume the mortgage on the building, which was erected at a cost of \$16,000. During the panic of 1873 it was due to him and his colleague, J. S. Lall, that the property was saved. His wife, Matilda L., is still living and makes her home with our subject; of their union were born seven children, one of whom is deceased. After a most useful and worthy life Colonel Horn passed away, February 28, 1890, and his loss was deeply regretted.

Charles R. Horn was reared in this city, and at-

tended the high schools after completing his primary education. August 1, 1879, he became identified with the National Bank as a clerk. Successively promoted as time passed, he has filled every position up to Cashier, and has been most faithful in the discharge of his duties. In March, 1890, he was elected Cashier, and is also Director in the bank. He has invested to a large extent in real estate and in other business enterprises. In the upper part of the city he has put up sixty houses, and since November, 1889, when the Catasauqua Land Company was organized with a capital stock of \$15,000, has laid out twenty acres in this locality. This company was started in the year 1889, and is making a financial success of its enterprise. Mr. Horn is Treasurer and was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Home Building Association, which has a capital stock of \$1,000,000, and which is likewise doing well in a business point of view. Since the start of the Copley Knitting Company, in June, 1892, with a capital stock of \$5,000, he has been President of the same. One of the promoters of the Electric Light and Power Company, which was organized with a capital stock of \$60,000, he is a Director and Secretary. The plant of this concern is well equipped with large engines, power-houses, etc., and though they operate about sixty-five large lights, could run over three times as many with the power on hand.

In this city, in 1886, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Horn and Miss Blanche Thomas, who was born in Parryville, Carbon County. Her father, James Thomas, an extensive machinist, is engaged in the foundry business in Catasauqua. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Horn: Isabella Traill, Catherine Richards, James Thomas, Blanche, and Mary who died in infancy. Mr. Horn built a substantial frame residence in 1890 at the corner of Fifth and Walnut Streets, the architecture of which is in accord with modern ideas.

Being much interested in secret societies, our subject belongs to a number. He is now a Past Master of Porter Lodge No. 284, F. & A. M., of Catasauqua; is connected with Catasauqua Chapter No. 278, R. A. M., and Allen Commandery No.



20, K. T. As a member of the Order of the Mystic Shrine, he belongs to Lulu Temple of Philadelphia. He is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being Past Grand of Catasauqua Lodge No. 269, and also a member of the Fraternity Encampment at this place. A member of the Sons of Veterans, he belonged to Arnold Lewis Camp of this city. For thirteen years he has been interested in the Phoenix Steam Fire Company, having been Chief of the same for years, and is now President. In politics he sides with the Democratic party, and in February, 1894, was chosen by his fellow-citizen to serve as Burgess of the city for a term of three years. His family are members of the Lutheran Church, in the faith of which he was reared.



STEWART D. RITTER, a leading business man and prominent citizen of Freemansburg, is a dealer in coal, wood, etc., and is also serving as Justice of the Peace, having been elected to that office in 1893, for a term of five years. Our subject is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born June 20, 1859, in Northampton County. He is a son of Benjamin F. Ritter and his wife, natives of Bethlehem Township, the latter having been in maidenhood Miss Mary A. Frankfield.

Benjamin F. Ritter was a coal and wood dealer in Freemansburg for over forty years. He started in that business on a small scale, when a young man, and by patient perseverance and wise judgment his trade increased with the population, and at the time of his death, which occurred December 31, 1887, he was proprietor of the largest coal and wood yard in the town. He also served as Justice of the Peace for ten years. He was a man of good education, a member of the Lutheran Church, and a Democrat in politics. The Ritter family were early settlers of Bethlehem Township. The great-great-grandfather emigrated to America, coming directly to Pennsylvania, and Northampton County has been the home of his descendants up to the

present day. Capt. Daniel Ritter, the grandfather of our subject, was an old-time honored resident of Bethlehem Township. He was a brave officer of the War of 1812, and passed peacefully away when eighty years of age.

Stewart D. Ritter, of this sketch, was reared to manhood in Freemansburg, attending the public schools of that place in his youth, and later spending several years at Schwartz's Academy at Bethlehem, where he received a thorough business education. After graduating Mr. Ritter taught several terms of school near the home of his childhood, where he was well known and respected. He subsequently drifted into the coal and wood business, of which he assumed charge at his father's death, and has been sole proprietor since 1887. Being energetic, ambitious and enterprising, he has made a financial success of the business, and has many warm friends in the community.

Our subject was united in marriage, November 13, 1884, to Miss Alice T. Snyder, daughter of Adam Snyder, of Berlinsville, Pa. As the result of this union Mr. and Mrs. Ritter have become the happy parents of one child, Chauncey S., born October 31, 1893. Socially Mr. Ritter is a member of Feedyuscong Tribe No. 117, I. O. R. M., and also of the Golden Eagle, Star Castle No. 108. Politically he is a staunch Democrat, and an ardent supporter of the principles of that party. He, with his highly esteemed wife, is an active member of the Lutheran Church, and gives liberally to the cause of Christianity. Mr. Ritter's maternal grandmother resides at Elizabeth, N. J., in her ninety-second year, and is hale and hearty.



CHARLES A. HILLS. Northampton County is the home of quite a number of men who were thrown upon their own resources at an early age, and whose natural aptness and energy were developed and strengthened by contact with the world, resulting in making their lives more than ordinarily successful in worldly prosperity, and winning respect. Among this number is our



subject, who occupies the responsible position of agent at Siegfried for the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, to which he was appointed in July, 1880.

Charles A. Hills was born in this county October 18, 1852, to Martin and Louisa Hills, the former deceased. The mother, who survives, makes her home in Allen Township. Charles A. was educated in the public schools, and when attaining his majority began learning the art of telegraphy. He was afterward appointed operator and agent at Weissport for the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, where he remained for five years, and was then transferred to this place, and here he has been operator and agent since.

In 1873 Mr. Hills was married to Miss Annie Bollinger, a native of Whitehall, this state. The lady was the daughter of Ulrich and Christena (Meyer) Bollinger, both of whom are now deceased. Their union has been blessed by the birth of five children: Gertrude, Arthur, Daisy, Clarence and Harold.

Mr. Hills is a self-made man, and one who by an honorable and upright course in life commands the esteem and confidence of the entire community. In politics he never fails to cast a vote for Republican candidates, and is greatly interested in the success of his party. He is a true Christian, and the Reformed Church finds in him one of its most active workers. He stands high in Masonic circles, holding membership with Porter Lodge No. 284, at Catasauqua, and Council No. 356, R. A., at Bethlehem. As an Odd Fellow he belongs to Siegfried Lodge No. 1026, and is also connected with the United Beneficial Society at Whitehall.



**G**EORGE W. BACHMAN, a representative and well known business man of Freemansburg, has been in the mercantile trade in this place since 1881. He carries a stock of general merchandise, consisting of dry goods, boots and shoes, groceries, crockery and hardware, and by

his upright manner and honest dealing has gained the respect of the community in which he lives. Mr. Bachman is a native of Northampton County, and was born September 24, 1851, being the son of Aaron and Eliza (Laubach) Bachman, natives of Northampton County, but both now deceased. The Bachman family were early settlers in the Lehigh Valley, and well known in the vicinity. Aaron Bachman was for many years a well known canal-boat builder and was a member of the firm of G. & A. Bachman. At different times he filled all the local offices of his township, and also served as County Commissioner for years. His birth occurred April 14, 1808, and he departed this life June 16, 1886. His wife, the mother of our subject, was born December 9, 1815, and passed to the land beyond January 6, 1880.

Of the children comprising the parental family the following survive: Alfred, a resident of Bethlehem; Peter S., who is also making his home in that city; Sylvester A., residing in Philadelphia; Allen H., a farmer in this county; Harvey L., living in South Bethlehem; Mary, the wife of M. J. Hess, of this county; Annie, the wife of Hon. R. K. Bachman, of Bucks County, this state; Aravesta M., now Mrs. Clyde Miller, of Birmingham, Ala.; and George W., our subject. Peter S. has been a member of the State Assembly of Pennsylvania, and is a popular man of the county.

Our subject was reared in Northampton County, attending the public schools of his native place, and also the private schools of Bethlehem. When sixteen years of age he began learning telegraphy in the Lehigh Valley Depot at Freemansburg, and subsequently became station agent at this place, serving as such for five years. After resigning his position as station agent, he became identified with the mercantile business, forming a partnership with R. K. Bachman & Bro. At the expiration of a twelvemonth the connection was dissolved, and our subject became sole proprietor of the store, and in this avocation has become very successful.

October 14, 1874, occurred the marriage of Mr. Bachman to Miss Mary E. Freeman, and of their marriage five children have been born. They are: Estella M., Jennie F., Laura E., Ralph S.