

George M., a farmer in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, has a large stone quarry on his farm, to which he gives considerable attention and which affords him a handsome income.

Ira F. Case was reared on a farm in his native county. At the age of fifteen he began learning telegraphy at Foster, Pennsylvania, and remained there six months. Then he had charge of different offices along the line until he obtained a steady situation at Homer, New York, remaining at that place a year and a half. After this he served as station agent on the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad for three years. Then he served as brakeman on the same road, and subsequently as conductor on the Buffalo & Southwest. Since 1888 he has been in the employ of the Nickel Plate at Conneaut, first as yard conductor and then as yard master, his present position.

Mr. Case was married in New York, October 8, 1884, to Mrs. Sarah J. Thompson daughter of Samuel Peacock, native of Canada. They have one child, Myrtle E. Mrs. Case is a member of the Christian Church.

He affiliates with the Democratic party, and is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen of Conneaut.



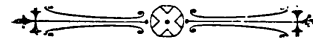
PHILANDER T. THOMPSON, who has been for many years identified with some of the leading industries of Middlefield, was born in Geauga county, Ohio, March 3, 1820. His father, James Thompson, was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, in 1778; and the grandfather, Isaac Thompson, was a native of the same place, being of Scotch-Welsh descent. The latter removed to Charleston, Virginia, where he lived a few

years, and in 1797 emigrated to Lake county (then Geauga county), Ohio. After a year he came to Middlefield township, which was then a wilderness, and erected one of the first cabins for a dwelling. This was then a favorite hunting-ground of the Indians, and the family were on very friendly terms with the savages, although they never lost a fear of their treachery. Isaac Thompson was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, having run away from home in his youth to join the army. He was disabled after about a year's service and on this account he came home, but later on he raised a company at his own expense, and was elected Captain of the same. For a time he served as a member of Washington's body-guard and was with him in his marches and other military movements. He was also in the expedition against Quebec, and after the close of the Revolutionary war he located in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, where he remained a few years, and then, on account of the unhealthful character of the section, he removed to Ohio. His life was an eventful one and he died, at the age of seventy-three years, at the place where he located in Ohio. It is a noteworthy fact that there is still on the farm an apple tree, which was set out by him and which still continues to yield its fruit in season. He died at the age of seventy-three years. James Thompson, his son, was a youth of eighteen years when he came to Geauga county. He was called out in the State militia in the war of 1812, and served as Captain of a company placed in defense of Cleveland when that post was attacked by the British. He was an expert marksman, and brought down many a deer, wolf and bear, supplying the table with wild meat. Domestic animals could not be raised in those days on account of the danger from attacks by their more ferocious rela-

tives. Pittsburg was the nearest trading point, and their first grinding was done in a mortar burned in the top of a stump; later a mill was built on the branch of a stream, which Mr. Thompson had to swim with a bushel of grain on his back. He was twice married, having six children by his first wife and eight by the second. The children of the second marriage were as follows: Philander T., our subject; Mary E., deceased; Clarinda, now Mrs. Talls; Delia, now Mrs. Noah Page; Susan, now Mrs. David Squibb, has one child; Eugenia, now Mrs. Henry Thompson; Maria, who married J. T. Elliott and who is now deceased; Paulina, who married Warren Bishop and is now deceased; and Robert, deceased. He placed 300 acres of land under cultivation, and lived to the ripe old age of ninety-eight years. The mother of our subject was a native of New York State, and her maiden name was Mercy Tracy; she came to the West with her brother in 1816, and died at the age of sixty-six years. She and her husband were members of the Episcopal Church, and politically he adhered to the principles of the Whig party. He served as County Commissioner and was well known throughout this section of country as a man of sterling worth.

P. T. Thompson is the oldest of a family of eight children, and grew to manhood surrounded by the wild scenes of pioneer life, experiencing all the hardships and privations incident thereto. At the age of twenty-one years he began life for himself, although he has never left the home place and has never been married. He is now the owner of the old homestead, 150 acres of which remain in farm land, some of it having been sold for village lots. In connection with general farming he keeps a dairy, and for the past six years has managed the brick and tile factory at Middlefield, the same having an annual

capacity of 100,000 brick and 125,000 tile. A man of unusual business ability, he has made a success of every undertaking; he has been a leader in many enterprises having for their object the development of the community, and gave liberally of his means to bring the railroad to this point. Politically he votes the Republican ticket, but is strongly in favor of the prohibition movement.



DR. ALBERT W. THOMPSON, a leading physician of Bristol, Ohio, and a popular citizen, was born in the town in which he now resides. On September 4, 1846, and with the exception of a brief period of time, has lived there ever since. His parents, Joseph C. and Nancy (Downs) Thompson, were natives of New England, of Scotch-Irish descent, who, shortly after marriage, emigrated, like many others, to what was then the El Dorado of the West, known in Eastern parlance as the "Connecticut Western Reserve." Before reaching Bristol, however, they resided for a short time in Pennsylvania. The father of the subject of this sketch was twice married. His first wife died within a year after marriage, leaving an infant son, Malan, who found in his stepmother an affectionate and careful guardian, who gave to him every attention enjoyed by her own children. He is now (1893) a prosperous farmer near Johnstown, Ohio. Both parents are now deceased. Their children are: Frances, widow of John T. Mathary; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Saegar; Albert W., whose name heads this sketch; Eminogene, now Mrs. Tipps; Frank, who married Miss Hattie Ulrich and resides in Bristol; and Rhoda Ann, deceased at the age of five. Joseph C.