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George W. Bales, Henderson Township, Huntingdon County, Pa., was born on the homestead farm in Henderson Township, June 14, 1864, son of **Simon P.** and **Nancy (Warfel) Bales**. **Simon P. Bales** was born in the Tuscarora Valley, in Perry County, Pa. He was a farmer, but catching the "gold fever," he went to California in 1850, with **Frank Hefright**, **John Miller** and another companion named **Johnson**. The trip occupied ninety-six days; the locomotive power was equipped by eight oxen. **Mr. Bales** resided eight years in California, engaged in gold mining, returning to Huntingdon County, he resided from 1858 to 1867 in Henderson Township; then, until 1872, in the borough of Huntingdon. His last removal, made in that year, was back to Henderson Township. Of this township, **Mrs. Bales** was a native; she was born May 14, 1818. Their children are: **Ella (Mrs. Franklin T. Fee)**, of Altoona, Pa.; **Marion J. (Mrs. George J. Albright)**, of Philadelphia; **George W.**; and **John A.**, of Huntingdon. **Simon P. Bales** was known as a Democrat, decided in his opinions, but not an office-seeker. He died June 30, 1895. **Mrs. Bales** is still a resident of her native township. Excepting five years spent in Huntingdon, **George W. Bales** has passed his life in the same township. He was educated in the common schools of the borough of Huntingdon and of Henderson Township. He has been through all his active business life engaged in farming; for the past eight years he has held in addition an agency for the sale of agricultural improvement. He is liberal in politics.

George W. Bales was married in Henderson Township, April 24, 1884, to **Phoebe M.**, daughter of **Caleb C.** and **Susan Evans**, natives of this township, but now residents of Petersburg, Pa. The children of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Bales** are: **Marion E.**; **Frances J.**; and **Virginia E.** **Mr. Bales** attends the Lutheran Church.

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