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**Baskin, Oliver P.**, superintendent of the Steelton Light, Heat and Power Company, was born in Perry County, Pa., July 24, 1856; son of **John** and **Mary (Shoy)**. His father was born in Schuylkill County, Pa., son of **John**, who was born in Scotland, emigrated to this country, and settled in Schuylkill County, where he followed the occupation of plasterer. He was drafted for military service during the war, but was retired by reason of occupying a civil office at the time. His death occurred April 26, 1895, his **wife** having died in 1868. **She** was a daughter of **Mr. Shoy**, and was born on the ocean during the voyage to this country from Ireland.

They had thirteen children, of whom these lived to maturity: **Mary, Mrs. Jacob Eisenhart**, of Middletown, Pa.; **Julia, Mrs. Adam Boyer**, of West Fairview, Cumberland County, Pa.; **Hannah, Mrs. W. H. Hempley**, Bainbridge, Pa.; and **Oliver P. Oliver** was reared in Perry County, and received his education in the township schools, and by self-study gained a practical knowledge of electricity. He was engaged in the grocery business in Philadelphia for twelve years with a wholesale house, and for four years was a commercial traveler. In 1890 he came to Steelton, and worked for the Electric Company, the present plant of which company was built by him, and he has since acted as the superintendent of the company. **Mr. Baskin** is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and also of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics. In political views he is a Democrat. In Perry County he served on the school board, and in Steelton as member of the council and judge of elections. **Mr. Baskin** was married, in 1882, to **Miss Catherine Underwood**, daughter of **George Underwood**, of Schuylkill County. They have no children.

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