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C. H. Bergner

Bergner, Charles H., Journalist, Lawyer. **Charles H. Bergner**, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, who has been for many years a leader of the Dauphin county bar, is a son of the late **George Bergner**, who, in his day and generation, was a man of note. In 1856 he established the "Harrisburg Daily Telegraph," of which he became both editor and proprietor, and which he rendered a power in the support of John C. Fremont for the Presidency. **Mr. Bergner** was appointed by President Lincoln postmaster of Harrisburg, and for political reasons was removed by President Johnson. He was tendered by President Grant the office of Postmaster-General, but declined the honor, and accepted the postmastership of Harrisburg, which he held during the remainder of his life. **Mr. Bergner** married **Catherine Uhler**, and his death occurred August 5, 1874.

Charles H. Bergner, son of **George** and **Catherine (Uhler) Bergner**, was born October 20, 1853, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and received his preparatory education in the private school presided over by Robert McElwee, at the Harrisburg Academy, and at the Edge Hill Boarding School, Merchantville, New Jersey. He

afterward entered Princeton University, graduating with the class of 1874. After graduation **Mr. Bergner** began the study of law in the office of Hon. A. J. Herr, of Harrisburg, and upon the death of his father succeeded him as editor of the "Harrisburg Telegraph." This position he retained six years, the discharge of its duties necessarily interrupting and retarding the prosecution of his legal studies. These, however, were not entirely abandoned, and on March 6, 1883, he was admitted to the bar. The same year he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the State of Pennsylvania. October 14, 1894, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States. He has now been continuously engaged for nearly thirty years in the active practice of his chosen profession, acquiring a large and lucrative clientele and building up an enviable reputation for learning, probity and skill as an expert practitioner. In politics **Mr. Bergner** maintains the traditions of his family, steadily adhering to the Republican Party. He has been affiliated with the Masonic fraternity since 1875, and is a member of the Harrisburg Club, the Harrisburg Country Club, and the Social Club of Harrisburg.

Mr. Bergner married, April 26, 1877, at New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pennsylvania, **Anna V.**, daughter of the Honorable **William A.** and **Elizabeth T. (Burkholder) Sponsler**, of New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of three children: **William S.**; **Eloine**, and **George Bergner**. **Mr. Bergner's** entire career, thus far, both as a lawyer and a citizen, has been identified with his native city, and his strongest energies have ever been steadily and earnestly devoted to the maintenance of her professional prestige and the development and furtherance of all her best interests.

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