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Bernheisel, Peter, architect, was born at Harrisburg, Pa., April 25, 1833. He is a son of **Peter** and **Margaret (Uhler) Bernheisel**. His father was a native of Perry County, Pa., and was born near what is now called Green Park, in 1806, and died in this city, September 22, 1887, aged eighty-one years. His mother was born in Harrisburg, and died in 1848. Their family consisted of seven children, of whom two survive: **Peter** and **William H.**, of Harrisburg, who was injured by a fall while engaged at the erection of the Friendship engine house, and for thirty-seven years has not left his bed. The father was married three times. By the second marriage three children were born; and by the third marriage none were born.

Peter received his education in the public schools of the city. He learned the carpenter trade, and at the same time studied architecture. In 1856 he became manager of Trullinger & Co.'s planing mill, and filled the position for seven years. In 1863 he engaged in business for himself as a contractor and builder, and continued in this business for twenty-two years. In 1885 he abandoned this occupation, and since that date he has devoted his time to the business of architect. He built the residences of Dr. Reily and Dr. Porter, the addition to Internal Affairs and House of Representatives, Telegraph building, and others.

He was married in Harrisburg, Pa., November 9, 1856, to **Hannah R. Webner**, daughter of **Charles** and **Harriett (Salada) Webner**, a native of Lebanon. Six children have been born to them, five of whom are living, namely: **Margaret**, wife of **H. H. Lingle**, Harrisburg; **Amanda**, deceased; **George**, Harrisburg; **William**, Harrisburg; **Charles H.**, a partner with his father; and **M. Frances**. In politics **Mr. Bernheisel** is a Republican. The family attend the Lutheran Church.

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