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Amos W. Billow, Keystone, Perry County, Pa., was born upon the homestead farm, where he still resides, July 1, 1857. He is a son of **Henry** and **Leah (Elgenfritz) Billow**, both deceased. His ancestors, both paternal and maternal, were German; his grandfather, **Billow**, was one of the earliest settlers of Rye Township. **Henry Billow**, father of **Amos W.**, was a native and life-long resident of Rye Township, and was a farmer. His wife died July 17, 1886; he survived her nearly two years, dying in June, 1888. Four of their nine children are deceased: **Rebecca (Mrs. David Fertenbaugh)**; **William**, died young; **Harvey**, also died in his boyhood; and **Lydia Ann**, died in childhood. Those still living are: **Lucetta (Mrs. Joseph Hemp)**; **Mary (Mrs. John Weitzel)**; **Emma (Mrs. Henry Carman)**; **Pierce**; and **Amos W.**

The whole life of **Amos W. Billow** has been passed in Rye Township. He attended the common schools, receiving a fair education. At an early age, he acquired a practical knowledge of farming, and has devoted his life to the important pursuit of agriculture. He is a Republican and has several times been elected on his party's ticket to office; he has also served as judge and inspector of elections.

Amos W. Billow was married in Rye Township, to **Drusilla A.**, daughter of **Henry** and **Barbara Kocher**, old and honored residents of the township. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Billow** attend the Evangelical Church.

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