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Clemson, Lloyd Colder, assistant road foreman, Middle division, Pennsylvania railroad, was born at Harrisburg, January 20, 1849. His father, **Amos Clemson**, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., and was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. For many years he was a packet-boat captain on both the Juniata and Susquehanna rivers, plying between Harrisburg and Williamsport, and Harrisburg and Hollidaysburg; at the time of his death he was the oldest packet-boat captain. He also served as passenger conductor for two years, on the Middle division, Pennsylvania railroad. In 1851 he purchased a farm at Newport, Perry County, Pa., and was engaged in agricultural pursuits up to the date of his death, which occurred in July, 1888, at the age of seventy three years. He was a prominent and progressive farmer; he served as commissioner of Perry County for three years, and was president of the school board for many years. He also filled several minor offices in his county. His wife, **Elmira Jane (Bosserman) Clemson**, was born at Milford, Perry County, September 14, 1828, and was of American ancestry. She is still living, and resides at Newport. These worthy people had two children born to them: **Arabella**, wife of **John Funk**, residing at Newport, and **Lloyd C.**

When one year old, **Lloyd's** parents brought him to Newport, where the district school afforded him the only educational advantages he enjoyed in youth. He became a teacher himself, and taught three winters in Centre Township, working on the farm during the summer months. On June 1, 1870, he engaged as fireman on the Northern Central railroad, between Harrisburg and Sunbury, and filled this position until December 3, 1871, when he resigned it to accept the position of brakeman of freight train on the Middle division, Pennsylvania railroad, between Harrisburg and Altoona. He held this place until January 15, 1872, when he was appointed fireman on a freight train. In May, 1873, he was transferred to passenger fireman; December 1, 1880, he was promoted to freight engineer, and May 15, 1885, he was promoted to passenger train engineer. April 1, 1892, he was appointed to his present position.

Mr. Clemson was married at Harrisburg, September 18, 1872, to **Miss Laura Nixdorf**, daughter of **Emanuel** and **Mary Nixdorf**, of Harrisburg. They have had one child born to them, who died in infancy. He is a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 464, F. & A M., and Warrior Engle Tribe, No. 340. I. O. R. M. In political views he is a staunch Republican. The family attends the Lutheran church, of which **Mrs. Clemson** is a member.

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