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**Isaac D. Dunkel**, Newport, Perry County, Pa., was born in Halifax, Dauphin County, Pa., January 2, 1828, and is of German descent. His father, **Jacob Dunkel**, a native of Dauphin County, was a farmer and weaver. He died in 1849, aged sixty-two. He married **Mary Bower**. **Mr. Dunkel** was a strong Democrat. He served during the war of 1812. His children are: **Michael; Elizabeth; Mary; two** that died in infancy; **John; Isaac D.; William;** and **Joseph**.

**Isaac D. Dunkel** first attended a subscription school, and afterwards public school. He began farm work when thirteen years old, receiving five dollars per month, and his board. In 1859, he opened a hotel at Halifax; the next year, he kept the Eagle House, in New Bloomfield, and the following year the hotel at Montgomery Ferry. In 1862, **Mr. Dunkel** enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Seventy-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, was promoted to first lieutenant and served in Virginia until his discharge, August 17, 1863. He again enlisted, in Company I, Two Hundred and Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was promoted to the first lieutenantcy before leaving camp. His first battle was at Fort Steadman. His next at Fort Hill or Petersburg; he took part in all other fights until the surrender of General Lee, and was at the grand review in Washington, D. C. He kept successively the Ninth Ward Hotel in Newport two years, the Farmers' and Drovers' Hotel for ten years, and a hotel at Millerstown three years. He was in other business there for three years, and after one unoccupied year, opened a restaurant. In 1889, he returned to New Bloomfield, and conducted a hotel five years; he has since been in the wholesale liquor business in Newport.

**Isaac D. Dunkel** was married in 1847, to **Miss Mary Ann Charles**. Their children are: **Michael F.; Mark Jones; Catherine E.;** and **Mary V.** **Mr. Dunkel** is a decided Democrat, and advocates the gold standard.

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