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W. H. Gantt, Newport, Pa., was born January 25, 1853, son of **Jesse L.** and **Ellen (Kough) Gantt**. **Jesse L. Gantt** was born in 1810. He was a merchant at Duncannon, and Newport; he has for thirty years kept a hotel. He built the Gantt House, which was burned in 1875; he then erected the present brick structure, the Central Hotel. He was a Republican. He first married **Ellen Kough**, who died in 1853; their children are: **John C.**; **Ellen**; **Sarah**; and **W. H.** **Mr. Gantt** afterwards married **Caroline Sheibley**, widow of **Mr. Spotts**; they had two children: **Jacob**; and **Jesse**. **Mrs. Gantt** was accidentally burned to death. **Mr. Gantt** died in 1880. He was a Presbyterian.

W. H. Gantt attended the public schools at Newport until he was sixteen, and then served an apprenticeship of three years with a jeweler in Harrisburg. Returning to Newport, he opened a jewelry store. In 1875, **W. H. Gantt** was married to **Olive**, daughter of **Jesse S. Butz**; they have one child, **Frank C.** **Mr. Gantt** is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

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