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W. S. Groninger, M. D., Ickesburg, Perry County, Pa., was born in Patterson, Juniata County, Pa., July 20, 1865. He is a son of **William H.** and **Catherine (Ritzman) Groninger**. The father of **Dr. Groninger** was a teacher in the common schools, under whose tuition he was during a large part of his elementary course, in Patterson, Milford, and Turbett Township. As a boy, the Doctor was a diligent and enthusiastic student, applying himself closely to the pursuit of knowledge, during the school terms, while the vacations were employed in farm work. From this he obtained a double benefit; while renewing his health and strength by athletic exercise in the open air, he was earning the means for academic training. At the age of sixteen, he entered the Airy View Academy, then conducted by Dr. David Wilson, where he studied for four or five terms. During the winters immediately following his academic course, he was engaged in teaching, thereby adding to his store. While at the academy, he had already begun preparing himself for his chosen profession, by reading medicine with Dr. A. W. Shelley, of Port Royal, under whose preceptorship he had studied for two years; so that in 1886, at the age of twenty-one, he was prepared to enter the Medical College; he matriculated at the Jefferson, in Philadelphia, in the fall of that year, and graduated in 1889. After practicing for a year and a half at McEwensville, Northumberland County, Pa., **Dr. Groninger** removed, in the fall of 1891, to Ickesburg, where he has since had his home, and having won the confidence and kind regards of the citizens, has built up an extensive and successful practice. The Doctor is a staunch Republican; he was elected coroner of Perry County in the fall of 1896, and in the spring of 1897, was elected school director for a term of one year. He is a friend of education, and a warm advocate of the compulsory law.

Dr. W. S. Groninger was married at Port Royal in the fall of 1889, to **Sarah M. Herman**, daughter of **George Herman**. Their children are: **Frank McClure**, aged six years; and **Nellie Louise**, three years old.

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