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John Kahler, car inspector for the Northern Central Railroad Company, Marysville, Perry County, Pa., was born in York County, Pa., August 3, 1834. He is a son of **Henry** and **Elizabeth (Houdeshell) Kahler**, both natives of York County, and of Pennsylvania German descent. **Henry** and **Elizabeth Kahler** had four children, but only two are now living: **John**; and **Elizabeth**, widow of **William Hartman**. **John Kahler** was brought up by his parents on the farm. He received his education in the common schools of his native county. But while yet a child, he had the great misfortune to lose his father by death, and was thus compelled to go forth from the home roof at a tender age to begin life's battles for himself. Until he was sixteen years old, he lived the hard life of a boy bound out to farm labor. At that age he began a two years' apprenticeship at shoemaking. Having now two occupations, he devoted himself to each in turn, resuming farm work during the summer, and in winter, carrying on his trade of shoemaking. In 1861, he removed to Marysville, and became an employee of the Northern Central Railroad Company. In this service he has remained for the past thirty five years, proving himself always faithful, painstaking and trustworthy. **Mr. Kahler** has always been a staunch Republican. He owes his present position to his own persistent efforts, his perseverance, and his faithful performance of his duties, from the day when, as a fatherless lad, he first commenced the struggle of life, until the present time, when he is one of the most respected and trusted employees of the Northern Central Railroad Company.

John Kahler was married in York, Pa., May 28, 1858, to **Rebecca**, daughter of **John** and **Mary (Spahr) Kunkle**, of Cumberland County, Pa. Their children are: **Mary (Mrs. Frank Van Camp)**, deceased; and **Emma**. **Mr. Kahler's** religious preferences are for the Lutheran Church.

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