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Jacob O. Kepner, New Bloomfield, Pa., was born September 14, 1850, son of **Henry** and **Catharine (Rice) Kepner**. **Henry Kepner** was born in Juniata County; he removed to Perry County in 1841, where he engaged in farming. He married **Catharine Rice**; their children are: **Sarah; Emmeline; George W.; Mary E.; Margaret E.; Malinda; Henry T.; Jacob O.; Frances; Alice;** and **Phebe H.** **Mr. Kepner** died in his seventy fifth year; his wife died in 1892. They were members of the Lutheran Church.

Jacob O. Kepner attended public school, and continued to assist his father on the farm until 1872, then he went to Colorado and also to Chicago, returning home in 1873. In 1875, he began farming on his own account, and later was engaged in the general merchandise business for three years at Kistler. In 1896, he bought the farm of **Jacob Ritter**, on which he now resides. **Mr. Kepner** is a Republican.

Jacob O. Kepner was married, December 30, 1875, to **Alice R.**, daughter of **Isaac F.** and **Diana (Hall) Hollenbaugh**; have one daughter, **Olive**. **Mr. Kepner** is a member of the Lutheran Church.

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