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William H. Leonard, a prominent, progressive merchant, of Marysville, Perry County, Pa., was born in Juniata Township, Perry County, February 4, 1855. He is a son of **Benjamin F.** and **Elizabeth Leonard**, natives of Perry County. **Benjamin Leonard** died April 27, 1894. His wife resides with her daughter in Cumberland County, Pa. Their four children survive, and are: **Mary E. (Mrs. John R. Albright)**; **John P.**, and **Levi L.**, both residing in Rye Township; and **William H.** **William H. Leonard** was but seven years old when his parents removed to Rye Township, in 1862, and here he continued to reside until 1889, a period of twenty-seven years.

He received his education in the public schools of the district. After leaving school, he was for ten years in the employ of **James Bell**. In 1890, he engaged in the feed and coal business, at Marysville, and was for over two years in this occupation. Removing to New Bloomfield, Perry County, in 1892, he resided there for about eight months, and then went to Landisburg, Perry County, purchased the Dempsey Hotel, and conducted it for two years. For one year following, he was engaged in the lumber business. In the spring of 1896, **Mr. Leonard** entered upon his present career as a grocer and manufacturer in Marysville. The factory which he has opened is the only one of its kind in the Juniata Valley, the machinery is run by steam. He manufactures shirts, wrappers and overalls, which are sold in different parts of the State. He has been successful in this enterprise, and employs from sixteen to twenty hands. **Mr. Leonard** has served one term in the borough council of Landisburg. He is a staunch Republican.

William H. Leonard was married in Marysville, September 24, 1885, to **Minnie F.**, daughter of **Jesse S.** and **Jane Nace**. They have had three children: **Jesse F.**; **Benjamin H.**, deceased; and **Hugh B.**, deceased. **Mr. Leonard** attends the Evangelical Church.

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