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John S. McConnel, farmer, stock raiser, cattle dealer and dairyman, Turbett Township, Juniata County, Pa., was born May 20, 1852, in the township in which he resides. He is a son of **Daniel** and **Mary J. (Sailor) McConnel**, who had six children: **Armina P. (Mrs. G. W. Kilmer)**, of Turbett Township; **John S.**; **C. Luther**, of Belleville, Mifflin County; **George P.**, of Turbett Township; and two deceased. He was educated in the public schools of his native township, and has spent his entire life on the homestead farm, taking charge of the same upon the death of his father. This farm contains more than 150 acres, and has been greatly improved under his efficient management. He has for the past eighteen years been successfully engaged in buying and selling stock in Juniata County; and has been interested in the dairy business, as a large stockholder in the Port Royal creamery.

John S. McConnel was married at Port Royal, November 3, 1875, to **Clara J.**, daughter of **John Rice**, a farmer of Perry County, where she was born. They have seven children: **George S.**, residing on the homestead; **John R.**; **Sarah J.**; **Mary B.**; **Daniel W.**; **Jesse H.**; and **Margaret E.** **Mr. McConnel's** sound judgment and capacity for public affairs have been recognized by his fellow-citizens in elevating him to many important and responsible positions in the township. He has ably filled the office of school director for six years, during three years of which he was treasurer of the board. He has also been assistant assessor and overseer of the poor. Both he and his estimable wife are members of the Grange in Turbett Township; **Mr. McConnel** is past master, and is at present lecturer. He has also held the office of steward of the Grange for three terms, and those of assistant steward, and of treasurer. **Mr. McConnel** is a Democrat. He is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church and identified with Sunday school work.

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