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John C. Ritzmam, Van Dyke, Juniata County, Pa., was born in Turbett Township, same county, July 13, 1866. He is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Hipple) Ritzman. John Ritzman attended the public schools of Turbett Township, and then worked on his father's farm until he began to learn telegraphy at Tuscarora Station, Juniata County. In 1885 he entered upon his present employment as operator on the Middle Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which position he has filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the company. In June, 1892, Mr. Ritzman was married to Rose A., daughter of Palmer Shellenberger, of Walker Township. Mr. Ritzman is a member of the railroad Relief Corps, and a charter member of the P. O. S. A. lodge of Port Royal, Juniata County. He is a Democrat.