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Van Camp, William L., grocer, was born in Newport, Perry County, Pa., August 28, 1858; son of the late **James** and **Rebecca (Potter) Van Camp**. The parents were both natives of Perry County, the father having been born on the old **Van Camp** farm, on the banks of the Juniata River; the mother near Montgomery's Ferry. The father was a harness maker and was engaged in that occupation until his death, April 29, 1881. The mother is still living and resides in Harrisburg. Of their three children, **William L.** is the only one living, **two** having died in infancy. **William L.** attended the schools in his native county until he was twelve years old, when he came with his parents to Harrisburg, where he completed his education in the city high school and in the Harrisburg Business College. He worked in the store with his father until he was twenty one years old. The three following years he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and on March 15, 1883, engaged in the grocery business for himself.

He was married in Harrisburg, September 26, 1889, to **Miss Sarah Alice**, daughter of **Jeremiah H.** and **Elizabeth (Woodcock) Crownshield**, born in Harrisburg, October 6, 1865. They have no children. **Mr. Van Camp** is a member of Phoenix Lodge, No. 59, K. of P.; Egyptian Commandery, No, 114, K. of M., and of Capital City Council, No. 327, Jr. O. U. A. M. In his political views **Mr. Van Camp** is a Republican. He and his wife attend the Messiah Lutheran Church, of which **Mrs. Van Camp** is a member.