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1886, he became associated with his brother, C. P. Cody, in the insurance business.

S. G. COFFIN, one of the successful and enterprising business men of Bradford, was born in New Hampshire October 17, 1847, the only son of J. M. and Dorothy S. (Gale) Coffin, also natives of New Hampshire, of English descent, former of whom died in his native State in 1887. S. G. Coffin was given good educational advantages, and when he embarked in business for himself went to Brady's Run, Penn., where he opened a flour and feed store, continuing there eighteen months, when he sold out and went to Butler county, where he was in the livery business till 1880, when he again sold out, and, coming to Bradford, engaged in the same business. He is a good business man, and has been successful in his operations. He owns two livery and sale stables in the city and never has less than twenty-five horses, often fifty. He does a general livery business, and also buys, sells and ships horses on a large scale. He is also quite extensively engaged in the oil business. Mr. Coffin was married in Armstrong county, Penn., June 24, 1874, to F. M. Fleming, daughter of A. W. Fleming, and they have three children: Claudie D., George Ralph and Charles J. In politics Mr. Coffin is a Republican. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., the Knights of Honor, and several benevolent orders.

PHILIP W. CROAK, general foreman in the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad shops at Bradford, has held this position since 1888. He learned the machinist's trade in his youth at Renovo, Penn., and from 1884 to 1886 he was foreman of the Pennsylvania Railroad shops at that place; in the latter year he was transferred to Erie City, and in 1888 came to Bradford. He now has about 130 men under his supervision and there are about forty-five engines to be kept in repair at the shops in Bradford. He is a thorough machinist and understands every detail of his work. Mr. Croak was born in Bradford county, Penn., in March, 1852, a son of Edward and Honora (Mulqueen) Croak, natives of Ireland. He was married in March, 1877, to Miss Mary Jones, a native of Renovo, Penn., of German descent, daughter of David Jones, and they have eight children: William, Edward, Viola, Bessie, Winlan, Philip, Thomas and Sarah. Mr. Croak and his wife are members of the Catholic Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

LEVI M. CROSS, P. O. Kendall Creek, was born in Carrollton, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., August 6, 1841, and is a son of Levi and Eliza (Conklin) Cross, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. He was reared in Bradford, McKean Co., Penn., from three years of age, and received a common-school education. At the breaking out of the civil war he was engaged in farming and lumbering, but in August, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, Fifteenth New York Volunteers, and served nine months, when he was discharged on account of disability. In April, 1864, Mr. Cross re-enlisted in Company E, Fifty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was wounded at Chapin Farm, near Richmond, Va., September 29, 1864. As a result of this wound he lost his left leg at the thigh, and was honorably discharged from the service in March, 1865. Since the war he has made his home in Bradford, this county, and has been engaged in teaming and the oil business. Mr. Cross married, March 21, 1867, Fannie, daughter of David and Amanda (Reynolds) Cornelius, of Bradford, and has two children: Leda M. and Autie V. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and G. A. R., and politically is a Republican.

E. J. CROSS, grocer, Bradford, was born at Sandy Hill, Washington Co., N. Y., August 2, 1850, a son of Stephen Oscar and Ruby Ann (Conrey) Cross,

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