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**KAUFFMANN, Samuel Hay**, journalist, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, April 30, 1829; son of Rudolph and Jane (Hay) Kauffman. He spent his early days on a farm; received a common-school education, and later learned the printing trade. He afterward obtained employment as a telegraph operator, and at the end of three years returned to the printing business, as editor and publisher in Zanesville, Ohio. He was married, Oct. 12, 1852, to Sarah Clark, daughter of John Tileston Fracker, of Zanesville. He held a position in the office of the U.S. treasury, under Secretary Chase, 1861-65; became one of the proprietors of the Washington *Evening Star* in 1867, was elected president of the incorporated company publishing that paper in 1868, and was still its president in 1901. He was elected a trustee of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., in 1881, president of the institution in 1894; president of the American Newspaper Publishers' association in February, 1899, and a member of the Philosophical society, the Anthropological society, the Columbia Historical society, the Literary society, the National Geographic society, the Cosmos club and the Chevy Chase country club, of Washington; and the American Geographic society, the Shakespeare society, the National Arts club, the National Sculpture society and the Grolier club, of New York. He visited all the European countries, also Asia, Africa, China, Japan, and the Hawaiian Islands. His writings are mainly of an editorial character, and in the form of foreign correspondence, while travelling. He was engaged in 1901 in preparing an illustrated volume on the *Equestrian Statuary of the World*.



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