

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

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DUFUR & MENEFFEE, Attorneys-at-Law.

The legal firm of Dufur & Menefee is one of the most prominent and successful in Eastern Oregon. The senior member established his law office here in partnership with his cousin some years ago, but later dissolved this connection to pursue the business on his private account, which he did till 1890, when the present firm was formed. The gratifying success with which the firm has met is but the legitimate reward of a knowledge of the law and experience at the bar. Both gentlemen have a wide acquaintance in Wasco and contiguous counties, and enjoy a lucrative practice in this portion of the state.

Senator Dufur was born in Vermont March 6, 1843. Twelve years later his parents removed to Wisconsin, where young Dufur spent five years of his boyhood. In 1859 he came with his parents to Oregon, and has since resided in this state. Completing his schooling at Portland academy, he engaged in various enterprises with signal success, and had attained the age of 29 before he turned his attention to the study of law. He first read in the office of the well-known law firm of Killin & Moreland, and was admitted to the bar in 1874. He established his office in this city the following year, and soon won distinction as an able authority on Blackstone, Kent and the later masters of law. Senator Dufur received his first political preferment in 1874, when he was elected a member of the state legislature on the Independent ticket, serving with the utmost satisfaction to his constituency, which represented the reform element. In 1886, at the solicitation of a host of friends, he again appeared in public life, this time as a candidate for state senator, to which office he was elected by a secure majority. It is but just to say Senator Dufur has manifested the same patriotic endeavor in the senate chamber that characterized his career as a member of the legislature.

Frank Menefee, the junior partner of the firm, is a native Oregonian, having been born in this city, where he received his schooling. He began reading law with his present partner in 1887, and was two years later admitted to the bar. He became a member of the above firm in 1890, and at once took an active part in public affairs. He was elected city recorder in 1891 and 1892, and in March, 1895, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of G. W. Bolton, a mayor to which office he was twice afterwards called, being elected for two successive terms.

H. H. RIDDELL, Postmaster.

The United States has the most perfect postal system of any government in the world. This may be largely attributed to the excellence of our railway service, but it is in no small degree directly traceable to the men who hold positions of authority or trust in the department. When one realizes the responsibility attached to the official duties of postmaster, the importance of installing men of sterling worth and character becomes at once apparent.

The present postmaster of The Dalles, H. H. Riddell, is one of our prominent young attorneys. He is a native Oregonian, having been born in Salem, April 6, 1868. He came in 1881 to Wasco county, where his father engaged in stock-raising and wheat-growing. Not contented with the inducements offered by farm life, young Riddell early determined to fit himself for a professional career, and with that commendable object in view, in the fall of 1886 entered the Wasco Independent Academy, from which institution he graduated with honors in 1890. Upon completing his studies at the academy, Hayward commenced reading law with the well-known firm of Mays & Huntington. He later took a course of lectures at the law school of the University of Oregon, continuing his studies with untiring zeal in the offices of Dolph, Dellinger, Mallory & Simon, of Portland, the foremost law firms. Mr. Riddell was admitted to the bar June 2, 1892, and immediately returned to The Dalles, where he practiced with most gratifying success.

Responding to the appointment of President McKinley, Mr. Riddell assumed charge of the postoffice in this city April 1 of the present year. The agency with which he has thus far conducted his office presages the utmost satisfaction in this branch of the service during his incumbency. While Mr. Riddell is not a seeker for political preferment, he has always manifested a keen interest in public affairs, and holds his present office by virtue of his especial fitness.

The Dalles is one of the most important postoffices in the state. It is the distributing point for all mail directed to points in Wasco and Crook counties, and for the major part of the mail matter for Klickitat county, Wash., and Grant, Harney and Lake counties in this state. The city mail is conservatively estimated at 25,000 pieces per month, and the matter for other points passing through the office is very likely treble or quadruple that amount. This will be readily apparent when it is realized that nearly 50 postoffices are supplied direct from the office in this city. Counting the four daily trains and the various stages and steamboats daily arriving and departing from this point, there are eight mails per day received and forwarded. This necessitates the employment of three efficient assistants in the office.

It is an interesting fact, not generally known, that postoffices receive their ratings by virtue of the amount of stamps sold during the course of the fiscal year. They are rated also by the population of the community in which they are situated. Towns of 10,000 population or having a postoffice selling \$10,000 worth of postage stamps per year, are given a carrier service. In view of this fact, citizens of The Dalles have every cause to rejoice, for the stamp sale of this office borders hopefully near on the \$10,000 mark, and with the rapidly increasing business of this locality, there is every reason to expect that our convenience and distinction at no remote date.

FARLEY & FRANK, Harness and Saddlery.

It may be doubted if there is a name more widely and favorably known in the saddlery and harness business in Oregon than that of G. J. Farley. It may be said without injustice to others, that he is one of the most prominent merchants in his line in this section of the state. The business of which he is now the sole proprietor was established 28 years ago by L. D. Frank and Mr. Farley first became interested in the house in 1882. From that time until Mr. Frank's demise, the business was conducted by the firm, and Mr. Farley has since retained his former partner's name in the title of his house as a mark of respect.

On purchasing an interest in Mr. Farley's business, Mr. Farley became immediately identified with the trade and with the people, and his name became known as a standard of excellence for goods of their kind. Only the best of skilled workmen are employed in the manufacture of harness and saddles, which are made to order, and to keep the stock

supplied with high-grade goods. In no case are Eastern goods handled, every article offered for sale being the product of Mr. Farley's own shop and subject to his guarantee. The sale of harness is largely confined to the city and surrounding country. Saddles are sold to a much greater distance, and a specialty is made of cowboy outfits, which are in demand all over Eastern Oregon and Washington.

The stock, which is one of the largest of the kind in the county, includes saddlery, harness, bits, spurs, whips, rubs, blankets, dusters and everything usually kept in a first-class harness shop. There is also a complete line of veterinary remedies. It is gratifying to be able to state, as indicative of the revival of prosperity among cattlemen, ranchers and the patrons of this house, that its business for the present year shows every indication of exceeding that of any recent year.

C. J. Farley was born in Ohio, and, like a true "Buckeye," is a good republican. He has been 29 years in the Dalles, during which time he has been prominent in his party councils and has more than once served in an official capacity. The same integrity which has marked his successful business career has guided his actions in all matters of a political nature, and he is esteemed alike by the members of all parties.

THE MURCHIE LIVERY AND SALE STABLE.

L. A. Porter, Proprietor.

The Murchie Livery and Sale Stable is one of the oldest livery establishments of The Dalles, and, as well, one of the largest and most completely equipped. The building now occupied by the stable was built expressly for its use three years ago, and combines all the elements of desirability in a stable. It is light and airy, well ventilated and neatly located. Its 30 stalls were constructed with due regard to sanitation, and the cleanliness and order of the place make it truly an exception among livery stables.

In point of stock, vehicles and the general paraphernalia which go to make up a first-class livery stable, no expense has been spared, and as a whole the outfit of this stable is not surpassed by that of any other in the city. From 15 to 20 head of horses are kept for livery purposes, among them fine roadsters for gentlemen's driving, gentle horses for ladies' driving, fine carriage horses and ladies' and gentlemen's riding horses.

The rolling stock includes carriages, single and double buggies, surreys, buckboards, and, in short, everything usually found in a first-class livery stable. This stable can supply hunting, fishing or camping outfits, or can furnish tourists with carriages or three-seaters, accompanied by experienced drivers familiar with all places of interest in or near the city.

Besides doing a general livery business, horses are boarded by the day, week or month, the proprietor giving them the attention left in his care the same excellent attention his own stock receives. Another specialty of the business is the purchase and sale of horses, both for the stable and for patrons, and the buyer and seller whose horses are sold at this stable may have the assurance that each has taken his stock to an honest market.

L. A. Porter is a native of Illinois. He came to The Dalles seven years ago, and until he became proprietor of the Murchie Livery and Sale Stable, was in the employ of the well-known firm of Pease & Mays. He is an experienced judge of horseflesh, as is richly evidenced by the fine animals he has in his regular livery service. He is, as well, a man of exceptional judgment in business affairs, and one of the very few men of his age who hold a title to the business property they occupy.

COLUMBIA PACKING COMPANY, Incorporated.

This is an enterprise worthy of a much larger city, and one which contributes in no small degree toward swelling the volume of business annually transacted in The Dalles. The company was organized and incorporated to succeed to one of the oldest established markets in the city. The business embraces dealing in prime beef, veal, pork, mutton, suet, etc., at wholesale and retail, and the purchase and sale of livestock. The supply of stock is drawn from the surrounding country, about one-quarter being used for butchering purposes and the balance shipped to the various points where stock is in demand.

The abattoir of this market is situated well out of the city, and is provided with all the modern conveniences for cleaning, handling and preparing meats for the market. The refrigerator facilities of the market are unsurpassed, and every appliance for handling fresh and cured meats in the most approved manner is afforded. During the packing season, considerable pork is cured, both for sale at the market and for wholesale. There is a branch house at Wasco, Sherman county, which is in all essentials the counterpart of the parent market.

The Columbia Packing Company's place of business, commonly known as the Central market, is in charge of E. C. Phirman, a butcher of fifteen years' experience in this city, and a man who exercises a discriminating judgment in the selection of stock for slaughter. He supplies the best hotel, restaurant and family trade in the city, and his wide acquaintance brings to this market, as well, a considerable country trade. Mr. Phirman greets all customers with his proverbial pleasant welcome, and endeavors to give the best cuts that can be had for the money anywhere in the state.

H. C. NIELSEN, Clothier.

H. C. Nielsen is, in point of seniority, one of the oldest merchants in The Dalles. He established his business here in 1877, since which time it has been conducted by himself as sole proprietor. Possessed of an ample capital and a credit secured only by his needs, he is enabled to carry a large and well-selected stock, and his store has become known as the place where the largest and best assortment of goods in the several lines carried can be found.

The stock carried at present is replete with the latest styles, and has been selected with especial reference to attracting the fashionable trade of the city. It includes complete lines of clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes and furnishing goods. Clothing is bought from leading manufacturers of the East, and the line is thoroughly up-to-date in point of styles. Fine boots and shoes from the celebrated Miller and Cahn & Nicksberg factories are carried in all grades, from the rough but serviceable hobnailed brogan to the fine footware suited to the wardrobe of the most fastidiously dressed. The line of gentlemen's furnishings, neckwear, etc., is very full and complete, and each article bears the name of a celebrated manufacturer. Gooden and the Raven is the first grade, and the Raven is a cheaper brand, are carried, while Gordon & Ferguson gloves and Standard shirts are no less conspicuous in their respective lines. A line of trunks and valises is handled, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

The business department is to be complete in every detail, embracing the best American watches, clocks and silvers, in sterling and plate, ornamental jewelry, diamonds and other precious stones and diamond-setters of long experience and great ability, and make a spe-

cialty of the highest grade of watch and clock repairing, chromo-ent engravings and adjusting, and the mounting of precious stones. As manufacturing jewelers they make all kinds of jewelry in special designs, such as medals, badges, trophies, rings, charms, etc. Old gold and silver are purchased at the ruling market prices of the metals, and old jewelry, necklaces, etc., are worked over into the newest and more artistic styles at a moderate cost. As is indicated by its title, however, the business of the Daut Optical and Jewelry Company is by no means confined to jewelry and watchmaking. A no less important feature of the business is the optical department, both members of the firm being graduate opticians of years' practice and invaluable experience.

THE DALLES MARBLE WORKS, Cominl & Weeks.

It may be doubted if there is an enterprise in The Dalles that covers with its trade a larger range of territory than the marble works which form the subject of this brief sketch. Monuments, caskets, headstones, tablets, etc., from these works are shipped to the small towns along the Columbia river for more than a hundred miles, and in a large number of settlements as far south as Prineville.

The Dalles Marble Works were established five years ago by Louie Cominl, and were immediately accorded the recognition worthy his exceptional skill as a marble and granite cutter, and as a business man of sterling integrity and high character. In April last, Mr. Weeks purchased an interest in the business, and thereby added his own skill and experience to that of his able partner. It may, therefore, be safely claimed that The Dalles has a monument firm unsurpassed in the practical skill of its individual members, by any firm of the kind in the state.

Cominl & Weeks are importers and dealers in fine Scotch and native granites, and in Italian and Vermont marble. They are designers and manufacturers, as well as importers, of all kinds of statuary, and make a specialty of the finest monumental work. The products of these works, when ordered during the last five years, have adorned some of the handsomest cemeteries in the state, and it is fair to state that there is no house better equipped to meet the demands of taste and culture in monumental work.

Cominl & Weeks employ none but experienced marble and granite cutters, and much of the finer work is done by their own hands. Before establishing the above business he was employed on the Cascade Locks, which bear mute testimony to the excellence of his workmanship. F. D. Weeks was born in Massachusetts, but lived six years in Portland, this state, where he learned his trade in his father's place of business. When the war broke out he enlisted in company E, of the Second Oregon, and sailed on the first expedition to Manila, where he was taken sick with dysentery and spent six weeks in the hospital, after which he was mustered out of the service and sent home to regain his health.

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ROBERT KELLY, Sheriff.

The sheriff of Wasco county, a man 55 years old on June 16, 1896, came to this coast in the year 1870, after the great fire of the winter. Before establishing the above business he had been engaged in the dry goods business, and owing to his then wife's falling health, he was advised by prominent physicians to locate on the highlands of Eastern Oregon, and, after viewing the country over, he took up a farm 25 miles south of The Dalles and devoted his attention to the farming and stock-raising business. There being no postoffice in the time nearer than Dalles City, he established a postoffice and store, located and laid out the town of Kingsley.

In the year 1894 Mr. Kelly was urgently requested, and with some reluctance gave up his business in that vicinity, to accept the position of deputy sheriff, which office he held for four consecutive years, during which time he demonstrated his fitness for that position by straightening up the county's records and collecting for the county years of back and delinquent taxes, thereby enabling the county to call in quite a number of outstanding warrants. In 1898 he was made a candidate by the republican party for sheriff, and was elected by an overwhelming majority at the polls on the 6th of June, since which time he has discharged the duties of his office with fearless disregard for the lawless element. Sheriff Kelly is no less scrupulous on the matter of his clerical duties, and has employed the best approved system of bookkeeping in filing the records of his office.

D. W. VAUSE, Wall Paper, Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.

D. W. Vause began business in The Dalles six years ago as a member of the firm of Kretz & Co., which he succeeded a year later. He has gained a well-earned reputation for honesty and correct business methods, as well as for his exceptional skill in his chosen line of work. He has demonstrated his ability as a first-class mechanic, and can point with becoming pride to his work as seen on the interiors and exteriors of many of the finest residences and business blocks of The Dalles and Crook county. His specialties are painting, paper-hanging and interior decorating.

Mr. Vause's store is located on Third street, in easy access of both the residence and business portions of the city. Therein can be seen displayed a complete and select line of plain and decorative wall papers, the most delicate tints and exquisite designs, ranging in quality from the cheaper grades to the finest goods. The stock of paints and oils, which is also very extensive, includes a full line of the celebrated Masury paints and varnishes, for which Mr. Vause is local agent. The stock of brushes comprises everything in the line known to the trade. In window glass, the stock is designed to meet the local demand.

D. W. Vause hails from Albion, and, true to his nativity, followed the sea for a livelihood in his youth. On one of his voyages to Portland, 26 years ago, he departed from the water, and accordingly settled in this city, where he has since resided, most of the time in The Dalles. In connection with his business here, he does carriage painting and commands a fair share of the trade in this line.

DAUT OPTICAL AND JEWELRY COMPANY.

The Daut Optical and Jewelry Company is especially worthy of mention in a trade number of The Chronicle, as it is one of the most attractive and artistic jewelry stores in The Dalles. The elegance and newness of everything gives the impression that the contents of the beautiful showcases and windows have just come from the hands of the artists who made them.

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The optical department of this business is supplied with all the modern appliances for testing the sight, including the late ophthalmometer and ophthalmoscope. The two inventions which have done most for the relief of suffering eyes, that all she has made her mark. There is now scarcely a city of any importance in the country that has not its able woman physician and surgeon. Scarcely a class is graduated at the leading medical colleges that has not its quota of feminine M. D.s.

Dr. Belle C. Rinehart is the widow of the late Dr. W. E. Rinehart, before his death a prominent physician of this city. Always interested in medicine and surgery, her husband's large library and extensive practice afforded her ample opportunity to gratify her tastes, and at the time of his demise she had gained a knowledge of the profession which would have entitled her to practice; but, desiring to perfect her education, she took the regular course at the medical department of the University of Oregon, from which institution she received her degree. During her residence in Portland, she had a valuable experience in hospital practice. Returning to The Dalles, the doctor was at once tendered a most gratifying practice, which is the most genuine compliment the community could pay to her talent and skill as a physician.

Medicine and surgery seem a natural field for woman. Her tenderness especially fits her for the care of the sick, while her delicacy of touch in operative cases renders her of the utmost value. Besides, there is a modesty in woman which is fittingly subdued by summoning a physician of her own sex, and when it is realized that four-fifths of the sickness requiring physical examination occurs among women, the propriety of woman in the noblest of professions is self-evident. Dr. Rinehart is a specialist in gynecology and obstetrics, and numbers among her patients many of the most refined and cultured ladies in the city. She treats children, as well, and is especially skilled in aural, nasal and throat disorders.

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ALEXANDER M. KEISAY, County Clerk and Recorder.

Alexander M. Keisay, our present county clerk and recorder, is a striking example of the energetic and enterprising Western man, so frequently commented on by Eastern people traveling through the Western states. As a politician and a business man, he has made a career no less commendable than that of any successful, and his character as a citizen and public officer is above reproach.

A. M. Keisay first saw the light in Clinton county, Mo., in the year 1858. Leaving his native state he went to California at the age of 15, where he remained seven years. He came next to Oregon, settling in Wasco county, where he has since resided, following various business pursuits. He still retains large interests in this county, and in the southern portion of the state, where he was for years engaged in stockraising.

Mr. Keisay received his first political preferment in 1891, when he was elected by a handsome majority to the official position of county clerk and recorder. True to himself and satisfaction to the general public, having twice succeeded himself in office. Mr. Keisay has a deputy and two assistants. He is a thoroughly practical man, and manifestly the right man in the right place. His system of keeping the county records is entirely original, and a subject worthy of most favorable comment. We are glad that the general county clerk's office as this, and certainly there is none superior.

A. A. JAYNE, District Attorney.

The Dalles may be said to be especially fortunate in the character and attainments of her professional men. Most of them are men of education and experience, and the first in the state in their respective lines. Especially in the case of the legal profession, which is represented in this city by some of the brightest lawyers the country has produced. Among those who have won distinction within the space of a comparatively few years, we take pleasure in calling attention to A. A. Jayne, a native of Iowa, in which state he received his early schooling. He read law in the office of a prominent law firm in Chicago, and was admitted to the bar in 1888, in Colorado. He first practiced in Arlington, where he won an enviable reputation for brilliancy, and later moved to The Dalles, where he has since resided. He was elected to the general office in 1894, and the efficiency with which he has performed his official duties may best be judged from the fact that he has twice succeeded himself in office.

Mr. Jayne is still a young man, being yet in his thirties, and is no less prominent as a citizen than as a master of his profession. He is closely identified with the various interests of The Dalles and of Wasco county, and has done much by his public spirit to promote the general welfare of city, county and state.

C. L. PHILLIPS, Treasurer.

In no official position is it more essential that honesty and integrity mark the character of the incumbent than in the one which has to do with the guarding and dispensing of public funds; and in no office which has been satisfactorily filled for an official term has the holder a better right to succeed himself.

Among the public men of Wasco county, who have had charge of the treasury department, none has received a more fitting tribute to his efficiency and probity than county treasurer, C. L. Phillips. Elected in 1896 by the small majority of one hundred votes, he discharged his official duties with such scrupulous care and manifest ability that, when a second time a candidate for the office, his victory was a walkover. His second term as county treasurer gives the same satisfaction to his constituents and the public at large that was experienced during his first term, and it is not too much to say that he receives the commendation of members of all parties. His political rivals not excepted.

C. L. Phillips was born in Jackson county, Iowa, in 1862. In 1880 his relatives moved to Nebraska, in which state he received his early education. Seven years later the family moved to Napa, California, and in 1871 to Nevada. Young Phillips came to The Dalles in 1875, and later engaged in stockraising. His first political preferment was in 1894, when he was elected county coroner.

L. N. WILSON, Livery, Feed and Sale Stable.

The above business has been conducted since January 1, this year, by Mr. L. N. Wilson, a gentleman of varied experience in his line, who formerly owned and man-

aged the popular East End feed yard. The building is an immense three-story structure, provided with all the necessary conveniences for the business, including ample shed room for the numerous vehicles always found in connection with so extensive a boarding business. The stables have accommodations for over one hundred head of horses, and are frequently filled to their utmost, so popular are they with horsemen of this vicinity. A dozen horses and the same number of rigs are kept for livery purposes. The stables have some excellent saddle horses at the disposal of the many patrons.

BELLE C. RINEHART, M. D.

Civilization marches apace. A few years ago woman was unknown in the professions, and was looked upon as a usurper even in the fields of industry. The woman who was thrown upon her own resources had either to cook or ply the needle for a meagre livelihood. In exceptional cases she might teach a country school or give lessons in music or painting. Today she graces almost every walk of life. She is the mistress of the kindergarten, grammar and high schools; she is foremost in clerical and stenographic work; she heads the departments in many of our mercantile establishments, and is frequently the owner of extensive business interests which are conducted under her personal management. But it is in the professions, and especially in medicine and surgery, that she has made her mark. There is now scarcely a city of any importance in the country that has not its able woman physician and surgeon. Scarcely a class is graduated at the leading medical colleges that has not its quota of feminine M. D.s.

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SEUFERT & CONDON TELEPHONE COMPANY, Incorporated.

It may be asserted without injustice that no invention of modern times has contributed more to the dispatch of business than the telephone. For short distance communication its value is inestimable, and the time that is daily saved by this modern convenience, even in The Dalles alone, were it possible to compute it, would seem incredible.

The Dalles is very fortunate in having a telephone system, which, for the efficiency of the service and the cheapness of rates, is without a competitor on the coast. This is all the more gratifying when it is stated that the company owning and operating this excellent system is a home corporation, composed of residents of The Dalles, whose interests are here and whose purpose it is to make friends as well as patrons.

The Seufert & Condon Telephone Company was organized and incorporated in May, 1896. The best telephone apparatus that money could buy was purchased and installed, and the company began business with the good wishes and hearty support of the entire community, as is evidenced by their constantly increasing subscription list. Their June issue of the telephone directory would do credit to any telephone company in the country.

The Seufert & Condon Telephone Company now has offices at The Dalles, Eight Mile, Boyd, Dufur, Gorman, Kingsley and Tygh Valley, on its own line, and has about four hundred subscribers in The Dalles who are securing telephone service at rates that make it almost indispensable. The truth of this statement is based on the company's published rates, which are \$1.50 per month for business houses and \$1.00 per month for residences. These rates are for individual lines, no party lines whatever being in use on this system. Thus the patrons of the home company are reaping the rewards of a patriotic support of home industry and enterprise.

HENRY L. KUCK, Harness and Stock Saddles.

The name of Henry L. Kuck, harness maker and saddler, has for the past thirteen years been prominent in his line of manufacture in The Dalles and throughout the wide range of country commercially tributary. That it will very likely long remain so may be judged from the fact that he has one of the largest and most complete assortments of harness and saddlery in Wasco county.

Mr. Kuck is one of the most popular merchants and manufacturers in The Dalles. He has an ample capital for all the needs of his business, and counts among his host of patrons many old-time friends. His name and saddlery trade, that his shop and sales-farmers, cattlemen and turmen all over the country, as well as for the purchasers of horse goods in the immediate vicinity. He and the limit of his trade encompasses all of Eastern Oregon and Washington. Indeed, some of his goods have been sold to stockmen in the grazing districts of Idaho and Montana.

The stock carried consists of a complete line of harness and saddles, entirely the

product of Mr. Kuck's own shop, and includes everything in whips, robes, blankets, spurs, horse and mule jewelry and all kinds of horse goods. In regard to the output of the manufacturing department, it may be well to state that the shop is equipped with all the appliances necessary for doing the finest work, and the labor employed is, in point of skill, in harmony with the perfect mechanical appointments.

Henry L. Kuck is a native of the "Hawkeye" state, and learned his trade on his native heath. He came west in the early eighties, and for nearly a decade and a half has been a merchant and resident of The Dalles. The success he has won is but the legitimate reward of a knowledge of the people's wants, of an endeavor to supply them in the best possible manner, and of years of fair and honorable dealing, which have won the esteem and confidence of the public in a marked degree. Mr. Kuck has a wide acquaintance with stockmen and cowboys, from whom he receives so liberal a patronage that cowboy outfits have come to be his specialty, to which he devotes the major part of his own time and skill. The citizens of The Dalles have just paid a substantial tribute to the worth and popularity of Mr. Kuck, by calling him to serve the city in the responsible office of mayor.

C. I. GILBERT, County Superintendent of Schools.

The educational institutions of the United States lead the world and in many respects our public school system is unsurpassed. While this may be attributed to several causes, not the least important of them is the unquestioned ability and sterling worth of the men and women occupying positions of responsibility and trust. The work of the public schools, with its various departments and heads of departments, is conducted as methodically as that of the government postal service. As the County Superintendent has the schools of the entire county under his personal supervision, it is apparent that his is a responsible position. Wasco County is fortunate in the present incumbent of that office.

C. I. Gilbert is a native of Ohio, and was born near Mt. Blanchard, January 20, 1860, where he spent his boyhood. He received his education at the National Normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, and, holding a life-diploma in this state, is especially fitted for the work he has chosen. After teaching several years in Ohio, he came to this coast in 1887 and became identified with the Los Angeles Business College, the largest institution of its kind in Southern California. Remaining with them two and a half years, he came to this state in the fall of 1890, and taught at Hood River for over five years, the last few years having acted as principal.

Upon coming to The Dalles he took an active part in educational matters, and in July 1896 was elected to his present office by a most gratifying majority. So satisfactory did he display his executive ability and fulfill the requirements of his official position, that at the last election he was re-elected. Mr. Gilbert gained a valuable knowledge of county affairs while acting as deputy assessor under the administration of J. L. Koontz, and also in the office of the county clerk as deputy clerk.

HUN. A. S. BENNETT, Attorney at Law.

Hon. A. S. Bennett, one of the most prominent attorneys in Eastern Oregon, is an Iowa by birth, having been born in Dubuque, June 1, 1854. Eleven years later he came with his parents to Oregon, where he received his education. He commenced reading law in the offices of Judge J. B. Condon, and applied himself with such assiduous care that, in 1880, he was admitted to the bar.

Since establishing himself in his profession in this city, Mr. Bennett has met with a degree of success that can be directly attributed to his masterful knowledge of the many technical points of law, as well as his untiring efforts in the behalf of clients. His practice is an extensive one and his is a familiar face before the courts of this and several adjoining counties.

Mr. Bennett has not only one of the largest private law libraries in the state, it containing many thousand volumes, accumulated during years of practice; but, as well, one which is up to date in the matter of recent editions and late reference works. His suite of offices is fitted with especial reference to the requirements of the busy lawyer, and no feature conducive to facilitating the business of the day is lacking.

Mr. Bennett has large and varied property interests which occupy no small amount of his valuable time. He has recently built a handsome residence, that, from an architectural point of view, would adorn the most exclusive boulevard.

W. B. WHIPPLE, Assessor.

W. B. Whipple was born in the good old state of Ohio, July 20, 1836, where he spent the first nineteen years of his life, and received his education. In 1852 he accompanied his parents to Iowa and later to Kansas, where young Whipple was engaged in merchandising and various other enterprises conducted with his characteristic energy and success. Always a hard worker, Mr. Whipple is essentially a self-made man, and can attribute his success in life to the persistent and well-directed efforts made when a young man, and to his indomitable will-power.

Coming to Oregon in 1877, Mr. Whipple became interested in merchandising and later in contracting and building. Many of the fine residences and business blocks of Walla Walla, Milton and Dufur evidence his excellent workmanship. Mr. Whipple's first political preferment in the state was in 1866, when he was elected county assessor by a majority of three hundred over the fusion candidate of the three opposing parties. The county's acknowledgment of Mr. Whipple's fitness for this office was appropriately tendered by the fine majority he received at his re-election to the assessorship in 1868.

MAIER & BENTON, Hardware and Groceries.

The firm of Maier & Benton was formed in 1891 to succeed to the hardware business of A. Bettigen, Sr. A line of groceries was later added, and the stock in both departments is very full and complete. In hardware, everything in shelf and heavy goods is carried, including builders' hardware, mechanics' tools, cutlery, stoves and ranges, kitchen utensils, etc. In groceries the stock is designed to supply the best family trade of city and country.

This house is agent for "Cleveland" and "Crawford" bicycles, "Garland" stoves and ranges, "Malt