

Returning to Limerick he remained there only a short time, leaving for Oregon to engage in sheep raising. Arriving in 1886, he bought a band of sheep, but becoming disgusted with the strife between the cattle and sheep men sold out.

After teaching school in Gilliam county for a short time, he had charge of the Fossil Journal for a year, when he moved to Wasco, buying the Observer, and ran it until 1891. While teaching school he turned to reading law, and while editing the paper, was grounding himself in the principles which must be familiar to one who appears before the courts as an advocate and representative of another's interests. Admitted in 1891, he moved to Moro, the county seat, and has established a large clientele.

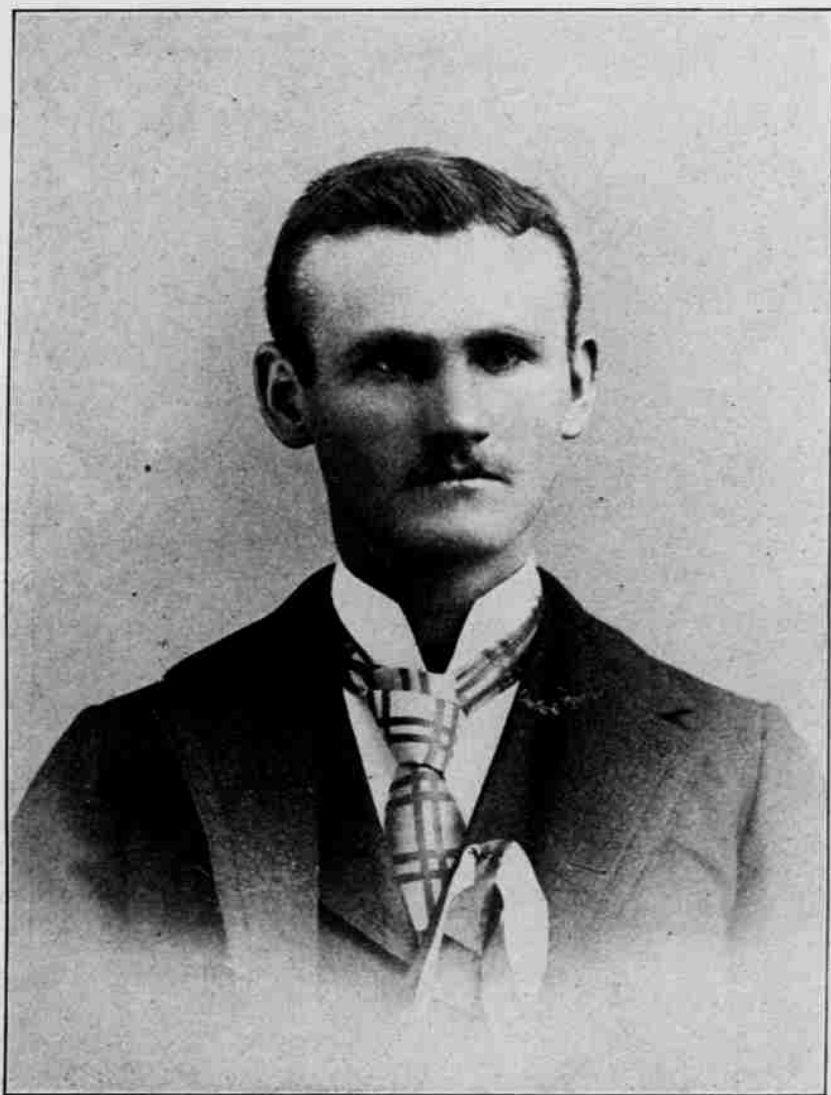
Five years ago he married Miss Minnie Gilkeson, of Douglas county, and has one child, a daughter. His home, of which an illustration is given elsewhere, has added considerably to the beauties of Moro.

MORO MERCANTILE COMPANY.

The Moro Mercantile Company was incorporated August 9th of this year, succeeding the well established business of R. C. Craven, R. J. Ginn, L. K. Moore, N. P. Hanson.

They carry a general line of merchandise, and their main store at Moro, has a frontage of 78 feet, and depth of 64, and is divided into departments, each one a store by itself. This simplicity of arrangement enables the customer to choose from any line of goods with the fewest possible steps. The stock is well displayed on shelves and tables, and though its prodigality is such as to consume most of the floor space, there is room enough for the most searching inspection. The lines of goods carried are dry goods, clothing, furnishings, boots, shoes, groceries, hardware, agricultural implements, and such other things as go to make the store a general department store.

The officers are: W. H. Moore, president; R. J. Ginn, vice president; S. S. Hayes, secretary and treasurer; L. K. Moore, manager. They are also operating two branches, one at Monkland under the management of N. P. Hanson, the other at Klondike, a thriving town six miles from Wasco, under the management of Joe Craven.



W. H. RAGSDALE.

RAGSDALE & HOSKINSON.

As an illustration of the progressive element of young manhood which has brought Sherman county to the front, may be mentioned the names of W. H. Ragsdale and R. E. Hoskinson, who, by their live ideas, keen perception and good judgment of the opportunities within reach here, have succeeded in identifying themselves with us, and are reaping the reward which is due them.



R. E. HOSKINSON.



RESIDENCE OF J. B. HOSFORD.

Mr. Ragsdale is a native Oregonian, and is a graduate of the State Normal School at Monmouth, while Mr. Hoskinson was born in Fairfield, Iowa, and graduated from the State University with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. They are at the present time owners of the only complete set of abstract books in the county, and also act as general agents for a number of the larger insurance companies, such as the American, Sveta and others. Their specialty, however, is handling Sherman county lands, and to-day they have on their books almost all the land for sale in the county, and will gladly answer any inquiries regarding it.

he removed to Schell City, Mo., where he remained about three years. Realizing the boundless possibilities of the West, he concluded to come to Oregon, and located in Umatilla county, where he followed contracting and house-building. In 1888, he moved to Sherman county, and for a period of four years successfully farmed. He then decided to enter mercantile life, moving to Moro where he opened up a large furniture store. By courteous and fair dealing his trade has increased, so that he was compelled to erect a new building which is completely stocked with goods in his line.

He also has in connection an undertaking department, paying careful attention to embalming, and keeping on hand the latest and best line of wood, cloth and metallic burial cases and caskets.

The greatest need of Eastern Oregon to-day is manufacturing industries. There are raw materials on every hand, and motive power going to waste, besides there is a home market for a large output of manufactured goods. What better location could the manufacturer ask?

J. A. WEST.

Mr. J. A. West furnishes a striking example of the possibilities attainable to a man possessed of a fair share of perseverance, energy and thrift.

Born in Pike county, Mo., in 1862, at the age of 13, he crossed the plains, locating finally in the Willamette Valley, where he remained for a period of about four years. Then coming to Tygh Valley, then a portion of Wasco county, but now belonging to Sherman, he followed stock driving and raising, branching out later for himself in horse raising, in which industry he was engaged until 1895. In 1892, he built the City Hotel at Moro, a commodious building of 25 rooms, including 18 bed rooms, and a dining room with seating capacity for 40 people. They reserve one table especially for commercial travelers, serving them with all



MORO MERCANTILE COMPANY'S STORE.

E. PEOPLES.

E. Peoples, whose place of business we represent in these columns, was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, Sept. 19, 1851. The son of a farmer his early years were spent assisting about the farm, and attending the public schools. In 1877,

the delicacies of the season. He has ten rooms especially furnished for them also. Mr. West is also manager of the Moro Stage Line, running between The Dalles and Moro.

Eight years ago he married Mrs. E. M. Barnum, of this county, and has three children.



STORE OF E. PEOPLES.

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