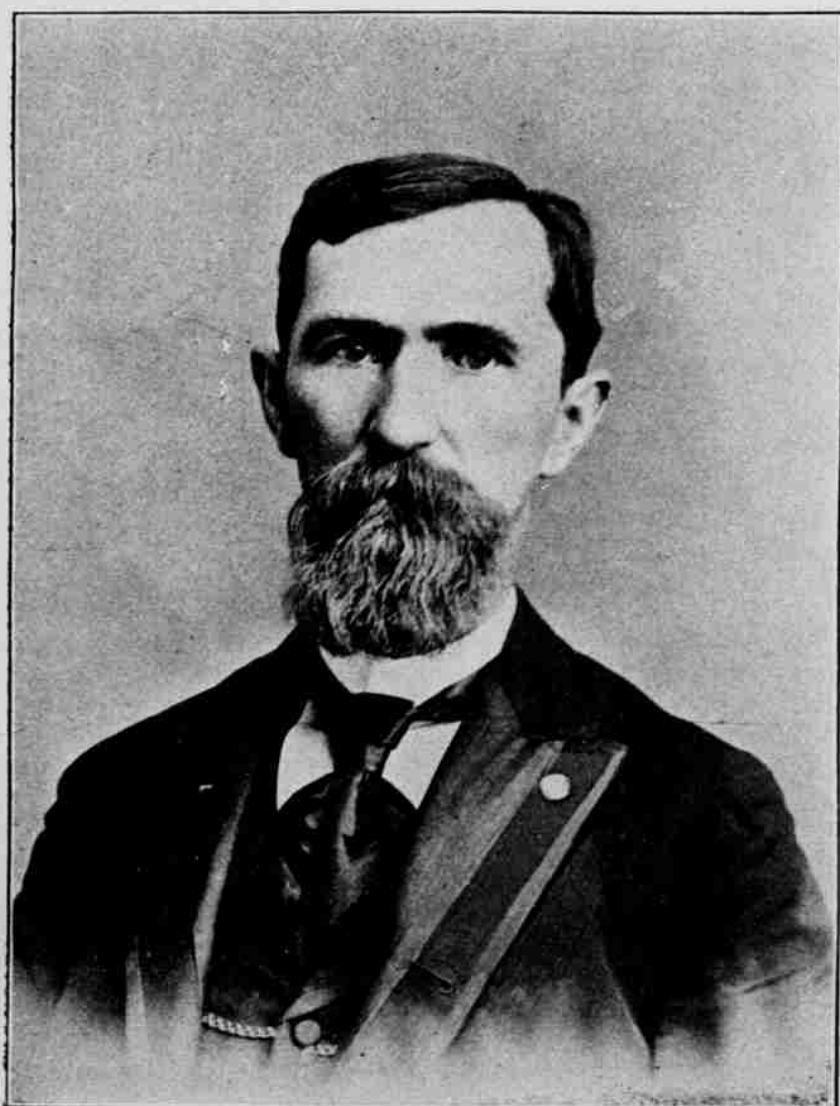


JOHN MEDLER.

No man is better known today in Sherman county, than John Medler, and his life is a fitting illustration to all young men, of what energy, perseverance and thrift can accomplish. Born in Germany in 1837, he came to this country with his parents when he was eight years old. They remained two years in New York, moving then to Virginia. Young John, however, received his education in New York, remaining there until he graduated, then returning to assist the old folks on their farm. In 1865 he went to Missouri, spending five years there, tilling the soil, then returning to the "Old Dominion," he took up a farm near the old homestead, and stayed there until 1881. Being seized with the Western fever again, his first stop was Walla Walla, Wash., but he only stayed there a short time, and on the 10th day of July, 1882, he arrived in Wasco, and shortly after located on a farm four miles from the present town of Wasco, which is looked upon today, as one of the best equipped farms in Sherman county.

Besides making a very successful farmer, Mr. Medler has entered other fields with equal forethought, and equal success. He is today president of the Sherman County Bank, and also president of the Farmer's Co-operative Warehouse Association, which institution he has virtually built up from a small beginning, until today it operates three warehouses, one each at Wasco, Biggs and Rufus, and is known as one of the largest buyers of wheat in this district.

He married Miss Eliza J. Hull, of Virginia, in 1861, and has four sons, all operating their own farms in Sherman county.



V. C. BROCK.

Not only in Sherman county, but throughout nearly all this western country, the young men are its founders and promoters, and to their constant endeavors is due much of the wonderful advancement which has claimed the attention and received the admiration of the entire country.

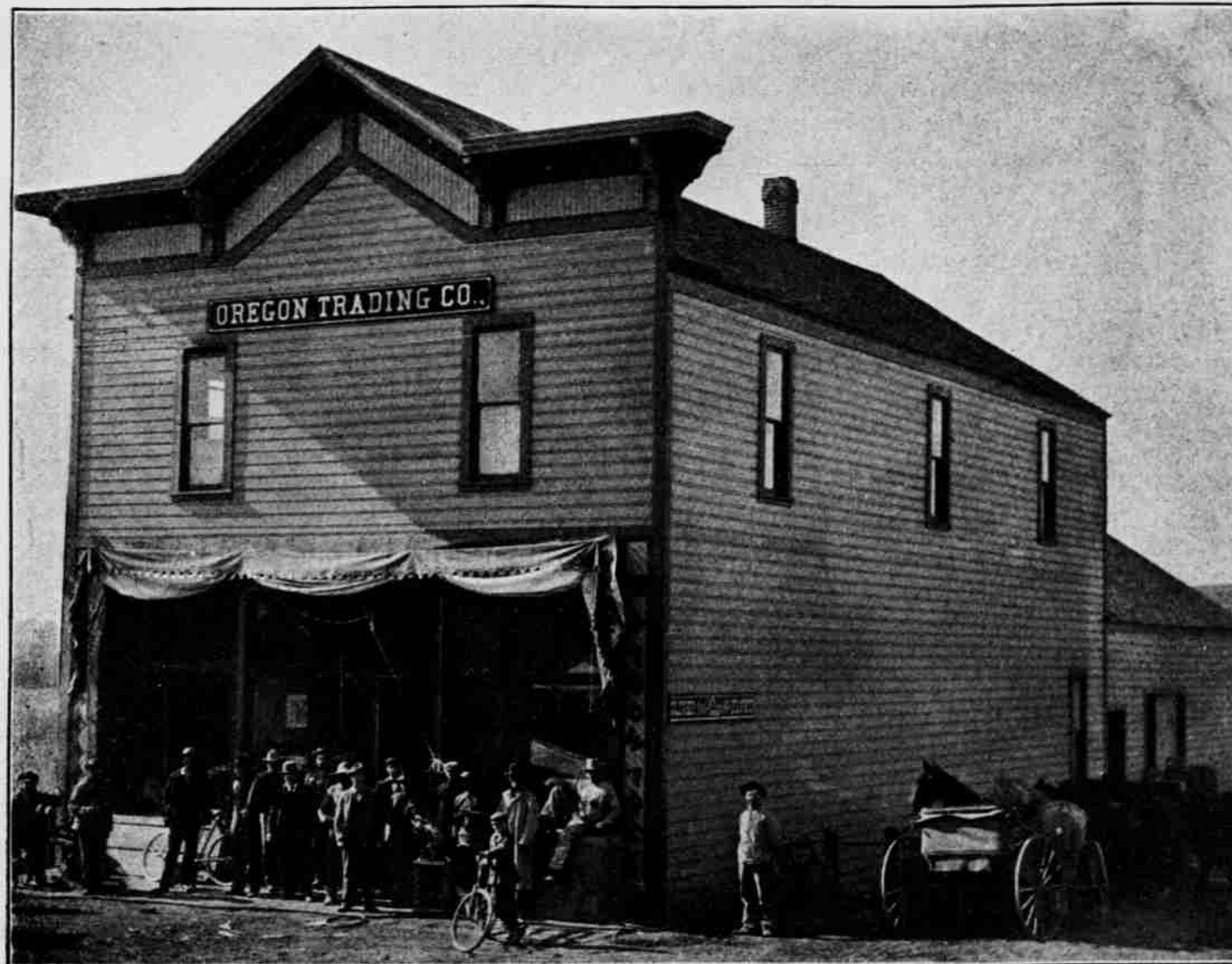
The position occupied by Mr. Brock is one which requires a very considerable amount of practical judgment, and a thorough knowledge of the resources of the county, and its inhabitants and most ably does he fill it.

Born in Linn county, in 1859, spending the first 13 years of his life there, he then moved to Corvallis, with his parents. He remained there until 1882, during which time he obtained the education which has been of such incalculable value to him since. In the fall of 1882 he became the principal of the public schools of South Brownsville, Linn county, which position he held for the next two years.

Coming to Eastern Oregon in 1884, he taught school in Wasco county until the division of the county, in the spring of 1889, when he was appointed County Clerk of the new county, Sherman. In 1890 he was elected to again fill that position. On December 12, 1891, in connection with W. M. Barnett and Malcolm Moody, he filed the articles incorporating the Sherman County Bank, of which institution he became cashier, which position he still occupies.

In 1880 he married Miss Lilly B. Moore, of Corvallis, and has three children, his oldest son, Roy, filling a position in the bank. His home, which we show elsewhere, materially adds to the beauties of Wasco.

Mr. Brock finds time to take an active interest in both Masonry and Pythianism, having been honored by both orders with many dignities.

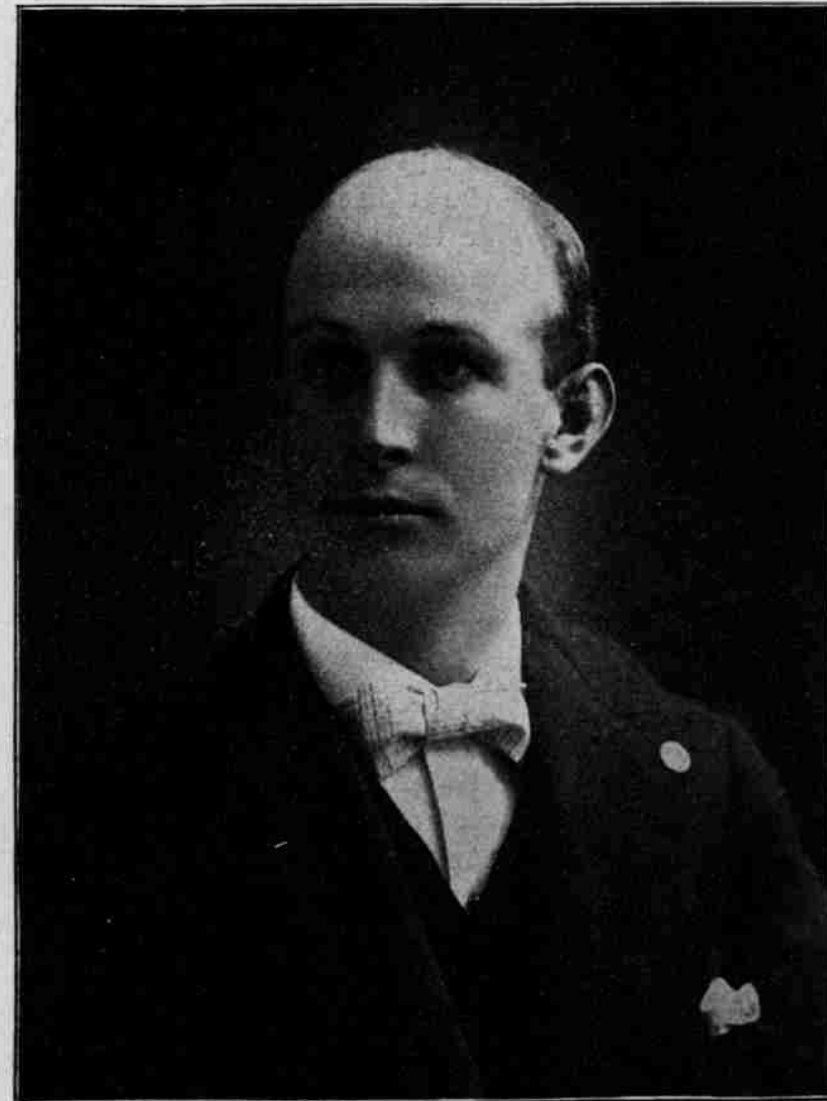


OREGON TRADING COMPANY.

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The Oregon Trading Company, a cut of whose place of business appears in these columns, was incorporated March 24, 1897, by E. O. McCoy, Ed. M. Williams, W. A. Johnston, A. C. Sanford and George N. Crossfield.

Their building is 30x100, two stories and a basement, and is completely stocked with a line of general merchandise, including doors, windows, paints, oils, and agricultural implements, being agents for the Oliver chilled and steel plow, Mitchell spring work, Pitt's threshers, and extras for all machines. Their facilities are such, buying as they do, in the eastern markets and in large quantities, that they are able to give the people of Wasco and vicinity lower prices than they had ever received before, in fact being up to date business men, they have completely revolutionized the art of merchandising in Wasco. They believe implicitly in fair and upright dealing, with every one alike, basing their business on the strictly one price system, the "age or previous condition" of their customers making no difference in the marking of their goods. The active managers of the institution are: Geo. N. Crossfield, who is general manager, and A. C. Sanford, who is secretary. Both being hard workers, they are ever on the lookout for the best, and deserve the phenomenal success they have achieved.

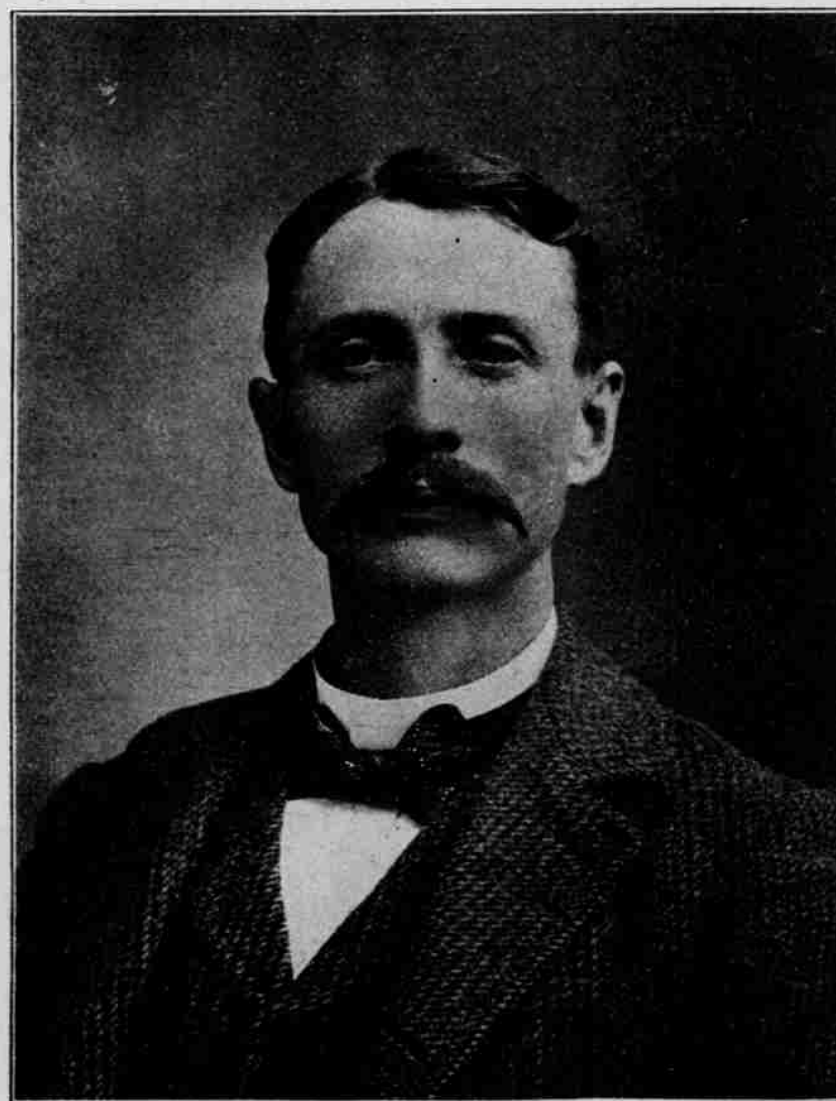


GEO. N. CROSSFIELD.

As another illustration of the progressive element of young manhood, we mention the name of George N. Crossfield, who was born in West Virginia in 1870, where he remained until he was nineteen years of age, receiving his education in the public schools.

Coming to Portland in 1889, he entered the employ of the Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Company, as traveling salesman, and proved a phenomenal success. In March of last year he became one of the incorporators of the Oregon Trading Company, and it is largely due to his ability and judgment that they have forged ahead of all their competitors in this city.

He married Miss Belle McDonald, October 24, 1894, and has one child, a daughter.



C. J. BRIGHT.

C. J. Bright was born in Bath county, Va., in 1862. Moving with his parents to Ohio, and afterwards at the age of six accompanying them to Adair county, Iowa, he remained there for a period of thirteen years, during which time he attended the public schools, and at the age of nineteen began teaching.

Moving to The Dalles, Or., he attended the Wasco Independent Academy, graduating in 1886 with high honors. After teaching school in Wasco county for two years, and in Wasco for two terms, in the fall of 1888 he established the Wasco Observer, the first newspaper between the rivers, and at once took a very active part in the "division fight," and it is largely due to his efforts that it was a success. Was county school superintendent until July 1890. Starting to read law in Geo. Watkins' office, he continued doing so while school superintendent, and was admitted to the bar October, 6th, 1890. Opening an office at once, by dint of honest industry and the exercise of his natural and scholastic abilities, he has succeeded to such an extent that it is apparent he has a future before him that promises honorable distinction. He has taken an active part in politics, having appeared several times on the Prohibition state ticket, and also has held responsible and prominent positions in the orders of Knights of Pythias and Woodmen.

He married Jeanette Murchie Nov. 9, 1890, who died in Feb., 1892, then he married Mildred Larsen, of Multnomah county, June 14, 1896, and has one child, a boy.

He is honest and energetic, a thoroughly representative man, and has a wide circle of friends.

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