

FOREST GROVE IN BIOGRAPHY

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DR. CHARLES E. GEIGER:—The profession of medicine is one of the noblest as well as the most important of callings, and those who adopt it must be at once learned, of sound judgement, energetic and philanthropic in disposition. Their reward is not always money, but the silent endeavors of charity lend an additional charm to the profession which cares for the physical well being of the whole human race. Dr. Geiger is a graduate of Hahnemann Medical college of Chicago. He keeps abreast of the times and is in touch with advanced thought of the 20th century. His father was one of the earliest Presbyterian missionaries on the coast, and crossed the plains in '39. He was associated in his work and labors with the Rev. Dr. Whitman, pioneer missionary, who taught a mission school, from which evolved a college which bears his honored name, viz. Whitman College of Walla Walla, Washington.

M. R. CHENEY:—Cheney, the tinner, must not be omitted here as we pass in review. He has followed the business for half a century and more, and he has cut a great deal of "tin" in his day. Longfellow long since defined the "talent of success" to be nothing more than "what you can do well and doing well what you do," without the thought of fame. Mr. Cheney is indeed an artist and has been here eleven years. His establishment is also a repository for various other novelties, books, etc. We would not be doing our duty unless we spoke a good word for this expert knight of the tin.

JOHN F. FORBIS:—Nature is no laggard in her work and seldom does things by halves. When she has special work to do, or inspiration to bestow she provides a man for the purpose, and when the man is ready for the work he has at his command the lieutenants he may require for its execution. To Caesar she gave Mark Anthony and Labienus; to Napoleon, Lefebvre and Ney; to Washington, Knox and Hamilton and in our day she has given to Dilley, John F. Forbis, a representative Montanian. He bought in here 17 months ago, 320 acres, and has, now, 90 acres in fruit, 60 acres in prunes and 35 in apples. He has served in the legislature in Montana. His country residence and Percheron horses and fruit farm command very special mention.

DR. CHAS. HINES:—Here is a gentleman we would not like to leave out of this biographical review edition for the reason that he is one of Forest Grove's most successful professional business merchants, and his standing both as a citizen and commercial man is excellent. Dr. Hines knows the drug business in all its phases and has followed the drug and medical lines for nearly a quarter of a century. He carries everything a first-class druggist should have and is especially qualified, both by natural talent, as well as training and practice for this important branch of commerce. He is a distinguished graduate of the famous Bellevue Hospital of New York City. He is a native Oregonian, and has officiated as representative in the legislature for Washington county, and also as coroner of Washington county.

J. H. WIRTZ:—Mr. Wirtz may not cut much ice but he does tin and has for the past five years. His place is on top or on the roof or any place you may want tin. He is the only man in town that can in broad day light exchange tin foil for gold coin, silver, or the long green. He has been in this section in various lines for the past twenty years. He is the efficient justice of the peace and is now serving his third term of office. He is the local agent for the Portland Stove Works. It should further be added that Judge Wirtz is the Forest Grove untiring and popular band professor, and is duly entitled to high praise in this paper.

FOREST GROVE HOTEL:—This is the old pioneer hotel of Forest Grove and has been under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sloan for nearly forty years. They are well and favorably known all over the West and as a host and hostess they leave no stone unturned for the comfort of their guests. They came to this city in '65 and are pioneers who have stormed the battle and the breeze these many years and their friends are numbered by the scores. They command quite a local as well as commercial trade.

Mrs. A. E. DIXON:—An exclusive millinery emporium that merits worthy mention in these columns is that operated by Mrs. A. E. Dixon.

She has been here for 12 years and her skilled services are placed at the disposal of her patrons very reasonably, indeed. Her many years of experience makes her quite an expert—artist as well as buyer. She is a good business woman and an esteemed resident of our city that is entitled to a place of honor on the roll among the celebrities of Forest Grove. She is a native Oregonian to whom we accord generous mention.

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK:—The Farmers and Merchants bank of Forest Grove opened their doors to do business with the public last November. It is an incorporated institution and capitalized at \$25,000.00. The officials are men of the highest personal character; prominent and respected by all as influential citizens and keen financiers. A general banking business is transacted, and accounts both large and small are opened on the most favorable terms consistent with sound banking principles. Mr. R. M. Dooly, president and manager, has been a representative of Wells, Fargo & Co. for thirty years. T. H. Adams, vice president, is a member of the firm Woods & Adams, general merchants. John W. Shute, director is manager of the Hillsboro bank and is one of the staunch financiers of the county worth probably a quarter of a million.

BRIGGS BROS.:—These gentlemen operate the general merchandise store at Dilley. The Briggs brothers stand in the very front rank in commercial, social and political standing. They have been here 13 years and they carry a complete line of general merchandise. Mr. G. H. Briggs has been the efficient postmaster for many years. Abner B. Briggs represented the county in the legislature one term and is the popular station agent of the Southern Pacific railroad at Dilley. These gentlemen are excellent business men and esteemed residents that command a place of honor here.

W. A. BILLINGER:—In chronicling in this biographical review edition brief pen pictures, the bicycle doctor must not be forgotten. He is an expert machinist and all kinds of fine machinery, as well as bicycles are repaired. Anything Dr. Billinger undertakes to doctor he will guarantee a cure or no charge. He is well equipped with machinery for operating with dispatch. He is a typical representative of the thrifty and frugal "sons of toil" of the "Fair Domain."

ED. L. NAYLOR:—The subject of this sketch is a son of T. G. Naylor, who came to this section of the coast in '43, and was identified with the early growth of the town and of Pacific University. Mr. Naylor is engaged in breeding angora goats. He operates quite extensively in this line, which is one of the growing remunerative industries of the west. He has several hundred head grazing on his farms closely adjoining the city limits of Forest Grove and the near foot hills. He is also the efficient notary public and conveyancer of our city and has officiated in this capacity for fourteen years. He is a B. L. of the Pacific University.

NICHOLSON & SON:—No review of the mercantile interests of Forest Grove would be at all adequate unless due mention were made of this successful and flourishing concern.

They operate one of the leading grocery and crockery establishments in Washington county and though established here but two years and a half they command their share of the trade. The motto of Nicholson & Son is "good goods" "just integrity" and "fair prices." The firm believes in carrying the best that money can buy and in dealing liberally with the public. They believe in printer's ink and in the power and usefulness of the press and therefore merit honorable mention in these columns. They are of the public spirited type and Mr. Nicholson Jr. operated as railroad conductor through various parts of the Union for 15 years.

R. N. VARLEY:—The Forest Grove Feed Barn operated by Mr. R. N. Varley during the past two years is commanding its share of the commercial as well as the local custom. Mr. Varley thoroughly understands the care of horses and at his stables they are well looked after. He followed farming for 15 years in Washington county prior to launching in the livery business. He is a gentleman of the obliging type and makes friends as well as patrons. He is a typical representative of the hospitable southern of West Virginia, his native commonwealth, and as an equine livery host he is a knight of the trade.

P. W. CRONIN:—Our city marshal and Forest Grove pump house engineer must be given a worthy place in this historical edition. He has followed engineering all his life and is quite an expert. He is also the executive guardian of the city, and his services in this department are all that could be desired. Degeneracy and lawlessness go hand in hand. Regeneration, education, liberty and religion are the handmaids for the ennoblement of humanity. We are glad to note the prevalence, predominance and spirit of Forest Grove, characterized by the latter, and much credit must be accredited the "powers that be."

DANIEL PARSONS:—The harness and saddlery interests are very important and therefore Daniel Parsons comes in for prominent mention. He is the knight of the trade in Washington county and has followed the business for a number of years. He carries a very complete up-to-date stock and his prices as well as goods will compare favorably with any other house of the kind in the entire state. Mr. Parsons has been established here five years, for himself, and has built an excellent custom. He is an expert artisan, an excellent business man and a liberal, progressive citizen.

JOHN STRIBICH:—The wagon and carriage manufacturing business conducted by the gentleman above named may not be as large in volume of business as some houses but we go on record as guaranteeing that what it lacks in quantity it makes up in quality which after all is the important part of any business. He has operated here for 14 years and is one of our present popular and efficient city "dads." He does all kinds of repair work and absolutely guarantees satisfaction. He is a very pleasant gentleman to meet and is a firm believer in the West and in dignified Journalistic enterprises.

WOODS & ADAMS:—It is our object to chronicle our leading and successful business men in this biographical review edition and we therefore assign with pleasure a very high place to the above named firm as they enjoy the absolute confidence of the entire community. They conduct a general merchandise establishment which reflects the greatest credit not only to the mercantile interests of Forest Grove but to the entire county. In fact we are proud of such an emporium and there is no more reliable house to deal with in this section of the state. The members of this firm are well and favorably known and need no encomiums at the hands of the press.

T. A. RITCHEY:—The Headquarters Feed and Livery Store operated by Mr. T. A. Ritchey comes in for special mention, as we pass in review the various enterprises of Forest Grove.

Mr. Ritchey handles flour, feed, grains, hay as well as a complete line of lime, cement, sulphur, millet, cedar posts and shingles. He has operated in this department during the past six months and prior to embarking in this field was engaged in agriculture at Greenville for twenty years. His store is one of the busy enterprises of the city and his trade is constantly growing. He believes in the real power and usefulness of the press and "printer's ink."

WEITZEL & CHRISTIAN:—To this successful and enterprising mercantile firm life is no holiday but stern reality full of business and effort that has been rewarded by good returns in substantial acquisitions and in the respect and esteem of their fellow men. They carry a very tasty stock of groceries and no where in Forest Grove are patrons treated more courteously or receive better values than here. They are both substantial G. A. R. Veterans and stand in the first rank of the progressive men of Forest Grove. Mr. Weitzel has always taken a keen interest in educational work and is one of our newly elected directors on the school board. Though established here one year their record entitles them to worthy mention.