

# BIOGRAPHIES

## OF PIONEERS, PROMINENT RESIDENTS AND PATRONS.

**EDWIN ALDEN ABBEY**—A view of whose residence will be found in this volume, was born in Watertown, Jefferson county, New York, December 9, 1823, and in 1832, accompanied by his parents, located in Cleveland, Ohio. Here he resided until 1844, when he went South, being employed on the Mississippi river. In the month of September, 1846, he sailed from New Orleans to Mexico, being attached to the Quartermaster's department in the divisions of General Wool and Taylor. Having served until near the close of the war, he accompanied Col. Collins to Chihuahua, with dispatches to General Price to evacuate that portion of the country, which duty being performed he rejoined the army on the line of march to Santa Fe, and was destined to accompany Company I, First Dragoons, as Wagon Master, and was thus engaged with that corps until 1851. Mr. Abbey now came overland, traveling as far as Fort Laramie with the famous Kit Carson, and arrived in Benton county in the fall of that year. He located his claim about four miles from what was then Marysville (now Corvallis), having for his nearest neighbor Elijah Liggett, and at once set to work farming. In 1856 Mr. Abbey, with Dr. T. J. Right and E. Hartless, made the pioneer journey to Yaquina Bay, the former's reason for the journey being one of simple pleasure and adventure; but with Dr. Right it was different, as he was appointed Surgeon to the agency which had then been recently established on the coast. There were no roads, and Phil Sheridan, then a Lieutenant, was having his men cut a trail over the mountains to lead from the reservation to civilization. Mr. Abbey, following the trails, made Yaquina Bay about two miles from its mouth. At that time there was not a single resident in that part of Benton county. In 1862 he took up his residence in Corvallis, and there resided for about three years and then moved to Yaquina and located a large tract of land which he still owns near Elk City, twenty-two miles from Newport. Mr. Abbey has again taken up his residence in Corvallis.

Married in Benton county, Oregon, July 4, 1852, to Miss Mirinda Penland, who crossed the plains the previous year, and has a surviving family of one son and one daughter, viz: Richard M. and Clara A.

**PETER M. ABBEY**—The subject of this sketch, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, August 19, 1837, and resided in the Eastern States until 1866, when he came across the continent to the Golden State whence, after a short sojourn, he came to Oregon first locating in Corvallis, when one year later he moved to Newport, Yaquina Bay and engaged in merchandising until 1870, when he built his present commodious hotel, the "Bay View House," which, under his management, aided by his estimable wife, has given to the Bay one of the very best hotels in Oregon. Here can the weary pilgrim find rest for the body and strength for the inner man in all the good things that abound on land or in the sea, and at the same time enjoy the comforts of a happy home.

**OTIS R. ADDITON**—In the gentleman whose name heads this sketch we recognize the leading dry goods salesman of Benton county, and a practical and thorough business man. Mr. Additon is a native of Maine, born in Lewiston, Androscoggin county, August 14, 1843. At the age of fourteen years his parents moved to Abington, Massachusetts, where his father engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes, and our subject was placed at school in Boston. In February, 1863, on his return from school, he enlisted in the United States Signal Service Corps Service, in which he served until 1865, when he returned to his home. A few months later he entered the employ of Jordan, Marsh & Co., of Boston, one of the leading wholesale houses of the United States, with whom he remained for a period of eight years. He then embarked in the dry goods business himself in Abington until 1878, when he concluded to seek a milder climate and selected Oregon for his future home, arriving in Portland in March of that year. He immediately found employment with the well known house of Olds & King of the above city. One year later he came to Corvallis and entered upon the duties of his present position as salesman for Jacobs & Neugass. Mr. A. was the prime mover in the greatest improvement the city has ever known, namely, the Corvallis Water Works, of which corporation he is the present Treasurer. He was married in Abington, Massachusetts, June 5, 1867, to Miss Lucia H. Faxon. They have one son, Alton S.

**RON. JOSEPH C. ALEXANDER**—The subject of this sketch is another of Benton county's most respected and early pioneers. Born in Frederick county, Maryland, December 29, 1809, where he spent his boyhood until March, 1818, when his parents moved to Stark county, Ohio, and the succeeding years until 1843, with the exception of a couple of years spent at the cooper's trade, Mr. Alexander spent in boating on the Erie and Ohio canals. In the above year he, with his wife and two children, left Cleveland for Andrew county, Missouri. The spring of 1846, found our subject and his family members of a company fitted out to cross the plains to Oregon. On the Platt river, although a stranger to the great majority he was, however, elected Captain of the train of fifty-three wagons, a position he filled until their safe arrival in Jackson county, Oregon. Mr. Alexander then came direct to Benton county, and in the fall of 1846, located on the farm now owned by S. N. Lilley, near Corvallis, and there resided until 1876, when he traded farms with Mr. Lilley and then moved to his present home in the

south end of King's Valley, where he owns six hundred and seventy-seven acres of good land. Mr. A. has held several county and State offices. He was first appointed by Gen. Lane, one of the first County Commissioners of Benton county, and at the same time was appointed Justice of the Peace, and in the latter office he had the honor of administering the oath of office to the first county officers of Benton county, thereby setting the first county government in motion. In 1862, he was elected Sheriff of Benton county and in 1868 to the State Legislature.

**JAMES P. ALFORD**—Was born in Chariton county, Missouri, August 10, 1849. When but an infant his parents with a family of nine children crossed the plains to Oregon, arriving in Linn county in the fall of 1850. In 1875, our subject came to Benton county, and in 1880 purchased his present farm three-fourths of a mile south of Monroe. In the spring of 1884 he was elected County Assessor of Benton county.

**HON. JOSEPH C. AVERY**, (deceased).—There are few names that appear more frequently in the pioneer annals of the Great Northwest, than that which stands at the head of this short memoir. This old pioneer, after a long life actively spent among the early trials and vicissitudes incident to the development of Oregon from a wilderness to civilization, finally yielded to the march of time, and answering to the call of the Dark Angel, passed into the shadowy unknown. His death, which leaves but a corporal's guard of that old pioneer phalanx to Benton county in 1845 behind, occurred June 16, 1876. Mr. Avery was born in Lucern county, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1817; he was educated at Wilksharre, the county seat of his native county, and in 1839 came west to Illinois. In 1841 he was married to Miss Martha Marsh, and in 1845 came across the plains arriving in what is now Corvallis, Benton county, the spring of 1846, and at that time located his claim at the junction of the Willamette and Mary's rivers. In the winter of 1850 he laid out a town site upon his land, which was called Marysville and afterwards changed to Corvallis. In 1849, he built a store building and engaged in the mercantile business which he continued for twenty-three years. Mr. Avery figured prominently in the politics of the county for a quarter of a century. He was a member of the first Territorial Legislature for Oregon, serving for several terms, and was Postal Agent under the administration of President Buchanan. The early residents of the county remember him as being noble and generous, he had warm and true friends and few enemies; while his deeds of charity and acts of kindness and hospitality towards suffering emigrants in early days will ever be held in grateful remembrance.

**NAPOLEON B. AVERY, D.D.S.**—In the gentleman whose name heads this sketch we have a descendant of one of the very first residents of Benton county. Mr. Avery is the son of Hon. J. C. and Martha (Marsh) Avery. Our subject first attended the common schools of Corvallis until the fall of 1876 when he was placed in the Bishop Scott Grammar School, of Portland, and afterwards attended DeFrance & White's Business College. On the completion of his studies he returned to Corvallis where he entered upon the study of dentistry for one year. In the fall of 1878 he went to Philadelphia and there entered the Philadelphia Dental College, graduating from that institution in the spring of 1880, when he returned to his home in Corvallis and entered upon the practice of his profession, in which he is very successful.

**HON. WALLACE BALDWIN**—Was born in Portage county, Ohio, May 20, 1845, where he received a common school education, and afterward attended for one year a college in Lake county. In August, 1862, then in his eighteenth year, he enlisted in Company D 103d Ohio Infantry, and served with that regiment until January 6, 1863, when he was discharged on account of disability. In May, 1864, he again answered to the call, this time enlisting in Company H 150th Ohio Volunteers, for four months. On the expiration of his time he again returned to his home and entered Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College in Cleveland. On the completion of his studies he followed different occupations until February 1, 1866, when when he came *via* Panama to Oregon and direct to Corvallis, where he found employment in the general store of Watters & Clark. July 6, 1868, Mr. Baldwin was appointed Postmaster of Corvallis, a position he held for 2½ years, in connection with which he kept a general store. Mr. Baldwin has ever since been engaged in the mercantile business, and in 1877 formed a partnership with Mr. M. S. Woodcock, under the firm name of Woodcock & Baldwin, which is now the leading firm in the hardware line in Benton county. Mr. Baldwin held the office of County Treasurer for two years and Mayor of Corvallis one year, and January 24, 1883, was appointed State Fish Commissioner, an office he now holds. He was married in 1868 to Miss Adelaide G. Brownson; by this union they have four living children and one deceased, viz: Carrie A., Cora G., Lester A., Arthur J. (deceased) and Charles B.

**JAMES W. BALL**—Was born in Polk county, Missouri, May 18, 1841. In 1751 he, with his parents, crossed the plains to California, where Mr. Ball followed mining, and afterwards learned the blacksmith's trade at Santa Rosa, where he lived until 1867, when he came to Oregon, first taking up his residence and opening a blacksmith shop in Eugene City, where he remained for ten years. In 1880 he came to Newport, Benton county, and opened up his present popular resort. Mr. Ball is also Deputy Sheriff of Benton county. He was married August 1, 1866, to Miss Nancy Kelley, and by this union they have two daughters, viz: May F., now Mrs. S. G. Irvine, and Mary.

**NEWTON R. BARBER**—Was born in Orleans county, New York, July 13, 1835. Four years later his parents moved to Michigan, where a short time after Mr. Barber suffered the irreparable loss of both his father and mother. In 1852, then in his seventeenth year, he set out to cross the plains to California, and lived in the Golden State until 1864, when he came to Oregon, coming direct to Corvallis where he engaged at his trade of carpenter, until 1876, when he received the appointment of Postmaster of the city of Corvallis, a position he still holds.

**JAMES E. BARCLAY**—Was born in Boon county, Missouri, August 4, 1827, where he was brought up on a farm, May, 1847, he enlisted in the 3rd regiment of Missouri Volunteers, and served for 18 months in the Mexican War, when he returned to his home and took up his former occupation until the spring of 1850. He then crossed the plains to Oregon, spending the first winter in Polk county. In the spring of 1851 he came to Benton county and located as a donation claim of 320 acres on which he now lives. In October, 1855, our subject enlisted in Munson's company and took part in the Indian war at Walla Walla, returning to his home in 1856.

**WILLIAM BARCLAY.**—This venerable gentleman and pioneer to Oregon of 1850 was born in St. Louis county, Missouri, September 19, 1805, and with the exception of two years lived in his native State until the spring of 1850, when he, with his wife and seven children, started to cross the plains. On arriving at the Platt river he suffered the loss of his wife, when he was left in charge of their seven children, the eldest of whom was 13 years and the youngest three months old. After a long and weary journey they arrived in Yamhill county, where Mr. Barclay passed the first winter. In the spring of 1851 he came to Benton county and located his donation claim where he now lives and has spent the past thirty-five years.

**JAMES R. BAYLEY, M.D.**—The subject of this sketch who has been a resident of Oregon for over thirty-two years, during which time he has been closely identified with its progress, and to-day is a man who commands the esteem and respect of all who know him, and one who stands high in his profession. The Dr. was born in Clark county, Ohio, in 1819. Receiving an academic education at Springfield, his younger days being divided between town and country life. He began the study of medicine in 1841, and was admitted to practice three years later. Graduating from the Ohio Medical College he at once began the practice of his profession at his old home at Springfield, where he resided for the next four years. He then located in Cincinnati, where he enjoyed a successful practice for seven years. In 1852 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Harpole, of Green county, Ohio, and came to Oregon in 1855, first locating in Polk county. Two years later he came to Corvallis, Benton county, where he opened an office in connection with which he carried on the drug business. He was a member of the Territorial Council in 1856 and 1857, and has twice been elected Judge of Benton county. He was State Senator from Benton county in 1866 and 1868, and was appointed Supervisor of Internal Revenue in 1869, serving until 1873. Since that time he has devoted himself to the practice of his profession in Corvallis and Newport, Yaquina Bay, where he now spends his summers and owns valuable property. He also has a beautiful home in Corvallis. Dr. Bayley is a Thirty-second-degree Mason and Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Master of the Masonic jurisdiction of Oregon and has been a prominent Odd Fellow.

**RANSOM A. BELKNAP.**—The subject of this sketch, one of the pioneers of Benton county, was born in Hart county, Kentucky, December 16, 1820, but when seven years of age he was taken by his parents to Licking county, Ohio, where they remained eight years. His father now moving to Van Buren county, Iowa, they there resided for a like period, and on April 17, 1847, our subject, with his wife and two children, also the families of Samuel Starr and L. D. Gilbert, started to cross the plains with ox-teams to Oregon, where they arrived without any especial adventure in November of the same year. After passing some time in Marysville (now Corvallis) Mr. Belknap took up his claim on the place which now bears his name, about two miles and a half west of Monroe, and where he has since resided. His original property of six hundred and forty acres he has increased to seven hundred and fifty, which he has under general farming. In Mr. Belknap we have a man of sterling worth whose word is his bond, while in his dealings with men he is a pattern of rectitude and uprightness. He married in Van Buren county, Iowa, September 29, 1842, Mahala, daughter of Jeremiah Starr, and a native of Highland county, Ohio, by which union there have been nine children, viz: Lucinda J. (deceased), Sarah M. (deceased), Keziah B., Webster C., Lewis Franklin (now of Salem), Adeline and Angelina (twins), Samuel G. (deceased), Edward H. (a graduate of the Willamette University). An excellent view of Mr. Belknap's residence will be found in this work.

**WILLIAM BENNETT**—Born near Columbus, Franklin county, Ohio, November 15, 1834. At the age of 12 years his parents moved to Muscatine, Iowa, and two years later moved to Knox county, Illinois, whence, in 1850, he, with one brother started across the plains to Oregon, arriving in Linn county in the fall of that year, where he lived until 1854, when he came to Benton county, and took up a donation claim four miles south of Philomath. In 1879 he purchased his present farm of 334 acres, ten miles west of Corvallis. Mr. Bennett also owns a farm two miles from Corvallis, and a valuable farm in Wasco county, where he is engaged in farming and stock raising.

**HON. ROYAL A. BENSEL.**—Was born in Cassville, Wisconsin, and is now 48 years of age. His father, Dr. Bense, was born in Pennsylvania and a graduate of the Pennsylvania State Medical University, and in early days emigrated to Wisconsin. When our subject was but a mere child his parents moved to Clayton county, Iowa, and at the age of 13 he became "devil" on the *Clayton Co. Herald* and there spent three years at the printer's trade. In 1849 Mr. Bense's mother died, and in 1854 he, with his father, crossed the plains to California, where he followed mining for seven years. He then enlisted in Company D, Fourth California Infantry, and with his regiment came to Oregon and followed a soldier's life for three years. On his discharge, in 1864, he came to Yaquina Bay and embarked in the milling business.

In 1871 he was appointed Inspector of Customs for Yaquina Bay. In 1868 he was elected to the State Legislature, and again elected to the same office in 1876.

**HON. COLBERT P. BLAIR.**—This well known and highly respected resident of Corvallis, a native of Burke county, North Carolina, born January 30, 1805, is the son of Colbert and Jane (Murry) Blair. His boyhood was passed in his birth-place until 18 years of age; his parents then moved to Kentucky and afterwards to Illinois. Mr. Blair learned the trade of engineer, in which capacity he ran steamers from St. Louis to Natchez. In 1837 he located in Lee county, Iowa, from whence, in 1853, he emigrated with his family to Oregon, coming direct to Benton county, where he has since resided. In 1862 Mr. Blair was elected to the State Legislature. Although now in his 80th year and on the sunset side of life, he is as hale and hearty as the majority of men at 60. He is genial, kind and generous, and one whom it is a pleasure to meet. He now has lived to see forty grand children and nineteen great grand children. It is our sincere wish that he may live to see these numbers doubled.

**THOMAS J. BLAIR.**—Was born in Bond county, Illinois, June 11, 1830, but at the age of six years went with his parents to Lee county, Iowa, where he resided and engaged in farming until the spring of 1853. Mr. Blair and his wife now crossed the plains to Oregon, arriving in October of that year; but in March, 1854, he removed from Oregon City to Benton county, and first settled on the South Fork of Mary's river, on land now owned by Mr. Spears. While residing on this claim

our subject found the country in the throes of a civil war, and like every patriotic citizen he determined to contribute towards the maintenance of the Union, therefore, in 1864 he enlisted in Company A., First Oregon Infantry, and with that corps served nearly two years. Upon obtaining his discharge he disposed of his farm, removed to Yaquina Bay and there dwelt for three years, when, transferring his residence in 1878, to the city of Corvallis, he engaged in a warehouse and grain-storing business. In the spring of 1884 Mr. Blair was elected to the office of Treasurer of Benton county on the Republican ticket, and is still the able and efficient holder of the position. Married in Lee county, Iowa, in 1851, Miss Lucinda J. Montgomery, who died June 30, 1881, and had a family, viz: Martha N. (now Mrs. F. H. Sawtell), Nellie and Clara.

**WILLIAM BLODGET**--After whom the beautiful little valley that now bears his name was called, is a native of Jefferson county, New York, born October 8, 1811. In 1847 he was one of the hardy pioneers that braved the dangers of a trip across the plains to Oregon. In the spring of 1848 he came to Benton county, and a short time after located in what is now known as Blodget's Valley, where he has since resided and followed farming.

**WILLIAM T. A. H. BOLES**--Was born in Indiana, February 20, 1840, and resided in that State until 1860, when he came west to Kansas. September 20, 1861, he enlisted in company B, of the Ninth Kansas Cavalry, with whom he served and followed the fortunes of his regiment for three years and two months. He then, on his discharge, returned to Kansas, and in the fall of 1878 came to Oregon and the following spring came to Philomath, where he is now a respected resident, and in 1884 was elected Recorder of that city.

**JAMES W. BRASFIELD**--Was born in Platt county, Missouri, January 16, 1840. His father Thomas W. R. Brasfield, was a pioneer of 1821 to Missouri. At the age of fourteen our subject entered his father's store where he received his early education in the mercantile business. In 1860 he went to St. Joseph, where he clerked for two years; he then joined a party of young men to seek their fortune in the Golden State, but on arriving near Fort Hall their route was changed and they came to Oregon. In 1863, Mr. Brasfield went to Harrisburg and entered the employ of Hon. Hiram Smith, and one year later was admitted as a partner under the firm name of Smith & Brasfield. This firm continued for ten years, when Mr. B. sold out and started a store in Junction City where he did business until 1881, when he sold out and selected Yaquina Bay as his future home and at that time opened his present general store in Newport. In 1883 he purchased the well known Seal Rock property, one of the most delightful places to be found on the Pacific Coast, a description of which will be found in its proper place in this work. Mr. Brasfield was married in Harrisburg, Linn county, January 1, 1865, to Miss Lydia Owens, a native of Kansas, and a daughter of Col. Henry Owens, of Topeka; by this union they have an interesting family of five children, Arthur S., Hiram, Thomas W. R., Sank O. and Sadie.

**GEORGE S. BRIGGS**--Is the proprietor of a large fruit orchard located one mile east of Toledo on Yaquina Bay is a native of Medina county, Ohio, and born October 27, 1834. When two years of age his parents moved to Racine county, Wisconsin, where they lived until 1850, when they moved to Fayette county, Iowa, where Mr. Briggs lived until coming to Oregon. February 28, 1864, he enlisted in Co. F, 9th Vet. Vol. of Iowa, with whom he served until June, 1865. He then returned to his home in Iowa and in 1870 came to Oregon and remained in Portland until 1876, when he came to Yaquina Bay and purchased his present farm consisting of three hundred and ninety acres, on which he has an orchard of over six thousand trees four thousand of which are Italian Prunes.

**SOLOMON K. BROWN**--This venerable pioneer, is a native of Ohio, where he was born February 6, 1810, and is therefore five years beyond the allotted three score years and ten. Having resided respectively in Clark, Miami and Spaulding counties, all in Ohio, until the spring of 1847, at that time, with his wife and three children, he set out to cross the plains to Oregon with ox teams from Independence. After a journey occupying six months and seventeen days Mr. Brown arrived where now we have the city of Corvallis, and after a few days delay, took up the donation claim of six hundred and forty acres, now occupied by Mr. Porter. In 1849, our subject proceeded to the gold mines of California, but two months hard work was sufficient to convince him that the yield of gold was not commensurate with the labor expended, he therefore took passage to Portland from San Francisco in a brig, which ultimately made Astoria after a voyage of seven weeks, whence the remainder of the voyage was accomplished in an Indian canoe. Our subject now returned to his home in Benton county and there remained until April, 1850, when selling his claim he purchased the farm of seven hundred and fifty acres, located two miles and a half southeast of Philomath, which he now owns. About ten years ago Mr. Brown moved into the town of Philomath where he now resides, enjoying the well earned repose which a long life of activity entitles him to. Mr. Brown has never been an aspirant for office, although he was once elected to the office of Justice of the Peace, but never qualified.

**MAJOR JAMES BRUCE**--Was born in Harrison county, Indiana, November 3, 1827. Five years later his father moved to New Albany, Floyd county, same State, and engaged in the mercantile business, where they resided until 1839. In that year his parents moved to Adams county, Illinois, when, a short time thereafter, his father died, leaving a family of wife and seven children. In 1846 his mother and family returned to New Albany, where our subject started to learn the blacksmith's trade. In 1847 he joined a train bound for Texas, remaining there until 1849, when he returned to Illinois and engaged in boating on the Mississippi river. In the spring of 1850 he again joined a train, this time bound for Oregon, but on the plains the route was changed, and after a trip of six months they arrived at Hangtown (now Placerville), California. Mr. Bruce immediately proceeded to the mines which he followed with good success until fall of 1851; he then took up a ranch in Scott's Valley, Siskiyou county, California. In 1852 he sold out and came to Oregon and began merchandising in Jacksonville. On the breaking out of the Indian war of 1853 Mr. Bruce enlisted as a private, from which he was promoted for meritorious service to Captain, and at the close of the second Rogue River war, in 1856, had been promoted to Major, an office he filled with distinction, as there were but few who took a more active or braver part in the Indian wars than Major Bruce as will be seen by the perusal of the Indian wars embodied in this work. On the close of hostilities and the removal of the Indians to the

Siletz Reservation our subject took the contract to plow and fence part of the Reservation. He then followed different occupations until 1862 when he engaged in the stock trade, and while in that business in 1864 he accomplished a feat that is seldom equaled in driving a drove of hogs from the Umpqua Valley, Douglas county, to Boise Basin, Idaho, a distance of over 700 miles, a venture which proved very successful, as he sold the most of them at \$1 per lb. He then returned to Benton county and purchased his present farm of 320 acres, ten miles south of Corvallis, where now this well known veteran is enjoying the comforts of a peaceful home. In the spring of 1857 he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Kinney (now deceased) daughter of Col. James Kinney, an early pioneer to Oregon.

**WILLIAM H. BRUNK**—Was born in Lincoln county, Missouri, November 13, 1845, and is the son of Harrison Brunk, an honored pioneer of Polk county, this State, in 1849. Our subject came with his parents to Oregon in the above year and remained under the parental roof in Polk county until grown to manhood, he then found employment in the mines and on different railroads until 1883, when he came to Corvallis where he now resides.

**PERREN BRYANT**—Was born in Garrett county, Kentucky, in 1824. When he was nine years of age his parents moved to Missouri where our subject lived until spring of 1853, when he, with his wife and one child, crossed the plains to Oregon, and first settled in Lane county. In 1862 he came to Benton county and purchased his present farm and built the well known Yaquina House, located six miles east of Little Elk post-office, where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising.

**HENRY P. BUTLER**—Was born in Jackson county, Tennessee, August 11, 1826, and there lived with his parents until March, 1850, when he, with his wife, moved to Arkansas, for one year, when he again moved to Berry county, Missouri, and remained in that State until 1856, when he took up his residence in Adams county, Illinois, and resided in that county until April 28, 1864, when he, with his wife and six children, crossed the plains with ox-teams to Oregon, arriving at the Grand Ronde, September 27th of the same year. The following August he came to Benton county, locating on Yaquina bay, where he owns 300 acres of valuable land and engaged in farming, two miles east of Toledo. Was united in marriage in Overton county, Tenn., to Miss Juda E. Smith, a native of that State; by this union they have six children.

**HON. JOHN BURNETT**—Was born in Louisiana, Pike county, Missouri, on the 4th of July, 1831. His father died when the subject of our sketch was 15 years old, leaving a widow and five children with but little of this world's goods. Young Burnett set about helping his mother (for whom he had a strong affection) support and raise the family. He first engaged with E. Draper & Brothers, merchants in Louisiana, to tend in their store. After remaining with them about a year he became tired of the confinement in the store and hired out to work on a flat boat on the Mississippi river, boating wood to St. Louis and giving his earnings to his mother. In the spring of 1849 he was offered an outfit to California by a relative, and though he was less than 18 years of age, he gladly accepted the offer and started across the plains to seek his fortune in the gold mines. He engaged in mining and soon earned enough to pay for his outfit, which he sent back to his friend the first opportunity. He followed mining for about two years with fair success for a boy, when he returned to his native State, and in the spring of 1853 again crossed the plains with a band of cattle. After selling his cattle he engaged a second time in mining in Nevada county, California, where he worked for about two years, when his health became very much impaired and he gave up mining. In the spring of 1858 he came to Oregon and settled in Benton county, where he has resided ever since. The next year after reaching Oregon he was married to Miss Martha Hinton, and about that time he commenced reading law with Colonel Kelsay, of Corvallis. By hard study and close application he was enabled a year afterwards to pass an examination of a committee composed of Col. Kelsay, Hon. J. C. Powell and Hon. Richard Williams, and was admitted to practice law in the Second Judicial District by Hon. R. E. Stratton, Judge of said District. He soon afterwards opened an office in Corvallis and engaged in practicing law, where he has enjoyed a lucrative practice for years. He is a democrat in politics, of the Jackson Benton school, has always opposed the Calhoun Doctrine, and has always been ready to give a "reason for the faith that is in him," however unpopular it might be. In 1868 he was elected a democratic Elector for Seymour and Blair, upon the same ticket with Hon. James H. Slater and Hon. S. F. Chadwick. In 1870 he was elected County Judge of Benton county. In 1872 he ran for Congress but was defeated by Hon. Joseph Wilson by a small majority. In 1874 he was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State and ex-officio Judge of the Second Judicial District as an independent contesting candidate, with his former tutor, Hon. John Kelsay and also Hon. L. F. Mosher. In 1878 he was elected State Senator from Benton county for four years and was Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, which he resigned in 1880 to accept the democratic nomination to the Supreme Bench. In 1882 he was appointed by Governor Thayer Judge of the Second Judicial District, to fill out part of an unexpired term of Hon. J. F. Watson. Since the expiration of his appointment he has been engaged in practicing his profession. Judge Burnett's services on the Bench and in the Legislature, and his efforts at the bar and on the hustings have made his name familiar throughout the State. He has been engaged in a great number of murder trials for the defense, and his success as a criminal lawyer has been equal, perhaps, to any in the State. It is claimed by his friends that his efforts in behalf of L. D. Miller, James McCabe, Charles Williams, Frank Reid, Wm. Skelton, — Wheeler, Wm. Abrams and Asa Burbank in their several trials for murder, as well as other notable murder cases, place him in the front rank of advocates.

**HON. WILLIAM B. CALLAWAY**—Was born in Sussex county, Delaware, December 3, 1826. In 1831 his parents moved to Illinois. When 21 years of age his father gave him a farm in Scotland county, Missouri, from whence in 1849 he crossed the plains to California. In 1851 he returned East, and in 1864 came to Oregon; in 1866 to Benton county and purchased his present beautiful farm of 1285 acres. In 1877 Mr. Callaway represented Benton county in the State Legislature.

**ALEXANDER H. CAMPBELL**—Born in Canada, near the present town of Peel, September 12, 1835. When but three years of age his parents moved to Noble county, Illinois, where our subject resided until 27 years of age. He then crossed the plains to California, where he spent three years in the mines. In May, 1861 he came to Oregon and the following

August came to Benton county and began farming, which he followed until 1877 when he engaged in his present dray and transfer business in Corvallis.

**HON. DANIEL CARLILE**—Is one of those who crossed the plains in 1851, the year that tried the souls of men upon the emigrant road. Cholera and famine walked side by side along the trail, and claimed their victims from the plains to the ocean. Those numerous graves scattered for a thousand miles from The Dalles to the eastward, could they speak, would tell tales of anguish and despair that would moisten the eyes and rent the feelings of any but a heart of stone. Hundreds of emigrants perished. And few now live, who traveled the route that year, but carry in their memory scenes and events painful to recollect and sadder than tears. The arrival in Oregon did not end their trials, for nearly all were poor and provisions were scarce. To such privations and through such a gauntlet, the subject of this brief sketch reached Oregon in 1851. Mr. Carlile is a native of Columbiana county, Ohio. Born June 24, 1833, when but an infant his parents moved to Richland county, same State; where he resided and learned the carpenter's trade until the spring of 1851, when he came west to Iowa and there joined a train bound for Oregon, arriving at The Dalles October fourteenth, of that year. In January, 1852, Mr. Carlile came to Benton county and the following spring went to the mines in Jackson county, and there in 1853, took part in the Rogue River War, as a member of Capt. John F. Miller's Company. In 1855, he went to California and in 1856 went *via* steamer to his Ohio home where he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Miller, and took up his residence in Mansfield. In 1859 he removed to Warsaw, Indiana, and engaged in merchandising until the spring of 1863; he then sent his wife and two children *via* Panama to Sacramento, California, and he again came across the plains to that place. In 1865 he again came to Oregon and, in 1866, took up his homestead on the Yaquina river a short distance from the present town of Elk City. While living there, and during a threatened outbreak of the Indians on the Siletz, Mr. Carlile was commissioned Captain of State Militia. In 1873 he sold his farm and moved to Corvallis, where he now resides engaged in the general mercantile business. In 1868 he was a candidate for Legislative honors but was defeated by a small majority; but in 1870 he was again placed in nomination on the Democratic ticket and elected to represent Benton county in the State Legislature. Mr. Carlile has also held the office of Mayor of Corvallis, Justice of the Peace of Elk precinct, and from 1882 to 1884 filled the same office for Corvallis. He is a man that always takes a deep interest, in any enterprise that tends to benefit the community in which he lives, and in politics is, and always has been, a strong, faithful and consistent democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Carlile have a family of four children, viz: Alonzo, Katie, Girty and Claude.

**HON. TOLBERT CARTER**—Is one of the earliest residents of Benton county, having now lived for almost forty years within her borders. Born in Morgan county, Illinois, March 6, 1825, and is the son of John and Catherine (Barrett) Carter. He resided in his native State until 1841, when they moved to Holt county, Missouri, where, in 1842, Mr. Carter suffered the irreparable loss of both his parents. He then continued on the farm until the spring of 1846, when with his youngest brother (Smiley, now deceased,) he joined what was known as the Vanderpool train and came across the plains to Oregon, and in the fall of that year settled on the land where he now lives, consisting of five hundred and ninety acres. In 1872 Mr. Carter was selected to represent Benton county in the State Legislature and in 1878 was re-elected to the same office.

**SAMUEL CASE**.—A prominent resident of Newport, was born in Lubec, Washington county, Maine, May 31, 1831, and receiving a liberal education at the East Maine Conference College of Bucksport, afterwards was employed as teacher. April 5, 1853, he came *via* the Nicaragua route to California, where he engaged in mining and teaching school for four years, he then paid a visit to his Eastern home and, in 1858, returned to California. In April, 1861, he enlisted in Co. D, 4th Inf. California Volunteers, and came with that regiment to Oregon as orderly sergeant of his company. He served with that regiment until November, 1864, when he received his discharge. He then was employed as superintendent of farming on the Alsea Reservation for four years. In 1866, Mr. Case came to Yaquina Bay and located the land on which the city of Newport now stands, since which time he has made that place his home, and where he owns large interests on the Bay.

**ALONZO CASE**—Was born in Lubec, Maine, November 13, 1844, and there resided until the fall of 1863, when he enlisted in Company A 7th Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry, and was afterward, in 1864, consolidated with Company F 1st Main Vet. Volunteers, with which he served until June, 1865. At the battle of Spotsylvania, on May 12, 1864, Mr. Case was wounded by the bursting of a shell, by which he sustained the loss of one eye and a partial loss of the other, which are honorable evidences of his bravery while fighting for the Union. On his return to his home Mr. Case followed different occupations until 1875, when he came to Oregon and, in April, 1876, came to Yaquina Bay, where, in 1881, he started his present general merchandize store. Mr. Case is married and has a family of six children.

**JESSE H. CATON**, Deceased.—This pioneer, the son of Noah and Frances Caton, was born in Carroll county, Missouri, December 10, 1819. In his early boyhood his father moved to what was at that time Bates county, and settled on a stream called Maunaton. He remained with his father most of the time, assisting in the cultivation of the farm, until the spring of 1843, when he started for Oregon in company with the Applegates, Dr. Whitman and Col. Nesmith. He helped to bring the first wagon down the Blue Mountains. The first three years he passed in Oregon he was employed in Oregon City and Forest Grove, at whatever employment he could obtain, making his home with Alvin T. Smith of the latter place. At Almond Hill's, on Wapato Lake, in that neighborhood, he worked one hundred days and received therefor two Spanish cows, these animals being then valued at fifty dollars per head. In the fall of 1846 he located the first claim in what has since become known as the Belknap Settlement. In the spring of 1847 he moved with thirty head of cattle and one horse to his new home, Jacob Hammer and wife keeping house for him during the first twelve month. Mr. Caton was married, December 31, 1848, to Miss Precious Starr, Rev. J. Starr officiating. In 1856 he visited his old home in Missouri, his wife and child accompanying him, and returning to Benton county in the following year, bought a residence in the city of Corvallis, where his family still dwell. April 26, 1863, he started for Eastern Oregon purposing to be absent a few weeks, but after a few hours sickness died in Union county, June 15, 1863, leaving a widow and four children, two boys and two girls, who still own the farm in the Belknap Settlement. He was a member of Barnum Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F., also of the Methodist Episcopal church in Corvallis.

**JAMES F. CAUTHORN.**—This well known and highly respected grain merchant of Corvallis is a native of the "Sunny South." Born in Essex county, Virginia, July 7, 1838, in 1840 his parents moved to Missouri, where our subject grew to manhood, and found employment in his father's store until 1865, when he, with his parents, crossed the plains to Oregon, and to Benton county. The first three years of his residence in Benton county were spent in teaching school. In 1868 he was elected County Surveyor, and in 1870, embarked in his present extensive warehouse, commission and shipping business. Mr. Cauthorn was twice married, first, in 1862, in Missouri, to Miss Frankie Payne; secondly, to Miss Martha Mulkey, daughter of Johnson Mulkey, a pioneer of 1844, by which union they have two children—Maude and Paul.

**HON. THOMAS E. CAUTHORN.**—One of the leading merchants of Corvallis, was born in Mexico, Missouri, August 31, 1849, where his father, A. Cauthorn, carried on a large and successful mercantile business, until the breaking out of the war. When that event occurred their little city became the scene of many depredations and, during the years following until 1865, Mr. Cauthorn lost all of his property, and in the spring of that year, with barely enough to secure an outfit, he started with his family of wife and five sons to cross the plains to Oregon. Arriving in Corvallis after a journey of six months, our subject found employment at different occupations until 1875, when he with his father started the present well known merchandize house of A. Cauthorn & Son. In June, 1882, Mr. Cauthorn was selected by the people of Benton county to represent them in the State Senate for a term of four years, a position he ably fills. In 1883 he served as Mayor of the city of Corvallis. He was married in Polk county, December, 1870, to Miss S. L. Jeffreys; they have three daughters—Mary, Gertrude and Frankie.

**GEORGE W. COLLINS.**—Was born in Spencer county, Kentucky, April 23, 1823. In 1846 he, with his parents, moved to Adams county, Illinois, from whence, in 1850, our subject crossed the plains to California, where he followed mining until 1853, when he came to Jackson county, this State, when he took part in the Rogue River wars. In 1857 he came to the Siletz Reservation and, in 1860, was appointed Indian Agent for the Alsea Reservation, which position he held until 1868, when he was relieved by Lieutenant Beatty. In 1871 he located on his present farm near Seal Rocks, where he is engaged in farming.

**HON. MILTON J. CONNOR.**—This well known resident of King's Valley was born in Shelby county, Indiana, September 25, 1845. In March, 1852, he, with his parents, four brothers and one sister, crossed the plains to Oregon, first settling in Linn county, where he resided on his father's farm until he was 21 years of age. Mr. Connor then came to Philomath, Benton county, and engaged in farming. The spring of 1874 he opened a general merchandise store in King's Valley, which he run for the following nine years. He then purchased his present valuable farm consisting of 200 acres, located in the center of the above valley. In the spring of 1884 Mr. Connor was elected Representative from Benton county to the State Legislature. He is married and has one son, Frank.

**JAMES COOPER.**—Was born in Franklin county, Virginia, July 2, 1824. When he was three years of age his parents moved to Hendricks county, Indiana, where they remained until 1841, when they took up their residence in Platt county, Missouri, where our subject was married to Miss Scena A. Evans and resided until spring of 1852. He then, with his wife and one child, started to cross the plains to Oregon. After a trip of six months they arrived in Clackamas county, where they sojourned for one season. He then moved to the Waldo hills, Marion county. In the summer of 1854 he came to Benton county, locating a claim in King's Valley, on which he lived for four years. His next move was to the vicinity of Philomath. In 1866 Mr. Cooper purchased the farm on which he now resides which certainly is one of the most beautiful farms to be found in Benton county, consisting of 320 acres, two and one half miles west of Corvallis, on which he has erected a nice farm residence, a view of which appears in this book. Mr. Cooper has a family of five children: Thomas H., Francis M., George W., Robert E. and Mary F.

**WILLIAM C. CRAWFORD.**—A leading jeweler of Corvallis, was born in Washington county, Arkansas, May 13, 1850, and there resided until 1870, when he came to Oregon and, in 1872, came to Benton county, and entered the State Agricultural College, from which he graduated in 1874. In 1875 he opened his present business of watchmaker and jeweler. Mr. Crawford owns some valuable real estate in Corvallis.

**JACOB M. CURRIER.**—The well-known pioneer, the subject of this memoir, was born in Orleans county, Vermont, February 12, 1827, but at the age of five years was taken by his parents to Lowell, Massachusetts, whence in 1842, they moved to the State of New York, and in the fall of 1844 to Andrew county, Missouri, where during the following year he had the great misfortune to lose his father and mother. In May, 1846, with his two sisters and a brother-in-law, Hon. A. L. Humphrey, Mr. Currier started with ox-teams to cross the plains to Oregon, there being also in the party the Baker family and Joseph Alexander. Arriving where now stands the city of Corvallis, December, 5, 1846, after meeting with many casualties, they there remained a short time, when Mr. Currier proceeded to the present site of Dallas, Polk county, and there took up his abode until the fall of 1847. In November of that year he enlisted in Captain John Owen's company and with it took part in the Indian war that raged at that time to the east of the Cascades. At the end of six months he returned to Corvallis, but in the fall of 1848 went to the gold mines of California, but came back to Oregon in the spring of 1849. In 1850 he took up his donation claim where he now resides, and to which he has since added until he now owns one thousand six hundred acres, located about ten miles south of the county seat, where he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. At an early day Mr. Currier served as one of the County Commissioners of Benton, while it may be truly said of him that his enterprise and ability have done much good towards raising the section in which he resides to the proud position it holds. Is married and has seven children, viz: William A., Manly C., Laura (now Mrs. John Belknap), Elizabeth H., John B., Sarah and Eva.

**CALEB DAVIS.**—This highly respected pioneer of the Pacific Coast is a native of Center county Pennsylvania, born September 20, 1826. He resided in his birth place until 18 years of age, and then went west to Lee county, Iowa, and remained

until the spring of 1850. He then concluded to seek his fortune in the gold fields of California, and crossed the plains to the new ElDorado. After one year in the mines he, in the fall of 1851, paid Oregon his first visit, coming down the Willamette Valley as far as Lebanon, when he again returned to Yreka, and for the next three years was engaged in merchandising. He then returned *via* the Isthmus of Panama to his home in Lee county, Iowa. In 1864 he again, with his family, started across the plains to Oregon, and located in Jackson county for two years; then after two years spent in the Napa Valley, Cal., he again returned to Oregon and Benton county, and lived for three years in Philamoth, when he purchased his present valuable farm of 326 acres, located four miles southwest of Corvallis, and in 1879 built his present beautiful residence, a view of which appears in this work. Mr. Davis held the office of County Commissioner for Benton county two terms, being elected in 1880 and re-elected in 1882. He was united in marriage in Lee county, Iowa, August 29, 1855, to Miss Eliza J. Henkle, daughter of Zebediah Henkle, who settled in Benton county in 1867; by this union they have ten living and two deceased children, viz: Z. H., Ella N. (now Mrs William D. Washburn), Thomas, George W., Frank, Mary G., Caleb A., Bertha B., Fred Oliver, Walter and Lillie G., the two latter deceased. And now, after many changes from his early home in Pennsylvania, Mr. Davis is safely anchored in a pleasant home and prepared to take the comforts that always attend a well spent and prosperous life.

**LEMUEL E. DAVIS.**—This early pioneer to Oregon, and now a resident of South Newport, was born in Stark county, Ohio, September 5, 1832. When he was five years of age his parents moved to Marshall county, Indiana, and there our subject resided with his parents on a farm until March, 1847. He then, with his parents, came across the plains to Oregon with a train of forty-seven wagons, known as the Captain Davis train. They came the southern route to Lane county, where they located a farm two miles north of Eugene City. In 1866 Mr. Davis came to Yaquina Bay and purchased his present property on the south side of the Bay, where he now resides. Mr. Davis also owns the steam ferry from Newport to South Newport, and a most desirable farm of 134 acres on Beaver creek.

**ZEBBA. H. DAVIS.**—Is another of the enterprising young business men of Corvallis. Mr. Davis was born in Lee county, Iowa, June 4, 1856, and came to Oregon in 1864, and to Benton county in 1868. In March, 1883, he began the general merchandise trade in partnership with Mr. Henkle, under the firm name of Henkle & Davis, both being representatives of the best families in Benton county.

**EZRA L. DIXON.**—The genial landlord of that popular hotel the Dixon House, Philomath, was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, March 26, 1851, and made that place his home until 1872, when he came to Oregon and first settled on the Yaquina river. In 1882 he moved to Philomath and engaged in the hotel business in connection with which he runs a livery stable and blacksmith shop. Mr. Dixon married Miss Emelia, daughter of G. W. Bethers, a pioneer to Oregon of 1847, and by this union has four children: Louella, Alda E., Nathaniel and Una.

**JOSEPH DIXON.**—Was born in Ray county, Missouri, in 1828. When about seven years of age his parents moved to Lafayette county, where he lived until the spring of 1853, when he, with his wife and two children, started to cross the plains to Oregon. On arriving in this State he located six miles west of Portland, and in 1854 moved to Linn county, and in 1865 came to Benton county, and at that time purchased his present farm of 410 acres located on Oak creek, four miles west of Corvallis, where he is engaged in farming.

**WILLIAM F. DIXON.**—This very worthy pioneer of Benton county was born in Worcester county, (now Wyoming), Maryland, February 20, 1811. Having resided on the homestead of his father until he attained the age of twenty-two years, at that epoch in his life our subject started out to meet the buffetings of the world and carve his way to independence. First emigrating to Dearborn county, Indiana, he located on a farm, which he left, however, at the end of six years, for Clark county, Missouri, and there dwelt until the spring of 1845. At that time, with his wife and two children, Mr. Dixon started to cross the plains to Oregon in ox-teams, forming a portion of a large train bound to this then little known portion of the United States. The perils encountered and hardships endured need not be recounted in this place, the story has been told elsewhere and was much the same for each and all of those heroic men and women who first planted civilization in the far Northwest. It is sufficient to say that six months after first starting the lovely valley of the Willamette was reached, when Mr. Dixon came to what has since become Benton county, and took up a donation claim. This tract of land is that on which the northern portion of the city of Corvallis has since been located, the division into town lots having been made in 1851-52, and forty acres of which he deeded to the county for the purpose of founding the town of Marysville. In 1848 Mr. Dixon constructed a house near where the Willamette is crossed and at this point established the first ferry across that stream above Salem. The subject of our sketch is one of those men that bring honor upon a community. He has never aspired to office, although frequently urged by his fellow-citizens to put himself in nomination. He has contented himself with doing good in other spheres of labor, and now enjoys a green old age, being respected by all. He has been twice married, in the first instance, in Indiana, to Miss Julia A. Round, who accompanied him to Oregon in 1845, and afterwards became the first white lady to reside in Corvallis. By this union there were seven children, four of whom now survive, viz: James, Mary Ann (Barber), Cyrus (the first white child born in Corvallis), and William. Married, secondly, Mrs. Martha A. Eglin, who died in 1883.

**GUSTAVUS H. DODELE.**—Was born in Brussels, Belgium, March 27, 1820. In 1855 he came to America and took up his residence in Rock Island county, Illinois, where he lived until 1868, when he crossed the plains with his family to Oregon, coming direct to Benton county, he purchased his present valuable farm of 750 acres adjoining Wells Station. Mr. Dodele has a family of three sons and two daughters, viz: Felix, Eugene, Paul, Matilda, now Mrs. Columbia Read, and Honora, now Mrs. Chas. Read.

**THOMAS EGLIN.**—Is one of the substantial business men of Corvallis, where he has lived for the past twenty years, during which time he has collected through his own industry and correct business principles a fair share of this world's



goods, and through fair dealing with his fellow man has won the regard and friendship of the residents of Benton county. Mr. Eglin was born in Oxford, Canada, Oct. 8, 1828, and came to Oregon in 1861, and in 1864 took up his residence in Benton county, engaged in farming. Later on he opened his present livery and feed stable, in connection with which he carries on his farm, located just north of the city limits. He also is the proprietor of the stage line from Albany to Corvallis. Mr. Eglin was married in Porter county, Indiana, October 29, 1848, to Miss Phebe Blachly, a native of Ohio, by which union they have William C., Thomas N., John B., Mary A., George F. and James.

**JACOB S. FELGER.**—The subject of this sketch, a view of whose premises will be found in this work, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, March 1, 1824, and where he resided until 1845, in which year he proceeded to La Salle county, Illinois, and maintained a residence there up to 1851, having in the meantime learned the trade of miller. In the spring of the last mentioned year he joined a train bound by way of the plains to Oregon, and on the fifth of September arrived at Foster's Ranch. There selling his stock he went to the mines in Humboldt county, California, but at the end of six months returned to Oregon, took up his residence in Polk county and worked at his trade. Mr. Felger subsequently was employed at Santiam for about six weeks when, returning to Polk he was engaged by General Nesmith. In the fall of 1852 he transferred the scene of his labors to the Jones grist mill at Cloverdale, Lane county, and taking up a donation claim was there married, September 25, 1855, to Nancy E., daughter of O. S. Mitchell, an early pioneer of that section. Having continued his domicile in that county till 1867, he then disposed of his property, removed to Benton county, purchased his present estate—the well-known Felger Mills on Mary's river, a description of which is given elsewhere, and in 1881, built his residence adjacent to the mill site. Mr. Felger has a family of six children, viz: Columbus G., Mary F. (now Mrs. Albert Rice), Elizabeth L. (now Mrs. James M. Reader), Benjamin F., Olive A. and Amy M.

**ERNST W. FISHER.**—We have here in the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch an example of what a man with energy and perseverance combined with business ability can do. On entering the confines of Benton county Mr. Fisher was almost destitute and his first night, spent on the banks of Mary's river, his small stock of provisions was stolen from him, but coming from a country where there is known no such word as failure Mr. Fisher concluded to seek his fortune in the gold fields of Yreka, reaching the latter place in the fall of 1851. There he followed mining for one winter and then, in the spring of 1852, returned to Corvallis where he opened a saddle and harness shop, having learned the saddlers trade previous to his leaving Germany. He then manufactured the first harness and saddles ever made in Benton county. He continued at his trade until 1856, when he returned, *via* Panama, to the East, where, after a sojourn of three months, he again came to Oregon and opened his former business in Corvallis, and one year later, married Miss Amelia, daughter of Joseph Dillard, and at that time purchased his present farm where he now resides, two and one-half miles north of Corvallis, consisting of four hundred and eighty acres. A view of his residence will be found in this work. He also owns the well-known Fisher block in Corvallis, together with other valuable property, until now he is the second largest tax payer in Benton county. Mr. Fisher was born in Saxon Germany, May 25, 1815, emigrated to America in 1849 and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1851. He has a family of eight children, viz: Annie, Lena (now Mrs. R. Raber), Charles, Frank, Emma, Mollie, Clara and John.

**JOHN FOSTER.**—This highly respected pioneer of Benton county, a brief sketch of whose life we now give to the reader, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, March 3, 1822, where he resided until he reached the age of 13 years, when he accompanied his parents to Platte county, Missouri, where he remained until the spring of 1845, when his father, mother, one sister and two brothers started with ox teams to cross the plains to Oregon. Upon arrival in the fall of that year, Andrew Foster, the father, took up his donation claim about eight miles southwest of the present site of Corvallis, and there resided until his demise. In the spring of 1846 our subject located on his present farm, a claim of 640 acres, to which having added, he now owns 2200, on which he is engaged in general farming, and largely so in stock-raising. He married in the spring of 1846, Miss Mary A. Lloyd, who crossed the plains to Oregon in 1845 and died in 1853. Married, secondly, Miss Eliza Buchanan. His family consists of five children, viz: William, Jasper T., Mary A., Thomas W., Ella, and Emma (deceased.) Mr. Foster is one of the "solid" men of Benton county, and is now able, after long years of toil, to surround himself with the comforts which his integrity and uprightness entitle him to.

**ANDREW GALLATLY.**—Was born in Scotland and at the age of 15 years emigrated to America and settled in Dane county, Wisconsin, where he resided until 1863. He then went to New York where he took passage on board the steamer and came *via* Panama to the Golden State. After a residence of eight years in Nevada county he came to Benton county, Oregon, and purchased his present valuable farm of 400 acres, located 2½ miles west of Philomath. Married in Dane county, Wisconsin, to Miss Isabell Lyle; by this union they have a family of eight children.

**GEORGE M. GERHARD.**—This well and favorably known young man of Corvallis, is a native of Benton county, born August 12, 1858, and is the son of Joseph Gerhard, who now resides five miles south of Corvallis. When fifteen years of age George left the parental roof to do for himself since which time he has followed different occupations and at the present time holds the position of night guardian of Hamilton, Job & Co.'s bank. He yet enjoys single blessedness.

**HON. JAMES GINGLES.**—Was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1819, and there resided until 1838, when his parents moved to Mercer county, Illinois, from whence our subject, in the spring of 1850, crossed the plains to Oregon. Coming direct to Benton county he took up his present farm as a donation claim, on which he has since lived, consisting of six hundred and forty acres, one mile south of the Polk and Benton county line, now Wells station. Mr. Gingles is a representative man of Benton county. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1864 and 1868 and again in 1876, also serving in the called session of 1865, and for ten years was a member of the Board of County Commissioners for Benton county. Mr. Gingles now enjoys the confidence of the entire people of the county in the highest degree.

**WILLIAM GIRD.**—There are few residents of Benton county but what know this veteran of the "Turf field and farm." He was born in Belmont county, Ohio, May 4, 1830. When twenty-one years of age he left home and crossed the plains to Oregon, arriving at Oregon City in September 1851. In 1853 he came to Benton county, and in 1857 purchased his present farm consisting of five hundred and forty acres, which, in early days, was known as the Twelve Mile House, as it was formerly used as a stand for the Oregon and California stage line, and twelve miles south of Corvallis.

**JOHN GRAHAM** (deceased)—The subject of this short memoir was a native of county Donegal, Ireland, and coming from that restless clan of Grahams, what wonder that he should inherit his ancestors dispositions and seek to lay the foundation of a family in some more favored country. In 1826 Mr. Graham set sail for America in company with several members of his family. On arriving in the land of the free he immediately proceeded to Ohio, where he lived for twenty-nine years. In 1855 he removed with his family to Kansas, and while there took an active part in defending the free State from the depredations of the Missouri raiders of 1856-57, and was often brought in contact with the celebrated John Brown. Nine years residence, however, convinced Mr. Graham that Kansas was not a farmer's paradise, so in 1864, he sold most of his property and, with his wife and nine children, started with one team of five yoke of cattle, one four-mule team and one two-horse hack with a drove of eighty head of cattle to cross the plains to the far west. On arriving in Eastern Oregon he sojourned for a short time and then came to Corvallis, Benton county, and in 1867, moved to Yaquina Bay, and took as a claim the land where the town of Toledo now stands, and in early days built the residence where his daughters now reside, a view of which will be found among the illustrations of this work. Here he lived in the love of his family and honored and beloved by his fellow men until his death which occurred, February 16, 1883.

**JOSEPH D. GRAHAM**—Was born in Carroll county, Ohio, February 1, 1847. When nine years of age his parents moved west to Wapello county, Iowa, where after a short residence, they moved to near Lawrence, Kansas, and resided until 1864, when he, with his parents and eight sisters, started with ox and mule teams and a band of stock to cross the plains to Oregon, where they arrived after the usual trip of six months, and first settled on the Grand Ronde. The fall of 1865, they came to Corvallis, Benton county, and one year later, to Yaquina Bay, where our subject's father located on the land on which the town of Toledo is now situated. Mr. Graham was engaged for a number of years in the mercantile trade at Toledo, during which time he was post-master of that place. He now owns one hundred and sixty acres of land adjoining the town on which he now lives, is married and has two sons, William and John.

**THOMAS GRAHAM**—Was born in Summersville, (Monroe) now Nobles county, Ohio, January 23, 1839. A short time thereafter his parents moved to Sandusky, and twelve years later he, with his parents, moved to Sparta, Tennessee, where our subject was educated at the Sparta Seminary, and in 1855, with his parents, moved to Douglas county, Kansas, where he made his home until 1864, when he started across the plains to Oregon, but on reaching Boise City he concluded to locate, when he purchased a drug store and remained there until 1867, when he came to Corvallis and engaged in his present business of drugs, medicines and books, and is now one of the leading houses in Benton county. From 1876 to 1880 Mr. Graham was County Treasurer of this county. He was married in Corvallis in 1872 to Miss Mary F. Hamilton; by this union they have two children, Richard H. and Donald H.

**JOSEPH GRAY**—Was born in Banffshire, Scotland, June 30, 1828, and remained in his native land until 1850. He then went to Australia, where he resided for the following ten years. October 5, 1860, he was married and returned to his home in Scotland, from whence he sailed for America, coming *via* New York and Panama to San Francisco. In February, 1861 he came to Benton county, Oregon, and in May, 1862, purchased his present farm, the former donation claim of George E. Nolton, consisting of 330 acres, three miles west of Philomath. Mr. Gray has a family of two children, Isabel and Alexander.

**ROBERT D. O. GRIMSLEY**, Deceased.—This early pioneer was a native of Indiana, and came across the plains to Oregon in 1847, and took up his donation claim where his son now resides, seven miles north of Monroe.

**MOSES GREGSON**—Was born in Lancashire, England, March 4, 1836, and at an early age started to learn the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he mastered, and at the age of 20 years, emigrated to America, first settling in Lockport, New York, where he resided until 1863, when he moved to Michigan, from whence, in the spring of 1877, he came to Oregon and direct to Benton county, and first took up a claim near Mary's Peak, where he remained until 1880, when he purchased 35 acres of land near the Custom House at Yaquina City, and moved to that place, where he is now engaged at his trade of carpenter and joiner, having a shop at Oneatta. Mr. Gregson is married and has one daughter, Cora B.

**JOHN B. GOODMAN**—A well-to-do resident of the Belknap Settlement is a native of Cooper county, Missouri, born March 15, 1834, and resided in his native county until spring of 1852, when he, with his brother J. H., joined a train and came across the plains to Oregon, arriving in Salem, September 15th of that year. Two years later our subject came to Benton county and took up a donation claim, now owned by Mr. Nichols. In 1881 Mr. Goodman purchased his present valuable farm of 238 acres, located four miles west of Monroe, where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising.

**JACOB HAMMER**.—This worthy pioneer was born in Highland county, Ohio, March 6, 1816. In 1825 he was taken by his parents to East Tennessee; but in 1832 he accompanied them to Madison county, Indiana, and subsequently, in the winter of 1836, to Hamilton county, in the same State. Here our subject married Miss Hannah Cox, and resided until the spring of 1842, when, with his wife, he removed to Missouri. After maintaining a residence there for two years, until 1844, at that time Mr. Hammer fitted out an ox-team and with his help-mate and three children started to cross the plains to Oregon. After a pleasant trip of six months' duration, the Tualatin Plains were reached, and here our subject remained until November, 1847, when he removed to what is now Benton county, located on the claim in the Belknap Settlement, on which he still resides, and

passed the first year in a log cabin with Jesse H. Caton, afterwards moving on to his present place, on which he constructed a "rail pen," and in it dwelt for several months. Mr. Hammer has held the office of Justice of the Peace for two terms, the duties of which he performed with much judgment. In religion he was reared as one of the Society of Friends, but is now a communicant of the sect known as the United Brethren. To his wife and himself have been born fourteen children, nine of whom survive, viz: Ai, Millisia (now Mrs. William Mitchell), Goldsmith, Josephine, Amos, Lorenzo, Noah, Jeremiah and Ellis.

**WILLIAM HAMMOND**—Was born in New York, September 9, 1826, and there resided until the spring of 1852, when he took passage on board the steamer *Ohio* bound for San Francisco, California, arriving in the latter place in March of the above year, and engaged in mining, which he followed until 1861, when he enlisted in Co. D, 4th Reg. California Volunteers, and came with that regiment to Oregon. Serving for three years he was discharged at Vancouver, Washington Territory, October 15, 1864. He then came to Yaquina Bay, where he has since resided and been engaged in hotel and store-keeping most of the time. Mr. Hammond owns considerable property in Benton county, and is a member of the city council of Newport, his present home.

**JOHN W. HANSON**.—This leading merchant tailor of Corvallis, is a native of Lane county, Oregon, born December 15, 1855. In 1870 he went to San Francisco and entered the merchant tailoring establishment of his uncle where he spent the following five years. In 1875 he returned to Lane county and engaged in business for himself in Eugene, until 1880, when he came to Corvallis and opened his present tailor shop in connection with which he runs a general store. Mr. Hanson was married in Lane county to a daughter of C. W. Young, one of the most prosperous farmers of that county.

**JOHN HARRIS**.—In the gentleman whose name heads this brief memoir, we have a leading and worthy citizen of Benton county. He is one of the men whose success in life has been mainly achieved in the county in which he now lives, by the exercise of economy, industry and business integrity, guided by intelligent financial ability; he is now in good circumstances, and twenty-five years ago was a poor man. What he has, came gradually through those years as the result of correct business calculations and not by chance of the favorable turn of fortune's wheel. Mr. Harris was born in October, 1827; was married March 12, 1848, to Jane Buchanan, in St. John's church Liverpool. On April 16, 1850, he sailed from Liverpool for California, arriving in San Francisco November sixteenth, following—proceeding direct to Hangtown (now Placerville) and embarked in mining which he followed in the different mining camps until June, 1852, when he concluded to engage in agricultural pursuits and selected Oregon for his future home, coming direct to Benton county in the above month and year. A short time after his arrival he purchased three hundred acres, a part of his present farm, it being the donation claim of Mr. Wm. Bragg, to which he has since added by purchase some three hundred acres more located eight miles southwest of Corvallis, where in 1875 he built his present beautiful residence where he now lives enjoying the comforts that attend a well spent and industrious life. Mrs. Harris left Liverpool for Oregon in October, 1852, and arrived at her present home January 26, 1853, having made the trip alone to join her husband in his new home. Their family consists of one daughter, Mary J., a young lady of more than ordinary intelligence and one who has been educated not to look upon life as the idle drones upon the honey stored for them by the working bees in the hive, but as a period blocked out of time in which she is to accomplish something by her own acts that will not be a discredit to herself (and her native State). To Mr. Harris and men of his kind, Benton county and Oregon owes its present prosperity and future success.

**ELDRIDGE HARTLESS**, deceased.—The subject of this sketch, a highly esteemed pioneer of Benton county, was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, February 22, 1816, but at an early age was taken by his father to West Virginia, where he was left an orphan. When twenty years of age he removed to Indiana. At the age of twenty-seven he was married and two years later removed to Missouri, whence, in the spring of 1846, he joined a party coming to Oregon. Having first settled in Oregon City, in 1848 he came to Benton county, located the claim on which he died, September 1, 1882, and during life was remarkable for his public spirit and energy. Save a few trips to California, Idaho and Montana on business he never left the county of his adoption. He married in Lowell, Massachusetts, July 27, 1857, Miss Emily C. Bates, by which union there were nine children, five of whom now survive, viz: Sarah J., Virginia, William, Eldridge and Clara.

**LEONIDAS H. HAWLEY**—Was born on the farm where he now resides, five miles west of Monroe, October 24, 1851, and is the son of Chapman Hawley, who emigrated from Licking county, Ohio, to Oregon in 1848. Our subject has always been a farmer, and now owns the north half of his father's donation claim, to which he has added until now he owns 1300 acres. Mr. Hawley is married and has one child—Earl Vincent.

**JOSEPH A. HAWKINS**—Is a native of Indiana, born March 3, 1843, and there resided until 1856, when his parents moved to Greenwood county, Kansas, where our subject lived until 1876, when he came to Benton county, Oregon. In 1878 he returned to Kansas, but being so favorably impressed with Oregon, he again, in 1880, returned to Philomath where he now resides and where he owns and operates a saw-mill, one mile west of town. Is married and has a family of five children, viz: James E., Ruth I., Nora A., Hugh G. and Frank S.

**JAMES HAYES**—A capitalist of Corvallis, was born in Albany, New York. When quite young his parents moved to Cook county, Illinois, where he was brought up on a farm. In the spring of 1852 he paid \$100 to a company to allow him to ride in their train across the plains to Oregon, arriving in Jackson county in the fall of the above year, where he engaged in farming. In 1858 he went to Frazer river and embarked in mining until 1859, when he returned to Jackson county and entered the employ of Thomas Cavanaugh, to work on his farm. One day, while in search of a lost mule, Mr. Hayes discovered the well known "Gold Hill" mines, which has since proved a *bonanza* for some of the residents of Jackson county. A short time after Mr. Hayes sold his interest in the mines and came to Benton county, where he has since resided. Mr. Hayes took part in the Rogue river war, being a member of Maj. Bruce's company. He is married and has two sons and three daughters.

**ICHABOD B. HENKLE**—The subject of this sketch, a view of whose premises will be found in this work, was born in Pendleton county, West Virginia, October 10, 1810, but when quite young was taken by his parents to Fayette county, Ohio, where he resided until the year 1839, at which time he moved to Lee county, Iowa. In 1849 he transferred his abode to Appanoose county in the same State, and there engaged in farming. April 4, 1853, with his wife and four children, Mr. Henkle started with ox teams to cross the plains to the great Northwest, and after a journey occupying about six months, arrived at Butte creek, Clackamas county, Oregon, there halting in October, 1853. In November of the same year he arrived in Benton county, took up the donation claim on which he now resides, situated four miles west of Philomath, where he has three hundred and sixty acres of land, and on which is a saw-mill. Mr. Henkle was one of the original incorporators of the Corvallis and Yaquina Bay Wagon Road Company, and afterwards became a director in the Willamette Valley and Coast Railroad, the predecessors of the Oregon Pacific Railroad Company. In Mr. Henkle we have one of those men of push and energy who do honor to a community. He married, firstly, in Fayette county, Ohio, January 20, 1831, Miss Mary A. King, a native of Delaware, by which union there have been seven children, only three of whom survive, viz: Jessie, Jeremiah E. and Helena (now Mrs. Thomas W. Girton, of Idaho Territory.) Secondly he espoused, in Appanoose county, Iowa, April 28, 1852, Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John Conger, who was born in Ohio, and had six children, four of whom survive, viz: Julia A. (now Mrs. John H. May, of Washington Territory), John A., Jacob L. and Charles J.

**JACOB HENKLE**—Was born in Fayette county, Ohio, October 1, 1825, and there lived until fifteen years of age. He then, with his parents, moved to Lee county, Iowa, and embarked in farming. In 1853 he crossed the plains with his family and took up a donation claim three miles west of the present city of Philomath, where he followed farming until 1877, when he came to Philomath and purchased an interest in the general merchandise store of J. E. Henkle & Co., a business he still continues. Mr. Henkle is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Philomath College.

**JEREMIAH E. HENKLE**—Is one of Benton county's leading merchants, and a resident of Philomath. Mr. Henkle was born in Lee county, Iowa, November 18, 1843, and is the son of Ichabod Henkle, one of the most respected residents of Philomath precinct. In the summer of 1853 he, with his parents, crossed the plains to Benton county, Oregon, his father then taking his donation claim where he now lives. Our subject received his education at the Philomath College. In 1872, in partnership with J. L. Shipley, he purchased the general merchandize store of T. J. Connor, under the firm name of Shipley & Henkle. This firm prospered until 1877 when it was dissolved by the death of Mr. Shipley. The firm's name was then changed to J. E. Henkle & Co., under which they have a large and ever increasing trade. As a citizen, Mr. Henkle is respected by all; as a business man his integrity is unimpeached, as a suave, courteous and generous gentleman, with whom to do business or meet socially, he has no superior in the county and but few equals anywhere. A view of his beautiful home accompanies this work. Mr. Henkle is married and has a family of three children.

**HON. JOHN A. HENKLE**—Is a native of Benton county, born November 16, 1854, and is the son of Ichabod Henkle, a respected pioneer of Benton county. He resided on his father's farm, four miles south of Philomath, and was educated at the Philomath College. In 1876 he went to Iowa, where he remained until 1878, when he returned to Oregon and accepted a position in the mercantile house of J. E. Henkle & Co., of Philomath. This position he filled for six years, until 1884, when he resigned to attend the session of the State Legislature, to which he had been elected, to represent Benton county, a position he filled with credit and ability. In October, 1880, he was married to Miss Mary E. Gant, daughter of Ruben Gant, of Yamhill county, and a pioneer of 1845. They have two children, viz: Robert E. and Zella.

**JOSEPH HENKLE**.—The subject of this sketch was born in Lee county, Iowa, January 10, 1843. When quite young he suffered the loss of his father. In the spring of 1853 he came with his grandfather, Hon. C. P. Blair, to Oregon and Benton county. At the age of fourteen years he started to do for himself and went to the mines of Southern Oregon and California, afterwards visiting Idaho. In 1870 he returned to Benton county, and in 1871 was appointed by Sheriff J. S. Palmer, Deputy Sheriff of Benton county, an office he filled until 1877. He then went to Eastern Oregon and engaged in the stock business, in which he has been very successful. He is now a resident of Prineville and Deputy Sheriff of Crook county. Mr. Henkle was married in Lafayette county, Missouri, November 18, 1883, to Miss Mattie G. Bradford.

**WILLIAM HENKLE**—Was born in Fayette county, Ohio, May 15, 1819. Residing in his birth-place until twenty-one years of age, he then, with his parents, moved to Lee county, Iowa, from whence, in 1853, they crossed the plains to Oregon and came direct to Benton county, locating four miles west of Philomath. Four years later our subject went to Jackson county and followed farming until 1863, when he removed to Polk county and lived until 1869, when he returned to Benton county and engaged in farming until a few years ago, when he purchased his present home one mile south-east of Corvallis, where he has retired from the active pursuits of farming. Mr. Henkle was married in Lee county, Iowa, in 1841, to Miss Nancy J. Walker; they have one daughter.

**HUGH HERRON**—Is one of the prosperous farmers of Benton county, and was born in County Down, Ireland, September, 1839. At the age of eleven years he, with his mother, emigrated to America, and lived in the Eastern States until spring of 1862, when he crossed the plains to Oregon. Coming direct to Benton county he leased a farm near Monroe. In 1866 he purchased the former donation claim of Harlow Bundy, to which he has since added until now he has a beautiful farm of 750 acres, five miles north-east of Monroe, where he is engaged in farming and stock-raising. Mr. Herron is married and has a family of five children.

**WESLEY HINTON**—Was born in Gasconade county, Missouri, January 10, 1837, where he resided with his parents until 1846, in which year he crossed the plains to Oregon with his father, mother, sister and two brothers, the party including the well-known pioneer Dr. Aaron Richardson. Having passed the first winter in Yamhill, in the spring of 1847 the family came to the present county of Benton, located on the farm adjoining what has since become the town of Monroe,

and has ever since been engaged in farming there. For the past two years Mr. Hinton has been a member of the mercantile firm of Starr, Wilhelm & Hinton. Is married and has one child named Esther.

**GUSTAVUS HODES**—Was born in Prussia, Germany, January 23, 1826, and in 1855 emigrated to America. Coming direct to the Pacific Coast he first settled in San Francisco, and two years later came to Portland, Oregon, where, after a short sojourn, he came to Corvallis and opened his present gun store, located on Main street, opposite the Vincent House.

**JACOB HOLGATE**—Was born in Luzern county, Pennsylvania, in 1828. In 1833 his parents moved to Illinois, where he remained until the spring of 1850. He then, with his wife and accompanied by his brother, came across the plains to Oregon and located on his donation claim in the Alsea valley, which he still owns. In 1880 he moved to Collinsville, at the mouth of Alsea Bay, where he now resides and is the present postmaster of that place.

**F. A. HORNING**—This influential and wealthy farmer and early resident of Benton county, is one of those who came to this State with small means, but through industry and correct business principles, has accumulated a fortune sufficient to retire from the active pursuits of agriculture. Mr. Horning was born near Berlin, Prussia, in 1824. When he was nine years of age his parents, with their family of eight children, emigrated to America, locating in St. Clair county, Illinois, and five years later moved to Jackson county, Missouri. May 12, 1850, our subject, with his wife and one child, started with ox teams to cross the plains to California, but on the plains they were induced to change their route on account of the scarcity of feed for their stock, and consequently came on to Oregon, arriving at Oregon City October 26, 1850. In December of the same year Mr. Horning came to Benton county, and purchased his present valuable farm, consisting of 375 acres, one mile and a half west of Corvallis, where he is largely engaged in fruit farming. The incidents that have come under Mr. Horning's observation, and in some of which he took a part, would not be least among the mass that constitute the advance guard of civilization west of the Rockies. There are hundreds, yes thousands, of similar experiences, varying only in the kind of danger or misfortune that hovered along their trail. With one it was sickness, and another poverty, while a third met starvation or the Indian onslaught, and a record of them in full would make another Alexandrian library. Does not a pioneer deserve all the benefits that fortune has dealt out to him, and in many cases much that the fickle goddess has withheld? In connection with his home farm he owns residence property in the city of Corvallis. Mr. Horning was married in Jackson county, Missouri, to Miss Mary A. Johnson. She died May 22, 1868, leaving a family of eleven children, all of whom are living. A view of the place where Mr. Horning resides is placed among the illustrations of this work.

**GEORGE W. HOUCK**—Was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1830. In 1832 his parents moved to Tiffin, Seneca county, Ohio, where our subject attended school until fourteen years of age; he then started to learn the shoemaker's trade, which calling he followed for five years. October 30, 1851, he left his home in Tiffin to seek his fortune in the gold-fields of California. Coming *via* the Isthmus of Panama he arrived in San Francisco January 1, 1852. He immediately proceeded to the northern mines and for the next four years followed mining. In August 1856 he came to Oregon and, in May, 1857, settled in Corvallis, engaging in the stock business until 1869, when he opened a livery stable in the above place, which he conducted for over three years. He then purchased the George Belknap donation claim, two miles south of Monroe, to which he has since added until now he has a stock farm of nearly four thousand acres, a view of which appears in this work. He also owns a valuable farm nine miles south of Corvallis. Mr. Houck is one of the most enterprising and largest stock-raisers in Benton county, in which he is ably assisted by his three sons, Jesse, George and Ambrose. Mr. Houck was married in Benton county, to Miss Deliah Young, a native of Missouri.

**L. H. HOUCK**.—This young and enterprising merchant of Monroe was born in Seneca county, Ohio, where his boyhood was passed until twenty-one years of age. He then came west to Des Moines, Iowa, where he engaged in business and resided until 1881. He then came to Oregon and purchased an interest in his uncle G. W. Houck's, store in Monroe, with whom he was connected until April, 1884, when their store and stock of goods were entirely lost by fire. L. H. then rebuilt his store on the same ground, and a few months later was joined by his brother Albert, since which time they have transacted a large general merchandise business under the firm name of L. H. Houck & Co.

**WALTER S. HUFFORD**.—At present the only representative of the legal profession on Yaquina Bay, was born in Charleston, Lee county, Iowa, September 7, 1853. In the fall of 1860, he, with his parents, came to California where our subject was educated and resided until 1872, when he came to Oregon, locating in Corvallis, and there began the study of the law in the office of Judge Chenoweth, being admitted to the bar in December 1875. He then practiced his profession for a short time in Corvallis, when he removed to Yaquina Bay and opened an office at Newport, where he now resides enjoying a lucrative practice and the confidence and esteem of the community in which he resides. Mr. Hufford married Miss Graham, a daughter of John Graham, an early pioneer of Toledo by whom he has three children, viz: Edwin, Walter and Jessie.

**DAVID W. INMON**—Was born in East Tennessee, March 26, 1830. When two years of age his parents moved to Kentucky, and in 1840, to Indiana. Five years later, moving to Missouri they remained until April, 1852, when he with his parents crossed the plains to Lane county, Oregon. In the spring of 1853, our subject went to the southern mines and while there took part in both of the Rogue River wars. In 1869, Mr. Inmon came to Benton county and purchased the now well-known Inmon saw mill, located ten miles west of Monroe. Mr. Inmon married a Miss Richardson, of Lane county; they have two living children, Benjamin T. and Harley A.

**JOSEPH R. K. IRVIN**—Was born in Holmes county, Ohio, August 29, 1835. When but one year of age his parents moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where our subject passed his boyhood, until 1851. He then with his parents crossed the plains to Linn county, Oregon, locating near the present site of Oakville. February 14, 1863, Mr. Irvin enlisted in Co. A. 1st Oregon Cavalry, and served in the adjutant's office in Vancouver, Washington Territory. He remained in the service until March, 1865, when he came to Corvallis and opened an auction house. In 1876 he removed to Portland and

started the well-known auction house of Gilman & Irvin. In 1880 he returned to Benton county and leased the Ocean House in Newport which he conducted for several years. He then purchased sixty-five acres in South Newport where he now resides.

**SAMUEL G. IRVIN.**—This enterprising young man is a native of Oregon, born in Linn county. When about eight years of age his parents moved to Corvallis where he was educated at the common schools and the State Agricultural College, and in 1872, went East and entered the Monmouth College at Monmouth, Illinois, graduating from that institution in 1873. He then went to Freeport, Illinois, and remained until 1881, when he returned to Oregon and accepted the Principalship of the East Portland school. In 1882, he came to Yaquina Bay for the benefit of his health and being so favorably impressed with the climate and general appearance of the county concluded to locate there, when he engaged in the hotel business for a time and, in the fall of 1883, opened his present real estate office under the firm name of Irvin & Buckley. In 1882 Mr. Irvin filled the position of Clerk of the House of Representatives at Salem. He was married in 1884, to Miss May Ball.

**RICHARD IRWIN.**—Was born in County Cavan, on that Isle that gave birth and fame to a Burke, a Curran and O'Connell, June 11, 1813, and there resided until the age of 19 years. He then, with his mother (his father being dead), one brother and two sisters, emigrated to America. Our subject first found employment in a mercantile store in Lockport, New York; four years later he was sent by his employers to Ohio to take charge of a branch store. Mr. Irwin then followed merchandising in Ohio, Illinois and Iowa, until 1850. In the spring of that year he started from Fairfield, Iowa, with his bride of one day and an outfit costing five thousand dollars, and an abundant supply of provisions, but being of a generous disposition, qualities which he still retains, he was too free to give to the needy whom he met on the plains, and consequently before arriving at The Dalles, our little party found their supply of provisions exhausted, and then began sufferings and privations which only those who have been placed in like situation can understand. He then came to Portland and engaged in business until 1851, when he came to Corvallis and opened a store. In September of the above year he located 640 acres as a donation claim, where he now resides, to which he has since added until he now has 922 acres of Benton county's most fertile real estate. It is indeed a fortunate locality that reckons among its citizens such men as the subject of this sketch, McCauly, Porter, the McBees, John Harris, John Foster, Maj. Bruce, John Rickard, and many others of equal high standing, for the country where they live can never stagnate. Mr. Irwin was united in marriage in St. Louis, Missouri, to Miss Louisa Kompf, a native of Germany. By this union they have, Francis J., now Mrs. Joseph McBee, James C. and Richard S.

**JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.**—Was born in Jackson county, Missouri, August 9, 1843. In 1850 he came with his parents across the plains to Oregon. At Ash Hollow, on the North Platt, his mother died, and two days later one of his sisters passed away. October 26, 1850, his father took as a donation claim the farm where our subject now resides. Married Miss Mary Graham, daughter of Dr. Graham of Corvallis. They have three sons.

**HON. WILLIAM P. KEADY.**—Was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1850. When but an infant his parents moved to Iroquois county, Illinois, when his father started the *Iroquois Times*, and when quite young our subject entered his father's printing office, where he received the major portion of his early education. In June, 1866, being then but sixteen, he enlisted in the army and served until April, 1867, when he was discharged at Atlanta. He then returned to his home and followed his trade of printing, until the connection of the Union Pacific with the Central Pacific, when he crossed the plains on the first through train to California. In May, 1872, he came to Oregon and accepted a position in the State Printing office at Salem, afterwards becoming the business manager and city editor of the *Salem Statesman*. In 1879 Mr. Keady came to Corvallis, and in partnership with W. B. Carter published the *Corvallis Gazette*, Mr. Carter at the time being State Printer, which office he filled until his death, which occurred in the spring of 1880, when Mr. Keady was appointed State Printer, serving until the following fall. He then engaged in the real estate and collection business in Corvallis. In June, 1882, Mr. Keady was elected to represent Benton county in the State Legislature, and again in 1884, was re-elected to the same office, and at the last session held the honorable position of Speaker of the House. Mr. Keady was married in Salem, June 4, 1874, to Mrs. Julia G. Crump; by this union they have three children, viz: William F., Fannie G. and Lynn Y.

**JOHN KEESSE,** deceased—Was born in White county, Tennessee, April 17, 1828. When young his parents emigrated to Indiana, thence to Illinois, and later moved to Missouri, where he resided until 1852. In the spring of that year he started across the plains to Oregon, locating in Polk county that fall. In 1864 he came to Benton county, and purchased a farm of 160 acres, four miles from Corvallis, where he lived and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the whole county until his death, which occurred March 9, 1883, leaving a family of wife, one daughter and one son, Andrew T., now an enterprising young business man of Corvallis. Mr. Keesse, at the time of his death, was a Master Mason of Corvallis lodge of A. F. and A. M.

**HON. WILLIAM J. KELLY.**—Was born in Monroe county, Indiana, September 4, 1818, and there resided until the spring of 1840, when his family moved to Missouri and lived in that State until the spring of 1853. He then, with his sister Eliza, joined a train bound for Oregon, arriving at Foster's ranch, September 25, 1853. A few months later they came to Benton county, and took up their residence in Monroe, where he has since resided, in the full enjoyment of the confidence and esteem of the whole community in which he lives. Mr. Kelly twice represented Benton county in the State Legislature, first in 1870 and again in 1874, and has held the office of Justice of the Peace for Monroe for three terms. He is now, with his sister, engaged in the hotel business in Monroe, where he owns considerable real estate.

**COL. JOHN KELSAY.**—In all animate life there are grades of intelligence so plainly marked that the difference is evident at a glance. Between this, gradation is so distinguishable and universal that attention has only to be called to the fact to secure its unquestioned recognition. Among the Australian bushmen, or in the court circle of kings, the genius of a few men lead while the many follow. These are but truisms, facts old as the human family; still, it is not out of place to call

attention to them, and the additional truth that it is not infrequent for many, who follow some distance in the rear, to forget, when the smoke of battle has passed, that they were not in the van. Nature designs some men for active service, and for such to fall short of becoming an important element in the progressive operations of whatever sphere circumstances place them, would be something they could not do. It would be impossible for comprehensive minds to dwell upon that which failed to possess the charm of intricacy or magnitude, something beyond the ordinary; and those possessing such faculties move off in the advance, plan and execute, where others hesitate and fail to act. Every community has within it characters of this kind, more or less marked, who are termed the leading men or minds. West of the Cascades there are a few of this class, who stand so far in the van of progress that their names have but to be mentioned to elicit universal approval of the assertion from all except their personal enemies or the envious, whose opinions are of little value. We now refer to Judge Kelsay, as there are but few names in Oregon that stand out with more prominence than the one at the head of this sketch. He was born in Wayne county, Kentucky, October 23, 1819, of Scotch-Irish parentage, and is the son of Alexander and Jane (Kelley) Kelsay. At the age of ten years in 1829, his parents moved to Cooper, subsequently Morgan county, Missouri. He lived in that country when scholastic education was one of the most difficult things for a youth to obtain; but his mother being a woman of rare attainments, added to a fund of comprehensive and practical sense, he gained his first knowledge of books from her. To that mother's early teachings, moulding of life's aims and character, the Judge owes much of the favorable results crowning the efforts of his after life. At the age of 21 years he began the study of law, and in July, 1845, was admitted and licensed in Missouri, where he practiced until 1853. At the age of 18 he was commissioned a Captain of Militia and two years later promoted to Major. In 1844 he was elected to the State Legislature of Missouri. December 23, 1846, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha C. Monroe, daughter of Gen. Monroe, a leading citizen of the above State, and in 1853 crossed the plains to Oregon, arriving in Benton county in September, and immediately began the practice of his profession in Corvallis. On the breaking out of the Rogue river war Col. Kelsay organized a company with which he went south, where he took an active part against the Indians, accounts of which will be found in the history of the Indian wars in this work. In 1857 he served as chairman of the Military Committee in forming the State Constitution, and in 1868 was elected Judge of the Supreme Court of the State. We have only mentioned in this brief way, the more important transactions of this man in the country, that readers might know that we have not improperly denominated him as one of those whom nature created to lead among his fellows. Judge Kelsay stands today in the front rank of Oregon's best men. He is broad and liberal in his views, strong in his convictions, and thoroughly in earnest in whatever he undertakes. His is a mind well and richly stored with the golden cream of literature, and his library at his home in Corvallis is a marvelous collection of the choicest works of the world, besides the large law library he possesses. November 20, 1854, at her home in Corvallis, Mrs. Kelsay passed away with that dread disease, consumption. January 5, 1864, Col. Kelsay married a second time to Miss Countner, by which union they have two children, Annie and Lyman P.

**COL. JEBIAL B. KENDALL.**—One among the very first to settle in Benton county is the gentleman whose name heads this short sketch. Col. Kendall was born in Rochester, Vermont, January 10, 1816, his father, Nathan N. Kendall, being a tanner and currier of that place. When our subject was twenty-one years of age he came west to Bloomington, Illinois, where he was employed for five years in driving a stage. He now moved to Linn county, Iowa, when he joined a company to fight the Indians and with which he came out to the Missouri river, where he located and resided until the great overflow of 1844, which swept away his entire possessions. In the spring of 1845 he joined a train captained by John Stewart, and came across the plains to Oregon. On reaching Yamhill county, Mr. Kendall walked to the present site of Corvallis, and the fall of that year, 1845, located the claim where he now lives. On the breaking out of the first Cayuse war he enlisted in Captain Martin's company with which he served for six months. On June 5, 1854, he was appointed by Governor Curry, Colonel of the 7th Regiment, in obedience to an election held on that day. The Colonel was married in 1853 to Mrs. Mary A. Matt, the widow of Charles Matt, by which union they have no issue.

**DAVID L. KEYES.**—A view of whose place will be found in this work is one of Benton county's most successful and wealthy farmers. Mr. Keyes is a native of (formerly Carter) Johnson county, Tennessee, born December 19, 1822. Residing in his birth-place and engaged in farming until the fall of 1868, when he, with his family, came *via* New York and Panama, to Oregon, and direct to Benton county. In 1870 he purchased his present valuable farm consisting of 378 acres, three miles south-west of Corvallis. Mr. Keyes was married to Miss Susan J. Ward in his native State in 1849; she died at her home near Corvallis February 20, 1881, leaving a family of five children, viz. John W., Orena C., Jane R., James and Margaret C.

**GEORGE KING.**—Is a native of Yorkshire, England, born March, 1844. In 1867 he emigrated to America, first settling in Michigan and afterwards in Minnesota, where he found employment in the mills. In 1871 he came to Oregon, and in the fall of that year came to Yaquina Bay, and was employed on the building of the Yaquina Head light-house, and afterwards at the Cape Foulweather light-house. For the last four years Mr. King has been in the government employ as engineer on the Yaquina Bay improvements. Mr. King has a delightful home on the south side of the bay, where he owns 100 acres of land.

**JOHN KING.**—The subject of this sketch was born in Yorkshire, England, August 21, 1839. He there resided and learned the trade of engineer until 1859, when he emigrated to America, first settling in Michigan. In the spring of 1876 he came to Oregon and direct to Yaquina Bay, where he purchased property and has since resided. Mr. King, together with Mr. Charles Smith, are the proprietors of the town site of Oyster City, besides some 400 acres he owns at different points on the bay. Mr. King at present is engineer at Parker's saw-mill and is as yet unmarried.

**SOLOMON KING.**—The present efficient Sheriff of Benton county, is the son of Naham and Serepta (Norton) King, and was born in Madison county, Ohio, February 26, 1833. When a boy of eight years his parents moved to Franklin



county, same State, and, in 1841, moved to Carroll county, Missouri. In the spring of 1845 his father concluded to move west, being induced to do so by the waters of the Missouri river overflowing their banks the previous fall and submerging his entire farm. He selected Oregon as his destination and started with his family of wife, five sons and five daughters to cross the plains. At St. Joseph they joined a train of 64 wagons under the command of Captain TeVault, but on arriving on the South Platt the train divided, Mr. King's party joining that division under the command of James McNeary. After an arduous and long trip, the incidents of which would fill a chapter of this work, they arrived at The Dalles in November, 1845. Our subject's family suffered the loss of one brother (John) and his wife and three children, and one sister. At The Dalles they constructed a raft on which they placed 13 wagons and 35 or 40 people and descended the Columbia river to the Cascades, where they took boats and proceeded to the town of Linton, finally settling near the present site of Forest Grove, where they spent the first winter. In April, 1846, Mr. King, Sr., selected the valley that now bears his name as his future home, and with the families of Roland Chambers and Lucius Norton settled in King's Valley, 20 miles north-west of Corvallis. Mr. King, however, resided there but a short time, when he spent several years in Portland, and again returned to Benton county, this time locating on the farm now owned by James Robinson, and there, in 1856, our subject's father passed away. Mr. King then remained on the old homestead until 1872 when he moved to Corvallis and engaged in the livery business, which he followed until 1883 when his large livery stable was burned. In 1876 he was elected Sheriff of Benton county, a position he has been re-elected to every two years since, and is the present incumbent, and it is safe to say that no man stands higher in his official capacity in Oregon to-day than Sol. King. He owns a valuable farm of about 1200 acres, one mile west of the city of Corvallis, on which he has a beautiful home residence, a view of which appears in this work. Mr. King was united in marriage in Benton county, to Miss Annie Maria Allen; by this union they have five children—Annie, Lucy, Ely, William and Abe.

**JOHN A. KNIGHT**—The subject of this sketch, the leading furniture manufacturer of Benton county, is a native of Germany, born July 16, 1824, where he learned the cabinet-maker's trade. In 1847 he emigrated to the United States, and in 1851 came to California, residing in San Francisco until 1857, when he came to Corvallis, Benton county, and opened his present extensive furniture factory. Mr. Knight is married and has one daughter—Alma.

**WILLIAM KNOTTS**, deceased—Is another of those early honored pioneers who has passed over to the silent majority. Mr. Knotts crossed the plains from Iowa in the summer of 1845, and in 1849 came to Benton county and located his donation claim of 640 acres, three and a half miles north of Corvallis, where his son now resides. Here, on the porch of Mr. Knight's house, was had the first term of court ever held in Benton county, with our subject serving in the capacity of County Clerk. He there resided until his death, which event occurred October 1, 1855, leaving a family of wife (now Mrs Keesee, of Corvallis), and five children.

**HON. H. C. T. LEWIS**—This early pioneer of Oregon and Benton county was born in the city of New York, January 30, 1805, of poor but honest parents. At an early age he was thrown on his own resources. At the age of 14 he went to sea, which calling he followed for five years. He then learned the trade of ship's carpenter, at which he worked in most of the principal points on the Atlantic Coast. In 1838 he moved west to Missouri where he engaged in farming until the spring of 1845, when he came with ox teams to Oregon, and driving a band of stock. On arriving at The Dalles he left his wagons and proceeded on to Benton county with his stock, and early in the fall of 1845 took up his claim, two and a half miles north of the present city of Corvallis, where he has since resided and owns a large estate. Mr. Lewis is now past 80 years of age, forty of which have been spent on his present home in Benton county. If all the events and experiences of this pioneer could be chronicled they would make interesting reading for the occupants of the happy homes that now dot the country which he found a wilderness and inhabited by little else than the savages and wild beasts. Suffice it to say that now that his labors are nearly ended, let the thronging thousands who shall enjoy this beautiful land remember that his strong arms helped to subdue this far western wilderness and prepared it for civilized man. Mr. Lewis was a member of the Constitutional Convention, and has always been a strong adherent to the democratic faith. He was married in Missouri to Miss Moore, by whom he has a family of four daughters and three sons.

**JOHN H. LEWIS**—A view of whose home in Corvallis is placed among the illustrations of this work, was born in Jackson county, Tennessee, July 23, 1837. When but an infant his parents moved to the Platt Purchase, Missouri, from whence in 1852, he, with his father and brother and four sisters, crossed the plains to Oregon in a train of thirty-two wagons, of which our subject's father, Wm. P. Lewis, was captain. The first winter was spent in Dallas, Polk county, where, in 1854, his father embarked in the milling and mercantile business. In 1855 our subject enlisted in Company B, Capt. Burch, of the Oregon Volunteers, and went to the Yakama Indian war, in which he served for six months, returning home in May, 1856. In 1859 Mr. Lewis began to do for himself by purchasing a band of horses which he took to California, where he disposed of them to good advantage and again returned to Dallas, where he embarked in the livery business, which he followed until 1866, when he came to Benton county and engaged in the stock business for ten or twelve years. In 1876 he purchased his present home, and at that time engaged in the dray and transfer business in which he still continues. Mr. Lewis has held the office of Deputy Sheriff of Benton county for eight years, and for the same period has been a member of the City Council of Corvallis, both offices which he still fills to the entire satisfaction of the citizens of the county and city in which he resides. Mr. Lewis was united in marriage April 27, 1864, to Miss Martha A. Meanes, by which union they have five children.

**ELIJAH LIGGETT**.—This gentleman, one of the earliest and most respected pioneers of Benton county, is a native of the State of Arkansas, where he was born in the year 1827. When an infant he was taken to Missouri by his parents, and there our subject resided until 1845, in the month of May of which year, accompanied by his father, Alexander Liggett, his mother, five sisters and one brother, he started with ox-teams to cross the plains to Oregon. At The Dalles, where he arrived October 12, 1845, he suffered the loss of his mother. Hence, after a short delay, the party made the journey



down the Columbia to the Cascades on rafts, and thence by boats to the mouth of the Willamette. They now proceeded up the beautiful valley, located in what is now Benton county, and Mr. Liggett, Senior, took up the tract now known as the Per-man Henderson claim, but soon after removed to a situation on Mary's river. In 1846 our subject settled on the farm now owned by S. K. Brown, and in 1849 purchased his present place comprising three hundred and seventeen acres, located about a mile south-east from Philomath, where he is engaged in general farming. Married in Benton county, Miss Mary E., daughter of the late James L. Mulkey, whose biography appears elsewhere, by which union they have three surviving children, viz: Louisa J. (now Mrs. James Fisk), Frances J. (now Mrs. Peterson), and Emma.

**SAMUEL A. LOGAN**—Was born in Putnam county, Indiana, December 16, 1840. When about six years of age his parents moved to St. Joseph, Missouri, and one year later, removed to Marion county, Iowa, where they resided until 1862, when he, with his wife and parents, crossed the plains to Oregon. In 1866 he moved to Yaquina Bay, and in February of that year, located the place of 168 acres where he now lives, on the south side of the Yaquina river between Toledo and Elk City. Mr. Logan also owns 280 acres at Oysterville and is engaged in farming. Married in Iowa, and has three children—Clara A., Yaquina O. and Allen M.

**JOHN K. McCORMIC**—Was born in Dixon county, Tennessee, February 19, 1827. In 1831 his parents moved to Morgan county, Illinois, where he resided until 1851, when he crossed the plains to Oregon and followed mining in Jackson county until 1852. He then came to Benton county, and located a donation claim eight miles west of Corvallis. In 1857 he moved to the Alsea valley and purchased the farm on which he now resides of 325 acres.

**WILLIAM MACKAY**.—The subject of this sketch was born near Ottawa, Canada, August 18, 1842, where he lived until 1865, when he, with his wife and one child, came *via* Panama to Portland, Oregon. January, 1866, he moved to Yaquina Bay, locating on his present farm of 147 acres, opposite Toledo, where he is engaged in logging and farming. Mr. Mackay was appointed the first Postmaster of Toledo on the bay. He was united in marriage in Canada, April, 1863, to Miss Tressa McGrath, by which union they have eight children.

**JAMES MARTIN**—Was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1822. In 1847 he emigrated to America, and until 1852, resided in the Eastern States. In the above year he crossed the plains to Oregon and came direct to Benton county, and located his donation claim where he now resides, five miles north-east of Monroe, to which he has since added by purchase until now he has an estate of 900 acres. Mr. Martin is married and has two children—Ida and John L.

**PROF. EDGAR A. MILNER**.—There is scarcely a resident of Benton county, who does not know E. A. Milner. Ever since grown to man's estate he has taken an active part in the affairs of the community where he lives. His is one of those aggressive, go-ahead dispositions that believe in themselves. Hope or ambition as a purely sentimental attribute does not enter into his composition, but are replaced by the sterner qualities of self-reliance and courage—both moral and physical. He is an example of the time honored adage that "God helps those who help themselves," and his whole life has bristled with instances of this belief. He is a man of strong convictions and honest prejudices, scorning the hypocrisy of policy, and dealing by his friends as his friends. In fact, he possesses one virtue above all others, in dealing with the world, everybody, whether friend or foe, knows where he may be found when wanted. His nature is positive in its character, and when he has once settled in his mind that he is right, nothing can swerve him from his course. Such a character must succeed. Prof. Milner was born in Benton county October 1, 1852. When nine years of age he was placed in the Sisters' College at Vancouver, where he remained until 1865, when he was transferred to the Santa Clara College, California, where he spent the following two years. He then returned to Benton county, and one year later he entered that well-known educational institution the Notre Dame University of South Bend, Indiana, from which he graduated in 1871. He then returned to his first Alma Mater at Vancouver, and was then employed for one year, as one of the faculty of the college. Then he returned to Corvallis and was appointed principal of the Public Schools of that place, a position he has held for the past thirteen years, which in itself is sufficient proof of the high esteem in which Mr. Milner is held in that city. He has held the office of County Superintendent of Schools for Benton county in 1874, 1882, and 1884.

**J. P. H. MORRIS**—Is the son of Charles A. F. Morris, the Chief Engineer of the Southern extension of the Oregon and California Railroad, and was born in Illinois, February 22, 1854. In 1857 his parents moved to Minnesota where he lived until 1882, when he came to Oregon and accepted the position of general time-keeper in the southern division of the O. & C. R. R., a position he held until the following year. Then after a short time spent in Seattle he came to Yaquina Bay and purchased Hunsacker's store at Oneatta. In the fall of 1884, he moved to Newport where he opened his present drug and millinery store. Married, and has one son, Edwin L.

**ALBERT G. MULKEY**.—In the gentleman whose name heads this sketch we have a descendant of one of the very early pioneer families to Oregon. Albert G. is the son of James L. Mulkey, and was born in Buchanan county, Missouri, October 18, 1838. In the spring of 1844 his father (his mother being dead) and eight children started across the plains to Oregon. After a long and weary journey they arrived at Walla Walla in the fall of that year. There they spent the first winter, and in the spring of 1845, came to North Yamhill, and in 1846, came to Benton county, and in the fall of that year located on the place where our subject now resides, a view of which appears in this work. Here for nearly forty years has Mr. Mulkey lived, and there are few names in Benton county more respected than that of A. G. Mulkey.

**HON. JAMES L. MULKEY, Senior, deceased.**—The subject of this sketch was born February 19, 1797, in the State of Tennessee, near Nashville, was the eldest child of John and Polly Mulkey, and had in his veins the sturdy admixture of Scotch-Irish blood. During the eighteen years that he resided upon his father's farm with his parents he acquired the rudiments of a common school education, accomplishing this only by the greatest industry and self-denial—snatching a few moments now and

again from the labors of the field, and at night, when the day's work was done, by pouring over the most primitive books, unaided by teacher or light, save such as was afforded by the historic pine-knot fire. At about the age of eighteen Mr. Mulkey, left home to attend a private school, where he performed manual labor to defray the expenses of his board and tuition. Here, although the terms were of short duration he mastered Murray's Grammar and Syke's Arithmetic, the analysis and solution of every example of which he wrote out in full, as is shown by papers still preserved as an heirloom by his descendants. At the close of his pupilage our subject was employed to teach in Nashville, Tennessee, where he successfully and successively taught for a period of about eight years, when proceeding to Randolph county, Alabama, he followed for a time the same vocation, and there espoused Miss Mary Dinsmore. Thence, Mr. Mulkey transferred his residence to Missouri, still engaging in the instruction of the young, in Chariton, Jackson and Cole counties, in the last of which he was elected to the position of County Judge, and filled the office with credit for several consecutive terms, Court being held in Jefferson City. From Cole county he went to the "Platte Purchase," settling in Buchanan county, near Bloomington, in or about, A. D. 1836. Here he engaged in clearing and improving a farm until the spring of 1844. In February, 1842, Mr. Mulkey lost his wife, by death, a misfortune that so unnerved him that he longed to get away from the place and its sorrowful associations. Under this state of mind the glowing pictures of western explorers and the enthusiasm of Fremont, Linn and Benton—with the last of whom he maintained a personal friendship—were more than sufficient to settle him into a determined resolution to emigrate to far off Oregon. In the spring of 1844, with a family of nine motherless children, he bade adieu to home and kindred and launched forth upon the long and hazardous journey before him. Spring, summer and autumn passed; winter closed in and he had not yet reached the promised land where "rolled the Oregon," but was compelled, with nine other families, to go into winter quarters ten miles above the old Whitman Station on the Umatilla. In the succeeding spring the journey was continued and the North Yamhill reached. In the fall and winter of 1845, in company with Johnson Mulkey, the country now forming Benton county was penetrated. Here, in or about December, 1845, our subject located his claim, cut and hauled logs for his cabin, and erected a "camp" or "shanty." This location is about two miles northwest from the present city of Corvallis. Returning, he wintered on the Yamhill and in March, 1846, moved his family to his claim in Benton county. On this farm he resided during the remainder of his life, engaging in general farming and stock-raising, he having brought across the plains a few head of excellent cattle and a small band of the finest horses he was able to procure in Virginia and Kentucky. Mr. Mulkey filled several important positions of public trust in Benton county, having served her in the first Legislature under the Territorial organization. He also took the census of Benton county in 1850, as the deputy of J. C. Avery, and performed the entire work on foot. He was a man of conservative thought; of stern and inflexible integrity. His hospitality was generous and free, often beyond his means. In his intercourse with men he was more retiring than obtrusive; seeking and attracting as well as being attracted by the better class, among his friends he counted such men of distinction as Rev. A. F. Waller, Judge O. C. Pratt, General Lane, and Hon. M. P. Deady, who frequently were visitors at the old pioneers home. In religion Mr. Mulkey was liberal. Never having attached himself to any sect, yet he was a firm believer in the religion of Christ. In politics he was a life-long democrat of the Free soil, Jacksonian stamp—A hater of slavery he equally detested Abolitionism—a lover of justice, he believed in the Reign of Law. He died April 25, 1855.

**A. NEWTON**—This old and respected pioneer of Benton county was born in Hampton county, Massachusetts, August 8, 1806, and lived in the Eastern States until 1837, when he came west to the then Territory of Iowa, where he remained until 1848, when he continued his westward journey across the plains to Oregon, and came direct to Benton county and took up his donation claim where he now resides, where he has a large and valuable farm nicely located, and is surrounded in his declining days with all that goes to make up the complement of earthly comfort and enjoyment. Mr. Newton was married in Harding county, Kentucky, to Miss Rachael Garlinghouse, and by this union they had eight children, six of whom are living.

**G. G. NEWTON**—Born in Licking county, Ohio, November 7, 1839, and came to Oregon with his parents in 1848. In 1850 they located where our subject now lives, where he and his father owns 375 acres, four miles west of Corvallis. In 1884 he was elected County Commissioner. Married in Benton county October 26, 1862, Miss Susan Wood, daughter of Rev. Jesse Wood, who emigrated to Oregon from Iowa in 1852, and is now a respected resident of Philomath precinct.

**HON. HENRY B. NICHOLS**—Was born in Lyme, New London county, Connecticut, January 13, 1821, receiving his education at the Wesleyan University, at Middletown in that State. In 1845 he proceeded to the Sandwich Islands, but six months thereafter returned to his native place, where he engaged in school teaching and followed that occupation for upwards of twenty years. In June, 1847, Mr. Nichols started westward, and for five years had charge of a seminary in Muscatine county, Iowa. In 1852 he crossed the plains to Oregon, made his first location in Benton county, began teaching in the Belknap Settlement, was so occupied nine years, and took up the three hundred and twenty acre donation claim on which he now resides, but has increased his possessions from time to time until he now owns one thousand two hundred acres, situated four miles to the west of Monroe. Mr. Nichols was a member of the Constitutional Convention and a member of the last Territorial and three first sessions of the State Legislature; besides which he has been clerk to School District No. 26, for over thirty years. Mr. Nichols married in Iowa, but lost his wife in 1883. His family consists of three surviving children, viz: Alfred C., Richard J., and Carrie E.

**J. M. NOLAN**—Although a very recent arrival in Benton county, however, it is but few of our many readers but what is acquainted or have transacted business with the subject of this sketch, as it is not in Mr. Nolan's composition to run a business and not let his "light shine," as he does through the medium of printer's ink, aided by his own business qualifications. Mr. Nolan is a native of the "Green Isle beyond the sea," and was born in 1847, and emigrated to the United States in 1873, arrived in Oregon in 1877, and came to Corvallis, Benton county, in 1884, and opened his present large mercantile establishment, thereby adding one more to the list of enterprising men of Corvallis. Mr. Nolan was married at Vancouver, W. T., in 1881, to Miss Mary J. Callahan; by this union they have two children, Thomas J. and Mary K.

**JOHN OLSSON**—Is a native of Sweden, born in Guttenberg, March 20, 1838. At the age of fourteen years he went to sea and for the following fifteen years followed a sea faring life. Finally arriving in San Francisco, he came with Captain Winant to Yaquina Bay, to work at the oyster business, in 1864. January, 1866, he located 112 acres on the north side of the bay, where he now lives. In 1882 he had his estate divided, placing part as an addition to the city of Newport and the balance he gave the name and started the town of Fredericksburg, which is certainly one of the most desirable locations on the bay. Mr. Olsson is married and has one son—Lawrence O.

**JOHN M. OSBURN**—This influential and wealthy resident of Benton county, and present Mayor of Corvallis, is a man whom nature fitted in her happy mood with a combination of qualities that could hardly fail to guide its possessor to success—qualities which especially fit him to deal with men. With manners suave, a disposition to accommodate, and generous promptings toward his fellows, he greets the stranger, the customer, or the friend, in that peculiar way which carries with it an impression of a kind wish implied, which seldom fails to leave a desire with the recipient to do him a favor if he can. It is a happy faculty, and it gives the possessor what he deserves, a friendship and respect among men that is bounded only by the extent of his acquaintance. Such are the qualities of the gentleman of whom we write. Mr. Osburn is a native of Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and first saw the light of day September 1, 1828. He resided in his native state until 1852, when he started *via* Panama for the "Golden State," where he followed mining until March, 1854, when he returned to his Eastern home and embarked in the stock business. During the desperate battle of Gettysburg Mr. Osburn had a large drove of cattle a few miles to the rear of the Union forces, and which represented almost his entire wealth; he being unable to get his stock out, was compelled to await the conclusion of that desperate conflict, as the safety of his entire band depended on the victory of the Union arms, for had General Lee won the day, all his stock would have been captured. In March, 1864, Mr. Osburn, with his family, started *via* Panama for Oregon, arriving in Corvallis the following April, where he leased what is known as the Johnson Mulkey donation claim and engaged in the stock business. One year later Mr. Osburn purchased the farm consisting of 1004 acres, located three miles west of Corvallis, where he is extensively engaged in the stock business, in which he is ably seconded by his sons James L. and David A. Mr. Osburn has a pleasant home in Corvallis, where he resides, a view of which together with the view of his farm, appears in this work. He was united in marriage in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1850, to Miss Phoebe Jones, by which union they have four children, viz: Floras C., James L., David A., and Mary L., now Mrs. Jessie Houck.

**HON. ALLEN PARKER**—Was born in Ross county, Ohio, in the year 1828. He remained in his birth-place and attending school until 15 years of age. His parents moved to Iowa, where he lived on a farm until the spring of 1852, he then crossed the plains to Oregon, first settling in Linn county, where he afterwards became a prominent farmer, warehouse and mill owner. In 1872 Mr. Parker was elected Sheriff of Linn county, and Mayor of Albany in 1876; he was also elected in the latter year by the State Legislature, Lock Commissioner of the Willamette falls. In 1878 he came to Benton county and purchased his present large property at Oneatta, on Yaquina Bay, where he has since resided, mostly engaged in running his large sawmill at that place. In 1880 Mr. Parker was selected to represent Benton county in the State Legislature, and again in 1882 was returned to the House of Representatives. Mr. Parker, therefore, has had his share of political glory. He has left an untarnished name and has made a large number of staunch and admiring friends. In every office Mr. Parker has filled he has always used his best endeavors for the advancement of his county and for the benefit of the State at large. It is no flattery to say he filled them with credit, satisfaction to his constituents and honor to himself.

**ASHBY PEARCE**—Is the son of Philip Pearce, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in the latter part of the last century, and is a direct descendant of some of the first settlers in America. Our subject was born in Harrison county, Indiana, June 30, 1821; when fifteen years of age his parents moved to Knox county, Illinois, where he followed farming. March 29, 1847, he joined what was known as Nathaniel Brown's train, and came across the plains to Oregon, arriving at Oregon City in the fall of that year. In October, 1847, he came to Benton county and located on the land now owned by Caleb Davis, remaining there, however, but a short time, when he went to Linn county. In 1848, he enlisted and went north to fight the Indians in which he was engaged for six months. In 1849 he went to the gold mines of California for a short period, when he returned to Albany, Linn county, and for the next ten years followed clerking in different stores in the latter town. He then retired to his former donation claim seven miles south of Albany. In 1866 he purchased his present valuable farm located at the Albany Ferry in Benton county, consisting of five hundred and thirty acres. And at that time purchased the above ferry which he has since operated. A view of Mr. Pearce's home will be found in this History.

**WILLIAM PEARSON**—A former pioneer of Benton county, but now a wealthy farmer of Marion county, was born in Indiana, January 19, 1820. In the spring of 1852 he, with his family, left Union county, Indiana, with horse teams and came across the plains to Oregon, first locating at Oregon City. In the fall of 1853 he came to Benton county and took up the place now owned by Jasper Newton. He lived in this county, engaged in farming and milling, until 1871, when he moved to Waitsburg, Washington Territory, where he resided for ten years. He then came to Marion Station, Marion county, and purchased a valuable estate of eight hundred and fifty acres, where he is a well known dealer in Norman horses. Mr. Pearson was married in Indiana, to Miss Francis F. Webb, a native of that State and has four living children, viz: M. Cerilda (now Mrs. Henry H. Pearson), Mary A., wife of Rev. E. C. Wyatt, of Philomath; Otto H. B. and William O.

**EDWIN C. PHELPS**—Was born in Hebron, Grafton county, New Hampshire, September 20, 1843. In the spring of 1851 his parents, with their family, came to Cincinnati, where they purchased wagons and had them shipped from Hannibal, Missouri, where they outfitted, and with a team of eight wagons started across the plains to Oregon and settled in Linn county. Our subject, in 1861, was apprenticed to the printer's trade with the Hon. James H. Slater, at that time the proprietor of the *Corvallis Union*, a profession that Mr. Phelps has since followed at different places on the coast until 1874,

when he took up his residence in Newport where he now resides. Married in Linn county to Miss Mary Ross, by which union they have seven children.

**WILLIAM M. PITMAN**—Was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, January 12, 1827, and at the age of thirteen years commenced an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, an occupation he afterwards followed, combined with farming, in his native State. In the spring of 1851 Mr. Pitman started to cross the plains to California, but on arrival at Salt Lake altered his course for Oregon and in May of that year took up his residence in Benton county. Having from that time resided in King's Valley, in 1871, he removed to Corvallis, worked at his trade until 1875, and built his sash and door factory. To this gentleman is the honor of having sawed the first plank of lumber in Benton county—in 1851, in the mill of Hartless & Matzger. During the year 1868-69, Mr. Pitman held the office of Fire Commissioner in Corvallis.

**JAMES S. POLHEMUS**.—To the ability and engineering skill of the subject of this sketch does Yaquina Bay owe much of its present and future prospects. Although a young man he has taken a deep interest in the work on which he has been employed, and we doubt if the Government could have found a more capable man to take charge of the improvement of the Yaquina Bay, a detailed account of which appears in this work. Mr. Polhemus was born in Astoria, Queens county, New York, March 26, 1852. When sixteen years of age he was sent to the Lehigh University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1872 as a Civil Engineer. The following years until 1880, Mr. Polhemus was in the Government employ as engineer on some of the most important works in the Southern, Eastern and Middle states. In the above year he was selected Chief local engineer, to build the jetties at the mouth of Yaquina Bay, a work that he has since been engaged upon and in which he has been eminently successful. Mr. Polhemus was united in marriage in Portland, the fall of 1884, to Mary C. Daly.

**NEWTON POOL**—This early settler of Yaquina Bay, was a native of Sangamon county, Illinois, and born June 5, 1835. In 1856 he came across the plains to California, and in 1865 to Benton county, Oregon, and at that time located on Yaquina Bay, where he engaged in the oyster trade. He now owns one hundred and sixty acres located on Pool Slough; is married, and has one daughter. Since writing the above we have learned of the sad death of Mr. Pool.

**ISAAC W. PORTER**.—The subject of this sketch a view of whose residence appears in this history, is the son of William Porter, a pioneer of Benton county of the year 1848, was born in Sullivan county, Missouri, in 1847, and when one year old was brought across the plains to Oregon. His parents first located near the place now owned by Mr. Foster, but in 1883, our subject purchased the farm on which he resides, and known as Spring Hill, which is situated about three quarters of a mile north from Monroe, and comprises three hundred and fifty acres. Besides being engaged in general farming Mr. Porter is also concerned in a livery business in Monroe.

**McCAULEY PORTER**—This pioneer of Benton county, a view of whose residence appears in this work, was born in Todd county, Kentucky, November 29, 1829, but when six years of age he was taken by his parents to live in Montgomery county, Illinois, and there remained eleven years, being brought up a farmer. In 1846 they removed to Linn county, Missouri, where, in the spring of 1848, in company with his brothers, William G. and John E., and their families, they started to cross the plains with ox teams to Oregon, our subject being chiefly engaged *en route* in driving sheep. At the end of five months he reached Foster's ranch, hired out for a short time and then followed his brothers to Benton county. In the spring of 1849 he proceeded to the California gold mines, where he remained three years, returning to Oregon in the fall of 1852, and the following spring took up his present farm as a donation claim, to which he has since added until he now owns 1500 acres. Mr. Porter is engaged in general farming and stock raising. He married in Benton county, April 7, 1853, Miss Martha Winkle, a native of Alabama, who crossed the plains in 1848, in the same train with her future husband, by which union they have Samuel H., John F., Jessie, Isaac and Mark M. P.

**LEVI N. PRICE**—Was born in Boone county, Indiana, August 4, 1835. When 13 years of age his parents moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where they engaged in farming. In the spring of 1853 his parents, with a family of eleven children, crossed the plains to Oregon. After a short sojourn in Albany, Linn county, they moved to the Umpqua Valley, near the present site of Oakland, Douglas county, where our subject remained for four years. He then moved to Polk county, and in 1873 came to Benton county, locating in Corvallis. In 1875 he moved to the Belknap Settlement, and in 1879 came to Philomath and purchased his present homestead, a view of which appears in this work, where he has since lived. Mr. Price for the past five years has been the financial agent of the Philomath College, a position he now holds. Mr. Price was united in marriage in Douglas county, to Miss Elizabeth J. Applegate, and by this union they have two children; Sarah M. and William I.

**WILLARD L. PRICE**—Is one of the best known residents of King's Valley, and a native of Oregon, born in Clackamas county, April 21, 1850, and is a son of Hon. Larkin Price, a pioneer to Oregon of 1845. He resided with his parents in his native county, and afterwards in Marion until 1871, devoting most of his time to teaching school. In the above year he was united in marriage to Miss Sarepta Norton, a daughter of Lucius Norton, also a pioneer of 1845. He then took up his residence in King's Valley, where he now owns a valuable farm of 480 acres, in connection with which he runs a general merchandise store.

**ALBERT B. PYGALL**—The present efficient Marshal of Corvallis, is a native of New York State, born in Rochester, July 23, 1851. In 1858 his parents moved to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. In 1871 our subject went to Minnesota, where he lived until the spring of 1877, when he came to Oregon and direct to Corvallis, where he engaged and followed the dray business until 1879, when he was elected City Marshal, an office he has since held. The citizens of Corvallis are to be congratulated in securing the services of Mr. Pygall, for his well-known reputation as a public servant, coupled with qualifications that are necessary to the fulfillment of the duties of that office, are a sure guarantee of peace and order being maintained.

**GILBERT W. QUIVEY**—The subject of this sketch was born in Meggs county, Ohio, July 8, 1840. When but an infant his parents moved to Dane county, Wisconsin. In the spring of 1853 he, with his father William Quivey, crossed the plains to Oregon and took up a donation claim ten miles south of Corvallis, where his father died in 1871. Our subject for five years was a school teacher in Benton county. In 1862 he went to Portland and learned the printer's trade and from 1864 to 1871 Mr. Quivey was a resident of Idaho. In the latter year he returned to Corvallis, and for the following six years published the *Benton County Democrat*. He then sold out and established the *River Side*, now the *West Side*, at Independence, which he ran for three years. He then returned to Corvallis and embarked in his present business as dealer in all kinds of agricultural machinery. In 1884 Mr. Quivey was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace for Corvallis, an office he at present fills to the entire satisfaction of the residents of that city.

**A. M. RAINWATER**—This early pioneer, was born in North Carolina, August 29, 1820. When quite young his parents moved to Tennessee, and later to Missouri, from whence, in 1847, with ox teams, he crossed the plains to Oregon and came direct to Benton county, at that time locating his present valuable farm of 200 acres, directly opposite Albany, where he is engaged in farming and fruit-raising.

**THOMAS M. READ**—The well known and prosperous farmer, whose name appears at the head of this sketch, is one of the very first settlers in Benton county. Mr. Read is a native of New Hampshire, and was born in the year of 1812. In October, 1834, he located in Ottawa, Illinois, where he remained but a short time, removing to Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1836, and followed different occupations in that State until the spring of 1845. He then crossed the plains and arrived in Oregon October 15 of the above year. In April, 1846, he first arrived in Benton county, and a short time thereafter located the place where he now resides, some five miles north of Corvallis, where he owns a large and valuable estate. Mr. Read is one of the substantial men of the county, and has made his money since he came here. He believes in improvements and the advancement of the community in which he lives, and is one of those who spend time and money freely in that direction. In Benton county, Oregon, November 10, 1846, Mr. Read was united in marriage to Miss Nancy White, a native of Ohio, and by this union they have a family of four sons and two daughters, viz: Therese, Perry, Clara, Columbia, Sumner and Charles.

**COLUMBIA READ**—Is the son of Thomas M. and Nancy (White) Read, who were among the earliest pioneers to Oregon. "Clum," as he is commonly called, was born on his father's donation claim, about seven miles north of Corvallis, in December, 1853, and remained under the parental roof until reaching his majority. At the age of twenty-one he started out to do for himself—with what success may be seen in the valuable farm he now possesses, consisting of 406 acres, located in one of the garden spots of the beautiful Willamette Valley, two miles south of Wells Station, on which he has built himself a fine residence, a view of which appears in this work. Although yet a young man he has through his energy and business ability secured a comfortable competency, and is a fit subject for other young men to imitate. Mr. Read was united in marriage in Benton county to Miss Matilda Dodele, and by this union they have one son—William.

**SAMUEL READER**—A resident of Monroe and proprietor of the Monroe grist mill, was born in Warwickshire, England, where he remained until 1870, when he emigrated to America. Coming direct to Benton county he purchased his present mill property which he now operates.

**JOHN RICKARD**—A view of whose home accompanies this work, is one of those, who coming to this valley without capital, has gained a reasonable competence through his own industry. Mr. Rickard was born in Ruan county, North Carolina, November 7, 1827. When he was eight years of age his parents moved to Pike county, Indiana, where our subject followed farming until spring of 1853. He then, with his wife and one child, accompanied by his two brothers, Andy and Casper, started across the plains to the Pacific Coast. After an unusual long trip they arrived in Lane county. In the spring of 1854 Mr. Rickard came to Benton county and located the place where he has since lived, and owns 640 acres of valley land, beautifully located for farming and stock-raising, 12 miles south of Corvallis. In conclusion we would say of these two, Mr. and Mrs. Rickard, that the fortune, which, in the autumn of life, surrounds them, has been gathered by worthy hands, and properly rewards the life labors of two pioneers of this county. It is not unfrequent, that those who struggle less and are favored according to their efforts, are envious of those who succeed. In the wandering to seek a favored spot for a life home, these have woven into their history some strange adventures and narrow escapes, but to detail these would require more space than is admissible in this work.

**DAVID RUBLE**—Was born in Virginia, December 11, 1831. When he was four years of age his parents moved to Wabash county, Indiana, and there lived until the spring of 1853. At a very early age Mr. Ruble learned the trade of miller, which he has followed mostly since. In the spring of 1853 he started with his wife, a bride of but one day, to cross the plains to Oregon. After a six months' trip on the plains, with an ox-team, they arrived at Salem. In 1872 he came to the Alsea Valley, Benton county, there engaging in the flour mill business, and later erected a saw-mill, accounts of both of which will be found in this work.

**JAMES H. RUSSELL**—Born in Bath, England, September 7, 1837. In 1841 his parents emigrated to America, first locating in Jackson county, Wisconsin, and embarked in farming. In 1845 they returned to England where they remained some seven years, when they again came to the United States, this time taking up their residence in Minnesota, where our subject engaged in farming until 1871, when he, with his wife, came to Oregon, and the Alsea Valley, where he now lives on his farm of 184 acres, located at the head of the Alsea Valley. To Mr. Russell's father, Thomas Russell, belongs the greater share of credit in securing a post-office for the Alsea valley. He also being the first postmaster.

**S. L. RYCRAFT**—Was born in Butler county, Ohio, in 1828. Two years later his parents moved to Tippacaw county, Indiana, where he remained until 1850. He then started with several others and with horse teams to cross the plains to California, arriving in Placerville in the middle of August. He then followed mining in the Golden State until February,

1851, when he came north to Vreka, and found employment in a butcher's stall under an oak tree, and owned by O. F. Clark, then a resident of Benton county. He afterwards followed freighting until the summer of 1851, when he was joined by his brother George, who had crossed the plains that season. In 1852 he came to Oregon and then went to the "Sound Country," but not liking that place again returned to Oregon, and in 1853 located a donation claim in the Alsea Valley, and with David and John Fudge and Henry Clark, built a saw-mill on the south prong of the Alsea river. In 1860 Mr. Rycraft disposed of his mill property, since which time he has paid all attention to farming and stock-raising, and is now the most prominent farmer in the Alsea valley. In August, 1858, he was married to Miss Sarah J. Hawley. They have a family of ten living children and one deceased, viz: Alma May (now Mrs. John Wren), Emma F., George H., Joseph C., John H., Leona B., Leonidas H., Mark P., Ethal M., (Edna H., deceased), and Mildred.

**ROBERT SCHWAIBOLD**—Was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, January 7, 1842, and in 1869 came to America and lived in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, for a time. He then came to Omaha, Nebraska, where he lived until 1881, when he came to Oregon and to Yaquina Bay, and established his present industry, the Newport brewery, which he now conducts, and manufactures an excellent quality of beer. He is married and has three children—George, Annie M. and Louise.

**PRIER SCOTT**—One of the very early pioneers to Benton county, was born in Switzerland county, Indiana, January 18, 1825. When 16 years of age Mr. Scott started out to do for himself, and in 1841, came west to Polk county, Missouri, where he spent four years at the blacksmith's trade. May 10, 1845, he joined a train bound for Oregon, arriving in Benton county some six months later. In 1848 Mr. Scott spent a short period in the mines of California, when he again returned to Oregon, a short time thereafter purchasing his present farm of six hundred and forty acres, one mile south-west of Corvallis. In 1847 Mr. Scott opened a blacksmith shop in Corvallis, it being the first started in Benton county. He was united in marriage in Benton county, to Miss Mary Jones, and by this union they have eleven children.

**JOHN J. SCRAFFORD**—The subject of this sketch was born in Albany county, New York, August 3, 1817. When twenty-five years of age he, with his wife and two children, emigrated west to Delevan county, Wisconsin, and engaged in farming until 1861, when he moved to Cedar county, Iowa. April 23, 1866, he, with his family, started across the plains to Oregon, arriving in Benton county in the fall of that year, and purchased his present farm consisting of one hundred and eighty acres, 2½ miles south-east of Wells Station, where he is engaged in general farming. Mr. Scrafford was married in Albany county, New York, to Miss Martha Richardson, who died at her home in Benton county, January 10, 1879, leaving a family of four sons and two daughters.

**MILTON SHANNON**—Was born in Henry county, Indiana, April 27, 1823, and there resided until the year 1836 when he accompanied his parents to Knox county, Illinois, where he engaged in agriculture until 1851. In the spring of that year he sailed for Oregon via the Isthmus of Panama, and in April settled in Salem, there residing until the spring of 1867, and being elected the first County Judge of Marion county after the admission of the State into the Union. Mr. Shannon also served as Sheriff of the county during the *regime* of the Territorial Government. In 1867 he came to Benton county, and until the spring of 1877 was engaged at Monroe in mercantile pursuits, since when he has retired from the active affairs of life. He has also held the office of Justice of the Peace for Monroe precinct for two terms.

**CHARLES L. SHAW**—The subject of this sketch is a native of Springfield, Massachusetts, born April 24, 1853. When but an infant his parents moved west to Illinois, where he was raised and received his education until 1876, when he came to Oregon, locating in Albany, Linn county. In 1881 he moved to Yaquina Bay, and in 1883 opened up his present hardware store in Newport, where he now resides. Is married and has one son—Gladys.

**MARSHALL W. SIMPSON**—This early pioneer of Oregon and well-known resident of Benton county, was born in Lawrence county, Kentucky, July 13, 1838. Early in the spring of 1844 his parents moved to Jackson county, Missouri, and one year later, the spring of 1845, with his father and mother, one brother and one sister, and ox-teams he joined a small train and started to cross the dreary and almost unknown plains from their home to the Pacific Ocean. After many severe trials they were finally guided safely into The Dalles by that famous guide Steve. Meeks. They came on direct to what is now Polk county, and there began farming. Our subject resided with his parents until 1859, when he was united in marriage, in Polk county, to Miss Joice A. Bevens. He then engaged in farming for himself until 1866, when he came to Benton county, and located the land on which is the present town of Elk City, where he has since lived, and at the present time owns a large estate and is now the proprietor of the Simpson House, postmaster and store keeper of Elk City. He has a family of two sons and two daughters, viz: Hattie, Owen C., Olive M. and William E.

**CHARLES SMITH**—Was born in Seidelinghausen, Westphalia, Prussia, in 1843, and when a young man followed the trials and tribulations of a commercial traveler, which he followed until 1867, when he concluded to emigrate to America, spending his first year in Galena, Illinois, and then moved to Sioux City, Iowa, from whence, in 1872, he moved to San Francisco, and while in that city was well and favorably known as the proprietor of that popular resort, St. Ann's Rest, located on Eddy street. In 1880 he sold out and came to Oregon, and after a short time spent in Portland he came to Yaquina Bay, locating at Oneatta, where he opened up his present business together with speculating in the valuable real estate bordering the beautiful Yaquina Bay.

**GREEN BERRY SMITH**—Few lives have been more full of adventure than that of the subject of this sketch, who was born in Grayson county, West Virginia, September 10, 1820, and is the son of George and Nancy (Hamilton) Smith. At the age of 16 years his parents removing to St. Joseph county, Indiana, he accompanied them thither, assisting in the cultivation of the farm until 1840, when he emigrated to Platte county, Missouri, and there remained until the spring of 1845. At this period, accompanied by his brother Alexander (who died at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, in 1851), Mr. Smith joined a train, composed of sixty-six wagons, at St. Joseph, Missouri, and under the command of Captain TeVault, commenced the

difficult journey across the plains. After successive changes in the leaders of the party, that well known veteran, Stephen Meek, undertook to conduct them into the Willamette valley by the old Columbia route, but, unfortunately, when at the place since called Silver Lake, located west of the Blue Mountains, the guide found himself at fault, and declared himself to be absolutely lost, upon which the immigrants became so incensed that they affirmed that Meek must hang, a determination which so alarmed him that he made his escape at dead of night, leaving his wife behind under care of the late Nat. Olney. It now forced itself upon their minds that the Columbia route lay to the northward, but such was their distress for lack of water that this knowledge availed them little. Scouring the desert to the east of the present Prineville for five days, they found none, therefore they turned to the northward and after one day and night's travel discovered that with which to slake their parched throats. Their supplies, too, had gone, thus their cattle were slain and their flesh eaten without salt or other comestible. After traveling by day only, the vicinity of the waters of the Deschutes was reached, and here the party were met by Black Harris, a mountaineer, who had learned from Indians that there were immigrants lost in the country. Harris led them to the river, opposite what is now known as Tygh Valley, Wasco county, where water was had in abundance. It now became necessary to cross the Deschutes, but the Indians had given them to understand that it was a difficult feat, either for man or beast. Undeterred, however, the wagons were unshipped from the wheels and tightly caulked; but yet another difficulty presented itself—how was a guy rope to be conveyed to the opposite bank? Happily there was a young man in their midst whose courage was equal to the hazardous task. In him we find that worthy resident of Benton county, Prier Scott, who volunteered to swim the stream, an exploit he accomplished, and thus wagons and supplies were ferried over; the beasts were made to swim, and not a thing was lost. Not long after they arrived at The Dalles, where they obtained a supply of provisions from the Methodist Mission, then under charge of Rev. A. F. Waller, and here; building a raft and shipping their wagons and goods upon it, they went with the current to the Upper Cascades, while the cattle were driven along the southern shore of the Columbia to the same point. Here Indians were hired to assist in swimming the beasts across the river, which being successfully accomplished, the route was again taken to the Lower Cascades, the line of travel being that now traversed by the Northern Pacific Railroad, where they were assisted by men and boats from the Hudson Bay Company's fort at Vancouver, where they were furnished with clothing and provisions by Dr. McLaughlin. Having wintered at the mouth of Washougal some fifteen miles above Fort Vancouver, in the month of March, 1846, Mr. Smith and his brother came to Benton county and he took up his residence in the Luckiamute valley, about twelve miles north of Corvallis, and embarked in farming and stock-raising. His original claim of 640 acres he still owns. In 1862 he became domiciled in Corvallis, but at the end of four years removed to a farm to the south of the city, where after sixteen years, he returned in 1883, to Corvallis, of which he is now a most respected citizen. Mr. Smith is now one of the most prosperous of Benton county's residents. He owns no less than 8000 acres of land located within her confines and that of the neighboring county of Polk; while he is considered to be a man of superior intelligence and marked individuality of character. He has been twice married, in the first instance in 1849, to Miss Eliza Hughard, a native of Missouri, who died two years after. By this union there is one son, Alexander; and secondly in 1851, to Miss Mary Baker, a native of Tennessee, by whom he has one son—John.

**TYRA W. B. SMITH**—Was born in St. Joseph county, Indiana, January 23, 1840. In October, 1852, he, with his father, came *via* New York and Panama to Oregon, and direct to Benton county, his father taking up a donation claim on Soap creek, where they resided until 1857, then moving to Lane county, and two years later to Douglas county. In 1865 our subject returned to Benton county and purchased his present large estate of seven hundred acres, eight miles south of Corvallis, where he is engaged in farming and stock-raising, and is recognized as one of Benton county's most prosperous farmers. In 1870 Mr. Smith was elected County Assessor, an office he filled for one term.

**FRANCIS SPENCER**—Was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, August 9, 1811. In 1832 he moved to Indiana and, 1838, to Putnam county, Missouri, where he followed farming and resided until 1864, when he crossed the plains with his family and spent the first winter in Walla Walla. In the summer of 1865 came to Benton county and purchased his present homestead of eighty acres, seven miles west of Philomath, on the Alsea road. Mr. Spencer is married and has a family of seven children, viz: James, Harriett, Jesse, William, Sarah, Francis M. and Eli.

**JESSE SPENCER**.—The well-known proprietor of "Spencer's Tonsorial Parlors and Bath Rooms," is a native of Missouri, born in Putnam county, November 13, 1846. Residing in his birth-place until 1864, he then, with his parents, crossed the plains to Oregon, and first settled seven miles south-west from Philomath. In 1875, he came to Corvallis and engaged in his present business. Mr. Spencer was married in 1878 to Miss Ida L. McLagan, a daughter of Wm. McLagan, a respected citizen of Corvallis and its present City Treasurer, by which union they have two children—Hattie and Victor Cleveland.

**JEREMIAH STARR**.—Among the best known of the pioneers of Benton county is the subject of this sketch who was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, September 21, 1794. When but six years of age he was taken by his parents to Pike county, Ohio, but when he attained the age of twelve years he accompanied them to Illinois, and subsequently to Iowa. Settling in Van Buren county our subject there resided until the spring of 1847 when he crossed the plains to Oregon, took up a donation claim in the Belknap Settlement, and has since resided thereupon. The exemplary life led by this venerable gentleman is one that the youth of the county would do well to have in remembrance. At the ripe age of four score years he is looked up to with reverence and none have aught to say but good of his actions throughout his long life.

**LEVY H. STARR**—Was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, November 28, 1845, and at three years of age crossed the plains with his parents to Oregon, arriving in Benton county in November, 1848. Is a member of the mercantile firm of Starr, Wilhelm & Hinton, of Monroe. Mr. Starr is married.

**JAMES H. STEWART**—Was born in Fountain county, Indiana, June 19, 1823, and there resided until nineteen years of age. His parents then moved to Polk county, Missouri, where he followed farming until 1851, when he, with his



mother, wife and two children, came across the plains to Oregon, arriving in Corvallis September 28th of that year. A few months later he took up as a donation claim the farm where he now resides, two miles north of Corvallis.

**JOHN STEWART**, (deceased).—The well-known and highly respected citizen of forty years residence in Benton county, was born in Knox county, Virginia, February 12, 1799, and died at his home near Corvallis in February, 1885. When he was quite young his parents moved to Indiana and, in 1842, to Missouri. In 1845 our subject joined a train, of which he was elected captain, and came across the plains to Oregon. In this train were many of the prominent citizens of Benton county. Mr. Stewart on his arrival in Benton county in the spring of 1846 located on the place where he died, consisting of six hundred and forty acres.

**WILLIAM STEVENS**—A resident of Caledonia, Benton county, Oregon, was born in Stuben, Maine, April 8, 1810, and came west to Wisconsin in 1847, and arrived in Benton county, Oregon, December 16, 1873, and has since followed farming. Mr. Stevens was married to Miss Anna Leighton in Stuben, Maine, March 20, 1834. They have five children: Judith (now Mrs. H. W. Vincent), Lucy, George, Mary A. and Mary L.

**W. B. STOUT**—Is Justice of the Peace and Notary Public of the city of Newport, Yaquina Bay, and is a gentleman of high standing in the community where he resides. Mr. Stout was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, March 29, 1853, and arrived in Oregon September 9, 1861, and came to Benton county in October, 1876, at that time taking up his residence in Newport, where he now lives. Mr. Stout was united in marriage in Linn county, Oregon, November 8, 1868, to Miss Mary J. McFadden, a native of Linn county. By this union they have a family of five children, viz: Anna M., Hannah E., Laura W., Etta M. M. and Claude M.

**JOSEPH THOMPSON**.—The subject of this sketch was born in Huntington county, (now Blair county,) Pennsylvania, in 1832, and there resided until 1852, in the mean time learning the printer's trade. In the spring of the above year he joined what was known as Morrison's train, at Dubuque, Iowa, to cross the plains to Oregon, coming all right until they reached Tule lake, there they were surprised by a band of one hundred and fifty Modoc Indians, and when, after a desperate fight, with the loss of two guides and one packer killed, and our subject wounded, they were finally rescued by a party from Yreka. Mr. Thompson on his arrival at Yreka began mining for a short time and then went to Sacramento and San Francisco, where he worked at his trade, and at one time published a paper at Nevada City. In 1869, he came to Oregon, and direct to Yaquina Bay, and located on his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the new town of Caledonia, and one mile from Toledo, where he has since made his home, but spent most of the time working at his trade on the daily papers of Portland. Mr. Thompson was married in Nevada City, California, to Miss M. V. Herbert—they have five children, viz: Morris, Daisy, Joseph, Lillie and Harriet.

**COLLINS VANCLEVE**—Was born in Morgan county, Illinois, August 26, 1833. His father Dr. John VanCleve, was an eminent minister of the Methodist denomination, consequently, owing to the many changes the ministers of that faith are subject to, Coll. lived in several different places until he was nine years of age, when he quit the parental roof, since which time he has done for himself. At the age of fourteen he started to learn the printer's trade, which he followed until the breaking out of the war. On the first call being made in 1860, our subject was then running a newspaper in Bellville, Illinois. He immediately began the organization of a company, with which he served until 1862, when he was discharged on account of sickness. He then, on regaining his health, started west, to Fort Benton; thence to Lewiston, Idaho, where he published a paper for a time, and finally came to Portland where he worked on the *Oregonian* and the *Portland Times*. In 1868, Mr. VanCleve, came to Albany, Linn county, where he founded the *Albany Register*, which he continued to edit until 1882, when he was appointed Custom's Collector for the Yaquina District with his office at Yaquina City, where he also in the latter year started his paper the *Yaquina Post*. Mr. VanCleve was at one time Mayor of Albany. He is married, and has six children.

**LAZARUS VANBEER**.—Among the many pioneers of Benton county, there are none more highly respected than this early argonaut of King's Valley, having arrived in that beautiful place where the whole valley lay in its virginity and the feet of white man had hardly tread upon it—his was among the first to press it. Mr. Vanbeer was born in Clayborn county, Tennessee, February 27, 1807. At the age of twenty-one years he emigrated to Illinois, where he followed farming until the spring of 1846, when, with his family and mule teams, he crossed the plains to Oregon, and to Benton county, taking up his donation claim in King's Valley, where Morris Allen, now lives. He now owns a farm of three hundred and fifty acres in the south end of the valley where he now resides.

**H. W. VINCENT**—A merchant and mill owner of Caledonia, on Yaquina Bay, was born in Watertown, New York, April 1, 1832. In 1851 he moved to Wisconsin and, July 3, 1874, arrived in Benton county, Oregon, and first located in Corvallis, when a few years ago he moved to Yaquina Bay, and in 1885, founded the town of Caledonia, where he now resides. Mr. Vincent was married in Ripon, Wisconsin, October 31, 1865, to Miss Judith Stevens, a native of Gouldsborough, Maine; their children are, Frank, Fred and Georgia.

**HON. F. M. WADSWORTH**—Is a native of Ohio, born December 14, 1836. When quite young his parents moved to New York State, where our subject resided until 1861. In April of that year he enlisted in Company I, 28th New York Volunteers. He followed the fortunes of his regiment until August 9, 1862, when at the battle of Cedar Mountain he received a wound in the right lung, from the effects of which he has never fully recovered. He then returned to his home at Niagara Falls, from whence in 1865 he, with his family, came to Oregon, locating in Albany, Linn county, where he engaged in business for twelve years. In 1882 Mr. Wadsworth came to Benton county, and in February, 1883, was appointed agent of the Siletz Indian Reservation, a position he ably fills at the present time.

**CAPT. B. L. WASS**—Was born in Addison, Washington county, Maine, May 15, 1817. At the age of 17 years he went to sea, and for twenty-five years followed a sea-faring life, the last ten years being master of the vessels in which he



sailed. In 1866 he quit the sea, when he engaged in the mercantile trade in Boston, Massachusetts, where he resided until 1871, when he came to Portland, Oregon. In 1873 he was appointed Assistant Light-house Keeper at Cape Hancock, a position he held until 1875, when he was appointed Keeper of the Light-house at Cape Foulweather, in Benton county, a position he now holds.

**CHARLES B. WELLS**—This well known pioneer of Pleasant Valley is a native of Platte county, Missouri, born July 22, 1841, and with his parents came to Oregon in 1852, at that time locating on the place where our subject now lives. Here, in 1865, his father, Charles Wells, died, at the age of sixty-five years, leaving a widow and six children, the former having reached the advanced age of almost four score years and ten. Mrs. Wells was born in Barron county, Kentucky, April 27, 1797, and is a lady of more than average intelligence and possessed of a remarkable memory.

**CHARLES H. WHITNEY**—A merchant of Corvallis, is a native of Ohio, born February 15, 1851, where he resided until 1868. He then started west, and in 1873 came to Oregon and engaged in business in Multnomah and Marion counties until 1882, when he came to Corvallis and opened his present large dry goods store.

**JOHN WILES**—One of Benton county's largest stock-raisers, was born in Surry county, North Carolina, August 18, 1822. When 8 years of age his parents moved to Henry county, Indiana. In the fall of 1882 our subject started out to do for himself and came west to the Platte Purchase, Andrew county, Missouri, where he lived until May, 1847, when he came with his former friend and neighbor to Benton county, Oregon, and at that time located part of his present farm, to which he has added until he now has an estate of 2500 acres, located three miles west of Wells Station. Mr. Wiles was married in Benton county, to Miss Martha A., daughter of Joseph T. Hughard, a pioneer to Oregon in 1845; by this union they have six children, viz: Mary J. (now Mrs. W. A. Wells), Bridget A. (now Mrs. Henry Brinkley), Eliza J. (now Mrs. Thomas Kirkpatrick), Walter T., Edward L. and Lucy G.

**ADAM WILHELM**—Was born in Germany, on the Rhine, December 10, 1846. When two years of age his parents emigrated to the United States. On arriving in New York they came west to Wisconsin where our subject lived until 1872; he then paid a visit to Oregon, but returned to his home the same year. In 1873 he again came to Oregon and selected Monroe for his future home, and engaged in the general merchandise business which he still continues as head of the firm of Wilhelm & Looney. A view of Mr. Wilhelm's property is placed in this history. Our subject has ever had great confidence in the future of the Willamette Valley and kept purchasing land from time to time until he now owns an estate of nine hundred and thirteen acres of valuable land together with a large amount of property in the town of Monroe. Hospitable and generous a visit to Mr. Wilhelm's place is always one of pleasure to friend or stranger. In 1867 he was married in Wisconsin, and has a family of eight children, viz: Adam, Mathias, Louisa, Bernard, Louie, Lawrence, Agnes and George.

**C. E. WILLIAMS**.—This well-known merchant and postmaster of Newport, was born in Columbia county, New York, September 15, 1828, residing in that State until 1858, when he came west and followed farming for eighteen years. In 1876 he came to Oregon and direct to Yaquina Bay, where he opened a general merchandise store in connection with which he keeps the post-office, he being appointed Postmaster January 1, 1877.

**BUSEROD W. WILSON**.—This most popular resident and pioneer of Benton county, was born in Columbia, Washington county, Maine, July 18, 1824, but in 1830, his parents moving to New Brunswick, Middlesex county, New Jersey, he accompanied them thither, to once more move, in 1833, to New York City, where our subject dwelt until June, 1840. At this period the family transferred their habitation to Kane county, Illinois, but at the end of a two years' residence there, Mr. Wilson determined to face the world on his own account. Choosing a sea-faring life he passed the first three years in the North West seas and the coast of Alaska, and altogether was among those "who go down to the sea in ships" for the space of eight years. In the meantime gold fields had been discovered in California, and to them Mr. Wilson started in 1849, *via* Cape Horn, landing in San Francisco, July 3, 1850. After a season passed in the mines in October, he came to Oregon, first landing from the brig *Reindeer*, at the mouth of the Umpqua river. In the following month he found his way to the Willamette valley, took up a claim seven miles southwest from where the city of Corvallis now stands, being now owned by Messrs. Henkle and Armstrong, and engaged in carpentering and contracting, occupations he followed until 1857, when he took up a domicile in Corvallis. Our subject now embarked in the trade of a carpenter both at home and abroad, and was the first to put a ferry boat on the Snake river, where since the town of Lewiston has grown. Upon his return to Corvallis he passed the first winter in running a keel boat between that point and Oregon City, on the Willamette; he subsequently engaged in the warehouse and pork packing business which he followed until June, 1864, when he was elected County Clerk of Benton county, and to which office he has ever since been re-elected, an honor that has never elsewhere been experienced by any individual of any political creed. Mr. Wilson has been also actively interested in the railroad to Yaquina Bay, having held the positions of president as well as secretary, while he is also one of the original incorporators of the line. Mr. Wilson has ever identified himself with the welfare of the city of Corvallis; has from time to time served her in a civic capacity; while he has always strenuously maintained a strong and willing fight in the cause of education. As long ago as 1853 he was the County Superintendent of Common Schools; indeed, in whatever walk of life Bush Wilson has trod he has left a fame that should be an example to those that follow after. No more able adviser, courteous official, genial acquaintance, or thorough friend lives than the subject of this sketch. Mr. Wilson is married and has nine children.

**WILEY WINKLE**.—The subject of this sketch, an old pioneer of Benton county, was born in Madison county, Alabama, in the year 1828, and there resided until 1846, when he accompanied his parents to Missouri. In the spring of 1848 his father, mother, six sisters and a brother left for Oregon by way of the plains, arriving in November, and coming direct to

Benton county, the first mentioned took up the donation claim on which our subject resides. Here Mr. Winkle, Senior, died several years ago. The patrimony has by judicious management on the part of the present occupant been increased to seven hundred and fifty acres all of which is in a good state of general cultivation. Mr. Winkle is married, and has three children, viz: Isaac N., John G. and Percy C.

**CAPT. JAMES J. WINANT.**—There are few names more indelibly connected with the history of Yaquina Bay than the one that heads this sketch. Capt. Winant was born in Richmond county, New York, April 12, 1838, where he resided until 1856, when his brother, Mark, who came to California in 1849, returned to his Eastern home on a visit, and on his return to the Pacific Coast our subject accompanied him arriving in San Francisco in the fall of the above year. They began the oyster trade in San Francisco Bay and they are the real pioneers of the oyster business on the Pacific Coast; later on they extended their operations to Shoalwater Bay, and then in 1862 or 1863 began the oyster trade on Yaquina Bay. On the completion of the Central Pacific Road they brought from the East several car loads of eastern oysters, planting one car load in the Bay of San Francisco, and the other in Yaquina Bay, from both of which the brothers reap a rich harvest. Capt. Winant several years ago sold his business, since which time he has followed a sea-faring life and is now one of the most popular Captains from Portland to San Francisco. He married in June, 1883, in Alameda county, California, to Miss Amy A. Peck; by this union they have one child, Anita.

**HON. ALFRED M. WITHAM.**—The reminiscences of the early pioneers of the Pacific Coast must ever possess, a peculiar interest for the Oregonian. Green in their memory will ever remain the trials and incidents of early life in this land of golden promise. These pioneers of civilization constitute no ordinary class of adventurers. Resolute ambitions and enduring, looking into the great and possible future of this western slope and possessing the sagacious mind to grasp true conclusions, and the indomitable will to execute just means to attain desired ends, those heroic pioneers, by their subsequent career, have proved that they were equal to the great mission assigned them, that of carrying the real essence of American civilization from their eastern homes and planting it upon the shores of another Ocean. Among the many who have shown their fitness for the tasks assigned them none merit this tribute more fully than the subject of this sketch. Mr. Witham was born in Union county, Indiana, September 18, 1822, and resided in his native State until the spring of 1847; he then, with one sister, started for the Far West. At St. Joseph, Missouri, he joined a large train of seventy wagons and coming *via* the Southern route first arrived in Jackson county, but making no delay he pushed on to Benton county and first settled on the place now owned by S. K. Brown; later on he took up the place now occupied by Sam. McClain, near Philomath, and, in 1849, pre-empted six hundred and forty acres where he now resides, to which he has since added by purchase until he now has one of Benton county's most valuable farms, consisting of one thousand one hundred and sixty acres, located three miles west of Corvallis. A view of his place will be found in this history. In 1861, Mr. Witham was elected to represent Benton county in the State Legislature and, in 1866, was elected to the State Senate, and again, in 1874, Benton and Polk counties did themselves honor in returning him to the Senate as Joint Senator. Mr. Witham has retired from the active pursuits of farming after having amassed a fortune, however not gaining it by miserly conduct, nor by oppressing the poor; not by taking advantage of the necessities of his fellow-men, but by strict observance to business principles and a careful management of his own affairs. He is married and has a family of eight children.

**M. S. WOODCOCK.**—The subject of this sketch is the son of Martin Woodcock and Amanda J. Woodcock, whose maiden name was Amanda J. White. The father was of German descent and the mother Scotch. M. S. Woodcock was born in Milwaukee county, Wisconsin, near the present city of Milwaukee, on the 9th day of May, 1849, who on the 24th day of February, 1853, then not quite four years old, with his parents and accompanied by his two uncles, Horace and W. C. Woodcock, and other friends, in an emigrant train, with ox teams laden with their all, turned their faces toward the setting sun in search of the land of promise, the then but little known Oregon. They arrived after the long and toilsome journey across the plains, on the 24th day of September in the same year. After looking over various parts of the Willamette valley for lands subject to location under the donation act, the family settled on a donation place consisting of 320 acres of wild land, about fourteen miles west of Eugene City, Lane county, Oregon. In 1859, after a new home had been built up in the wilderness and the title to the donation had been completed, the place was sold, and the family moved to Monroe, in Benton county, where the father, being a wagon-maker, engaged in the manufacture of wagons and in the general merchandise business with his brother, W. C. Woodcock, where M. S. Woodcock grew to manhood, during which time he attended school and part of the time clerked in his father and uncle's store. In the year 1865 he entered the wagon shop of his father for the purpose of learning the wagon maker's trade, where he worked until January, 1869, and completed learning the trade. About this time the father and uncle having concluded to retire from the merchandise business, sold the stock of goods to the firm of Foot & Sinsheimer, who conducted the business until the end of March, 1869, when M. S. Woodcock, then not quite twenty years old (being comparatively without financial means, having less than one thousand dollars) bought the stock of goods from them on time, agreeing to pay them for their goods in one year. From then forward he became actively engaged in the general merchandise business turning his exclusive time and attention to the prosecution of that work, but having little capital he labored under such difficulties and disadvantages as all men do who undertake to do a large and extensive credit business without capital. He carried such embarrassments and difficulties as would naturally arise under such circumstances, and conducted the business successfully and alone, without help, doing all of his own work until the early spring of 1872. By hard labor and constant attention to the store he had gained financially, when he sold a half interest in the store to his uncle, W. C. Woodcock, and former partner of his father in the same business. After this time the business was greatly enlarged, and in this manner was conducted until March, 1874, when M. S. Woodcock sold the entire business to his uncle and partner, and on July 20, 1874, he moved to Corvallis, Oregon, where he has ever since resided. While yet engaged in the merchandise business in 1870 he began the study of law and pursued those studies quite regularly, reading at night time after the day's labor in the store was over. After

moving to Corvallis he completed the course of law, and at the July term of the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon for 1875, was admitted by that tribunal to practice law in all of the courts of the State, after which he began the practice of his profession at Corvallis. On the first of January, 1877, an opportunity offered as a financial investment in the merchandise business, and he bought the interest of J. R. Bayley in the hardware, stove and agricultural implement house with Wallace Baldwin, at Corvallis, which house has ever since been conducted under the firm name of Woodcock & Baldwin, the latter having the management of the house in detail. In April, 1881, M. S. Woodcock bought an interest in the *Corvallis Gazette*, which paper he has up to this time continued as its editor in chief, and practicing law when opportunity offered. On the 8th day of May, 1879, he was married to Miss Emma J. Simpson, daughter of Rev. Anthony Simpson, then of Benton county, Oregon. A view of Mr. Woodcock's residence in Corvallis appears in this work.

**WILLIAM C. WOODCOCK**—Was born in Tompkins county, New York, July 17, 1831. In 1838 his parents moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and there lived on a farm until spring of 1853, when he came to Oregon and first settled in Lane county. In 1858 he came to Benton county and engaged in the mercantile trade in Monroe, until 1877, when he purchased the farm where his son now resides, six miles west of Monroe. In 1883 he bought the place where he now lives in the Belknap Settlement, and has in all an estate of eight hundred and seventy-five acres. January 11, 1860, he married Miss Rachel Belknap, a daughter of Orin Belknap, a pioneer of 1847. They have five children: Norris F., Vernon M., Homer B., Maggie M. and Addie L.

**HON. ELIAS WOODWARD**—Was born in Springfield, Windsor county, Vermont, October 29, 1837, where he resided until 1855, and was educated at the Chester Academy. He then, at eighteen years of age, removed to Wisconsin, located in Waukesha county, attended school and afterwards taught for four years. In the spring of 1859 he crossed the plains to California, took up his residence near Downieville, Sierra county, and engaged in mining until 1864. At this time Mr. Woodward came to Oregon, finally located in Benton county on a farm on the Salem road about six miles north of Corvallis. He subsequently was engaged in teaching school for two years on Soap creek, and afterwards was for a like time attached to the Philomath College and also for a twelve-month in Corvallis. During a great portion of these latter years he was County Superintendent of Schools, serving from 1866 to 1872. In July, 1869, he purchased a one-half interest in the drug store, with which he is now connected, from Mr. Souther. In 1880 Mr. Woodward was elected State Senator from Benton county, an office he filled with much credit. He owns seven hundred and fifty-six acres of good farming land in the vicinity of Philomath, where he married in June, 1869, Miss C. Allen, a native of Benton county, and a daughter of Hiram Allen, a pioneer of the State, and has one son named Downie.

**FRANCIS WRITSMAN**, (deceased).—This early pioneer of Benton county, was born in Rutherford county, North Carolina, February 10, 1801. Residing in the Sunny South until 1820 he, with his parents, in that year, moved west to Clay county, Missouri, where he engaged in farming. In 1832 he was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Officer, and removed to North Grand River, and lived for eight years; then moving to the Platt Purchase in Andrew county. In May, 1847, he, with his wife and family of eight children, started with ox-teams to cross the plains to Oregon, arriving in Benton county some five months later, when he purchased the donation claim of David Stump, in Soap Creek precinct, where he resided, leading a life of usefulness and in the enjoyment of the esteem of his fellow-pioneers until his death, which sad event occurred July 18, 1877. Mr. Writsman left a large estate of one thousand two hundred acres, a view of which will be found in this history. Mrs. Writsman, a venerable old lady, still resides with her son, John, on the old homestead.

**JOHN E. WYATT**—This enterprising young farmer of Benton (his native) county, was born January 26, 1846, and is the son of that well known pioneer Wm. Wyatt. John E., was educated at Philomath and resided on his father's farm until 1870, when he was united in marriage to Miss Malissa Henkle, when he embarked in farming for himself, an occupation he now follows, two miles west of Corvallis. He has a family of four children; Rosalie C., Milton A., Lizzie A. and Minnie M.

**WILLIAM WYATT**.—The subject of this sketch, one of the early pioneers of Benton county, as well as among his most prominent citizens, was born in Buckinghamshire, England, October 24, 1816, and there resided on a farm until he accompanied his parents to the United States of America in 1836. He first settled in Orange county, New York, but two years afterwards moved to Adams county, in the same State. In a short time, however, his residence was transferred to Henderson county, Illinois, where he was permanently located until April 25, 1847. At this time, accompanied by his wife and three children, Mr. Wyatt started to cross the plains to Oregon with ox teams, joining a train then on its way, at Burlington, Iowa, and in which were Mr. and Mrs. Grimsley, now of Benton county. Entering the territory by the Applegate route, Mr. Wyatt arrived in what is now Benton, November 1, 1847, and passed the first winter on the farm of the late Hon. Wayman St. Clair, on which since has arisen the neat little town of Philomath. Until the month of November, 1850, our subject was a simple lessor of land, but at that time he took up the donation claim on which he still resides, situated one mile to the north of the town just named, to which he has added from time to time until his landed possessions now aggregate three thousand seven hundred acres, and placed him second on the list of tax-payers in Benton county. To Mr. Wyatt is due much of the credit that the county has in Philomath College. Not only has he himself aided handsomely towards its erection but his wife, from her own purse has given a donation of five hundred dollars, while, his eldest son, is the present general agent of the institution and has been actively solicitous for its advancement from its start. In the first instance Mr. Wyatt donated to the College the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars; at another time he contributed three hundred dollars to its building fund, while he has personally given at least three hundred dollars' worth of actual labor in connection therewith. He married, in Orange county, New York, April 19, 1838, Miss Mary T. End, a native of England, by which union there have been seven children, viz: Eliza A. (now Mrs. A. J. Williams), Ezra C., Martha E. (deceased), John E., Cynthia A. (now Mrs. Jonathan G.

Springer), M. Eva, Samuel T. and Franklin. Before closing this sketch it is but just to state that, although possessing a considerable share of this world's goods Mr. Wyatt feels that such is but a means towards doing good. Still active he still continues that alertness in mind and body that has stood him in such good stead, while his well know generosity to the deserving and honesty to all make his old age honorable and happy. A view of Mr. Wyatt's Home will be found in this work.