

AUGUSTUS A. BONNEY, a well known dairy man and cattle raiser of Tygh valley, was born in Marion county, Oregon on April 14. 1849. His father, Bradford S. Bonney, is a native of Ohio and comes from an old American family. His father, the grandfather of our subject, was a pioneer in Ohio, Illinois, California and Oregon. The mother, Alzina (Dimick) Bonney, was a native of Ohio and came across the plains with her father and stepmother in 1847, settlement being made near Woodburn, Oregon. Her father died there in 1863. Her mother had died when she was two weeks old and her step mother died in 1860. Our subject's grandfather died in 1868, having been a physician of the old school. The father and mother of our subject died July 22, 1904, and April 2, 1897, respectively. The district schools furnished his education until he entered the Willamette University whence he graduated in 1871. Then he taught at Buena Vista and other points until March 1, 1875, when he bought a flock of six hundred sheep and filed on a government claim where he now resides in Tygh valley. He has purchased railroad land and other until he has an estate of fifteen hundred acres, half of which is tillable. He irrigates one hundred and sixty acres. This is especially rich bottom land and produces from five to six tons of alfalfa per acre annually. Mr. Bonney continued in sheep raising for twenty-five years and as the range began gradually to be used up, he sold his sheep and began the above business. He has seventy-five fine dairy cows and expects soon to handle one hundred. He has some of the finest stock in the state, among which may be mentioned, one bull, Linour, which took first prize at The Dalles fair and one cow, Moma B., which also took first prize. These are Jersey stock. He has several others that took first prize in the Oregon and Washington state fairs. Mr. Bonney has been very successful in handling stock and is one of the well-to-do and prominent dairy men of eastern Oregon.

On October 1, 1871, at Gervais, Oregon, Mr. Bonney married Miss Elizabeth Jones, a native of Indiana and the daughter of Silas W.R. and Elizabeth (Allen) Jones, natives of Indiana. The father lives in Indiana but the mother died some time since. They crossed the plains in 1852 and settled in Marion county. On February 26, 1888, Mrs. Bonney was taken hence by death. On December 22, 1889, at The Dalles, Mr. Bonney married Miss Emma Reavis, a native of San Francisco. Her father, William Reavis, came to the coast in the early days and was a confectioner in San Francisco for many years. In 1885, he moved to Oregon and now lives with his daughter in Portland. Mr. Bonney has three brothers, George, Charles and Wisewell, and five sisters, Mrs. Sarah Hall, Mrs. Carrie M. Young, Mrs. Esther Hall, Mrs. Laura W. Shaw and Ina. Mrs. Bonney has two brothers, Arthur, in Australia, Walter H. and one sister, Mrs. Lillian Blue. Mr. Bonney has four children by his first wife: Clyde T., a dairyman in Marion county; Emma E., a bookkeeper for Mays Brothers in Hood River; Georgia, a teacher in the graded schools at Woodburn; and Arthur, at home. By his second wife, Mr. Bonney has four children: Bessie, aged thirteen; Dale, eleven; Loris, four; and Verl, sixteen months.

Politically, our subject is an active Republican and has frequently been delegate to the county and state conventions. Since being of age, he has been school director most of the time and is very active in promoting the welfare of the community. His wife is a member of the Congregational church and they are substantial and exemplary people.