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ARTHUR A. MARVEL, who resides at Boyd, is one of the wealthy and solid men of Wasco county, and has for the years of his residence here manifested great industry and sagacity in the conduct of his business. He has won the success that these qualities deserve, and has also ensconced himself in the good will and esteem of every one who knows him. The birth of Mr. Marvel occurred in Dewitt county, Illinois, on September 8, 1870, and his parents were George W. and Samantha (Lever) Marvel, natives of Indiana. The father's father was born in Maryland, descended from an old colonial family. He now lives in Gilliam county. The mother of our subject died when he was seven years of age. In Pottawatomic county, Kansas, Arthur was reared principally, and there received his education. The family had come thither when he was three years of age. In 1887 they all came overland to Gilliam county and there Arthur wrought until 1898, when he went to Morrow county, in this state, and there purchased a thousand acres where the town of Douglas now stands. He sold some lots for the town, then farmed the balance of the land until 1902, when he sold the entire property and purchased a section of land which he recently sold. Of this he placed over two hundred acres in cultivation, and improved it in excellent shape. He was thrifty as a farmer and cared for all details of the estate with the same untiring care that is displayed in the larger matters of the business. After selling his farm Mr. Marvel purchased the mill at Boyd, where he now resides.

At Heppner, on October 31, 1900, Mr. Marvel married Miss Millie D. Wilson, a native of Clackamas county, Oregon. Her father, George W. Wilson, was born in Maine and came from English and Scotch ancestry. He came west to California, then to Clackamas county in 1878, where he died in July, 1902. He had, married Alice Garrison, a native of Iowa, who came across the plains with her parents with ox teams when a child about eleven years old. She died in Clackamas county in September, 1883. Mr. Marvel has two brothers, George F. and Charles B.; one sister, Mrs. Mary E. Atkinson; one half brother, Wiley R.; and five half sisters, Florence G., Nellie E., Ruth G., Lottie L., and Lillie E. Mrs. Marvel has one brother, Samuel S. On October 13, 1901, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvel, whose name is George A. They also have an infant son unnamed. Mr. Marvel is a stanch Republican, has been school director and coroner, but while intelligent in politics, he does not press for personal preferment. He is affiliated with the W.W. He and his wife are estimable people, good patriotic and substantial citizens, and are among the most popular people of the community.

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