

ALVIN SIGMAN. On August 5, 1872, it was announced to Richard Sigman that a son was born to him. He was living with his wife at that time in Christian county, Illinois, and there they remained until 1883. The son born on that day was christened Alvin and he grew up as the youth of the Prairie State, gaining educational training from the district school and spending the times between on his father's farm. He made good progress and in 1883, when the father decided to try the west, he came with them, landing in Dufur, where he continued his educational training, as also in the Starve-out hollow school, where the father located and secured land. The journey west was a time of anticipation to all the members of the family and so well were they pleased with the country and its opportunities that they decided to remain and the good things of the west have been showered upon them in profusion, owing to the wise industry that the father practiced and taught his children. In good time, our subject began the duties of life for himself and finally the father sold him the farm where he now dwells, about two miles up Fifteenmile creek from Dufur. He has the estate nearly all paid for and is prospering in his labors. He was well trained by a skilled father and is exemplifying the wise and good principles instilled in earlier life. He has a good place, has shown himself a careful and good farmer and stockman and is among the popular young men of this part of the county.

On January 7, 1902, Mr. Sigman married Miss Margaret E. Thomas, who was born in Clackamas county, Oregon, the daughter of Alvin A. and Mary J. Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Sigman started out in life with bright prospects and with every indication that they will achieve the success that is so gratifying to all who win their way in this world. They are kind, genial people, have many friends, and are worthy of the confidence and esteem which is generously bestowed.

It is interesting to note that the place sometimes called Dry Hollow, was originally known as Starve-out Hollow, so named because the first settler there was literally starved out.