

ALEXANDER STEWART, a merchant of Mosier, is a man of large experience in the business world and is now handling a thriving trade. He carries a five thousand dollar stock of well assorted general merchandise and is the recipient of a generous patronage. He was born in Wisconsin, on March 2, 1856, the son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Clark) Stewart, natives of Pennsylvania and descended from prominent Scotch and American families, respectively. They are now deceased. When Alexander was five years of age he went with his parents to Illinois, and later to Iowa, where he finished his education in the Brighton high school. Following that, he taught for a term and then clerked in a general store for a time. After that he was engaged in mining in California for seven years. Then he turned his attention to railroading, and for a series of years was clerk in the road master's office on different lines in Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Arkansas, and Wyoming. Also he had charge of sections at different times. He came to Oregon in 1893, and accepted a position as section foreman at Mosier. Three years were spent thus, and then Mr. Stewart bought the store which he is now operating. R.A. Powers was the former owner. He has shown himself an enterprising and competent business man and is doing well.

At Mosier, in 1898, Mr. Stewart married Miss Rachel Roland, nee Warren, a native of Portland, Oregon. Mr. Stewart has two brothers and two sisters, James, Joseph L., Mrs. Lizzie Arnold, and Hannah. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, but by her former husband Mrs. Stewart has three: Ira W. Roland, the owner of the ferry at White Salmon; William L., a farmer near by; and Myra, the wife of Orrin Depee. Mr. Stewart is a member of the A.F. & A.M., the I.O.O.F. and the M.W.A. He is a Republican and is frequently a delegate to the conventions. He is clerk of the school board, and was postmaster for four years. Mrs. Stewart now holds that office.