

AUGUST BUCHLER, proprietor of the Columbia Brewery, The Dalles, Oregon, a popular and influential citizen of Wasco county, was born in the Canton of Appenzell, Switzerland, August 8, 1841, the son of Anton and Francisca (Neff) Buchler. They were, also, natives of Switzerland, where the father died in 1853, the mother in 1871. For many years Anton Buchler was proprietor of a summer resort which was freely patronized by tourists and others.

Our subject was sixteen years of age when he left school, and entered a wholesale grocery and wine house for the purpose of thoroughly learning the business. Later he traveled for the same firm, successfully selling goods in Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Sicily and France. It was in 1864 that he came to the United States, going directly to Montana, where for seven years he was engaged in mining. In November, 1871, he migrated to Portland, Oregon, and for seven more years was in the employment of the Weinhardt brewery. He arrived at The Dalles April 16, 1877, where he purchased a brewery and eleven and one-half lots from Emil Schanno, which he has since prosperously conducted. Throughout the counties adjacent to Wasco his beer is freely sold, and Mr. Buchler employs from five to seven men in its manufacture.

He was united in marriage, October 8, 1875, at Portland, Oregon, to Sarah Buckhalter, a native of Pennsylvania, the daughter of Stephen and Susan (Jacoby) Buckhalter, both of whom were born in the Keystone State, and descendants, each, of old Dutch families. The paternal great-grandfather of our subject's wife came from Switzerland. Stephen Buckhalter died in Hillsboro, Oregon, November 26, 1903. His widow still lives at Hillsboro, where she came with her husband in 1874. Mr. Buchler has one brother and two sisters: Albert, a retired merchant, passing the sunset of life amid the picturesque scenes of Switzerland; Paulina, widow of Jacob Breitenmoser, of Switzerland; and Amanda, wife of Edward Grass, also of Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. Buchler have seven children: Dollie, wife of Charles Tibbetts in the dairy business, Monterey, California; Bertha, married to Ernest Gerichten, bookkeeper in our subject's brewery; Rosie, wife of James Shim, of Baker City, Oregon; Mamie, wife of Claude Martin, a miller in The Dalles; and Herbert, Adolph and Jennie, school children. Mr. Buchler affiliates with the B.P.O.E., and the A.U.U.W. He is, politically, independent, and for many years was water commissioner of The Dalles. Mrs. Buchler has two brothers and three sisters.