

C. ERNEST HEMMAN, who is a man of business ability and worth, is also a leader in social lines and stands with the best people of Hood River. His present position, secretary and treasurer of the Prather Investment Company, places him in touch with the leading interests of the county and he has shown himself a man of mature judgment and wisdom in discharge of its duties. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on January 17, 1875, the son of Frederick and Louise (Wall) Hemman, natives of New England. They were of German ancestry, and the father died when our subject was four years of age. The mother died on September 21, 1901, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After completing the course in the Milwaukee public schools. Mr. Hemman took a special course in surveying and civil engineering. Then he was engaged with the Miller Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee, as chief accountant for seven years. After this extended service, he spent one year in Denver, Colorado, for his health. Then he returned to Milwaukee and eight months later journeyed thence to Oregon, where he fully recovered his health. He had endured a severe attack of pneumonia and the results of it were hard to eradicate. However, in this salubrious climate he is benefited, therefore it was a strong reason to induce him to locate permanently here. Also the magnificent opportunities presented here led young Hemman to cast his lot with the Webfoot state. He was soon installed with Captain Charles Wanzer, assistant engineer for the O.R. & N. railroad, and for three years he wrought in that capacity. Then he accepted the position which he now fills and has given his attention to this since that time. He is a good business man, a keen financier and a trustworthy investor.

At Hood River, Oregon, on July 25, 1901, Mr. Hemman married Miss Bertha Prather, and to them one child has been born, Nellie L. Mr. Hemman is a member of the K.P. and holds the office of keeper of the records and seal of the order. Politically, he is a Republican and active in the interests of his party. He is clerk of the school board, and was treasurer of the Hood River Commercial Club. In the summer of 1903, Mr. Hemman was secretary and treasurer of the Hood River base ball team. Mr. Hemman is an active factor in the community for progress and improvement and has done much good labor to this worthy end.

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