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CLAYTON M. GRIMES, a prominent stock raiser of eastern Oregon, who resides at The Dalles, was born in Scio, Lane county, Oregon, on May 24, 1849. His parents reside at North Yakima, Washington. The district schools of his native country and eastern Oregon furnished the educational training of our subject and at the age of seventeen, he began to ride the range. For a while he worked for Colonel Nye then was in the employ of other prominent stockmen until twenty-six years of age, when he engaged in the stock business for himself at Grass Valley. From that time until the present, he has continued in this important enterprise and has achieved a marked success in the same. In addition to various other interests throughout the country, he owns an eleven hundred acre stock ranch in Malheur county, Oregon. He is a worthy and substantial citizen and has labored wisely and assiduously both in his private enterprises and for the general welfare of the country.

At The Dalles, in 1880, Mr. Grimes married Miss Susan E. Shearer, a native of Colorado. She is an adopted daughter of Joseph H. Shearer of Shearar Bridge, Sherman county. Her own father is A.W. Turner, who lives in Malheur county, Oregon. Her mother died when she was an infant. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Grimes, F. Leroy, of the firm of Parkins and Grimes, mentioned elsewhere in this volume: Pearl, a music teacher at home. Mr. Grimes has one brother, Clamon, mining at Dawson City, and four sisters, Cornelia, Amelia, Clara and Nettie. Mrs. Grimes has one brother, John Turner, a butcher in Malheur county. Mr. Grimes belongs to the K.P. and is a good stanch Republican.

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