

CHARLES N. CLARKE, one of the younger business men of the Hood River, is at the head of a prosperous drug trade which he owns and operates. He is a genial, upright and popular man, wide awake to the interests of the state and is to be classed among the substantial men of Wasco county. He was born in Kansas, on April 5, 1874, the son of Levi and Mary J. (Keys) Clarke. The mother was a native of Vermont and her parents were born in Ireland and Wales, respectively. The father was a native of New York and his father of England, while his mother was born in Pennsylvania, of old English Quaker stock. He was a tinner, gas fitter and plumber by trade and came to The Dalles about 1889 where he opened a shop and conducted it for eight years. After that, he sold his shop and came to Hood River where he is retired and living with our subject. Charles N. was educated in the graded schools of Eldorado, Kansas, and at The Dalles. In 1890, he came from Texas, where he had been one year with his sister. His oldest brother had come to Wasco county in 1888 and for seven years was in the employ of Snipes and Kinersly, druggists at The Dalles. Then he opened a store for himself and later moved to Aberdeen, Washington, engaging in the business where he was burned out in the fall of 1903. After finishing his education at The Dalles our subject entered the employ of snipes & Kinersly. With them, and his brother later, he spent seven years in learning and following the drug business. In August, 1898, he came to Hood River and bought the business of J.H. Cradlebaugh and has since conducted the same. He has since increased his stock and business materially and is handling a large trade at the present time. Mr. Clarke is an up-to-date business man and carries a very fine stock of goods to supply his increasing trade. His geniality and faithfulness have won him an extensive trade besides hosts of friends. He is well known as a careful and accurate man.

At Dufur, Oregon, in 1890, Mr. Clarke married Miss Eva L. Slusher, a native of Portland. Her parents, Thomas and Arabel (Dufur) Slusher, were natives of Pennsylvania and Oregon, respectively. Her father is now deceased and her mother is married to William Staats, a farmer residing four miles west from Dufur. Mr. Clarke has three brothers: Frank J., a druggist in Portland; Frederick W., a jeweler and watchmaker in Hood River; and G. Arthur, the manager of a large cigar store at Portland; and one sister, Minnie, wife of W.O. Hadley, a jeweler, at Moro, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have two children, Beryl A. and Charles E., deceased. Our subject is affiliated, fraternally, with the A.O.U.W., the United Artisans, and the A.F. & A.M.

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