

CHARLES N. GILMAN, of the firm of Gilman & Son, resides at The Dalles, Wasco county, engaged in the real estate business. He was born January 20, 1863, in Kent county, Michigan. His parents, Nathan and Emma (Rose) Gilman, were natives of New York state. The father is a descendant of the old and distinguished Gilman family, early settlers in New England and of English ancestry. The mother's family were equally eminent, her grandfather coming from Germany. Nathan Gilman served a year in the Civil war, in Company D, Twenty-second Indiana Cavalry, and was killed in a skirmish with guerrillas. The mother lives with her son, Charles N. Gilman, as does his stepfather, A.B. Fairchild.

Young Gilman was reared on a farm, attending district and high schools at Cedar Springs, Michigan, graduating with honors at the age of eighteen. While employed in a lumber and shingle mill he found time to apply himself diligently to the study of steam engineering, in which he perfected himself. For six years he was in charge of the company store and lumber yard. He located in Sherman county and filed on a timber culture claim, and purchased railroad land. He lived there eleven years, during which time he was a clerk with Scott & Company four years, and the rest of the time was on the farm. In April, 1901, he disposed of his land, four hundred and eighty acres, and removed to The Dalles, where he was in the employment of Joseph Peters, in a planing mill, one year. He then engaged in his present business, in which he handles considerable farm and city property.

Our subject was married May 31, 1883, at Cedar Springs, Michigan, to Estella Smith, born in Michigan, the daughter of Peter K. and Arminda (Evans) Smith. Her father, a native of New York state, served with distinction during the Civil war, and now lives in Michigan. Mrs. Gilman has two brothers, Eugene D. and Meno C., masons, contractors and farmers, living at Cedar Springs, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Gilman have two children, Earl D., in the real estate business with his father, and Verta E., a girl of nine years of age. Politically Mr. Gilman is independent. He is a member of the M.W.A. at The Dalles.

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