

DAVID CREIGHTON resides three miles south of The Dalles and for over forty years has continued in this same place. He has shown himself a man of most excellent qualities and in these long years has so conducted himself that he is the recipient of the good will and deep respect of all who have known him. His place is a valuable one and is wisely and beautifully improved. His residence is a commodious structure tasty and beautifully surrounded by pleasant grounds; while his entire farm is a model of good husbandry. His labors have been constant, and wisely bestowed and his prosperity is but the due reward for such industry and thrift.

David Creighton was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on January 8, 1835, the son of James and Maria (Hart) Creighton, natives of Ireland and Delaware, respectively. The father came with his parents when fifteen and settled in Pennsylvania. He became a marine engineer and followed river steamboating for many years. The mother died in Ohio, in 1858. When David was four years of age he was brought by his parents to the frontier of Ohio and there he was reared and educated. He was of studious habits and acquired a good education, even though on The frontier, and soon began the important work of teaching school. In 1855, his father and older brother came west to Oregon, via the isthmus and California. They settled in Clackamas county and took a donation claim. The mother remained with our subject until her death in 1858, when he came on to Oregon, arriving here in the spring of 1859. He immediately went to teaching school in Clackamas county. After that he went to the mining regions of Idaho and dug the golden sands on the Salmon river. In 1862, he came to The Dalles and bought the land where he now resides, and since then has been one of the leading and substantial men of the county. He has shown excellent wisdom and has wrought with a determination and stability that have stimulated much worthy effort in this country for its development.

At The Dalles, on May 27, 1876, Mr. Creighton married Miss Ida Krauss, a native of Portland. Her parents were natives of Germany. Mr. Creighton has one brother, Samuel, retired in The Dalles, and his wife has one brother, George, a fruit grower near by, and two sisters, Caroline, widow of Bernhard Rorten, of Portland, and Laura, wife of J.H. Johnston, of Dufur. To this worthy couple six children have been born; Elva M., at home; James G., a druggist in San Francisco; Emma L., Lola A., Leland, and Vera, all at home. Mr. Creighton is a Republican and as much as his business allows takes an active part in the political campaigns. He is very stanch and well informed and is a man of benevolence and integrity and has hosts of friends.

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