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EDWARD M. HARRIMAN is one of the leading farmers and stockmen in Wasco county. His estate lies just west from Endersly, where he has five hundred and forty acres, about half of which is cultivated. The balance is utilized for pasture. He has all the improvements needed on a first class estate and his residence, which has recently been remodeled and added to, is a comfortable and tasty structure. In addition to his farming, he handles blooded stock and has choice specimens, both of horses and cattle. He winters about thirty head of each kind. Mr. Harriman has displayed an energy and sagacity in the conduct of his business and in the acquirement of his property which commend him as one of the leading men of the community and his sound principles and integrity have given him an unsullied reputation.

Edward M. Harriman was born in England, on September 16, 1855, the son of John and Elizabeth (Hanford) Harriman, both natives of England. The father died there in 1876 and was of the seventh generation of his family that had been born in Leicestershire. The mother died at The Dalles in 1889. In the National school in Sielby parish, Leicestershire, our subject received a splendid education and then for two years worked in a hardware store. When eighteen years of age, he landed in the United States, and after a few weeks spent in New York and six months in New Jersey, he came on to Illinois, landing there in May, 1874. The next March, he went to Marysville, California and in that vicinity and various other places in the Golden State, including San Francisco, he worked at different employments and during the four years there he took a trip of four months to Oregon. In 1879, he was again in the Willamette valley and in 1880 he came to The Dalles. He worked for the O.R. & N., and for farmers for a couple of years, and then bought school land where he now lives. He has since that time given his attention to the improvement and cultivation of his estate and has made a good success, as his possessions indicate.

At The Dalles, on February 17, 1886, Mr. Harriman married Miss Ada E., the daughter of Williston D. and Alazanna (Cornelius) Woodcock. She was born in Clackamas county, twelve miles out from Oregon City, on February 7, 1868. Her father was born in New York, crossed the plains with ox teams, having a very hard trip. He died when this daughter was two years old. The mother, who was her husband's second wife, was born in Ohio, crossed the plains with her parents and died in the Willamette valley. Mr. Harriman has two brothers, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Harriman has the following named brothers and sisters, Williston D., Thomas P., William, Absalom C., Newton and Jasper, twins, Francis M., died in 1884, Mrs. Sophia Ramsby, and two sisters who are deceased. She also has one half-brother, Alonzo, deceased, two half-sisters living, Mrs. Melissa Klinger and Mrs. Mary A. McHaley, and two half-sisters deceased, Eliza and Sarah. To Mr. and Mrs. Harriman five children have been born: Nellie H., aged seventeen; Edna C., aged fifteen; Arthur A., aged thirteen; Fred E., aged eleven; and Dickson L., aged eight. Mr. Harriman is an independent Republican and is frequently at the different conventions. He has been school director and road supervisor and has always manifested a lively interest in the advancement and upbuilding of the country.

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