

FINLAY McBETH, the proprietor of the Occidental hotel at Antelope, is a well known and popular citizen in this portion of Wasco county. He is a generous, public spirited man, always looking on the bright side of life and lending cheer and sunshine to those about him. He was born amid Scotia's rugged hills, Perthshire being his native heath, on February 8, 1845 and inherited from stanch and prominent ancestors much of that stability and worth, which have made his race noted the world over. His father, John McBeth, was born in Perthshire and his father, the grandfather of our subject, came from north Scotland and settled in Perthshire. John McBeth married Elizabeth McBeth, a native of the same place but not related. They were substantial and worthy residents of Perthshire where they remained until death called them to the world beyond. Our subject was educated and reared in his native place and there remained until hurried by the western fever, to the New World. He landed on American soil on May 2, 1887 and went direct to Colorado where he engaged in sheep herding for three months. Then he migrated to Idaho and started in the sheep business where he owned a flock for himself. Several years later, we see him in Montana, engaged in the same business and prosperity seemed to follow him all the way, owing to his care for his business and the thrift with which he continued with the enterprises in hand. Later, he journeyed west to Oregon and still prosecuted the sheep business until his attention was called to the fact that Antelope needed a good hotel. Then he erected the Occidental which has twenty-five well equipped sleeping apartments, good office, dining room, parlor, kitchen and so forth and is a very popular stopping place for the traveling public. Mr. McBeth attends to everything that can contribute to the comfort and happiness of his guests and is very widely known and popular. Thus far in life, Mr. McBeth has never seen fit to take to himself a partner of his joys and successes but is content with the quieter joys of the celibatarian.

Fraternally, he is connected with the Elks at The Dalles, while in political matters, he is a good strong Republican. He is frequently seen at the county conventions where he is an influential figure and has been several years a member of the city council. Mr. McBeth has hosts of friends and is considered one of the substantial and leading business men of the town.

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