

GEORGE A. HARTH has made a record in Wasco county that speaks very plainly of his ability and sagacity. A brief epitome of his life can but prove interesting and with pleasure we append the same.

George A. Harth was born in Wisconsin on September 7, 1848, the son of Frederick and Teresse (Best) Harth, natives of Germany. The father came to the United States, settling in Milwaukee, then a small village, in 1834, then took a homestead in the heavy timber twenty-three miles from that town and spent twenty years in clearing up the land and improving it. Later, he sold and moved to Trempealeau county, Wisconsin, and bought government land where he remained until his death in 1887, being then aged seventy-seven. He was a very active and enthusiastic Republican, was prominent and influential in early days in Wisconsin, held various offices and was an excellent man. His wife came with him from Germany, where they were married, and died in 1889, aged seventy-two. Her parents came from a very prominent family and are related to the famous brewer, Best. Our subject remained with his parents until twenty-six, having received, in the meantime, a good public education. Then he went to Dakota and took land and remained until 1891.

On December 25, 1875, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Mr. Harth married Miss Phebe J. Sims, who was born in Iowa. Her father was born in New York and married Miss Sarah Josslyn. The Sims family is a very prominent and influential one in all professions and commercial life. The noted Dr. Marion Sims is one of this family. The Josslyns were promoters of a very large land grant in the early days of the colonies and many of them were in the Revolution. Many of Mrs. Harth's immediate ancestors were among the brave minute men in those days of trouble. Mr. Harth has three brothers, Philip, John W., and Fred, and the following named sisters: Mrs. Effie Uhl, Mrs. Christian Uhl, Mrs. Kate Bouling, Mrs. Rachel Jacobus, Mrs. Mary Adams, and Mrs. Rosie Neely. Mrs. Harth has two brothers, Thomas L. and Charles A., and one sister, Mrs. Adeline Park. Four children have been born to our subject and his wife: Charles A., a stockman at Canyon City; Rosie, Mabel and George, at home.

Mrs. Harth is a member of the Evangelical church. In politics, Mr. Harth is independent, well informed and active. In 1891, Mr. Harth was forced out of Dakota by the drouth and came to Multnomah county, Oregon. Three years later, he landed in Wasco county with eighty-five dollars and four horses, that being the only property that he owned. He was befriended by Mr. J.A. Gulliford, who rented him land, and since that time he has prospered exceedingly. Mr. Gulliford, by the way, has taken great pleasure in assisting many men in the same position in which Mr. Harth found himself, and owing to these kind and manly deeds many a man has come from a place of poverty to competence. Mr. Harth has bought land at different times until now he has nine hundred acres, all tillable soil, one half section of which is said to be as fine as is found in northern Oregon. He is a man of thrift and industry and his estate shows it. When all the improvements, that he is contemplating, are made, he will have one of the finest places to be found in the west, and Mr. Harth is to be congratulated upon the brilliant success he has achieved.