

JOSEPH W. MAYES is a popular young business man of Hood River, where he, with his brother, mentioned elsewhere in this work, is at the head of a nice butcher and meat market business. He is a man of excellent standing, and has won his position by virtue of his uprightness, his geniality and his integrity. In business, he is careful and a zealous worker and the wisdom of his methods is evident by the success he is winning. He was born in Kansas, on March 27, 1873 and came to Oregon with his parents, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. His education was completed by a course in a Portland business college and he has since given close attention to business operations for himself. In 1893 he came to Hood River with his mother but did not take up permanent residence here until later. The meat business which he owns now with his brother, was started by Clyde Bonney, who sold to his father, A.A. Bonney. He, in turn, sold to the Mayes Brothers, in May, 1903 and since then they have personally operated the same. Previous to that, our subject had charge of the Byrnett dairy ranch at White Salmon, Washington.

On December 31, 1892, Mr. Mayes married Miss Myrtle Homer, the wedding occurring at Hood River. She was born in Heppner, Oregon, the daughter of Daniel and Alice (Baker) Horner, natives of Iowa, and now dwelling in Heppner, where the father conducts a saddle store. Mrs. Homer's father was for many years a Methodist preacher, but he and his wife have both gone to their rewards in the world beyond. They were faithful and devout Christians and were instrumental in doing much good in their pilgrim journey. Mrs. Mayes has two brothers, Charles and John, and three sisters, Mrs. Maggie Emmerson, Mrs. Belle Parsons, and Nellie. Mr. Mayes is a member of the M.W.A., while he and his wife both belong to the Methodist church. He is a local preacher in the work and a fervent exhorter. Mr. Mayes is a man of the true ring and believes in a religion that is for week days as well as Sunday, in fact the faith that makes faithful. He has hosts of friends and is a hard worker both in business and in church matters, while in public matters and educational affairs, he is progressive and always allied on the side of right and principle.

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